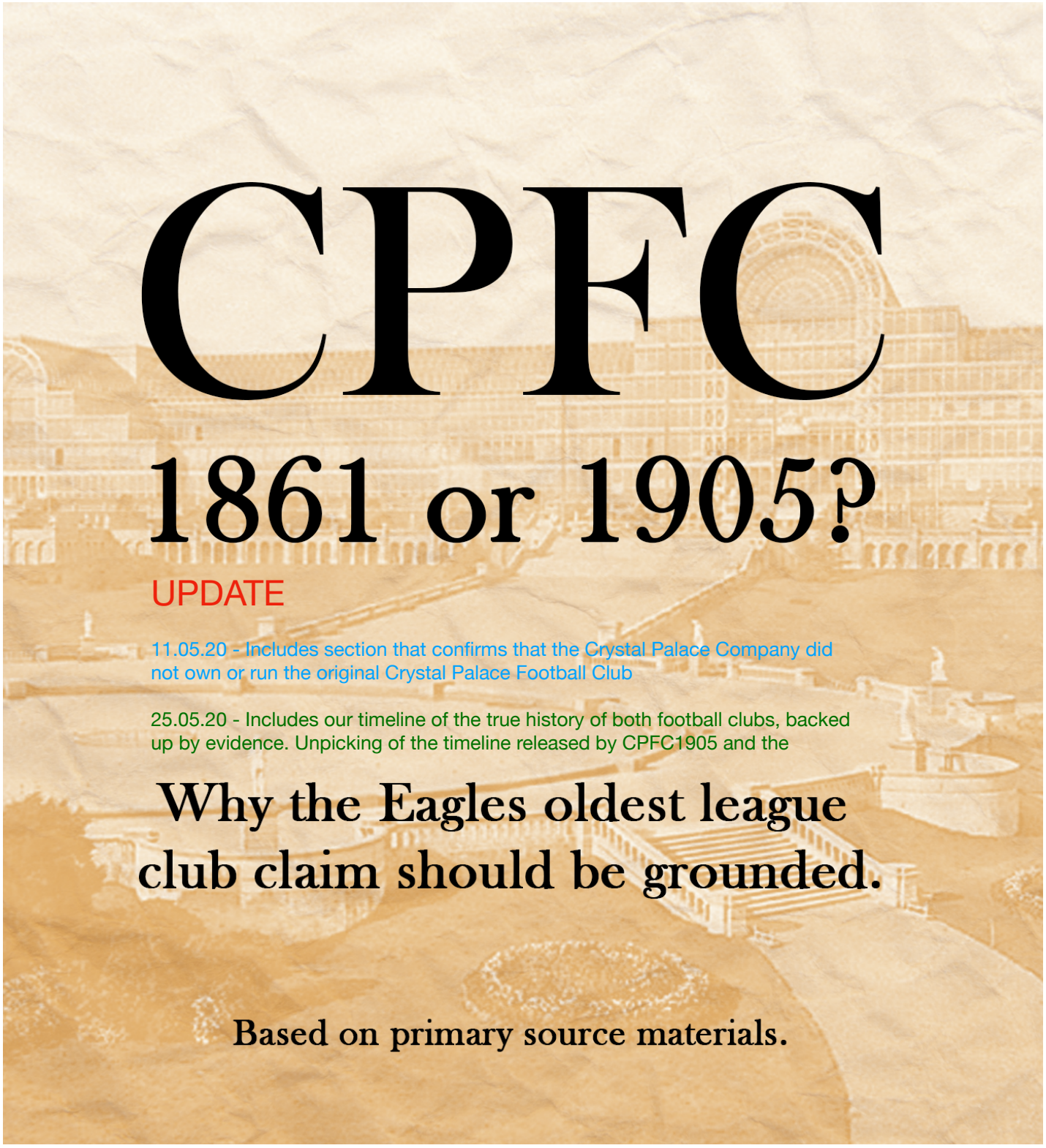

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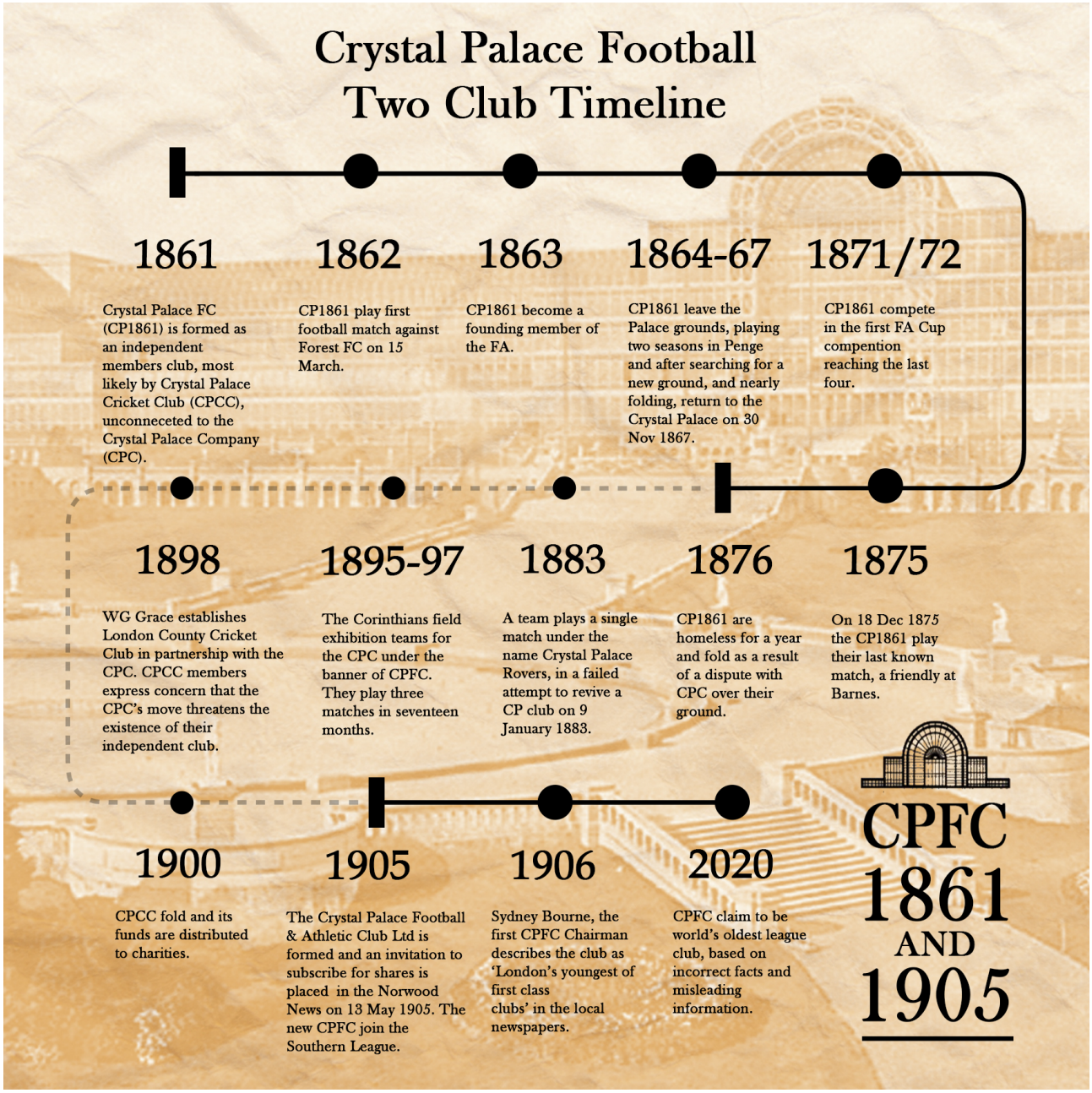
The True Crystal Palace Football Timeline.

This was created based facts that can be backed up by primary sources. This contrasts to the CPFC/Peter Manning version of the timeline which we analyse within this document.



WHY CRYSTAL PALACE HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE ASSERTING THEY ARE THE OLDEST LEAGUE CLUB IN THE WORLD

Mark Metcalf and Clive Nicholson, co-authors of FLYING OVER AN OLIVE GROVE: THE REMARKABLE STORY OF FRED SPIKSLEY

N.B. THIS IS THE 11 MAY 2020 UPDATE

This update was necessary as we had not anticipated the importance of dismissing the link between the 1861 Crystal Palace FC and the Crystal Palace Company. We had focused on proving that there was a thirty year gap between the 1861 club and the 1905 club and showing that the 1905 club was a brand new venture, thus not fulfilling the necessary criteria for the continued linage needed to be deemed the World's Oldest League Club.

It has been drawn to our attention that some people do not agree that a club should keep playing matches, have players and be affiliated with the FA to have a continued existence. Instead that if a company owned a club in the past, and was a majority shareholder in a club three decades later then this is sufficient to demonstrate they are the same club. We accept that there are differences of opinion on this, but this assumes that the 1861 CPFC was owned by CPC. This is an incorrect assumption which we address in this update, along with a few additional pieces of information and make one correction.

Additions are presented in blue.

Crystal Palace, founded in 1905 and which we refer to as CPFC 1905 throughout this document, have made a bold claim that asserts their origins date back to an earlier amateur club of the same name that existed between 1861 and 1875. If this is true it would make the South East London club the oldest League Club in the World.

This is quite a title to hold and so we felt it was worth taking a look as we are very interested in football's history. As you will discover our examination has been extensive and we ended it when we felt the information acquired conclusively showed that the claim of the 'oldest' was certainly not true. In fact the claim is extremely absurd, largely coming down to a claim made in 1906 in the CPFC 1905 club handbook and which appears never to have been mentioned again anywhere since CPFC 1905 was founded until very recently. It is possible to forget your own history but that really is a serious memory lapse.

The information presented to support the 1906 claim is a case of creative writing in which author Peter Manning, in his only published football book, combines established facts elsewhere (eg some football clubs have been established on the back of earlier cricket clubs) with activities and events associated with The Crystal Palace arena and a brief period in the 1890s when a side, which was not affiliated to the FA or ever played competitively, played a handful of exhibition games under the heading of the Crystal Palace Football Club. As we show, this side relied almost entirely on players from the Corinthian FC to play for it and when these players chose to play elsewhere then other club teams were drafted in to replace CPFC. Even the local paper says that the team would have been more appropriately described as the well-known Corinthians.

The CPFC 1905 claim of lineage to 1861

Presenting the information we have acquired has proven rather tricky and what follows is on occasions repetitive. Apologies for this. We have dealt directly with **the statement on the CPFC 1905 website** at:- https://www.cpfc.co.uk/news/2020/april/crystal-palace-the-oldest-professional-football-club-in-the-world-formed-1861/

Which states the following:-

'Crystal Palace is staking a claim to be recognised as the oldest league club in existence still playing professional football after new research found a direct connection to the team established in 1861, who were founder members of the Football Association.
The claim overturns 150 years of conventional footballing wisdom and is sure to trigger a debate amongst supporters and historians.

According to the Football Association, non-league Sheffield FC, founded on October 24, 1857, is the world's oldest club, and Notts County, founded in November 1862, is the oldest league club.
However, research by author Peter Manning has established that Crystal Palace - commonly believed even by its own supporters to have been founded in 1905 – can claim a link back to the Crystal Palace football team established in 1861, which played its first match in March 1862.
The Crystal Palace story begins with the founding of the Crystal Palace Company, set up in 1852 to manage the giant cast-iron and glass structure, which was moved from Hyde Park to Sydenham in south London after the Great Exhibition. The Crystal Palace at Sydenham was the world's first major theme park and was set in 200 acres of grounds.

As part of its business plan the company laid a cricket pitch in June 1857 and the Crystal Palace Club was formed. Thomas Farquhar, Chairman of the Crystal Palace Company, was its first President.

In Victorian England serious cricketers played football in the winter to keep fit and the Crystal Palace cricketers set up their own football team in 1861. Playing in blue and white, their first reported match was against Forest FC on March 15, 1862.

In 1863, when the Football Association was founded, Crystal Palace cricketer Frank Day attended its inaugural meeting. Crystal Palace was one of the core clubs that pushed through the association football rules against stiff opposition from the Rugby clubs, sending more delegates to the six inaugural meetings than any other club.

Palace provided three players for the first official match to be played under the new association football rules in Battersea Park in January 1864, a 14-a-side game between the President's team and the Secretary's team. Palace's first reported game under the new rules was a 2-1 defeat to Barnes on 27 February 1864.

In 1871, Crystal Palace's captain Douglas Allport was closely involved in the inauguration of the FA Cup, proposing an FA sub-committee that drafted the rules for the cup competition; he was also one of three FA members who selected and bought the first trophy. Crystal Palace played in the first ever round of the FA Cup – the only surviving league club to have done so – reaching the semi-finals in 1872.

A Crystal Palace tankard presented in the 1873-4 season, which triggered Peter Manning's research, is believed to be the oldest association football club trophy in existence.

Ironically, having been footballing pioneers, Crystal Palace stopped playing organised matches in 1875 for almost two decades. An analysis of the fixtures of the time suggests that it was because they were damaging the cricket ground, a plausible explanation because the FA Cup was eventually banned from Surrey's cricket ground for the same reason.

The Crystal Palace Club did not close as the footballers carried on playing cricket in summer and the club existed until 1900, when it merged with W.G. Grace's new London County Cricket Club. Football returned to the Palace when Henry Gillman, an enterprising entertainments manager, persuaded his board to fill in two of their great fountains in 1894 and build a new football stadium to host the Cup Final, previously played at the Oval, and 20 FA Cup Finals were staged at the Palace between 1895 and 1914.

The amateur Crystal Palace Football Club now had its own football pitch and started playing friendlies against the leading clubs of the day, starting with Cup holders Aston Villa in November 1895.

But amateur games did not bring in large crowds and it became clear that the company needed to set up a professional team.

A new limited company was set up and the legendary cricketer, W.G. Grace, who had been appointed the Crystal Palace Company's sporting director, was involved in the project. The professional club

came into being in 1905 and the Crystal Palace Company bought 1,700 shares, giving it a controlling interest, which meant that the business owned the football club it had first established in 1861.

And therein lies Crystal Palace's claim to be the oldest professional football club in the world. When the professional club published its first handbook in 1906, having joined Division 2 of the Southern League, it listed some of the internationals who had previously represented the club, including Alex Morten in 1873 and Arthur Savage and Charles Eastlake Smith in 1876, showing that they recognised themselves as a continuation of the original amateur team.

So, next year Crystal Palace Football Club will be celebrating its 160th anniversary and its unique place in the history books.

Author Peter Manning, who has carried out extensive research into the origins of the club, says:
"The Crystal Palace was the world's first major theme park. It was owned and run by the Crystal Palace Company. Everything within the Palace and its grounds was part of the Crystal Palace's and the Crystal Palace Company's business, including the Crystal Palace Cricket Club, set up in 1857, the emergence of the football club in 1861, through to the setting up and the taking of a majority share stake in the professional football club in 1905.

"Without the Crystal Palace and the Crystal Palace Company there would have been no Crystal Palace Football Club. It was always one club and always part of the Crystal Palace Company's business. As the founding of the football club dates back to 1861, it can claim to be the oldest professional league club in the world.

"It's ironic that today the one surviving remnant of the Crystal Palace Company, Crystal Palace Football Club, is now the big crowd puller, the big money earner that the Crystal Palace Company always wanted it to be. I'm sure it would have been extremely proud of what it has now achieved as a football club."

Steve Parish, Chairman of Crystal Palace Football Club, said: "As a lifelong supporter of Crystal Palace, it's amazing that we have a legitimate claim to be the oldest professional league club still in existence, that we were in the very first FA meetings, and that our history dates all the way back to the Victorian cricketers of 1861 at the Palace even involving the great W.G. Grace.

"I would like to thank Peter Manning for the incredible work he has undertaken researching the definitive history of the club. It's a fascinating tale and one I hope supporters will very much enjoy seeing brought to life in this film."

These claims are taken from a book by Peter Manning titled **Palace at the Palace: A History of the Crystal Palace and its Football Club 1851-1915** at:-

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B087BDKZY1/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1 and for which the following is listed online:-

At the height of the British Empire the Crystal Palace was the world's largest and most iconic building. In 1854 it was moved from its home in Hyde Park to Sydenham where it was substantially enlarged to become the world's first major theme park. During the Victorian and Edwardian eras the Crystal Palace became a much-loved national institution. It was at the centre of innovation and invention and was the scene of many historic World and British 'firsts'; it also gave birth to one of the oldest and most historic football clubs. This is the first detailed history written about the Crystal Palace Company which owned and managed the Palace and its 200 acres of parkland and the momentous events which took place there, including the birth of today's Crystal Palace Football Club. Drawing on nearly 1,000 references from newspapers and archives, the landmark events that took place at the Palace and the involvement of the Crystal Palace Football Club in the founding of the Football Association and 'soccer' as we know it to today, are recounted by those who were there. This is the story of the Crystal Palace Company from its founding in 1852 to its demise in 1909 when the Crystal Palace was finally bought for the nation and closed to serve as a Royal Naval training depot for the duration of the First World War. Hand-in-hand it tells the unique story of the birth of its football club until, it too, was forced to leave the Crystal Palace in 1915.

In addition

We also have correspondence from Peter Manning to Martin Westby on this which includes various statements and we will address these points in this document.

The background to the bid

Crystal Palace has made a bid to the title of 'The World's Oldest League Club'. (1)

This follows the relegation of Notts County, formed 1862, to the National Conference at the end of the 2018/19 season. There then followed a claim by Stoke City, whose badge features the year 1863, that they were now the oldest. Newspaper coverage pushed the Football League to recognise Nottingham Forest, formed 1865, as the oldest as it has been established for some time that Stoke came into being in 1868 with even the Potters historian saying so. This has not stopped though the **Stoke Sentinel**, continuing to push forward claims Stoke City's claim, despite appealing unsuccessfully for anyone to come forward to prove 1863 is correct.

Stoke are not the only club to continue to push forward a start date that is wrong, Sunderland AFC are bitterly maintaining they were formed in 1879, yet have only an article written years later to offer as 'proof' whereas historians of the club have dug out extensive earlier reports - including the minutes of the meeting where the Wearsiders were formed - to show the club was formed on 25 September 1880.

The facts

Such inaccuracies - and there are many - are why football historian **Martin Westby**, who is the brains behind the Sheffield: Home of Football project, decided to take a look. His extensive examination of primary source/contemporary newspapers at the time and all available documents saw Westby create what is commonly regarded as the definitive piece of work on the subject of the chronological classification of early football.

England's Oldest Football Clubs 1815-1899: A new chronological classification of early football (Folk, School, Military, County, Rugby & Association is 620 pages long and it is an essential read for all football fans interested in the early years of the game.

On page 402, Westby starts his long list of dates for when football clubs were formed between 1857-1889. At number 1, Sheffield FC, formed 24 October 1857, still exists and so too does number 6, Hallam FC. Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 are listed as defunct today as is number 7, Crystal Palace, formed 1861, closed 1875. First game in 1862. They joined the FA in December 1863 and the first listing of the club in Charles Alcock's Football Annual was in 1868.

On pages 458 to 465, Westby takes the reader through the history of Crystal Palace 1861-1875 with their last game taking place on 11 December 1875. Westby has examined all available papers etc locally and regionally and found that no other club played on the vacated space at The Crystal Palace until after 1894 when a new pitch was laid. The arena later became England's first national stadium.

We have attached with this document pages 458 to 465 of Westby's work

Confusion surrounds a Crystal Palace FC that plays some matches in the mid 1890s. This on the surface appears consistent with Peter Manning's claim that an amateur side continued to co-exist alongside the Cricket Club. But with no FA affiliation who and what is this incarnation of CPFC?

It was on 20 April 1895 that The Crystal Palace was first used as the host for the FA Cup Final in a game that saw Aston Villa beat WBA before a crowd of 42,560.

Then on 11 November 1895 *The Sheffield Telegraph* reports that there is the possibility of "a company being set up to promote soccer the following season at the Crystal Palace."

On 30 November 1895 a game is held at the ground involving FA Cup holders Aston Villa and a team labelled Crystal Palace Football Club, whose side consists of 9 members of the Corinthian FC, a famous amateur club that was based in London between 1882 and 1939. That club is credited with having popularised football globally.

There is also an article in *the Globe* of the same date and which is attached.

We contend that this article describes the possible formation of a Crystal Palace Football Club. That the fact that the words 'Formation' 'started' and 'New Venture' are used to describe this club demonstrates this is a new concept that has no connection to the original Crystal Palace team.

That the formation of the club would remove a 'want long felt for supporters of the Association game in London', clearly means that such a club was missing from the area prior to this and that this is not a natural progression or development of an amateur club already in existence or any club that has previously existed locally

We are aware that a team labelled Crystal Palace did play 2 further matches in 1896 and 1897.

But were they really a Crystal Palace team? Evidence suggests not. They were due to play The Wednesday on Saturday 25 January 1896. The Sheffield side did win this game 4-0 with Fred Spiksley actually scoring. However, with the Corinthian players deciding to play at Derby in John Goodall's benefit match that day, the so-called Crystal Palace side collapsed and in the event Wednesday faced a drafted in Swindon Town team and just 250 fans turned out. (see attached document for proof of this)

Possible claims that a Crystal Palace FC side could not play at The Palace because regular football damaged the cricket pitch no longer existed after 1895. Between 1895 and 1905 regular football matches were played at The Crystal Palace, including on Wednesday 11 March 1896 Middlesex v Sussex and Bank Holiday Monday 6 April Nottingham Forest v Dundee and yet there is no reappearance of CPFC. Manning draws upon the Oval example (where the FA Cup Final and England Internationals were moved from) to justify his theory that regular football could not be played at the Crystal Palace for nearly 30 years. Even if it was the reason behind football stopping at the Crystal Palace, the length of time is not realistic and we could draw upon many more examples where cricket and football co-existed on the same pitch for decades. If the Crystal Palace Company had a team that they wanted to play on their ground then they could and would have made this happen.

In the event the suggested possibility of a new club mentioned in the *Sheffield Telegraph* and the *Globe* ultimately proved to be premature and no new CPFC was set up in the mid 1890s.

As such by 1904, there was no professional football club in South East London (eg Millwall then played their football north of the river on the Isle of Dogs). With half a million local residents then there were clearly enough football fans to justify any endeavours to set one up. Southern United was established in 1904 to fill the gap, playing games on 'Brown's Field,' which is still used today and is up the hill from Nunhead Railway Station. In 1905, the new club recruited as its player-coach Fred Spiksley, the Sheffield Wednesday and England legend, who signed former League players but

Southern later went bust during its second season, 1905/06, by which time Crystal Palace 1905 had been inaugurated.

How do we know for certain that there was no club from 1895 to 1904 or from 1875 to 1895? Because we have used the **digital British Newspaper Archive and hard copies of newspapers and books** that we have used on previous occasions when researching football history and there is no mention of a Crystal Palace Football Club that is affiliated to the FA. There are no match reports of any nature about such a club. We also note that during this brief 1890s flurry of football activity under the CPFC banner that no mention of an earlier club with connections to a new club is raised.

Coverage of football in SE London was massive from the mid 1850s and none mentions a CPFC from 1875 to 1905

Quite frankly this should end any claim by Crystal Palace today. From the middle of the nineteenth century onwards there has been a very close relationship between football and the print media. Reports of matches, profiles of players and off field projects that are being explored such as a new stand or ground were all extensively covered. The press lapped up everything connected to football and still does.

It is stretching credibility to suppose that if anyone in South East London with any standing had any serious ambitions between 1871 and 1895 and from say mid 1896 onwards (when the final games were played under the badged up Crystal Palace FC) to set up a new club the press would not have heard about it and they would have almost certainly have got aware of any link it might have to the earlier club.

We know that **even small church teams and school teams were regularly reported** on in the Victorian papers. The Croydon Chronicle and The Norwood News both reported on the local teams in the area during the time in question. We have drawn a blank on any mention of a Crystal Palace Football Club existing. Th Norwood News even published the fixtures, results and tables of teams that represented the local churches and streets around the grounds of the Crystal Palace. Examples have been included in this document to illustrate the scrutiny that was provided to football teams in the area. There is no record of Crystal Palace FC in the Croydon Chronicle or Norwood News during the gap between the amateur and professional clubs.

Of course, we don't particularly mind if Palace were the oldest League club. But we do care if they make claims that are wrong. We are only interested in whether the information is accurate. Mark knows from having proven - and having being recognised to have proven - that Kenny Davenport was the scorer of the first League goal at 3:47 pm on Saturday 8 September just how much work is required to establish facts.

We now turn to some of the claims by Manning, who in his research we believe makes a series of obscure points, that need tackling separately even it means we must repeat some of the points already made above.

It is claimed that because cricket was played at the Crystal Palace then football must also have been played and therefore like other clubs such as PNE, CPFC 1905 can date their formation back to 1861

PM: Re the 1861 club. The cricket club, from which it emerged was started by the Crystal Palace Company, which owned and ran the Crystal Palace, in June 1857. The Crystal Palace Company laid the cricket pitch, set up the club and Thomas Farquhar, the Crystal Palace Company chairman, was the club's first president. I've found nothing to suggest that anyone else owned or ran the club. The Palace was the world's first major theme park and everything that happened inside the Crystal Palace and its grounds was part of the Crystal Palace Company's business, including the cricket club.

As you probably know, cricket was by far the most organised major sport in the nineteenth century and serious cricketers played football among themselves during the winter. The Crystal Palace cricketers formed a team sometime during 1861 and their first reported game was on 15 March 1862 against Forest FC. The 1861 Palace foundation date was confirmed by Charles Alcock in his nineteenth century Football Annuals and Forest went on to become founder members of the FA. Football clubs emerging from cricket clubs was quite common in the 19th century and Spurs, Derby County, Sheffield Wednesday and United and PNE can all trace their roots back that way.

PM: All the indications are that, as the Crystal Palace Football Club grew in importance, so did its fixture list and the number of matches was damaging the cricket pitch on which it played, so they had to suspend playing football until they got their own pitch. This wasn't the only occasion that football had to be stopped because it was causing damage to a cricket pitch, as the Cup Final, which had been held on Surrey's cricket ground for 20 years, got booted out of the Oval in 1892 for the same reason.

Our response:

Contrary to Manning's claim of there is no evidence to show that the Cricket Club was established by the CPC. Companies did not own sports clubs in the 1860s and 1870s, including those that played football. Their members would pay a fee and then be able to play and use the facilities. The 1872 AGM of the CPCC passed a resolution that the members who had not paid their membership fee by 1 June would have their names "posted in the pavilion."

Manning's book contains no information to show that the CPC owned CPFC 1861. There is no evidence of the ownership of the CPFC by the CPC, either by incorporation or by it being a division or section of the company. If such an exceptional and extraordinary arrangement had existed it would not have escaped the attention of the FA secretary, Charles Alcock, who on at least six occasions played for CPFC. He would surely have mentioned this matter is in books and articles about football in the 1860s and 1870s. The players in this period were all amateurs and would play

for a number of different teams in the same season. This is further evidence of the non-contractual, casual organisation of the game in the 1860s and 1870s. No club was in the ownership of shareholders through a limited company.

Further research has confirmed our analysis. The *Athletic News* report of 17 January 1883 in covering the only reported game of the Crystal Palace Rovers informs us that behind the game against the Pilgrims was the idea ”to revive the past glories of the old Crystal Palace Club, which, in its day, was one of the strongest metropolitan societies, but eventually came to grief owing to a misunderstanding with the Palace authorities about their ground."

This extract shows the 1861 Club was:

- a society of members
- not part of the CPC, with whom the had fallen into dispute, and
- folded following a misunderstanding over their ground, and
- had ceased to exist for some time by 1883.

It was not until the 1880’s when northern mill owners started setting up football clubs for their workers that we start to see a business aspect to running a football club. In August 1888 we find Birmingham City through the Small Heath Football Company Ltd becoming the first club to become a limited company with shareholders.

The evidence set out from page 26 shows that Crystal Palace Cricket Club and their relationship with the CPC was merely tenant and landlord, paying fees to hire the pitch from a sub-contractor to the CPC, or later to the CPC.

We can also correct another mistake by Manning. He claims that everything that happened within the grounds of the Crystal Palace was the business of the CPC and that it therefore had full control over every activity/club that took place there. The evidence attached on pages … shows that the CPC acted just as modern day business of similar size might, non-core services were contacted out to third party businesses and companies. At the Crystal Palace for example the catering was frequently run by businesses other than the CPC. We can provide details of sports and recreational facilities, such as the cricket and archery grounds being operated by third parties

The fact that the 1861 club was not under the control or ownership of CPC is clearly demonstrated by the club’s history over the three seasons 1864/65 to 1866/67. For two seasons they played in a filed behind the Crooked Billet pub in Penge. In 1866/67 they seem to have been homeless, only playing three away games. Manning says that they temporarily moved their matches to Penge and thinks that this might have been to do with the protection of the cricket pitch. This is supposition and he provides no sources to support these statements. The match report of the return to the Crystal Palace shows that the move was not temporary. Manning does not include this passage in his book:

In 1864/65 and 1866/67 the new home of the CPFC was therefore in Penge. The ground was most likely lost as a result of it being sold as building land as the London suburbs expanded along rail routes. Standfords Map of 1862 shows the field behind the Crooked Billet. By 1868 the Ordnance Survey map shows the layout of the new roads, Southey Street, Raleigh Road and Wordsworth Road.

It would set a dangerous precedent to use other clubs histories to explain a theory where no evidence can be found. Many clubs were established in different ways and being a cricket club does not confirm a football club. It should be noted that The Wednesday Cricket Club was formed in 1820 and the football club which was born out of the cricket club followed in 1867. It is possible that Wednesday cricketers played football prior to this for fun, but no-one would claim that this proved Wednesday were older than their 1867 formation date simply because a cricket club existed.

Also, by forming a football club The Wednesday fulfil Martin Westby's criteria by joining the Football Association and playing in the FA Cup at the earliest opportunity, something that is missing from the history Peter Manning attempts to give Crystal Palace between 1875 and 1905.

PM: Contemporary newspapers show that the club itself didn't fold as the Crystal Palace footballers went on playing their summer cricket for the Crystal Palace Club. The club continued to exist until it merged with W.G. Grace's London County Cricket Club, which he had started at the Palace.

Our Response:

W.G. Grace's team, which was backed by the CPC, was an unwelcome rival club and led to the demise of the Crystal Palace Cricket Club. In his autobiography Ian Maxwell Campbell, who topped the CPCC batting averages in its last two seasons, describes Grace's team as "*an intrusion*" that was opposed by their members. Campbell tells us "*the two clubs led separate and Independent lives... before Crystal Palace CC finally bowed out in 1900."* Manning is again proven wrong, there was no merger and CPCC disband. Indeed Campbell tells us that in 1908 "loyal diehards" went to the CPC in an attempt to resurrect the CPCC. The CPC were against the idea. Maxwell says they "*were up against an unwise and unpopular but adamantine determination."*

Further to this, WG Grace's football venture did not happen. Newspaper reports such as the one in the Pall Mall Gazette of 2 March 1905 show it collapsed. We have also searched for and found no evidence of connection between the London County Cricket Club directors and the 1905 Crystal Palace directors. Peter Manning has not shown any connection. Perhaps he can show one?

This does not mean to say that the work of WG Grace to try and launch a Crystal Palace football Team didn't shape what was to come. But when the company was set up months later WG Grace is not part of the team. Different men came in.

In fact an Aston Villa man, Edmund Goodman, was charged with setting up Crystal Palace. See following pages for Goodman's Wikipedia page.

The Directors of the new 1905 club were:

Sydney Bourne - His Wikipedia page is quite revealing. Herbert D Black, A Cufflin, Arthur Daniel Thomas C Walters, Frank H Holmes

Wikipedia entries for Key Members of the 1905 club

Edmund Goodman (born 8 October 1873 in Birmingham UK — died 1960)**:** was an English football manager He had his playing career cut short by an injury, sustained playing for Aston Villa reserves which meant he had to have his leg amputated. After this he became assistant secretary to Aston Villa. When Crystal Palace FC was founded Aston Villa was asked for help in setting up the club; Villa offered Goodman to Palace and he helped to appoint the first manager and found the first Chairman. After two seasons he became manager and remained so for 18 years, becoming Crystal Palace's longest serving manager in the process. Goodman could be said to be the founding father of Crystal Palace FC.

Sydney Bourne was a local football enthusiast who joined the board of Crystal Palace at the invitation of Edmund Goodman. Goodman had stumbled upon Bourne's name after searching the records of FA Cup Final ticket sales. Noting that Bourne was a regular purchaser of tickets, he approached Bourne regarding the idea of a new club playing at the cup final venue. The Football Association had frowned upon the idea of the owners of the Cup Final venue also owning a football team, so a separate company was being set up to found the new club, Crystal Palace. Bourne was very agreeable to the idea and joined the board of directors, being elected chairman.

This information appears in **Crystal Palace: A Complete Record by Ian King**. This is from the **Breedon Books** set which are considered reliable. Here Ian King is saying that actually there wasn't a football club owned by The Crystal Palace Company and that a separate company had to be formed because of political reasons whereby the FA are citing a conflict of interests. Bourne became the clubs 'first-ever' Chairman. Having no connection with the previous incarnation of Crystal Palace FC this fails to meet one of Martin Westby's key criteria for proving lineage.

Peter Manning has stated in correspondence to Martin Westby: - Palace were following Woolwich Arsenal who were averaging gates of 25,000

Fact - no English football club averaged 25,000 until 1906/07 when CPFC had already existed for 2 years. Arsenal's average was around 10,000. ***(By the way just a note from me – I think records do show an average above 25k for Arsenal in 1904-05. Please check this.)***

PM in correspondence has stated:- Crystal Palace saw the opportunity to take over the Cup Final and built the first national football stadium at the Palace. The Crystal Palace Company also fielded their own amateur team, playing friendlies, in the stadium, starting in 1895. But amateur football did not bring in the crowds that the Crystal Palace Company wanted. They could see that professional football was bringing in average crowds of 25,000 for their (then) South London neighbours, Woolwich Arsenal and this is what they wanted, so they decided that they had to set up their own professional team, which they achieved in 1905.

First, as we have shown the 1895 team was in fact a team created by the founder of Corinthian FC, Pa Jackson and 8 or 9 members of the team were Corinthian Footballers.

It has to be also argued that even if we were to overlook that the team was packed with Corinthian players then also CPFC were hardly playing many friendlies, just 2, possibly 3, from 1895 to 1896/7 and none after that. Clearly the game on 25 January 1896 was not even the badged up Crystal Palace FC.

The possible developers of a new Crystal Palace could not have seen that Woolwich Arsenal were bringing in average gates in the 1890s or before CPFC 1905 started of 25,000.

Woolwich Arsenal, who joined the Football League in 1893/94, drew tiny crowds at Manor Road (they averaged 4,470 in 1898/99 and it was not until 1902/03 that they first averaged over 10,000) The desire for bigger crowds is one of the reason the Gunners moved to Highbury, North London in 1913 and Arsenal first averaged 25,000 plus after WWI during the 1919/20 season, when the average was 34,485. On a few occasions, Woolwich Arsenal did draw crowds to Manor Road of over 10,000 but these tended, naturally, to be big matches in the FA Cup.

As we have earlier shown with reports from the *Globe* in 1895 the proposed new developments were reported as a 'new team' as football has been missing from the area. Key word phrases in the reporting of this 1895 incarnation of Crystal Palace describe a 'formation of a powerful amateur club' and 'Crystal Palace Club has been started' and 'Mr Jackson appears to be connected to this New Venture'.

You also have to ask why a new team called Crystal Palace would need to be set up to play on the grounds of the Crystal Palace Company if the Company already owned their own team called Crystal Palace who were linked to their cricket team?

PM has claimed: The Crystal Palace Company was the majority shareholder in the new professional club, so continued to own it and even after the Crystal Palace Company went bust the subsequent Trustees held the shares until 1905, when the Trust was disbanded and the assets passed to the London County Council.

This is not strictly true as the new professional club was set up separate to the CP Company and reportedly had to negotiate a five-year term with the CP Company. After this negotiation the Club Prospectus was advertised with shares for sale. It is true that the CP Company invested heavily in the new club but it was not the company that established the club.

PM - When the new professional club published its first hand book in 1906 it acknowledged its earlier links to its amateur predecessor by listing its earlier international players as Crystal Palace team players.

The question is - were they right to acknowledge these players as having a connection with the new club of 1905. We can understand reasons why they might have wanted to make this connection or considered it fair, but the simple fact that they acknowledge them does not prove fact.

It does not prove that football continued within the club for the missing 30 years between 1875 and 1905. Especially as there is no FA affiliation, no match reports except for the some games in 1895/96 and no league or cup representation. In short, whoever made the connection back then should be judged to have been misguided and wrong rather than be cited as evidence to prove 'the missing link'.

PM: At the end of the day there was an amateur football team and a professional football team that were part of the Crystal Palace and the Crystal Palace Company's business and it is through that link that the club can claim continuity and an earlier start date.

All the above facts can be verified by contemporary newspapers or archives and all the reference points are listed individually in my book, so that they can be individually checked and verified if need be.

I would stress that all I can do is to write about the facts as I found them but it is up to the club to decide whether they make a sufficient case for claiming an earlier start date than the current 1905. From my discussions with them they're happy to make the claim, which they went public on yesterday.

We now return to what was said in reports and papers in the period 1904 and 1905 in the lead up to the formation of CPFC 1905. Again, we are sorry in having to go over ground partly covered above but we think this shows clearly that there was no link between Crystal Palace 1875 and the club formed in 1905.

We begin with an attached *Sheffield Telegraph* article of 11 November 1904 on how CB Fry distances himself from a project to set up a professional Crystal Palace Football Club by WG Grace next season.

There then follows an attached article from the *Pall Mall Gazette* of 2 March 1905 describing how Grace's project has collapsed but that a different party may take up the initiative.

Then in the attached *Sheffield Telegraph* of 29 March 1905 there is in an article headed ALTERATIONS AND A NEW CLUB which contains details of alterations at The Crystal Palace ground and that the new club would seek admission to the Southern League, First Division. (*In fact they we admitted to the Second League*)

This was a good time to join the Southern League as Southern United had by then gone out of existence.

The Daily Telegraph (attached) also reports on the same day that a professional football club at the Crystal Palace was set to make an application to join the FA, this application being made by Mr F J Wall, the then FA secretary. Similar articles appear in many other newspapers including the *Bolton Evening News*. (attached) Adverts for a new manager are subsequently placed in newspapers such as *The Athletic News.* (attached) There are numerous local reports about the new professional football club that contain no references to any link to the earlier club from 1861 to 1875. We have attached some of these articles that also include share prospectus' and details of trial matches for new players.

The attached *Norwood News* of 26 August 1905 states 'Next Saturday, September 2nd, the newly-formed Crystal Palace will play its first home match on the well known final tie ground.' On 29 August an article on the newly formed club appears directly above one on Southern United's prospects. The two clubs are thus linked.

There are numerous articles (we have attached over a dozen to this lengthy piece) at the time and none refer to any links to the earlier club and that is because there was none.

As such to go back over old ground the first anyone mentions any link between the 1861-1875 and the one formed in 1905 is in 1906. This link is not raised again for another 114 years by Crystal Palace FC.

So when it comes down to it the CPFC 1905 claim comes down to this:-

When the professional club published its first handbook in 1906, having joined Division 2 of the Southern League, it listed some of the internationals who had previously represented the club, including Alex Morten in 1873 and Arthur Savage and Charles Eastlake Smith in 1876, showing that they recognised themselves as a continuation of the original amateur team.

As an aside it is worth noting that Savage and Eastlake both played for England on 4 March 1876 which was after Palace had played their final match.

We believe Crystal Palace 1905 are wrong in claiming they have a connection to a club that went out of existence in 1875. We worry that if this becomes the standard by which the history of football is judged then anything can be claimed.

1. https://www.cpfc.co.uk/news/2020/april/crystal-palace-the-oldest-professional-football-club-in-the-world-formed-1861/

Conclusion

There is no direct connection between Crystal Palace FC est. 1861 and the present day club. This is for the following reasons:

1. Martin Westby's book in which he looked at the lineage between the two Crystal Palace Football Clubs reveals there was none.

2. There is no Crystal Palace team affiliated with the Football Association between the years 1875 and 1905. They do not play in FA Cup or League matches at any level.

3. The Crystal Palace FC that appears briefly in 1895/6, playing friendly matches with a side largely composed of Corinthian FC players, is not associated with either the 1861 or 1905 team.

4. To establish a Crystal Palace Football team in 1905 a new and separate company had to be created. The directors and key players did not include WG Grace or anyone from the London County Cricket Association, or anyone from the CPC again disproving the link between Club and CPC.

5. The 1906 document which refers to Crystal Palace FC (1861) players to be past players of the current incarnation should not be considered proof of fact. Instead a judgement should be made on whether they were right or wrong to make this reference in light of all other evidence, and of which there exists not one article or document in any local or national newspaper, books or official records until very recently! ZERO.

6. Peter Manning cannot prove that because other football clubs came out of earlier cricket clubs that this demonstrates this was also the case at the Crystal Palace. Other claims that CPFC 1905 were influenced by other clubs' attendances are clearly wrong.

7. The Crystal Palace Company did not own or control the CPFC 1861. The relationship would have been one of landlord and tenant, unless they paid the fee for the hire of the pitch to the cricket club, in which case it would have been a sub-tenant of the cricket club. The 1861 club was a club for and run by its members, like the larger and longer-lived CPCC who Campbell describes as a *"self-supporting club."* The 1861 club was a society of members as confirmed by *The Athletic News* report of 17 January 1883.

8. *The Athletic News* report of January 1883 describes the 1861 club as a separate entity, which folded after falling out with the CPC. There is therefore no connection between the 1861 club, and the current professional club founded in September 1905.

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IS CRYSTAL PALACE FC THE OLDEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUB?

This document includes the newspaper reports, plus others we feel are relevant, referred to in our main document.
It starts though with explaining Martin Westby's work in *England's Oldest Football Clubs 1815-1899; A new chronological classification or early football (Folk, School, Military, County, Rugby & Association)* and why we believe it establishes the criteria required to judge when a Football Club is established. We have also attached the pages (458-464) from this book on Crystal Palace FC

Martin Westby's Criteria

Main qualification

English football clubs (including extant and defunct clubs, as long as they have run for one season or more and were founded before 1889) are listed if they were included in the 'Football Annuals' between 1868-1889. As part of this research into the period up to 1888, I also analysed the 1889 edition to check for clubs that started in the 1888/89 season. All the annuals that I analysed from 1868 to 1889 featured a section where the clubs are listed, broken down into Metropolitan (London) and Provincial sections; if a club is listed here, it is in this book.

Evolution

If we accept that the playing rules are evolving in this early period then we have to also accept that clubs will also be evolving; so a club that starts out playing rugby and turns to Association will be included in the book and their foundation date will be when the club originally formed (making clubs in Bradford very happy!). Equally if a club that is playing Association Football for period of time then leaves to play rugby, they are included and their end date will be when they leave to join the RFU.

Some football clubs may have originally started as, say, Cricket Clubs or Athletic Clubs but the date used for this book is not when the original non-football Club was formed but when they started playing football (be it Association or Rugby).

As exact foundation months are often missing, and if I only have a year for a foundation date, to sift them further, I have then ranked clubs from the same year further by deciding when they fully embraced the Association game. I have done that by taking the earliest date from either:

- When they first appeared in Charles Alcock's 'Football Annual' playing by the Association code
- When they joined their local county Football Association
- When they played for the first time in the Football Association Cup

Does the club exist in the press of their day?

If a club claims an earlier date than any of the above evidence suggests then they must appear in the press of their day to confirm that earlier existence. Much later unsubstantiated recollections cannot be used as the *only* proof for foundation dates. Some famous clubs such as Everton and Stoke suffer from unsubstantiated foundation dates. This happens when recollections of church teams and works teams playing are recalled but are not reported in the press. Those teams evolve into proper clubs and although the early evidence is missing, once a foundation date is claimed it becomes reinforced through repetition from that point. To be fair to Stoke FC they are less keen nowadays to claim their 1863 foundation and as early as 1928 James Catton was questioning the fact that Everton might be celebrating their jubilee a year early in the Athletic News. It is also worth noting that the very early match reports (like the 'Football Annual') were self-reported in that it was up to the captain or the Hon. Sec to send in the match report after the match to the local press; as you can imagine this occasionally caused some animated correspondence from the opposition team if they felt facts had been misrepresented.

Football Clubs are then divided into one of the following three types:

Association if:

- They listed the club's code as Association (or similar) in the 'Football Annual' between 1868-1889
- And/or the club was a founder member of a County F.A. formed before 1889
- And/or the club played in the F.A. Cup before 1889

To be included in this list the clubs should be (or would become) Association code-playing. Association football by definition has to start in December 1863 when the Football Association was formed in London. The problem is that this is just the beginning of the evolution of the Association code; in 1863 the new rules included catching and running with the ball, touchdowns and no forward passing, a game that to modern eyes would look very much like Rugby. The salient point is that 'Association' clubs always tried to represent the ball-dribbling fraternity, as opposed to the ball-carrying crowd, which usually evolved into a Rugby club.

Or Rugby if:

They listed the club's code as Rugby (or similar) in the 'Football Annual' between 1868-1889

Or Proteus Club if:

An early football club set out playing some form of rugby game and then signed up fully for Association, even entering the FA Cup or helping found a County Football Association, but then still decided that they would rather join the Rugby Football Union. In the majority of clubs, the distinction is obvious but there are complicated clubs and I shall mark them as

'Proteus' as they compete between their two outcomes. For example, the Civil Service FC helped found both the FA and the RFU and stopped playing Association altogether for many years, yet was the club used by the FA to help celebrate their 150th anniversary. Alternatively, Bradford FC played rugby for many years but then became Bradford Park Avenue. Hospital football is universally recognised as following the rugby code yet a number of them helped form County Football Associations.

It has proved impossible to set a single specific rule that could deal with the many permutations that evolved at many different clubs and has resulted in the author making a judgement call based on assessing the following criteria:

- Which code did it first register with the 'Football Annual'?
- Which code did the club ultimately ended up playing, either in the present day or before it became defunct?
- Over the total length of the club's life which code was played most?
- From an historical and common sense stand point is the club usually perceived as a Rugby or an Association club?

On this basis I decided that Civil Service FC is an Association club, so the main detail on the club will feature in the Association chapter, but all proteus clubs will appear twice, in this example once in the Association table in equal11th place and once in the Rugby table in equal 3rd place. If a proteus club is featured in the Association table I will mark the end date of the club as the point they took up the Rugby code and never returned to Association (or became defunct).

If a club is absent from the 'Football Annuals' they are still included if they were either:

A Founding member of a County Football Association.

As long as a club is part of the foundation of a new County Football Association in its first year of launch or the earliest reported list of clubs in the press, they should be included in the book because of their historical significance, even if the clubs themselves may turn out to be short-lived.

OR If they entered the FA Challenge Cup between 1871 and 1888

Club Types

The classic classification route is to separate clubs by the definition of whether they were "Open" or "Closed". Simply put, could anyone join the club (open) or was there an entry qualification of some kind that excluded non-members? "Closed" clubs could be:

School

University

Bank

Hospital

Company

Military

My first instinct was to only include 'open' clubs, but classifying clubs using this criterion disqualified Old Boys' sides and it was impossible to exclude the likes of the Old Etonians in a history of Association football. (Old boys' teams cannot take their early school team foundation date as you cannot equate school boys' football with football played by grown men. School football was played as early as 1815, so Old boys' teams' foundation dates in this book commence when they first played in that capacity, as ex-schoolboys.)

Equally, excluding workplace sides like the Civil Service and the hospital teams is also ridiculous. Of course, nowadays there are very few pure 'closed' football clubs and the vast majority are now 'open'. In a chronological list of football clubs, it was also wrong to exclude the hospital sides as whilst they all played by the rugby code some also figured prominently in the early Association story. The fourteen London Hospitals represented a thriving hotbed for early football and must be included.

Of the six types listed above I have decided only to exclude educational and military establishments from my main list. They represent, if you will, pure "closed" clubs, as adults could not join a school side and a non-military man would not get very far trying to get a game with the 21st Essex Rifles. I have not ignored these sections and they feature in their own chapters. However there three glittering exceptions to this rule who will appear the full chronological Association list; **Oxford University Association Football Club** (1872), **Cambridge University Association Football Club (1873)** and the **Royal Engineers FC** (1863), but their stories are in the appropriate chapter.

Reforming Clubs, Mergers and Continuity

This final qualification is the most complex and the one that involved me taking a judgement call in some cases. Ideally this decision should be based on legal criteria, but this just does not exist for every club listed and I needed an all-encompassing system. The questions that need asking when deciding whether clubs can claim continuity from previous incarnations are:

- Does the new club stay in the same geographic location?
- Is the new club's name substantially similar or dramatically different?
- Are the old club's debts picked up by the new incarnation?
- Does the old club immediately cease playing after merging? (Things can get complicated in a few cases, as an example, a schism occurred in some clubs where a

new club would be formed, and an old club was left behind. This was usually because some players wished to remain amateur and disagreed with a professional future.)

- Do previous players move to the new club?
- Do club Hon. Secs., Presidents, Founders, Workplace employers move to the new club?
- How long a time period exists between the two incarnations? A gap of more than a year between old club and new club will be my criteria for failure. (I make an exception if a world war occurs between the two club incarnations for example Chesham Town went from 1915 to Chesham United in 1919)

Newcastle United date their club from 1892 when their current name was adopted but many other clubs such as Manchester City date their formation from when the clubs they evolved from were formed. (Manchester City claim 1880 as St Marks but there were three more name changes and fourteen years before the name Manchester City appeared in 1894). Newcastle United could therefore confidently move their celebration back eleven years to November 1881, when Stanley FC (the forerunner of NUFC) was started.

Similarly, under my rules Derby County (1884) 'amalgamated' with Derby Midland (1881) in 1891 with all the Midland players moving to the new club, so they could move their foundation date back three years.

More controversially is the case of Ipswich Rugby club (1870) that amalgamated with Ipswich FC (1878) in 1888. This combines the evolution rule and the merger rule and makes Ipswich Town FC the 5th oldest League club. The overall acid test (which of course is completely unanswerable) is would the fans of the previous club find the replacement an acceptable substitute and continue to support them? In the Ipswich case the Cobbold and the Peacock families are continuously involved with both clubs and I have therefore listed the earlier date. Whilst it can be argued that on a strictly legal basis each incarnation is a different club, this book takes the position that football clubs represent specific geographic communities with their own fan bases, which, in the absence of a merger between two failing local clubs, would continue to support their new club, irrespective of name. In these cases, I have listed the histories of all the component merged clubs separately and their end date reflects the merger date; the new club can inherit whichever is the earliest date from the now extinct clubs. You will see in the book that lot of clubs already follow this rule and have taken foundation dates from their predecessors, so it doubly makes sense to maintain those dates. Unfortunately, in the Victorian era the extinctions and mergers of clubs were a very common occurrence and some very complicated divorces and marriages took place. Clubs would also start newly-named clubs almost overnight in order to escape outstanding debts as it seems judges usually decreed that the old club was legally dead, and they could effectively start over with a clean sheet. This of course was also the attraction of the rush into limited liability companies that happened first in 1886 with the London Athletic Clubs (see Chapter Seven), which was followed by the football community in July 1888, with Small

Heath FC (Birmingham City) and Notts County FC in 1890. By 1921 all but two of the League's eighty-six clubs had followed suit.

In each club case I have had to make an individual judgement call about what it means for that particular club's foundation date and end date.

To explain this subject further it might be good to look at two examples:

Newton Heath/Manchester United

Manchester United do not state on their website that they were formed in April 1902; they state1878 because they were formed from the remnants of Newton Heath FC. The president of Newton Heath, Mr. Healey, was owed £250 by the club, which they could not pay, so he made a petition to wind up the club in 1902. Five gentlemen including Harry Stafford, "the club's popular player", put in a total of £1,000 to save the club. Their big decision was to change the name dramatically from Newton Heath to Manchester United; this was approved by a public meeting subject to the approval of the Football Association. Looking at my rules above, apart from the name change, this is a straightforward call putting a foundation date of 1878 on Manchester United, which the club has always done anyway. It can get more complicated and several famous clubs have similar backgrounds but take their foundation date from the changeover date. The book needs to be consistent so let's look at another much more complicated example.

West Bromwich (Dartmouth)/West Bromwich Strollers/West Bromwich Albion

The West Bromwich Albion website has a foundation date of 1878 and states the fact that it was formed by workers from Salter's Spring Works in West Bromwich, with the first match a goalless draw against workers from the nearby Hudson soap factory on 23rd November 1878. George Salter played for West Bromwich (Dartmouth) at their Four Acres ground and their club started in 1874. George Salter's company is acknowledged as the foundation for the Strollers, which became West Bromwich Albion. *There was no less than seven Salter's employees in the 1886 West Bromwich Albion cup winning side. It is unclear whether the West Bromwich Strollers was a team formed by workers from Salters as an outside club, or whether the Strollers were actually the Salters works team itself.* ('Lost Teams of The Midlands' by Mike Bradbury). West Bromwich Albion then took over the Four Acres ground when West Bromwich (Dartmouth) folded in 1882. George Salter went on to be Chairman of the board of directors and honorary president of West Bromwich Albion for many years.

In this case the club stayed in the same geographic location, the name stayed substantially the same and some players and critically George Salter moved to the new club. This is much more contentious than the Newton Heath example, but my judgement call moves Albion's foundation date back four years to 1874. I accept that some fans will take exception to having their foundation dates moved earlier or later but surely it is preferable to try and standardise the criteria so that the clubs can be equally chronologically measured?

Organising by County

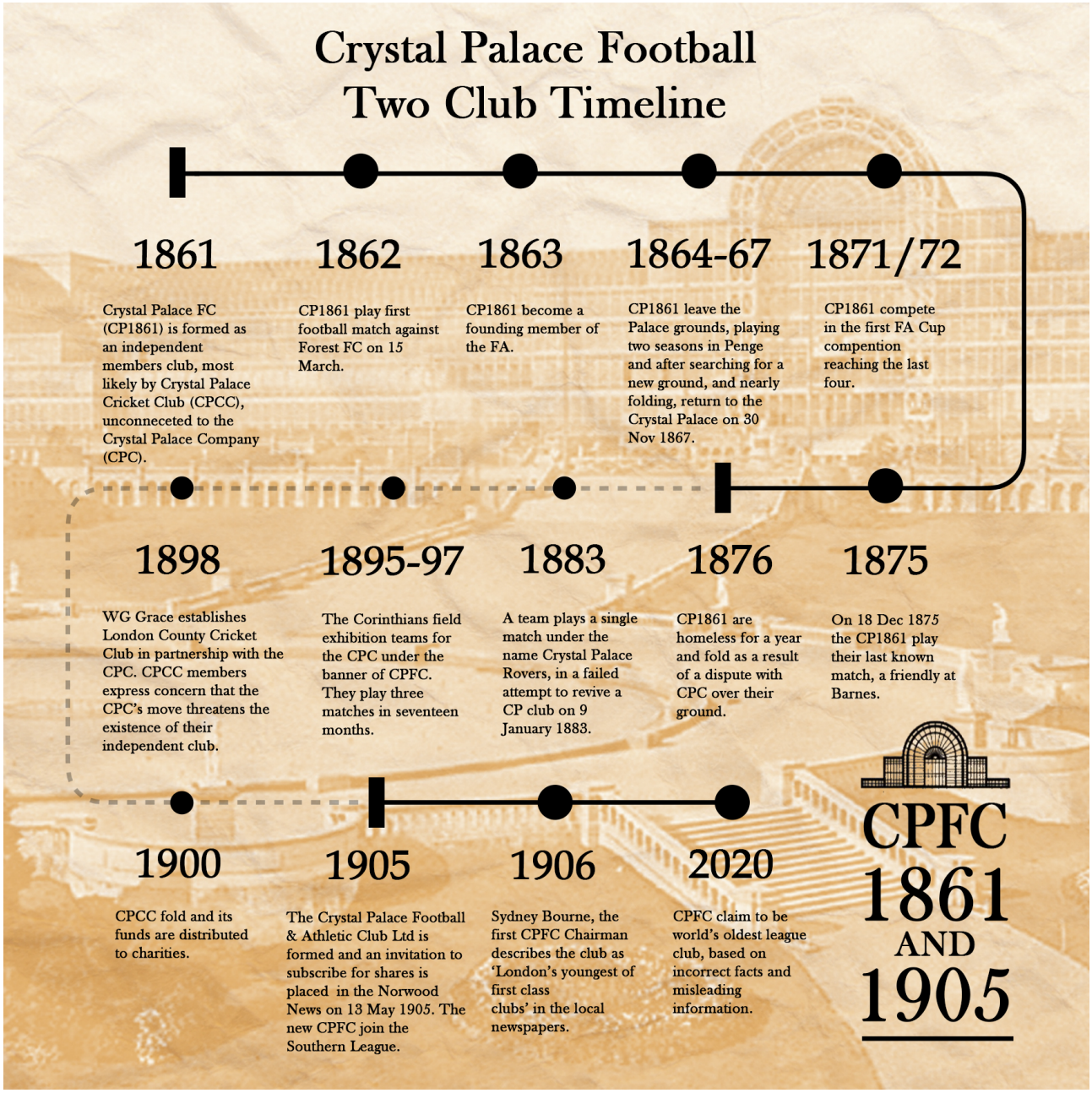
In the Victorian period the thirty-eight counties defined England's geography and so for the purpose of the book the clubs must be organised by their county of formation.

London presents a problem in that I still need to break clubs into the counties that now make up greater London as that was how they were defined in Victorian times. Middlesex county was the most central county, but you will see that all the home counties can be represented by "London" clubs. Further confusion happened later when Alcock's 'Football Annual' started describing clubs as "Metropolitan", so for clarity I have persisted in this book by nominating county names to clubs.

As more newspapers are digitised, research keeps changing critical facts, so please email if you have more information, in particular, specific months for clubs' formation and closure dates which are usually the hardest facts to ascertain. If I had waited for the definitive foundation for every club the book would never have been published. I have exhaustively researched the many hundreds of football clubs that form the history of British soccer, using national data sources which I am assuming are broadly correct; I expect the ensuing debate will be the final clarification.

The True Crystal Palace Football Timeline.

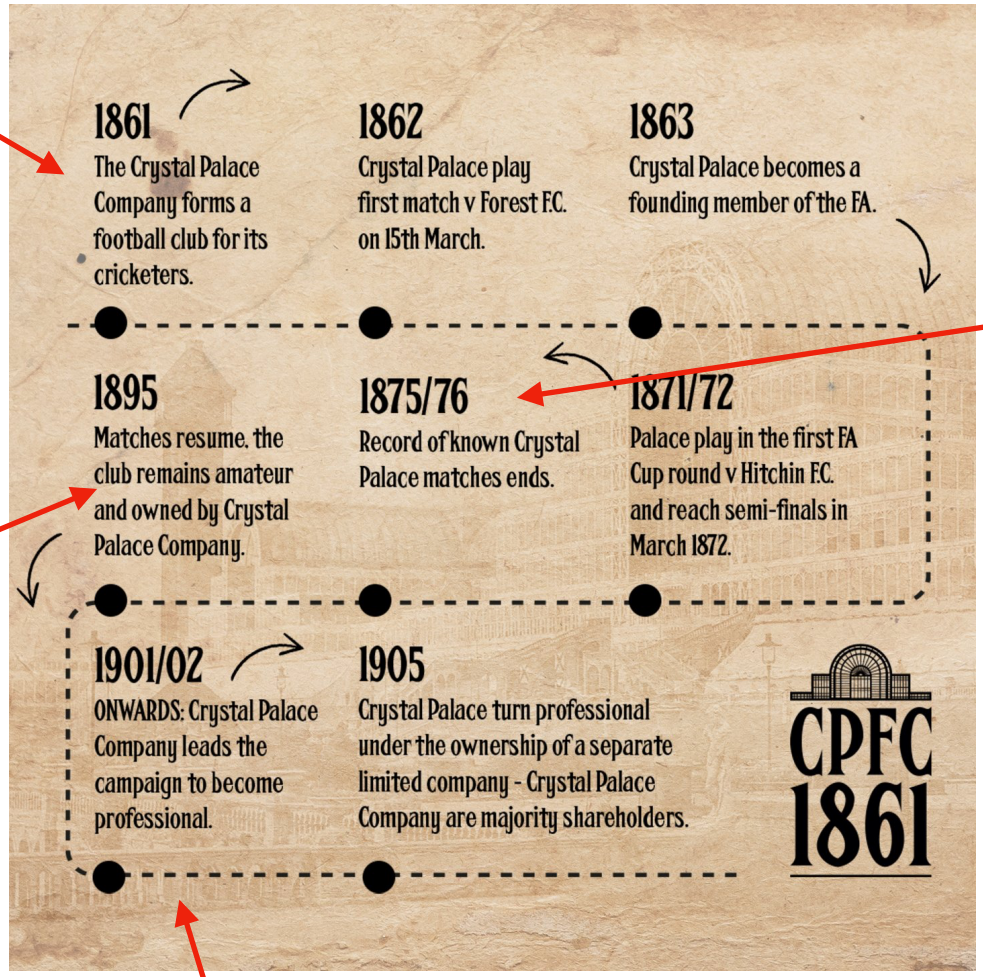
This was created based facts that can be backed up by primary sources. This contrasts to the CPFC/Peter Manning version of the timeline which we analyse within this document.



This timeline has been created by Crystal Place FC and Peter Manning as part of their media campaign. It contains incorrect information that cannot be backed up by facts. Some facts are used in a misleading way, using the brief descriptions to cover over a more detailed truth that they do not go into.

Incorrect Information

The Crystal Palace Company was only landlord to the Cricket and Football Clubs. The evidence shows that both clubs were independent members clubs with their own governance. The Football Club played away from the palace grounds in Penge for two seasons and were homeless for a third before returning. The reason for the football clubs demise was that it was unable to negotiate terms with the CPC over the ground. The cricket club folded because CPC supported a rival team in the form of WG Grace's London County Cricket Club.



Misleading Information.

This suggests that other matches from the missing 30 years are yet to be discovered. The local newspapers at the time reported on all football in the area, inc. School, Church, Street and Pub teams. These are available online and no matter how hard you search there is no evidence of any matches taking place, with the exception of Crystal Palace Rovers, who play a ingle match.

Misleading Information

The 1895-97 incarnation of CPFC was a Corinthians team. Manning claims the 1906 club annual includes a list of past players that played for CPFC. Yet that list misses out famous internationals that were fielded for Corinthian version of CPFC. This includes GO Smith, who is considered to be the greatest amateur footballer of the victorian era. So the 1906 annual clearly shows that this team was not considered to be part of the link, yet Manning includes it as part of his timeline to try and evidence that football was being played by CPFC during the 30 year gap. The two lines of argument are not compatible.

Misleading Information

CPC seeks to create a professional football team. The use of the word 'become' suggests the existence of an amateur club that they are changing to become professional. No such club existed.

UPDATE

Was the 1861 CPFC part of the CPC's business?

In order for the CPC to control the football club it would have to do so by means of:

- it being an asset of the CPC by virtue of it being a wholly owned or controlled subsidiary of the CPC, or
- as part of a division within the CPC through which the operation of the football club was managed and the under which the players were required to play as directed.

Control through a corporate structure

There is no evidence to suggest that the CPFC was an incorporated body, either wholly owned or partially owned by the CPC. The first football club to have incorporated are believed to be Birmingham City, in August 1888 as the then Small Heath Football Company Limited. It is implausible that the CPFC, an amateur team, would have incorporated nearly twenty-seven years earlier. Contemporaneous evidence, including the report of the annual dinner in 1872, indicate that the club conformed to the norm of the day and was a gentlemen's sport club run by its officers and committee.

CPFC controlled as a division or part of the CPC

Was the CPFC managed by the CPC as a division? There is no evidence to suggest that it was. In order to control the club and the players there would need to be contractual arrangements. All the players of the day were amateurs. This is not in dispute. In order for there to be a contractual relationship with the players there would need to be consideration. Football clubs are bought and sold for £1, for example, to ensure that the contract is binding. In the absence of a contract of employment, and consideration, the players would not be subject to the control of the CPC, and therefore were not part of CPC's business. The players were not employees of the CPC. If for example the CPFC was a works team and they had been employees of the CPC they might feel obliged. As gentleman amateurs, many employed in the City, they had no obligation to play for the club. We can see this from match reports of the day. Players would play for a number of different teams in the same season. This is further evidence of the non-contractual, casual organisation of the game in the 1860s and 1870s.

That's entertainment?

Peter Manning says that the CPFC *"were part of the activities and entertainment in the park"* and spectators had to pay to enter the park. The CPC placed advertisements in the press on a daily basis for events and attractions. None can be found for CPFC matches. The day before the CPFC match that attracted the largest recorded attendance, against Maidenhead in the FA Cup on 16 December 1871 the CPC placed adverts in The Morning Post for a concert featuring a, Mendelssohn oratorio, a Christmas Fair, a pantomime and a billiards match. They did not advertise the football match because it was not their business.

The Cricket Club

Although it is not proven we do agree with Peter Manning that the CP Cricket Club is almost certainly the origin of CPFC 1861. However CP Cricket club did not merge with London County Cricket Club. Manning uses this, without proof, to pave the way to unite CPFC 1861 and CPFC 1905 as one club.

The truth is that by the CPC had seen that they could make money from Cricket and Football. They experimented with using the Corinthian Football Club to play under the banner CPFC and then backed W.G. Graces London County Cricket Club, bringing them to play at the palace.

The Middlesex and Crystal Palace Cricketer Ian Maxwell Campell wrote a 1950 autobiography titles Reminiscences of a Vintner. In here he recounts the reaction of the CP Cricket Club Members when the London County Cricket Club move to use the pitch at the Crystal Palace.

“There was considerable and outspoken opposition on the part of members of our old and well-established Crystal Palace Cricket Club to this unexpected intrusion and to their being taken over lock, stock and barrel, by the new concern. We have become accustomed in recent years to possessive aggressions, both internal and international , but in those days the were uncommon and deeply resented.”

This clearly shows that the cricket club was independent of the CPC, as does them giving their funds away to charity when they folded.

Simon Rae In his autobiography of Grace (p433) says "*the two clubs led separate and Independent lives... before Crystal Palace CC finally bowed out in 1900."*

None of this detail is mentioned in Manning's book. The website talks of a merger as continuity suits their argument. There was no merger the club folded.

Recent Wikipedia Updates on CPFC 1861

We are very conscious that the Wikipedia page for CPFC 1861 is being updated regularly at the moment to align with the CPFC and Peer Manning story. We note that the 1887 book Athletics and Football by Montague Shearman (page 276) was used to validate the claim that the club was set up by the CPC.

“The club was formed in 1861<ref>Athletics and Football, Sir Montague Shearman, 1887, p276</ref> by the Crystal Palace Company who owned the [[The Crystal Palace|Crystal Palace]] Exhibition building.”

Notice how the reference appears only to validate the 1861 date. But when you see the front page the reader would assume that it also connects to the statement ‘by the Crystal Palace Company’. It doesn’t as this was not the case and therefore proof does not exist.

We have attached the pages from Athletics and Football later and they say:

"CRICKET, ARCHERY, AND THE GROUNDS GENERALLY.-It gives the Directors great pleasure to announce that the Cricket-mound is now complete, and that it will be thoroughly in order for the approaching summer. Great care 'has been taken in the formation of the ground,

and they believe that it will be found equal in extent and excellence to any other lathe neighbourhood of London.
The Archery-ground will be continued as before, in the Northern portion of the grounds, behind the Picture-Gallery Wing."

The book makes no reference to the CPC setting up either the cricket or football club and is further evidence of how Manning, Crystal Palace and those buying into the story are guilty of crafting true history and fiction together to fulfil their agenda.

Further hiding of facts.

We have found three match reports on the BNA (see following pages) for when Crystal Palace FC returned to play at the Crystal Palace in 1871. In his book Peter Manning chooses to reference the report from The Sportsman, choosing to not reference the reports The Field or Bell's Life.

Why is this important?

The Sportsman's report of the match is brief and does not describe how the difficulties that CPFC 1861 have had trying to find a ground to play on. The Field and Bell's Life both reveal how CPFC 1861 are an independent club who are not under governance from the CPC.

Are we to believe that Manning has failed to find the two reports that break his narrative?

With the BNA making it very easy to locate these reports it is more likely that he has chosen to use the reference that allows him to maintain his story, whilst presenting what would appear a well referenced piece of work.

Conclusion

Manning's book contains no information to show that the CPC owned CPFC 1861. There is no evidence of the ownership of the CPFC by the CPC, either by incorporation or by it being a division or section of the company. If such an exceptional and extraordinary arrangement had existed it would not have escaped the attention of the FA secretary, Charles Alcock, who on at least six occasions played for CPFC. He would surely have mentioned this matter is in books and articles about football in the 1860s and 1870s. The players in this period were all amateurs and would play for a number of different teams in the same season. This is further evidence of the non-contractual, casual organisation of the game in the 1860s and 1870s. No club was in the ownership of shareholders through a limited company.

Contrary to Manning's claim of there is no evidence to show that the Cricket Club was established by the CPC. Companies did not own sports clubs in the 1860s and 1870s, including those that played football. Their members would pay a fee and then be able to play and use the facilities. The 1872 AGM of the CPCC passed a resolution that the members who had not paid their membership fee by1 June would have their names "posted in the pavilion."

It can therefore be concluded that the CPFC had no business relationship with the CPC. This is shown further by CPFC 1861 playing home games at the Crooked Billet for two years, outside the area of the Crystal Palace Park, and being homeless in 1866/67. The report of their return to the Park on 18 December 1867 indicates that they were not part of CPC's business or under the

company's control. They could have in 1867 just have easily moved elsewhere, and not returned to Crystal Palace Park:

This old-established club, which last year appeared likely to become extinct, in consequence of the loss of their ground at Penge, and the seeming impossibility of obtaining another to suit them, has this year made a fresh start - ***Bell's Life 7 December 1867***

In 1864/65 and 1866/67 the new home of the CPFC was therefore in Penge. The ground was most likely lost as a result of it being sold as building land as the London suburbs expanded along rail routes. Standfords Map of 1862 shows the field behind the Crooked Billet. By 1868 the Ordnance Survey map shows the layout of the new roads, Southey Street, Raleigh Road and Wordsworth Road.

The two spells when they did not play at the Crystal Palace, from around March 1863 to November 1867 and for nearly the whole of 1875, amount to 40% of the total playing span of the club between March 1862 and December 1875.

Further research has confirmed our analysis. The *Athletic News* report of 17 January1883 in covering the only reported game of the Crystal Palace Rovers informs us that behind the game against the Pilgrims was the idea "to revive the past glories of the old Crystal Palace Club, which, in its day, was one of the strongest metropolitan societies, but eventually came to grief owing to a misunderstanding with the Palace authorities about their ground."

This extract shows the 1861 Club was:

- a society of members
- not part of the CPC, with whom the had fallen into dispute, and folded following a misunderstanding over their ground, and
- had ceased to exist for some time by 1883.

The CPFC and its players were under no obligation to play at Crystal Palace Park. The CPC had no means by which to require either the club or its players to play there or fulfil fixtures. If the players all chose to attend a teammate's wedding on a Saturday during the football season, or decide to disband altogether as they did on 1876, then they could do so and the CPC would have no say in the matter. The CPFC was purely amateur independent club typical of the day and not part of the CPC's business.

When necessary it is proven that Manning and CPFC are willing to ignore primary source material that contradicts their story and will cherry pick the sources that allow them to further their agenda.

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The LAST SATURDAY CONCERT of the First Series. Mendelssohn's Oratorio, ELIJAH: Madame Rudersdorff, Mesdlles. Galloway, Alice Fairman, Marion Severn; Messrs. Arthur Byron, Percy Rivers, Orlando Christian, Smythson, and Herr Stockhausen. The Crystal Palace Choir. Organist, Mr. J. Coward. Conductor, Mr. Manns. Single stalls, half a crown. Admission half a crown, or by guinea season ticket.

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The LAST of the Series between Messrs W. COOK (Champion) and J. BENNETT will take place TO-MORROW, at 5 p.m. Numbered stalls, 2s. 6d.; reserved seats, 1s. Admission to the Palace as usual.

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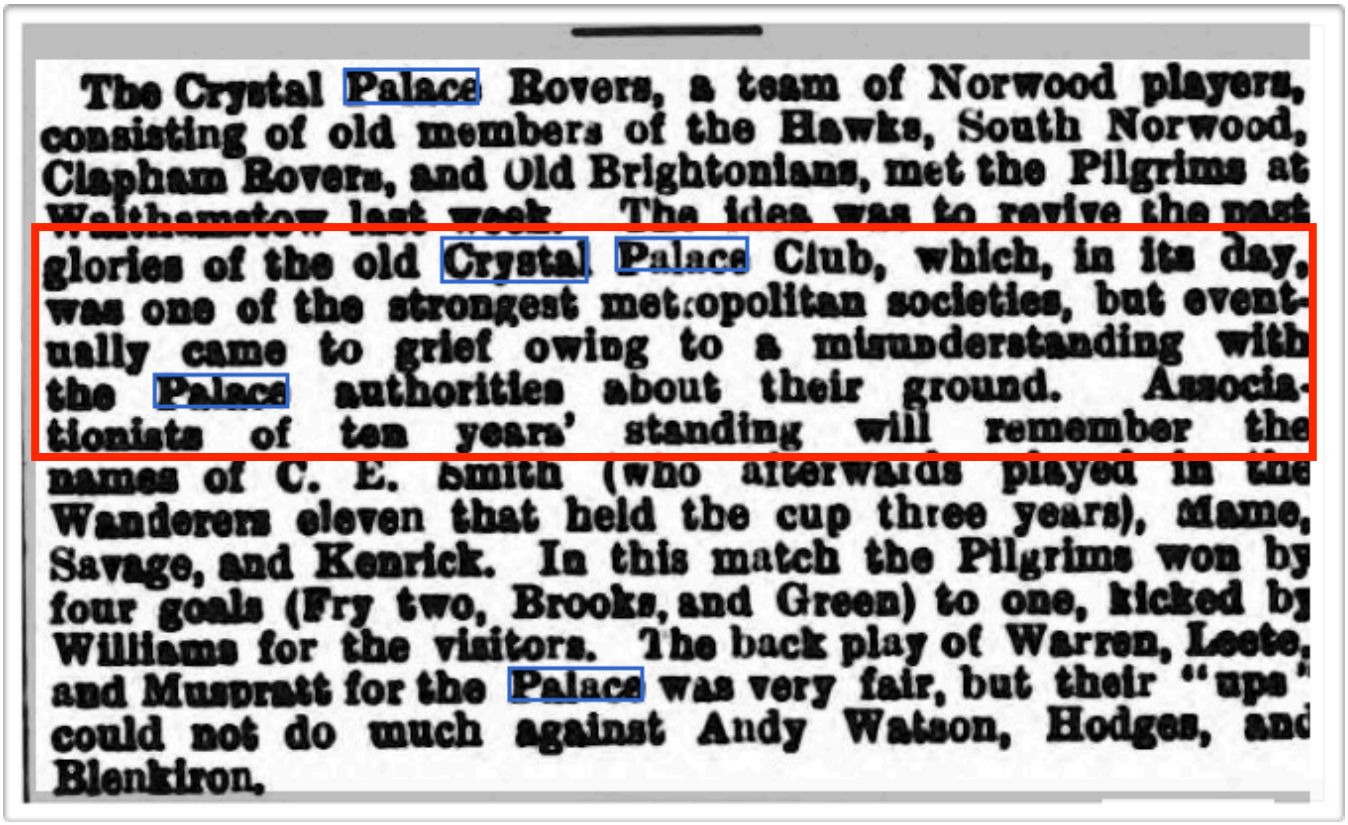
Significant Evidence

The Athletic News
17 January 1883



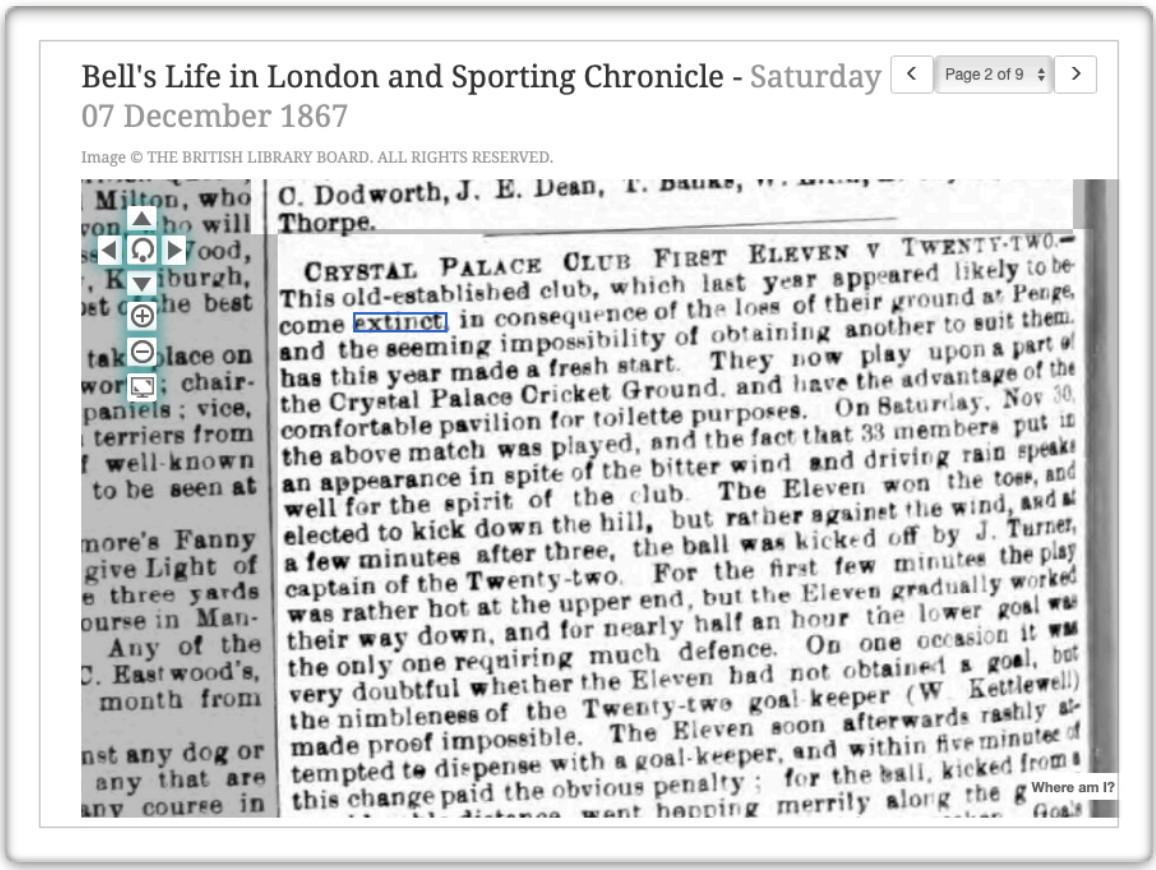
The Crystal Palace Rovers, a team of Norwood players, consisting of old members of the Hawks, South Norwood, Clapham Rovers, and Old Brightonians, met the Pilgrims at Walthamstow last week. The idea was to revive the past glories of the old Crystal Palace Club, which, in its day, was one of the strongest metropolitan societies, but eventually came to grief owing to a misunderstanding with the Palace authorities about their ground. Associationists of ten years' standing will remember the names of C. E. Smith (who afterwards played in the Wanderers eleven that held the cup three years), Mame, Savage, and Kenrick. In this match the Pilgrims won by four goals (Fry two, Brooks, and Green) to one, kicked by Williams for the visitors. The back play of Warren, Leete, and Muspratt for the Palace was very fair, but their "ups" could not do much against Andy Watson, Hodges, and Blenkiron.

This report in The Athletics News (The leading sports newspaper of the time) reveals the truth behind the relationship between CPFC 1861 and the CPC.

The 1883 report refers to Crystal Palace Rovers, who are described as a revival club of CP 1861. The club plays one match and we have included further detail on CPR later.

Highlighted in the report above we can clearly see that CPFC 1861 went out of existence due to a misunderstanding with the CPC over the ground.

This clearly shows that the two are not one of the same. That the relationship is landlord (CPC) and tenant (CPFC). After all one can hardly have a misunderstanding with oneself? and this single report dispels the myth that has been building that CPC owned/ran CPFC 1861.



Newspaper report describing how the Crystal Palace Football Club had been playing their matches at Penge and had found it extremely difficult to find another suitable found to play their matches on when this arrangement cam to a close.

Ultimately they ended up playing at The Crystal Palace, but if CPC owned CPFC 1861 then they would never have played at Penge (paying for facilities that the CPC could provide). Further, there would have been no difficulties in finding a ground if they were owned by CPC.

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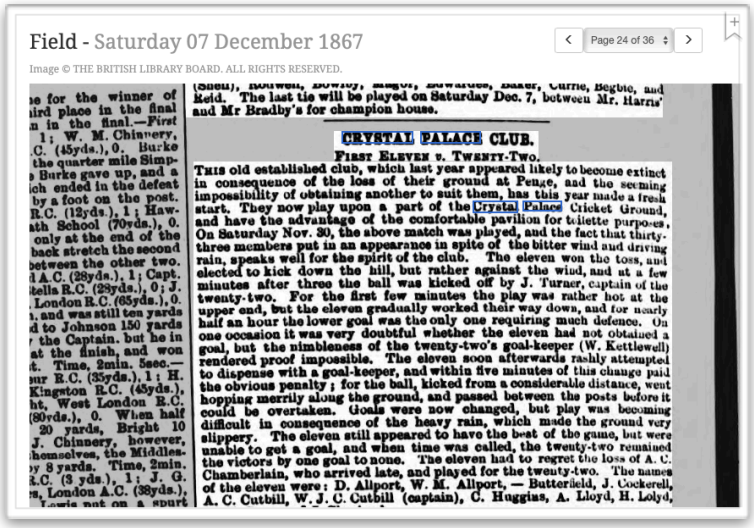

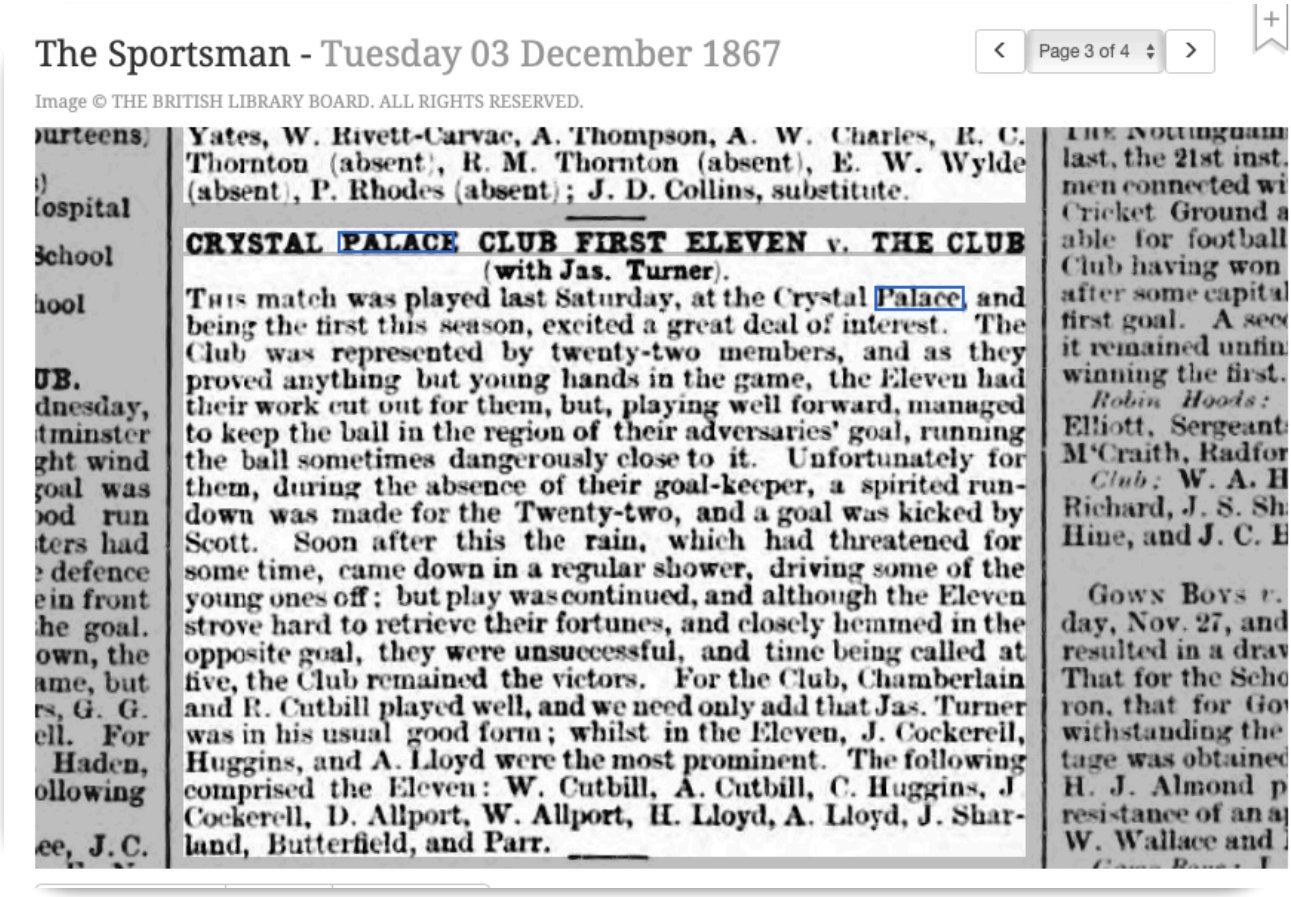

The Sportsman math report for the same game.

This is the one that Manning chose to reference in his book. Out of the 3 available it is the one that doesn't disprove his hypothesis.

It is also the hardest one to find our of the three. Are we to believe that Manning found the hardest one first and did not look at the other two?

Athletics and Football by Montague Sherman (1888)

Used as the reference to validate the myth that CPC established the Cricket and Football Clubs. The source does not do this.

ATHLETICS AND FOOTBALL

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MONTAGUE SHEARMAN

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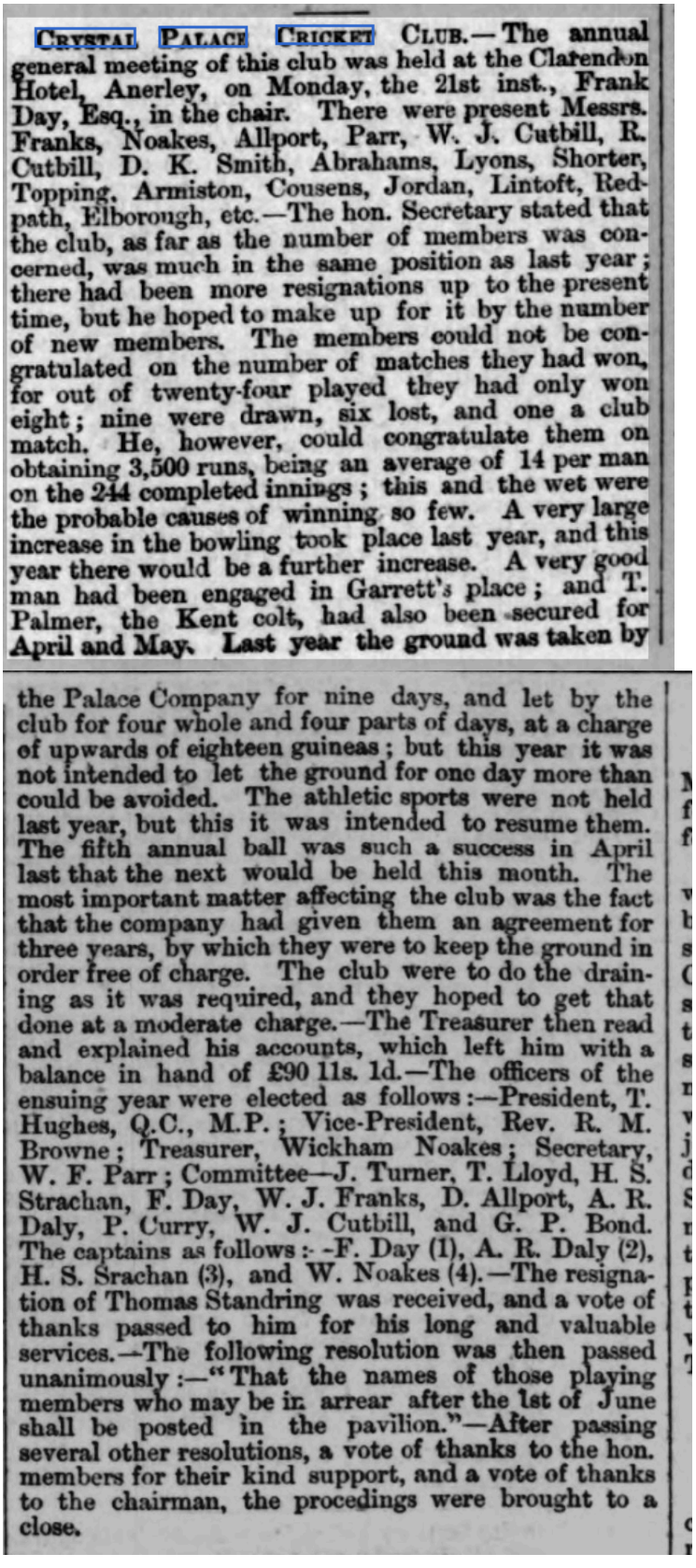
the Universities and around the large towns. At Cambridge old members of the schools which played the dribbling game appear to have been indulging in matches as early as 1855 : and about the same time the game was begun again regularly in Sheffield. Two clubs, the Sheffield and Hallam clubs, were founded simultaneously in 1857. We believe, however, that a club which played the dribbling game under the title of the 'Forest Club,' and existed near Epping Forest, claimed before its untimely decease the honour of being the first football club of modern times. In 1858 some old Rugbeians and old boys of the Blackheath Proprietary School started the famous Blackheath Club to play the Rugby game, and in the following year their great rivals in the game, the Richmond Club, came into existence. Soon after 1860 there was a great football 'boom' at Sheffield, and several fresh clubs sprang up, and indeed from that time for the next fifteen years the Sheffielders could put an eleven into the field able to meet any other eleven in the kingdom. Meantime in London several dribbling clubs were being established, the Crystal Palace in 1861 and the Civil Service and Barnes in 1862. So far the dribbling clubs were decidedly in the majority, as besides Richmond and Blackheath and the Harlequins we believe there were no other regularly constituted clubs playing the Rugby rules before 1863. In 1863 the first move towards football organisation was made, and after much exposition in the columns of the press of the necessity for assimilation of rules, an attempt was made in the autumn of that year by the leading London clubs to settle a uniform code of rules for all players. The suggested compromise between the essentially different games which were being played was to allow running either when the ball was caught on a fair catch, or caught on a bound, and it was even proposed before the committee which met to frame the 'compromise' rules that hacking and tripping should be allowed when the adversary was running with the ball. Before the discussion of the rules was over in London, however, some of the dribbling players at Cambridge had also elected a committee and drawn up a set of rules upon which the

The 1872 Annual General Meeting report for Crystal Palace Cricket Club

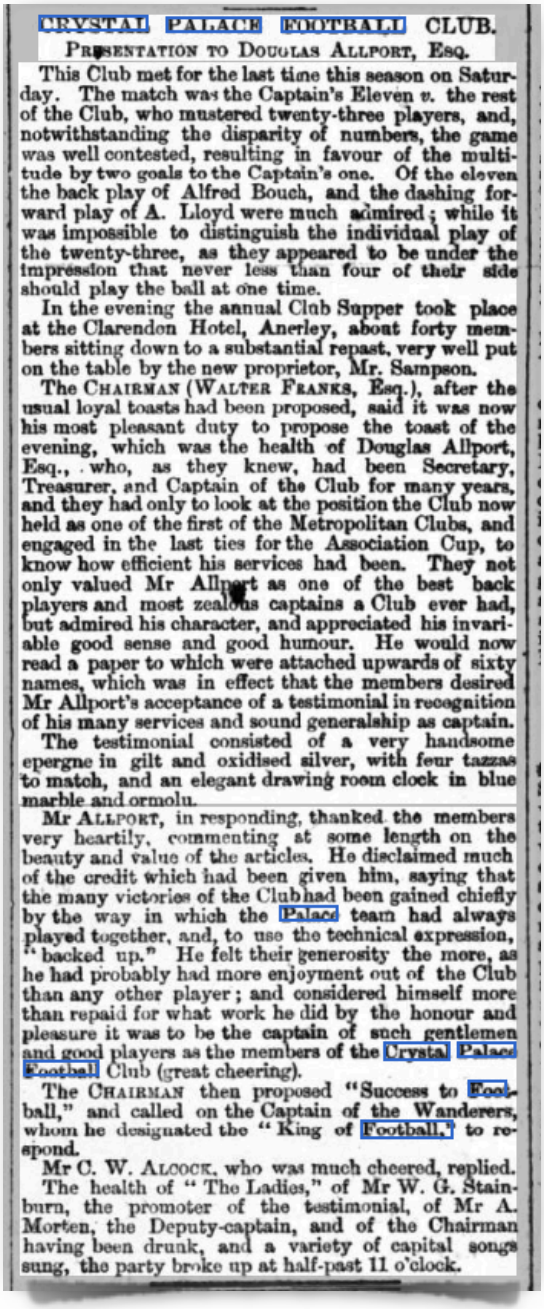
This report confirms that CPCC were a members club that was governing itself and was not being run by CPC, contrary to what is being claimed by Manning/CPFC.



CRYSTAL PALACE CRICKET CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Anerley, on Monday, the 21st inst., Frank Day, Esq., in the chair. There were present Messrs. Franks, Noakes, Allport, Parr, W. J. Cutbill, R. Cutbill, D. K. Smith, Abrahams, Lyons, Shorter, Topping, Armiston, Cousens, Jordan, Lintoft, Redpath, Elborough, etc.—The hon. Secretary stated that the club, as far as the number of members was concerned, was much in the same position as last year; there had been more resignations up to the present time, but he hoped to make up for it by the number of new members. The members could not be congratulated on the number of matches they had won, for out of twenty-four played they had only won eight; nine were drawn, six lost, and one a club match. He, however, could congratulate them on obtaining 3,500 runs, being an average of 14 per man on the 244 completed innings; this and the wet were the probable causes of winning so few. A very large increase in the bowling took place last year, and this year there would be a further increase. A very good man had been engaged in Garrett's place; and T. Palmer, the Kent colt, had also been secured for April and May. Last year the ground was taken by the Palace Company for nine days, and let by the club for four whole and four parts of days, at a charge of upwards of eighteen guineas; but this year it was not intended to let the ground for one day more than could be avoided. The athletic sports were not held last year, but this it was intended to resume them. The fifth annual ball was such a success in April last that the next would be held this month. The most important matter affecting the club was the fact that the company had given them an agreement for three years, by which they were to keep the ground in order free of charge. The club were to do the draining as it was required, and they hoped to get that done at a moderate charge.—The Treasurer then read and explained his accounts, which left him with a balance in hand of £90 11s. 1d.—The officers of the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, T. Hughes, Q.C., M.P.; Vice-President, Rev. R. M. Browne; Treasurer, Wickham Noakes; Secretary, W. F. Parr; Committee—J. Turner, T. Lloyd, H. S. Strachan, F. Day, W. J. Franks, D. Allport, A. R. Daly, P. Curry, W. J. Cutbill, and G. P. Bond. The captains as follows:—F. Day (1), A. R. Daly (2), H. S. Srachan (3), and W. Noakes (4).—The resignation of Thomas Standring was received, and a vote of thanks passed to him for his long and valuable services.—The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—"That the names of those playing members who may be in arrear after the 1st of June shall be posted in the pavilion."—After passing several other resolutions, a vote of thanks to the hon. members for their kind support, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, the procedings were brought to a close.

Report of Crystal Palace FC (1861) forma dinner 1872

This report of the event confirms that the Football Club was being run in the same way as the CPCC as a members club that was governing itself.



CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB.

PRESENTATION TO DOUGLAS ALLPORT, ESQ.

This Club met for the last time this season on Saturday. The match was the Captain's Eleven *v.* the rest of the Club, who mustered twenty-three players, and, notwithstanding the disparity of numbers, the game was well contested, resulting in favour of the multitude by two goals to the Captain's one. Of the eleven the back play of Alfred Bouch, and the dashing forward play of A. Lloyd were much admired; while it was impossible to distinguish the individual play of the twenty-three, as they appeared to be under the impression that never less than four of their side should play the ball at one time.

In the evening the annual Club Supper took place at the Clarendon Hotel, Anerley, about forty members sitting down to a substantial repast, very well put on the table by the new proprietor, Mr. Sampson.

The CHAIRMAN (WALTER FRANKS, Esq.), after the usual loyal toasts had been proposed, said it was now his most pleasant duty to propose the toast of the evening, which was the health of Douglas Allport, Esq., who, as they knew, had been Secretary, Treasurer, and Captain of the Club for many years, and they had only to look at the position the Club now held as one of the first of the Metropolitan Clubs, and engaged in the last ties for the Association Cup, to know how efficient his services had been. They not only valued Mr Allport as one of the best back players and most zealous captains a Club ever had, but admired his character, and appreciated his invariable good sense and good humour. He would now read a paper to which were attached upwards of sixty names, which was in effect that the members desired Mr Allport's acceptance of a testimonial in recognition of his many services and sound generalship as captain.

The testimonial consisted of a very handsome epergne in gilt and oxidised silver, with four tazzas to match, and an elegant drawing room clock in blue marble and ormolu.

Mr ALLPORT, in responding, thanked the members very heartily, commenting at some length on the beauty and value of the articles. He disclaimed much of the credit which had been given him, saying that the many victories of the Club had been gained chiefly by the way in which the Palace team had always played together, and, to use the technical expression, "backed up." He felt their generosity the more, as he had probably had more enjoyment out of the Club than any other player; and considered himself more than repaid for what work he did by the honour and pleasure it was to be the captain of such gentlemen and good players as the members of the Crystal Palace Football Club (great cheering).

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "Success to Football," and called on the Captain of the Wanderers, whom he designated the "King of Football," to respond.

Mr C. W. ALCOCK, who was much cheered, replied.

The health of "The Ladies," of Mr W. G. Stainburn, the promoter of the testimonial, of Mr A. Morten, the Deputy-captain, and of the Chairman having been drunk, and a variety of capital songs sung, the party broke up at half-past 11 o'clock.

England's Oldest Football Clubs 1815-1889

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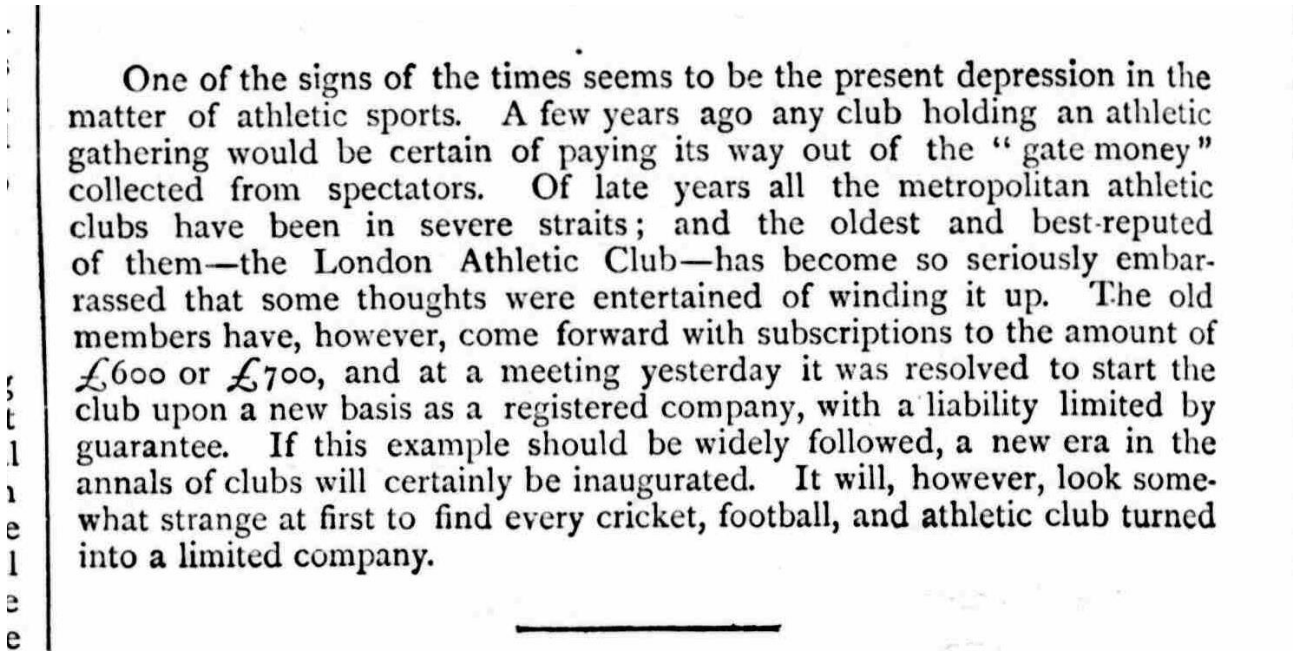
7. (1861 –1875) Crystal Palace FC. London and Middlesex. Joined the FA 8th December 1863.



One of the signs of the times seems to be the present depression in the matter of athletic sports. A few years ago any club holding an athletic gathering would be certain of paying its way out of the "gate money" collected from spectators. Of late years all the metropolitan athletic clubs have been in severe straits; and the oldest and best-reputed of them—the London Athletic Club—has become so seriously embarrassed that some thoughts were entertained of winding it up. The old members have, however, come forward with subscriptions to the amount of £600 or £700, and at a meeting yesterday it was resolved to start the club upon a new basis as a registered company, with a liability limited by guarantee. If this example should be widely followed, a new era in the annals of clubs will certainly be inaugurated. It will, however, look somewhat strange at first to find every cricket, football, and athletic club turned into a limited company.

Origin – Cricket

The origin of Crystal Palace FC is far from clear with many uncorroborated internet claims; one such is that it was formed in 1861 by groundkeepers who worked at the famous Crystal Palace Exhibition building. Another theory is that local athletes, public schoolboys and professionals from the local villages of Penge and Sydenham founded the club. I think the origin is more likely cricket.

The early 1861 date comes from the 1873 edition of the 'Football Annual', but the foundation date was originally listed as 1863 in the 1868 'Football Annual'.

Football Annual	Ground	Foundation Date	Code	Hon. Sec.	Members	Colours

1868	Crystal Palace	1863	Association	Walter J. Cutbill, (Sec and Capt.)	60	Blue and white
1869	Crystal Palace	1863	Association	Walter J. Cutbill	70	Blue and white, with blue serge knickerbockers
1870	Crystal Palace	1863	Association	D. Allport	About 65 members	Blue and white, with blue serge knickerbockers
1871	Crystal Palace	1863	Association	D. Allport	70	Blue and white, with blue serge knickerbockers
1872	Crystal Palace	1863	Association	D. Allport	70	Blue and white jersey with blue serge knickerbockers and stockings
1873	Crystal Palace	1861	Association	D. Allport & L.H. Neame	70	Blue and white jersey, blue serge knickerbockers and dark blue stockings
1874	Crystal Palace	1861	Association	C.E. Smith	70	Blue and white jersey, blue serge knickerbockers and dark blue stockings
1875	Crystal Palace	1861	Association	C.E. Smith	70	Blue and white jersey, blue serge knickerbockers and dark blue stockings

(I am usually more confident with the first date listed for a foundation date, as it is closer to the actual event; but 1863 is definitely wrong because there is a match report for March 1862.)

Crystal Palace attended the inaugural meetings of the Football Association in 1863, in the persons of Mr James Turner and Mr Francis Day, secretary. Crystal Palace joined the FA in 1863 and competed in the first FA Cup (making the semi–finals); they played in the next four competitions until 1876. James Turner from Croydon went on to be the Football Association's first Treasurer from 1864 to 1868, albeit at a time when they were generating very little income, but he can certainly be described as one of the founding fathers of the FA.

There was an early cricket team also called Crystal Palace in 1861 (below). Note that a 'F. Day' played; almost certainly the same Francis Day as above. Like many cricket clubs before and after them, did they start a football team as a method of winter exercise in the autumn of 1861?

('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Sunday 01 September 1861).

They played Forest FC (Forest's first official match against 'foreign' opponents) on the 15th March 1862, Cutbill, W. Allport, F. Day and J. Turner all played in this match, then again in April 1862:

('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Sunday 13 April 1862).

James Turner, goal keeper and captain by 1864, performed sterling work:

BARNES v CRYSTAL PALACE. This match was played on Saturday, Feb 27, on the Barnes ground, fifteen on a side. Barnes won the toss and took the choice of goals, but as there was no wind, and the ground is perfectly level, they gained no advantage. Crystal Palace had the kick-off. The game was very evenly contested for some time, the forward players on each side keeping the ball constantly on the ground and in the centre, Hay and Waller on the part of

CRYSTAL PALACE v EAST SURREY (RETURN).

This match was played at the Crystal Palace Ground, on Aug 17, and was decided in favour of the Crystal Palace on the first innings, by 40 runs. Score:

EAST SURREY		CRYSTAL PALACE	
Knox, b Day	2	W. Noakes, b Winterflood	1
Hammond, c Bevington, b Price	15	Bicknell, b Reynes	3
J. Parsley, c and b Day	0	Barber, hit w, b Lewin	29
Nicholls, c Barber, b Price	6	Rev R. Brown, b Reynes	7
Lewin, c Hobson, b Cooper	34	T. Bevington, b Winterflood	15
E. Watts, b Price	12	J. A. Hobson, not out	31
Greenlalade, b Day	1	R. E. Price, c Winterflood, b Lewin	27
Winterflood, b Price	11	T. Lloyd, c Winterflood, b Reynes	0
J. K. City, b Price	1	F. Day, c Emergency, b Reynes	0
Mockett, not out	6	W. Cooper, b Winterflood	0
T. Reynes, absent	0	T. Standring, c Lewison, b Lewin	1
L b 4, w b 5, n b 2	11	B 8, l b 5, w b 4, n b 2	19
Total	93	Total	135

In the second innings of East Surrey, Knox scored (b Price) 1, Nicholls (c Bicknell, b Day) 1, Lewin (b Day) 20, Watts (not out) 1, Winterflood (b Day) 2, Mockett (b Day) 0; b 2, w b 2—total 35.

CRICKET AT BRUSSELS

FOOTBALL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

FOREST CLUB v CRYSTAL PALACE.

The return match between these two clubs came off on Saturday week, on the ground of the latter, at the Palace. The weather, which had been fine for the previous two or three days, was again wet, and the ground was not in first-rate condition. Despite drawbacks, however, play commenced at three o'clock, and continued till five. The result was another victory for the Forest Club, for at the conclusion of the game they had obtained four goals, their adversaries none. Three of these were kicked by Mr Pardoe, and the other by Mr C. Bigland. The play on both sides was good, but it was evident that the Forest Club were decidedly superior to their opponents, who admitted that they (the Forest Club) had it all their own way. The players were—Forest Club: Messrs J. P. Alcock, C. W. Alcock, H. Bigland, C. Bigland, A. J. Burness, F. W. Connery, C. D. Jackson, D. J. Morgan, J. Pardoe, J. Robertson, W. J. B. Standidge, C. Tebbut, A. Tebbut, F. W. Woodward, and A. W. Mackenzie.—Crystal Palace: Messrs W. Allport, F. Bevington, W. Cutbill, E. Cutbill, F. Day, T. Jackson, T. Lloyd, H. Lloyd, H. Lloyd jun. W. Noakes, Sharland, J. Turner, T. Unwick, H. Wood, and A. Wood.

Barnes, and Desborough, Sharland, and Cutbill for the Crystal Palace making some very good play for their respective sides. When after a while, the ball came a little out of the ruck, O'Leary, who was playing back for Barnes made a fine long kick at the Crystal Palace goal, but their captain (Turner), whose goal keeping was admirable throughout the game by leaping in the air made a catch above his head, in doing which he fell on the goal-post knocking it down, while he managed very dexterously to roll with the ball on the outside. The Crystal Palace were indebted to Mr Turner for services of this character several times during the game. The

Barnes men, in endeavouring to press their advantage to a successful issue, had left their back-ground insufficiently guarded, and a long kick from the Crystal Palace captain having put most of them offside. Desborough and Sharland ran the ball with great speed behind the Barnes goal, and the latter gentleman, touching it down, made the first goal for the Crystal Palace. Barnes now kicked off, and the game became hotter than ever. The ball having for awhile hung about the Crystal Palace goal, Drake made a catch and taking a place kick in a slanting direction, drove the ball over the heads of the adversaries between the Crystal Palace goal posts. Each side had now got one goal, and the time limited for play fast drawing to a close, each side did their best to win the third goal. The ball, however, showed a preference for the Crystal Palace end of the ground, and after some good play Greenhill for Barnes, kicked the ball through the goal posts but an objection having been raised that one of the Barnes men had just before touched the ball when he was off side, it was allowed, and the ball was again kicked off from the Palace goal line, and in about five minutes Mossenden, for Barnes, succeeded in punting the ball into the adversaries' goal. The game having lasted one hour and three-quarters, stood thus: -Crystal Palace, 1 goal; Barnes, 2 goals. ('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Saturday 05 March 1864).

C.C.C. was the abbreviation for Clapham Common Club, which became Clapham FC (1865f); they played Crystal Palace in early 1865:

C.C.C. v CRYSTAL PALACE. On Jan 7 the C.C.C. went down to Penge with rather a weak team to contend with the Crystal Palace club in a field behind the Crooked Billet. Play was commenced with praiseworthy punctuality on both sides at three o'clock, and the C.C.C. having lost the toss for choice of goals, were forced to kick uphill; in addition to this they were at a disadvantage owing to their ignorance of their opponents' rules (those of the Football Association, and which, we think, would be none the worse for some alterations). The C.P.C soon obtained a touchdown, but the place kick was unsuccessful. The C.C.C. then pulled themselves together and succeeded in gaining two touch downs behind the goal of the C.P.C, both well got by C. E. Cuthell, but they were at too great a distance from goal to allow the place kicks to come off. After this the game was most equally contested, though, owing the superior weight of the C.P.C., the ball was more frequently behind the goal of the C.C.C. The game ended in a draw at 4.30, neither side obtaining a goal. For the*

Crystal Palace, R. Abraham and J. Turner did their side good service; while for the C.C.C. the brothers Cuthell and J. Tayloe were, as usual, conspicuous for their good play. We think that had there been less free kicking and more dribbling on the part of the C.P.C the game would have been greatly improved. The following are the names of the C.C.C., viz: T. Cuthell, C.

Cuthell, E. Turner, E. Roxby, F. Soden, A. Turner, J. Tayloe, Eastwick, C. Wright, P. Turner, H. Dealtry, C. Franks, J. Ker. ('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Saturday 14 January 1865).

*Cuthell is probably a typo for Cutbill. They play Clapham again later in the year:

CRYSTAL PALACE v. CLAPHAM. -A match between the above clubs was played at Penge on Saturday last, which terminated in favour of Palace by two goals to one, owing in great measure to superior weight. The former were kicked by R. Abraham and J. Turner, the latter by Taylor. For the Crystal Palace, J. Cockerill and T. Rohde played well; and for Clapham, A. Turner and Taylor. ('The Sportsman' - Saturday 04 November 1865).

Palace played Barnes the next month and the visitors were without their founder (and the FAs) - Ebenezer Cobb Morley:

NINE OF BARNES v. FOURTEEN OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE- A most exciting match was played at Penge last Saturday, Dec 2, between the above clubs. It was intended to play 15 a side, but only nine of Barnes Club could be got together. Mr. E. C. Morley (whose loss was much felt) not being able to play. In spite of the Crystal Palace Club having a majority of five men, the match ended in a draw, after an hour's severe play (recent rain having made the field very heavy for running), neither side obtaining a goal. To Messrs Roberts, Graham, Barnes and Le B. Smith great praise is due for their slashing play on the Barnes side. The other five are equally deserving of commendation, as each man did his best. ('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Saturday 09 December 1865).

On December 23rd 1865, the Palace team which played against Harrow Chequers at Penge was:

Allport, Abraham, A. Cutbill, E. Cutbill, W. Cutbill, Cockerell, Dodson, Foster, H. Lloyd, J. Lloyd, Morten, Tebbut, Turner (Capt.) and R. Stephenson. (Harrow Chequers 1 Crystal Palace 1).

By 1868 Crystal Palace had a new captain, D. Allport, and by 1870, he would also be the club's Hon. Sec.:

CRYSTAL PALACE v REIGATE. This match was played at Reigate on the 19th inst. The C.P.'s mustered 11 men, and their opponents being unexpectedly represented 13, transferred H. Trower, who proved most useful to the strangers. The C.P. captain, having won the toss, chose the upper goal, there being no wind, and the ground being very heavy on the lower side of the field. At three o'clock play commenced, and the home team led off by a vigorous attack upon their enemies' position. For the first half hour the play was very even, each side attacking in turn: but a goal was at last kicked for the Crystal Palace by R. Cutbill. Shortly after ends were changed a second was scored by T. Lloyd, but the next was obtained for Reigate by the eldest Klein, who accomplished a most difficult kick almost from the goal line, the ball passing along the ground within a foot of both posts. The goal keeper had previously run out, in consequence of a miss by one of his own side. Play was continued until a quarter-past four, and about one minute before the call of time a third goal was secured for the Palace by T. Lloyd, the ball being well "middled" to him by H. Lloyd. Thus the match ended in the victory of the strangers by three goals to one. For the Palace, R. Cutbill, A. Lloyd, and C. C. Harvey played well, and the whole Reigate team deserved great praise. They played a losing game with much spirit, while the good temper exhibited, and the entire absence of wrangling, made the match a very pleasant contrast in their opponents' eyes, to another occasion, still fresh in their memory. The weakness of the Reigate side was entirely in their back play, they showed quite as strong a front as their

opponents. With three such men as W. S. De Mattos for "backs," they would have played a very strong game, and probably, turned the tables upon their opponents. The dribbling up the side of the ground by H. Richardson was very clever, but would have been more effective if supplemented by judicious "middling."- C. P.: D. Allport (captain), F. Alpe, A. Cutbill, R. Cutbill, W. G. F. Ellis, C. C. Harvey, A. Lloyd, H. Lloyd, T. Lloyd, W. F. Parr, J. Sharland, and H. Trower (emergency)- Reigate: Rev T. W. Rowell (captain), Clutton, Clutton, De Mattos, Hanbury, Keogh, Klein, Klein, Klein, Gribble, Richardson, and Wright. ('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Saturday 26 December 1868).

At an auction at Sotheby's in May 2014, a silver-plated tankard glass-bottom pint tankard inscribed with D. Allport's name, was sold for £550.00:

The sales catalogue said:

It is recorded that Palace's Mr D. Allport, presumably the same individual who is inscribed on this tankard, was of three Football Association members who were delegated with the task

to purchase the first F.A. Cup trophy for £20 which became known as the 'Little Tin Idol' and was competed for between 1872 and 1895.

As early as 1869 grudge matches were been referred to between Palace and Barnes, with the feud described as dating back to the *dark ages of football*:

BARNES v CRYSTAL PALACE. A pitched battle between these ancient clans, whose feud dates back to the dark ages of football, was fought on Saturday last Jan 23, at the Crystal Palace. The representative champions are enumerated below, and at 3:20 the fight began with a kick-off by the Sydenhamites, the Barnes team having won the toss occupying the lower goal, and playing with the wind. A most exciting game followed neither side appearing to gain any material advantage, but both playing with the vigour and energy always characteristic of these meetings. For Barnes, Warren warranted his great repute, being always in the front, but his effrontery had to be twice checked by the C. P. goal-keeper, A. Morten. This gentleman, though always in the way when wanted, found time to take a jaunt into the enemy's territory, going express, leaving in his wake a line of prostrate opponents, and very nearly achieving a goal for his party. The reporter of the Moniteur, who was present as usual, remarked, "He may be A. Mort-un, but he is by no means a dead-un." This was supposed by some to be a joke. Rhodes and P. Weston were always ready for a chance, and gave the Palace "backs" a deal of trouble, and so did Graham, who was charged very heavily for all he got, which was inhospitable on the part of the Palace Club. For the home party Abel, of course, was more able than anyone else, but Daukes deserve a dauxology. One of the Barnes men ran-up to Parr in the course of the game; but a heavy fall followed, and he remained at a discount for some time afterwards. The C. P.'s had to regret one slight accident early in the game, for the happiness of A. Lloyd was alloyed by a severe blow on the nose, which destroyed his "form" and disfigured his feature. At 4:45 "time" was called, but as it didn't answer play was discontinued, and the game declared drawn. BARNES. - R. G. Graham (captain), Collins, H. Hackblock, Holt, W. Nettleship, P. Rhodes, C. Routh, Stone C. Warren, E. Weston, and P. Weston. CRYSTAL PALACE. - D. Allport (captain), F. Abel, A. C. Chamberlin, R. Cutbill, S. W. Daukes, W. F. F. Ellis, C. Farquhar, A. Lloyd, A. Morten, G. Parr, and C. Eastlake Smith. ('Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle' - Saturday 30 January 1869).

Crystal Palace Club v. Forest School:

This match took place on the school ground at Walthamstow, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. and ended in a draw, each scoring one goal. For Crystal Palace, Borwick, Lloyd and Luscombe; for the School, Abbott, Barlow and Ellis (forwards), and J. P. Kessler (back) were most conspicuous – Forest School: F. J. Poole (captain), J. Ellis, R. W. Abbott, E. Shuttleworth, F. Knight, P. W. Kessler, E. Kessler, J. P. Kessler, J. W. M. Guy, E. P. Barlow, and G. A. Rouquette – Crystal Palace: D. Allport (captain), H. F. Abell, A. Borwick, A. Cutbill, R. Cutbill, J. W. Kingsford, A. Lloyd, F. Luscombe, J. M. Hartung, A. Slater, and W. G. Stainburn. ('Chelmsford Chronicle - Friday 12 November 1869).

On November 15th 1871, Crystal Palace played football against Charterhouse School; I cannot find this game in the press, but it is included in Malcolm Bailey's excellent book 'From Cloisters to Cup Finals'; the game was played at the school which won by 3-1.

The Royal Engineers played Crystal Palace in 1872:

... played a match at football at the Oval, Kennington, on Saturday. This match was consequent on the result of the game played on Monday last between the Wanderers and the Queen's-park Club, Glasgow, for the fourth ties for the Association Challenge Cup, which ended in a draw, and as the Scotch gentlemen were unable to visit the south again this season they were compelled to withdraw, consequently the Wanderers will have to meet the victors of Saturday to finally contend for the cup. The day was extremely fine, and there was a very large assemblage of spectators. Play commenced soon after three o'clock, and it was the first time that the alterations in the rules of the association, assimilating them more to the Rugby code, were put in force. At first the game was evenly contested, each goal in turn being invested. At last the Engineers, who were a most powerful team and very fast, kept the ball near the palace quarters, and they were not long in securing a goal, the final kick made by Lieutenant Renny-Tailyour for the Engineers. Although the Crystal Palace eleven tried all they knew to turn the tide in their favour, scarcely 10 minutes had elapsed before a third goal fell by the R. E's Renny-Tailyour being once more instrumental with its downfall. The Engineers will now have to meet the Wanderers on Saturday next to compete for the cup. Players-

Engineers: Captain Meriman (captain and goal keeper), Captain Marindin, half back: Lieutenants Boyle, Addison, Mitchell, Rich, Creswell, Renny-Tailyour, Cotter, Goodwin and Muirhead. Crystal Palace: D. Allport (Captain), W. M. Allport, C.C. Armitage, A. Bouch, W. Bouch F. Chappell, C. J. Chenery, A. Lloyd, A. Merten (goal), R. G. Rouquette, and F. Spreckley. ('Morning Post. Monday 11 March 1872).

(H.W. Renny-Tailyour was capped by England for both Association and Rugby codes.)

The penultimate match report I found for Palace was a game against Westminster School ('Morning Post' - Thursday 18 November 1875) in which C.E. Smith was now captain. He turned up playing cricket for Crystal Palace the following year ('Croydon Advertiser and East Surrey Reporter' - Saturday 22 July 1876).

In 1871 Crystal Palace competed in the first ever F.A. Cup competition and made their last
appearance in FA Cup against Wanderers 3–0 at Crystal Palace, with 4,000 spectators on
the 11th December 1875. I can find no later games than that clash with the Wanderers and I
think it was their last recorded game.

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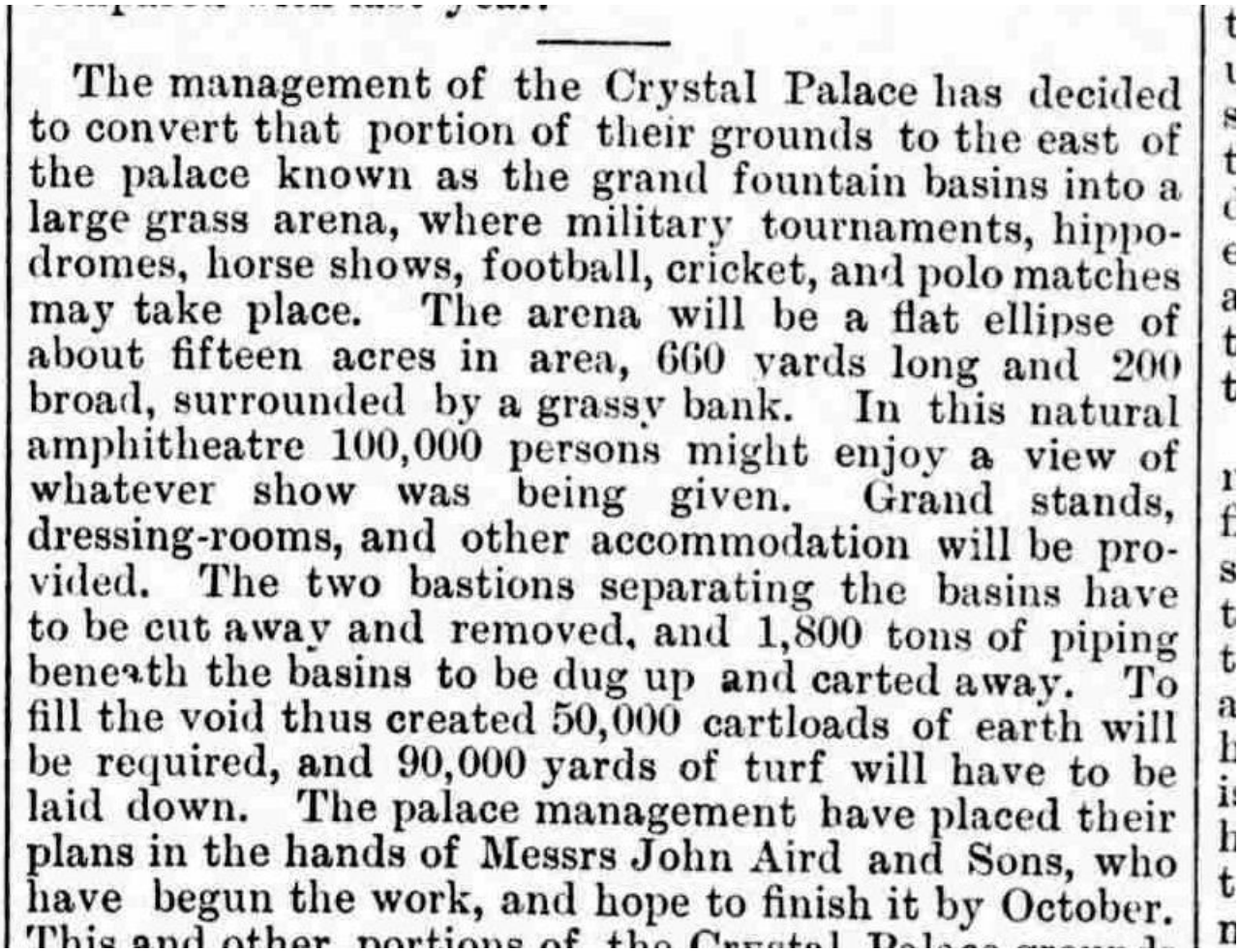
The club's likely demise was the increasing call from the old boys' clubs starting up and expecting their former pupils to join their club. The other possible reason, (which is just supposition on my part), is that they lost their ground. No other club started playing on the vacated space from 1875 and football ceased completely until 1894 when a new pitch was laid:



The management of the Crystal Palace has decided to convert that portion of their grounds to the east of the palace known as the grand fountain basins into a large grass arena, where military tournaments, hippodromes, horse shows, football, cricket, and polo matches may take place. The arena will be a flat ellipse of about fifteen acres in area, 660 yards long and 200 broad, surrounded by a grassy bank. In this natural amphitheatre 100,000 persons might enjoy a view of whatever show was being given. Grand stands, dressing-rooms, and other accommodation will be provided. The two bastions separating the basins have to be cut away and removed, and 1,800 tons of piping beneath the basins to be dug up and carted away. To fill the void thus created 50,000 cartloads of earth will be required, and 90,000 yards of turf will have to be laid down. The palace management have placed their plans in the hands of Messrs John Aird and Sons, who have begun the work, and hope to finish it by October.

('The Era' - Saturday 19 May 1894).

The Crystal Palace sports arena that was subsequently developed became important when the FA decided to play the Cup Final there in 1895.It can be described as England's first national stadium, as the Kennington Cricket Oval had been filling in until this point as the venue for FA Cup finals. The pitch was located at the centre of the oval track and to the west there was a central pavilion flanked by two stands that could provide seating for 3,000 spectators. The first FA Cup final was held there in 1895, attracting many more spectators than there were seats (42,560) and the finals continued to be played there for twenty years, until 1914.

Kit: Blue and white (1868)
Early Ground: Crystal Palace (1868)

Crystal Palace Rovers

It has been brought to our attention that in 1883 a team called Crystal Palace Rovers played in 1883 and that they were a revival club of CPFC 1861. Some have suggested this means that the amateur club of 1861 continued and did not disbanded in 1876.

Indeed there was such a team and it is reported that they are a revival of the old club.

However, reports only exist of a single Tuesday afternoon game on 9 January 1883. The match was reported in six newspapers, including ones as far a field as Sheffield. If the side had continued to play then it would be expected that some of these would be reported. There is no other mention of a CP Rovers during the thirty-year gap between CPFC 1861 and CPFC 1905.

Despite this club appearing too be an attempt to resurrect the original club we suggest that a one-match team cannot be used to suggest continued lineage forward to 1905. Furthermore, it indicates that CPFC 1861 had been disbanded, otherwise why would it be described as a 'revival' of the club?

It is interesting to note that this team was called Rovers. Does this indicate that they knew they would not be playing at the Crystal Palace Park? In one of the final planned games of the 1861 club, who had not played at Crystal Palace Pak since 9 January 1875, *Bell's Life* list a game for 27 December 1875 to be played at South Norwood between the home side and Crystal Palace Wanderers. No report exists of the game, and *Bell's Life* at the start of January 1876 says that only one association game took place over the festivities. Do the names here indicate that both points in time these clubs accepted their disconnect with the Crystal Palace Park?

We have spent time checking the names of the CPR team and cross-referencing them against the 1905 directors who formed the CPFC 1905 to see if there were any links. There are none. The 1883 game does not advance the case that the current club was founded prior to September 1905.

A report of the 1883 game in *The Athletic News* provides a crucial piece of evidence in the overall debate. It informs us that the idea behind the game against the Pilgrims was *"to revive the past glories of the old Crystal Palace Club, which, in its day, was one of the strongest metropolitan societies, but eventually came to grief owing to a misunderstanding with the Palace authorities about their ground."*

This extract shows the 1861 Club was:

- a society of members
- not part of the CPC, with whom they had fallen into dispute,
- folded following a misunderstanding over their ground, and
- had ceased to exist for some time by 1883.

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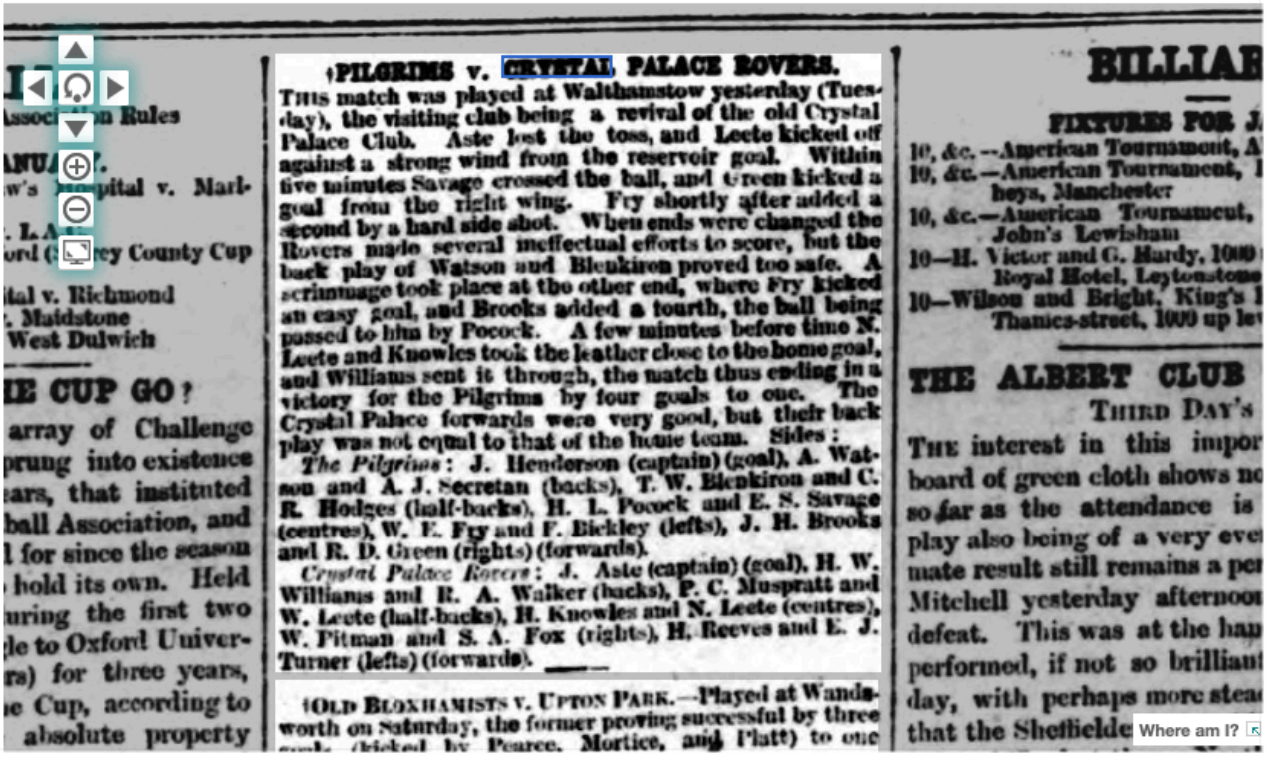

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PILGRIMS v. CRYSTAL PALACE ROVERS.

THIS match was played at Walthamstow yesterday (Tuesday), the visiting club being a revival of the old Crystal Palace Club. Aste lost the toss, and Leete kicked off against a strong wind from the reservoir goal. Within five minutes Savage crossed the ball, and Green kicked a goal from the right wing. Fry shortly after added a second by a hard side shot. When ends were changed the Rovers made several ineffectual efforts to score, but the back play of Watson and Blenkiron proved too safe. A scrimmage took place at the other end, where Fry kicked an easy goal, and Brooks added a fourth, the ball being passed to him by Pocock. A few minutes before time M. Leete and Knowles took the leather close to the home goal, and Williams sent it through, the match thus ending in a victory for the Pilgrims by four goals to one. The Crystal Palace forwards were very good, but their back play was not equal to that of the home team. Sides:

The Pilgrims: J. Henderson (captain) (goal), A. Watson and A. J. Secretan (backs), T. W. Blenkiron and C. R. Hodges (half-backs), H. L. Pocock and E. S. Savage (centres), W. E. Fry and F. Bickley (lefts), J. H. Brooks and R. D. Green (rights) (forwards).

Crystal Palace Rovers: J. Aste (captain) (goal), H. W. Williams and R. A. Walker (backs), P. C. Muspratt and W. Leete (half-backs), H. Knowles and N. Leete (centres), W. Pitman and S. A. Fox (rights), H. Reeves and E. J. Turner (lefts) (forwards).

OLD BLOXHAMISTS v. UPTON PARK.—Played at Wandsworth on Saturday, the former proving successful by three goals (kicked by Pearce, Mortice, and Platt) to one

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The Athletic News
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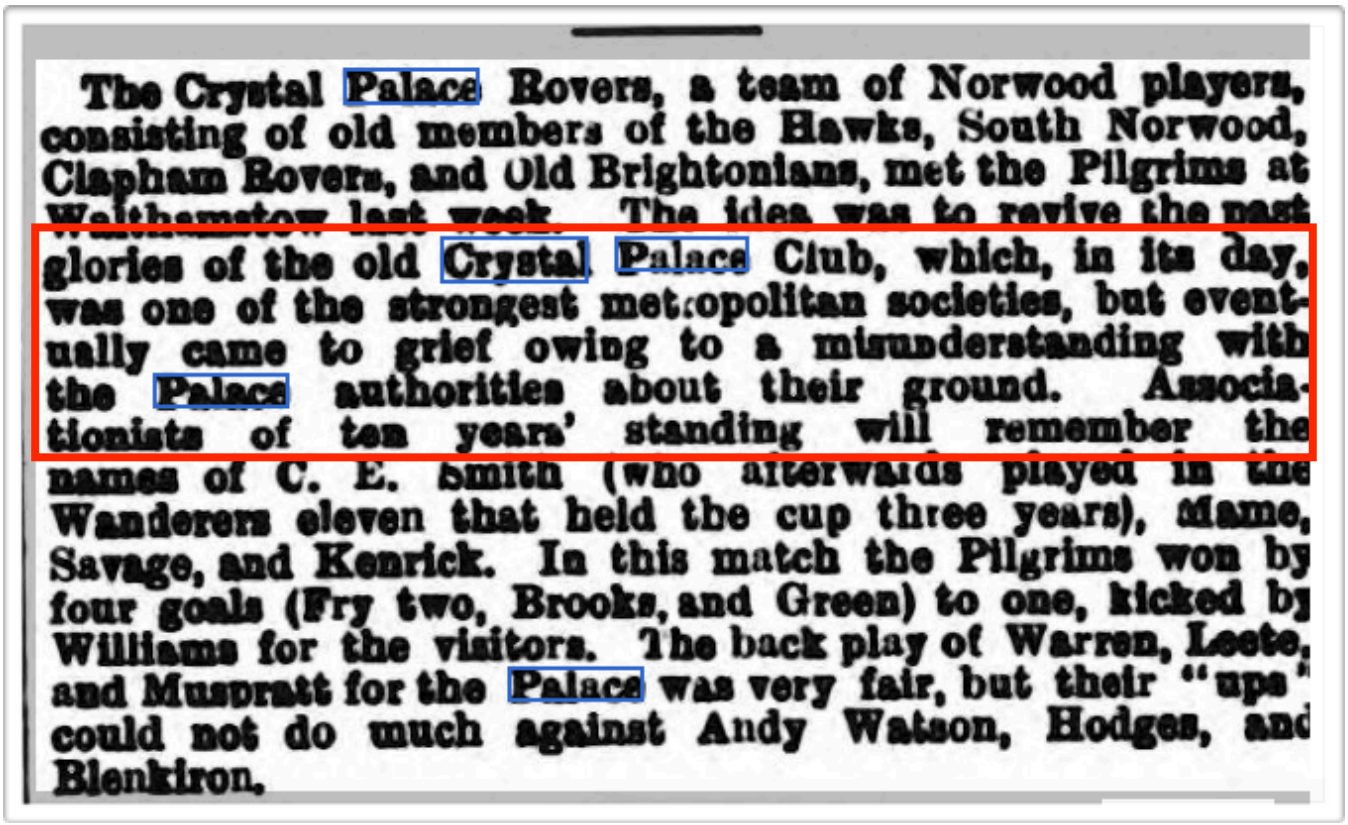

The Crystal Palace Rovers, a team of Norwood players, consisting of old members of the Hawks, South Norwood, Clapham Rovers, and Old Brightonians, met the Pilgrims at Walthamstow last week. The idea was to revive the past glories of the old Crystal Palace Club, which, in its day, was one of the strongest metropolitan societies, but eventually came to grief owing to a misunderstanding with the Palace authorities about their ground. Association of ten years' standing will remember the names of C. E. Smith (who afterwards played in the Wanderers eleven that held the cup three years), Mame, Savage, and Kenrick. In this match the Pilgrims won by four goals (Fry two, Brooks, and Green) to one, kicked by Williams for the visitors. The back play of Warren, Leete, and Muspratt for the Palace was very fair, but their "ups" could not do much against Andy Watson, Hodges, and Blenkiron.

This report in The Athletics News (The leading sports newspaper of the time) reveals the truth behind the relationship between CPFC 1861 and the CPC.

The 1883 report refers to Crystal Palace Rovers, who are described as a revival club of CP 1861. The club plays one match and we have included further detail on CPR later.

Highlighted in the report above we can clearly see that CPFC 1861 went out of existence due to a misunderstanding with the CPC over the ground.

This clearly shows that the two are not one of the same. That the relationship is landlord (CPC) and tenant (CPFC). After all one can hardly have a misunderstanding with oneself? and this single report dispels the myth that has been building that CPC owned/ran CPFC 1861.

The following screen shot shows the 6 mentions that CP Rovers receive in over , all of which relate to a single match. CPR disappear from history after this point.

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... Metropolitan Volunteer Corps, at National Rifle Association, 12, Pall Mall East. Football—Al Walthamstow, Pilgrims v. **Crystal Palace Rovers**. ...

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... Mackia and 8. W. Poulton (right), W. Blackwell and G. Drewett (left), F. Uazekline and J. Wilks (centre). PHOBIXS **CRYSTAL PALACE ROVERS**. A match between these dobs was played last Tuesday at Walthamstow. A high wind, coupled with the slippery turf, did ...

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Crystal Palace: A Complete Record
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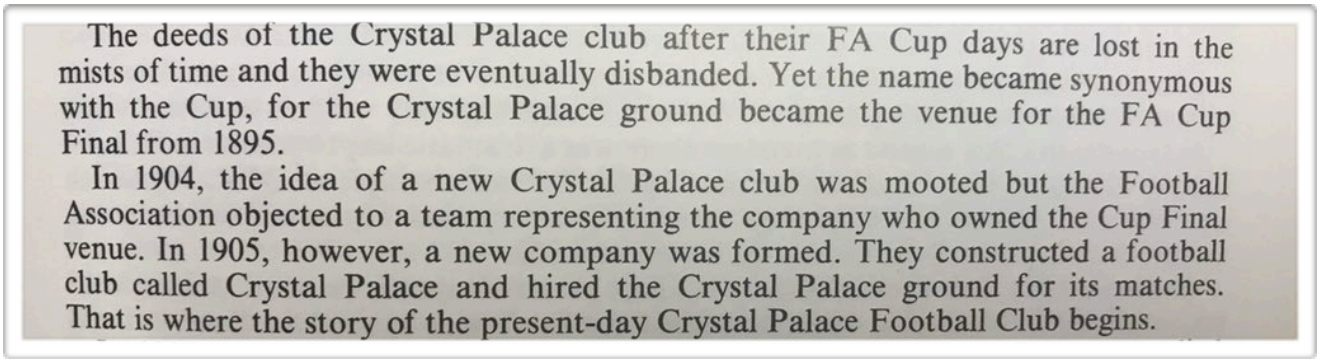

The deeds of the Crystal Palace club after their FA Cup days are lost in the mists of time and they were eventually disbanded. Yet the name became synonymous with the Cup, for the Crystal Palace ground became the venue for the FA Cup Final from 1895.

In 1904, the idea of a new Crystal Palace club was mooted but the Football Association objected to a team representing the company who owned the Cup Final venue. In 1905, however, a new company was formed. They constructed a football club called Crystal Palace and hired the Crystal Palace ground for its matches. That is where the story of the present-day Crystal Palace Football Club begins.

I've only been able to consult this one book of Crystal Palace's own history. The Breedon set of books are considered to be an excellent reference, but are not always perfect.

Mike Purkiss clearly has found some evidence here about how the club were not allowed to run a football club prior to the 1905 team.

The FA objecting to the Company who owned the pitch where the FA Cup final was played being able to enter a team into the competition. Clearly the CP Company had made efforts to have a team. Here we can see that they clearly did not have a team for the period of time leading up to 1905 and therefore no continuity.

The 1895 corinthian incarnation may have been an attempt to get things in motion to create a team. But this had failed and the above is probably one of the reasons why. It seems reasonable to assume that from the moment CP hosted the FA Cup Final they didn't have a team. Efforts were made but rebuffed.

The 1905 club had to be created as a separate company. It is not known if this was the CP Company in disguise, creating a backdoor way of getting a club to be FA Affiliated, as they do then invest as the major stake holder. Even if we accept this as a CP Company one club, the above proves there was no lineage between an amateur side and the pro side.

The Crystal Palace Story

IT WAS Queen Victoria's Consort, Prince Albert, whose idea for a building made of glass for the Great Exhibition gave birth to the Crystal Palace. In 1851, Queen Victoria opened the Crystal Palace in Hyde Park and three years later it was moved to Sydenham Hill, a grass and woodland area. It became a site for leisure and holiday events and attracted tourists and local visitors, until the building was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1936. Only two towers survived the blaze and they were demolished during World War Two.

Back in 1861, however, the Crystal Palace thrived and that year the staff formed a football team. Ten years later, that original Crystal Palace club became one of the 15 founder entrants to the FA Cup competition.

The early rounds saw many teething troubles and poor organization, which in some way helped the Crystal Palace club. Their first game was against Hitchin and ended in a goalless draw. Under the rules, no replay was required and both teams progressed to the next round. Palace were drawn at home to Maidenhead and won 3-0. The third-round draw gave Palace an away game against The Wanderers. This, too, was drawn (alas, no record of the score survives), but when other clubs withdrew, Crystal Palace and The Wanderers found themselves propelled straight into the semi-final. At the Kennington Oval, Palace lost 3-0 to Royal Engineers.

The following season, Oxford University, who went on to reach that year's Final, knocked Palace out in the first round. In 1874, Swifts beat Palace 1-0 in the first round and in 1875, Palace lost 2-1 at Cambridge University after a drawn game. In 1876, which was the original Crystal Palace's last year in the FA Cup, the 105th Army Regiment lost a first-round replay 3-0 before The Wanderers reversed that scoreline in the next round.

During this short early period, the Palace club saw four of their players capped for England against Scotland. Charles John Chenery appeared in the first-ever international, playing in the forward line in Glasgow on 30 November 1872. Chenery, who also played soccer for The Wanderers and first-class cricket for Surrey, won two more caps in 1873 when he scored, and in 1874. Alex Morten was in goal in 1873, as was A.H.Savage in 1876. Charles Eastlake Smith also played in the 1876 game. Morten had appeared in the unofficial international of 1870, only on that occasion he represented the Scots.

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In 1905, the Palace board, under the chairmanship of Sydney Bourne, applied — along with Chelsea and Clapton Orient — to join the Football League. Chelsea and Orient were accepted but the League rejected Palace, who then had difficulty in obtaining entrance to the Southern League, starting in the Second Division.

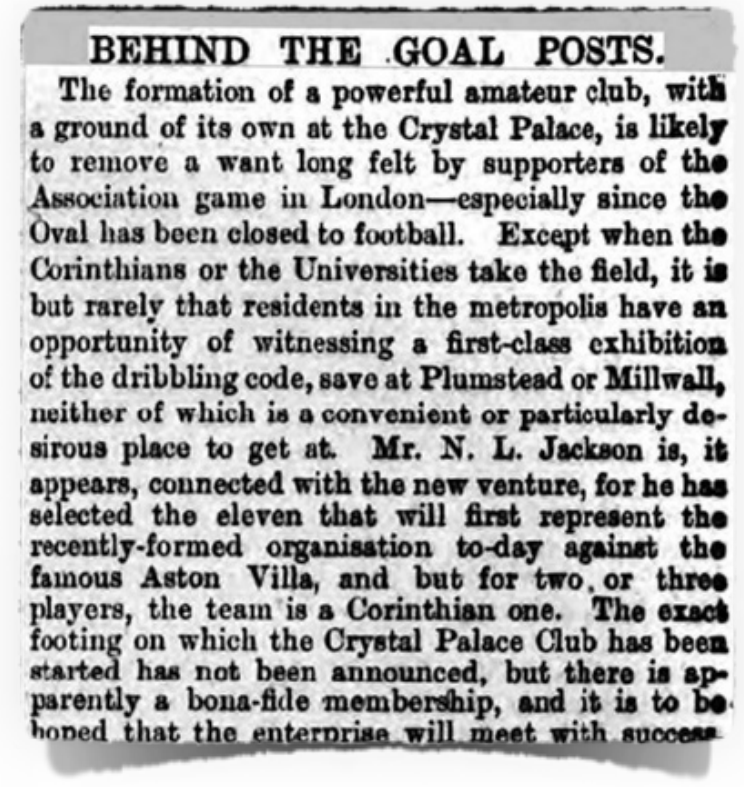
The Palace board appointed a north-country man, former Middlesbrough manager John Robson, as their new manager and he soon signed up 16 players from the north, plus a couple of local players. A former Aston Villa player and assistant

Palace's Mark Bright (left) and Gary O'Reilly celebrate David Madden's penalty against Blackburn Rovers in the Second Division promotion play-off at the end of 1988-9.

Newspaper Articles

30 November 1895

The Globe



BEHIND THE GOAL POSTS.

The formation of a powerful amateur club, with a ground of its own at the Crystal Palace, is likely to remove a want long felt by supporters of the Association game in London—especially since the Oval has been closed to football. Except when the Corinthians or the Universities take the field, it is but rarely that residents in the metropolis have an opportunity of witnessing a first-class exhibition of the dribbling code, save at Plumstead or Millwall, neither of which is a convenient or particularly desirous place to get at. Mr. N. L. Jackson is, it appears, connected with the new venture, for he has selected the eleven that will first represent the recently-formed organisation to-day against the famous Aston Villa, and but for two or three players, the team is a Corinthian one. The exact footing on which the Crystal Palace Club has been started has not been announced, but there is apparently a bona-fide membership, and it is to be hoped that the enterprise will meet with success

This article describe the 1895 Crystal Palace Football Club.

The words ‘Formation’ ‘started’ and ‘New Venture’ are used to describe this club. This is a new concept that has no connection to the original Crystal Palace team.

That the formation of the club would remove a ‘want long felt for supporters of the Association game in London’, clearly meaning that such a club was missing from the are prior to this and that this is not a natural progression or development of an amateur club already in existence.

This is for all intense and purposed a team that is Crystal Palace in name only and was assembled once a year for three years to play in exhibition matches.

N L Jackson, the founder of the corinthians, appears to be behind the ‘new venture’. Hence the Crystal Palace side was made up of 8 or 9 Corinthian players. This evidences that this is not a team or club but a test in concept by Jackson and that players were invitationals for what is an exhibition match against the English Cup holders and explains why they were able to afford the biggest team in England to play this fixture.

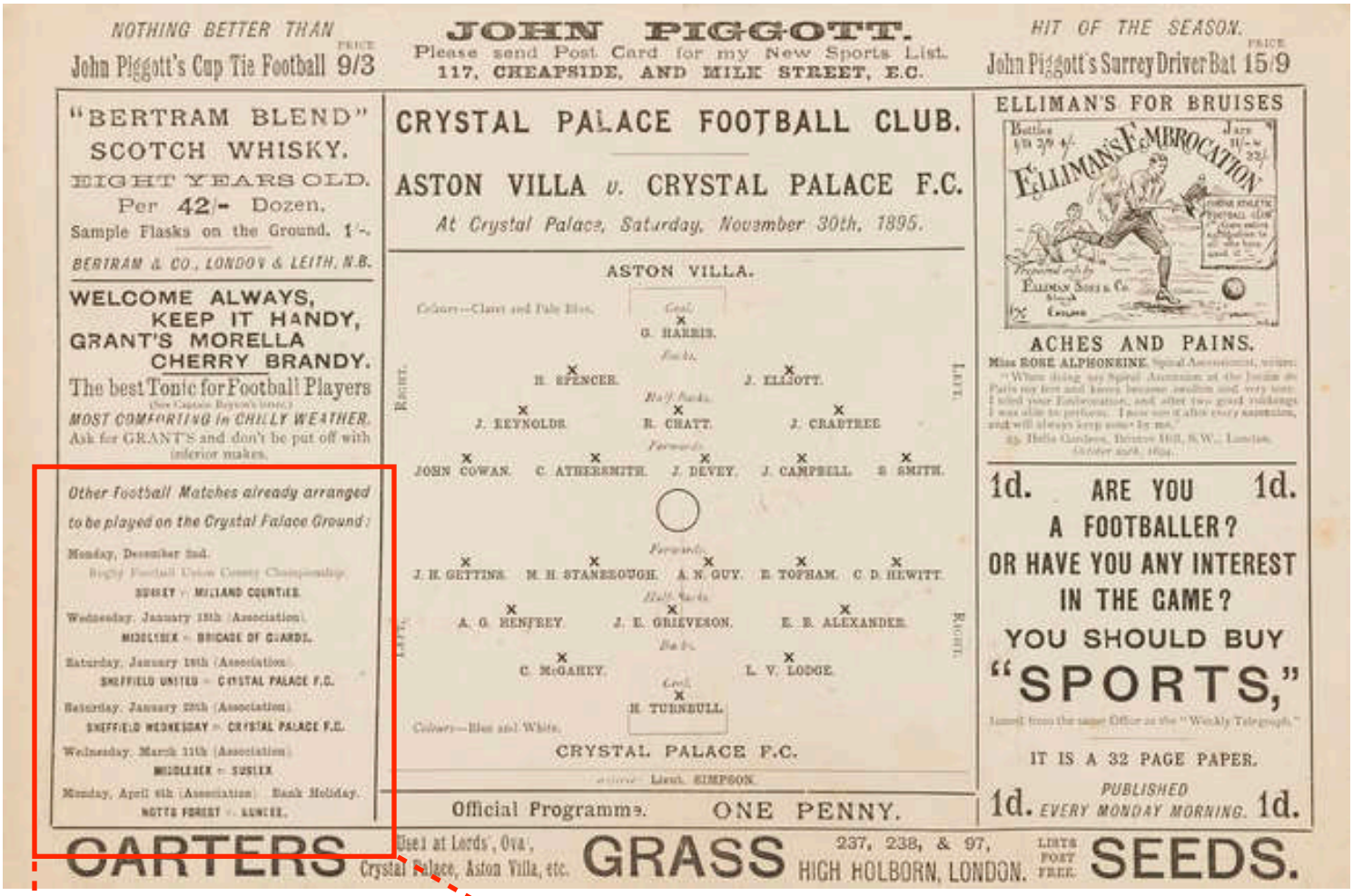
This concept amateur club does not appear to have any connection with either the Pro or Amateur Club. It is likely, but I’ve not proven it, to be connected to the Crystal Palace Company who were probably creating an event to generate money in a stadium that was rarely used through the year.

Although the article suggests that there is intention for the club to have a membership, it says that exact details are not clear and ultimately this venture does not take off.

Newspaper Articles

30 November 1895

Match Card for Aston Villa V Crystal Palace



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NOTTS FOREST v. DUNDEE.

CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB.

ASTON VILLA v. CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

At Crystal Palace, Saturday, November 30th, 1895.

ASTON VILLA.

Colours—Claret and Pale Blue.

Goal. G. HARRIS.
Backs. R. SPENCER. J. ELLIOTT.
Half Backs. J. REYNOLDS. R. CRATT. J. CRABTREE.
Forwards. JOHN COWAN. C. ATHERSMITH. J. DEVEY. J. CAMPBELL. S. SMITH.

Forwards. J. H. GETTINS. M. H. STANBROUGH. A. N. GUY. B. TOPHAM. C. D. HEWITT.
Half Backs. A. G. RENFREY. J. E. GRIEVESON. E. B. ALEXANDER.
Backs. C. McGAHEY. L. V. LODGE.
Goal. H. TURNBULL.

Colours—Blue and White.

CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

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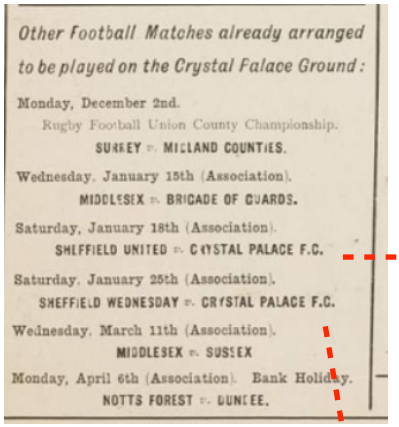
Crystal Palace Fixtures

The match card from the 1895 match v Villa seems to promote 2 further fixtures for Crystal Palace FC.

These appear fairly close giving the impression that some sort of continuity is going on, at least during the 1895 season.

This is not quite what happens (see next page)



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Field - Saturday 25 January 1896

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(backs), Crawford, Jenkyns, Davies (half backs), Hare, Haywood (right wing), Boyd (centre), O'Brien, McAvoy (left wing) (forwards). *Cambridge University*: A. G. S. Lawrence (Pembroke, goal), E. H. Bray (Trinity), G. H. Simpson (Clare) (backs), T. Phillips (Pembroke), C. B. Ward (Trinity), F. J. Anderson (Jesus) (half backs), J. H. Manly (Clare), S. S. Taylor (Pembroke) (right wing), W. W. Lowe (Pembroke, centre), C. L. Alexander (Trinity), C. J. Burnup (Clare) (left wing) (forwards). Referee, Mr E. N. Conquer (Chatham).

† **SHEFFIELD UNITED v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.**—It was understood some few weeks ago that the representatives of the Crystal Palace club would meet Sheffield United on Saturday, but owing to the inability of the the former to secure a strong team the Old Carthusians were asked to oppose the Northerners. The Corinthians had previously been defeated by Sheffield United, and for this reason Stalmont's efforts were made to place the best available eleven in the field. With such capable exponents of the game as M. H. Stanbrough, G. O. Smith, C. D. Hewitt, Wreford-Brown, and E. H. Bray, it was hoped that the Old Carthusians would hold the professionals in check, if not actually defeat them, more especially as Foulkes, the brilliant Sheffield custodian, was unable to take part in the proceedings. The amateurs, however, had much the worst of the game, and although they broke through on several occasions, thereby causing the defenders considerable trouble, the honours were claimed by Sheffield United. The match was played on the Southern ground, which was somewhat heavy despite the care and attention of the Palace authorities. The ball was set in motion by the Old Carthusians, who were immediately called upon to retire owing to a smart return by Watson, who kicked behind. The visitors maintained the pressure, but relief was afforded by Bliss, who passed to Hewitt, and a fine run on the part of the latter was brought to a conclusion by a centre, which his associates failed to take advantage of, and the ball was shot outside. No advantage was gained by the Old Carthusians, and their opponents again compelled them to act upon the defensive, a determined rush by the Sheffield United forwards resulting in Hammond

Crystal Palace fail to field a team. This was due to the fact that Tottenham had been expelled from the London Charity Cup due to professionalism. This resulted in their opponents from the two previous rounds playing an impromptu cup tie on this date. Several of the Corinthian team featured for other teams in this cup tie inc. Moon the famous Corinthian keeper.

Old Carthusians were called in to play the match.

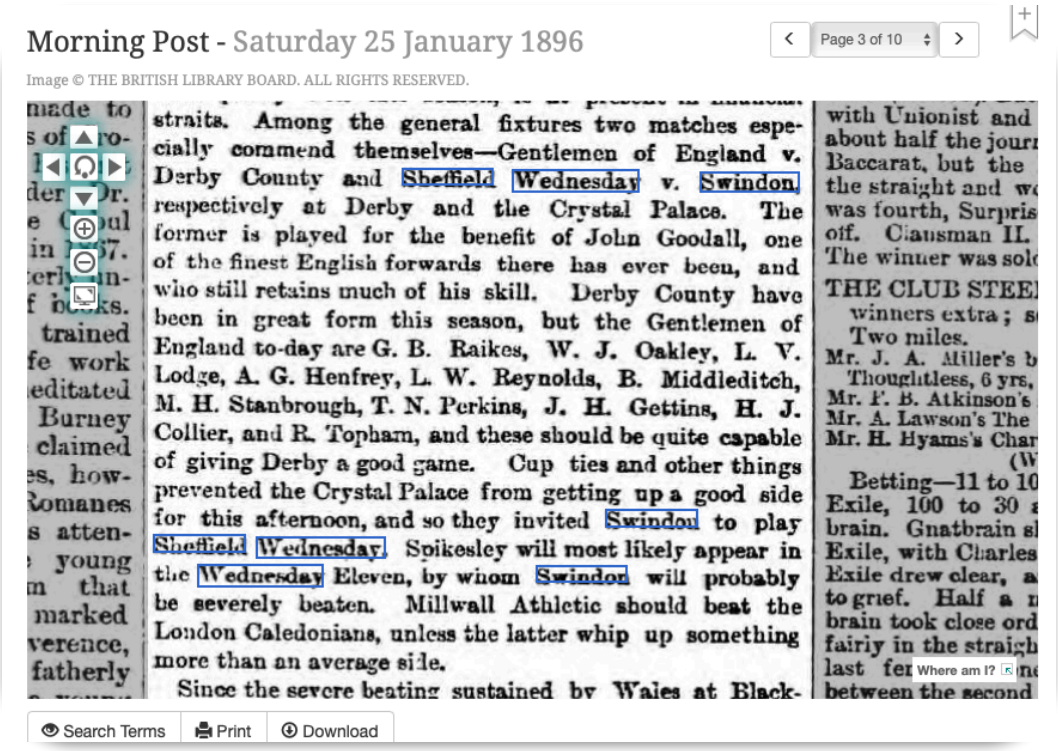
So what we can conclude here is that the 1890's incarnation of Crystal Palace FC is Crystal Palace in name only.

If the corinthians were not available then Crystal Palace could not field a team.

Therefore we have a club that has no FA Affiliation, no league or cup matches and NO PLAYERS.

Can we call this a football club?

This team only play 3 matches; one a year over 3 years.



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straits. Among the general fixtures two matches especially commend themselves—Gentlemen of England v. Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday v. Swindon, respectively at Derby and the Crystal Palace. The former is played for the benefit of John Goodall, one of the finest English forwards there has ever been, and who still retains much of his skill. Derby County have been in great form this season, but the Gentlemen of England to-day are G. B. Raikes, W. J. Oakley, L. V. Lodge, A. G. Henfrey, L. W. Reynolds, B. Middleditch, M. H. Stanbrough, T. N. Perkins, J. H. Gettins, H. J. Collier, and R. Topham, and these should be quite capable of giving Derby a good game. Cup ties and other things prevented the Crystal Palace from getting up a good side for this afternoon, and so they invited Swindon to play Sheffield Wednesday. Spikesley will most likely appear in the Wednesday Eleven, by whom Swindon will probably be severely beaten. Millwall Athletic should beat the London Caledonians, unless the latter whip up something more than an average side.

Since the severe beating sustained by Wales at Black-

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Again, many Corinthian footballers became unavailable due to being invited to play in John Goodall's benefit match. JG being possibly the greatest victorian football they chose to be part of the Gentlemen of England XI in Derby. Forcing Swindon Town to be drafted in, probably only because they were available.

Local Newspapers

Does a Crystal Palace Football Club appear in the local press through the 1880's to 1905 (excluding the Corinthian incarnation of 1895-7)?

Did local press cover football in enough detail to be able to know if there was an amateur team playing small fixtures?

I have done this search looking for a small amateur team playing matches away from the Palace Grounds to try and see if Peter Mannings Theory is correct. I search the Croydon Chronicle and the Norwood News. There is no mention of any Crystal Palace Football Club other than the Corinthian side. It should be noted that there were many Crystal Palace Sports Teams who had their fixtures and reports included in the press, such as Skating, Hockey and Bowling clubs. There was no football club.

I than sampled sports pages from these papers to see what the thresholds were in terms of level of football that was being reported in the local press. ie. if they only reported Southern League matches, then it would be fair to assume that a smaller amateur side may go unnoticed.

Croyden Chronicle

30 December 1899

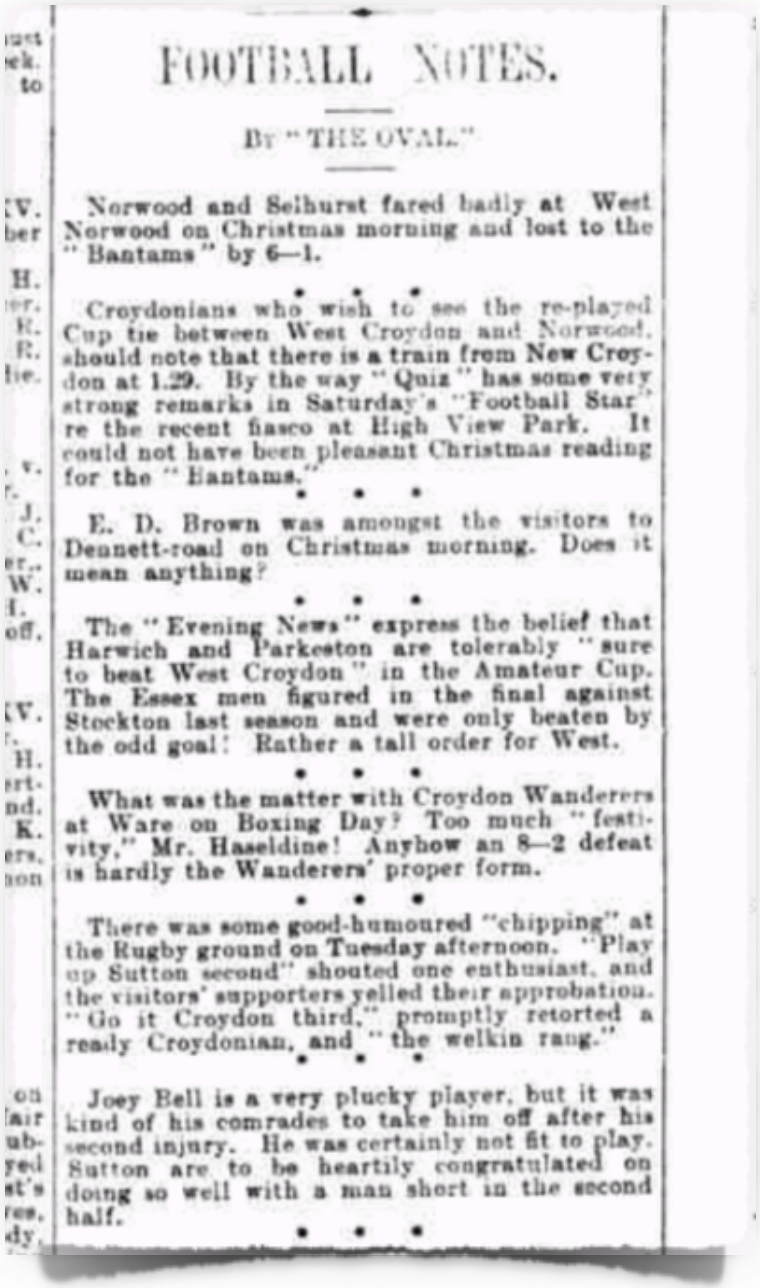
This paper was very localised with it's football coverage.

Here we see mention of teams such as:

West Croydon
Norwood
Croyden Wanderers

All amateur teams in the area. They also report on Crystal Palace Hockey Club.

I would conclude that if CPFC had existed at a point during this period then this paper would have had match reports.



FOOTBALL NOTES.

BY "THE OVAL."

Norwood and Selhurst fared badly at West Norwood on Christmas morning and lost to the "Bantams" by 6—1.

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Croydonians who wish to see the re-played Cup tie between West Croydon and Norwood, should note that there is a train from New Croydon at 1.29. By the way "Quiz" has some very strong remarks in Saturday's "Football Star" re the recent fiasco at High View Park. It could not have been pleasant Christmas reading for the "Bantams."

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E. D. Brown was amongst the visitors to Dennett-road on Christmas morning. Does it mean anything?

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The "Evening News" expres the belief that Harwich and Parkeston are tolerably "sure to beat West Croydon" in the Amateur Cup. The Essex men figured in the final against Stockton last season and were only beaten by the odd goal! Rather a tall order for West.

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What was the matter with Croydon Wanderers at Ware on Boxing Day? Too much "festivity," Mr. Haseldine! Anyhow an 8—2 defeat is hardly the Wanderers' proper form.

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There was some good-humoured "chipping" at the Rugby ground on Tuesday afternoon. "Play up Sutton second" shouted one enthusiast, and the visitors' supporters yelled their approbation. "Go it Croydon third," promptly retorted a ready Croydonian, and "the welkin rang."

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Joey Bell is a very plucky player, but it was kind of his comrades to take him off after his second injury. He was certainly not fit to play. Sutton are to be heartily congratulated on doing so well with a man short in the second half.

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Norwood News

January 1894

Grundy, and R. McCullock.

FIXTURES.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH.

Norwood v. Hampstead, at Neasden.
Rebels v. West Croydon III., at Croydon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.

Norwood v. London Scottish "A" Team, at Richmond.
Rebels v. Avenue, at South Norwood.
Mitcham Road v. Oval, at Vicarage.
Brighton Road v. Sydenham, at Vicarage.
Whitehorse Road v. South Norwood, at Whitehorse Road Recreation Ground.
Princes Road v. Parish Church, at Whitehorse Road Recreation Ground.

LACROSSE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH.

Croydon I. v. West London, at South Norwood.
Croydon II. v. West London, at Wimbledon Park.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.

Croydon I. v. Barnet, at South Norwood.
Croydon II. v. Blackheath, at Blackheath.

CROYDON COUNTY COURT.

The Norwood News provided even more detail on local teams.

They provided fixtures on teams such as; Norwood, West Croydon III, London Scottish, Rebels, Mitchen Road, Oval, Brighton Road, Sydenham, Whitehouse Rd, South Norwood, Princes Road, Parish Church.

All of these teams are local teams mostly based on roads in the Crystal Place area. They include Sydenham, where the Crystal Palace ground is.

This level of detail shows that it would have been hard for a Crystal Palace Team to exist without it receiving some sort of coverage in the press.

FOOTBALL.

CROYDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

PARISH CHURCH v. OVAL-ROAD.—This tie was played at the Vicarage, and won by the Parish Church by 5 goals to nil.

WHITEHORSE-ROAD v. STREATHAM-ROAD.—Played at Whitehorse-road, and, after a closely-contested game, resulted in a win for the former by 2 to 1.

SOUTH NORWOOD v. BEULAH-ROAD.—This tie was brought off at Woodside, and ended in a victory for the former by 1 to nil.

PRINCES-ROAD v. MITCHAM-ROAD.—Played at Whitehorse-road Recreation Ground, and, after a good game, was won by Princes-road by 1 goal to nil. Ground in a very bad condition.

RESULTS TO SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY.

School.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals for	Against.	Points.
Parish Church ...	2	2	—	—	9	0	4
Whitehorse-road	2	2	—	—	9	1	4
South Norwood...	2	2	—	—	2	0	4
Princes-road ...	2	2	—	—	2	0	4
Mitcham-road ...	1	—	—	1	0	1	—
Brighton-road ...	1	—	—	1	0	4	—
Sydenham-road	2	—	—	2	1	3	—
Oval-road	2	—	—	2	0	6	—
Beulah-road	2	—	—	2	0	8	—

NORWOOD v. CRYSTAL PALACE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING.—This match, which was to have been played on the Norwood Recreation Ground last Saturday afternoon, had to be scratched, owing to an arbitrary order, issued (presumably by the Council), at the last moment refusing to allow the ground to be used. Both teams had the disconsolation of retracing their steps. Perhaps the authorities imagine that football requires a dry surface. Why should one club and not another be allowed to use the ground irrespective of all orders? If the ground is not to be played upon, notice might, out of courtesy, be sent to the various secretaries overnight, who have previously had permission to use the ground, and thus prevent both the inconvenience and expense arising therefrom. Next Saturday, Norwood v. Hampstead, at Neasden. Norwood

FOOTBALL.

FOOTBALL SECRETARIES.

Please note that reports of Saturday's matches must reach us by Wednesday noon in each week. Correspondents are particularly requested to write on one side of the paper only.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

The following will represent Croydon 1st XV. v. Rosslyn Park, at Richmond, on December 30th.

Back: A. J. Trollope. Three-quarters: H. Falk, A. Patey (captain), L. Blunt, P. J. Turner. Halves: P. Powell, A. Francis. Forwards: R. Ridge, A. E. Hughes, H. Webb-Bowen, A. R. Neligan, H. E. Roberts, C. H. Miller, H. Brodie, B. Windle. Train 1.57 Waterloo.

The following will represent Croydon A XV. v. Beckenham, at Croydon, on 30th December.

Back: L. G. Lawson. Three-quarters: D. J. G. Lawson, D. M. Roberts, K. C. Chatfield, C. S. Desprey. Halves: A. Powell, E. Spicer. Forwards: P. Allen (captain), H. Glenn, W. G. Grace, S. D. Roper, G. G. Myatt, C. H. R. Cocq, B. Brodie, P. A. Stutchbury. Kick off, 3 sharp.

The following will represent Croydon 3rd XV. v. Sidcup A, at Sidcup, on 30th December.

Back: A. B. D. Seel. Three-quarters: J. H. Williams, J. Purser, O. Falk, W. H. A. Robertson. Halves: A. D. Hayward, J. H. England. Forwards: H. Frayling, S. G. Venning, R. K. Yeld, R. S. McCullock, G. Pepler, N. C. Sanders, J. Tatham, W. T. George. Train 1.46 Cannon Street Station. Tickets taken.

WEST CROYDON v. ALDERSHOT ATHLETIC.

West Croydon 8
Aldershot Athletic 0

This match was played at Dennett-road, on Boxing Day, and proved a very one-sided affair. The visitors arrived two short but found substitutes, one of whom, Peters by name, played an exceedingly careful game at back. West's team again consisted principally of Reserves, but it included an old timer in Jess Moody, who has lost none of the old skill in stopping an opponent and feeding his own forwards. Turner also turned out after his recent illness, and although looking far from strong was as dashing and resolute as ever. The match had not been in progress many minutes before it was evident that West were the superior lot, and Payne, the Aldershot custodian, had some difficulty in stopping a couple of warm shots from Wallis and Hart. These were followed up by two corners which were not turned to account, but following some neat passing between Turner and Longhurst, "Linesman" centred and Willsher scored the opening goal. Aldershot rallied after this reverse, and there was a lovely scrum almost on West's goal line. Chapman, however, defended his charge with pluck and ability and Woodger and Edwardes raised the siege. "Lady" gave his partner a very neat pass, and the outside man, although hampered by more than one opponent ran right through, and scored a very neat goal. Edwardes also had a hand in the next goal, as after a fine centre from Quine had been cleared by Peters, the outside left got the ball and whipped it across to Willsher who was well up and had little difficulty in beating the keeper. Payne, however, did excellent work for his side, and before the interval arrived saved numerous shots from West's forwards. Chapman had one long ranger to deal with from which the visitors got a corner, but West's defence showed no signs of wavering, and the locals held a lead of 3—0 at half time.

West were aggressive immediately the game was resumed, and Longhurst had a pop at goal in the first minute. Payne prevented the shot from taking effect, and for some time it was a battle between time and the opposing forwards. Longhurst ultimately beat him at close quarters and then goals came in quick succession from Edwards and Turner. West continued to keep the ball in their opponents' half, the only relief to the monotony being the futile attempts of "Bloomer" to get round Moody and Woodland. The spectators gave him every encouragement but West's defenders were not in a generous mood, and whilst the visitors were beaten back pointless, Edwardes and Longhurst again defeated Payne before the close. The last goal appeared to be very much off side, but the referee was lenient in this respect, and the visitors took his decisions in good part. The crowd of players generally were in a holiday humour, and more interest appeared to be taken in the forthcoming Surrey Cup tie at West Norwood on Saturday. The result was as above.

West Croydon:—Chapman, goal; Smith and Woodland, backs; Hart, Wallis, and Moody, half-backs; Edwardes, Woodger, Willsher, Turner, and Longhurst, forwards.

Aldershot Athletic:— Payne, goal; Peters and Braik, backs; Wilks, Othen, and Marshal, half-backs; Chandler, Hodges, Jepp, Shrimpton, and Long, forwards.

WEST CROYDON v. CROYDON CHARITY LEAGUE.

West Croydon 3
Croydon Charity League 1

This annual fixture in aid of the funds of the Charity League was played at Dennett-road on Christmas morning before a fair crowd of spectators, and fortunately the weather was all that could be desired, although the ground was very heavy. Owing to the holidays West had to rely mainly on their reserves, and the youngsters acquitted themselves with credit. Only four of the first eleven were included, but in Wrenn West had a capable substitute for Spickernell. Wrenn, by the way, has been chosen to keep goal for Surrey v Sussex at Redhill on January 10th, and Bellamy, of West Croydon, has been paid a similar compliment. Spickernell and Clements are on the Reserves list, but on present form we certainly think both are fully entitled to full county honours. But the ways of the Surrey F.A. are peculiar! The Leaguers were minus three of their original selections, but were lucky to obtain the assistance of Porter (Centrals) and Haseldene (Wanderers). The Leaguers set the ball rolling, but the game had not been in progress many minutes before it was evident that West would win, and after Day had stopped two or three shots, Bailey got the ball from a return and promptly steered it into the net. This was hardly five minutes after the start and the second goal was not long following, Green scoring with a fine shot from the left wing. The Leaguers woke up after this second reverse, and Wrenn had two or three shots to save, but generally speaking Smith and Woodland had the measure of the opponents, although "Herbert" was in rather a festive humour. Porter did some good individual work but dallied in shooting, and the Leaguers did not make enough use of their right wing, Toogood and Lickley, who were practically starved in the first half. Still they got a couple of corners but nothing more, and subsequently Porter spoiled a very good run by a tame shot which went wide. Day in turn stopped two or three "teazers" from Edwards and Green, and West led at the interval by 2—0.

The Leaguers commenced the second half in better style, but Lickley, when well placed, failed to find the net. Toogood soon after made a much better attempt and a finely judged shot missed by the barest margin. The ball was kept in West's half for a time, but Porter clung to it too long, when a pot shot would probably have paid better. Edwardes broke away for West and had a rare sprint down the field which was ultimately cleared by Haseldine, and the Leaguers' left win worked back with unexpected result. Nixon sent the ball across to the right where Toogood was waiting with watchful eyes and sure feet, and "Podger" had it past Wrenn in a twinkling. The Leaguers' success was unusually popular with the crowd, and their cheers spurred them on to greater efforts. Some neat passing amongst the inside trio fairly beat West's defence, and Porter stood face to face with Wrenn. Had the Centrals' centre shot as he ought instead of dribbling a goal was a "cert," but his delay gave Wrenn a chance of tickling the crowd with a "sensational" save, and the county keeper, rushing out, deprived his opponent and subsequently cleared the ball, although embarassed by a heap of opponents. This was the Leaguers' last chance and Willsher put the issue beyond doubt by scoring from about 18 yards out, and "Long Tom," of South African notoriety, could not have made the ball travel much faster. West had all the play after but did not score again. Haseldene, Crawlay, Day, and Poole, in turn, putting in useful defensive work, and when Mr. George King, R.A., a member of the Charity Council and one of our local referees—a very smart one, too— whistled time, the score was

West Croydon 3
Croydon Charity League 1

The play although not of a "classy" character was always interesting. The League had a couple of very good forwards in Toogood and Porter, but the thers, particularly the wing men did not come up to expectations. Poole played a good game at half but Hewett was disappointing and Parker was worse. Crawley and Haseldene worked hard to keep down the score, and Day made a fair substitute for Inman. Edwardes was perhaps the most noticeable for the winners, but the team as a whole gave a level display.

West Croydon:—Wrenn, Woodland, Smith, Stevens, Simmons, Wallis, Bailey, Willsher, Woodger, Edwardes and Green. Croydon Charity League:—Day (Greenbroom Athletic), Crowley (Adults), Haseldene (Wanderers), Poole (Adults), Parker (Carlton), Hewett (Parish Church), Lickley (Thornton Heath), Toogood (Parish Church), Porter (Central Croydon), Nixot (Adults), and Beckett (Thornton Heath).

FOOTBALL NOTES.

BY "THE OVAL."

Norwood and Selhurst fared badly at West Norwood on Christmas morning and lost to the "Bantams" by 6—1.

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Croydonians who wish to see the re-played Cup tie between West Croydon and Norwood, should note that there is a train from New Croydon at 1.29. By the way "Quiz" has some very strong remarks in Saturday's "Football Star" re the recent fiasco at High View Park. It could not have been pleasant Christmas reading for the "Bantams."

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E. D. Brown was amongst the visitors to Dennett-road on Christmas morning. Does it mean anything?

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The "Evening News" express the belief that Harwich and Parkeston are tolerably "sure to beat West Croydon" in the Amateur Cup. The Essex men figured in the final against Stockton last season and were only beaten by the odd goal! Rather a tall order for West.

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What was the matter with Croydon Wanderers at Ware on Boxing Day? Too much "festivity," Mr. Haseldine! Anyhow an 8—2 defeat is hardly the Wanderers' proper form.

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There was some good-humoured "chipping" at the Rugby ground on Tuesday afternoon. "Play up Sutton second" shouted one enthusiast, and the visitors' supporters yelled their approbation. "Go it Croydon third," promptly retorted a ready Croydonian, and "the welkin rang."

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Joey Bell is a very plucky player, but it was kind of his comrades to take him off after his second injury. He was certainly not fit to play. Sutton are to be heartily congratulated on doing so well with a man short in the second half.

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Trollope and Cox, the rival backs, did grand work, and Trevor Cox was also very prominent. Gordon Smith and Patey made a fine pair of centres for Croydon and the chosen International gave the Croydonians a lesson in the art of collaring low. Bob Ridge operated in the right wing and was generally doing something useful. The game was keenly fought and the tackling was more forcible than polite.

HOCKEY.

NORWOOD v. MR. MILNER'S TEAM.

Mr. Milner's Team 5
Norwood 0

This match, played on Boxing Day, at Lordship-lane, resulted in a win for Mr. Milner's team by 5—0. The Norwood team, composed of 1st eleven and 2nd eleven men were quite outclassed by their powerful opponents, and it was largely owing to the bad condition of the ground that they did not have more goals scored against them. In the first half the visitors scored three times, by Milner, Adamson, and F. Huntley, and after half time H. O. Wells added two more goals. For Norwood the wing forwards, Kennedy and Rim Thurn, did good service when they had a chance, and Powell defended well at back. The Norwood halves were outclassed and never played a good game. The names of the visiting team are enough to ensure that their play and combination were excellent.

Norwood team:—C. H. Paine, O. H. Powell, G. C. Paine, S. C. Jones, P. Hook, E. W. Jones, Rim Thurn, H. Gregory, C. A. Cutbill, F. B. Galer, R. Kennedy.

Mr. Milner's team:—L. S. Wells, Whitehurst, S. E. Huntley, R. H. Milner, Orchard, Jack, Wiltshire, H. O. Wells, E. Milner, Adamson, and F. Huntley.

CROYDON A v. IVANHOE WANDERERS.

Croydon 4
Ivanhoe Wanderers 0

Played on Croydon's ground on Boxing Day and resulted after a rather one-sided game in Croydon winning as above stated. For Croydon the Brothers Garrett, C. Bettson, and Jordan played well.

CROYDON II. v. CRYFSTAL PALACE II.

Croydon 4
Crystal Palace 1

Played at Frant-road, on Boxing Day, and resulted, after a pleasant and interesting game, in Croydon's favour, 4—1.

Croydon Team:—V. Taylor, goal; Bailey and J. H. Hardy, backs; H. Wiltshire, H. W. Morgan, and Hankin, half-backs; Alderson, Baker, L. W. Morgan, Williams, and C. W. Moat, forwards.

HOCKEY NOTES.

BY "STICKS."

The fog was once more responsible for the stoppage of hockey games round London last week. Croydon first journeyed to Blackheath, hoping to be able to play, but were obliged to give up after ten minutes had been played, during which one man on each side was injured, Latham, the Croydon man, rather severely, his cheek being laid open.

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On Boxing Day the weather clerk seemed to be in slightly better humour, consequently although there was a nasty drizzling rain falling at 11.30, Croydon second and third and their opponents decided to play and "hang" the weather.

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The second beat their opponents, Crystal Palace second, rather easily by 4—1, despite the fact that their forwards were fearfully slow in the circle ,and also one of their backs decidedly off colour.

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The best feature of the game was the play of the half-backs, certainly they did not seem to have suffered from their Christmas festivities. The forwards did some brilliant runs and passed much better than I have seen them do for a long time, but as I said before they were a great deal too slow in shooting. During the second half the halves seemed to be of the same opinion, for they had two or three shots at goal which were not successful. Really this did not matter in Tuesday's match, but it will not do to indulge in such tactics against a fast string of forwards. So be careful halves! W. Taylor in goal had really nothing to do. The only goal scored by the Palace was a difficult shot.

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For the Palace, Symons, in goal, Croydon's late goalkeeper, gave a splendid exhibition. Hall, at full-back, another of Croydon's late members, played a good defensive game, their forwards played fairly well but were so thoroughly outclassed that they really had no chance of showing their true form.

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The third, or rather, as I heard one of the Club's members remark, in answer to the question as to what team it was, "Croydon A team," or to be nearer the mark, "A team of Croydon." It was certainly rather a mixture, there were three first men, one forward, one half, and one back, one vacation member, also forward, who plays during the holidays and who plays regularly for Tunbridge Wells first, and the rest third and fourth team men, so that I think their score 4—0, was by no means very good. The Ivanhoe Wanderers looked very businesslike in their kharki shirts, and played well, but they stood no chance against the Croydon forwards, but for their goalkeeper the score against them would have been a great deal heavier.

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To-day the first are at home to the Royal Observatory.

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That all hockeyites may have a prosperous and successful New Year, both in hockey and their everyday work, is the wish of

"STICKS."

A SINGULAR DISPUTE.

An action is down for hearing at Marseilles this week which has been pending against the city for several years. The plaintiff is the well-known sculptor Bartholdi. Many years ago he executed a monument for the city, but left it unsigned. He subsequently wished to add his name to it, but the city authorities refused permission, and after endless negotiations the present action is being brought to compel the Marseilles Municipal Council to allow the artist to put his name to the statue.

A PAUPER'S PROPERTY.

Sarah Owen, a woman of eighty-three, who has been for many years an inmate of the Hackney Workhouse, would seem to be uncommonly well off. In addition to her free board and lodging at the union, she has been discovered to be in receipt of a pension from the Printers' Pension Fund, to hold a private banking account, and to own a freehold and a leasehold house. Needless to say, steps are to be taken to recover from the octogenarian the amount spent on her "relief" under the Poor Law.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT CATERHAM BOARD SCHOOL.

One of the most interesting events which take place in the course of a year in the Caterham district, is the annual distribution of prizes at the Board School. It took place on Friday night at the Upper Caterham School, when there was a large attendance of relatives and friends of the scholars. The proceedings were of a most interesting nature throughout. Amongst those present were the Rev. Fergus Wood, the Rev. F. A. Bright, the Rev. E. A. L. Colvill, Mr. Harry Lloyd, Mr. H. G. Poland, etc.

A feature of the evening's proceedings was the singing of the school children, the various songs being most creditably rendered by the boys and girls, the former also going through various exercises very smartly indeed.

The Rev. Fergus Wood, during one of the intervals referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. John Perry, the late schoolmaster of the Valley Schools, remarking that the Board had suffered a great loss by his death. He considered that a right course had been taken in appointing Mr. Crane, the assistant master on the Hill, as his successor. During the past year the schools had been doing well, the attendance having been larger than last year. He concluded by wishing increased prosperity to the schools during the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Mr. Poland, addressing those present, said he could remember the time when there was no such a thing as a School Board in England. He believed the idea was taken from Germany that every boy and girl should have a good education, and he did not think there was a man or woman in England who would deny that the schools had done a great deal of good. After referring in gratifying terms to the creditable manner in which the scholars had rendered their songs, and gone through their gymnastic exercises, and to the excellent tuition of the masters and mistresses.

Mr. H. T. Grinstead (clerk to the School Board) moved a vote of thanks to the master, mistress, and teachers, and in so doing alluded in gratifying terms to them.

The Rev. Colvill, in seconding, said they deserved the gratitude of the children and parents for all they had done.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Harry Lloyd, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. Fergus Wood, referred to the evening classes, pointing out the benefits of them. There were horticultural classes, technical instruction was given, as well as lessons in chemistry, which had a great bearing upon trade, whilst the cookery lessons were extremely useful. In wishing the schools every success he said it was a great pleasure to propose the vote of thanks to Mr. Wood, who was deservedly esteemed. (Applause.)

The Rev. F. A. Bright seconded, and said he did not think the conducting of the schools could be in any better hands than those of its present representatives.

The vote of thanks was carried with hearty acclamation.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The prizes were then distributed as follows:—

UPPER SCHOOL.

Regular attendance for two years (medals)—John Doyle, Emily Garrity, Eleanor Holdforth, Will Simmons, Percy Humphrey, Lily Holdforth.

Regular attendance during the past year (medals)—Arthur Atkins, Maud Holdforth, Ada Garrity, Minnie Lupson, Grace Charlton, Geo. Stevens, Percy Fearis, Winnie Canfield, Violet Humphrey, Rhoda Medhurst, Elizabeth Charlton. (Other prizes for regular attendance.) Harold Fearis, John King, Emily Cornish, Harry Vigar, Helen Hilder, Harry Tidy, Chas. Miles, Ernest Fearis, Ronald Simmons, Harry Jupp, Maggie Milne, Arthur Hills, Willie Medhurst, Robert Charlton, H. Simmons, Minnie Wade, Gladys Harrod, Edith Hills, E. Stripp, Edith Doyle, Ethel Medhurst.

History—Matilda Hilder, Minnie Lupson, Mildred Andrews, Winnie Canfield, Emily Cornish.

Geography and Elementary—Will Botley, Chas. Miles, Wm. Medhurst, Wm. Davis, Ernest Fearis.

General progress and good conduct—Maud Holdforth, Eleanor Holdforth, Harry Vigar, Tom Vigar, Gerty Shelley, Alice Dodd.

Drawing—John Doyle, Chas. Miles, E. Stripp, Harold Fearis, Robert Charlton, Richard Tremain.

Needlework—Maud Holdforth, Emily Garrity, Minnie Lupson, Helen Hilder, Kate Chart, Rhoda Medhurst.

Scripture—E. Holdforth, J. Doyle, M. Hilder, H. Jupp, A. Hills, G. Harrod, G. Stevens, L. Lupson, H. Tremain.

JUNIORS.

Regular attendance—May Garrity, Agnes Holdforth, Cassie Lupson (never absent or late for two years), Daisy Humphrey, Ethel Garrity, Jack Cawley, Ernest Maynard, Bertie Medhurst, Albert Hilder, Hetty Baker, Chas. Allright, Thomas Allright, Alfred Vigar.

Needlework—Agnes Holdforth, Cassie Lupson, Lily Murrell.

Good conduct—Harry Jones, Willie Hills, Edward Young.

Drawing—George Locke, Sidney Croucher.

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MY DISGUISE.

By ROSETTA GRACE SPEARING,

Author of "A Strange Engagement," "The Forger's Wife," "Those Meeting Hands," &c.

I shall never forget the day on which my father informed his sorrowing wife and child that he was ruined. He was a wealthy auctioneer, of almost world-wide renown, until the ruthless wheel of fortune turned, and showered upon him all those losses with which he was unable to combat. Too honourable to shirk his liabilities, he sold off his property in order to satisfy his creditors' demands.

When the clerks had been dismissed and the London office closed, my father, with the dregs of what had once been a profitable business, opened a small office at Brixton, where he had previously lived in affluence. How bravely he tried to regain that position of which adversity had robbed him! Time after time he would write into the early morning hours; for, where he had once given instructions to others, he had now to execute his orders himself.

One evening, when he had been working harder than usual, my mother gently remarked: "Charlie, why don't you engage a clerk?"

My father smiled sadly as he replied: "You know, dear, that I cannot afford to do that at present; but I hope to do so soon."

How well I remember the tears starting to his eyes, as I crept to his side and clasped my hand in his fevered palm, saying, as I did so: "Father, let me be your clerk. I will do my best to help you."

At first he was horrified at the idea, and said that he would rather suffer anything than impose so great a humiliation as that on the child for whose future he had once hoped to provide. At last, however, mother and I prevailed on him to let me leave boarding school (for I was home at the time for my holidays) and commence business the following week. I did so; and some time went by, and all might have been as it used to be had not my father been taken ill. I think that his indisposition was more from the effects of mental pain than of any physical affliction; for the hardships and losses had preyed terribly upon his mind. One evening, as the autumn sun was setting, my father peacefully passed away. Crushed by this double blow, my mother was not long in following him. Thus was I, at seventeen, cast upon the world, alone; and, but for the small sum that my home would realise, penniless.

As soon as I had recovered from the first shock of my cruel bereavement, the thought suddenly occurred to me that unless I obtained employment of some kind I should ere long be utterly destitute. As this was anything but a pleasant anticipation, I racked my brain in order to discover the best means of earning my maintenance. Although I had received a good plain education, I knew that I was not competent to be a governess. I was, according to the general opinion of those who had ever been my parents' friends, a clever pianist and vocalist; but there my inexperience again barred the way, for I had never sung or played in public. At last I came to the conclusion that there was but one course open to me—I should have to get a clerkship. Office routine was the only thing with which I thoroughly conversant, for I had not been in my father's business for more than twelve months without gaining good experience, and becoming an accountant and a correspondent of no mean skill.

But even this idea soon began to fade when I discovered that ladies were ineligible for employment of this kind—for the period of which I am speaking was many years ago, and at a time when female clerks were unthought of in England.

Night after night I returned as I started in the morning—heart-broken and discouraged by my disappointment and unsuccessful attempts to obtain an honest livelihood.

When I had almost despaired of being able to do so, a bright thought flashed across my mind. I would disguise. I knew that I could do so without fear of detection, for I had often impersonated boys' parts at school, where it was unanimously declared that I did so in a manner such as would defy discovery. Without a moment's delay, therefore, I opened a drawer, from which I took all that remained to remind me of the past—my parents' clothes and a few trifles of no value but for the memories that they held of the time when I was a happy, thoughtless girl were all that I had been able to afford to keep; for my home long ago had been sold off, the proceeds of which were nearly exhausted.

The next day, disguised as a boy, I applied to several firms; but another difficulty presented itself—having changed my identity, I was unable to produce any testimonials.

At last, weary with disappointment and utterly worn out with traversing the streets of London, I offered my services for a month's trial gratuitously. I pleaded hard with the head of the firm, and told him as much as my disguise would permit of my destitute condition. Gazing earnestly into my eyes, he soliloquisingly remarked: "I have never engaged anyone without a character before; but as I like your genteel appearance and frank countenance, I will make the exception in your case. You can start business at once if you like. I will offer you one pound a week for a commencement; if, however, I find that you suit the post, and that the post suits you, I shall be pleased to change your position from junior clerk to one of profit and responsibility. And now will you tell me your name and address?"

"Fred Kingsley," I stammered.

I could not help blushing as I uttered the base falsehood, for I felt to despise myself for the deception with which I was acting towards the kind grey-haired gentleman who had rescued me from starvation and perhaps death.

Another flush suffused my face as I gave him my address. Fancy the daughter of Charles Chillingworth, the auctioneer, who had been held in such high repute, living in a dingy street near Lincoln's Inn, and occupying one back room on the third storey of a lodging-house! It seemed incredible. Until that moment the degradation of my true position had not dawned upon me.

That day, for the first time in my life, I found myself employed in a strange office.

Percy Faulkner soon proved himself to be a generous man; instead of accepting my offer of a month's wages, he insisted on paying me the salary upon which he had agreed.

Time went by, and my knowledge of the profession—for Messrs. Faulkner, Son, and Russell were auctioneers—soon enabled me to fulfil the senior partner's prophecy. It was not long before I won the trust and approbation of the firm, as well as that of my fellow-clerks. And so a year passed. During the twelve months that had elapsed my wages had been increased to more than double that which I had received for my first week's work.

I had made companions of most of the clerks, who sometimes laughingly joked about my effeminate appearance and girlish ways; but I am sure that they had no idea of my disguise.

Leonard, Mr. Faulkner's only son, and I had long since become sworn friends and inseparable associates.

One evening my landlady—to whom, of course, I had confided my secret—informed me that a gentleman wished to see me. I bade her shew him up.

As the door opened, a gentleman entered.

Glancing up into his pale, handsome face, I immediately recognised in him my friend, Leo Faulkner.

Extending his hand, he said: "Ah! here you are, Fred. Forgive my intrusion; but father wants to know whether you would care to accompany him and me to the Lyceum this evening. private box there."

"Thanks, Leo (he had insisted on my calling him so): I shall be delighted to avail myself of your kind invitation."

"Well, then," he gaily responded, "go and dress. As it is late already, there is not much time to lose. Shall I await you here?"

Little did I guess, as I sanctioned him to do so, how that careless answer was destined to affect my future.

Turning hastily away, I sought my dressing-chamber.

Ten minutes later I re-entered the room in which I had left my visitor. As I paused on the threshold I could not help comparing the difference between the back room that had constituted my home but one short year ago and my present abode; for now I was occupying apartments in the house of an officer's widow. Thank heaven! I no longer felt ashamed to proclaim my address. Rousing myself from the dream into which I had fallen, I walked towards Faulkner, saying as I did so: "I am at your service, Leo."

As I approached his side, I saw that during my absence he had been amusing himself by gazing at two paintings which hung side by side over the piano.

Without appearing to hear my remark, he nodded towards one of the pictures.

"Did you know him?" he asked.

I glanced at the portraits of my dear parents, and a sad smile passed over my face.

"Did I know him?" I repeated, in a whisper. "Why, of course I did; he was my father."

"Your father?" Faulkner echoed, aghast.

"Yes. Did you know him too?"

"Yes. He was my father's dearest friend. But there must be some mistake. Chillingworth never had a son—at least, so *I* have always understood."

Misconstruing his words as a reflection on my father's rectitude, I determined, even at the expense of disclosing my own identity, to clear my parent's name and to establish his honour to the man whose approbation was more to me than all my possessions. Turning to him, I said: "Will you swear never without my consent to repeat that which I wish to tell you? As you are the only one to whom I would unfold my secret, I rely on your honour."

Taking my hand in his firm clasp, he said: "You shall never have cause to regret your confidence in the man who values, above all else, your friendship."

In as few words as possible I told him of my compulsory disguise and deception.

"If your father knew of this," I remarked, after a pause, "he would dismiss me for being a base impostor."

"He would do no such thing," Faulkner replied, gently placing his hand on my shoulder. "He would think as I do—that you are the bravest and wisest little girl in the world."

"Then you *don't* despise me for having committed what must appear to you an unpardonable offence?"

"No! I admire you more than I have ever done before. And now I want you to give me permission to restore to my father the daughter of his old and valued friend, Charles Chillingworth."

"But——" I remonstrated.

"I will take no refusal," Leonard interrupted, smiling softly. "Do grant me this favour."

Somehow I could not refuse to give him that permission for which he had asked.

That evening Leonard explained all to his father.

When Mr. Faulkner had heard his son's story he turned to me with outstretched arms, saying as he did so, "My dear girl, I am indeed pleased to discover that Fred Kingsley, the youth whose services I value at so high a price, is in reality Hester Chillingworth, the daughter of him whose friendship I prized more than that of any other man whom I have ever known."

Then he went on to tell me of how, on the smallest security, my father had lent him three thousand pounds with which to pay his debts. He did not hesitate to say that the loan had been the means of saving his name from the cruel disgrace of the Bankruptcy Court.

The next morning, as I entered my sitting-room, an elderly lady of refined and pleasing appearance rose from her seat. Extending her hand, she kissed my cheek and, in the sweetest of tones, said: "Pardon my intrusion at so early an hour. I plead as my excuse my anxiety to see the child of our dearest friend—he who was your father. My husband has told me all, and I am come to ask you in future to make our home yours."

In spite of my manly attire, I could not help caressing the smiling face of the gentle woman, to whom my heart went out.

All my objections to accept her generous offer were useless; she would not deign to hear them.

"It is but a poor token of our gratitude," she replied, "for the invaluable services that your father rendered us when we most needed his friendship and assistance."

At last she succeeded in winning my approval of her kind proposition.

I did not resume my position at the office, for two days later I forfeited my disguise and took up my abode at Blythe Hall, the Kentish residence of Mr. Faulkner.

It is needless to state that a very warm affection soon existed between the woman who had proved so good a Samaritan, and the girl whom she had rescued from a life of loneliness and despair.

Leonard and I were still as inseparable as ever—more so, in fact.

I think that the happiest moment in my existence was when, one sunny morning, he asked me to be his wife. Though years have passed away since then, I can still remember the words he said: "Darling, can I dare to dream of our fathers' hopes being realised?"

My cheeks tingle still,as I recall my shyly-spoken reply: "And those hopes were——?"

"That you would be my wife, Hester! Tell me, dear, will you try to love me?"

"I have loved you since that day on which we first made friends," I replied, hiding my head on his manly shoulder.

Little time elapsed before I became the blushing bride of Leonard Faulkner, the man who is more to me than life itself.

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As I pen the last words of my manuscript, Leo bends over me and whispers into my ear that it is more than time I had finished the story of "My Disguise."

[THE END.]

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

How the Bee Sees.

We are so used to regarding the world around us from the standpoint of our own sight that it is hard to realise that to other creatures, far outnumbering us and, perhaps, quite as important in the economy of nature, it must look quite different. The honey bee, for example, is supplied with a pair of compound eyes with hundreds of facets, each capable of sight by itself, and several ocelli or little, simple eyes more closely allied to our own. How these eyes are used, what are their separate functions, what sort of images they can present to their owners, all remain questions as interesting and well nigh unsolved as they were before the days of our powerful microscopes. Notwithstanding the fact that hundreds of entomologists have been and are interested in this subject, we yet are only at the stage where we can affirm that the honey bee sees a very different flower from the one in which we observe her in search for sweets, although of what that difference is and how it is produced we can form but little idea.

Colours of Ancient Egypt.

The pigments used by the ancient Egyptians 4,000 to 6,000 years ago were few, and almost all represented what have been called primary colours. Red seems to have been most used in the outside decoration of buildings. Giving results of an investigation of Mr. Flinders Petrie's specimens, Mr. W. J. Russell states that the red pigment was ferric oxide, an oolitic hematite, with a little clay, the proportion of ferric oxide varying from 70 to 80 per cent. It was a natural pigment, unaffected by sunlight, heat or acids. Another colour was a dull yellow, and this also consisted of oxide of iron, combined with alumina, lime, and some water—being essentially a kind of coloured clay. A reproduction of the mixture was fadeless in light, but was changed by heat. An orange about 4,000 B.C., by one of the first pyramid builders, was a mixture of the red and yellow. The maker mixed his colours with gum. A very bright yellow contained arsenic, and was in fact orpiment, which is now produced artificially. Beaten gold was the mineral called chrysolite; but in later times a kind of glass or frit coloured with oxide of copper was used, and gave various shades. It could be rubbed down in a mortar, and was probably applied with gum. The white pigment used was sulphate of lime, known also as gypsum and alabaster. A pale pink colour contained 99 per cent. of sulphate of lime, the rest being an organic compound believed to be madder.

The Extravagance of the Sun.

Lecturing on "Recent Discoveries about the Sun," Sir Robert Ball remarked that a question which had interested him very much during the last few months, and one which had not been thoroughly understood until lately, had reference to the outrageous extravagance of the sun, which in the thousandth part of a second poured forth more heat than could be obtained were all the coal in the world ignited at once, of which quantity only a two thousand millionth part was of use to the earth. How that extravagance could be kept up year after year, century after century, was an interesting question, and its solution depended on one of those glorious surprises which nature was ever springing upon us. It had been found that it was the molecules in the light which surrounded the sun which contributed to its continued existence, being drawn to it by its stupendous size, and although it might be said to be shrinking, still seedtime and harvest could go on for millions of years before the sun became what it would be one day—a dark mass moving through space. Dealing with the question, What was the substance to which they were indebted for the light of the sun? Sir Robert argued that it could only be carbon, which was one of the most refractory of materials; and went on to explain what were known as spots on the sun, explaining that they were merely openings through which they got a glimpse of its comparatively dark interior.

Ten Miles Above the Earth.

One of the most interesting experiments with balloons that has ever been undertaken was that of Messrs. Hermite and Besançon, at Paris-Vaugirard. They succeeded in sending a balloon to the unprecedented elevation of 16,000 mètres, or about 10 miles. There were no people in the balloon, but it carried a variety of self-registering instruments designed to record the temperature, the atmospheric pressure, &c. The little balloon was started on its lofty trip about noon, when the air was remarkably still and clear. It rose rapidly, and in three-quarters of an hour had attained an elevation of 10 miles, at which height it remained for several hours. It was there subjected to an atmospheric pressure only about one-eighth as great as that at the surface of the earth, and M. Hermite explains its floating for so long a time at a constant height by supposing that the temperature does not vary sensibly with the elevation of the floating body after the latter has attained an altitude where seven-eighths of the atmospheric pressure is lacking and where there remains no trace of water vapour. But towards 6 o'clock, when with the decline of day the temperature began rapidly to fall, the balloon started back toward the earth, arriving with a gentle motion which did not disturb the instruments it carried, at 7.11, at Chanvres, near Paris-Vaugirard, from which it had started. The balloon was visible with a telescope during the entire time. It shone like the planet Venus seen by day. By means of a micrometer attached to an astronomical telescope the apparent diameter of the balloon could easily have been measured, and this would have furnished a means of calculating its altitude independent of the record of the barometer which it carried. The barometer and thermometer were furnished with automatic pens driven by clockwork, by means of which diagrams of the changes of pressure and temperature that the balloon experienced were obtained. At the height of about 7½ miles the thermometer marked a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit below zero. Then the ink in the registering pens of both the thermometer and the barometer became frozen and the records were interrupted. But, as the balloon continued to rise, the ink thawed again, and at the ten-mile level the automatic records were renewed. The temperature registered there was only about 6 degrees below zero. The increase of temperature is ascribed to the effect of the unclouded sun heating the air in the basket that contained the instruments. The lowest record of the barometer was 103 millimètres, or a trifle more than four inches.

A Scientist's Dream.

A great deal has been said and much speculation been indulged in with reference to the question whether the celestial worlds are inhabited by intellectual beings similar to the earth-inhabiting man. It scarcely admits of doubt that this interesting question will ever remain a mere matter of speculation, but let us suppose that beings resembling man in stature were dwelling on those glorious orbs we see in the vast vault of the heavens, and let us investigate what proportions they would bear to us, provided the length of their bodies were in the same ratio to the diameter of their respective globe as ours to the diameter of the earth. For this reason we have chosen the largest of our solar system, the central body of that system itself and the most brilliant fixed star in the sky. The average inhabitant of the planet Jupiter would stand about 60 feet in his shoes. Were such a Jovian to visit our earth he would be able, without the danger of dislocating his neck, to look into the topmost storeys of our metropolitan buildings. A Jovian infant's cradle would be considered by us a very comfortable bed to rest in. The solar inhabitant of average size would measure a height of over 600 feet, so that, were he to visit the earth, the most capacious building ever erected by man would be too small to offer him hospitality. Three or four dozen fattened oxen would form but a meagre breakfast for that capacious cavern—his stomach. On the palm of his hand a whole company of terrestrial soldiers would have sufficient room to go through their military drill and evolutions. The distances of the fixed stars from us are so enormous that, as yet, no absolutely reliable means have been found of ascertaining the real magnitudes of those colossal orbs. Still, it is to be presumed that some of them, by dint of frequent observations and by applying to them that powerful lever in the hands of the astronomer, spectrum analysis, may be with certainty considered as being at least a certain number of times as great as our sun. To most of us the sun is the very quintessence of what is large, but compared with most fixed stars it becomes small, for were it removed to the distance of the nearest fixed star it would shine with the brilliancy of only a star of the second magnitude. Sirius, the king among the fixed stars of our firmament, is at least so large that, if it were inhabited by beings similar to men, one of the average size would attain to the dazzling height of one and one-half miles—that of a respectable mountain peak. Here we leave it to the imagination of the reader to picture to himself a world peopled with such gigantic beings, compared with whom we poor terrestrial mortals sink into insignificance.

That shattered conversation.—"Henry," said Mrs. Binkins, "do you think this will be a hard winter?" "Of course it is," replied Mr. Binkins; "freezing makes even the water hard." And Mrs. Binkins silently pondered on what a nice thing it is to have a smart man for a husband.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

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E. Dobson.

FORWARD.

ATHLETICS.

FOOTBALL.

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FIXTURES.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH.

Norwood v. Hampstead, at Neasden.

Rebels v. West Croydon III., at Croydon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.

Norwood v. London Scottish "A" Team, at Richmond.

Rebels v. Avenue, at South Norwood.

Mitcham Road v. Oval, at Vicarage.

Brighton Road v. Sydenham, at Vicarage.

Whitehorse Road v. South Norwood, at Whitehorse Road Recreation Ground.

Princess Road v. Parish Church, at Whitehorse Road Recreation Ground.

LACROSSE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH.

Croydon I. v. West London, at South Norwood.

Croydon II. v. West London, at Wimbledon Park.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.

Croydon I. v. Barnet, at South Norwood.

Croydon II. v. Blackheath, at Blackheath.

CROYDON COUNTY COURT.

JUDGMENT SUMMONSES.

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"THE MIKADO" at ANERLEY.

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BALFOUR IN CUSTODY.

EXTRADITION EXPECTED.

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CRYSTAL PALACE CHRONICLE.

THE ORGAN RECITALS.

Mr. Eyre met with an accident to his right hand from a fall during the recent frost, and for the last three weeks has been unable to give his daily Organ Recitals at the Crystal Palace. The injury is now almost cured, and he hopes shortly to resume his duties.

DAILY READINGS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE BY NEGRETTI & ZAMBRA.

JAN.	BAROMETER. 10 a.m.	THERMOMETER. 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. MAX.	MIN.
20	29·60	49·0	39·0
22	29·61	46·0	43·0
23	29·81	37·0	32·0
24	30·16	46·0	24·05
25	29·90	48·0	28·0
26	29·69	46·0	37·0

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The weekly return of births and deaths in London and in 32 other great towns, issued by authority of the Registrar-General, states that the deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 23·2 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,458,442 persons in the middle of this year. The deaths registered in the several towns, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1000:—

Birkenhead	29·7	Liverpool	26·0
Birmingham	20·9	London	23·7
Blackburn	17·0	Manchester	21·9
Bolton	25·1	Newcastle-on-Tyne	20·7
Bradford	22·1	Norwich	42·4
Brighton	25·0	Nottingham	18·7
Bristol	28·3	Oldham	16·9
Burnley	19·9	Plymouth	38·0
Cardiff	21·4	Portsmouth	15·5
Croydon	16·3	Preston	23·4
Derby	20·0	Salford	22·0
Gateshead	19·4	Sheffield	19·1
Halifax	15·2	Sunderland	26·8
Huddersfield	24·3	Swansea	19·1
Hull	21·6	West Ham	21·0
Leeds	22·1	Wolverhampton	24·5
Leicester	15·7		

The highest annual death-rates, as measured by last week's mortality, were:—From measles, 1·2 in Wolverhampton, 1·5 in Salford, and 2·5 in Birkenhead; from scarlet fever, 1·1 in Burnley and in Huddersfield; from whooping-cough, 1.8 in Bristol and in Cardiff, 1·9 in Croydon, 2·0 in Salford, 2·2 in Bolton, and 5.3 in Plymouth.

The Metropolitan Asylum and London Fever Hospitals contained 2,645 scarlet fever patients at the end of last week, against 2,988, 2,855, and 2,736 on the preceding three Saturdays; 246 cases were admitted during the week, against 210 and 224 in the preceding two weeks. The deaths from diphtheria, which had numbered 79, 66, and 55 in the preceding three weeks, further declined last week to 48, being still, however, double the corrected average; 5 belonged to Islington and 4 to Bermondsey sanitary areas. The Metropolitan Asylum Hospitals contained 310 diphtheria patients at the end of last week, against 283, 289, and 290 on the preceding three Saturdays; 70 cases were admitted during the week, against 64 and 62 in the preceding two weeks. The deaths from whooping-cough, which had risen successively in the preceding three weeks from 67 to 107, declined last week to 93, but exceeded the corrected average by 10. The fatal cases of enteric fever, which had been 17, 10, and 15 in the preceeding three weeks, numbered 13 last week, corresponding with the corrected average. The Metropolitan Asylum Hospitals contained 87 cases of enteric fever and not one of typhus on Saturday last; 10 cases of enteric fever were admitted during the week, against 11 and 9 in the preceding two weeks. The deaths from diarrhœa, which had numbered 7, 9, and 12 in the preceding three weeks, further rose last week to 16, and were 3 above the corrected average.

In London (including the metropolitan workhouses, hospitals, and lunatic asylums situated outside Registration London) 2,729 births and 1,975 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 135 and the deaths 288 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last ten years. The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 23·3, 24·5, and 29·5 in the preceding three weeks, declined last week to 23·7. During the four weeks ending on Saturday last the death-rate averaged 25·3 per 1,000, being 1·6 per 1000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the ten years 1884-93.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).

The party for Outpost Duty at Wimbledon, will parade at West Croydon Station (up side), at 10.40 a.m., in Drill Order, with leggings, filled water bottles and haversacks, braces to be worn with great coats rolled.

DETAIL FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3RD.

Company and Recruit Drill at the Barracks, Monday E, Tuesday B and H, Wednesday A, Thursday D, Friday F. Crystal Palace; Tuesday C, Friday G, at 7.45 p.m. Caterham: I Company recruits on Monday, and Company and recruits on Thursday, at 7.30 p.m.

As Easter falls very early this year, members are requested to be as regular as possible in their attendance at Company drill during the next two months, and to impress upon all intending recruits the importance of enrolling at once.

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(Signed) W. H. PAIN, Captain, Adjutant 1st V.B. the Queen's.

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POLICE REPORTS.

CROYDON BOROUGH BENCH.

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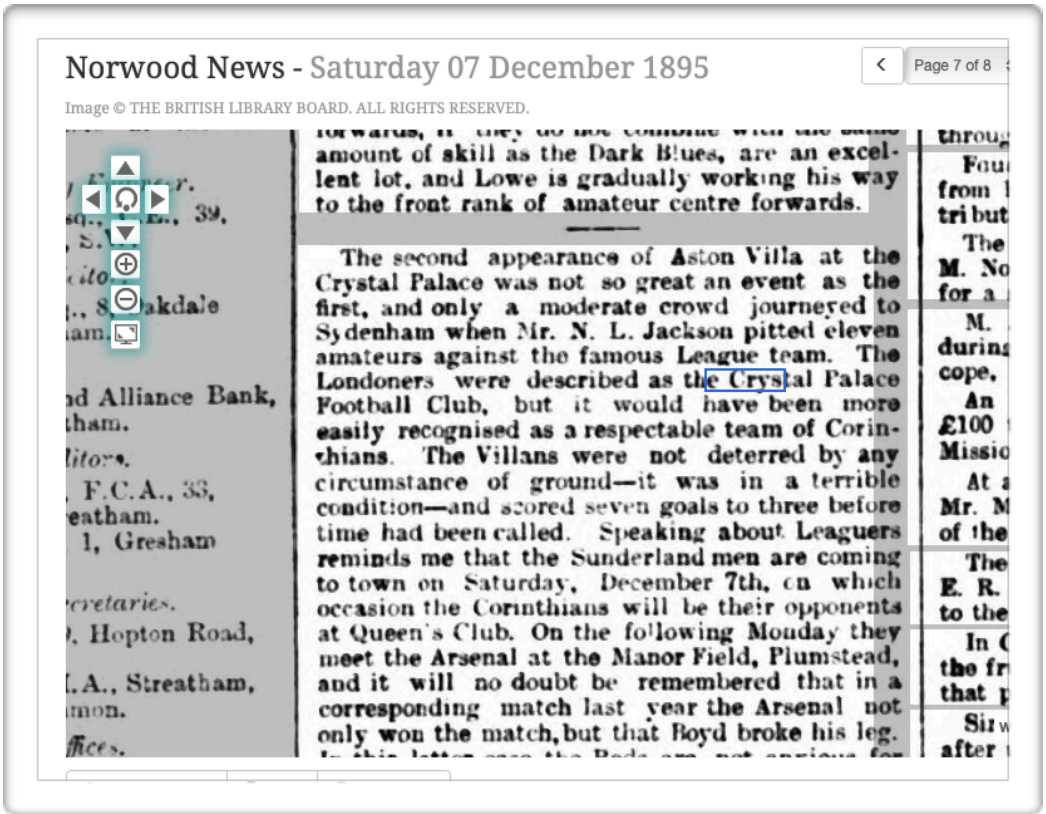
How the Local Press described the CP team in 1895

" The Londerners were described as the Crystal Palace Football Club, but it would have been more easily recognised as a respectable team of Corinthians"



Norwood News - Saturday 07 December 1895

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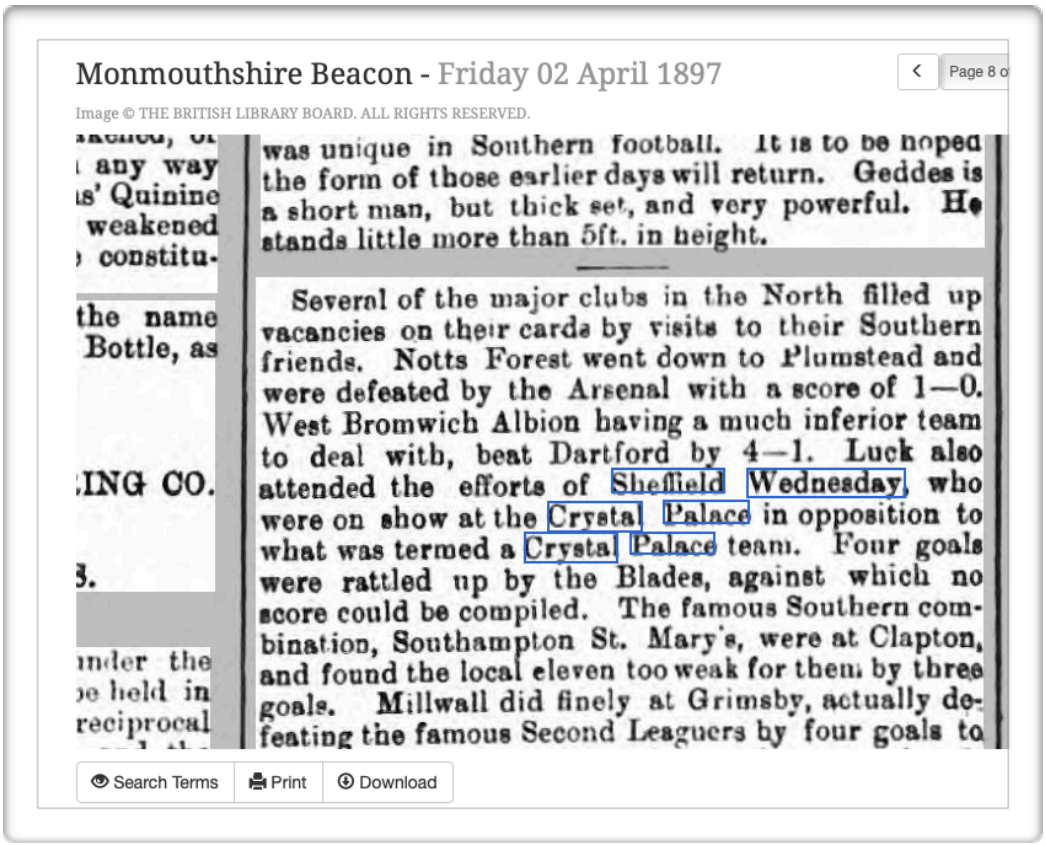
amount of skill as the Dark Blues, are an excellent lot, and Lowe is gradually working his way to the front rank of amateur centre forwards.

The second appearance of Aston Villa at the Crystal Palace was not so great an event as the first, and only a moderate crowd journeyed to Sydenham when Mr. N. L. Jackson pitted eleven amateurs against the famous League team. The Londoners were described as the Crystal Palace Football Club, but it would have been more easily recognised as a respectable team of Corinthians. The Villans were not deterred by any circumstance of ground—it was in a terrible condition—and scored seven goals to three before time had been called. Speaking about Leaguers reminds me that the Sunderland men are coming to town on Saturday, December 7th, on which occasion the Corinthians will be their opponents at Queen's Club. On the following Monday they meet the Arsenal at the Manor Field, Plumstead, and it will no doubt be remembered that in a corresponding match last year the Arsenal not only won the match, but that Boyd broke his leg.

How the regional press described the team in 1897

" in opposition to what was termed a Crystal Palace team"

A year an a half on and it's still unclear what this team is and the paper doesn't seem totally comfortable calling the Crystal Palace.



Monmouthshire Beacon - Friday 02 April 1897

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was unique in Southern football. It is to be hoped the form of those earlier days will return. Geddes is a short man, but thick set, and very powerful. He stands little more than 5ft. in height.

Several of the major clubs in the North filled up vacancies on their cards by visits to their Southern friends. Notts Forest went down to Plumstead and were defeated by the Arsenal with a score of 1—0. West Bromwich Albion having a much inferior team to deal with, beat Dartford by 4—1. Luck also attended the efforts of Sheffield Wednesday, who were on show at the Crystal Palace in opposition to what was termed a Crystal Palace team. Four goals were rattled up by the Blades, against which no score could be compiled. The famous Southern combination, Southampton St. Mary's, were at Clapton, and found the local eleven too weak for them by three goals. Millwall did finely at Grimsby, actually defeating the famous Second Leaguers by four goals to

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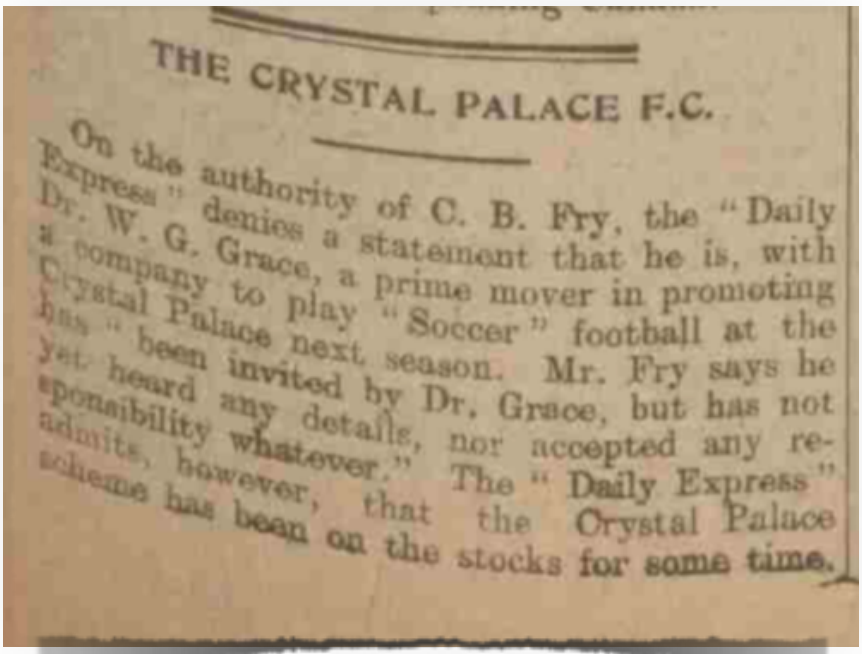

THE CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

On the authority of C. B. Fry, the "Daily Express" denies a statement that he is, with Dr. W. G. Grace, a prime mover in promoting a company to play "Soccer" football at the Crystal Palace next season. Mr. Fry says he has "been invited by Dr. Grace, but has not yet heard any details, nor accepted any responsibility whatever." The "Daily Express" admits, however, that the Crystal Palace scheme has been on the stocks for some time.

Article about CB Fry distancing himself from a project to set up a Crystal Palace Football Club by WG Grace.

SPECIAL EXPRESS.

THIS MORNING'S LONDON PAPERS.

By Private Wire.

THE WAR.

GENERAL STOESSEL AND SURRENDER.

It is stated at Shanghai, cables the "Morning Post's" correspondent, that the Japanese have again opened negotiations by means of a prisoner with the Russians in Port Arthur for the purpose of giving them another opportunity of surrendering. General Stoessel is reported to have sent a reply in which he asked for time to consult his officers.

ALEXEIEFF'S RETURN.

To a representative of the "Daily Express," an orderly with Admiral Alexeieff, with the ex-Viceroy's permission, stated yesterday that Admiral Alexeieff has not been recalled. The Viceroy first asked permission to return to Europe last June, but the Czar refused, telling him that his presence in the Far East was necessary. There is no truth in the stories of a disagreement between the Viceroy and General Kuropatkin.

When Admiral Alexeieff arrived at St. Petersburg last night, there were some cheers at the station as he alighted, but they obviously came from railway officials and employés. Outside the station a large crowd had assembled, and as the Viceroy drove away he was loudly hissed and hooted.

FRANCE WILLING TO MEDIATE.

The "Daily Express" Paris correspondent understands that M. Delcassé suggested to St. Petersburg, through the French Ambassador, several weeks ago, that France was at the entire disposal of Russia if at any time the St. Petersburg Government thought that France could be useful. M. Delcassé also hinted that he could rely on the good offices of the British Government with Japan.

JAPANESE GENERALS AND KING EDWARD.

Birthday Greetings at Yen-tai.

("Times" Telegram per Press Association.)

TOKIO, Thursday.

Colonel Tulloch telegraphs from Yen-tai to Sir William Nicholson in Tokio that on the occasion of the King's birthday Prince Nashimoto, Marshal Oyama, General Kodama, General Oku, General Fukushima, and General Okubo sent representatives to offer their congratulations and to wish long life to the King. The occasion was celebrated by an entertainment to the British officers, at which representatives of the Japanese army were present. Afterwards an exhibition of Japanese national sports was given. Great cordiality and good-fellowship prevailed.

LETTERS IN "THE TIMES."

Letters in "The Times" to-day deal with the North Sea Outrage (Mr. G. C. Bompas); Preventive Rescue and Penitentiary Work (The Bishop of London); Devolution in Ireland (Colonel Hutcheson Poe); Territorial Regiments (Mr. W. C. Trimble); Mercantile Marine Officers (Lord Graham).

"THE TIMES" OBITUARY.

"The Times" announces the death of Sir Stephen Edward de Vere, fourth baronet, of Foynes, County Limerick.

AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

THE COMING ARBITRATION TREATY.

The State Department at Washington has sent, through the "Daily Express" New York correspondent, a telegram to the "Daily Express" declaring that "the State Department are well pleased with Lord Lansdowne's speech wherein he referred to the overtures of Mr. Choate for an Arbitration Treaty between the United States of America and Great Britain. The State Department are more than ever encouraged to continue the negotiations for a treaty, feeling that such treaties will exert a more powerful influence in the direction of peace than is hinted at in the text of the instruments. It is probable that the treaty between the United States and Great Britain will be concluded within a few weeks."

THE CRUISER SQUADRON.

ADDITION AND REORGANISATION.

An important addition to and a reorganisation of the Cruiser Squadron have, says the "Morning Post," been ordered by the Lords of the Admiralty. Four cruisers are to be added to the Squadron, thus bringing its strength to ten ships, and this increased fleet is to be divided into two parts, one to be known as the First Cruiser Squadron, and the other as the Second Cruiser Squadron.

LORD MILNER'S SUCCESSOR.

A SCOTTISH RUMOUR.

It was stated in the Parliament House, Edinburgh (says the "Daily News") amongst leading representatives of the Scottish Bar that Mr. Graham Murray, the Secretary for Scotland, will succeed Lord Milner as the High Commissioner for South Africa.

CANADA AND THE NAVY.

Very strong pressure is being brought to bear upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier to repeal the preference to Great Britain in the tariff, and to substitute for it as a pledge of Canada's fealty to the Empire an annual contribution of a million dollars towards the support of the Navy. It is doubtful, the "Daily Chronicle's" Ottawa correspondent thinks, whether French-Canadians can be induced to agree to the proposal, but it is undoubted that the plan would be popular in English-speaking Canada.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

On the authority of C. B. Fry, the "Daily Express" denies a statement that he is, with Dr. W. G. Grace, a prime mover in promoting a company to play "Soccer" football at the Crystal Palace next season. Mr. Fry says he has "been invited by Dr. Grace, but has not yet heard any details, nor accepted any responsibility whatever." The "Daily Express" admits, however, that the Crystal Palace scheme has been on the stocks for some time.

THE UNEMPLOYED AS SOLDIERS.

Mr. T. Good, of Sheffield, writes to "The Times" pointing out that we have the anomaly of a national army, numerically weak in comparison to the armed forces of our Continental rivals—so weak, in fact, that conscription is well-nigh within the scope of practical politics in liberty-loving Britain. And whilst this is so, we have tens of thousands of our men tramping daily from workshop to workshop, failing to earn a living, contributing nothing to our national welfare or security, their muscles relaxing, their physical energy waning, losing their self-respect, their manhood, and character, slowly starving, and degenerating into industrial inefficients and social wrecks. If, then, the State lacks fighters whilst men lack employment and food, can nothing be done to remedy this state of affairs? asks Mr. Good. Surely it would not prove by any means impossible to devise and put into practice a scheme whereby our unemployed, instead of deteriorating until they become in many cases fit neither for soldiers nor workers, could be provided with rations or payment every day they cared to put in a certain number of hours' military training. Could we not have barracks or training schools in all our industrial centres, where men, having failed to obtain work in a morning, could spend the afternoon in healthy military training?

RACING SELECTIONS.

LIVERPOOL MEETING.

SPORTSMAN (Vigilant).
Palatine Plat.—Egyptian Beauty.
Croxteth Plate—Wild Night Again.
Downe Nursery—Hellene.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Thunderbolt or Vril.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong.
Wavertree Welter—Karakoul.

SPORTSMAN (Man on the Course).
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty
Croxteth Plate—Kearsage.
Downe Nursery—Grey Toe.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril, with Love Charm and Winkfield's Charm places.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong.
Wavertree Welter—Karakoul.

SPORTING LIFE (Augur).
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty.
Croxteth Plate—Imperial II.
Downe Nursery—Pretty Dick.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril or Bitters.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong.
Wavertree Welter—Park Ranger.

SPORTING LIFE (Man on the Spot).
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty.
Croxteth Plate—Imperial II. or Beguilement.
Downe Nursery—Velocity.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril 1, Flower Seller 2, Love Charm 3.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong.
Wavertree Welter—Altcar.

DAILY TELEGRAPH.
Palatine Plate—Sweet Mart filly.
Croxteth Plate—Ambrose.
Downe Nursery—Tea Rose.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Thunderbolt or Housewife.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong.
Wavertree Welter—Karakoul.

STANDARD.
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty.
Croxteth Plate—Milford Lad or Wild Night Again.
Downe Nursery—Cricket.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril; Powney's best and Flower Seller places.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong.
Wavertree Welter—Karakoul.

MORNING POST.
Croxteth Plate—Orchid or Milford Lad.
Downe Nursery—Tea Rose or Hellene.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril and General Cronje.
Wavertree Welter—Park Ranger or Karakoul.

MORNING ADVERTISER.
Palatine Plate—Cricket.
Croxteth Plate—Livia.
Downe Nursery—Eselavo.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Wild Lad and Vril, leaving remaining place to Killeevan.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong (Special).
Wavertree Welter—Altcar.

MORNING LEADER.
Palatine Plate—Cricket.
Croxteth Plate—Milford Lad.
Downe Nursery—Dispute.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril (Special), 1; Lancashire, 2; Flower Seller, 3.
Aintree Plate—Anecks Green.
Wavertree Welter—Altcar.

DAILY MAIL.
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty.
Croxteth Plate—Imperial II.
Downe Nursery—Dispute.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril (Special); Gahzal and Flower Seller places.
Aintree Plate—Hepburn.
Wavertree Welter—Coxswain.

DAILY EXPRESS.
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty.
Croxteth Plate—Milford Lad.
Downe Nursery—Sweet Clover.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Thunderbolt win; Vril place.
Aintree Plate—Studding Sail.
Wavertree Welter—Karakoul (Special).

DAILY SPORT.
Palatine Plate—Egyptian Beauty or Cricket.
Croxteth Plate—Milford Lad or Nahlband.
Downe Nursery—Chevening Belle or Dispute.
Liverpool Autumn Cup—Vril and Flower Seller.
Aintree Plate—Hong Kong or Lely.
Wavertree Welter—Altcar.

MOTORS AND MOTORING.

YORKSHIRE AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

GENERAL MEETING AT LEEDS.

A general meeting of the members of this club was held last night, at the headquarters, the Great Northern Hotel, Leeds, for the purpose of considering a proposed addition to the rules, and of discussing how to increase the attractiveness of the organisation. Councillor C. H. Wilson (Leeds) presided. Mr. Hay (treasurer) moved the following addition to rule 10: "That all members elected on and after January 1st, 1905, shall pay, in addition to the above subscription, an entrance fee of 10s. 6d." He thought it was desirable that they should have in future one entrance fee, which would not keep out the right class of members. Mr. Rowland Winn, in seconding the proposition, said that if the club were to organise any trial, or go to any other extra expense, the money would be very useful.—Replying to Mr. Monteith, the Chairman said the present membership of the County Club was 300.—Mr. E. H. Hepper supported the proposition.—Some of the members expressed the opinion that the entrance fee ought to be a guinea, but the Chairman pointed out that notice of such an alteration ought to be given before it could be adopted.—The proposition was eventually adopted unanimously.

Mr. Hepper, in introducing the subject of adding to the attractiveness of the club, said it might be impossible to suit the tastes of the whole of the members, but they could cater for the majority. If they could induce some of their members who had parks and big houses to invite the club to visit them, that fact would add greatly to the attractiveness of the club. Then they might get up picnics of the genuine sort during the summer, and take their friends out with them.—Mr. Steel suggested that it would add to the attractiveness of the club if they could have weekly gatherings of the members at headquarters.—Another member expressed the view that the attractiveness of the club would be increased if they were to arrange more runs during the season. The clubs in affiliation, he said, had frequent runs, but the county clubs had only three or four in a year.

Mr. Winn was of opinion that if they were to meet together more frequently they might be able to work up more enthusiasm for the club and for motoring. What they wanted was that more life should be instilled into their proceedings, and that could best be done by improved organisation. If they cultivated the social side of motoring, they would be sure to popularise the club.—Mr. Hepper pointed out that motorists could not run together as bicyclists could, as they would rouse public feeling against them.

After some further discussion, it was decided that the committee should arrange for the opening out of a suggestion book, for having a club night once a week, and for increasing the number of runs each season.—Mr. Learoyd (Huddersfield) said that his club had seriously considered whether they should not withdraw from the county organisation, as they obtained such a small number of advantages from membership. Notices were sent to them of the meetings of the County Club, but it was rarely that more than two or three members attended. The Huddersfield Club had 75 members, many of whom were averse to withdrawing from the County Club because they were anxious to take part in the trials and other gatherings.

This terminated the proceedings.

KILLED BY A MOTOR CYCLE AT BULWELL.

Mrs. Houghton, aged about 45, the wife of the landlord of the Framemakers' Arms, Bulwell, was killed as the result of a collision with a motor-cycle at Bulwell yesterday morning. Deceased was attempting to cross the road, when a motor cyclist, named Richards, who is a builder at Hucknall Torkard, collided with her. The handle of the machine appeared to strike the unfortunate woman on the side of the head, and she was picked up unconscious. She never recovered, and died shortly after the arrival of a doctor. Although Richards was only travelling at from five to six miles an hour, and sounded his horn, the moment he saw the woman, the collision could not be avoided, two carts having obscured deceased's view until it was too late to get out of the way.

MAYORAL BANQUET AT LINCOLN.

MR. SEELY, M.P., ON THE NORTH SEA OUTRAGE.

A complimentary dinner to the retiring Mayor (Alderman Footman) was held on Wednesday night at the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln. The Mayor (Alderman H. Wyatt) presided, and he was supported by the retiring Mayor, the Bishop (Dr. King), Mr. C. H. Seely, M.P., Chancellor Crowfoot, Sub-Dean Leeke, the City Sheriff (Mr. F. Stephenson), the retiring Sheriff (Mr. C. J. Fox), Mr. C. Roberts, the Rev. Canon Croft, the Rev. S. Bridges, the Town Clerk (Mr. J. T. Tweed), the Deputy Town Clerk (Mr. W. T. Page, jun.), the City Treasurer (Mr. J. S. Battle), Dr. Mansel Sympson, Dr. Jenney, Dr. Barton Cooper, Mr. J. G. Williams, Mr. H. H. Williams, Mr. E. E. Tweed, Mr. G. R. Sills, Mr. J. Laverack, Mr. J. Evens, Major Lloyd, and others. A récherché repast was provided by Miss Morley, of the White Hart Hotel.

After dinner the loyal toasts were submitted by the Mayor, and "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and other Ministers of Religion," by the Sheriff.—The Lord Bishop, in responding, mentioned that that was the twentieth 9th of November he had been amongst them, and he hoped to have the honour and pleasure of entertaining the Mayor and Corporation in his own house. The Dean and Chapter, he said, had been helping them in the great educational movement that was going on. For his own part he could only say he wished that scientific education and scientific secondary education would go on and prosper, and that the people of Lincoln would be kept well up to the level, and a little ahead of foreign nations. He should not have full confidence in the progress of education unless it was accompanied by religious education; and he hoped with the true liberty of conscience and the carrying out of their religious convictions. (Hear, hear.)—The Very Rev. Canon Croft, and the Rev. H. Smith also replied to the toast.—"The Imperial Forces" was entrusted to Councillor J. H. Foster, and Major Lloyd responded.—Sub-Dean Leeke gave "The Retiring Mayor" in terms of eulogy, and Alderman M. H. Footman responded in a witty speech.—Councillor T. H. White proposed "The Retiring Sheriff," and alluded to that gentleman's popularity, and Mr. C. J. Fox responded.—"The City and County Members" was submitted by Mr. J. S. Battle.

Mr. C. H. Seely, M.P., acknowledged the last-named toast. He said he trusted—and there was very fair prospect—that the City Sheriff would during his year of office be spared the trouble and annoyance of a general election. (Laughter.) Referring to a remark made in the course of the evening concerning conscription, Mr. Seely said he should be very sorry to see the old pride and glory of England, that it was never necessary to compel any man to defend his country, lost to us. With regard to the North Sea outrage, that was a question of special interest to Lincolnshire, where so many men were engaged in the fishing industry. One made every allowance for men who had not the same thorough training in their profession as our navy had, and for men who were so full of nervous apprehension in consequence of the terrible nature of modern weapons. Their sight, too, might be clouded when looking across the sea at night, but whatever excuse was offered for men who were going out on a long voyage and on dangerous work, one could not feel that there was any justification whatever for the mistakes that were made by that fleet in the North Sea. (Hear, hear.) The Russian navy ought to have in command of their ships men who were able to distinguish between the enemy's vessels and ordinary fishing boats which pursued their peaceful avocations upon the seas. (Laughter.) The matter was at present the subject of an international inquiry, and they trusted that that inquiry would bring the actual facts to light, and that those responsible would be properly punished. (Applause.) They were also glad to know that full compensation was to be given to those who had suffered by these acts, but, of course, no compensation could really adequately supply the loss of a husband or father. He hoped that compensation would not only be measured by what was necessary to put the bereaved families in such a position as though they had not suffered that loss, but that they would be fully compensated for any improved position which, had they lived, these men might have attained. (Hear, hear.) This unfortunate event had shown not only the absolute unanimity of this country in the matter, but that the people were all determined to protect every single citizen of this country in whatever rank or station. It had also shown that our navy was full and adequate for our protection, and was ready whenever it was required, and that the other nations had a very good knowledge of the readiness of that navy, and appreciated its force and strength. It showed, further, the peaceful relations that existed between us and our near neighbours. (Applause.)

The concluding toast was "The Mayor and Corporation," proposed by Mr. W. Watkins, and responded to by the Mayor.—The toasts were interspersed with selections played by Mr. R. Layton's string band.

On the Lincoln magistrates taking their seats on the Bench, yesterday, the Clerk (Mr. E. E. Tweed) offered his congratulations to the new Mayor (Alderman Wyatt), and expressed the hope that his year of office would be a pleasant one, and his duties as light as possible.

Mr. J. Richardson on behalf of the Bench, mentioned that Alderman Wyatt had filled the office of magistrate worthily for many years. They extended a hearty welcome to him once more as their chief, and assured him of their most loyal support.—Mr. H. H. Williams, also tendered the solicitors' sincere congratulations to the Mayor upon again occupying the position of chief magistrate. He had, he said, been told by good authority that never since the year 1300 had any gentleman occupied the office he filled five times. Therefore, Alderman Wyatt had not only created a record, but created a record which in all probability was never likely to be beaten.

The Mayor, in returning thanks, mentioned that he had been a city magistrate 19 years, and his associations with his colleagues had been of a most pleasant character. There were only about seven magistrates living who were on the Bench when he was first elected in 1885.

DISESTABLISHMENT IN FRANCE

GOVERNMENT BILL INTRODUCED IN THE CHAMBER.

PARIS, Thursday.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, after the debate on the Anglo-French Convention, M. Combes, amid the cheers of all the groups of the majority, introduced a Bill for the separation of Church and State.—Reuter.

LABOUR AND WAGES.

NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS AND THE FEDERATION.

Efforts at Amalgamation.

A mining representative says efforts are being put forth with a view to bringing about an amalgamation or fusion of the Northumberland Miners' Federation with the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. The last-named comprises all the English mining counties, North and South Wales, and Scotland.

The advisability of urging upon the Miners' Federation of Great Britain the necessity of seeking the return of the 5 per cent. taken from their wages was discussed at a meeting of South Lancashire miners last night.

NORTH-EASTERN SHIPWORKERS AND THE PROPOSED REDUCTION.

The Federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Employés of the Tyne and Wear districts held a conference in Newcastle last night, and resolved to take concerted action in dealing with the proposed reduction of wages, and also decide upon the lines such action should take.

DISTRICT COUNCILS.

PENISTONE RURAL.

This Council met yesterday, and was presided over by Mr. J. M. S. Stanhope, J.P.—A letter was read from Mr. Shaw, C.E., acknowledging receipt of letter from the Council, with respect to the Thurgoland sewage scheme, and promising further consideration.—The Clerk stated that he had given Mr. Shaw instructions not to proceed further without the consent of the Council, and the action of the Clerk was approved.

HOYLAND URBAN.

At a special meeting at the Town Hall, Hoyland, yesterday, a rate of 2s. in the pound was made for the coming half-year. An agreement was signed appointing Mr. H. T. Taylor, of Barnsley, as arbitrator in a question which might arise between the private street owners at Hoyland Common and the Council. It was decided to take legal proceedings against certain private street owners who had not paid the apportionments now due.

The Duke of Argyll opened at Birmingham yesterday an exhibition of Scottish home industries, and said the Association which organised the exhibition did not wish to prevent people from crossing the water, but thought that whilst people remained in the Highlands they should have a means of earning a livelihood.

NOTES ON PASTIMES.

Football at Grimsby.

I went over to Grimsby yesterday to find out for myself and for readers of this paper the exact position of affairs in connection with the Town Football Club. The air has been so full of rumours—most of them idle—that one was almost prepared to hear that it had been decided to abandon football management altogether. But, unfortunate as the present position is, such a drastic step has not yet been dreamed of by the directorate, and they refuse to contemplate it. That body is a new one, formed at the end of last season, when it may be remembered there was a rather heated controversy in the town. And the directorate as at present constituted has all the enthusiasm of youth. It is a new body, and clearly means to carry the club on successfully. It seems to me that a ten minutes' chat with Mr. Hickson, the very cheery and optimistic secretary, compels a feeling of security in the club's future, however dispiriting its present state may be.

Let me review matters for a moment. On November 3rd Mr. Hickson issued a letter pointing out that gates were showing a very serious reduction, and that it was impossible to get better men unless the club received better support. Two days later came the climax, in the shape of a crushing defeat on the Grimsby ground, Burslem Port Vale winning by three goals to nil, and straightaway a paragraph was sent round to the effect that the directors were so dissatisfied that they had decided "to advertise for a new team," that is to say that the whole of the existing players were to be got rid of, lock, stock, and barrel. There never was any truth in that, for it is only weak places in the team which the directors desire to strengthen, and as Mr. Hickson pointed out yesterday, the publication of such unofficial statements is very likely to cause trouble between players and directors. It seems from what I heard that two or three statements have been published which have been quite without authority, and the only ones which need be now discussed are the original letter from Mr. Hickson and the undoubted fact that the Grimsby Club wants some new and good players.

A Few Incontrovertible Facts.

It is impossible to blind oneself to a regrettable change in the club's fortunes when one has the opportunity of looking over the balance-sheets for the past few years, and my desire is to do what is possible to rekindle interest in the game in Grimsby, and to bring the gates up to something approaching their former excellence. If what is now set out should have that result, lovers of football generally will be glad, for Grimsby Town has an honourable record, and still possesses ambitions. Those ambitions lead towards a renewal of the old place in the First Division, but football clubs in these days cannot exist without generous and consistent support. There is no money in an honourable record, however much kudos there may be.

The general opinion in the town is that two years' participation in the First Division has killed interest in anything of a lower grade, and that, unless the club was strong enough to maintain its place in the top eighteen, it is matter for regret that the First Division was ever reached. However, that charmed circle is to our struggling clubs what the gaslight is to the moth; they are always striving to get there, even though destruction may ensue. And the splendid success of certain clubs which have climbed up from the Second Division—though it takes away from the perfection of my simile—provides a sufficient excuse for many other clubs continually seeking to emulate the few. The position of Grimsby Town is not yet desperate. What the directors wish is to prevent it becoming so, and that is the reason for the present call on supporters of the game in the district.

Figures not only do not lie, but they give us facts in a fashion which no mere unsupported words can do. Thus for the moment I propose to confine myself to facts which Mr. Hickson was good enough to provide. At the end of April, 1901, the accounts were closed with a credit balance of £174 17s. 6d. wholly due to a special and very successful effort which was then made to supplement ordinary income. At the end of the financial year 1902 this had been changed to a deficit of £32 3s. 5d.; the close of 1903 saw a balance of liabilities over assets of £491 16s. 4d.; and in the last financial statement, published at the end of April, 1904, this had been reduced to £98 10s. 3d. Since then heavy payments have had to be made during the summer months, and though I think it will be conceded that whilst the position of affairs at the end of last season was quite satisfactory, the summer wages plus the poor receipts up to date have so left the finances as to call for considerable replenishment. Other figures, however, must be given to show how support has fallen away. Let me tabulate the principal items on both sides of the account for the past few years as under:—

	Total gate Receipts. £	Total Income. £	Wages. £	Total working Expenses. £
1901	2,884	4,360	—	—
1902	4,698	6,177	2,975	5,614
1903	4,606	6,320	3,131	5,296
1904	2,568	4,336	2,374	3,778

Seasons 1901-2 and 1902-3 saw the club in the First Division, and the gates, as will be seen, were practically £2,000 more than the year following the club's drop into the Second Division again. The local argument as to the harm of the First Division is strengthened by the fact that, before those experiences, Grimsby's gates were £2,884, and afterwards £2,568. Moreover, it has to be remembered that the efforts to regain the lost position compelled another heavy wage list, and in the season of 1903-4, though the income came down from £6,320 to £4,336, or practically £2,000, wages were reduced by no more than £755. All this shows pretty clearly what a task has been before the directors, and the Board to-day deserves a warmer appreciation from the Grimsby public than it has received this season.

No League club can live on gates of £80; it may carry on for some time, living on its losses, as is not unknown in trade at times, but Grimsby is large enough to make such ghastly gates as those in the matches against Burton United and Burslem Port Vale mere nightmares. The first two matches on the home card this season each produced £130, the third, £90, and last Saturday's, £82, or an average of £108. In the season when the Second Division championship was gained the average through the season was £169; in 1901-2 it had risen to £235; in 1902-3, to £239; and last year sank again to £152, or £47 less than was the case when the club was last in the Second Division. Figures such as these either prove that the Grimsby public has lost interest in the game, or that support is being purposely withheld, and presumably being taken elsewhere. I hope the latter is not the case. The directors are all practical business men, bent on making the club go, and, yet, unless support is forthcoming, it is not easy to see how the better men, who are essential, can be secured. The matter rests with the Grimsby public, and it is to be hoped that that excellent sporting community may make amends for present shortcomings.

The Prospect for the Future.

It may be well to point out that the remainder of the season's programme contains plenty of attractiveness. So far the matches have not been of superabundant interest, and the last three, against Doncaster Rovers, Burton United, and Burslem Port Vale, could hardly be expected to draw great gates. All the crack clubs of the Division have still to go to Grimsby, and the gate at the next match on the home card, that against Manchester United, on the 19th inst., may possibly be accepted as some criterion of the town's present interest in the club. I take it that a great many people beyond the confines of the borough will be exceedingly glad to hear of a gate of 6,000 or 7,000 on the Grimsby ground on that day, to watch a team which in the estimation of many people, is quite likely to gain a place in the top class next season. Here for the present the matter may be left. If Grimsby is awakened to a sense of its shortcomings, the Town club cannot but benefit, and I hope such may be the result.

International Schools Football Competition.

As I stated yesterday, I have received a communication from Mr. W. J. Jutsum referring to the above subject, and in which he states that endeavours are being made to form a competition on cup-tie lines for schoolboys. The idea originated in Llandudno, and at a meeting held last Saturday it was decided to send an invitation to all the principal schools' associations to join the competition. Districts were arranged, and that for Yorkshire will be represented by Mr. Creswick, of Sheffield. The Sheffield Association are thinking of joining, and if they do so it is absolutely necessary that the best boys available should be secured. At present the association have under their notice only those boys who have entered for the local competitions, but they are of opinion that there are some likely lads in attendance at some of the other schools, and they are anxious to find them out. Any boy who does not play for his school in the Clegg or Wednesday competitions, and who is considered to be a fair footballer, is requested to send his name and address, with his position, to Mr. Creswick as soon as possible. All applicants must be under 14, and attending school. Some very likely candidates were tried last Saturday, but the committee are anxious to secure the best that Sheffield can produce.

Arthur Woodcock's Benefit.

Compared with the sum George Hirst has received as the result of his benefit match, that which has recently been handed to Arthur Woodcock, Leicestershire's old fast bowler, sinks into paltry insignificance. The match set apart for Woodcock's benefit was that between Leicestershire and Essex, practically eighteen months ago, and the cheque which has been recently handed to him was worth but £308. This is a very poor reward for the hard work Woodcock performed during many seasons, and the fact that no Leicestershire beneficiaire has been better treated does not speak well for the generosity of the inhabitants of a county supposed to be full of sportsmen.

LOOKER-ON.

FOOTBALL.

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

NOTTS COUNTY RESERVE v. DONCASTER ROVERS RESERVE.

At Trent Bridge. Notts, who gave a trial to two locals, scored in two minutes through Tarplin, and after Doncaster had claimed in vain that the ball went through from a shot by Skinner, Reid headed a second for Notts from a corner. Carnegie shot wide for Doncaster from a penalty. Just on the interval Reid headed a third goal for Notts, who played well. Half-time:—Notts County Reserve, 3 goals; Doncaster Rovers Reserve, 0 goal.

Immediately on resuming Crawcroft made an excellent attempt for Doncaster, and then Goddard put on a fourth for Notts, while Tarplin and Dean made further splendid shots. Notts easily held their rivals at every point, and despite fine goalkeeping by Daw, Tarplin scored a fifth after 24 minutes. Tarplin got a sixth, and Reid a seventh, and Skinner than scored for Doncaster just on time. Result:—

NOTTS RESERVE .... 7 goals.
Doncaster Rovers Res. .... 1 goal.

SHEFFIELD THURSDAY LEAGUE.

DONCASTER THURSDAY v. PARKGATE.

Played at Doncaster yesterday. Result:—

DONCASTER THURSDAY .. 3 goals.
Parkgate .... 1 goal.

KILNHURST THURSDAY v. WALKLEY.

At Kilnhurst, yesterday, before a large attendance. Result:—

KILNHURST .... 4 goals.
Walkley .... 1 goal.

ECCLESALL THURSDAY v. ROTHERHAM THURSDAY.

Played at Ball Inn, Heeley. Ecclesall lost the toss, and kicked uphill, and Wood scored for the home team before half-time. Afterwards Ecclesall monopolised the play, and Haynes scored for the home team. From a break away Rotherham scored. Result:—

ECCLESALL THURSDAY .... 2 goals.
Rotherham Thursday .... 1 goal.

CROSSLEY'S v. MOORHEAD.

Played on the former's ground at Wadsley Bridge. Crossley's pressed from the start, but missed good chances through erratic shooting. However, owing to a foul, the referee awarded a penalty, and Whittington scored, the interval arriving with the scores:—Crossley's, 1 goal; Moorhead, 0 goal. In the second half Moorhead forced matters, and two brilliant shots were successfully dealt with by the home goalkeeper. Following good play by the home forwards, C. Gowers scored with a splendid shot, and the same player, after running half the length of the field, scored another goal. Result:—

CROSSLEY'S .... 3 goals.
Moorhead .... 0 goal.

WHITWORTH'S v. BRAY'S (MASBRO').

At Sheaf House, before a capital attendance. The home team had their usual eleven, save that Bye played inside-right for Slagg, whilst the visitors were well represented. Bray's won the toss, Burns scoring for the home team in ten minutes, after a splendid run. The home team still had much the best of matters, the visitors' goalkeeper saving several shots in capital style, and nothing further was scored before the interval. On resuming, Whitworth's added further goals by Mack (2) and Coggan. Result:—

WHITWORTH'S .... 4 goals.
Bray's .... 0 goal.

ATTERCLIFFE v. THURSDAY CASUALS.

Played at Carbrook, before a good gate. The Casuals soon began to press, but had hard lines, and, after midfield play, the Casuals forced a corner, from which Jowett scored. There was only one team in it in the second half, and the Casuals soon forced a corner, from which Watson scored, and soon after the same player, after a fine individual run, added another. Attercliffe broke away, only to see Morris save in grand style. Casuals added another goal from a penalty, and, after a splendid run by the whole of the forwards, Watson put through. Result:—

THURSDAY CASUALS .... 5 goals.
Attercliffe .... 0 goal.

BELVOIR v. WESLEY COLLEGE.—Played on the College ground, and a good game ended in a win for Belvoir. Score:—Belvoir, 4 goals; College, 2 goals.

SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE BANK (LTD.) v. SHEFFIELD BANKING CO. (LTD.).—Played at Wadsley Bridge. The Hallamshire Bank scored through G. Feltrup (2) and Swift, and the Banking Company replied through Drabble and Bright. Result:—Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank, 3 goals; Sheffield Banking Co., 2 goals.

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Mr. W. H. Lawson presided over a fully attended Council meeting of the Southern League held at the George Hotel, Strand, last night. The business transacted proved of comparatively little importance, the most interesting item being an agreement that a letter should be sent from the Southern League suggesting that 54 clubs be exempted the qualifying rounds of the Football Association Challenge Cup, and that the Football Association be asked to receive a deputation on the subject. The Council voted the sum of ten guineas towards the fund in aid of the family of the late J. Jones, who died at Tottenham last September.

ROTHERHAM CHARITY CUP FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at the White Hart, Mr. McDowell in the chair, when the draw for the third round resulted as follows:—

Rotherham v. Thornhill. Referee, J. Morton.
Boston (Rotherham) v. Thorpe Healey or Greasborough. G. L. Robinson.
Parkgate Athletic v. Wycliffe. C. F. England.
Heeley Friends v. Kent Road Mission. W. A. Ball.
To be played on first-named ground on December 3rd.
Greasborough v. Thorpe Healey replayed tie has been arranged for Wednesday, November 16th, at Greasborough. Referee, H. Black.

GRIMSBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

To-morrow in their match at Bristol, against the City, Grimsby Town will try a Scottish amateur, named MacGregor, at full back. Both John and Alec McConnell are going on satisfactorily, the former under medical care at Manchester, but neither will be able to play for a week or two. A reference to the present crisis in Grimsby Town football will be found in "Notes on Pastimes" in another column.

RUGBY UNION.

YORKSHIRE v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

A change was yesterday reported in the Yorkshire team chosen to oppose Northumberland in the Rugby Union County Championship tournament at Hull to-morrow. Green, one of the Skipton forwards, has had to send back word owing to business claims and his place will be taken by Sugden, of Harrogate.

Trinity College, Oxford, 13 points; Jesus College, Cambridge, 15 points.

ATHLETICS.

OXFORD FRESHMEN'S SPORTS.

There was a complete absence of wind, and the weather was altogether an improvement on the past few days at the concluding heats in the Freshmens' Sports at Oxford, yesterday. There was a numerous attendance. The performances, as a whole, were hardly up to the average, but the Rhodes scholars did their best to raise the degree of merit, seven of the nine events in the two days falling to their share. Very promising form was displayed by Schutt, Cornell and Brazenose, in the mile, which he won in easy style in 4mins. 44 3-5secs., while Young, of the University of South Dakota and Oriel, added to his previous success in the high jump by winning the long jump, and the hurdles. Results:—

100 Yards.—Final heat: H. M. Butterworth, Marlborough and University, 1; J. C. M. Chavasse, Liverpool and Trinity, 2; L. McCarthy, Clapham and Keble, 3. Won by a few inches; the same between second and third. Time, 11secs.

100 Yards Handicap.—Final heat: S. M. Kelvie, Exeter, 2yds., 1; A. M. P. Lyle, Trinity, 5, 2; E. G. Mylne, Keble, scratch, 3. Won by six inches; a similar distance between second and third. Time, 11secs.

Putting the Weight.—D. R. Porter, Bowdon College, Maine, and Trinity, 31ft. 1½in., 1; N. F. Howe Browne, Diocesan College, Rondesbosch, and Oriel, 30ft. 3in., 2.

Long Jump.—P. M. Young, University of South Dakota and Oriel, 20ft. 8in., 1; B. H. E. Price, Oxford High School and St. John's, 18ft. 8in., 2; A. R. Wathen, Bradfield and Worcester, 18ft. 3½in., 3.

One Mile.—W. E. Schutt, Cornell and Brasenose, 1; B. G. De Glanville, Merchant Taylors, Crosby, and Worcester, 2; W. M. Wagstaff, Charterhouse and New, 3. Won by fourteen yards, a yard only separating second and third. Time, 4min. 44 3-5secs.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—P. M. Young, of University of Dakota and Oriel, 1; A. G. Leach, Bradfield and New, 2; A. Howard, Haileybury and Christ Church, 3. Won by three yards; a yard between second and third. Time, 19secs.

Throwing the Hammer.—D. R. Porter, Trinity Bowdon College, Maine, and Trinity, 85ft. 1in., 1; G. E. Hamilton, Eashham College, Indians, and Pembroke, 59ft. 10in., 2.

Quarter-Mile Handicap.—E. G. Mylne, Keble, 8 yards, 1; R. Sheepshanks, Keeble, 8, 2; H. Kemp, University, 6, 3. Won by six inches; two yards between second and third. Time, 51 1-5secs.

Quarter-Mile.—C. M. Chavasse, Liverpool and Trinity, 1; M. G. Holmes, Wellington and Balliol, 2; J. E. Hamilton, East Ham, Indians, and Pembroke, 3. Won by seven yards; ten between second and third. Time, 54 3-5secs.

CAMBRIDGE FRESHMEN'S SPORTS.

RECORDS LOWERED.

The chief feature in connection with the second instalment of the Freshmen's sports at Cambridge yesterday was the breaking of two records, but all round the performances were excellent. The chief performance was by K. Powell, of Rugby and King's, who won the hurdles in 16 2-5sec., a record for Freshmen's sports, and a performance that has been rarely beaten in Oxford and Cambridge sports. The previous best times were 17 1-5, by F. H. Teall, in 1902; 17 4-5, F. H. Allrey, in 1891; J. L. Greig, 17 4-5; and Godfrey Shaw, 18 1-5, in 1884. Powell yesterday also beat W. Brass, the Eton crack, in the quarter, in 53 4-5sec., a time that has only four times been beaten at these sports. G. Masters, of L.A.C. and Selwyn, easily back-marked all efforts by Freshmen under present conditions, winning the hammer competition with a throw of 113ft. 7in., though F. M. Edwards, of Bath and Queen's, failed to reel off such a good performance in the mile as in the three miles. He won easily in 4min. 43 2-5sec. J. Ellison won the broad jump with 20ft. 5½in., and in the sprint Brass, the Etonian, gained a handsome and easy victory in 10 4-5sec. The Harrow cricketer, C. S. Rattigan, was second. In the open mile a capital performance was accomplished by the Blue, R. P. Crabbie, who conceded 30 yards, and won in 4min. 23 3-5sec.—a fine performance for his initial effort of the season.

HUNTING.

VISCOUNT GALWAY'S HOUNDS.

Hunting from Balbro' yesterday were Viscount Galway, Colonel Armitage, Mr. G. Broomhead, Mr. A. M. Eadon, Miss Marjorie Eadon, Mr. W. C. Easterfield, Mr. S. M. Hall, Mr. H. S. Hodding, Mrs. Hodding, Mr. M. J. Hunter, Mr. G. V. Machin, Mr. R. A. Sorby, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Harrison Smith, Mr. H. Toothill, Mr. H. W. Verelst, Mrs. Verelst, Miss Welby, Miss Dolly Wright, Miss Ethel Wright, and Mr. C. Wright.

The Balborough Hall covers held a good show of foxes. From Coal Pit Wood hounds ran through High Wood; then turned right-handed past Spinkhill down into the valley, near the railway. Thence Reynard doubled back by Spinkhill and Park Hall, and through Coal Pit and Newman Woods to High Wood, and eluded his pursuers. A fox found in Nittaker Hill ran towards Fir Vale, then swung left-handed past Pebley Inn, as if for Balborough, but bore away to Norwood, where several foxes were astir, and after some cover hunting one was rolled over.

BLANKNEY HOUNDS.

These hounds had an excellent run yesterday, and it was a fitting finale to their cubbing season. They met at Digby, but did not begin in very promising fashion, for most of the local covers were drawn blank. On reaching a field of mustard, in the neighbourhood of Sir George Whichcote's coverts at Timberland, hounds roused a fox, which provided a stirring gallop. He led his pursuers on the Scopwick Station side of Sir George Whichcote's coverts, and, after passing Thorpe Tilney Hall, he ran with Timberland on the left into the fen. Subsequently turning left-handed, he entered Martin Wood, but quitted without delay, and then proceeded in the direction of Martin village. Just before reaching this point hounds checked, but they recovered the line, and then travelled along as if for Blankney Station short of which the fugitive doubled sharply back, and hounds continued running by Blankney. At times they travelled extremely fast, especially on the grass.

Those who participated in the run included General Sir Mildmay Willson, Miss Laura Willson, Sir George Whichcote, Mr. Chandos de Paravicini, Mr. De Freville, Dr. Thomson, Mr. and Miss Coulson, and Mrs. Wilson, from the Burton Country.

THE BADSWORTH.

These hounds had a very nice hunt yesterday. The meet was at Haddlesey (by permission). Hounds were taken to the Burn Woods to draw, and a brace of foxes were very soon a-foot. The fox we hunted (writes our correspondent) crossed the railway, and was very badly headed for the next five or six fields. He then started to run the ditches for a field or two, but eventually he turned his mask for the Quasquo Covers, and after a turn or two round them, he was viewed taking a "bee-line" for the Cambleforth Covers. Here, we had two very formidable drains to get over. Scent was now improving, giving us no time to look for bridges. However, we got safely over, and were soon sailing along on good terms with hounds, leaving Barlow on our left, straight to Stainton Wood. At this point hounds had worked very close up to their fox, as he was viewed within a field of them. After taking a turn round the cover he went away again towards the river, but only for a field or two, as hounds soon brought the line back into Stainton Wood again, and after a lot of slow work in cover he was viewed trying to get away. Hounds nearly caught him as he was coming back again, and eventually he slipped in a drain underneath a ride with one hound very close to his heels. However, he was soon dislodged, and hounds killed him after a very enjoyable hunt of just two hours on capital "going," thanks to the rain we had in the early part of the week. There was not a very big field out, but among them I noticed Lady Beaumont (Carlton Towers), Lady Muriel Parsons, Mr. H. Hope Barton, Mr. Lowther (Swillington), Major Nickalls, Mr. Edwards, and several others.

ACCIDENT TO THE MASTER OF THE COTTESMORE.

Mr. Evan Hanbury, Master of the Cottesmore, met with a bad accident while out with his hounds yesterday. In the course of a run his horse, when jumping a fence, near Wymondham, came in contact with some barbed wire, and fell. Mr. Hanbury was heavily thrown, and sustained a broken collar-bone. A carriage was procured, and he was conveyed to his residence, Braunstone Manor.

HUNTING FIXTURES.

BADSWORTH.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—10.45 .... Brierley
Monday .. Nov. 14—10.45 .... Wooley Edge
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—10.45 .... Sykehouse
Thursday .. Nov. 17—10.45 .... Shellow Grange
Saturday .. Nov. 19—10.45 .... Ackworth Moor Top

BELVOIR.
Friday .. Nov. 11—11. 0 .... Little Ponton Hall
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Allington Hall
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Hough-on-the-Hill
Wednesday .. Nov. 16—11. 0 .... Waltham
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Culverthorpe
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Hose Grange

BLANKNEY.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Barnby Manor
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Leasby Park (by invit.)
Wednesday .. Nov. 16—11. 0 .... Skellingthorpe
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Sleaford
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Wellingore Hall

BRAMHAM MOOR.
Friday .. Nov. 11—11. 0 .... Wighill Park
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Cross Roads, Bramham Moor
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Wood Hall Bridge
Wednesday .. Nov. 16—11. 0 .... Kiddal Lane
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Deighton Bar
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Monk Fryston

BURTON.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Faldingworth
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Glentworth
Wednesday .. Nov. 16—11. 0 .... Wragby
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Till Bridge
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Welton

COTTESMORE.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Leesthorpe
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Uffington
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Knossington
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Exton
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Beaumont Chase

VISCOUNT GALWAY'S.
Friday .. Nov. 11—11. 0 .... Darlton
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Scaftworth
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Sandbeck
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Aston Hall
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Gringly-on-the-Hill

EARL OF HARRINGTON'S.
Friday .. Nov. 11—11. 0 .... Red Lodge
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Bestwood Waterworks
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Ruddington Grange
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Car Colston

MEYNELL.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Yoxall
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Osmaston Manor
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Bramshall
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Mercaston Stoop
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Draycott Cliff
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Walton

QUORN.
Friday .. Nov. 11—11. 0 .... Beeby
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Belton
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Asfordby
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Charley Cross Roads
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Hickling
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Lowesby Hall
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Hemington

RUFFORD.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Rainsworth Lodge
Monday .. Nov. 14—11.30 .... Glapwell
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Caunton Manor
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Langwith
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Walesby

SOUTHWOLD.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—10.45 .... Scremby Cross Roads
Monday .. Nov. 14—10.45 .... Great Earlton
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—10.45 .... Cawkwell Hill Top
Friday .. Nov. 18—10.45 .... Ranby School
Saturday .. Nov. 19—10.45 .... Willoughby Station

EARL OF YARBOROUGH'S.
Friday .. Nov. 11—11. 0 .... Claxby Wood
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Langmere
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Croxby Pond
Wednesday .. Nov. 16—11. 0 .... Aylesby Manor
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Waithe
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Newsham Lodge

YORK AND AINSTY.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—10.45 .... Easingwold
Monday .. Nov. 14—10.45 .... Aldwark Manor
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—10.45 .... Skip Bridge
Thursday .. Nov. 17—10.45 .... Allerton Park
Saturday .. Nov. 19—10.45 .... Hagg Bridge

MARQUIS OF ZETLAND'S.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—11. 0 .... Sclabs
Monday .. Nov. 14—11. 0 .... Whashton
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Walworth
Thursday .. Nov. 17—11. 0 .... Hainaby
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11. 0 .... Streatlam Castle

HARRIERS.

HIGH PEAK HUNT.
Saturday .. Nov. 12— .... Monyash
Tuesday .. Nov. 15— .... Biggin
Saturday .. Nov. 19—11.30 .... Buxton (for Brierlow)
Wednesday .. Nov. 23— .... Wilton's House
Saturday .. Nov. 26— .... Waterloo Inn

HOLMFIRTH, HONLEY, AND MELTHAM.
Saturday .. Nov. 12—10.30 .... Fleece Inn, Holme
Wednesday .. Nov. 16—10.30 .... Jacob's Well, Honley

PENISTONE.
Tuesday .. Nov. 15—11. 0 .... Oxspring
Friday .. Nov. 18—11. 0 .... Langsett
Tuesday .. Nov. 22—11. 0 .... Penistone Station
Friday .. Nov. 25—11. 0 .... Bullhouse Hall

STANNINGTON HUNT.
Friday, Nov. 11—The Kennels, Stannington.
Monday, Nov. 14—The Holly Bush, Rivelin, Stannington.

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BILLIARDS.

ROBERTS v. REECE.

There was a capital attendance at both sittings yesterday, at Messrs. Orme's Saloon, Manchester, to witness this match of 9,000 points up, Reece receiving 2,750 start. Reece had the best of matters, his chief contributions being 50, 118, 110, 77, 155, 69, 54, 92, and 7 (unfinished). Roberts, who left off 795 behind his points, made 59, 84, 77, 80, 50, 224, and 107. Closing scores:—

REECE 6,917
ROBERTS 5,205

W. MITCHELL v. A. WILDSMITH.

A second exhibition game of 1,000 up between the above cueists, in which Wildsmith received 600 start, was played at the Royal Hotel, Sheffield, last night. Mitchell was in fine form. He scored 500 in three quarters of an hour, and won comfortably. His best breaks in the order of rotation were as follows:—42, 77, 111, 40, 75, 140, 58, 43, 119, and 75, while Wildsmith made 44, 27, 24, and 22. Result:—

W. MITCHELL 1,000
A. WILDSMITH (receive 600) 919

STEVENSON V. WEISS.

This match, of 9,000 up, at Cardiff, was continued yesterday. Early on Stevenson made a fine break of 148, Weiss replying with 111, and in compiling 10s later Stevenson executed some brilliant strokes. In the evening Stevenson early compiled a magnificent break of 315, making 70 of them in one spell of nursery play. He also compiled 152. Closing scores:—

WEISS 5,541
STEVENSON 5,538

THE £1,000 TOURNAMENT.

COOK v. HARVERSON.

Play in this event at Soho Square, London, yesterday afternoon again favoured Cook. He is receiving 2,750 start to Harverson's 2,250, in 9,000 points up, but so far has scored the most points. Cook's breaks during the afternoon session were 189, 50, 51, and 54, to Harverson's 111, 56, and 41. Interval scores:—Cook, 6,598; Harverson, 5,450. In the evening, Harverson gave a greatly improved display, and succeeded in reducing his opponent's lead to 597. He made breaks of 44, 62, 54, 104, 132, 59, 41, 80, and 94; Cook's highest being 40, 75, 41, 154, and 55 (unfinished). Closing scores:—

COOK 6,919
HARVERSON 6,322

C. DAWSON v. M. INMAN.

At both sessions there were capital attendances at the Grand Hall, Leicester Square, London, yesterday, when play in this match of 9,000 points up, Inman receiving 2,750, was continued. During the day Dawson had much the better of the argument, and especially in the evening, when he played brilliantly. In the afternoon Dawson started a little slower than usual, but towards the close he settled down, and gave a splendid exhibition, reaching his necessary points. His highest runs were 113, 60, 207, 155, and 130 (unfinished). Inman's best being 131, 75, and 52. Interval scores:—Inman, 5,308; Dawson, 5,252. Upon resuming, Dawson again showed good form, and brought his unfinished break to 194. Subsequently he contributed 52, 227, 147, 116, 52 and 67 (unfinished). Inman, for whom the balls broke badly, was responsible for 48 (twice), 70, and 64. Closing scores:—

INMAN 5,580
DAWSON (in play) 6,001

HOCKEY.

HALLAMSHIRE v. DANUM.

Played at Millhouses. Five minutes from the start, Marshall, with a good shot put Hallamshire ahead, but Danum immediately equalised. Owing to one of their backs getting hurt, the visitors had to play with ten men. Brittain added two more goals, and half-time arrived with Hallamshire leading 3—1. After changing ends, the game livened up, but the home team had the upper hand. The Hallamshire forwards all showed excellent form, Adlard, Brittain, and Marshall being perhaps the pick. Result:—

HALLAMSHIRE .... 5 goals.
Danum .... 1 goal.

BARNSLEY v. SELBY UNITED.

An interesting game between these teams, who were to have met a fortnight ago, when, owing to the visitors getting "stranded" by reason of a railway accident, the match had to be abandoned, took place on the Thorpe Road ground at Selby yesterday afternoon. Result:—

BARNSLEY .... 2 goals.
Selby United .... 0 goal.

ROTHERHAM LADIES V. WISEWOOD LADIES.

Played on the ground of the former yesterday. The game was very keen throughout, Rotherham scoring first, quickly followed by a point to Wisewood. Four further goals were added by the home team before half-time, when the score stood at 5 to 1. On resuming play was even, Wisewood, however, failed to score, while Rotherham added three more. Result:—

ROTHERHAM LADIES .... 8 goals.
Wisewood Ladies .... 1 goal.

JOHANNESBURG CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENT COMPANY.

A Reuter's telegram says the annual meeting of this company was held yesterday, at Johannesburg, Mr. H. A. Rogers presiding.—The Chairman said the total value of the company's assets was £5,154,000, a surplus over liabilities of £4,523,000. The net profit for the year amounted to £513,495, including £394,481 brought forward. A dividend of 10 per cent. had been declared, leaving £343,506 to be carried forward. The Chairman, continuing, said he regarded the year's work as most satisfactory; the future prospects of the company were assured. He deprecated excessive municipal taxation on a community emerging from a period of great depression. The importation of Chinese labour had occasioned a large increase in white labour.—The report was adopted.

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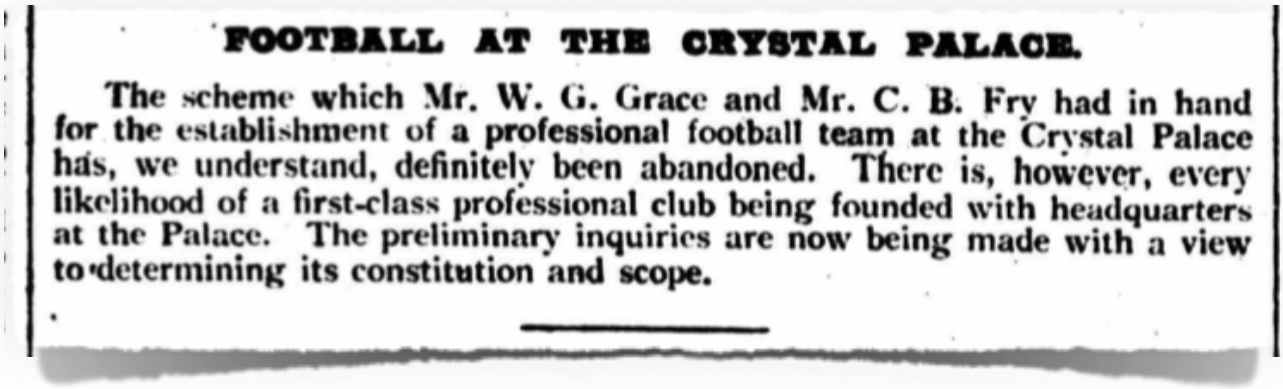

FOOTBALL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The scheme which Mr. W. G. Grace and Mr. C. B. Fry had in hand for the establishment of a professional football team at the Crystal Palace has, we understand, definitely been abandoned. There is, however, every likelihood of a first-class professional club being founded with headquarters at the Palace. The preliminary inquiries are now being made with a view to determining its constitution and scope.

Article describes how WG Grace's project to establish a Crystal Palace Football Club has collapsed, but evidence that a different party may take the idea forward.

SPORTING NOTES AND NEWS.

CONCERNING THE GRAND NATIONAL.

THE TRIAL STEEPLECHASE AT SANDOWN.

The time is fast approaching when it will be necessary seriously to grapple with the Grand National problem, for the great contest will be decided at Aintree at the end of the present month. It seems only the other day that we were placed in possession of a list of the entries for the race, yet a sixth of the year has slipped by since the eagerly awaited "Calendar" was issued. Hitherto, I have purposely refrained from expressing any decided opinion as to the chances of the several candidates. If I remember rightly, I did say a good word for Kirkland when the handicap was published, and I still think that he will play a big part in the race. My chief reason for holding that view is that by finishing fourth two years ago and second last year he has not only shown a partiality for the peculiarities of the course, but also an improving tendency. From all I hear, he is making very satisfactory progress at the present time. He had an outing in public at Ludlow the other day, and though his task there was a very simple one, he came through the ordeal all right. Still, I do not wish it to be supposed that I am going to pin my faith entirely to Kirkland. There are three or four other candidates for whom I have a considerable liking. After Moifaa's fine performance at Sandown Park a fortnight since, I unhesitatingly allied myself with those who felt that he must be regarded as a formidable factor in the situation. A few days later Moifaa was purchased by the King, and the horse straightway became a very hot favourite for the Grand National. Why the change of ownership should have had so marked an influence on the horse's market status I cannot quite make out. The mere fact that he will carry the King's colours at Aintree instead of Mr. Spencer Gollan's will not improve his chance one little bit. On the other hand, the change of quarters from Epsom to Newmarket at a critical juncture in his preparation for the big ordeal at Liverpool may possibly have a prejudicial effect—temporary, of course—on his health and temper. I do not say it will, but it may. No one will cheer more lustily than I if Moifaa follows in the footsteps of Manifesto and one or two others, and wins the Grand National a second time, but the feat is one that takes a lot of doing. He has Leinster to beat for one. Sir T. Gallwey's horse is without doubt our champion steeplechaser. Some people question his ability to stay the four and a half miles, but I do not see why he should not do so. His action is a very easy one, and he is so magnificent a jumper that he takes very little out of himself at the fences. If he is the best of the candidates quartered in Sir Charles Nugent's stables at Cranborne—Phil May, Buckhunter, and Napper Tandy are the others—he will most assuredly play a prominent part in this year's Grand National. Then there are Detail, Seahorse II. (Moifaa's erstwhile stable companion), Rose Wreath, and Biology to reckon with.

A Sandown Trial.

Another Grand National candidate for whom I should have a very considerable liking if he were to go to the post in a fit state to do himself justice, is Mr. Bass's Mathew. Two years ago he ran uncommonly well at Liverpool; indeed, a mile from home he appeared to have the prize at his mercy, but a little carelessness destroyed his chance. At that time he belonged to Mr. John Widger. Last year he was to have carried Mr. Bass's colours at Aintree, and for some weeks his prospects seemed extremely bright. Unfortunately, he broke down under the stress of training operations. How he has fared this time I have not heard, but his name has occasionally appeared in the betting. I should not require much encouragement to espouse his chance in preference to that of many a rival. Dearslayer, again, is a horse who has shown to advantage at Liverpool. Last year he was in the front rank for the greater part of the long journey. However, I do not intend to give a selection at this stage. Much may happen during the next fortnight or so to revolutionise our present ideas. It is just possible, indeed, that we shall see something at Sandown Park this afternoon that will cause us to alter our views, for the majority of the animals figuring in the Liverpool Trial Steeplechase are engaged in the Grand National, so that the race will not belie its name. Moifaa is entered, but it is understood that the King's horse will not be saddled to-day. The contest will, in consequence, be deprived of half of the interest that would otherwise have attached to it. In his absence attention will be centred in the performances of Mathew, Biology, Communist, Napper Tandy, and Longthorpe. Napper Tandy will, I fancy, go to the post in order that Sir Charles Nugent may gain a line to the latest form, but if he is satisfactorily to discharge his mission he will have to run in a way very different from that he was guilty of a fortnight since, when he was quickly tailed off. Recent form points rather strongly to Biology as the probable winner this afternoon. I was much struck with his performance in the Burwood Steeplechase at the last Sandown Meeting. If, however, Mathew is himself again, I do not suppose that either Biology or any other horse in the race will beat him, but there is too much uncertainty in the case of Mr. Bass's candidate to justify one in selecting him outright.

Amethyst looks a likely winner of the South-Western Handicap Steeplechase, and Preen should account for the Lammas Selling Hurdle Race.

SENTINEL.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Sandown Park engagements: Hallgate. All published handicaps: Hopeless II. All engagements: Trick Shot, Brother Witt. Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park: Calico. Derby Stakes, Epsom (1905): Damascus, McKeesport, and Caldicott. Derby Stakes, Epsom (1906): Hoyo and Annapolis.

LEICESTER STEEPLECHASES.

The Great Central Railway Company are running a first and third class special express at cheap fares to Leicester on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7 and 8, leaving London (Marylebone) each day at 10 a.m., Aylesbury 10.51, due Leicester (Central) 12.8 p.m. Two-day tickets from London, 1st 16s., 3rd 8s.; from Aylesbury, 1st 13s., 3rd 6s. 6d. One day fares from London, 1st 12s., 3rd 6s.; from Aylesbury, 1st 7s. 6d., 3rd 3s. 9d. Passengers return from Leieester at 4.41 p.m. and 6.23 p.m. Tickets and handbills may be obtained at Marylebone Station and at the Company's town offices or agencies.

FOOTBALL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The scheme which Mr. W. G. Grace and Mr. C. B. Fry had in hand for the establishment of a professional football team at the Crystal Palace has, we understand, definitely been abandoned. There is, however, every likelihood of a first-class professional club being founded with headquarters at the Palace. The preliminary inquiries are now being made with a view to determining its constitution and scope.

SCOTTISH GOLFING FISHERMEN TO VISIT ENGLAND

Mr. A. W. Maconochie, M.P. for the Eastern Division of Aberdeenshire, has arranged to bring a team of Inverallochy fishermen to play a match with the House of Commons, at Deal, Sandwich, or Mitcham, within the next few weeks. The Highlanders are from Cairnbulg and Inverallochy, Aberdeenshire, and practise the game during the winter months when they are unable to fish. They played a series of matches last year with Aberdeen, Edinburgh Burgess, and Royal Musselburgh, with considerable success. Mr. Balfour and Sir Henry Seton-Karr, M.P., have promised to take part.

STEVENSON WELL AHEAD OF DAWSON.

H. W. Stevenson considerably increased his lead over C. Dawson yesterday in the heat of 9,000 up in connection with Messrs. Burroughs and Watts's tournament. When play was continued in the afternoon Stevenson led by 366, and, scoring 881 to 535, he increased his lead to 712. At night both men were in form. Stevenson scored 749 to Dawson's 620, and at the close led by 841 points. Stevenson's breaks were 112, 73, 94, 150 and 139; Dawson's best being 55, 134, 100, and 120. The scores at the close were Stevenson, 4,500; Dawson, 3,659.

"A GRAND FRENCH YACHTING WEEK."

PARIS, Thursday.—The "Journal" announces that the Ligue Maritime Française has decided to give its whole support to the plan for a grand French yachting week. After agreement with the principal groups interested, the league has resolved to take the initiative in organizing these fêtes. A committee is already being formed under Admiral Gervais.—Reuter.

A SCHEME THAT FAILED.

THE DIRECT SUPPLY OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.

We spend millions of pounds every year on eggs and poultry imported from France, Russia, and other foreign countries, a goodly proportion of which might be diverted into the pockets of our home producers if they would only rouse themselves and make a systematic endeavour to meet the situation. Apparently, however, our farmers are in a hopelessly somnolent state. A somewhat startling condition of things is revealed by a letter from "Home Counties," which appears in the current number of the "County Gentleman." He writes:—

"On January 1 this year I thought I would try a scheme, which I considered was a means of making money to live on, and at the same time enable me to live in the country. I got the book of farmers in the Eastern Counties who are prepared to supply farm produce direct to the consumer. There was a list of 1,050 names and addresses (G.E. Railway list). I sent each one a letter and a form to fill up with list of goods they could supply, and the price for supplying them. I got thirty-five replies, all told, and only seven of these had any goods for sale, and even what they had were very limited.

"My idea was to buy from the farmers in large quantities, and have lady agents in London, especially in neighbourhoods where flats were plentiful, to get orders for the produce. I would add on a small sum to cover agents' commission and a profit for myself. I advertised for lady agents, and I got seventy-five. In every case I made inquiries as to their trustworthiness, and I sent them a list of what I could supply and the prices (the farmers supplied the lists to me and their own prices, and I made up my list and my prices, a small addition being made to cover agents' commission and give me a profit, as mentioned before).

"The agents had to call at houses, show my list, and the lady of the house would select what she wanted, fill up a printed order form, and prices thereon. The agent would send this order to me, and I would send instructions to Farmer —— to send on the goods direct to Mrs. ——. The agent would call and ask if the goods arrived safe and sound, if they gave satisfaction, etc., and collect the money and forward it to me. The farmer would charge to my account, and I would settle with him weekly. Just to prove my scheme, my seventy-five agents were set going, and in the first week I had *orders for the value of £186!* When I wrote to the farmers I could not get the produce! So I had actually to return the majority of the orders. This £186 meant a clear profit for me (after paying farmers and agents) of £18 12s. (10 per cent.)—not a bad profit.

Of course, I had to give up the scheme, as I could not get the produce. I had the buyers, and if one will only think of what could be done with farm produce, organized on such a business line as any ordinary commercial house, it is really a shame that there is so much land in England out of use; not even used for grazing—and we import butter, cheese, fruit, poultry, and other things, which could easily be grown here. My experience proves to me that if some huge company could be formed to buy up land, say, up to £20 an acre, and grow farm produce and sell it by agents, or send up to the central markets by motor-cars, there would be a splendid profit earned, cottages for labourers could be built, and the people brought back to the land."

QUEENSLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.—The Queensland Treasury returns for February show that the revenue amounted to £224,500, as compared with £220,800 in February, 1904, and the expenditure to £158,600, as compared with £157,300. The excess of revenue over expediture for the past eight months was £137,800, as compared with £120,500 in the first eight months of the preceding financial year.—Reuter.

With reference to the proposed sculling match for the championship, a Reuter message from Sydney states that Towns and Stanbury have disagreed as to the division of the steamer receipts.

The fancy dress carnival, the second of the season, held at the Crystal Palace, last night, was the most successful held for some time. Considerably over 500 gaily-dressed revellers took part, and many of the costumes were exquisite creations.

At a meeting of subscribers to the Quorn Hunt, at Leicester, yesterday, the appointment of Captain Forester as Master, in succession to Captain Burns Hartopp, resigned, was confirmed, and the new Master was introduced to the company. It was decided to take power to borrow £8,000 to complete the erection of the new kennels.

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NOTES ON PASTIMES.

ivian Simpson and his Friends.

The other day mention was made here of the fact at Vivian Simpson, the Sheffield Wednesday forard, who a year ago was doing such admirable ork at Owlerton in big matches, had signed a outhern League form for Reading. Much comment has been aroused over the matter, and it is erefore fair to state that the signature was only opended because the Sheffielder and Herbert mith, the Oxford City and Reading full-back, ho has been chosen to play against Scotland on aturday, are such firm friends, and it was at the atter's request that matters were brought to a ead. There is hardly any likelihood of Vivian impson playing in Southern League football, unless e happens to be on a week-end to the south; he still a Sheffielder.

And that reminds me of another matter which as cropped up. It transpires that he has been sked by Manchester United to give that club his ervices from now to the end of the season in order o solidify Manchester's chances of getting into the First Division. That offer was at once declined, hough the Manchester people were by no means atisfied with the first refusal, and repeated their equest more than once. However, the answer was he same, and it may be taken for granted that when the young Sheffielder comes back into big ootball it will be again in the colours of the club for which on more than one occasion he has been able o do such excellent service. At present the claims f his examination bar the way to anything like egular participation in the game.

ext Saturday's International.

An interesting possibility arises in connection with the big international match at the Crystal Palace next Saturday. This is in regard to he Newcastle United Club, which is invited to upply Aitken, McWilliam, McCombie, and Howie o Scotland, and may quite possibly, though I do ot know, be asked to send two others from its eam in Veitch and Carr as reserves for the English team. It has only to be pointed out that Newastle, fitted as they are with a quite big enough truggle in the effort to carry off the championship f the League, have to visit Ewood Park next Saturay to play the Rovers to see how difficult the ask of the directors is. They are not compelled o give the four players selected to Scotland, but f any of their men are down as English reserves hey will have to travel to the Palace according to recedent—a precedent of which Bloomer affords a onspicuous example. If, in spite of the risks which are obvious, Newcastle United decide to llow their four players to appear in the Scottish eam, the sportsmanship of the club, always recognised as being of a high standard, will attain a more lofty pinnacle than before. It has already een stated that Veitch is one of England's eserves.

Billiards at the Conservative Club.

Last night the big room set apart for billiards t the Sheffield Conservative Club was crowded, to watch the final of the first tournament, which has een promoted, and although the victory was eventually well won, the display was generally very ttractive. The competitors were Mr. J. E. Wing owing 120 in 250) and Mr. W. A. Toyne, owing 60. At the start Mr. Wing, who stands credited with ome of the biggest breaks yet made on the club's ables, scored very fast, and, thanks to 37 and 25, ubbed his deficit off as soon as his opponent. From hat point, however, Mr. Toyne, for whom the balls ad not run kindly at the start, made rare headway, and only once again did Mr. Wing get within ail. That was when the scores were called 125—163. Mr. Toyne, playing with nice strength, and making many beautiful cannons, went clean away, and eventually won by 117. His best breaks were 9, 26, 25 (twice), 24, 22, and 20, whilst Mr. Wing's were 37, 25, and 19.

Both gentlemen are very well known in local amateur circles, and Mr. Wing unfortunately failed o display his true form, save at the beginning of he game. Mr. Toyne, on the other hand, played with greater confidence as the game went on, and owards the end was responsible for many admirable strokes. He has hitherto been most closely identified with the Nether Edge Club, where he has more than once carried away the honours, and now the first competition which has taken place at the new club finds him a very popular winner. Mr. Wing's game was marked by a series of delightful red winners in the early stages, but subsequently he was the victim of indifferent luck more than once.

Stanley Harris' Form at Anfield.

Conflicting ideas as to the display of players in big matches are bound to appear in different papers, but seldom do we get such sharp drawn contrasts as in the case of Stanley Harris' display against Wales at Anfield last Monday. I held the opinion, and expressed it, that the old Cantab had once more failed to find his Glasgow form of last year, and that his manipulation of the ball was clumsy. On the other hand the established News Agency representatives held that he played a fine game, and the "Sportsman" said that "he was facile princeps in the English front line; his passes were clever and neat, his play stylish and unselfish." On the other hand the "Sporting Chronicle" declared that "Harris failed in his many attempts at passing, and failed by his own imperfections." The London "Daily News" held the opinion that "he was at once the best shot and the worst forward on the field, and his play in the open was execrable." Then the "Daily Dispatch" said that "he was a failure, and showed no pretty footwork." I think I have given enough extracts to show how sharply contrasted were the views of various occupants of the Anfield Press box.

To-day's Replayed Cup-Tie.

This afternoon Aston Villa and Everton come together again in the semi-final tie of the English Cup, the game taking place on the Forest ground at Nottingham. Last Saturday the game was at Stoke, where reports differ remarkably as to which side should have won. But most critics agree that Everton did not play their usual game, and that as the game ran the Villa should have triumphed. I am inclined to put this inability of Everton to rise to their best as due largely to the superiority of their opponents, whom I still regard with most favour for the Cup, and I shall not yet desert the team in its semi-final struggle. The game is bound to be a remarkably even and good one, and it ought to draw a very large gate to the Forest ground. What is more to the purpose the teams should be able to give us one of the great games of the year. They are quite classy enough to do so, and with members of both sides suffering nothing from their exertions there is every likelihood of expectations being realised. There is an excursion on the Midland at 12.2.

Thickett's New Appointment.

I understand that Harry Thickett, the well-known back of the Sheffield United team in the days of its glories, has just been appointed manager to the Bristol City Club in succession to Mr. Sam Hollis. Thickett has not been quite a regular member of the City team this season, but it is said that his experience when he has been included has been of great value to his side. He will be congratulated upon his present appointment.

The Tonbridge Cricket Ground.

I am indebted to a Reading correspondent for a correction in my reference to the Angel ground at Tonbridge, made last week. I then stated that the Yorkshire team had only been there once, but I ought to have remembered their match there in the season of 1899, when they were beaten by six wickets. That match was noteworthy for the fact that Bradley, the then fast bowler of the Kent team, performed the "hat trick," taking two wickets at the end of one over, and a third with the first ball of the next in Yorkshire's first innings. The game also produced a great innings of 171 by C. J. Burnup, whilst when Yorkshire were fighting hard to save the match Ted Wainwright played a very fine uphill game, scoring a splendid 100. Burnup followed up his first innings' success with 65 not out in the second, but he was very lucky in this innings early on.

Next Monday's Clashing in Sheffield.

On Monday morning last I referred to the clashing of the re-arranged League match between Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday with the Army Cup Semi-final at Bramall Lane, and stated that this Army Cup-tie had been arranged since the one to be played at Owlerton. My information on this point came from a thoroughly reliable source, and the allocation of the Army Semi-final at Bramall Lane only became known on Monday of last week, whereas the Derby County match was re-arranged a good deal earlier than that. Thus the facts appeared straight enough, and our paragraph was justified, but Mr. Nicholson informed me yesterday that his club had fixed up the Army match on March 7 last, or a full fortnight before the fact became known. Thus Sheffield was dependent on London for its local news!

Doncaster Rovers Club.

The misfortunes of the Doncaster Rovers Club are not yet at an end, and in another column will be found particulars of a very clear decision which has been come to by an Emergency Committee of the Football Association.

LOOKER-ON.

VACANT DATES, Etc.

Hyde Park (Dronfield) C.C. require Matches. Most dates open.—Apply A. E. Crookes, 24, Hill Top, Unstone, Sheffield.

Sheffield Gentlemen's Servants C.C. want Fixtures; most dates open; private ground.—Apply Secretary, Lescar Lane, Sharrow Vale.

HOYLAND Silkstone C.C. would like to arrange few Matches for second team.—Apply H. Colley, Platts Common, near Barnsley.

FOOTBALL.

DONCASTER ROVERS AND THE ASSOCIATION.

A THREAT OF SUSPENSION.

In a report issued yesterday, the Emergency Committee of the Football Association state that, having considered the financial position of the Doncaster Rovers' Club, they ordered that club to either pay the arrears of salaries due to their players, or make satisfactory arrangements within 14 days, under penalty of suspension.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

NEXT FRIDAY'S MEETING.

The business on the agenda for the next Council meeting, to be held on Friday, includes the proposed alterations of the rules, whereby all reference to any maximum wage limit for professional players, and to the amount of bonus permissible for a professional player to receive when signing on, shall be eliminated from the F.A. rules; that the clubs and professional players shall be permitted to enter into engagements for such a period as they may mutually agree upon, and whereby a payment of a bonus for winning matches be permissible, provided it is by way of deferred payment only, and payable at the close of a season. This will necessitate the alteration of six rules.

The Council has also to consider the reports postponed from the last meeting of the Rules Revision Committee on the same question, and recommendation, including a fixed wage and no bonuses. It will also be moved that alterations in the rules of the Association and the articles of association be recommended to the annual general meeting, in order to provide for the election of the Council immediately after the annual general meeting, instead of in the month of August. Other business includes the deferred question of control of Leagues, the arrangements for the final tie, and the selection of exempted clubs for next season's competition.

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SHEFFIELD AMATEUR LEAGUE.

The draw for the semi-finals of the above was made last night, resulting as under:—

Rotherham Amateurs v. High Hazels. To be played on the Tinsley ground. Referee, Mr. H. L. Haigh.

Sharrow St. Andrew's v. All Saints' or Clifton Mission. To be played on Meadow Hall Ground. Referee, Mr. Watson.

SHEFFIELD MINOR LEAGUE.

A meeting in connection with the above competition was held last night, at which the following clubs were declared champions of their divisions:—Division 1, St. Catherine's and Nelson; Division 2, Parkgate and Parkgate Athletic; Division 3, Ecclesfield Town and Ecclesfield Church.

The draw for the test matches, to decide which clubs shall be in the semi-finals, resulted as follows:—

Parkgate Athletic v. Nelson. To be played on Tinsley Ground. Referee, T. Rutherford.

Parkgate v. St. Catherine's. To be played on Ecclesfield Church Ground. Referee, H. Chatterton.

These matches are to be played on April 1st, and if drawn games result on the following Saturday.

Ecclesfield Church and Ecclesfield Town secured byes.

After this the draw took place for the semi-finals, and resulted as follows:—

Ecclesfield Church v. Ecclesfield Town. To be played on Thorncliffe Ground. Referee, G. H. Parkin.

Parkgate Athletic or Nelson v. Parkgate or St. Catherine's. The ground was not fixed. Referee, R. Pitchford.

HEANOR AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Last evening a meeting was held at the Rays Arms Hotel.—The Chairman, at the opening, referred to the illness of both secretaries.—It was decided to hold a banquet for the distribution of cup and medals at an early date.

LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP.

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL v. EVERTON.

The final tie was played at Southport yesterday, before 4,000 spectators. Everton had practically a reserve team. Although playing against the breeze in the opening half Southport scored twice through Lawson and Smith, and led at the interval by two goals to nil. In the second half Dilly scored for Everton. Result:—

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL .... 2 goals.
Everton . . . . 1 goal.

UNDER RUGBY RULES.

THE NORTHERN UNION AND THE ASSOCIATION.

AN IMPORTANT DECLARATION.

In connection with the dispute in regard to the prohibition of the match between the Hull City Association Club and Manchester City, on the Hull ground, last Saturday, by the Cup Committee of the Northern Union, who had declared the ground closed for the rest of the season, a special meeting of the General Committee was held at Manchester last evening, when the following resolution was passed:—"This committee approves of the action of the Cup Committee in ordering that no match be played on the Hull Club ground on Saturday last, and further decide that no match be played on any date which had been set aside for a Rugby fixture during the period of the ground's suspension." This in effect means that the Hull City Association Football Club will be able to utilise the ground on such dates as do not appear in the fixture list of the Hull Rugby Club.

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

DIVISION 1.

At ....—Batley, 2 goals 1 try (7 points); Warrington, nil.

CHESS.

Played at Stocksbridge, on Monday, and resulted as follows:—

HUTTON'S.		STOCKSBRIDGE.	
J. Orange	1	G. Kaye	0
L. Stringer	½	J. T. Brown	½
B. H. Moiroyd	½	W. Gaunt	½
R. Combes	1	R. Naylor	0
W. Stringer	½	C. Brown	½
J. W. Tether	½	H. Kaye	½
H. Taylor	1	Rev. F. A. Stebbing	0
E. Gardner	1	J. Rowbottom	0
G. H. Bamford	½	A. Hobson	½
Total	6½	Total	2½

SANSOVINO'S PENALTIES.

By his success in the Lincolnshire Handicap yesterday Sansovino has incurred a penalty of 10lb. for the City and Suburban, thus raising his weight to 8st. 8lb. For the Jubilee Stakes at Kempton Park he also gets 10lb. extra, his weight now being 8st. 5lb.

Sansovino was No. 3 on the card yesterday, Catty Crag No. 13, and Park Ranger No. 18.

No fewer than 94 horses contested the half-dozen races in the Lincoln programme yesterday, as compared with 82 on the corresponding day last year.

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TURF INTELLIGENCE.

ANSWERS to CORRESPONDENTS.

"William Ball" (Derby).—See our issue of Monday last.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

A Sensational Affair from Beginning to End.

SANSOVINO SUCCESSFUL IN AN EXCITING RACE.

CATTY CRAG UNLUCKILY DEFEATED.

(From Our Own Reporter.)

The Lincolnshire Handicap has this year left a good deal to be desired. To begin with, the weights were arranged on a flattering scale, and a capital acceptance held out promise of a splendid medium for speculation. But the affair flattered only to deceive. From a public point of view everything went wrong from the moment that betting began. Original favourites in St. Amant and Laveuse speedily became victims of the scratching pen. Csardas and Sansovino, the next pair to attract attention, incurred the displeasure of Newmarket horse-watchers, the one being reported lame, and the other beaten in a trial. Hackler's Pride then loomed large on the speculative horizon, only, however, to suffer the same fate as earlier reigning favourites. Csardas was the next notable one to go, after several less celebrated candidates had "pegged out," and by this time people began to get sick of the race.

What wonder, then, with the typhoid scare also exercising a deterrent effect upon intending visitors to Lincoln, that when day dawned for the decision of the first big event of the season the prophecy was general as to a leanest Lincoln on record. It may not have been as bad as that, but it was agreed on all hands that the attendance was considerably below the average. And yet, when the eye ranged over the vast concourse assembled on the world-famed Carholme, it was impossible to resist the conclusion that love of the sport is too deep-rooted in the hearts of Englishmen to be "grubbed up" by anything but the most powerful implements. The weather for the occasion was much less favourable than on Monday, scudding showers and boisterous breezes alternating with fitful gleams of sunshine, and fully justifying the expressive description of "miscellaneous," as it was dubbed by people who flatter themselves as funny. Fortunately, the light was good throughout, so that all the phases of what proved to be a thoroughly exciting card of sport were plainly discernible.

For the Lincolnshire Handicap the field was exactly as anticipated overnight, and whilst it fell below the average numerically there could be no two opinions about it being below par in point of quality. In a field of 18 good-looking horses were in a decided minority. Very handsome is Sansovino, as we have aforetime remarked, and he stripped fitter than might have been expected, considering his conformation. Airlie, too, is a fine horse, and will be a good winner ere long, and Vedas has a "classy" look about him, though he somewhat disappointed those who watched his juvenile career, and expected great things of him in this company. But he looked light, and, no matter how Robinson may strive to "build him up," he will win no Blue Riband. As for the remainder, they cannot be exalted, and whenever they appear in the best of handicap society, they will harm nobody more than their backers.

Well trained indeed they were, as a whole, but none better in this respect than Catty Cragg, whose condition reflected the greatest credit upon his trainer, William Elsey. And here let it be interpolated that nothing but downright bad luck robbed Catty Crag's owner, trainer, and all concerned of the well-deserved reward attaching to what would unquestionably have been an immensely popular victory. Run the race twenty times over at yesterday's weights and conditions generally, and Catty Crag would be the winner on nineteen occasions. His defeat was brought about by the dashing tactics of Griggs on Sansovino. Sending his mount out for all he was worth, Griggs crossed over and collared the rails, and kept jealous possession, with the result that when making his final challenge, Catty Crag had to come up on the whip hand. That effort cost him the race.

But we are heading the fox. Harking back to hard-and-fast details, it may be chronicled that the eleventh-hour betting revealed some remarkable fluctuations. Not only the local people, but shrewd backers in general, declared on the Lincolnshire representative, Catty Crag, and the money was piled upon him so steadily that he actually wound up co-favourite with the three-year-old Vedas, who at the finish, like Rosebury and Andria, was very easy. Covering money came into the market for Sansovino, and, despite an open expression on the part of his trainer that he would not beat Grey Green, Mr. Luscombe's colt was the firmer of the pair. Really and truly, though, the one horse backed on all hands was Catty Crag.

In the Lincoln course there is just the suspicion of an elbow, and horses drawn outside not unseldom have the best of the luck. It was so now in the case of Sansovino. Three furlongs from home he was enabled, along with Le Blizon, to cross over to the rails, and Park Ranger being on their heels, Catty Crag was crowded out, and had to ease up and come round on the outside. Le Blizon had run himself out at the end of seven furlongs, and Catty Crag and Park Ranger then challenged Sansovino in most resolute fashion. Towards the finish, Sansovino was compounding rapidly, but riding for all he was worth, Griggs kept him going long enough to gain a lucky head victory at the expense of Catty Crag, whilst Park Ranger was only beaten a neck for second money. Le Blizon was a creditable fourth, and then some distance off came Salute and Andria. The disappointments of the race were Vedas, Rosebury, and Grey Green, and it cannot be said that at any stage they flattered their admirers. Housewife was not herself. Griggs had not ridden a "Lincolnshire" winner before, but C. Waugh had previously had the felicity of training a winner in Over Norton. It is due to the connections of Catty Crag to say that they took their unlucky defeat in the most sportsmanlike way.

Previous to the big race a couple of minor events were disposed of, and both attracted mammoth fields. For the Lincoln Plate, a four furlongs scramble, no fewer than 22 turned out, and naturally cautious speculators left the race severely alone. Tips, however, abounded for Summit, Nairobi, and Noisy Bill, but whilst they all ran well, they met more than their match in Narrateur, a good-looking son of Raconteur, owned by the Newmarket trainer, Butters. Summit was making up a lot of ground at the finish, and another that will be better suited perhaps by five furlong courses, is the fine-actioned Eider filly. The Brocklesby Trial Stakes led to a finish as thrilling as anything we shall see in all probability throughout the season. Nigh upon half of the 24 competitors passed the post in a cluster, and it was only the judge that could say Pretty Dick had beaten Whitsbury and Early Bird, and that Economical was not in the first three. The boy on the winner rode wonderfully well against the celebrities with whom he fought out the finish.

Falconet gained an easy victory for Mr. Leopold Rothschild in the Canwick Maiden Stakes, but there was nothing of much account behind him. The whole of the thirteen entered overnight sported silk for the Sudbrook Selling Plate, and an unnamed gelding by Tinman won smoothly from Green Dragon. Mark Time declined his liability in the Hainton Plate, and Cock of the Roost started a pronounced favourite. After a tremendously fast race, he was returned the winner by a length from Given Up and the locally trained Saroth.

Have you seen the new cover of the Red Railway Guide? It is most effective. Now ready for April.

LATEST SELECTIONS.

(BY "FORTUNATUS.")

LINCOLN MEETING.

The proceedings at Lincoln yesterday are so adequately dealt with elsewhere that no comment is just now necessary from my pen. I may content myself, therefore, with this simple expression: "Hard lines, Mr. Langstaffe; better luck next time. You deserved to win, and you took your unlucky defeat as a Yorkshire sportsman should—like a sportsman!" Concerning to-morrow's programme, the Brocklesby is, of course, the outstanding event, but it is much to be doubted if this time-honoured prize is as coveted nowadays as it was in days gone by. But, however that may be, we hear less about youngsters being specially prepared for it, and in connection with the present anniversary not more than half a dozen are favourably reported. Perhaps the winner will be found in the

LADY LENA COLT.

Other fancies of mine are as follows:—

1.30.—Gautby Selling Plate—SLINKAWAY.
2. 0.—Welbeck Plate—LADOR.
3.20.—Doddington Plate—PARK RANGER.
3.50.—Blankney Selling Plate—LADY HAWKER.
4.20.—Queen's Plate—ST. KITTS.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Lincolnshire Handicap—UNINSURED (at 1.45 p.m. on Monday, March 27).

Derby Stakes, Epsom—Simon Melton (at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 27) and Snuffed Out (at 3.58 p.m. on Monday, March 27).

Brocklesby Stakes, Lincoln—Detection.

Hylton Handicap, Liverpool—Wild Night Again.

Liverpool engagements—Julia Gaylord colt and Kalydor colt.

Spring Cup Course Handicap, Liverpool—Gun Carriage.

Lingfield and Kempton engagements—Mr Perks.

Victoria Plate, Pontefract—Dame Hampton g.

All engagements in Lord Durham's name—Iberis and Medicine Man.

All published handicaps in Mr R. W. Cox's name—Light of Asia.

All engagements, except Breeders' Stakes, Kempton—Goldfisher.

All engagements in Mr L. J. Humby's name—Little Samson, Goldcraft, Young Heron, Anna Boleyn, Juno filly, Beaulieu Lass filly, Queen Bess colt, and Forest Belle colt.

All engagements—Forgotten, Eskdale colt, Belsay, Pizarro, Burnlet, Bungay, Miss Preston filly, Cannie Lad, Fast Fanny, Love Dart, Cat Law, Alice Morgan colt, London Swell, and King Cole.

WHAT THE WINNERS STARTED AT.

LINCOLN MEETING.

Race.	No. of Starters.	Winning Horse.	Starting Price.
Lincoln Plate	23	Narrateur	100 to 6
Brocklesby Trial Stakes	24	Pretty Dick	20 to 1
Lincolnshire Handicap	18	Sansovino	100 to 9
Places		Sansovino	3 to 1
		Catty Crag	6 to 4
		Park Ranger	6 to 1
Canwick Maiden Stakes	7	Falconet	4 to 1
Sudbrooke Selling Plate	13	Gold Coin g.	100 to 8
Hainton Plate	11	Cock of the Roost	9 to 4

LINCOLN SPRING MEETING.

YESTERDAY'S RUNNING.

2. 0—The LINCOLN PLATE of 250 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 7lb; winners extra; second to receive 10 sovs. Four furlongs and fifty yards, straight.

Off at 2.5

Mr J. Butters' b c NARRATEUR, by Raconteur—Benefactress, 8st 10lb .... W. Halsey 1
Mr Wyndham's NAIROBI, 8st 7lb .... Griggs 2
Mr Homan's NOISY BILL, 8st 7lb .... J. Boardman 3
Captain Beetles' Giulan, 8st 10lb .... G. M'Call 0
Mr Carlton's Georgias, 8st 10lb .... C. Leader 0
Lord Fitzwilliam's Foresight, 8st 10lb .... Vasey 0
Mr Higham's Sounie, 8st 10lb .... Lynham 0
Mr Milnethorpe's Repentance colt, 8st 10lb .... Young 0
Mr P. Peebles' Every Ready, 8st 10lb .... Every 0
Mr Randall's Sir Edwy, 8st 10lb .... Bray 0
Mr J. T. Whipp's Evelyn colt, 8st 10lb .... O. Madden 0
Mr Barnard's Cecil filly, 8st 7lb .... J. H. Martin 0
Mr E. Carr's Amelia, 8st 7lb .... D. Maher 0
Mr Fernandes' Lady Molly, 8st 7lb .... Wheatley 0
Sir M. FitzGerald's Weedwind, 8st 7lb .... F. Hardy 0
Mr Henning's Currajong, 8st 7lb .... F. Bullock 0
Mr J. B. Joel's Sweet Finch, 8st 7lb .... F. Rickaby 0
Mr King's Eider filly, 8st 7lb .... H. Jones 0
Mr Pickering's Norrie, 8st 7lb .... Saxby 0
Duke of Portland's Gavotte filly, 8st 7lb .... M. Cannon 0
Mr L. de Rothschild's Summit, 8st 7lb .... K. Cannon 0
Mr A. Stedall's Velindra filly, 8st 7lb .... Jarvis 0

(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting: 5 to 1 agst Summit, 6 to 1 Nairobi, 7 to 1 Noisy Bill, 10 to 1 Cecil filly, 100 to 8 Giulan, and 100 to 6 each NARRATEUR and others.

Nairobi jumped off in front of Narrateur, Norrie, Amelia, Noisy Bill, Giulan, and Summit, with Cecil filly next, and in this order they ran for half the journey, when Narrateur drew to the front, followed by Nairobi and Noisy Bill, and won a good race by a neck; three parts of a length separated the second and third. Summit was fourth, the Cecil filly fifth, the Eider filly sixth, Giulan seventh, Georgias eighth, Amelia ninth, the Evelyn colt tenth, Sir Edwy next, and the Repentance colt last.

2. 35—The BROCKLESBY TRIAL STAKES (handicap) of 2 sovs each starter, with 100 sovs added; winners extra; second to receive 5 sovs. Five furlongs.

Off at 2.45.

Mr Oban's b g PRETTY DICK, by Missel Thrush—Moti, 3yrs, 6st 2lb .... Howey 1
Mr G. Thursby's WHITSBURY, 3yrs, 6st 13lb .... Trigg 2
Mr Ruston's EARLY BIRD, 5yrs, 8st 3lb .... O. Madden 3
Mr Freeman's Blowing Stone, 5yrs, 8st 10lb .... East 0
Mr W. Elsey's St. Walston, 5yrs, 8st 9lb .... Wheatley 0
Mr F. Menzies' Clwyd II., 5yrs, 8st 7lb .... G. M'Call 0
Mr Henning's Retrieve, 4yrs, 7st 10lb .... F. Bullock 0
Mr H. Higham's Tickets, 5yrs, 6st 13lb .... Russell 0
Mr Beit's Hercules, aged, 6st 13lb .... G. H. Bullock 0
Mr Dresden's Sir William, 4yrs, 6st 12lb .... Pike 0
Captain Bewicke's Wildfowl, 5yrs, 6st 12lb .... Saxby 0
Mr E. Clark's Daisyfield, 3yrs, 6st 13lb .... Conkie 0
Mr Fernandes' Ripon, 3yrs, 6st 11lb .... Cockeram 0
Mr Wyndham's Doola, 3yrs, 7st .... Griggs 0
Lord Wolverton's Bramble Jelly colt, 3yrs, 6st 8lb .... E. Pratt 0
Mr Jarvis' Whistlethrush, 2yrs, 6st 8lb .... Dine 0
Mr Stedall's Leopold, 3yrs, 6st 13lb .... Jarvis 0
Mr Barnard's Kaffir Chief, 3yrs, 6st 11lb .... Heppell 0
Mr L. de Rothschild's Dion, 3yrs, 6st 11lb .... Plant 0
Count de Bressen's Pacha, 3yrs, 6st 5lb .... Hawkins 0
Lord Cholmondeley's Economical, 3yrs, 6st 4lb .... Hunter 0
Mr Jenkins' Spring Seat, 3yrs, 6st 3lb .... Liney 0
Mr T. H. Walker's Great Tom, 3yrs, 6st 2lb .... Jones 0

(Winner trained by Armstrong.)

Betting: 5 to 1 agst Early Bird, 7 to 1 St. Walston, 8 to 1 Whitsbury, 100 to 12 Wild Fowl, 100 to 8 Whistlethrush, 100 to 7 each Blowing Stone and Doola, and 20 to 1 each PRETTY DICK and others.

Doola, in the centre of the course, jumped off in front of Spring Seat, Whitsbury, Early Bird, Blowing Stone, and Whistlethrush, and led for half the journey, when Whitsbury drew to the front, followed by Early Bird, Doola, Economical, and Pretty Dick, and in an exciting finish Pretty Dick won by a short head from Whitsbury, who defeated Early Bird by a head for second place. Economical, close up, was fourth, just in front of Doola, fifth, with Sir William sixth, Retrieve seventh, Dion next, and Pacha last.

3. 20—The LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP of 1,000 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 15 sovs each; 10 ft; winners extra; second to receive 50 sovs and the third 25 sovs. The Straight Mile.

Off at 3.41.

Mr Luscombe's ch c SANSOVINO, by Marco—Pietola, 4yrs, 7st 6lb .... Griggs 1
Mr Langstaffe's br h CATTY CRAG, by Wolf's Crag—Nobody's Child, 5yrs, 8st 5lb .... G. H. Bullock 2
General Paget's b c PARK RANGER, by Bushey Park—Kirsche, 4yrs, 6st 8lb .... Hunter 3
Mr J. Joel's His Lordship, 5yrs, 7st 10lb .... C. Trigg 0
Mr J. Miller's Housewife, 4yrs, 7st 5lb .... Plant 0
Mr King's Chacornac, aged, 7st 3lb .... R. Jones 0
Mr Stedall's Marsden, 4yrs, 7st 2lb .... Jarvis 0
Mr Bottomley's Le Blizon, aged, 6st 11lb .... Sharples 0
Lord Farquhar's Airlie, 4yrs, 7st 2lb .... Rollason 0
Lord Cholmondeley's Salute, 5yrs, 6st 8lb .... Pike 0
Mr Henning's Andria, 4yrs, 6st 11lb (car 7st) .... F. Bullock 0
Mr Ellam's Mouraviff, 5yrs, 6st 9lb .... East 0
Mr Edwardes' Red Heart's Pride, 4yrs, 6st 4lb .... Hawkins 0
Mr Canning's Grey Green, 4yrs, 6st 3lb .... C. Escott 0
Mr de Wend-Fenton's Vedas, 3yrs, 6st 3lb .... Saxby 0
Mr S. Joel's Barnstormer, 4yrs, 6st 1lb .... Evans 0
Mr Dresden's Proffer, 4yrs, 6st 2lb .... Heppell 0
Mr C. Perkins' Rosebury, 4yrs, 5st 11lb .... Trickle 0

(Winner trained by C. Waugh.)

BETTING AT THE START.

11 to 2 agst Catty Crag	25 to 1 agst Park Ranger
11 to 2 —— Vedas	30 to 1 —— Chacornac
7 to 1 —— Rosebury	33 to 1 —— Marsden
100 to 9 —— SANSOVINO	33 to 1 —— Barnstormer
100 to 8 —— Andria	33 to 1 —— Salute
100 to 7 —— Airlie	50 to 1 —— Mouraviff
100 to 6 —— Grey Green	50 to 1 —— His Lordship
20 to 1 —— Le Blizon	50 to 1 —— Housewife
25 to 1 —— Red Heart's Pride	50 to 1 —— Proffer

PLACE BETTING.

5 to 4 agst Vedas	6 to 1 agst PARK RANGER
6 to 4 —— CATTY CRAG	
2 to 1 —— Rosebury	6 to 1 —— Salute
3 to 1 —— SANSOVINO	7 to 1 —— Chacornac
3 to 1 —— Andria	8 to 1 —— Marsden
7 to 2 —— Airlie	8 to 1 —— Barnstormer
4 to 1 —— Grey Green	10 to 1 —— His Lordship
5 to 1 —— Le Blizon	10 to 1 —— Mouraviff
6 to 1 —— Red Heart's Pride	10 to 1 —— Proffer
	10 to 1 —— Housewife

THE RACE.

The parade and canter were both led by His Lordship. It was after schedule time before the competitors reached the post, and then some little delay occurred principally owing to Le Blizon, Salute, Sansovino, and Vedas. When the barrier went up at 3.41, Airlie in the centre of the course was the quickest away, being followed by Rosebury, with Vedas and Catty Crag on the left, and Grey Green on the right; then came Mouraviff, Sansovino, Le Blizon, Housewife, Marsden, and Andria in front of Park Ranger and Red Heart's Pride. When a quarter of a mile had been traversed Marsden and Housewife were in trouble, and three furlongs from home Le Blizon took up the running to the front, followed by Sansovino, Rosebury, Vedas, Airlie, and Catty Crag, the latter having been closed in somewhat. At the distance Sansovino deprived Le Blizon of the lead, and, stalling off the challenge of Catty Crag, who had come round his horses, won an exciting race by a head; a neck separated second and third. Le Blizon was placed fourth by the judge, with Salute fifth, Andria sixth, His Lordship seventh, Airlie eighth, Vedas ninth, Proffer next, and Red Heart's Pride last. Time, 1min. 48 3-5secs.

WINNERS SINCE 1853.

Year.	Winner.	Jockey.	s. p.	yr. st. lb.
1853	Caurire	Clement (9)	8 to 1	a 5 13
1854	Georgey	Aldcroft (10)	5 to 1	4 7 0
1855	Saucebox	Fordham (4)	Evens	3 5 12
1856	Flageolet	H. Bray (11)	6 to 1	4 7 0
1857	Huntington	Grimmer (16)	12 to 1	3 5 13
1858	Vandermulin	French (21)	3 to 1	5 7 ?
1859	Bel Esperanza	Clement (21)	20 to 1	5 6 12
1860	Vigo	Fordham (13)	10 to 1	4 7 6
1861	Benbow	T. Chandler (17)	16 to 1	5 7 5
1862	Suburban	A. Edwards (20)	7 to 1	5 7 9
1863	Manrico	S. Adams (17)	8 to 1	4 6 12
1864	Benjamin	Hunter (11)	100 to 30	5 6 13
1865	Gally	Carroll (24)	20 to 1	5 7 4
1866	Treasure Trove	Barker (27)	20 to 1	3 5 7
1867	Vandervelde	H. Covey (16)	33 to 1	6 6 13
1868	Indigestion	Maidment (23)	100 to 6	6 7 6
1869	Sycee	Cameron (24)	100 to 15	5 6 13
1870	Royal Rake	Maidment (10)	11 to 2	4 7 8
1871	*Vulcan	G. Jarvis (24)	9 to 1	a 6 8
1872	Guy Dayrell	Maidment (27)	100 to 6	5 7 13
1873	Vestminster	Maidment (21)	100 to 8	a 8 1
1874	Tomahawk	F. Archer (35)	14 to 1	3 6 4
1875	The Gunner	Rossiter (32)	30 to 1	4 6 0
1876	Controversy	Constable (30)	33 to 1	5 7 7
1877	Footstep	Hopkins (32)	100 to 6	4 7 2
1878	Kaleidoscope	Glover (27)	6 to 1	5 7 12
1879	Touchet	Constable (27)	6 to 1	5 8 4
1880	Rosy Cross	Mordan (25)	16 to 1	6 7 13
1881	Buchanan	Gallon (36)	100 to 8	4 6 10
1882	Poulet	J. Goater (25)	20 to 1	5 8 7
1883	Kt. of Burghley	C. Wood (17)	8 to 1	a 7 8
1884	Tonans	C. Wood (29)	5 to 1	6 8 4
1885	Bendigo	J. Snowden (21)	11 to 4	5 8 ?
1886	Fulmen	J. Woodburn (23)	100 to 7	6 7 13
1887	Oberon	E. Martin (20)	50 to 1	4 7 8
1888	Veracity	Chandley (25)	50 to 1	4 5 10
1889	Wise Man	T. Loates (25)	8 to 1	4 7 8
1890	The Rejected	Rickaby (19)	18 to 1	6 8 11
1891	Lord George	J. Woodburn (21)	100 to 9	5 8 0
1892	Clarence	Allsopp (25)	6 to 1	3 6 ?
1893	Wolf's Crag	Bradford (20)	20 to 1	3 6 7
1894	Le Nicham	T. Loates (19)	5 to 1	4 8 7
1895	Euclid	G. Brown (15)	100 to 8	6 7 12
1896	Clorane	M. Cannon (18)	100 to 14	5 9 4
1897	Winkfield's Pride	M. Cannon (18)	7 to 2	4 8 9
1898	Prince Barcaldine	Robinson (14)	4 to 1	5 7 5
1899	General Peace	O. Madden (26)	100 to 7	5 7 5
1900	Sir Geoffrey	M. Cannon (25)	100 to 12	5 8 6
1901	Little Eva	O. Madden (28)	100 to 15	6 7 1
1902	St. Maclou	G. McCall (23)	100 to 8	4 7 12
1903	Over Norton	O. Madden (20)	100 to 7	6 7 6
1904	Uninsured	B. Dillon (23)	9 to 2	4 7 10
1905	Sansovino	W. Griggs (18)	100 to 9	4 7 6

The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.

4. 0.—The CANWICK MAIDEN STAKES of 2 sovs each starter, with 100 sovs added, for three year olds and upwards which never won before the time of closing; winners extra; to be ridden by apprentices; those who have not ridden more than three winners allowed 3lb, those who have never ridden a winner 3lb in addition; second to receive 5 sovs. The Straight Mile.

Off at 4.3.

Mr Rothschild's b c FALCONET, by Gallinule—Verdina, 3yrs, 7st 2lb .... Sharples 1
Mr C. F. Elsey's WINTERFOLD, 3yrs, 7st 2lb .... Wheatley 2
Mr Henning's KATE CAREW, 5yrs, 8st 9lb .... C. Halsey 3
Mr E. Dresden's Bolt Away, 3yrs, 7st 2lb .... Pike 0
Mr Pickering's Ormsby, 3yrs, 7st 2lb .... Saxby 0
Mr Loates' Quite Ready, 3yrs, 6st 13lb .... Evans 0
Mr A. Sadler, jun.'s Quick Returns, 3yrs, 6st 13lb .... W. Toon 0

(Winner trained by Watson.)

Betting: 5 to 2 each agst Bolt Away and Winterfold, 4 to 1 FALCONET, and 8 to 1 others.

Falconet drew out from Winterfold and Boltaway, and, making the whole of the running won easily by five lengths; three lengths separated the second and third. Bolt Away was fourth, Quite Ready fifth, and Quick Returns last.

4. 30—The SUDBROOKE SELLING PLATE of 106 sovs, for two year olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 7lb; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Four furlongs and 50 yards, straight.

Off at 4.35.

Mr Knowles' b g by TINMAN, dam by JANISSARY—OLD COIN, 8st 7lb .... Randall 1
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's GREEN DRAGON, 8st 7lb .... G. M'Call 2
Mr C. Bewicke's ROUKEN FILLY, 8st 7lb .... Sharples 3
Mr Chandler's Galanthis colt, 8st 10lb .... O. Madden 0
Mr Wyndham's Fernhurst, 8st 7lb .... C. Trigg 0
Mr W. Elsey's Tweed Warren, 8st 2lb .... Anderson 0
Mr R. Marsh's Scotch Hop, 8st 7lb .... C. Jones 0
Mr E. Lamb's Pimpernel, 8st 7lb .... F. Hardy 0
Mr J. M. Bell's Sovereign Lady filly, 8st 7lb .... J. Murray 0
Mr E. Carr's Impossible, 8st 7lb .... B. Dillon 0
Mr W. Jarvis' Strike-a-Light filly, 8st 7lb .... Jarvis 0
Mr Hibbert's Cornubian filly, 8st 7lb .... M. Cannon 0
Mr Freeman's Queen's Darling, 8st 7lb .... East 0

(Winner trained privately.)

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Rouken filly, 7 to 2 Green Dragon, 9 to 2 Galanthis colt, 10 to 1 Queen's Darling, and 100 to 8 each GOLD COIN GELDING, and others.

The Tinman gelding jumped off in front of Green Dragon, the Rouken filly, and the Galanthis colt, and, making the whole of the running, won by a length and a half; three lengths separated the second and third. The Galanthis colt was fourth, Queen's Darling fifth, the Sovereign Lady filly sixth, Fernhurst next, and the Strike-a-Light filly last. The winner was purchased by Mr Stedall for 250gs; Fernhurst by W. E. Elsey for 30gs; Scotch Hop by Mr Paravicini for 11gs, and the Cornubian filly by Mr Gibson for 7gs.

5. 0—The HAINTON PLATE (Handicap) of 400 sovs; winners extra; second to receive 25 sovs. One mile and a half.

Off at 5.5.

Mr Newman's br c COCK OF THE ROOST, by Best Man—Gallinule, 5yrs, 7st 2lb .... Griggs 1
Mr Appleyard's GIVEN UP, 4yrs, 7st 13lb .... Randall 2
Mr Wilson's SAROTH, 5yrs, 7st 6lb .... Wheatley 3
Lord Durham's King's Limner, 6yrs, 8st 7lb .... D. Maher 0
Capt. Herbert's Thoss, 6yrs, 8st 4lb .... B. Dillon 0
Mr Musker's McYardley, aged, 8st 3lb .... O. Madden 0
Mr Henning's Galapas, 4yrs, 8st 2lb .... F. Bullock 0
Mr Lamb's Erin colt, 4yrs, 7st 7lb .... Jarvis 0
Duke of Portland's Caro, 6yrs, 7st 4lb .... Rollason 0
Mr Wyndham's Peter's Pride, 4yrs, 7st 3lb .... C. Trigg 0
Mr L. Rothschild's Queen of the Lassies, 4yrs, 6st 13lb .... Plant 0

(Winner trained by Dawson.)

Betting: 9 to 4 agst COCK OF THE ROOST, 6 to 1 Queen of the Lassies, 8 to 1 Given Up, 10 to 1 each Saroth, King's Limner, Galapas, and Caro, and 100 to 8 others.

Queen of the Lassies made the running from Peter's Pride, Caro, King's Limner, and Galapas, with Cock of the Roost and the Germ colt next, with McYardley whipping in. So they ran for half-a-mile, when Peter's Pride took up the running, followed by Caro, Queen of the Lassies, and Cock of the Roost. Six furlongs from home Caro assumed the command, followed by Peter's Pride, Cock of the Roost, Saroth, and King's Limner. A quarter of a mile from the finish Cock of the Roost took the lead, followed by Given Up and Saroth, and won easily by a length; a similar distance separated the second and third. Caro was fourth, the Erin colt fifth, King's Limner sixth, McYardley seventh, Peter's Pride next, and Thoss last.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS DAY.

1. 30—The GAUTBY SELLING PLATE of 106 sovs; two-year-olds 6st 9lb, three 8st 13lb, four 9st 13lb; five and upwards 10st; m and g allowed 3lb; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Five furlongs.

a Mr H. Bottomley's Sea Log .... Batho 5 10 0
a Mr S. R. Snow's Miss Kendal .... Major Scott 5 9 11
a Mr H. Peel's Martial .... Goswell 6 9 11
a Mr F. W. Day's Lady Ormaе .... Owner 6 9 11
a Mr C. Hibbert's Impious .... Nightingall a 9 11
a Mr P. Peebles' Value .... Owner 4 9 10
a Mr G. Thursby's Slinkaway .... G. Edwards 4 9 10
a Mr C. Perkins' Flourish of Trumpets .... H. Powney 4 9 10
a Mr R. W. Cox's colt by Bentworth—Nightwalker .... East 3 8 13
a Mr J. B. Joel's Skipping Boy .... Morton 3 8 13
a Mr Lindemere's filly by Undecided—Hindhead .... Wright 3 8 10
a Mr J. S. Hall's Skivey .... Private 3 8 10
a Mr Leader's Euphrosyne .... Private 3 8 10
a Mr R. Marsh's Culsalmond .... Owner 3 8 10
a Mr J. Hallick's Queen's Own .... Owner 3 8 10
a Sir E. Cassel's Love's Fool .... F. Lambton 3 8 10
a Mr W. Elsey's Guide Post .... Owner 3 8 10
a Capt. Bewicke's Joe .... H. Powney 2 6 9
a Mr A. Sadler, jun.'s Coss .... Owner 2 6 6

2. 0—The WELBECK PLATE, a high-weight handicap of 200 sovs; winners extra; second to receive 10 sovs. Six furlongs, straight.

Mr Hill-Wood's Cloverley .... Clements a 9 10
a Mr Musker's Gilbert Handley .... C. Waugh 5 9 8
Mr Edwardes' Nutwith .... Major Edwards 4 9 6
a Mr Kern's Vibrant (10lb ex) .... Robinson 6 9 5
Mr Allerton's Otherwise .... Armstrong 4 9 2
a Mr Hannam's Guigne .... Sherrard 5 9 0
a Mr King's Ambrose .... G. Edwards 4 9 0
a Mr Menzies' Clwyd II. .... Robinson 5 8 13
Mr Lambton's Zanoni .... Owner a 8 12
a Mr Marshall's Poppita .... Clements 6 8 11
a Mr Wallace's Grey Goblin .... Jarvis 4 8 10
Mr Millard's Chicory .... Lowe 4 8 9
a Major Vaux's Japan .... Menzies 5 8 8
a Mr Fox's Va Ve .... W. Elsey 4 8 8
Mr Lamb's Capot .... C. Waugh 5 6 6
a Mr Peebles's Mary Belle .... Owner 4 8 3
a Mr Henning's Retrieve .... Brewer 4 8 3
a Mr Hall's Don Paez .... Sanderson 4 8 3
Mr Joel's Lancaster Gate .... Morton 3 8 2
a Mr Walker's A.R.A. .... W. Elsey 4 8 0
Mr Brassey's Tom Thumb .... H. Sadler 4 7 12
Mr Gurry's Martina .... Owner 4 7 11
a Mr Clark's Persian Garden .... McCall 4 7 11
Mr Stedall's Wise Love .... Sadler, jun. 3 7 11
Mr Dalgleish's The Laird II. .... W. Nightingall 3 7 4
a Mr Rothschild's Lador .... Watson 3 7 3
Mr Burrows's Sweet Lilac .... Pratt 3 7 3
Mr Perkins's Coldstream .... I'Anson 3 7 3
Mr I'Anson's Petition .... Owner 3 7 1
Mr Mashro's No Go .... McKie 3 7 0

2. 45—The BROCKLESBY STAKES of 200 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, 5 ft, for two year olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 7lb; the nominator of the winner and the owner of the second each to receive 25 sovs out of the stakes. Four furlongs and fifty yards, straight.

a Mr Barnato's Medalstone .... Morton 8 10
Mr Bell's c by Speed—Simplify .... Farring 8 10
Mr Bell's Battle Ground .... Farring 8 10
Mr Cartwright's Tickenham .... Leader, jun. 8 10
a Mr Cockburn's c by Galashiels—Miskah .... W. Elsey 8 10
a Mr Dugdale's c by Donovan—Lady Lena .... G. Edwards 8 10
Mr Freeman's Lord Chingle .... McKie 8 10
Mr Jenning's Romolo .... Owner 8 10
Mr Jersey's c by Matchmaker—Donshka .... Wilson 8 10
Sir J. Miller's c by Le Var—Day Star .... Blackwell 8 10
Lord Penrhyn's Decoyman .... Enoch 8 10
Lord Penrhyn's Machappie .... Enoch 8 10
a Mr de Rothschild's Beppo .... Downes 8 10
Mr de Rothschild's Cerrigotto .... Watson 8 10
Mr Stedall's c by Ayrshire—Mona Cross .... Sadler, jun. 8 10
Mr Symons' Crusader .... Private 8 10
Mr Szemere's Aslan .... W. Waugh 8 10
a Mr Vyner's King Sapphire .... Matthews 8 10
Mr de Wend-Fenton's Mark Antony .... Robinson 8 10
Mr Barnato's Absurdity .... Morton 8 7
Mr Bass' f by Farndale—Merrily .... A. Taylor 8 7
Mr Bell's Velois .... Farring 8 7
Mr Bell's f by Anthony or Oberon—Sovereign Lady .... Farring 8 7
a Mr Brassey's f by Bay Ronald—Merry Miser .... H. Sadler 8 7
Mr Buchanan's First Violin .... Major Edwards 8 7
Sir E. Cassel's Jubilation .... F. Lambton 8 7
a Mr Clayton's Guinare .... Cole 8 7
Mr de Clermont's f by Wildflower—Gamp .... Young 8 7
Lord Derby's Gemma .... G. Lambton 8 7
Lord Derby's Kilruddery .... G. Lambton 8 7
Duke of Devonshire's f by Morion—Emancipation .... Goodwin 8 7
Mr Dresden's Happy Child .... Archer 8 7
Mr Dresden's Irish Sea .... Archer 8 7
Mr Edwardes' Aziz .... Major Edwards 8 7
Mr Elsey's Giglet .... Owner 8 7
Mr Fairie's Shower Bath .... A. Taylor 8 7
Mr Freeman's f by Bradwardine—Musketoon .... McKie 8 7
a Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's Heronshaw .... Robinson 8 7
Lord Harewood's Appenzell .... G. Chaloner 8 7
a Mr Heinemann's Grey Gown .... F. Day 8 7
a Mr Henning's Currajong .... Brewer 8 7
Mr Henning's Wallaroo .... Brewer 8 7
Mr Homan's Norman Mint .... Walters, jun. 8 7
Mr Percy's f by Amphion—Leila .... Wilson 8 7
Mr Joel's Parted .... C. Peck 8 7
Mr Larnach's La Haye Sainte .... R. Marsh 8 7
Mr Lindemere's Donhead .... Wright 8 7
Mr Loates' Porte Victoire .... Owner 8 7
Lord Londonderry's Jane Seymour .... G. Chaloner 8 7
a Mr Low's f by The Rush—Braw Lass .... Pickering 8 7
Mr Marsh's Tutbury .... Owner 8 7
Capt Orr-Ewing's Blue China .... Robson 8 7
Lord Penrhyn's Kalimari .... Enoch 8 7
Duke of Portland's Gallant and Gay .... G. Lambton 8 7
Duke of Portland's f by Cyllene—Elizabeth Hardwick .... G. Lambton 8 7
Mr Randall's Marcotini .... Sadler, jun 8 7
Mr Randall's f by Chittabob—Lauretta .... Sadler, jun. 8 7
Mr Raphael's Lovania .... D. Waugh 8 7
Mr Robinson's f by Florizel II.—Lucious .... Owner 8 7
Mr de Rothschild's Catnip .... Watson 8 7
Mr de Rothschild's Azla .... Hayhoe 8 7
Mr de Rothschild's Range .... Hayhoe 8 7
Mr Sherwood's f by Wolf's Crag—Tacita .... Owner 8 7
Mr Stedall's f by Ayrshire—Mine d'Or .... Sadler, jun. 8 7
Mr Stedall's f by Freemason—Oceano .... Sadler, jun. 8 7
Mr Vyner's Curruсha .... Matthews 8 7
Lord Wolverton's f by Ugly—Bramble Jelly .... R. Marsh 8 7
Mr Wyndham's Sluice .... R. Sherwood 8 7

3. 20—The DODDINGTON PLATE (a welter handicap) of 250 sovs; winners extra; second to receive 10 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Waugh's The Bishop .... Owner a 9 5
Mr Green's Happy Slave .... Peebles 5 9 1
Mr Young's Mousqueton .... Sergeant 4 9 1
Lord Ellesmere's Firmilian .... J. Dawson 5 8 13
Mr Benson's Morgendale .... Private 5 8 13
Mr Craig's King's Birthday .... Digby 5 8 11
Mr Elsey's Cyclades .... Owner 4 8 11
a Mr de Paravicini's Vidame .... J. Waugh a 8 9
Mr Lamb's Ancaster .... C. Waugh 5 8 8
Mr Hare's Winkfield's Charm .... F. Hunt 6 8 7
a Mr Mitchison's Bibury .... Hallick 5 8 7
a General Paget's Park Ranger .... In Ireland 4 8 6
Mr Bonner's Coxcomb .... Gurry 4 8 4
Mr Hill's Barbette .... Armstrong 4 8 1
Mr Wyndham's Tamasha .... R. Sherwood 4 8 0
a Mr Strathern's Sertorious .... W. Elsey 4 8 0
a Mr Menzies' Ormelia .... Robinson 4 7 13
a Mr Perkins' Roseburn .... I'Anson 5 7 13
a Mr Wallace's Gavello .... Jarvis 4 7 8
a Mr Vyner's Killigrew .... Matthews 4 7 8
a Mr L. de Rothschild's Queen of the Lassies .... Watson 4 7 7
a Mr de Paravicini's Pentonville .... J. Waugh 4 7 4
Col. Dansey's Mazzaroth .... Metcalfe 6 7 1
a Mr Wright's Lamos .... Smith 4 7 1
a Mr Sanderson's Napper .... Owner 4 7 1
Mr Nicholl's Wauken Phast .... Bates 3 7 0

3. 50—The BLANKNEY SELLING PLATE of 106 sovs, for three-year-olds and upwards; three-year-olds 7st 10lb, four 9st, five and upwards 9st 3lb; m and g allowed 3lb and maidens 4lb; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Seven furlongs, straight.

a Mr H. Bottomley's Harama .... Batho 6 9 0
a Mr C. Perkins' Lady Hawker .... H. Powney 3 7 7
a Mr. C. Elsey's Frumity .... W. Elsey 3 7 6
a Sir E. Paget's Lord Cork .... J. Chandler 3 7 6
a Mr W. Elsey's Cheat .... Owner 3 7 3
a Mr J. A. Miller's Bunjy .... Robson 3 7 3
a Mr S. Mathers' Lord Wick .... H. T. Smith 3 7 3

4. 20—The QUEEN'S PLATE of 200 sovs, for three-year-olds and upwards; allowances; second to receive 20 sovs and the third 10 sovs. Two miles.

a Mr G. Prentice's Karakoul .... Jarvis 6 9 7
a Lord Durham's Osbech .... P. Peck a 9 7
a Mr J. G. Clarke's Mark Time .... Robinson 5 9 7
a Mr L. de Rothschild's St. Kitts .... Watson 4 8 2
a Mr L. de Rothschild's St. Galette .... Watson 3 7 1
a Mr W. E. Elsey's Spinning Wheel .... Owner 3 6 5
a Mr G. Chaloner's Dulcissima .... Owner 3 6 5

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE

Accident to Kirkland.

Kirkland has met with a slight accident, but it is confidently expected that he will be able to fulfil his engagement in the Grand National. It appears that the horse struck himself in his box on Sunday, but although somewhat stiff from the effects of the mishap, he walks it off, and, as stated, he is expected to fulfil his engagement.

ACCIDENT TO FLAXMAN.

His Majesty's promising young 'chaser, Flaxman, who has arrived at Liverpool, where he holds engagements in the Stanley Steeplechase and Champion Steeplechase, pulled up lame after doing a good gallop of two miles at Aintree yesterday morning. It subsequently transpired that Flaxman had sustained a severe injury to his stifle. Mr. J. H. Peard, the well-known Irish veterinary surgeon, was immediately summoned, and he crossed from Dublin last night by the mail steamer to examine the horse.

HUNTING.

VISCOUNT GALWAY'S HOUNDS.

These hounds met at Sandbeck yesterday. The field included Colonel Armitage, Sir William Cooke, Mr. J. I. Beevor, Mr. A. M. Eadon, Miss Eadon, Mr. W. C. Easterfield, Mr. S. Haigh, Mr. M. J. Hunter, Mrs. Jobb, Mr. G. Lister-Kaye, Mr. E. V. Machin, Major Todd Naylor, Mrs. Naylor, Miss Riddell, Mr. S. Roberts, jun., Mr. Harrison Smith, Mr. R. J. Streatfield, Miss Streatfield, Mr. H. N. Scarlett, Mr. H. Toothill, Mrs. Hatton Waud, Mr. F. Willey, Miss Ethel Wright, Miss Dolly Wright, and Mr. O. Wright.

A fox found in Woolthwaite Bottoms ran out towards Stainton Church, and then swung round to his old quarters, and eluded his pursuers. Maltby Wood was then drawn, and hounds found at once, and hunted their quarry through the wood and over Maltby Common. Reynard then turned right-handed, and ran up the valley to Hooton Levett. Thence he crossed the brook and the Rotherham Road, and ran past Lilley Hall and Fourdoles. Holding right-handed, he passed Micklebring on his left, and ran between Braithwell and Lambcote Grange to Raddle Mill, where he took refuge in a short drain, from which he was bolted and killed. Stainton Wood was drawn blank. From Sandbeck Rough Park hounds hunted their fox past Sandbeck Lodge and through Scott's Springs, and thence by Stainton Woodhouse, and through Stainton Wood to Cockleholt. From here they took a line through Wadworth Wood into Edlington Wood, and back into Wadworth Wood, where hounds were stopped, after a steady hunting run of an hour and 20 minutes.

EARL OF HARRINGTON'S HOUNDS.

Meeting at Stragglethorpe Cross Roads, yesterday, the Earl of Harrington's Hounds had but a moderate day's sport. The field included the Earl of Harrington and the Countess of Harrington, Mr. Tom Potter, Mr. Fred Hardy, Mr. Frank Heymann, Mr. C. W. Catt, Miss Catt, Mr. Harry Wyles, Captain W. D. Winterbottom, Mr. Arthur Davis, Mr. J. Bostock, Miss Grace Hooley, Mr. B. H. Checkland, Dr. E. V. Eames, Mr. John Holden, Mr. Philip Birkin, Mr. R. S. Piggin, Mr. Herbert Piggin, Miss Piggin, Mr. J. W. Baker, Mrs. T. Lasco Bradley, Miss Maud Bradley, Mr. Richard Machin, Mr. W. P. Cantrell-Hubbersty, Miss Mary Cantrell-Hubbersty, Miss Broune, Captain J. Marsh, Mrs. C. H. Hill, the Rev. H. P. Ling.

Hounds got on a fox in Cotgrave Gorse. Going through the Round Hill, Reynard made the running to the Cotgrave and Colston Bassett Road, but whilst he continued on over the road, and away in the direction of Radcliffe Harlequin, hounds doubled back to a "view-holloa," near the Round Hill. Settling on to the fresh pace-maker, they hunted him through the Long Plantation, over the Fosse Road, and through the Sandhole Cover, to Owthorpe. Thence a line was taken to the left, towards Cropwell Bishop, but he was lost near the Limekiln Inn. Another pacemaker was put up beside Tollerton Dyke. The fox was hunted as far as Clipston Wolds, after reaching which no good could be done.

HUNTING FIXTURES.

BADSWORTH.

Wednesday .. Mar. 29—12. 0 .... Cawthorne
Thursday .. Mar. 30— .... Point-to-Point Races
Friday .. Mar. 31—12. 0 ....Haddlesey (by permission)
Saturday .. April 1—12. 0 .... Moorhouse Common

BELVOIR.

Wednesday .. Mar. 29—12. 0 .... Goadby Hall
Friday .... Mar. 31—12. 0 .... Little Ponton Hall
Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... Staunton Grange

BLANKNEY.

Thursday .. Mar. 30—11.30 .... Leasingham
Saturday .... April 1—11.30 .... Langford Hall

BRAMHAM MOOR.

Wednesday .. Mar. 29—12. 0 .... Monk Fryston
Friday .... Mar. 31—12. 0 .... Bickerton Bar
Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... Becca Mill

COTTESMORE.

Thursday .... Mar. 30—12. 0 .... Witham Common
Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... Leesthorpe

VISCOUNT GALWAY'S.

Thursday .... Mar. 30—11.30 .... Apley Head Lodge

EARL OF HARRINGTON'S.

Thursday .... Mar. 30—12. 0 .... Sansome Wood
Friday .... Mar. 31—12. 0 .... Balderton Hall (By invitation.)

MEYNELL.

Thursday .... Mar. 30—12. 0 .... Ednaston
Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... New Inn

LORD MIDDLETON'S.

Wednesday .. Mar. 29—11. 0 .... Sand Hutton Hall
Friday .... Mar. 31—11. 0 .... Place Newton
Saturday .... April 1—11. 0 .... Hovingham Hall

QUORN.

Friday .... Mar. 31—12. 0 .... Hungerton
Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... Cotes Toll Bar

RUFFORD.

Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... Lound Hall

SOUTHWOLD.

Wednesday .. Mar. 29—12. 0 .... Fulletby
Thursday .... Mar. 30—12. 0 ..South Willingham Cross Roads
Saturday .... April 1—12. 0 .... South Thoresby

YORK AND AINSTY.

Thursday .... Mar. 30—12. 0 .... Goldsborough

MARQUIS OF ZETLAND'S.

Thursday .... Mar. 30—11.30 .... Greta Bridge

HINTS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

THE LIVERPOOL CUP HORSES.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

NEWMARKET, Tuesday Night.

A beautiful morning, after several nice showers during the night. The work this morning was of rather a hurried description, as the majority of our trainers were anxious to get away by the early train for Lincoln.

R. Marsh stripped Moifaa (Jones riding) and Rainfall (R. Jones up), and sent them a real good striding gallop a little over three miles, starting in close proximity to the Cesarewitch starting post and finishing at the old Cambridgeshire winning post. This was a real good pipe opener, and from start to finish the Grand National favourite went remarkably well, and when he pulled up he did not show the least signs of distress. He is a grand mover, and combines all the qualities of a high-class steeplechaser. I am told that A. Birch, who rode him to victory last year, will ride him again on this occasion, and, if so, I should have no doubt about the result. I have nothing to say in praise of our other "National" candidate, The Farmer, although he may run respectably without having a winning chance, so long as the favourite steers clear of accident. I have had a warning note from a very reliable source that Ranunculus will take a tremendous lot of beating.

With regard to the Liverpool Spring Cup, Gurry's Union Jack has completed a real good preparation, and I must say I have never seen him comport himself better than he has done in several of his gallops. He is built on the lines of a weight-carrier, and his chance cannot be well ignored. In his final gallop of one mile and a half over Sidehill this morning no horse could possibly have gone better.

Blackwell was on the racecourse side, where he stripped Pharisee (D. Maher riding), and Colonel Wozac, and sent them a real good three parts speed gallop one mile and a quarter. I must say I have never seen this old horse go in better style, and I feel confident it will take the top-weight all his time to concede him 9lb.

Pickering sent Imari and Larkspur a good striding gallop one mile and a quarter, and no fault could be found with the first-named. I should not be the least surprised to see him finish in the first three. General Cronje has been subjected to plenty of hurdle practice, and it is just on the cards it may have subdued his temper. If he will only put heart in his work at Aintree he is one that might have to be reckoned with.

G. Lambton's Pace-egger covered one mile and a half at three-parts speed, finishing on Cambridge Hill. I have noticed this colt going remarkably well of late. He is a certain runner, and well fancied by his connections.

Brewer's Glenamoy went a nice striding spin about one mile, but I don't think he is much fancied by his trainer for this race.

Catgut I have noticed going pretty well of late. Still I think the distance is just a little beyond her tether, and I have no particular liking for His Majesty, Vergia, or Cock of the Roost. Those I fancy most are Pharisee, Union Jack, and General Cronje in the order named.

My selections for Lincoln are:—Doddington Plate, Glenamoy or Queen of the Lassies; Brocklesby Stakes, Merry Miser filly or Norman Mint; Welbeck Plate, Zanoni (in his absence, Retrieve).

THE CONDITION OF J. PHILLIPS.

Some improvement has taken place in the condition of the well-known cross-country jockey, J. Phillips, who was so badly injured by the fall of Prince Tuscan in the Open Handicap Steeplechase at the Rugby meeting on Thursday last. It will be remembered that he was taken in an unconscious condition to the local infirmary, suffering from concussion, in addition to fracturing a bone in one of his hands. He is now partially conscious at times, and though his progress is slow, he is doing as well as possible under the circumstances. When Phillips met with his mishap he had had several offers of a mount in the Grand National.

CRICKET.

ARTIFICIAL WICKETS.

MR. BOSANQUET'S THEORY.

Mr. B. J. T. Bosanquet, the Middlesex cricketer, writing to a correspondent, says there is no doubt that artificial preparation of wickets handicaps the bowler. Special preparation of wickets immediately before a match had been discontinued of late years, but it was necessary for a ground to be treated in some way during the winter months or it would never stand the wear and tear of a season's cricket. The root of the evil was that there was a great deal too much first-class cricket, and the strain on the bowlers was too great.

ROTHER VALE CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held in the Church Schools, Treeton, on Monday. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £10 5s. 1d., as against £12 1s. 8d. at the commencement of last season. The officers were re-elected.

GREASBOROUGH FITZWILLIAM CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club was held at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Mr. J. Palmer presiding. Earl Fitzwilliam, D.S.O., was again elected patron, while the Rev. A. B. Burney, M.A., was re-elected president. The captain is Mr. F. Booth, and secretary Mr. A. Widdison.

BARLBOROUGH DE RODES' CLUB.

Mr. B. Thompson presided at the annual meeting of this club. It was stated that the debt of £3 had been wiped out, and the officers were appointed as follows:—President, the Rev. A. S. Dowling; treasurer, Mr. T. Ball; secretary, Mr. H. Thompson; captain of first team, Mr. H. Thompson; captain of second team, Mr. G. Bellish.

CLAY CROSS CLUB.

Mr. R. S. Hilton presided over the annual meeting on Monday. The financial statement presented showed a balance in hand of £6 15s. 5d. J. Young headed the first team batting averages with 28, and G. Harrison was second with 19.33. In the second team the batting list was headed by A. Salway with an average of 22.25, and J. Ankers secured the bowling average with 4.3. H. Fletcher secured the prize for catches. Mr. W. B. M. Jackson, J.P., C.C., was again elected president, Mr. R. S. Hilton was appointed captain of the first eleven, with Mr. J. Young as vice, and Mr. R. Wilkinson captain of the second team, with Mr. M. Bryan as vice.

OLLERTON CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held at the Hop Pole Hotel on Monday night, when Mr. E. Wright presided over a large attendance. Last season was most successful, 12 matches being played, of which seven were won, three lost, and two drawn. The prize-winners were:—Batting average, J. Doe; bowling average, A. Heald; most double figures, J. G. Whitworth and C. Wood; most catches, J. Baker. The second team and boys' eleven also were most successful in their matches.—The hon. secretary (Mr. J. Ward) presented the accounts, which showed total receipts £32 10s. 2d., and expenditure £30 16s. 9d., leaving a balance in the of £1 13s. 5d.—Lord Savile, president, and Mr. vice-presidents, Sir Frederick Milner, M.P., Rev. E. Wright, the Rev. J. W. Paley Reade, Mr. W. Becher, and Mr. G. S. Foljambe were re-elected. Mr. J. Ward again undertook the duties of hon. secretary, and Mr. J. Baker was unanimously re-elected as captain, with Mr. G. Whitworth as vice-captain.

SPORTING ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Charge for Advertisements under this heading is SIXPENCE per line, prepaid; EIGHTPENCE if booked.

CARBROOK.—April 1st and 3rd, Holt gives £18, 32 dogs, best three; entrance 5s. Commence 3 o'clock.

TURF PREDICTION ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Charge for Advertisements under this heading is ONE SHILLING per line (with a minimum of two lines), and must in all cases be prepaid, and advertisers must in every case give their correct name and address.

THE Judge ("Sunday Telegraph") says:—Gautby Selling Plate, Lady Ormac; Welbeck Plate, Lador; Brocklesby Stakes, Lady Lena colt or Heronshaw; Doddington Plate, Ancaster; Blankney Selling Plate, Lady Hawker; Queen's Plate, Karakoul.

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"DIAMOND."—Change, 54. Monday, Ear, Ca.

"RACING World."—40*, 15, 99, bah. Code: Mat 56.

"RACEHORSE."—*136, 9. Code Guide: Mum 8. Acute Oat 19.

"NATIONAL Sportsman."—To-day, 73 and 135. Yesterday's key numbers gave Sansovino and Catty Crag for places. Yesterday's All-day Paddock Wire gave Pretty Dick, Narrateur, Falconet, and three losers. The second number of the "National Sportsman" will be posted to subscribers this evening; price 1s.—"National Sportsman," Paradise Street, Birmingham.

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Newspaper Articles

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The Daily Telegraph

CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the next meeting of the Football Association application will be made for the affiliation of a professional football club at the Crystal Palace. Last week the various agreements between the proposed new organisation and the Crystal Palace Company were handed to Mr. F. J. Wall. It is intended to float a company with a capital of £5,000, to be issued in £1 shares.

Crystal Palace Football Club described as a 'New Organisation' as agreements with Crystal Palace Company who own the Crystal Palace Grounds inc. football enclosure are presented to Sir Frederick Wall of the Football Association.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

RACE FOR THE LINCOLNSHIRE.

It was a tame, not to say a weird, Lincolnshire Handicap day. Weird in the sense that the attenuated company and the lifeless appearance of the streets during the greater part of the morning showed very clearly that the typhoid scare, which metaphorically hung like a pall over the Cathedral City, was a grim reality. Seriously, no more uninteresting Lincolnshire Handicap has probably been run than that which was decided to-day, for wagering throughout the piece was devoid of spirit, whilst confidence in any particular candidate was never in the least pronounced. Yet the event has not been devoid of sensational incident, for the breakdown of Csardas, following upon the scratching of Hackler's Pride, rather disheartened the general run of backers, and no commissions of magnitude, such as have invariably been exploited in previous years, were traceable, even up to the very last. Many prominent Turfites, who rarely miss the meeting under normal circumstances, were conspicuous by their absence, and probably more people have been seen in the ring at an ordinary jumping fixture than were present here this afternoon. The outside attendance was fairly good, but this does not bring any grist to the mill, and the executive will, I opine, have ample reason to remember the Spring fixture of 1905, with its deplorable concomitant surroundings. Happily, the weather conditions were almost perfect for the time of the year, and if there was no wealth of sunshine the atmosphere was singularly mild, and the light sufficiently good to admit of an adequate view of the proceedings being obtained. One satisfactory feature was the smooth working of the starting-gate, and though some curiosity and anxiety existed as to its affinity with the newly-revived half-mile races, it is gratifying to report that the fields were in every instance despatched upon the most equitable terms. Not a single complaint was heard from either owners, trainers, or jockeys, and this seems to indicate that the latest strictures of the Jockey Club are thus early bearing good fruit. Eleventh-hour wagering on the Lincolnshire Handicap was notable for the ignominious retreat of Andria, who for some unexplained reason travelled so badly in the market that 100 to 8 was eventually offered against his chance. On the other hand, the local horse, Catty Crag, consequent upon the running of his stable companion, Lot, the previous day steadily advanced until he wound up equal favourite with Vedas at 11 to 2. The position of Rosebury became less firm, but there was evidently sound support for Sansovino, though this was not inspired by his connections, who, it is needless to say, are anything but heavy bettors. As a matter of fact, Mr. Luscombe's investment was only a modest one, and it was said, rightly or wrongly, that the money for the son of Marco emanated from abroad. Anyhow, Grey Green went out to "twenties" at one time, though his trainer was fully convinced up to the last moment that he would beat Sansovino. The latter had cut up so badly in the home trial that it was impossible to espouse his cause with any show of reason, and the result of the race was only another exemplification of that glorious uncertainty which goes to make up the subtle fascination of the Turf. That the best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley is a maxim which is never so fully appreciated as it is when associated with the great game of horse-racing.

In the paddock nothing filled the critical eye so much as Sansovino, who is a fine upstanding horse, with immense quarters and quite exceptional bone, in fact, he is just the powerful type of animal to appeal very keenly to the foreigners when in search of a Government stallion. He, however, was adorned with the rogue's badge, and his erratic temperament may be the fatal drawback to future distinction. Grey Green, who had beaten him so emphatically on the training ground, is a nice horse in his way, having many of the characteristics of his sire, Grey Leg, though he is more massively framed, and is, perhaps, a little dipped in the back. He, however, has a lot of substance, and his fine quarters would convey the impression that he possesses much speed. His big barrel nevertheless engendered discussion as to his fitness, though I understand he is one of those horses who will always carry a lot of flesh, even under the exigencies of continuous hard work. Vedas, though a bloodlike colt, was not generally liked, as he sported a muzzle and blinkers, always an ominous sign. There was no getting away from the conviction that he was undoubtedly the best class horse in the race, and his burden was superficially an infinitesimal one for an animal who, at one time, at any rate, was thought to have some pretensions to classic honours. Le Blizon, in spite of his nine years, was genuinely fancied by his owner, who was most solicitous that all his friends should be on. The old horse appeared to have run up very light, and he indubitably showed signs of the wear and tear of advancing age. Yet he did not disgrace himself, and displayed a scintillation of his former brilliant speed without being quite able to last home. Salute, who would not have run had Csardas kept all right, did not carry a great deal of muscle, but he was bright and well, and ran so respectably that it is reasonable to assume that had Csardas been able to compete he must, as the superior at the weights, have gone desperately close.

Andria is a beautifully-topped colt, but his legs and particularly his hocks looked anything but assuring, whilst a wretched exhibition in the race demonstrates the fallacy of placing implicit reliance upon so-called "bottled-up horses." In this category can also be numbered Rosebury, who never flattered for a moment, and the conclusion must reluctantly be arrived at that the field was far below the average of some past anniversaries. Nothing looked better than Airlie, who twelve months ago had shown himself to be essentially a spring horse when he defeated such smart performers as Grey Plume, Admiral Breese, and Henry I. He now ran fast for half the journey, and then cracked up; but even this merit could not be claimed for Vedas, who resolutely and obstinately refused to gallop, and perhaps the sooner he is added to the list the better if he is to be kept in training. When Airlie resigned the lead Le Blizon assumed the command, and presented a very bold front, but he failed to sustain the crucial effort, and below the distance Sansovino took up the running on the rails, and was soon afterwards challenged by Catty Crag, who had previously been much hampered. He, however, never quite looked like wearing down Sansovino until the latter threw up his head and momentarily stopped to kick. Though Griggs had, I believe, been given strict injunctions not to hit him with the whip, he was compelled to give the son of Marco one or two cuts, and this alone enabled him to stall off Catty Crag and win by the narrow margin of a head, with the Irish horse, Park Ranger, catching the pair very rapidly towards the end. The victory of an excellent sportsman was in every way well received, and probably no one was more sorry than Mr. Luscombe that the trial with Grey Green had proved so entirely misleading, for though he personally never altogether lost faith in the son of Marco, his optimism, as well as that of Charles Waugh, was naturally much shaken. It is now abundantly manifest that Sansovino is a horse of moods, and not to be trusted.

Of the other events, most of which brought out prolific fields, the Lincoln Plate, thanks to a very quick beginning, was won by Narrateur, a prettily-named son of Raconteur and Benefactress, owned by the popular Newmarket trainer, J. Butters, who bought the youngster for forty-five guineas as a yearling. He is a well-knit, racing-like colt, with plenty of bone, and should do good service on some other occasion. He had been well tried with Crystal, but on the latter being subsequently galloped again with some stable companions, she acquitted herself so moderately that it was naturally thought that Narrateur's trial was misleading, so Butters only invested a few pounds on him. It may incidentally be mentioned that this was the second winner in the two days of Raconteur, who was an exquisitely-bred horse, and is also the sire of Sweet Nothings, who secured the Tathwell Plate on the opening afternoon. The Brocklesby Trial Plate produced a splendid finish, as Early Bird and Whitsbury in turn looked like potential winners, but despite a determined piece of riding on the part of Trigg, on the last-named, Pretty Dick, who came with a rattle inside the distance, got up and beat him on the post. F. Howey, who steered Pretty Dick with all the confidence of an old hand, is a promising apprentice of R. W. Armstrong. This was the boy's first winner, and as he can go to scale at 5st 11lb, he should have plenty of practice in the days to come. Falconet, after a curious exhibition, in which he tried to savage one of his opponents in the early part of the race, ran through his horses as though they were a lot of hacks in the last quarter of a mile, and won in a canter, and this success, following so quickly upon the victory of St. Galette in the same colours, will no doubt be a pleasurable experience for Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, whilst it was, furthermore, a triumph for John Watson and Exeter House.

The Foxhill stable, which had been in such feather on Monday, cherished some hopes of Green Dragon in the Sudbrook Selling Plate, but he was always held safe by the little-fancied Tinman gelding, whose sire was a useful horse in his day in moderate company. Mark Time was not pulled out for the Hainton Plate, as it was decided at the last minute to reserve him for the Queen's Plate to-morrow, and, in his absence, the race proved to be the good thing it looked for the lightly-weighted Cock of the Roost, who ran second to Mark Time in this race twelve months ago. The Foxhill candidate would have had to meet Mr. Newman's horse upon infinitely worse terms, for whereas there was then only 7lb between them the difference was now no less than 33lb. The pace was a strong one, and this exactly suited Cock of the Roost, who started a warm favourite, and drawing to the front below the distance won very cleverly, and, it is to be hoped, inaugurated a new era of luck for John Dawson's stable, which was so consistently unfortunate last season.

The principal item of the concluding day's card is, of course, the Brocklesby Stakes, which will attract to the post the customary large field of youngsters. It is highly probable that nothing which has so far been tried is above the average, for owners are not likely to run their best two-year-olds so early in the season. However, favourable accounts are to hand of Grey Gown, Lady Lena colt, Day Star colt, Norman Mint, and making a definite selection I shall vote for

NORMAN MINT.

For the other events my fancies are as follows: Gautby Selling Plate, SLINKAWAY or LADY ORMAC; Welbeck Plate, AMBROSE or MARTINA; Doddington Plate, ANCASTER; Blankney Plate, LADY HAWKER; Queen's Plate, MARK TIME.

Tuesday Night. HOTSPUR.

WINNERS AND STARTING PRICES.

LINCOLN SPRING MEETING.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (18).

HORSE.	RIDER.	WIN.	PLACE.
Sansovino	W. Griggs	100 to 9	3 to 1
Catty Crag	G. Bullock	11 to 2	6 to 4
Park Ranger	F. Hunter	25 to 1	6 to 1

RACE.	HORSE.	RIDER.	PRICE.
LINCOLN PLATE (22)	Narrateur	W. Halsey	100 to 6
BROCKLESBY TRIAL (23)	Pretty Dick	Howey	20 to 1
CANWICK MD. STAKES (7)	Falconet	A. Sharples	4 to 1
SUDBROOKE PLATE (13)	Tinman gelding	H. Randall	100 to 8
HAINTON PLATE (11)	Cock of the Roost	Griggs	9 to 4

[The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.]

LINCOLN MEETING.

LINCOLN PLATE of 200 sovs, for two-yr-olds; colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 7lb. 4 fur. and 50 yards.
Mr. J. Butters's NARRATEUR, by Raconteur—Benefactress, 8st 10lb .. (W. Halsey) 1
Mr. W. R. Wyndham's NAIROBI, 8st 7lb .. (Griggs) 2
Mr. L. E. B. Homan's NOISY BILL, 8st 7lb .. (Boardman) 3
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Summit, 8st 7lb .. (K. Cannon) 4
Capt. Beatlee's Giulan, 8st 10lb .. (G. McCall) 0
Mr. E. Carlton's Gorgias, 8st 10lb .. (C. Leader) 0
Lord Fitzwilliam's Foresight, 8st 10lb .. (Vasey) 0
Mr. H. J. Higham's Sonnie, 8st 10lb .. (Lynham) 0
Mr. J. Milnthorpe's C by Ugly—Repentance, 8st 10lb (Young) 0
Mr. P. P. Peebles's Ever Ready, 8st 10lb .. (Every) 0
Mr. H. E. Randall's Sir Edwy, 8st 10lb .. (Bray) 0
Mr. J. T. Whipp's C by Galloping Lad—Evelyn, 8st 10lb (O. Madden) 0
Mr. F. S. Barnard's F by Ayrshire—Cecil, 8st 7lb (J. H. Martin) 0
Mr. Edward Carr's Amelia, 8st 7lb .. (D. Maher) 0
Mr. C. B. L. Fernandes's Lady Molly, 8st 7lb (E. Wheatley) 0
Sir M. Fitzgerald's Woodwind, 8st 7lb .. (Hardy) 0
Mr. R. H. Henning's Currajong, 8st 7lb .. (F. Bullock) 0
Mr. J. B. Joel's Sweet Finch, 8st 7lb .. (Rickaby) 0
Mr. H. J. King's F by Worcester—Elder, 8st 7lb (H. Jones) 0
Mr. S. Pickering's Norrie, 8st 7lb .. (Saxby) 0
Duke of Portland's F by Cyllene—Gavotte, 8st 7lb (M. Cannon) 0
Mr. A. Stedall's F by Freemason, dam by Hampton—Velindra, 8st 7lb .. (J. Jarvis) 0
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—5 to 1 agst Summit, 6 to 1 Nairobi, 7 to 1 Noisy Bill, 10 to 1 Cecil filly, 100 to 8 Giulan, 100 to 6 any other (o).

Nairobi jumped off in front of Narrateur, Norrie, Amelia, Noisy Bill, Giulan, and Summit, with Cecil filly next, and in this order they ran for half the journey, when Narrateur drew to the front, followed by Nairobi and Noisy Bill, and won a good race by a neck; three-parts of a length separated the second and third. Summit was fourth, Cecil filly fifth, Elder filly sixth, Giulan seventh, Gorgias eighth, Amelia ninth, Evelyn colt tenth, Sir Edwy next, and Repentance colt last.

BROCKLESBY TRIAL STAKES (handicap) of 2 sovs each starter, with 100 sovs added. 5 fur.
Mr. Chan's PRETTY DICK, by Missel Thrush—Moti, 3 yrs, 6st 2lb .. (Howey) 1
Mr. G. Thursby's WHITSBURY, 3 yrs, 6st 13lb .. (Trigg) 2
Mr. A. H. Ruston's EARLY BIRD, 5 yrs, 8st 3lb (O. Madden) 3
Mr. G. H. Freeman's Blowing Stone, 5 yrs, 8st 10lb (East) 0
Mr. F. C. G. Menzies's Clwyd II., 5 yrs, 8st 7lb (G. McCall) 0
Mr. R. H. Henning's Retrieve, 4 yrs, 7st 10lb (F. Bullock) 0
Mr. H. I. Higham's Tickets, 5 yrs, 6st 13lb (car 7st 1lb) (Russell) 0
Mr. G. Beit's Hercules, a, 6st 13lb .. (G. Bullock) 0
Mr. E. Dresden's Sir William, 4 yrs, 6st 12lb .. (Pike) 0
Capt. Bewicke's Wildfowl, 5 yrs, 6st 12lb .. (Saxby) 0
Mr. Edward Clarke's Daisyfield, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb (car 7st 2lb) (Conkie) 0
Mr. C. B. L. Fernandes's Ripon, 3 yrs, 6st 11lb (Cockeran) 0
Mr W. R. Wyndham's Doola, 3 yrs, 7st .. (Griggs) 0
Lord Wolverton's C by Ugly—Bramble Jelly, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb (E. Pratt) 0
Mr. A. Stedall's Leopold, 3 yrs, 6st 13lb .. (J. Jarvis) 0
Mr. W. A. Jarvis's Whistlethrush, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb .. (Dine) 0
Mr. F. S. Barnard's Kaffir Chief, 3 yrs, 6st 11lb (Heppell) 0
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Dion, 3 yrs, 6st 11lb .. (Plant) 0
Count de Bresson's Pacha, 3 yrs, 6st 5lb .. (Hawkins) 0
Lord Cholmondeley's Economical, 3 yrs 6st 9lb .. (Hunter) 0
Mr. T. H. Jenkins's Spring Seat, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb (car 6st 4lb) (Liney) 0
Mr. T. H. Walker's Great Tom, 3 yrs, 6st 2lb .. (C. Jones) 0
Mr. W. E. Elsey's St. Walston, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb (E. Wheatley) 0
(Winner trained by Armstrong.)

Betting—5 to 1 agst Early Bird, 7 to 1 St. Walston, 8 to 1 Whitsbury, 100 to 12 Wildfowl, 100 to 8 Whistlethrush, 100 to 7 each Blowing Stone and Doola, 20 to 1 any other (o).

After a little delay Doola, in the centre, jumped off in front of Spring Seat, Whitsbury, Early Bird, Blowing Stone, and led for half the journey, when Whitsbury drew to the front, followed by Early Bird, Doola, Economical, and Pretty Dick, and in an exciting finish Pretty Dick won by a short head from Whitsbury, who defeated Early Bird by a head for third place. Economical, close up, was fourth, just in front of Doola fifth, with Sir William sixth, Retrieve seventh, Dion next, and Pacha last.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP of 1,000 sovs; the second received 50 sovs, and the third 25 sovs. The Straight Mile.
Mr. F. Luscombe's SANSOVINO, by Marco—Pistola, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb .. (W. Griggs) 1
Mr. F. Langstaffe's CATTY CRAG, 5 yrs, 6st 5lb (G. Bullock) 2
Gen. A. Paget's PARK RANGER, 4 yrs, 6st 8lb (F. Hunter) 3
Mr. H. Bottomley's LE BLIZON, a, 6st 11lb .. (A. Sharples) 4
Mr. J. B. Joel's His Lordship, 6 yrs, 7st 10lb (C. Trigg) 0
Sir J. Miller's Housewife, 4 yrs, 7st 5lb .. (J. Plant) 0
Mr. H. J. King's Chacornac, a, 7st 3lb .. (R. Jones) 0
Mr. A. Stedall's Marsden, 4 yrs, 7st 2lb .. (J. Jarvis) 0
Lord Farquhar's Airlie, 4 yrs, 7st 2lb .. (J. Rollason) 0
Lord Cholmondeley's Salute, 5 yrs, 6st 8lb (car 6st 11lb) (Pike) 0
Mr. R. H. Henning's Andria, 4 yrs, 6st 11lb (car 6st 13lb) (F. Bullock) 0
Mr. R. Ellam's Mouravieff, 5 yrs, 6st 9lb .. (J. W. East) 0
Mr. G. Edwardes's Red Heart's Pride, 4 yrs, 6st 4lb (C. O. Hawkins) 0
Mr. R. Canning's Grey Green, 4 yrs, 6st 8lb .. (C. Escott) 0
Mr. de Wend-Fenton's Vedas, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb .. (W. Saxby) 0
Mr. S. B. Joel's Barnstormer, 4 yrs, 6st 1lb .. (G. Evans) 0
Mr. Ernest Dresden's Proffer, 4 yrs, 6st 2lb .. (T. Heppell) 0
Mr. C. Perkins's Rosebury, 4 yrs, 6st 2lb .. (W. Trickle) 0
(Winner trained by C. Waugh.)

BETTING.

11 to 2 agst Catty Crag	25 to 1 agst Park Ranger
11 to 2 — Vedas	30 to 1 — Chacornac
7 to 1 — Rosebury	33 to 1 — Marsden
100 to 9 — Sansovino	33 to 1 — Barnstormer
100 to 8 — Andria	33 to 1 — Salute
100 to 7 — Airlie	50 to 1 — Mouravieff
100 to 6 — Grey Green	50 to 1 — His Lordship
20 to 1 — Le Blizon	50 to 1 — Housewife
25 to 1 — Red Heart's Pride	50 to 1 — Proffer

PLACE BETTING.

6 to 4 agst Vedas	6 to 1 agst Red Heart's Pride
6 to 4 — Catty Crag	6 to 1 — Park Ranger
2 to 1 — Rosebury	6 to 1 — Salute
3 to 1 — Sansovino	7 to 1 — Chacornac
3 to 1 — Andria	8 to 1 — Marsden
7 to 2 — Airlie	8 to 1 — Barnstormer
4 to 1 — Grey Green	10 to 1 — any other
5 to 1 — Le Blizon	

The parade and canter were both led by His Lordship, but it was after starting time before the competitors reached the post, and then some little delay occurred, principally owing to the freshness of Le Blizon, Salute, Sansovino, and Vedas. When the barrier went up Airlie in the centre was the quickest away, being followed by Rosebury, with Vedas and Catty Crag on the left, and Grey Green on the right; then came Mouravieff, Sansovino, Le Blizon, Housewife, Marsden, and Andria, in front of Park Ranger and Red Heart's Pride. When a quarter of a mile had been travelled Marsden and Housewife were in trouble, and three furlongs from home Le Blizon drew to the front, followed by Sansovino, Rosebury, Vedas, Airlie, and Catty Crag, the last-named having been closed in somewhat. At the distance Sansovino deprived Le Blizon of the lead, and stalling off the challenge of Catty Crag, who had to come round his horses, won an exciting race by a head; a neck separated the second and third. Le Blizon was placed fourth by the judge, with Salute fifth, Andria sixth, His Lordship seventh, Airlie eighth, Vedas ninth, Proffer next, and Red Heart's Pride last. Time by Benson's chronograph 1min 48 3-5sec.

The draw for positions at the starting-post resulted as follows: Catty Crag 1 (on the left), Salute 2, Red Heart's Pride 3, Vedas 4, Mouravieff 5, Park Ranger 6, Airlie 7, Marsden 8, Rosebury 9, Sansovino 10, Chacornac 11, His Lordship 12, Grey Green 13, Barnstormer 14, Housewife 15, Le Blizon 16, Proffer 17, and Andria on the outside right.

BETTING ON THE COURSE BEFORE RACING.

5000 to 1000 agst Rosebury (o)	20 to 1 agst Salute (o)
6 to 1 — Andria (t & o)	1000 to 40 — Park Ranger (t)
6 to 1 — Vedas (t & o)	1000 to 40 — Marsden (o)
100 to 8 — Airlie (t)	1000 to 40 — Mouravieff (o)
100 to 8 — CattyCrag(t)	1000 to 40 — Chacornac (o)
100 to 8 — Sansovino(t)	1000 to 40 — Housewife (o)
100 to 8 — Le Blizon (o)	33 to 1 — Barnstormer(o)
100 to 7 — GreyGreen(o)	33 to 1 — Proffer (o)
20 to 1 — Red Heart's Pride (o)	33 to 1 — His Lordship(o)

CANWICK MAIDEN STAKES of 3 sovs each starter, with 100 sovs added; weight for age, &c. The Straight Mile.
Mr L. de Rothschild's FALCONET, by Galiliule—Verdina, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb .. (A. Sharples) 1
Mr. C. F. Elsey's WINTERFOLD, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb (E. Wheatley) 2
Mr. R. H. Henning's KATE CAREW, 5 yrs, 8st 6lb (C. Halsey) 3
Mr. Ernest Dresden's Bolt Away, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb .. (H. Pike) 0
Mr. S. Loates's Quite Ready, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb .. (G. Evans) 0
Mr. S. Pickering's Ormsby, 3 yrs, 6st 13lb .. (W. Saxby) 0
Mr. A. Sadler, jun.'s Quick Returns, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb .. (W. Toon) 0
(Winner trained by Watson.)

Betting—5 to 2 each agst Bolt Away and Winterfold, 4 to 1 Falconet, 8 to 1 any other (o).

Falconet drew out from Winterfold and Bolt Away, and, making the whole of the running, won easily by five lengths; three lengths separated the second and third. Bolt Away was fourth, Quite Ready fifth, and Quick Returns last.

SUDBROOKE SELLING PLATE of 106 sovs, for two-yr-olds; colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 7lb; the winner to be sold for 50 sovs. 4 fur 50 yds.
Mr. A. Knowles's G, by TINMAN, dam by JANISSARY—GOLD COIN, 8st 7lb .. (H. Randall) 1
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell's GREEN DRAGON, 8st 7lb (G. McCall) 2
Mr. C. Bewicke's F by AYRSHIRE—THE ROUKEN, 8st 2lb (A. Sharples) 3
Mr. J. Chandler's C by Sir Visto—Galanthis, 8st 10lb (O. Madden) 0
Mr. W. Elsey's Tweed Warren, 8st 2lb .. .. (Anderson) 0
Mr. W. Wyndham's Fernhurst, 8st 7lb .. .. (Griggs) 0
Mr. R. Marsh's Scotch Hop, 8st 7lb .. .. (H. Jones) 0
Mr. E. Lamb's Pimpernel, 8st 7lb .. .. .. (F. Hardy) 0
Mr. J. M. Bell's F by Llanthony or Oberon—Sovereign Lady, 8st 7lb .. (J. Murray) 0
Mr. G. Carr's Impossible, 8st 7lb .. .. (B. Dillon) 0
Mr. W. Jarvis's F by Cherry Tree—Strike a Light, 8st 7lb (J. Jarvis) 0
Mr. C. Hibbert's F by Simontault—Corunbian, 8st 7lb (M. Cannon) 0
Mr. G. H. Freeman's Queen's Darling, 8st 7lb .. (J. W. East) 0
(Winner trained by Robson.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst The Rouken filly, 7 to 2 Green Dragon, 9 to 2 Galanthis colt, 10 to 1 Queen's Darling, 100 to 8 any other (o).

Tinman gelding jumped off in front of Green Dragon, The Rouken filly, and Galanthis colt, and, making the whole of the running, won by a length and a half; three lengths separated the second and third. Galanthis colt was fourth, Queen's Darling fifth, Sovereign Lady filly sixth, Fernhurst next, and Strike a Light filly last. The winner was sold to Mr. Stedall for 250gs.

HAINTON PLATE of 400 sovs; the second received 25 sovs. 1¼ mile.
Mr. H. J. Newman's COCK OF THE ROOST, by Best Man—Galinne, 5 yrs, 7st 2lb .. .. (W. Griggs) 1
Mr. J. F. Appleyard's GIVEN UP, 4 yrs, 7st 13lb (H. Randall) 2
Mr. W. Henry Wilson's SAROTH, 5 yrs, 7st 6lb (E. Wheatley) 3
Lord Durham's King's Limner, 6 yrs, 8st 7lb (D. Maher) 0
Capt. P. Herbert's Thoas, 6 yrs, 8st 4lb .. (B. Dillon) 0
Mr. J. Musker's McYardley, a, 8st 3lb .. .. (O. Madden) 0
Mr. R. H. Henning's Galapas, 4 yrs, 8st 2lb .. (F. Bullock) 0
Mr. Edmund Lamb's C by Hackler—Erin, 4 yrs, 7st 7lb (J. Jarvis) 0
Duke of Portland's Caro, 6 yrs, 7st 4lb .. .. (Rollason) 0
Mr. W. R. Wyndham's Peter's Pride, 4 yrs, 7st 3lb (Trigg) 0
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Queen of the Lassies, 4 yrs, 6st 13lb (Plant) 0
(Winner trained by J. Dawson.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst Cock of the Roost, 6 to 1 Queen of the Lassies, 8 to 1 Given Up, 10 to 1 each Saroth, King's Limner, Galapas, and Caro, 100 to 8 any other (o).

Queen of the Lassies made running from Peter's Pride, Caro, King's Limner, Galapas, and Cock of the Roost, with Gun colt next, and McYardley whipping in for half a mile, when Peter's Pride took up the running, followed by Caro, Queen of the Lassies, and Cock of the Roost. Six furlongs from home Caro assumed the command, followed by Peter's Pride, Cock of the Roost, Saroth, and King's Limner. A quarter of a mile from the finish Cock of the Roost took the lead, followed by Given Up and Saroth, and won easily by a length; a similar distance separated the second and third. Caro was fourth, Erin colt fifth, King's Limner sixth, McYardley seventh, Peter's Pride next, and Thoas last.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The letter "a" is prefixed to horses that have arrived.

1.30.—GAUTBY SELLING PLATE of 106 sovs; two-yr-olds 6st 9lb, three 8st 13lb, four 9st 13lb, five and upwards 10st; m and g allowed 3lb; winner to be sold for 50 sovs; second to save entrance; entrance 3 sovs. 5 fur. Yrs st lb
aMr. H. Bottomley's Sea Log .. .. Batho 5..10 0
aMr. R. Snow's Miss Kendal .. .. Major Scott 6.. 9 11
aMr. H. Peel's Martial .. .. Goswell 6.. 9 11
aMr. F. W. Day's Lady Ormac .. .. Owner 6.. 9 11
aMr. C. Hibbert's Impious .. .. W. Nightingall 4.. 9 11
aMr. P. Peebles's Valoe .. .. Owner 4.. 9 10
aMr. G. Thursby's Slinkaway .. G. Edwards 4.. 9 10
aMr. C. Perkins's Flourish of Trumpets Hugh Powney 4.. 9 10
aMr. B. Cox's C by Bentworth—Nightwalker .. East 3.. 8 13
aMr. J. B. Joel's Skipping Boy .. .. Merton 3.. 8 13
aMr. Lindemere's F by Undecided—Hindhead Wright 3.. 8 10
aMr. J. S. Hill's Skivvy .. .. W. Elsey 3.. 8 10
aMr. T. Leader's Euphrosyne .. .. Owner 3.. 8 10
aMr. R. Marsh's Culzalmond .. .. Owner 3.. 8 10
aMr. J. Hallick's Queen's Own .. .. Owner 3.. 8 10
aSir E. Cassel's Love's Fool .. Mr. F. Lambton 3.. 8 10
aMr. W. Elsey's Guide Post .. .. Owner 3.. 8 10
aCapt. Bewicke's Joe .. .. Hugh Powney 2.. 6 9
aMr. A. Sadler, jun.'s, Coss .. .. Owner 2.. 6 6

2.0.—WELBECK PLATE, a high-weight handicap of 200 sovs; winners of any race after Feb. 16, at noon, 10lb, of the Batthyany Plate or Lincolnshire Handicap 14lb extra; second to receive 10 sovs; entrance 5 sovs. 6 fur. Yrs st lb
Mr. S. Hill-Wood's Cloverley .. Clements a..9 10
aMr. J. Musker's Gilbert Handley .. C. Waugh 5..9 8
Mr. G. Edwardes's Nutwith .. Major Edwards 4..9 6
aMr. J. M. Korn's Vibrant (10lb ex) .. Robinson 5..9 5
Mr. Allerton's Otherwise .. .. Armstrong 4..9 2
aMr. C. H. Hannam's Guigne .. .. Sherrard 5..9 0
aMr. T. P. King's Ambrose .. G. Edwards 4..9 0
aMr. F. C. G. Menzies's Clwyd II. .. Robinson 5..8 13
Mr. G. Lambton's Zanoni .. .. Owner a..8 12
aMr. J. H. A. Marshall's Poppits .. Clements 6..8 11
aMr. J. Wallace's Grey Goblin .. .. Jarvis 4..8 10
Mr. W. H. Millard's Chicory .. .. Lowe 4..8 9
aMajor Vaux's Japan .. .. Menzies 5..8 8
aMr. A. W. Fox's Va Vo .. .. W. Elsey 4..8 8
Mr. Edmund Lamb's Capot .. .. C. Waugh 5..8 6
aMr. P. P. Peebles's Mary Belle .. .. Owner 4..8 3
aMr. R. H. Henning's Retrieve .. .. Brewer 4..8 3
aMr. T. Hall's Don Paez .. .. Sanderson 4..8 3
Mr. J. B. Joel's Lancaster Gate .. .. Loates 3..8 2
aMr. T. H. Walker's A.B.A. .. .. W. Elsey 4..8 0
aMr. L. Brassey's Tom Thumb .. .. H. Sadler 4..7 12
Mr. M. Gurry's Martina .. .. Owner 4..7 11
aMr. E. Clark's Persian Garden .. .. McCall 4..7 11
Mr. A. Stedall's Wise Love .. .. Sadler, jun. 3..7 11
Mr. R. Dalgleish's The Laird II. .. W. Nightingall 3..7 4
Mr. T. H. Burrows's Sweet Lilac .. .. Pratt 3..7 3
Mr. C. Perkins's Coldstream .. Hugh Powney 3..7 3
Mr. I'Anson's Petition .. .. Owner 3..7 1
Mr. Masbro's No Go .. .. Walters, sen. 3..7 0

2.45.—BROCKLESBY STAKES of 200 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, 5 ft, for two-yr-olds; colts 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings 8st 7lb; the nominator of the winner and the owner of the second each to receive 25 sovs out of the stakes; entrance 3 sovs. 4 fur and 50 yards. St lb
aMr. H. Barnato's Medalstone .. .. Morton 8 10
aMr. J. M. Bell's Battle Ground .. .. Farring 8 10
aMr. F. F. Cartwright's Tickenham .. Leader, jun. 8 10
aMr. N. C. Cockburn's C by Galashiels—Miskah W. Elsey 8 10
aMr. J. L. Dugdale's C by Donovan—Lady Lena G. Edwards 8 10
Mr. T. Jennings's Romolo .. .. Owner 8 10
Mr. Jersey's C by Matchmaker—Doushka .. Wilson 8 10
Sir J. Miller's C by Le Var—Day Star .. Blackwell 8 10
Lord Penrhyn's Decoyman .. .. Enoch 8 10
aMr. J. A. de Rothschild's Beppo .. .. Downes 8 10
Mr. A. Stedall's C by Ayrshire—Mona Cross Sadler, jun. 8 10
Mr. D. Symons's Crusader .. .. Private 8 10
Mr. N. Szemere's Asian .. .. W. Waugh 8 10
aMr. Vyner's King Sapphire .. .. Matthews 8 10
Mr. de Wend-Fenton's Mark Antony .. Robinson 8 10
Mr. H. Barnato's Absurdity .. .. Morton 8 7
Mr W Bass's F by Farndale—Merrily .. A. Taylor 8 7
Mr. I. Brassey's F by Bay Ronald—Merry Miser H. Sadler 8 7
Mr. J. Buchanan's First Violin .. Major Edwards 8 7
aMr. E. C. Clayton's Guinare .. .. Cole 8 7
Mr. R. de Clermont's F by Wildfowler—Gamp Young 8 7
Lord Derby's Gemma .. .. Mr. G. Lambton 8 7
Lord Derby's Kilruddery .. Mr. G. Lambton 8 7
Duke of Devonshire's F by Morion—Emancipation Goodwin 8 7
Mr. Ernest Dresden's Happy Child .. Archer 8 7
Mr. Ernest Dresden's Irish Sea .. .. Archer 8 7
Mr. G. Edwardes's Azis .. .. Major Edwards 8 7
Mr. W. E. Elsey's Giglet .. .. Owner 8 7
Mr. Fairie's Shower Bath .. .. A. Taylor 8 7
Mr. G. H. H. Freeman's F by Bradwardine—Musketoon McKie 8 7
aLord Hamilton of Dalzell's Heronshaw .. Robinson 8 7
Lord Harewood's Appanell .. .. G. Chaloner 8 7
aMr. Heinemann's Grey Gown .. .. F. Day 8 7
aMr. R. H. Henning's Currajong .. .. Brewer 8 7
Mr. R. H. Henning's Wallaroo .. .. Brewer 8 7
Mr. L. E. B. Homan's Norman Mint .. Walters, jun. 8 7
Mr. Jersey's F by Amphion—Leila .. .. Wilson 8 7
Mr. S. B. Joel's Parted .. .. C. Peck 8 7
Mr. J. W. Larnach's La Haye Sainte .. R. Marsh 8 7
Mr. S. Loates's Porte Victoire .. .. Owner 8 7
Lord Londonderry's Jane Seymour .. G. Chaloner 8 7
aMr. W Low's F by The Rush—Braw Lass .. Pickering 8 7
Mr. R Marsh's Tutbury .. .. Owner 8 7
Capt. J. Orr-Ewing's Blue China .. .. Robson 8 7
Duke of Portland's Gallant and Gay Mr. G. Lambton 8 7
Mr. H. E. Randall's Marcotini .. .. Sadler, jun. 8 7
Mr. H. E. Randall's F by Chittabob—Lauretta Sadler, jun. 8 7
Mr. W. Raphael's Lovania .. .. D. Waugh 8 7
Mr. W. T. Robinson's F by Florizel II.—Luscious Owner 8 7
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Azla .. .. Hayhoe 8 7
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Rango .. .. Hayhoe 8 7
Mr. R. Sherwood's F by Wolf's Crag—Tacita .. Owner 8 7
Mr. A. Stedall's F by Ayrshire—Mine d'Or Sadler, jun. 8 7
Mr. A. Stedall's F by Freemason—Oceano Sadler, jun. 8 7
Lord Wolverton's F by Ugly—Bramble Jelly R. Marsh 8 7
Mr. W. R. Wyndham's Sluice .. .. R. Sherwood 8 7

3.20.—DODDINGTON PLATE (a welter handicap) of 250 sovs; winners of any race after Feb. 16, at noon, 7lb, of a race value 250 sovs 10lb, or of the Lincolnshire Handicap 14lb extra; second to receive 10 sovs; entrance 5 sovs for starters. 1¼ mile. Yrs st lb
Mr. W. Waugh's The Bishop .. .. Owner a..9 5
Mr. Paynter's Happy Slave .. .. Pudaloff 6..9 1
Mr. H. T. L. Young's Mousqueton .. Sergeant 6..9 1
Lord Ellesmere's Firmilian .. .. J. Dawson 5..8 13
Mr. F. J. Benson's Morgandale .. .. Private 5..8 13
Mr. R. Craig's King's Birthday .. .. Digby 5..8 11
Mr. W. E. Elsey's Cyclades .. .. Owner 4..8 11
aMr. H. F. de Paravicini's Vidame .. Owner 4..8 10
Mr. Edmund Lamb's Ancaster .. .. C. Waugh 5..8 9
Mr. J. Hare's Winkfield's Charm .. F. Hunt 6..8 7
aMr. H. S. Mitchison's Bibury .. .. Hallick 5..8 7
aGen A. Paget's Park Ranger .. In Ireland 4..8 6
Mr. E. Bonner's Coxcomb .. .. Gurry 4..8 4
Mr. J. Hill's Barbette .. .. Armstrong 4..8 1
Mr. W. R. Wyndham's Tamasha .. R. Sherwood 4..8 0
aMr. Strathern's Sertorious .. .. W. Elsey 4..8 0
aMr. F. C. G. Menzies's Ormelia .. Robinson 4..7 13
aMr. C. Perkins's Roseburn .. .. I'Anson 5..7 13
Mr. J. Wallace's Gavello .. .. Jarvis 4..7 8
aMr. Vyner's Killigrew .. .. Matthews 4..7 8
aMr. Leopold de Rothschild's Queen of the Lasses Watson 4..7 7
aMr. C. de Paravicini's Pentonville .. Owner 4..7 4
Col. Dansey's Mazzaroth .. .. Metcalfe 6..7 1
Mr. R. Wright's Lamos .. .. Smith 4..7 1
aMr. W. Sanderson's Napper .. .. Owner 4..7 1
Mr. H. P. Nickall's Wauken Phast .. Bates 3..7 0

3.50.—BLANKNEY SELLING PLATE of 100 sovs, for three-yr-olds and upwards; three-yr-olds 7st 10lb, four 9st, five and upwards 9st 3lb; mares and geldings allowed 3lb, and maidens 4lb; winner to be sold for 50 sovs; second to save entrance; entrance 3 sovs. 7 fur. Yrs st lb
aMr. H. Bottomley's Harama .. .. Batho 6..9 0
aMr. C. Perkins's Lady Mawher .. Hugh Powney 3..7 7
aMr. C. Elsey's Frumity .. .. W. Elsey 3..7 6
aMr. C. Perkins's Lord Cork .. J. Chandler 3..7 6
aMr. W. Elsey's Cheat .. .. Owner 3..7 3
aMr. J. A. Miller's Bungy .. .. Robson 3..7 3
aMr. S. Mather's Lord Wick .. H. T. Smith 3..7 3

4.20.—QUEEN'S PLATE of 200 sovs, for three-yr-olds and upwards; three-yr-olds 7st 4lb; four 9st 1lb; five and upwards 9st 7lb; mares allowed 3lb; horses which have not won a race of this distance of a mile and a furlong or over allowed 3lb, and maidens allowed in addition—three-yr-olds 7lb, four 10lb, five and upwards 14lb; second to receive 20 sovs and the third 10 sovs; entrance 3 sovs. 2 miles. Yrs st lb
aMr. G. Prentice's Karakoul .. .. Jarvis 6..9 7
aLord Durham's Osbech .. .. P. Peck a..9 7
aMr. J. G. Clarke's Mark Time .. Robinson 5..9 7
aMr. L. de Rothschild's St. Kitts .. Watson 4..8 3
aMr. L. de Rothschild's St. Galette .. Watson 3..7 8
aMr. W. E. Elsey's Spinning Wheel .. Owner 3..6 5
aMr. G. Chaloner's Dulcissima .. .. Owner 3..6 5

Kirkland has met with a slight accident, but it is expected that he will be able to fulfil his engagement in the Grand National. He struck himself in his box on Sunday, but although somewhat stiff from the effects of the mishap it quickly passes off at exercise.

J. Phillips, so badly injured by the fall of Prince Tuscan in the Open Handicap Steeplechase at Rugby, is now partially conscious at times, and though his progress is slow, he is doing as well as possible under the circumstances.

SCRATCHINGS.—Lincoln Handicap, Uninsured (at 1.43 p.m.), Derby Stakes (Epsom), Simon Melton (at nine a.m.), and Snuffed Out (at 3.58 p.m.), on March 25; Brocklesby Stakes (Lincoln), Detection; Hylton Handicap (Liverpool), Wild Night Again; Liverpool engagements, Julia Gaylord colt, Kalydor colt; Spring Cup Course Handicap (Liverpool), Gun Carriage; Lingfield and Kempton engagements, Mr. Perks; Victoria Plate (Pontefract), Dame Hampton gelding; all engagements in Lord Durham's name, Iberis, Medicine Man; all published handicaps in Mr. R. W. Cox's name, Light of Asia; all engagements except Breeders' Plate, Kempton, Goldfisher; all engagements in Mr. L. W. Humby's name, Little Samson, Goldcraft, Young Heron, Anna Boleyn, Juno filly, Beaulieu Lass filly, Queen Bess colt, and Forest Belle colt; all engagements, Forgotten, Eskdale colt, Belsay, Pizarro, Burnlet, Bungy, Miss Preston, Cannie Lad, Fast Fanny, Love Dart, Cat Law, Alice Morgan colt, London Swell, King Cole.

ACCIDENT TO FLAXMAN.

His Majesty's promising young chaser Flaxman, who has arrived at Liverpool, where he hold engagements in the Stanley Steeplechase and Champion Steeplechase, pulled up lame after doing a good gallop of two miles at Aintree yesterday morning. It subsequently transpired that Flaxman had sustained a severe injury to his stifle, and Mr. J. H. Peard, the well-known Irish veterinary surgeon, was immediately summoned, and he crossed from Dublin last night by the mail steamer to examine the horse.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP.

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL . 2 EVERTON 1

NORTHERN RUGBY UNION LEAGUE.

BATLEY .... 7 WARRINGTON 0

CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the next meeting of the Football Association application will be made for the affiliation of a professional football club at the Crystal Palace. Last week the various agreements between the proposed new organisation and the Crystal Palace Company were handed to Mr. F. J. Wall. It is intended to float a company with a capital of £5,000, to be issued in £1 shares.

RUGBY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

For the match for the Southern Championship between Middlesex and Devon, fixed for Wednesday next, April 5, at Richmond Athletic Ground, all the Middlesex team have accepted, except R. T. Gabe and Harris, who have not yet replied. Ample provision will be made for a large crowd, which, it is hoped, will support the fixture.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

Nottingham, Aston Villa v. Everton (F.A. Cup, replayed semi-final).
Tottenham, Tottenham Hotspur v. Southampton (W.L.).
Bristol, Bristol City v. Barnsley (L. II.).
Reading, Reading v. Portsmouth (W.L.).
Plymouth, Plymouth Argyle v. Fulham (W.L.).
Watford, Watford v. Bristol Rovers (S.L.).
Ipswich, Suffolk v. Middlesex.

RUGBY.

Runcorn, Runcorn v. Leeds (N.U.).

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE STEEPLECHASES.

HAWTHORN HILL.

The weather at Hawthorn-hill for the second and final day's racing of the meeting was not nearly as enjoyable as the preceding day. A strong wind was blowing right across the course, and it was bitterly cold at times. Moreover, there was a threatening of rain, which luckily, however, was not fulfilled. There was a far greater concourse of notable people to be seen, too, and hundreds of carriages conveyed spectators from Taplow, Windsor, Maidenhead, Bracknell, and all the surrounding districts. Special trains from London, too, were more patronised, and as for motor-cars, they were innumerable. The Prince of Wales arrived on the course a few minutes before one o'clock in a motor carriage, attended by Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Sir William Carington and the Hon. Derek Keppel. His Royal Highness was received by Colonel Inigo Jones and one or two other stewards, and escorted to the pavilion, which had been specially erected. The racing was considered to be far more interesting than on the opening day, there were fewer mishaps at the various jumps, and, on the whole, those present seemed to be enjoying themselves very much. The ladies wore more springlike costumes, despite the fact the wind was rather cold and biting, and the company altogether was a very brilliant one. The Brigade of Guards once more extended their hospitality in the extensive luncheon tent to all their friends, and again at tea-time every table was occupied. The Prince of Wales watched the racing from the pavilion, sitting next to him being the Marchioness of Ormonde, and on her right Katherine Duchess of Westminster, who was accompanied by her younger daughter. Her Grace wore a coat and collar of black cloth, with velvet collar and cuffs, and a black toque, trimmed with black feathers. Lady Helen Grosvenor had a pretty and becoming spring toilette of pale mauve, with a hat to match. The Marchioness of Ormonde was wearing a long paletot of pastel greyish [illegible], with a dress to match, and a hat trimmed with pi[illegible]es and black velvet. On his Royal Highness's left [illegible] Prince Christian, with Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, who wore a coat and skirt of light blue serge, with a dark blue velvet toque trimmed with light blue feathers. Major Evan Martin was in attendance.

A distinguished company occupied the grand stand and the lawn or strolled about in the paddock. Among them was the Countess of Erne, gowned in black, the revers of the coat being trimmed with white motifs, whilst a toque of white chiffon was decked with black velvet and a wreath of violets. Lady Mabel Crichton had a costume of myrtle green and a hat trimmed with rose pink flowers, the crown being entirely made of the blossoms, whilst the leaves formed a sort of wreath round the brim. Viscount Crichton was with Lady Mary Crichton, the latter in a brown cloth dress with a long fur boa and a brown hat trimmed with roses of various faded shades of red. The Countess of Wicklow was wearing a frieze dress, with the usual flat toque trimmed with flowers. Lady Clementine Waring and Lady Norah Hely-Hutchinson, the former dressed in dark blue and the latter in dark green, both wore long black cloaks when the wind became a little chilly. Lord and Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill again brought their party from Windsor, and it was even a larger one than on the preceding day. Lady Edward herself wore a light brown rough cloth dress, with a brown toque trimmed with roses. Her daughter, Miss Beryl Churchill, was in a dress of pastel blue trimmed with dull greyish mauve, a charming combination. Lady Bateman, who had not been well enough to be present on the first day, was there with Lord Bateman. She wore a dark blue dress under a long black coat, with a black toque trimmed with white feathers. Lady Denman had a short coat and skirt of Parma violet cloth and a hat exactly matching her gown. The Hon. Lady Neeld was in brown, with touches of pale yellow and black and white embroideries. From New Lodge, Mr. and Lady Emily Van de Weyer brought a large party, and Lady Isabel Clayton also brought friends from Fyfield House, Maidenhead.

Lady Violet Henderson, who on the previous day appeared all in black, was simply dressed in a grey tweed gown and a little white toque, trimmed with white feathers. Lady Evelyn Hely-Hutchinson, who was accompanied by Captain Farquhar, wore a long coat of grey fur, with a grey fur stole over a lavender grey dress, and a peculiarly-shaped straw toque trimmed with pink and white flowers. Lady Aline Vivian was one of the many present who appeared in brown, with a waistcoat of orange silk, a sable tie was round her neck, and she wore a big brown hat with brown feathers. Mrs. Hwfa Williams was attired in very dark iron-grey, slightly relieved with white embroideries on the coat. Her hat was small in shape and composed of black and white feathers. With her came Miss Gwenfra Williams, also in dark grey, with some rose pink at the throat, and Miss May Cavendish Bentinck in a very becoming toilette of dull pink. General Sir Reginald and Lady Thynne drove over from their country place, the latter being attired in black cloth, with a black and white hat. Lady Wilmot was again present with her children, and wore a black accordion-pleated skirt, with a tight-fitting jacket of Persian lamb, and a black toque, rather high in the front. Mrs. Ricardo, wife of Colonel Horace Ricardo, was neatly gowned in moleskin brown, and her hat was of the same colour. Lady Henry Neville, who wore a drab-coloured gown, with a hat to match, was escorting the two daughters of Sir Frederick Milner, one dressed in grey, and the other in the popular Parma violet. Sir Claude de Crespigny was accompanied by Lady de Crespigny, and the former took part in one of the final races, his younger son also distinguishing himself during the day by his excellent riding. Lady de Crespigny wore a black velvet jacket over a blue serge dress, with a black hat, trimmed with black ostrich feathers. Miss Beauchamp, daughter of Sir Reginald Beauchamp, who is staying with friends in the district, was gowned in a rather bright shade of mauve, and her hat of the same colour was turned rather high off her face. Looking up towards the grand stand before the principal race of the day might have been seen Viscountess Esher in a long cloak of pale fawn colour, trimmed with passementerie, the sleeves of which were very full and lined with white. The cloak was so long that it only showed a little of the greyish brown gown she was wearing. A few yards further off stood Lady Evelyn Cotterell, in a very simple frock of dark blue serge, with a large burnt-straw hat, trimmed with flowers. Miss Lawson was wearing a black cloth dress with a pretty spring toque. Lady Sybil Grant had a costume of very pale cinnamon brown, with a brown felt hat trimmed with brown roses. Other occupants of the stand were Mrs. Sidney Hankey, in dark brown frieze, with a brown toque; Mrs. Portal, in a black velvet jacket over a dark blue gown, with one of her younger daughters; Mrs. Seymour Corkran, in a long brown dress, with a velvet jacket and brown Alpine hat, trimmed with feathers; Lady St. Leonards was in a very plainly made dark blue serge, and her daughter, Mrs. Drury Lowe, was in hedge-sparrow egg blue, with her hat trimmed with pink flowers, and round her neck a pearl necklace, and a large pearl and diamond grenade was worn at her throat. Others to be seen on the course included Viscount Villiers, Lord Loch, Lord Guernsey, the Hon. Verena Somers Cocks, in two shades of russet green, with a brown chenille toque; Lady Isobel Gathorne-Hardy, in silver grey, with her husband and her brother, the Hon. Ferdinand Stanley; Lord Gerald Grosvenor, Lady Rowena Paterson, Mr. Guy Neville, the Earl and Countess of Kerry, the latter wearing a long white coat over a moleskin-coloured dress, with a white and black toque, trimmed with pink roses, the Hon. Caryl Annesley, the Hon. Jacob Astley, Olive Countess Cairns, with the Hon. Mrs. Algernon Bourke, Lady Celia Crewe-Milnes, Lady Margaret Rutherford, Colonel the Hon. H. C. and Mrs. Needham, Colonel the Hon. Cecil Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Walpole, Lord Hugh Grosvenor, Miss Post, Mrs. Cator, Lord Lovat and his brother, the Hon. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Harold Brassey, Mr. Edgar Brassey, Major Godfrey Heneage, Major George Nugent, Colonel Hector and Mrs. Vandeleur, Colonel and Mrs. Romilly, and others.

Following are the details of racing:

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE SELLING HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs, winner to be sold for 50 sovs. 2 miles.
Lord Northland's CAMBO, 4 yrs, 11st 7lb (£100) (Mr. R. de Crespigny) 1
Lord Gerald Grosvenor's OYAMA, 5 yrs, 11st 10lb (Owner) 2
Lord Dalmeny's FILLIPEEN, a, 12st (Lord Hugh Grosvenor) 3
Sir R. Filmer's Waxbill, 5 yrs, 11st 10lb .. .. (Owner) 0

Betting—5 to 2 on Cambo, 4 to 1 agst Fillipeen, and 10 to 1 any other.

Won a good race by half a length; eight lengths between second and third. The winner was bought in for 280gs.

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 170 sovs. About 2½ miles.
Mr. F. C. Blaney's FUNNY WAG, a, 11st 7lb (Mr. De la Pasture) 1
Mr. Vincent Eyre's GEOFF, a, 12st 1lb (Lord Hugh Grosvenor) 2
Mr. Hugh Ashton's ELLALINE II., a, 11st .. (Owner) 3
Mr. E. Christie-Miller's Lord James, a, 12st 7lb (Mr. R. de Crespigny) 0
Mr. E. Christie-Miller's Orpington, a, 11st 11lb (Mr. G. Stewart) 0
Mr. G. Nevill's MacSweeny, 6 yrs, 11st 3lb (Mr. Hamilton Stubber) 0
Mr. Norman A. Orr-Ewing's Dunbar II., a, 11st 3lb (Owner) 0
Mr. H. Whaley's Censor, a, 10st 11lb (car 11st 5lb) (Owner) 0

Betting—4 to 1 agst Geoff, 9 to 2 Ellaline II., 5 to 1 Censor, 6 to 1 each Lord James and Orpington, 7 to 1 MacSweeny, 8 to 1 Funny Wag, and 10 to 1 Dunbar.

Won by ten lengths; four lengths between second and third. Censor was fourth, and Orpington the only other to complete the course.

ARMY STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2 miles.
Mr. L. S. Denny's GOLDEN WEDDING, a, 12st 7lb (Owner) 1
Capt. W. H. Lambton's ATTRACTOR, a, 12st 3lb (Capt. Rasbotham) 2
Mr. E. Christie-Miller's POETRY, a, 11st 7lb (Mr. G. Stewart) 3
Mr. C. H. Style's Sandy Bree, a, 12st 7lb .. (Mr. A. Blake) 0

Betting—11 to 8 on Golden Wedding, 3 to 1 agst Attractor, 9 to 2 Sandy Bree, and 100 to 7 Poetry.

Golden Wedding was followed by Sandy Bree for a mile and three furlongs, when the latter fell, and the favourite, never being headed, won by six lengths; a bad third.

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE HUNTERS' CHALLENGE CUP value 100 sovs, with 200 sovs to the winner, 100 sovs to the second, 50 sovs to the third, 25 sovs to the fourth, and 10 sovs to the fifth. About 3½ miles.
Mr. H. E. Brassey's (R.H.G.) DELIGHT IV., a, 12st 7lb (Owner) 1
Mr. H. Whaley's (C.G.) NICATOR, a, 13st .. (Owner) 2
Mr. R. H. Hamilton Stubber, jun.'s (1st L.G.) HAPPY BOY II., a, 12st 7lb .. .. (Owner) 3
Mr. Edgar Brassey's (1st L.G.) BATTLEDORE II., a, 12st 7lb (Owner) 4
Capt. J. C. Brinton's (2nd L.G.) BLACK MICHAEL, a, 12st 7lb .. .. (Mr. Ashton) 5
Mr. E. S. Wyndham's (1st L.G.) Braemar II., a, 12st 8lb (Owner) 0
Mr. John FitzGerald's (R.H.G.) Kit Kat II., a, 12st 7lb (Owner) 0
Capt. E. H. Trotter's (G.G.) Khalifa II., a, 12st 7lb (Owner) 0
Capt. E. H. Trotter's (G.G.) Grenade, 6 yrs, 12st 7lb (E. L. Pike) 0
Lord A. Percy's (G.G.) Firefly III., a, 12st 7lb .. (Owner) 0
Capt. R. A. Markham's (C.G.) Dragoon II., a, 12st 7lb (Owner) 0
Lieut.-Col. W. McGrigor's (S.G.) Arriago, a, 12st 7lb (Mr. C. De la Pasture) 0
Capt. G. Paynter's (S.G.) Tommy Atkins III., a, 13st (Owner) 0
Mr. Norman A. Orr-Ewing's (S.G.) Sailaway, a, 13st (Owner) 0
Sir Hill Child's (I.G.) Crown Prince II., a, 12st 2lb (Mr. C. Knox) 0
Lord Portarlington's (I.G.) Springfield, a, 13st (Hon. L. Butler) 0
Sir Hill Child's (I.G.) O'Neil, a, 12st 7lb .. .. (Owner) 0

Betting—3 to 1 agst Delight IV., 6 to 1 Black Michael, 7 to 1 each Battledore II. and Happy Boy II., 8 to 1 each Nicator, O'Neil, and Arriago, 10 to 1 any other.

Kit Kat II. led for half a mile, and then fell. Then Delight IV. made the remainder of the running, and won easily by sixteen lengths; a bad third. Battledore II. was fourth, Black Michael fifth, Sailaway sixth, Khalifa II. seventh, O'Neil eighth, Tommy Atkins III ninth, Crown Prince II. tenth, Firefly III. eleventh, and Springfield the only other to complete the course.

OPEN MILITARY SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. 2 miles.
Sir R. Wilmot's DEMONSTRATOR, 6 yrs, 12st 7lb (Lord Hugh Grosvenor) 1
Mr. H. W. Ethelston's PATRICK'S SAINT, 6 yrs, 12st 7lb (Mr. De la Pasture) 2
Mr. L. S. Denny's WHITEHAVEN, a, 12st 7lb .. (Owner) 3
Mr. C. W. Banbury's Monster, a, 12st 7lb (Sir Claud de Crespigny) 0
Mr. Gordon Tayleur's Craig Ard, a, 12st 7lb .. (Owner) 0
Sir R. Filmer's Waxbill, 5 yrs, 12st .. .. Owner) 0

Betting—9 to 4 agst Patrick's Saint, 5 to 2 Whitehaven, 4 to 1 Monster, 5 to 1 Demonstrator, 6 to 1 Craig Ard, and 10 to 1 Waxbill. Won by half a length; six lengths between second and third. The winner was bought in for 80gs.

FARMERS' STEEPLECHASE of 39 sovs. About 2½ miles.
Mr. J. B. Allen's BELL HAWK, 5 yrs, 12st (Mr. W. Bulteel) 1
Mr. P. E. Headington's BLACK JACK III., a, 12st 7lb (F. Waugh) 2
Mr. W. G. King's NIMROD II., a, 12st .. (Mr. F. W. King) 3
Mr. B. Robins's Robin Hood II., a, 12st 7lb .. (Mr. Slyfield) 0
Mr. W. G. King's Ballymacreese, 6 yrs, 12st .. (Owner) 0
Mr. B. Robins's Ladies' Maid, a, 12st .. (Mr. C. Leadbetter) 0
Mr. David Jones's Duke V., a, 12st .. (Mr. R. C. Tennant) 0

Betting—7 to 4 on Bell Hawk and 7 to 1 agst any other (o). Bell Hawk quickly drew out with a long lead, and never being approached, won by three hundred yards; a bad third.

HUNTING NOTES.

Cottesmore Hounds met on Monday at Witham Common, though it was not until the afternoon was well on the wane that they really asserted themselves. They strove at the outset on very unequal terms with foxes in Witham Wood and the smaller adjacent coverts, and when the scene of interest was transferred to Beaumont Wood there was no evidence that scent had undergone a change for the better. For the time being, in fact, while the chase had ranged aimlessly here and there in turn, hounds and huntsman were confronted with nothing but difficulties. It was reserved for Cabbage Hill to redeem the situation, and though the fox eventually got to ground on the railway near Grimsthorpe Park, for the space of sixteen minutes he was a prey to a furious onslaught. Hounds must have caught him but for flashing far beyond the line after a keeper had involuntarily stood athwart his path.

There were some bright issues to the Quorn fixture at Bunny Park. Hounds roused a fox in the park, and rattled him straight through Old Wood and on by the Intake, and past Costock Village, pointing for Hoton New Covert. Then, suddenly bending left-handed between Stanford Park and Hoton, in consequence of the fox having been flagrantly headed, hounds ran fiercely on to Prestwold, up to which point the pace had been irreproachable. The chase subsequently dragged somewhat, and was finally abandoned near Hoton New Covert. The pack next achieved a flying start from Windmill Hill, and made most praiseworthy haste across the valley to Rancliffe Wood, and thence away to Keyworth, whereabouts their tired fox fled to ground, only to be readily dislodged and killed.

A sad disaster was associated with the appointment of Mr. Fernie's Hounds on Monday at Shearsby. Frightened by a motor-car, a carriage horse bolted, knocking over three people and injuring two of them very seriously, and was only brought up by charging violently into another carriage. The outcome of this latter part of the mêlée was a broken shaft only. One of the injured men, Joseph Dunkley, aged seventy-one, a farmer, of Shearsby, died during the night, and Daniel Baker, a veteran of eighty-three, lies in a critical condition.

The Melton Mowbray Hunt Steeplechases will take place on Tuesday next, at Burton Lazars. The annual reunion may be regarded as virtually marking the close of the hunting season in the shires, though should no weight of rain fall in the interim it is understood that there will be a few by-days before the curtain is finally rung down.

Sport with the Heythrop on Monday was of an enjoyable nature. Hounds were first engaged with a fox from the New Covert, which, after circling round and round, broke away towards the mansion, and ran on to Enstone Village, thence to Lidstone Bottom, and back to the starting-point. Hounds then drove him out to the Fir Plantation adjoining the Home Farm, and forced him away toward Enstone Lodge, when scent gave out. A substitute was roused in the Southcombes, and a pretty hunt commenced with a sharp short ring to the finding-place. The fox went off again by Chapel House to Over Norton Park, and driving steadily on, hounds hunted to Choicehill, and pushed their fox over the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway, holding Great Roll wide on the right as they went on to Rollright Combes. Thence they hunted through Arncliffe Copse, invading the Warwickshire territory, and finally ran a good bold fox to ground at Whichford Wood. The run occupied fifty-five minutes, and the point was between five and six miles. Walk Gorse was for the first time this season drawn blank. A collection was made on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society.

CANNES SPRING GOLF MEETING.

This meeting was concluded yesterday, when the awards were distributed by the Countess Torby. The prizes presented by H.I.H. the Grand Duke Cyril of Russia and Lord Wolverton for the first and second best net scores respectively were tied for by Colonel Langdon, 82 less 3—79, and Mr. B. Craig, 97 less 18—79. The Grand Duke Cyril's prize for ladies was won by Mrs. Glenkidson, 83 less 8—75, and Lord Wolverton's by Miss H. Harris, 88 less 8—80. Mr. G. W. Hillyard, who was plus 3, had a scratch score of 78, and won the scratch gold medal for gentlemen, Mrs. Crawford, with 81, taking that for ladies. Miss Walper's putting prize was won by Mr. J. S. Stone, and Lord Burnham's by Miss E. Barlow. The prize presented by the captain, Mr. A. H. Crosfield, for the best score over thirty-six holes, was won by Mr. John Ball, jun., with 77 and 81—158.

Mr. Charles Hutchings and the English team left for England yesterday.

BILLIARDS.

STEVENSON v. DAWSON.

At the Grand Hall, Leicester-square, yesterday afternoon, the above professionals resumed play in their game of 18,000 up. Stevenson on his second visit to the table made a break of 234. This he followed with 101, and the scores were called 1,840—703 in his favour. Dawson, after putting on 50, 77, 54, and 58, came out with 124, 283. Stevenson, with 83 and 93 (unfinished), ran to his points. In the evening Stevenson increased an unfinished break to 259. Dawson contributed 289, 75, and 130. Stevenson replied with 204, but Dawson subscribed 90 and 125 (unfinished). Scores:

Stevenson	2,682
Dawson (in play)	2,353

ROBERTS v. INMAN.

Once again Roberts went behind his points in this match of 18,000 up (Inman receiving 5,500), at Birmingham, yesterday afternoon, Inman claiming an advantage at the adjournment. The younger player made good headway with 116, 121, and 119, while the best Roberts could do during the sitting was 91, 57, 98, 104, and 97. At night Roberts was in brilliant form. Beginning with 89 and 79 he followed with a magnificent 335, made chiefly at the top of the table. He next put on 180, after which there was a lot of safety play. Inman was responsible for 111, 82, 66, and 52, and reached his points with the scores:

Inman	13,842
Roberts	11,788

Under the title of "The Emigration of State Children," Mr. C. Kinloch Cooke read an interesting paper yesterday at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute in the Whitehall Rooms. He thought that the great majority of State-supported children might be emigrated without involving any further extension in the delegation of parental responsibilities than was now permitted and without any further charge on the public exchequer. Properly trained and given new surroundings, these children, if carefully selected, would make useful colonists. Last year 8,372 children, "the orphan and the deserted," were boarded out by the guardians, and 5,000 of these were eligible for emigration.

In the Westminster Coroner's Court Mr. John Troutbeck concluded his inquiry concerning the death of Emma Jane Hume, aged thirty-one, a show-room assistant, lately residing at Chelsea-gardens, Chelsea, who died under circumstances already reported. Last week evidence was given showing that the deceased, finding herself in trouble, procured, through the manager of the show-room in which she was employed, four bottles of medicine from a chemist, who pointed out that the mixture would have no effect upon a person in a certain condition, nor was any suggestion of the kind made or he would not have given any drug. Deceased admitted to a doctor that she had taken a drug, describing it as "a herb gathered from the fields wet with dew," adding that it was sent from the country by a friend. She denied that an instrument had been used. On the resumption of the case yesterday Dr. Ludwig Freyberger stated that death was due to general blood-poisoning following septic peritonitis, which might have been due to natural causes, but there was no organic disease to account for it. It might, however, have been caused by a drug. The jury found that the deceased died from causes produced by some person or persons unknown.

An inmate of Moorcroft Private Asylum, accompanied by his attendant, was alighting from a tram-car at Hillingdon-heath yesterday afternoon when he either threw himself or fell between the double set of bogey wheels. Upon the car stopping the man was dragged out shockingly injured. He died shortly afterwards.

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30 March 1905

Bolton Evening News

Football Club for Crystal Palace.

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Further details provided on application to the Football Association. Crystal Palace described as a ‘new organisation’.

Our London Correspondent

LONDON OFFICE OF THE "BOLTON EVENING NEWS," 20 NEW BRIDGE-ST., E.C.

London, Thursday Morning.

In Memory of Sir William Harcourt. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach presided yesterday at the House of Commons at a meeting of members convened for the purpose of considering a proposal for erecting a memorial to the late Sir William Harcourt. The action of Sir Michael in taking the lead in the matter has been much appreciated by the Liberals, for there was a feeling that the initiative of the movement would come with all the more grace from one who was politically opposed to the dead statesman. It is easy to understand that the member for West Bristol would sympathise with the movement, for as Sir William Harcourt's successor as Chancellor of the Exchequer he always entertained a feeling of warm admiration for Sir William's financial talents. Amongst those present at the meeting, in addition to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, were Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. John Morley, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Stanhope, Sir Alfred Thomas, Mr. Holsey, and Mr. Ernest Beckett. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, I understand, also wrote letters expressing their sympathy with the object for which the meeting had been convened. It was decided that a memorial, to be placed if possible inside the Palace of Westminster, should be erected. Its form was left open for subsequent consideration, but the opinion of those present seemed to incline towards the erection of a bust. It was decided to form a Committee to carry on the movement, and in the meantime a circular is to be issued appealing for funds, the amount to be limited to two guineas.

Intrigue in Morocco. It is well for Europe that so steady a hand as that of M. Delcasse holds the helm at the French Foreign Office. Otherwise we might have another "burning question" troubling the diplomatic world, with Far East and Near East still smouldering. Hitherto it has been the policy of the French Press to put a good face upon affairs in Morocco and to ignore the very peculiar attitude taken up by Germany in respect to them, but the remarkable letter from its correspondent at Tangier just published by the Echo de Paris throws off all disguise, and openly reveals the dangers of the situation. His letter, which seems to have attracted some attention in Paris, confirms the opinion held by many Frenchmen that German diplomacy is not inclined to accommodate itself to the arrangements of the Anglo-French agreement. The great Colonial party in Bremen and Hamburg, according to this correspondent, has long aspired to the possession of a sphere of activity in Morocco, including the cession of the port of Mogador. For years past the German official and semi-official world have quietly been establishing excellent relations with the Maghzen and great personages in Morocco. Germany has secured her share in the important business of Morocco, especially the minting of money. One of the Ambassadors sent to Europe four years ago went to Berlin as well as to London. When a few months since the French and English Governments recalled their agents, the German Minister ordered his Consul not to leave his post.

Very Unpleasant Prospect. The German Consul at Fez pays almost daily visits to the Sultan and his Ministers. The Maghzen has ascertained that Germany does not recognise the Anglo-French agreement, which left Morocco isolated in presence of France, and hence the unexpected resistance to the proposed reforms. The visit of William II. will encourage the Moroccans to resist France. Three weeks ago our Minister, says the French correspondent, was within an inch of a rupture. "There would be no ground for surprise if that rupture were to follow shortly after the arrival of the German Emperor at Tangier." A rupture between France and Morocco instigated by Germany suggests a very unpleasant prospect, and a telegram from Tangier stating that the Maghzen is pressing the French mission for explanations regarding frontier questions does not dissipate the uneasiness thus produced.

Portrait of the Queen. Among the portraits to be exhibited this year at the Royal Academy is the commission undertaken by Mr. Luke Fildes, R.A., to paint a State portrait of Her Majesty the Queen. It is a companion picture to that of the King which the artist painted at the time of the Coronation, a work conforming to the usual restrictions of State portraiture, and yet having much distinction in its colour scheme. Messrs. Agnew inform me that they have arranged with Mr. J. B. Pratt to engrave the portrait in the highest form of mezzotint, in order to form the official pendant to the well-known engraving of the King's portrait.

Whistler Memorial Exhibition. In view of the encouraging number of visitors to the Whistler Memorial Exhibition—up to the present about 40,000 have passed the gates—the International Society have arranged with the Directors of the New Gallery to keep the exhibition open until the 15th of April. It is most encouraging to the Society to find their efforts to bring about this Memorial Exhibition of their late President's works so completely crowned with success, but they have all along been actuated only by a desire to honour the name and fame of Whistler. No such exhibition has been got together before, and it is safe to say that in importance and completeness it will never be rivalled, hence an opportunity which no Whistler enthusiast should think of missing.

Distinguished Visitors. As a further testimony of its artistic excellence and the position the International Society now holds, it may be mentioned that Their Majesties the King and Queen have twice honoured the exhibition with their presence. The Princess of Wales has also visited the exhibition, as well as many of the Ambassadors and Ministers, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, and numerous members of Parliament, showing that everyone now recognises the eminence of Whistler, and also the fact that such an exhibition of his works can never be got together again—an exhibition, it should be remembered, to which His Majesty, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, and Princess Victoria have contributed. The French Government have lent their official aid, and almost every public and private gallery has been drawn upon.

New Royal Yacht. The contract which has now been made for the construction of a new Royal yacht will place King Edward in possession of a boat far better suited than its predecessors for carrying out the cruises of which His Majesty is so fond. Rendered obsolete and cumbersome by her long years of service, the Osborne will shortly be superseded by a yacht which, in point of draught, speed, and displacement, is a great improvement upon the older boat. The yacht just ordered works out at no more than two thousand tons displacement, with a draught of 14½ feet. A change as regards length will likewise be made, the new yacht being 310 feet between uprights, and turbine engines have been stipulated for.

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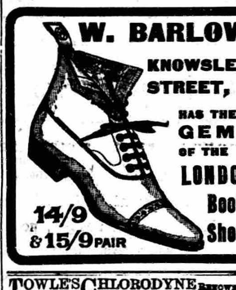

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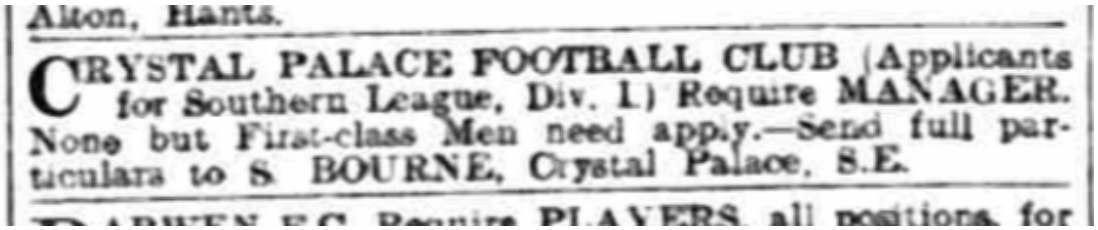
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GUARANTEE MATCH WANTED at Plymouth Easter Monday, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE "A" TEAM.—SPOONER, 2, Athenæum-terrace, Plymouth.

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LEICESTER FOSSE Require Match (home or away) on Easter Tuesday.—Apply GEO. JOHNSON, Silver Arcade, Leicester.

NEWTON HEATH Open Easter Holidays, April 21, 22, 24 (home or away).—Terms, CRAWSHAW, 2, Winifred-road, Newton Heath.

OSWALDTWISTLE ROVERS require matches away, April 15 and Easter Monday.—Terms to G. CHAMBERS, Secretary, Oswaldtwistle.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE Football Club Require a MATCH AT HOME, on April 29.—Applications, with amount of guarantee required, to SECRETARY, 2, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

PRESTON NORTH END (full League team) are open for Matches away on April 15; also 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29.—Terms at once to W. E. BAHR, 17, Cannon-street, Preston. Telegrams: "Football, Preston."

ST. MIRREN (First League team) Open for Matches North of England, April 21, 22, 24, and 25.—Best terms to JNO. M'CARTNEY, 22, Storie-street, Paisley, N.B.

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL Want Match away, April 22.—Write T. G. SHIPLEY, Secretary, 61, Virginia-street, Southport.

STOCKPORT COUNTY Want MATCH (away), April 15.—Best offers to FRED STEWART, Charlesworth-street, Stockport.

SWINDON TOWN Require Matches, April 22 and 24 (home or away).—Apply S. ALLEN, 36, Kent-road, Swindon.

WALKDEN CENTRAL (Lancashire Alliance) Want Match away, April 15; state terms.—JOHN F. WESTBROOK, 18, Hodge-rd., Walkden, nr. M'chester.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (full League team) are open April 24, 25, 26, and 29, away.—Apply, stating guarantee, FRED EVERISS, The Hawthorns, West Bromwich. Telegrams: "Football, West Bromwich."

CRICKET.

ALTRINCHAM WESLEYAN C.C. have open May 27 home, August 7 away; also 2nd team May 27 away; private laid ground and pavilion.—Apply to A. WARBURTON, 31, Lloyd-street, Altrincham.

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EARLESTOWN C.C. have Open Sept. 2 for first and second elevens.—J. H. Alderson, Earlestown.

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BARNSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB, LTD., INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON FROM GOOD-CLASS PLAYERS. Full particulars to A. FAIRCLOUGH, 1, Mount-street, Barnsley.

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BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION F.C., LTD., Require PLAYERS, all positions, on May 1.—State terms, &c., to F. S. WALFORD, Secretary-Manager, 32, First Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex.

BRISTOL CITY Invite Applications from First-class PLAYERS (all positions) for next season.—Apply, with full particulars, H. THICKETT, 55, Lime-road, Bedminster, Bristol.

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DENTON C.C. Require PROFESSIONAL (Saturday afternoons), for season 1905. Applications, giving previous experience and wages required, to JONES, Secretary, Denton.

DERBY COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB, LIMITED, REQUIRE First-class PLAYERS, all positions, for season 1905-1906.—H. J. NEWBOULD, 2, Market Place, Derby.

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GRIMSBY TOWN Football Club require First-class FORWARDS for next season.—Applications, stating last club played for, age, weight, height, and terms required, to HICKSON, Secretary, Grimsby.

LEEDS CITY ASSOCIATION F.C. Require PLAYERS for all positions next season; preference to English League players.—Apply, stating all particulars to GILLIES, 28, Cross Flatts Place, Beeston, Leeds.

LEICESTER FOSSE Require First-class PLAYERS on May 1 for next season; good wages.—Apply GEO. JOHNSON, Silver Arcade, Leicester.

LUTON TOWN will Require First-class PLAYERS next season; full particulars.—GREEN, Church-street, Luton.

MIDDLESBROUGH Invite Applications from First-class PLAYERS for next season.—Apply J. ROBSON, Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough.

MILLWALL Football Club require PLAYERS, May 1, for all positions.—Applications, stating height, weight, age, and club last played for, to J. BEVERIDGE, 291, West Ferry-road, Millwall, London, E.

NELSON F.C.—Wanted, First-class PLAYERS, all positions, for next season.—Apply with full particulars COE, Beddington-street, Nelson.

NEW BROMPTON (First Division Southern League) Require First-class PLAYERS, for all positions, for Season 1905-6.—Apply, stating age, height, weight, terms, experience, &c., to W. GROOMSBRIDGE, Balmoral-rd., Gillingham, Kent. Applic'ts must be first-class.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (Southern League) invite Applications from First-class PLAYERS for all positions for season 1905-6.—Full particulars to A. JONES, 101, Lea-road, Northampton.

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE Football Club will Require First-class PLAYERS, for all positions, on the 1st May next.—Applications to SECRETARY, 2, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

PORTSMOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB INVITE APPLICATIONS FROM FIRST-CLASS PLAYERS FOR NEXT SEASON. Apply, R. BONNEY, 28, Hudson-road, Southsea.

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ST. HELENS RECREATION Want CLASS PLAYERS all positions, for next season.—Apply, WOOD, Cropper's Hill, St. Helens.

SHEFFIELD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB. The Directors invite Applications for Season 1905-6, for all positions, from CLASS PLAYERS. Applications, containing height, weight, and age, to be sent to J. NICHOLSON, Secretary, Pavilion, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB WILL REQUIRE FIRST-CLASS PLAYERS For Next Season. None but First-class Men need apply. Applications to E. ARNFIELD, 25, DERBY-ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON.

SWINDON TOWN invite Applications from First-class PLAYERS (all positions) for next season.—Apply, with full particulars, S. ALLEN, 36, Kent-rd., Swindon.

THE FULHAM FOOTBALL CLUB are prepared to receive applications on May 1, from first-class PLAYERS only.—H. BRADSHAW, 800, Fulham-road, London, S.W.

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WATFORD F.C. Want PLAYERS for All Positions. Only first-class men need apply. GOODALL, KING-STREET, WATFORD, HERTS.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION Require First-class PLAYERS for next season; all positions.—Apply FRED EVERISS, The Hawthorns, West Bromwich.

WEST HAM UNITED will require FIRST-CLASS PLAYERS on May 1.—Full particulars to E. S. KING, Castle-street, Upton Park, London.

THE ATHLETIC NEWS,
MONDAY, APRIL 10.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

. Owing to the increasing number of questions, we must ask our readers to be more modest in their call on space in this column, and particularly not to ask for complete League tables for past seasons.
. We decline to answer questions on betting and sweepstakes.

FOOTBALL.
ASSOCIATION.

H. LEWIS (Birmingham).—We should say Aston Villa or Newcastle United.
G. DAY (Netley).—Preston North End have not been suspended this season.
H. T. (Wrexham).—He has about 16 caps, but we will make definite inquiries.
ERGO (Wellington).—Blackburn Rovers have won the English Cup five times.
SAM MONTWORDE (Manchester).—73—23 is a better goal average than 76—24.
JOHN JAMES (Westhoughton).—The circumstances are exactly as you state them.
W. R. JONES (Hounslow).—The Aston Villa team is composed entirely of Englishmen.
LIBRARIAN (Aden).—We have a recollection of such a result, but will inquire officially.
EVERTON (Moss Side).—Our report states that Mr. John Lewis declared the ground unfit.
JAYARBEE (Motherwell).—A club does not win by any clear goals when the losing side scores.
H. E. (London).—1. Cannot say. 2. C. Simmons did not play for West Bromwich Albion in 1892.
R. HOLOHAN (Dublin).—The best way is to book to the Crystal Palace Station from Ludgate Hill.
F. W. FIELD (Langley Green).—We have no record. The player himself might be able to inform you.
E. G. MATHERS (Belfast).—We do not reply by post. Please repeat your question in a respectful manner.
SHAW.—Amateurs playing with League clubs are entitled to and receive legitimate travelling expenses.
ALBANIAN.—We cannot give the exact figures, but we believe Newcastle United to be the wealthier club.
WESTO (Plymouth).—We have not the heights and weights of the players of the two teams you mention. Sorry.
ANXIOUS FOOTER (Liverpool).—The Aston Villa ground is now within the city of Birmingham, we believe.
J. PATTERSON (Fermoy).—The record crowd for any football match is 110,802, at the English Cup Final of 1901.
J. B. (Bootle).—The match was played on December 25, 1901, and not on the date you give. Looking up the information.
CLARET (Warrington).—We recall a player named Howells being attached to Aston Villa, but cannot enlighten you further.
LITTLE SANDY (Blackburn).—Yes, Doig played for Blackburn Rovers on November 16, 1889, at Blackburn. Teams next week.
UNCERTAIN (New Brompton).—Joe Turner is not an international. He played for the English League against the Scottish League.
W. M. (Arbroath).—The record attendance for any match in the United Kingdom is 110,802 at the English Cup Final of 1901.
E. A. (Chapel Allerton).—Scotsmen played for the English League in the first inter-League match with Scotland, but this was the only occasion.
J. F. (Preston).—Moses Sanders played for Crewe Alexandra, Accrington, Woolwich Arsenal, and Barrow. He was several seasons with Preston North End.
CARDIFFITE (Plymouth).—J. W. Sutcliffe did not play for England at Rugby against Scotland, Ireland, or Wales, but he did so against the Maoris, and for which he was awarded an international cap.
J. G. KNAPMAN (Goodmayes).—1. It is a competition which is not taken very seriously. 2. Tottenham Hotspur defeated Plymouth Argyle 2—0 in the Western League match on November 21.
ADMIRER (Burnley).—The English League team in the match you refer to was: Kingsley; Balmer, Crabtree; Bull, Bannister, Needham; Whittaker, Athersmith, Raybould, Sagar, and Blackburn.
J. C. WILMOT (London).—J. Scott, Fleetwood to Blackpool; A. Robinson, local; A. Gardner, Leith to Newcastle; A. Bowman, East Stirlingshire to Everton; A. Bell, Ayrshire to Manchester United.
F. HIGGINBOTTOM (Leek).—1. H. Spencer was born in 1875, and left Birchfield Trinity to join Aston Villa in 1893. 2. We should say that the four richest clubs are Aston Villa, Newcastle United, Everton, and Sheffield Wednesday.
ANXIOUS (Sheerness).—He signed for Everton, and he refunded money paid to him by Bolton Wanderers, with whom he had been previously engaged. He afterwards signed for the Celtic, and continued with them until he gave up playing about five years ago.
CONSTANT READER (Bristol).—The teams in the Scottish Trial Match this season were:—Anglo-Scots: Lyall; M'Mahon, Jackson; Aitken, Hynds, M'William; Lang, Howie, Wilson, Turnbull, and Templeton. Home Scots: Raeside; Davidson, Hill; May, Thomson, Hay, Moran, Walker, M'Coll, Somers, and Wilson.
F. YARD (Milwall).—The teams when Millwall and Aston Villa drew at Millwall were:—Millwall: Cox; Burgess, Allan; Smith, Goldie, Millar; Dryburgh, Brearley, J. H. Gettins, Banks, and Nicoll. Villa: George; Spencer, Evans; Bowman, Cowan, Crabtree; Athersmith, Devey, Garratty, Wheldon, and Smith. Nicoll and Wheldon scored the two goals.
W. F. S.—When Aston Villa replayed their English Cup Tie with Nottingham Forest, at Nottingham, the teams were:—Villa: George; Crabtree, Evans; Bowman, Cowan, Wilkes; Athersmith, Devey, Johnson, Garratty, and Smith. Forest: Linacre; Peers, Iremonger; Robinson, Forman (F.), Capes; Forman (F. R.), Murray, Calvey, Morris, and Spouncer.
W. G. POULTER (New Brompton).—The teams in the 1896 Final were: Wolverhampton Wanderers: W. Tennant; R. Baugh, T. Dunn; H. Griffiths, W. Malpass, W. Owen; J. Tonks, C. Henderson, W. Beats, H. Wood, and D. Black. Sheffield Wednesday: J. Massey; M. J. Earp, A. Langley; H. Brandon, T. Crawshaw, A. Petrie; A. Brash, A. Brady, L. Bell, H. Davis, and F. Spiksley.
EWART REDMAN (Deal).—When Aston Villa defeated the Corinthians 1—0 in the Sheriff of London's Shield the teams were:—Corinthians: C. E. Wilkinson; W. J. Oakley, C. B. Fry; B. Middleditch, H. Thwaites, H. Vickers; R. G. Wright, R. E. Foster, L. J. Moon, C. F. Ryder, and B. O. Corbett. Aston Villa: George; Crabtree, Evans; Bowman, Cowan, Wilkes; Athersmith, Devey, Johnson, Garratty, and Smith.
J. S. (Newcastle).—1. Gosnell, Appleyard, and Veitch scored the goals for Newcastle United against Nottingham Forest at Nottingham, and Veitch and Rutherford were the scorers at Woolwich. 2. We shall probably do so if he plays in the League team again. 3. It was the Watford Lindsay who played for Newcastle. His brother, the Bury Lindsay, was also with them as a reserve. 4. Peddie joined Newcastle United from Third Lanark.
L. S. (Rhyl).—1. The Combination table in 1900-1 was:

	Pld	Won	Lost	Drn	For (Goals)	Agst (Goals)	Pts
Wrexham	22	16	3	3	62	20	35
Rhyl	22	15	5	2	49	33	32
Bangor	22	13	6	3	62	45	29
Oswestry	22	10	4	8	57	28	28
Chirk	22	10	7	5	46	40	25
White Star Wanda	22	8	8	6	45	40	22
Hudson's	22	7	12	3	39	42	17
Tranmere Rovers	22	6	11	5	32	37	17
Birkenhead	22	6	12	4	37	52	16
Warrington	22	7	13	2	27	57	16
Buckley	22	6	12	4	32	68	16
Newton-le-Willows	22	3	14	5	38	64	11

2. J. C. Jones (Bangor) played inside right in two matches for Wales in 1901, and W. Meredith in the third game.
A. HOFHUIS (Amsterdam).—As you live abroad we shall break our rule. The League table in 1892-3 was:—

	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	For. (Goals)	Agst. (Goals)	Pts.
Sunderland	22	4	4	100	36	48
Preston North End	17	10	3	57	39	37
Everton	16	10	4	74	51	36
Aston Villa	16	11	3	73	62	35
Bolton Wanderers	13	11	6	56	56	32
Burnley	13	13	4	51	44	30
Stoke	12	13	5	58	48	29
Blackburn Rovers	8	9	13	47	56	29
West Bromwich A.	12	13	5	58	69	29
Notts Forest	10	12	8	48	52	28
Wolverhampton	12	14	4	47	68	28
Sheffield Wednes.	12	15	3	55	65	27
Derby County	9	12	9	52	64	27
Notts County	10	16	4	54	61	24
Accrington	6	13	11	57	81	23
Newton Heath	6	18	6	50	85	18

RUGBY.

KARL (Liverpool).—It is sufficient if the ball is touched down with one hand.
TAFF (Reading).—He was selected, but he did not play when it was found that he was not qualified by birth.
ARGUMENT (Leicester).—The objection would stand if it was made before the match. We are not aware of any protests ever having been made.
H. W. (Oldham).—The decisions of the touch-judges are always subject to confirmation by the referee, but it is seldom that claims are ignored.

ATHLETICS.

VAM.—There is no record for a half-mile obstacle race.
W. A. B.—Wadsley was in California when we heard last from him. He may this moment be on his way back.
QUESTIONER.—1. Yes, it will affect your speed. 2. The half-mile at the Salford H meeting is run on cinders.
D. W. MORGAN.—Three nights a week will suffice. Rest on Fridays. Try any of the outfitters advertising in the "Directory."
NEMO.—You cannot pick out your own pet handicapper. Sport secretaries have to keep the fact a secret. See the "Athletic Directory" for handicappers' addresses.

CYCLING.

J. W. M'KIGLEY.—Buy Rudge-Whitworth in preference; Dunlop tyres.
MACCLESFIELD.—Mr. C. H. Larrette's London office is 92, Fleet-street, E.C.
TOURISTS.—You will find the "Daily Dispatch" Touring Notes to your taste. They appear weekly.
INQUIRER (Norwich).—King's Lynn, Wisbech, Spalding, Sleaford, Grantham, Newark, Allerton, about 100 miles, with, for the most part, very easy roads.
A. M. B. (Dulwich).—For touring in which pace is no object I should strongly recommend you to have the 1883 Liberty tyres, and thus practically ensure yourself against puncture troubles. Gear low, certainly not higher than 6½ cranks and 65 gearing for such a hilly district.
OCTOPUS (Bramley).—All the machines you mention are good, but you will find it cheaper in the long run to have the highest grade. Writing from memory, I do not think Montagu Holbein ever won a race of importance on the path. It was Shorland who won the Mile Handicap at the Surrey Sports to which you allude. It was the first time, I think, the Facile ever scored a win in a good class contest on a track.
TOURIST (Derby).—Nottingham, Grantham, Sleaford, Spalding, Wisbech, King's Lynn, Swaffham, and Norwich to Yarmouth. If time permits you would find the coast road through Hunstanton, Wells, Blakeney, Holt, Cromer, and Mundesley to Yarmouth very interesting. A pleasant variation for the return journey would be through Beccles, Bungay, Harleston, Diss, Botesdale, Ixworth, Bury, Newmarket, and Ely, to Wisbech; very enjoyable and full of objects of interest.

STEEPLECHASING.

ELMS (Newbury).—Chandler covered 37 feet over water in a steeplechase at Warwick on March 22, 1847, and Lottery went 33 feet over a wall in the Liverpool Grand National of 1839.

SWIMMING.

A. B. DICKSON (Chelmsford).—Sorry cannot say.

CRICKET.

LANCASTRIAN (Cheltenham).—Winter pay varies, but in Lancashire and Yorkshire the professionals average about £2 weekly.

QUOITS.

G. BROGDEN (Belvedere).—The Fletcher system is copyright.

Secretaries and Correspondents of Rugby Union Clubs are kindly requested to send in as early as possible the results of the Season's Matches and the Fixtures for Next Season of the Club to which they are connected for insertion in our next Football Annual!

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THE RISE OF NEWCASTLE UNITED.

(By TITYRUS.)

ACCORDING to the letter of the law, Newcastle United will be ten years old next September—on the first Wednesday of the season of 1905-06. The club cannot trace back to those distant days when the devotees of football were described by supercilious and superior people as harmless lunatics, when spectators were a few stragglers, when football editions had not been invented, and when Leagues had not been dreamed of. Newcastle United has all the impetuosity and strength of youth. The club represents the younger generation knocking at the door of the temple of Fame. Father Time can alone say whether the ambitions of the executive and the players will be realised in their tenth year; whether they will win the Association Cup and The League championship, both of them or either of them. Even if their aspirations are not realised, the Newcastle United team have so stirred the pulse of the community that there must be curiosity to hear the story of an institution which is dear to the heart of the Tynesider and sport-loving North-countryman.

But if Newcastle United has not yet arrived at the tender age of ten, these years have been eventful. There is not much originality in the naming of modern clubs. Too often the title United is barren of meaning and the least significance. But with Newcastle United the appellation is so very different. This is the one club of a great commercial city, in which all other agencies have been merged, and if the United be so essentially modern there were several near relatives and interesting predecessors. Long ago there were such amateur teams as Newcastle Rangers, Elswick Rangers, The Tyne, and Newcastle; but their life was never very lusty, and they died out as two rival powers—Newcastle West End and Newcastle East End—attained some degree of playing strength. The West End was an off-shoot of The Tyne, and Mr. Tom Watson, a Newcastle man who has since attained much celebrity as an officer of Sunderland and Liverpool, was elected the secretary of the West End club in 1884. This was not his first venture in football, as he was one of the originators of Rosehill (now Willington Athletic), one of the first clubs founded in the Mid-Tyne district in 1881. When Mr. Watson was chosen secretary of the West End they played on a field going out to Gosforth, where collections were taken—as in church—for the site was not enclosed. However, Mr. Watson was requested to wait upon Sir B. C. Browne, the then Mayor, concerning the renting of a plot of ground on The Leazes. One may explain that The Leazes resemble public land, which is in the joint ownership of the Corporation and the freemen of the city, and the freemen derive an income from the letting or leasing of these intakes. Owing to the influence of Sir C. F. Hammond, late M.P. for Newcastle, leave was given, and a fourteen years' lease was made out in the name of the late Mr. William Nesham, whose memory is still revered by all sportsmen in Northumberland. This ground either adjoined, or actually was, St. James's Park—the present home of the United. By the financial assistance of Messrs. Stanger and Robinson this portion of The Leazes was enclosed. The first gate amounted to the princely sum of between seven and eight shillings, and Mrs. Watson is proud of the fact that she was the first lady who attended the West End matches. Both West and East courted the football populace, and Mr. Watson went over to the camp of his friends—the enemy. He went to live at the east end of Newcastle, and was induced by Mr. D. Crawfurd, an old Newcastle Ranger, to become the secretary of the East End, and he remained with them until 1888, when, after much wrestling with his own desires, he forsook his native city for Sunderland.

MR. JOSEPH BELL, Vice-Chairman.
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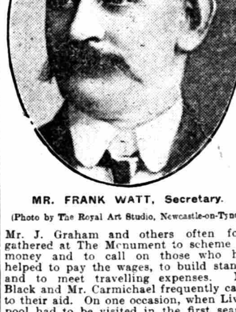

MR. FRANK WATT, Secretary.
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The East End mainly owed their foundation to Mr. Alec White, a rare centre half-back, and the present-day referee; Mr. James Neylon, Mr. David Crawfurd, Mr. Alec Crawfurd, and Mr. James Peel. Still, Alec White was hon. secretary and captain. He was two single gentlemen rolled into one. Both West and East had professionals. There were not many of them, but Bob Kelso was with the West in 1889 and 1890; and Bob Crielly, with all the football cult of an Ayrshire man, with the East. But some of the professionals received half a crown a week plus a situation, which was secured because they could play football. During March, 1890, the club was incorporated under the style of the Newcastle East End Football Company, Limited, with a nominal capital of £1,000 divided into 2,000 shares of 10s each, but the word nominal is selected advisedly, for the amount was not subscribed. Worse than that East End was considerably in debt—had not a cent in the safe, so to speak—and owed the players a few weeks' wages on a more liberal scale than the half crown. The money which came in as capital was devoted to paying an instalment on the stands at Heaton. Both Mr. John Cameron, the present popular chairman of Newcastle United, his brother, Mr. Daniel Cameron, and Mr. James Peel were among the first directors. In 1891-92 both West and East were members of the Northern League, along with Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Ironopolis, Sunderland Albion, South Bank, and Sheffield United. The East End finished fourth in that competition, while West End were last but one. The champions for that campaign, Ironopolis, defeated West End 5—0 and 6—0, but on their own ground they only beat East End by 3—0, while at Newcastle the "Ironsides" were vanquished by 4—1.

These few facts show the trend of form. When East End had not a Northern League fixture a guarantee was given to one of the smaller clubs across the Grampians, such as Newmilns and Hurlford. For instance, Newmilns went to Newcastle for £15, and returned without four of their best players! The directors used to make up their minds that men who pleased them should not go back to Scotland, and they generally succeeded in their purpose. By such diplomacy they retained Wallace, Sawley, Watson, and Willie Graham, brother of John Graham, of Preston, Miller, happily named "Surefoot," for he never made a miskick (or hardly ever), M'Kane, and others. This was cheaper and safer than scouring Scotland as poachers. The success of the East on the field began from the day of these cunning inveiglements. The West were more ambitious and secured men of repute from senior Scottish clubs. The "juniors" which the East annexed were promised situations and 15s. per week if they won and 10s. if they did not win. But the cloven-hoof of the bonus was even more pronounced. The first time the East and West met after these Caledonian recruits had been secured there were events of import. The East End executive just informed their laddies that they would be rewarded with "a bob a goal" for every goal that they beat the West by. Well, the West were trampled upon by 7—1. When the day for the return match came the West were going to "smother" the East. They had been breathing fire and slaughter and no quarter against the Heaton men. But "a bob a goal" was the magic by which the East End won by 8—1. An aggregate score of 15—2 proved the death warrant of the West. Shortly after the Westerners went to the wise men of the East and implored them to take their club over. The West were not rich, and if possible the East were poorer. But the East had enterprise. The parties met at the house of Mr Joe Bell, and the East agreed to take over the lease of their ground, become responsible for the rent and other matters without any undertaking to meet all the liabilities. At this conference the West were represented by Mr. William Nesham, Mr. John Black, Mr. George Milne (now president of the Northumberland F.A.), Mr. William Bramwell (now the treasurer of Newcastle United), Mr. James Telford, and Mr. George M'Conachie, and the East by Mr. J. Graham, Mr. J. Neylon, Mr. John Cameron (now chairman of the United), Mr. Joe Bell (now vice-chairman of the United), Mr. Alec Turnbull, and Mr. Carmichael.

This was really a bold step for the East End, for while this amalgamation took place in the autumn, in July of the same year (1893) a public meeting of footballers was held, and Mr. Alec Turnbull, the chairman, declared that if the public wanted a professional team they must be prepared to pay for it, as those who had hitherto found the funds could no longer do so. There were several efforts to secure "the sinews of war," for the people did not seem very keen about paying for the support of a team, even though the East End were a bad second to Ironopolis in the Northern League competition for 1892-93, and the following season were taken into the Second Division of The League. In this they finished fourth to Liverpool. In 1894-95, the first season that they wore black and white striped jerseys instead of red shirts, the East End sank to the tenth position, being just below Manchester City. But in 1895 events occurred that changed the whole tenour of their career. First of all Mr. Frank Watt, of Edinburgh, had the courage to accept the secretaryship, and he is still in that office smiling with contentment at being associated with the "best team in the world." On August 9 a general meeting of the members resolved to change the name of the club to Newcastle United, and on September 6, 1895, this decision was duly confirmed and filed at the Companies Register Office as required by law. What's in a name? Newcastle United believe that there is a great deal.

Just let us make a comparison. Time was when East End had a ground at Heaton that the landlord sent two men to capture the gate-money for the rent, but as these myrmidons had not provided themselves with a warrant they were expelled from the field. Even after the club was in the Second Division Mr. John Cameron and Mr. J. Graham and others often foregathered at The Monument to scheme for money and to call on those who had helped to pay the wages, to build stands, and to meet travelling expenses. Mr. Black and Mr. Carmichael frequently came to their aid. On one occasion, when Liverpool had to be visited in the first season of their League life, a telegram was despatched to Liverpool, saying that the club could not defray the railway fares. On yet another, if memory serves aright, the difficulty was to get to Small Heath and home again. The directors discussed how much could be loaned by the hypothecation of watches with avuncular relatives. But the watches were not pawned, for Mr. Carmichael advanced £35 on the personal guarantee of fellow directors. Why, during their first season in The League Newcastle United were reported for owing £600 to various visiting teams, including £50 to Stoke. But through the efforts of Stoke the clubs consented to wait, and for some years an incubus of debt threatened to throttle the United, which gave I O U's in abundance. But under the chairmanship of Mr. Nesham, who was a financial sufferer in the early days, the debts disappeared, the income increased a hundredfold, and to-day the club possesses £15,000. Even with a renewal of their lease for only seven years the United are now spending from £10,000 to £12,000 on making their ground—right in the heart of the city—capable of comparison at least with any in the North.

But Newcastle United have never been afraid to wrestle with fortune. They believed in the words—"nothing venture, nothing win." When they had overdrawn at the bank, and the directors were individually and collectively responsible, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Neylon agreed to give the Blackburn Rovers a guarantee of £60. Their reward was a gate of £140, and that when two of the money-takers were detected helping themselves. On another occasion £80 were given to Glasgow Celtic, but £160 at least was paid at the receipt of custom, although the eventful day brought much rain and fears for the financiers. The United have ever believed in throwing their bread upon the waters, and they have never repented.

It was in the campaign of 1895-96 that what we may term the upward movement commenced. They finished fifth that season in the Second Division, the order being:—Liverpool, Manchester City, Grimsby Town, Burton Wanderers, and Newcastle United, while in 1896-97 they held the same berth, but with a point more to their credit. In 1897-98 Burnley and Newcastle ranked first and second, their records being:—

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For (Goals)	Agst. (Goals)	Pts.
Burnley	30	20	2	8	80	24	48
Newcastle	30	21	6	3	64	32	45

This was in the days of those hateful Test Matches, and the pair had to play a little tournament with Blackburn Rovers and Stoke. Stoke and Burnley secured their places in the First Division chiefly by a drawn match, in which the players by common consent refused to shoot goals. This exhibition, whether by compact between the committees or by design on the part of the players it boots not to inquire, caused such a scandal that The League abolished Test Matches, extended their circle from sixteen to eighteen clubs, and took in Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers. Newcastle only got their rights, and some folks wonder if they would ever have had them had the Rovers not been doomed to the Second Division. In 1898-99 Newcastle finished thirteenth in the first Division, in 1899-1900 fifth, in 1900-1901 sixth, in 1901-1902 third, in 1902-1903 fourteenth, in 1903-1904 fourth, and now in 1904-1905 they threaten to be champions. Prior to this season they earned 215 points in 204 matches. Nearly seven years of League life has made them rich beyond the dreams of avarice. Save in 1902, when they reached the third round of the Association Cup, they had not enjoyed any marked success in the knock-out tourney until this year. Now they are in the Final Tie for the first time. Newcastle desire to follow in the footsteps of Preston North End and Aston Villa by coming out double firsts. We shall see.

What are the secrets of the success of this club? They have had the guidance of three great chairmen in Mr. William Nesham, whose portrait graces the club-house, Mr. James Telford, and Mr. John Cameron, the willing co-operation of many shrewd and enthusiastic directors, and they have had a faithful and diligent secretary in Mr. Frank Watt. But everybody connected with them has possessed undaunted courage and a fine spirit of enterprise. Above all, however, Newcastle United have been most fortunate in the loyalty of their players from the days of Alec White, Robert Crielly, Mat Scott, John Ostler, James Stott, Robert Foyers, Harry Reay, Tom Crate, Andrew Aitken, and William Wardrope, down to those of M'Coll, M'Combie, M'Cracken, Alec Gardner, and the galaxy of fine players now in their Cup team. It were best not to praise one man more than another. The moral tone of the present eleven is high, both on the field and in private life. The players never give cause for anxiety. There are six Englishmen (four of them in the forward rank) and two English Internationals combined with five Scotsmen—four of them the owners of this year's Scottish caps. The skill, the loyalty, and the respectability of the Newcastle players have endeared them to the hearts of Newcastle people, whatever the future has in store. And seven members of the Cup team cost nothing—or next door to it—in transfer fees.

By JOHN LEWIS.

COMING INTO LINE.

AS one who has repeatedly urged upon the associations concerned the injustice involved in a refusal to recognise the existence of professional football in their areas, as well as the unreasonableness of maintaining an exclusiveness which has long ago been abandoned by the parent body and the great majority of provincial associations, I am glad to observe that the invitation extended by the Council at its last meeting is being taken seriously. Meetings of the London and neighbouring associations are being called for the purpose of discussing once more the desirability of coming into line with the rest of the kingdom by admitting professional clubs to membership, and I have hopes that this time the absurd fear of the professional bogey, which would gobble up all power, will not show itself. I understand that a certain influence which has previously been exercised for the maintenance of the old order of things is not now so formidable, and that there is every probability that the Football Association's advice, now for the first time tendered, will meet with acceptance.

THE EXEMPTIONS.

We have not had long to wait for signs of uneasiness in the South with regard to the new Cup scheme. A London writer this week says that "among the 24 clubs to join the selected 40 may be some without the least pretensions to try conclusions with the teams they may be drawn to meet"; that twenty-four qualifying divisions are too many; and that "some of the 24 may be drawn against each other," and so a proportion of them gain entrance to the First Round proper. All these objections, and more, were repeatedly set forth in this column while the matter was under discussion, but very little heed was taken of them by people whose only concern seemed to be to get more Southern clubs exempted, no matter what the price the competitors would have to pay. Unless I am greatly mistaken, we shall hear many more grumbles before next season's ties are played through. There can be no "variation of the system" until next year, by which time, I fancy, the F.A. will be as disappointed with the results achieved as will the clubs which have been forced out of their class to fill the gaps in a scheme which has been born some years before its due time.

PLAY AND WORK.

The London writer alluded to, in the course of some very reasonable views upon the wage limit, expresses admiration for the Northern Union rule which does not allow men to play unless they have put in a certain number of hours in some bona fide employment during the week. "There is something immoral in the devotion of healthy manhood to a mere hour and half's football per week." In this I cordially agree, but when he proceeds in the same column to suggest the establishment of a Universal League, covering all England, he appears to me to advocate something that would make it impossible for players under that League to follow any trade. One of the greatest objections to League football is that it makes broken time inevitable, and this leads to dissatisfaction among other employees and makes employers averse to engaging players. The Northern Union finds its rule workable because none of its clubs have very great distances to travel, as have those in the Football League and the Southern League, and as members of a Universal League, such as that hinted at, would have in much more serious measure. Everybody who wishes well to the game and the players would be glad, I think, to see the day when men will play football and follow their trades at the same time, when men shall be able to look back upon their participation in the game with pleasure unalloyed by the reflection that so many years have been wasted so far as the main business of their lives is concerned, and the large sums of money they have so easily and pleasantly earned have vanished in foolishness and extravagance.

ABOUT CRITICISM.

When a place in the First Division depends upon the result of a match we may expect even reporters to be a little excited, but one does hope for consistency and fairness in their comments. I am led to say this by reading two different reports in a Lancashire paper of the penalty kick incident on the Liverpool ground last week. In one it is stated that a player handled the ball, and a penalty kick was immediately awarded; in the other we are told that it was apparent to the most casual observer that the ball hit the man's hand accidentally. The last writer proceeds to inform us that it is no violation of the law unless the player intentionally handles the ball. This is quite correct, as who should know better than I, seeing that it was on my own suggestion that the law was altered to apply to intentional handling only, instead of to all cases in which the hand and the ball came in contact. A referee has to decide upon what he sees, and although I acknowledge I might have been better placed to divine the man's intention, had I been standing in front of him and able to see his face, yet when I saw the man's arm move to the ball I could have no alternative but to award a penalty kick—unless, of course, it was a case of the man stumbling and throwing out his arm to save himself.

WHY NOT?

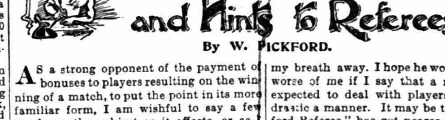
But there was no suggestion of stumbling in this case. The man was running to where the ball was dropping, and the opposing centre-forward was close behind him, and he knew it. The ball, on striking the ground bounced out of its expected course, and, as a matter of fact, had the man's arm not gone to the ball, it would have gone beyond his reach, for the forward to secure it within a few yards of goal. The Liverpool newspapers reported that the half-back deliberately handled the ball, and they were right. Our critical friend, however, goes out of his way to remark that he seldom sees a game in which I officiate without also seeing a penalty kick awarded. Surely there is nothing wrong about this? If a man commits an offence against the laws which is included among the seven specified in the penalty law, a penalty kick must be awarded. I have no more hesitation—and I cannot understand any referee having any hesitation—in awarding a penalty kick than in whistling for a free kick, when I am satisfied the award has been merited. The law is there to be obeyed, and obeyed it must be, no matter how serious the consequences may be to the club to which the offender belongs.

BREVITIES.

"Fairplay" (Liverpool).—On the facts submitted to me the referee could not do otherwise than stop the game, and I am not surprised the match was awarded to the non-offending club. I don't think any referee would leave the field without attempting to persuade the defenders to allow the penalty kick he had awarded to be taken, but it was not his duty to stand there arguing after he had given his decision. The defenders should have contented themselves with a protest, and then laid the facts before their Association.

"Whistler" (Burslem).—If the whistle sounded for offside before the goal was scored the referee had no right to allow the goal, no matter what the linesman may have said. The sound of the whistle, even though the referee signalled in mistake, stopped the game absolutely.

Bolton Wanderers F.C. is to be congratulated on its most satisfactory balance-sheet. The fact that it took over £7,000 to the club, of which only £4,000 went players' wages, will give people some idea of the expenses a first-class club is put to.



By W. PICKFORD.

AS a strong opponent of the payment of bonuses to players resulting on the winning of a match, to put the point in its more familiar form, I am wishful to say a few words on the subject as it affects, or as I think it would affect, the playing of the game. With the questions of capital and labour, supply and demand, or of a man's right to earn whatever he can honestly, I am not for the moment concerned. Financial adjustments are in the air—and may remain there, but I notice a proposal being quietly pressed to the front to introduce the system of bonuses, which I sincerely hope will be checkmated. I hold that the bonus as applied to professional football is not wanted, and for these main reasons. If it is meant to meet the case of clubs who want to pay some players, or occasionally all, more than the legal limit, whatever that may be, it is simply an evasion of any wage limit rule. If on the other hand there should at any future time be no limit to wages, a bonus would be unnecessary. And, which is the point I want to press home, if the bonus becomes a part of the professional scheme, its tendency will be towards rough and foul play, and the excellent discipline of the football field, which the infrequency of scenes, and misconduct in the chief of the English Leagues this season shows is at a high standard, will be to a considerable extent undone. I am glad to say that there has been a smaller percentage of misconduct this season in the professional ranks than I can remember. In my own county there has not been a single professional player to trouble the Association.

WHY INTRODUCE THE INCENTIVE?

From what I have seen personally of many first-class professionals, both in public and in private, I have arrived at the conclusion that as a class the professional players both in their conduct on the field and their private life have shown a wonderful improvement. Considering the high pressure that these men work at in the Leagues and Cup-ties it is highly creditable to Association football that their behaviour is so exemplary. And as this is so what folly it would be to throw into the arena monetary bribes that will assuredly arouse the worst passions, and to introduce the incentive of gold and bank notes into the scoring of goals! Even if this were done there would remain many honourable and sportsmanlike men who would not stoop to foul play to gain a "fiver," but we cannot disregard the fact that there are also many who would be incited to seek to win at any cost. The appetite would grow with what it was fed upon, and the fair fame of the game would be endangered. Let us keep the bonus at arm's length. It is an insidious and dangerous proposal, backed, I regret to say, by men of standing in the football world, which is why I am all the more concerned that it should fail. Nor do I write as of a thing the working of which is untested. We have had the bonus system before, and I hoped we had killed it for all time. But the memories of some people are very short.

JUMP AT THE CHANCE.

"A Bradford Referee" writes:—"Seeing in your column that you want to do away with foul play, I wish to make the following suggestion. If a player trips or attempts to trip he shall be sent off and suspended for a month, and a penalty kick given, no matter where the foul was committed. I think this would put an end to rough play. The first thing I do is to call the players together, and say that any one who trips will be sent off. Last week I sent three off in the first five minutes, and next week I referee for the same teams, and there will not be any rough play. If all referees did the same we should see better football."

Of course, I would jump at a chance to stop foul play, but this young man takes my breath away. I hope he won't think the worse of me if I say that a referee is not expected to deal with players in quite so drastic a manner. It may be that "A Bradford Referee" has got nearer to the root of things than some of us, and that we have strayed far from Law 12, but the power given to the referee to order a player off without a caution is for "violent conduct," and a trip is not necessarily that, while an attempted trip cannot very well be violent conduct. Nor do I consider the cautioning of all players generally at the start of a game is what is meant by the caution referred to in Law 12. And, of course, there are many other forms of rough play besides tripping, that are by no means inferior to it in danger. There is the blow, the kick, the use of the knee, and the back charge for example. I think it wisest and fairest for a referee to take each player and each case on his or its merits, and there is certainly a happy medium at which all should aim.

UNMARKED GROUNDS.

W. K. S. (Merthyr Tydvil).—All football grounds should be properly marked out, and I suppose you mean that the penalty or goal areas were omitted. I don't see how a game could be fairly played without touch and goal-lines, but could be without the penalty area, especially if, as you say, it was a friendly, and the clubs agreed to the conditions. In that case, if you thought a breach of Law 9 occurred within where the area should be, and on pacing it out found it was so, you would do right in awarding the penalty kick. In fact I consider it the duty of the referee to do so. Otherwise if it is understood that the penalty kick must not be awarded unless there is the area marked, the referee should refuse to act. In any league game or cup-tie it ought to be the duty of the referee to visit the ground in time to examine the marks and have any omissions rectified. And if there is not time to have this done, he should act as if the proper marks were there, and report the home club for their failure to do their duty.

"PENALTY" OR NOTHING.

T. W. (Tebay).—A referee is not entitled to give a free kick for handling against a player in his penalty area. He has to decide whether the handling was intentional, or accidental. If intentional it is his duty to award a penalty kick, but if accidental it is his duty to take no notice. You say you have seen the referee in question, and that he says he did not consider the offence deliberate enough for a penalty kick. The question is not whether it was deliberate enough, but whether it was deliberate at all. The act must have been either intentional or not, and the referee can hardly take extenuating circumstances into consideration. With regard to the second question, a player is at liberty to charge—but not roughly—an opponent in the back, if that opponent is intentionally impeding. "Facing his own goal" has nothing to do with it.

IN BRIEF.

F.C. (Harrow).—Very likely the player would be offside, but I can't make head or tail of your query. Will you please send me a diagram of the incident.

Judex (Cirencester).—It is not absolutely necessary that linesmen should carry flags. It is, however, very usual and advisable.

P. P. P. (Gibraltar).—The referee was quite right. The goalkeeper is not entitled to push an opponent.

"Elia" (Down).—Any player may wear gloves. The goalkeeper only does so to give him a safer grasp of the ball. Other players hardly need them.

G. Thoms (Millwall).—A private agreement exceeding the terms of the regulation engagement of a player is illegal.

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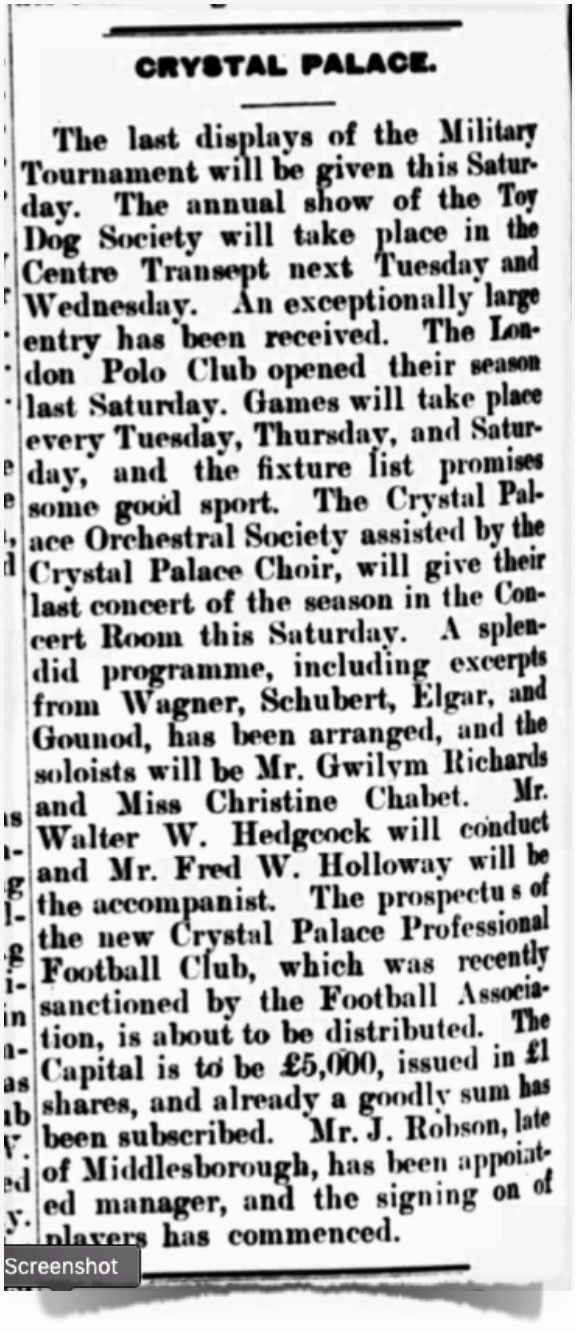

CRYSTAL PALACE.

The last displays of the Military Tournament will be given this Saturday. The annual show of the Toy Dog Society will take place in the Centre Transept next Tuesday and Wednesday. An exceptionally large entry has been received. The London Polo Club opened their season last Saturday. Games will take place every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and the fixture list promises some good sport. The Crystal Palace Orchestral Society assisted by the Crystal Palace Choir, will give their last concert of the season in the Concert Room this Saturday. A splendid programme, including excerpts from Wagner, Schubert, Elgar, and Gounod, has been arranged, and the soloists will be Mr. Gwilym Richards and Miss Christine Chabet. Mr. Walter W. Hedgcock will conduct and Mr. Fred W. Holloway will be the accompanist. The prospectus of the new Crystal Palace Professional Football Club, which was recently sanctioned by the Football Association, is about to be distributed. The Capital is to be £5,000, issued in £1 shares, and already a goodly sum has been subscribed. Mr. J. Robson, late of Middlesborough, has been appointed manager, and the signing on of players has commenced.

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Local press report that Football Association have sanctioned Crystal Palace's affiliation and that the prospectus of 'The New' Crystal Palace Proffessional Football Club is about to be distributed.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. Clisby, who for a long period assisted in the central office of the Kennington Conservative Association. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Streatham Cemetery.

At noon on Monday the first of the four London County Council paddle steamers which are being built for the passenger service of the Thames by Messrs. G. Rennie and Co., of Greenwich, was launched from the yard of that firm, in which there are three other London County Council steamers at present on the slips. The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. J. Rennie, wife of a member of the firm.

Court Pride of St. Olaves, No. 5020, held an ordinary Court meeting on Tuesday evening at their Court House, "The Black Horse," Great Dover Street.

Bro. J. W. Usher gave a report of the meeting of subscribers to the Foresters' Homes, held on Wednesday, April 19, at the National Sunday League Hall, Red Lion Square.

BOROUGH OF CAMBERWELL.

NOTICE OF AUDIT.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888, and the London Government Act, 1899, that A. Carson Roberts, Esq., District Auditor for the Metropolitan Boroughs Aud't District, has appointed the AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS of the above Council and of any Committee appointed by it, and of its officers, for the year ending March 31st, to commence on THURSDAY, MAY 18th, 1905, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Town Hall, Camberwell.

A copy of the Accounts, duly made up and balanced, together with all rate books, account books, deeds, contracts, accounts, vouchers, and receipts mentioned or referred to in the accounts will be open to the inspection of all persons interested, at the Town Hall, Camberwell during office hours, for seven clear days before the audit.

Dated this First day of May, 1905.

C. WILLAM TAGG, Town Clerk.

South London Chronicle.

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NOTES.

Conservatives can afford to be amused this week over the troubles of the Radical Party in connection with the Aliens Bill. Last year the latter, because their opponents had introduced the measure, obstructed it in such a way as to prevent the Government being able to get the measure through the House of Commons. They discovered during the winter, however, when making their appearances on political platforms, that they had taken an unpopular course, and were in some difficulty as to what should be their line of action this year. Our Conservative Government, to the joy of their supporters, have determined that an Aliens Bill shall become law this year, have drafted another Bill, and introduced it into the House of Commons. Several Radical members and candidates for East End constituencies have intimated publicly and to the heads of their Party that they consider the measure can be made to satisfy the needs of their constituents, and that they will not oppose it. On the other hand, Sir Charles Dilke, and other Radical stalwarts, whose constituencies are not affected particularly by the Alien Question, have moved amendments against the measure, with the result that the Front Bench members of this much-divided Party walked out of the House, and did not vote. It is perfectly evident that there is much division of opinion on many questions in the ranks of our opponents.

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A meeting of the Church Association at Exeter Hall on Monday last was the occasion for much plain speaking on the question of the appointment of Bishops. Capt. A. W. Cobham, who presided, particularly found fault with Mr. Balfour over his appointment of Dr. Talbot to the Bishopric of Southwark. Of ecurse, the Church Association is the evangelical organisation of the Church of England, and Dr. Talbot's sin is that he is a very High Churchman. Capt. Cobham alleged that in the Province of Canterbury there was now not a single evangelical bishop, and the statement was received with cries of "Shame." Amongst the speakers at the Church Association meeting were the Rev. J. B. Barraclough, M.A., and the Rev. W. R. Mowll, M.A.

DORIC MUSICAL SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL DINNER.

On Thursday evening, at the "Hampton Court Palace Hotel," Crampton Street, Walworth, the annual dinner of that very flourishing organisation, the Doric Musical Society, was celebrated very successfully, Mr. Harry Dawson (president) occupied the chair, Mr. T. E. Hewitt (vice-chair) the vice-chair, and amongst those present were Messrs. R. E. Belilios (Conservative candidate for West Newington), Mr. E. E. Brook (Conservative agent), Mr. Albert Waddell (chairman of St. Paul's Ward Conservative Association), Mr. H. J. Sydney (solicitor to the South London Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society), Mr. William Barnes (the host of the "Hampton Court"), Stone, McIntosh, and Wheeler (auctioneers and estate agents, of Kennington Park Road), Matthews, G. Goss, H. Edwards, J. Randall, Pressley, T. Rushen ("The Cricketers," Newington Butts), Cross, Macdonald, Harry Robins, E. Bentley, T. R. Vernon, Councillor Dr. Porter-Smith, H. Gould (musical director), Lynch, H. B. Buckeridge, G. H. Bennett Claus, Maffey, Stone, Brewer, Coppendale, Moseley, Smith, Sexton, Watkins, A. Wells, O'Sullivan, Palmer-Jones, Rushton, Orpen, J. Sutton, sen., J. Sutton, jun., E. J. Saunders, Osborne, Ford, Stein, Lester, Lettington, L., W., and J. A. Day, Jackson, A. Howard, C. and H. Symonds, A. Carver, Stock, Goldstein, Lane, Mullett, Harvey, Ash, Hammond, etc.

Mr. W. Barnes made every possible arrangement for the comfort of the large company, and Mr. Grainger, of Walworth Road, catered capitally.

THE TOASTS.

These were numerous. First, Mr. Harry Dawson, neatly proposing "The King," opened the proceedings. Then he gave "Success to the Doric Musical Society," and said that since it came to its new home at the "Hampton Court Palace," it had never ceased to go ahead. There was no sign that they need have any fear as to its future. The Society was never in a better financial position, or in the hands of a more admirable set of members. (Applause.)

Mr. Albert Waddell proposed "Our Patron." The speaker introduced the first patron the Doric ever had, but he forsook them. Mr. Belilios was the second, and he was not going to run away. He had taken, and would take, the greatest interest in the Society, and he asked them all to honour the toast. This was done, and "He's a jolly good fellow," accorded it.

Mr. R. E. Belilios warmly thanked the company for their kindness, and assured them that, as a lover of music, he was pleased to be with them as often as possible. There was no reason why he should not be a life member, and he should certainly be with them in another season. (Applause.)

Mr. T. E. Hewitt, vice-chairman and vice-president, neatly asked the company to drink the health of "The President, Mr. Harry Dawson," a gentleman of undoubted popularity, unquestioned integrity, and whole-hearted benevolence. The position of the Society now had never before been equalled, and that must be a great source of pleasure to the chairman, who had been largely instrumental in bringing it to such a position. They could not afford to lose him, and he hoped the Society would retain all its old associations, and make many new ones. (Applause.)

Mr. Harry Dawson very gratefully replied, and said that as long as the Society felt his services were necessary they would be at its service, and he would try to promote the objects for which it was established. When the next season commenced, he hoped all the old members, and many new members, would rally round him. (Applause.)

Mr. Goss proposed "The Officers," who consisted of twelve committeemen, with Mr. G. W. Sutton as chairman, and two secretaries, Mr. Maffey and Mr. Claus. Their work was thoroughly appreciated by the members, and while the conduct of the Society's affairs was in their hands it would certainly not deteriorate.

Mr. G. W. Sutton humorously responded, said that if his unmilitary committee came late, they did come, and worked. As for the money, they had only to give it to the treasurer, and there was the devil's own job to get it back. He warmly praised the work of Mr. Fred Gould, the musical director.

Mr. G. H. Bennett proposed "The Visitors," in a very nice speech, in which he referred to the record attendance of that section that evening, and the toast was replied to by Councillor Dr. Porter-Smith.

Mr. W. Stone proposed "The Press," to which Mr. Stanton replied.

During the evening Mr. F. H. Smith gave a violin solo that earned much applause. Songs were given by Messrs. Herbert Baker, Arthur Lawrence, Fred Gould, Maurice Cowen, Ted Bentley, Fred Saunders, George Bishop, Robert Curtis (encored), Bert Morris. Mr. E. Reade gave a pleasant musical sketch, and Mr. Hayden Pearsall ably accompanied. Mr. Fred Gould, of course, was the capitable musical director.

A PECKHAM MYSTERY.

A newsagent named Phelps, of Peckham Rye, was missed from his home on Thursday last week.

Search was made for him, but without success, until this Tuesday, when his son received a telegram saying that the body of his father had been taken from the river at Waterloo.

The body was taken to the mortuary.

MR. F. BOWDEN'S BALL.

Mr. F. Bowden's plain and fancy dress ball at Walworth Club last week was a great success. The attendance was large, the dresses pretty and the arrangements so good that all said they had never had a happier evening. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Porter-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. G. H. Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Candy, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hatherill, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Vears, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hatherill, Mr. and Mrs. Heck, Mr. and Mrs.. Greenow, Mrs. Arrobus, Miss A. Prescott, Miss D. Kempton, Miss A. Netherway, Miss J. Green, Miss E. Peer, Miss M. Jackson, Miss C. Wood, Misses Sydney (2), Miss Squire, Mrs. Shonfield, Miss J. Bell, Miss A. Vears, Miss J. Moore, Miss C. Askew, Mrs. Wright, Misses Young (2), Mr. H. Netherway, Mr. A. Marshall, Mr. J. Hyam, Mr. H. Jackson, jun., Mr. G. Hume, Mr. W. Condy, Mr. C. R. Craig, Mr. J. J. Craig, Mr. J. Kimpton, Mr. H. Thomas, Mr. A. McCarthy, Mr. G. Nightingale, Mr. B. Bowden, Mr. G. Isles, Mr. J. Bowden, Mr. B. Side, Mr. A. Cooke, Mr. H. Lloyd, Mr. H. Wisdom, Mr. T. Wisdom, Mr. A. Chalmers.

The judges decided to let the prizes for the best costumes go by ballot, and the following six gained the highest number of votes and the prizes: Miss N. Kemp (White Hart) "Spanish Dancer" and Mr. J. Thornton, "Cavalier"; Miss Greenow, "Quarter Day"; Mr. C. Ferguson, "Lyon's Pop"; Miss Clark, "Coon"; Mr. A. Colles, "Jap." Some other good costumes: Miss R. Kimpton, "Lampshade"; Miss A. Parker, "Britannia"; Miss A. Barnes, "Jap"; the Misses Bishop, "Lady of the Harem" and "Welsh Maid"; Miss C. Chapple, "Pierotte"; Miss Sargent, "Night"; Miss Inwood, "Basket of Flowers"; Miss Sydney, "Geisha"; Miss F. Lydee, "Spanish Dancer"; Miss N. Hatherill, "Milkmaid"; Miss K. Hatherill, "Gipsy Queen"; Miss E. Hatherill, "Schoolgirl"; Miss C. Hatherill, "Pierotte"; Mr. H. Bowden, "Cavalier"; Mr. F. Hunt, "Tar"; Miss M. Candy, "Pansy"; Miss G. Candy, "Butterfly"; Mr. J. Kemp, "Toreador"; Mr. W. Benshead, "Turk"; Mr. G. Wisdom, "Jester"; Mr. F. Bowden (M.C.), "Mattador"; Mr. W. Foster, "Chinese Mandarin"; Mr. C. Thorn, "Whistling Rufus"; Mr. G. Grant, "Pierrot"; Mr. R. Hatherill, jun., "French Cook"; Mr. F. Hunt, jun., "Prince of the Tower."

The prizes were kindly given by the following gentlemen: Councillor Dr. Porter-Smith, Councillor J. Youldon, Dr. Oldfield, Mr. S. J. Willis, Mr. J. Elliott, and Mr. W. Searle.

Mr. J. Miller acted in admirable fashion as M.C.; and the Dance Committee were Messrs. T. Higham, F. Hunt, F. White, W. Rushton, and J. A. Bennett.

WALWORTH CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held on Monday evening last, Councillor Dr. J. Porter-Smith occupying the chair. A very favourable balance sheet was presented, showing the club to be in a flourishing condition. A resolution of confidence in Mr. Jas. Bailey, M.P., was passed unanimously. Dr. J. Porter-Smith was re-elected chairman of the club amidst applause; and Messrs. W. Martin and B. Cohen re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. The election of five members to the committee for twelve months resulted as follows: Elected—G. H. Goss, 46; J. Randall, 39; E. Palmer, 37; G. H. Bennett, 32; F. Hunt, 29. Not elected—R. Thwaites, 26.

The billiard handicap has reached the semi-final stage. A. Estgate (receives 45) beat Wallis (receives 35) by 25; and J. Moore (receives 10) has now to play Lloyd (receives 30).

We are glad to be able to record that the annual complimentary ball to Mr. F. Bowden, which took place on Thursday last week, was a very brilliant success indeed.

Dr. Rutherfoord Harris, M.P., celebrated his 49th birthday on Tuesday last.

DULWICH CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

To complete the syllabus for the winter season the Dulwich Constitutional Club held a social on Wednesday evening in the Constitutional Hall, East Dulwich Grove. Dancing was indulged in to a late hour to the strains of Herr Fischer's Hungarian Band. At intervals Miss Compton, Mr. C. Thornton, Mr. H. Holland and Mr. Debonairre contributed to the evening's enjoyment with well-rendered songs. Mr. A. Oliver capably acquitted himself as Master of Ceremonies, and the stewards were Mr. T. E. Townshend (Chairman Entertainment Committee), Mrs. Townshend, Mr. Secretary and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. W. Spillard, Mr. R. Marr and Mr. H. Hall. Among those present were: Mr., Mrs. and Miss Luff, Miss M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Freshwater, Mr. and Mrs. Townshend, Mr. Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Yeoman, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Ryle, Mr. and Mrs. Shortman, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Lieut. Allston, Mr. and Mrs. Dicketts, Mr. Marks, Mrs. Maynard, Mr. Cock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitby, Mr. Robert Allen, Mr. Albert Wili, Miss Church, Miss Pratt, Mr. A. Pratt, Miss M. A. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Hurd, Mr. V. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Marr, Mr. T. Coombes, etc. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close about one o'clock.

L. V. A. CONCERT.

On Thursday evening Messrs. E. Bridges (in whom we think we recognise a Perfect Ashlar Lodge official) and Harold E. Francis (the latter organist and choirmaster of St. Bartholomew's, South Bermondsey) gave a splendid concert to the inmates of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, off Old Kent Road, the last-named ably directing. His choir sang charming part songs—a novelty for the audience. Miss Ethel Bridges and Miss Gertrude Mayo were much applauded for some tastefully rendered solos. Miss Edith E. Rumsey and Miss Gladys Mayo were very fine pleasing artistes, while Mr. H. F. C. Davis and Mr. H. W. A. Long provided the male sentimental portion of the programme. Mr. Dudley Ford's musical sketches were very pleasing and amusing, and Mr. E. Bridges caused much merriment by his comic songs.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

The last displays of the Military Tournament will be given this Saturday. The annual show of the Toy Dog Society will take place in the Centre Transept next Tuesday and Wednesday. An exceptionally large entry has been received. The London Polo Club opened their season last Saturday. Games will take place every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and the fixture list promises some good sport. The Crystal Palace Orchestral Society assisted by the Crystal Palace Choir, will give their last concert of the season in the Concert Room this Saturday. A splendid programme, including excerpts from Wagner, Schubert, Elgar, and Gounod, has been arranged, and the soloists will be Mr. Gwilym Richards and Miss Christine Chabet. Mr. Walter W. Hedgcock will conduct and Mr. Fred W. Holloway will be the accompanist. The prospectus of the new Crystal Palace Professional Football Club, which was recently sanctioned by the Football Association, is about to be distributed. The Capital is to be £5,000, issued in £1 shares, and already a goodly sum has been subscribed. Mr. J. Robson, late of Middlesborough, has been appointed manager, and the signing on of players has commenced.

HANOVER PARK CLUB.

CHESS HANDICAP, 1905.

Mr. Heinke and Mr. Bolton met again to play off the drawn game in the final on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Mr. E. H. Heinke defeated his challenger, Mr. H. H. Bolton, on the 59th move, therefore he wins the cup outright for the third year. Mr. H. H. Bolton won the tournament prize (sugar basin and cream jug), having defeated all sections. These, with other tournament prizes, were presented at the Entertainment's Committee's supper on Thursday, the 4th inst., of which a full account will appear next week.

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Newspaper Articles

6 May 1905

Norwood News

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

A limited liability company has been formed locally to establish a professional football club at the Crystal Palace, and arrangements are being made to commence play with the next football season. Mr. J. Robson, Middlesborough, has been appointed manager of the team, and, with Mr. Edmund F. Goodman, the secretary, is now in the north of England looking out for and signing on players.

The Crystal Palace Company are encouraging the movement in every way, and have leased for five years their football ground, with its seating accommodation for 16,000 persons, and it has been further determined on match days that the admission to the Palace and grounds shall be reduced to 6d. In the opinion of those interested in football the new venture will be a great attraction for South London, and there is every prospect of success. Mr. T. C. Walters, 66, Westow-hill, is one of the prime movers.

Local press report the formation of the Limited Liability Company in order to ‘establish’ a professional football club at Crystal Palace with matches to ‘commence’ next football season.

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FOOTBALL.

SOUTH NORWOOD v. NORTH CROYDON.

The above two clubs, having topped their respective divisions, met last Saturday on the Crescent football ground, Selhurst, in the final for the Jefferies Shield (Thornton Heath and District League), to decide which should hold the handsome trophy given by Mr. Jefferies (Jefferies & Somers), of Thornton Heath. South Norwood had the best record in the competition, having won all their matches, whereas North Croydon dropped three points. On the other hand, North Croydon made a bold bid for the Croydon Charity Cup, and were undefeated for some months. Both teams were at full strength, Norwood being strengthened by the inclusion of Ern Platten ("Nobby") at back. There was a big crowd of between 600 and 700 when North Croydon kicked off with the wind against them, Elliott having won the toss for Norwood. Croydon immediately attacked, but a big kick by Platten brought relief, and Norwood had a turn at pressing. Following some tricky work by Prior, Richardson was almost through, when he was foully brought down within the penalty area, and the referee ordered a penalty. Mayhew took the kick, and scored Norwood's first goal with a terrific shot, to the accompaniment of loud cheering by the Norwood supporters. Immediately afterwards Caudrey snapped up a pass from Harpwood, and came sailing through on the right. He shot hard at goal, and the Croydon left back, standing on the goal line, turned the leather into his own net. Thus Norwood were two goals up in about 15 minutes, and were naturally on good terms with themselves. The game now became very rough, and right up to half-time it was fouls and free kicks, and nearly all against Croydon. North Croydon made several good attempts to score, but Radley was very safe in goal, and made two splendid saves just on half-time, which was reached with Norwood leading by two to nil. On resuming North Croydon set up a strong attack, and the Norwood defenders had an anxious time. One shot hit the post and another the bar, while, with an open goal, the North centre put behind, but Norwood kept their lead. Elliott once raced through the Croydon defence, but the goalie saved his shot. Richardson, Prior, Haywood, and Clifford all had good tries for Norwood, and then Clifford was badly laid out. Five minutes from time Caudrey again ran round the Croydon backs, and was making for goal when he was tripped up. The referee again ordered a penalty, and "Friday" Mayhew again crashed the ball home for Norwood. It was Croydon's last straw, and Norwood won a poor game by three goals to nil. It was a poor exhibition of football. The rough tactics adopted by Croydon put the Norwood forwards off their game, while the Croydon forwards never got together at all. The defences on either side were the features. For Norwood, Radley kept a good goal, and made one or two wonderful saves. E. Platten, at right back, was the best man on the field, and Mayhew, his partner, ran him close. The three halves played a fine game, especially "Doc" Young and Haywood. The forwards were good and bad by turns, with Prior the shining star as ever. Clifford played well until he was hurt, and Richardson made a good first for the line, while Caudrey and Elliott formed a good right wing. Croydon were served best at back and half, but the forwards were very ragged. The backs, however, spoilt their good play by their shady tactics. The Norwood team contained seven of last year's South Norwood Athletic players, who won the shield for 1903-4, and this makes the second year that a South Norwood club has brought a trophy to South Norwood. At the conclusion of the match Mr. Jefferies, junr., presented the shield to Harold Elliott, the South Norwood captain, Mr. Jefferies, senr., being absent through illness. After cheers had been given the losers, Mr. Elliott called for cheers for the donor of the shield, and these were heartily given and repeated. The South Norwood team and officials were then photographed by Talba & Co., after which players and supporters marched in a triumphant body, bearing the shield aloft, to South Norwood, where they were again enthusiastically received. The handsome shield is at present on view at Mr. King's, tobacconist, Selhurst-road, South Norwood.

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CRICKET.

NORWOOD II. v. EPSOM II.—Played at Norwood on Saturday last.

EPSOM.

F. Fulford, c Newton, b H. H. Le May	14
F. Le Gassick, c W. Le May, b Brown	28
F. L. Rawson, c Hatton, b Spence	47
Col. Aspinall, b H. H. Le May	5
J. Gow, not out	23
A. G. Parsons, b Brown	11
J. Cropley, b Brown	0
J. B. Maye, b Brown	9
H. Skinner, not out	8
Extras	16
(8 wkts)	161

E. G. Jeffery and W. J. Wooldridge did not bat.

NORWOOD.

C. G. Gillespie, b Skinner	5
A. F. Newton, b Skinner	0
C. W. Le May, c Skinner, b Gow	11
W. C. Bersey, c Skinner, b Gow	1
W. Brown, c and b Gow	3
S. Le May, b Skinner	3
W. H. G. Spence, b Gow	2
W. Batchelor, not out	3
V. W. Theobalds, c Parsons, b Gow	4
G. S. Hatton, c and b Gow	1
Extras	10
	44

SUTTON v. NORWOOD.—Played at Sutton on Saturday.

NORWOOD.

A. C. Beaton, c sub, b Hadfield	2
F. W. Roberts, c Whitbourne, b Sheppard	8
G. J. Gillespie, run out	5
W. E. Wood, c Blades, b Sheppard	4
B. Batchelor, b Sheppard	10
A. H. E. Phillips, c Hadfield, b Sheppard	5
E. P. Kay, run out	26
A. Francis, c Rutty, b R. M. Bell	0
G. F. Newton, c Blades, b R. M. Bell	0
A. E. Clayton, b Whitbourne	9
P. A. With, not out	12
Extras	10
	105

SUTTON.

A. W. F. Rutty, c Clayton, b Roberts	52
C. F. Runer, b Batchelor	3
G. H. Hadfield, c and b Batchelor	20
L. Jackson, c Robarts, b Clayton	5
R. A. Sheppard, b Clayton	94
R. M. Bell, b Clayton	5
J. G. M. Bell, c Wood, b Phillips	12
C. C. Roberts, c Beaton, b Batchelor	5
F. Whitbourne, b Batchelor	5
V. R. Bromage, not out	9
Extras	3
(5 wkts)	213

G. R. Blades did not bat.

CROYDON v. SPENCER.—Played at Wandsworth on April 29th. Score:—

SPENCER.

E. C. Kirk, c Tovey, b Watson	22
T. J. Wheeler, b Butler	9
F. Barton, c Butler, b Watson	15
F. F. Bowles, run out	0
W. M. Ingram, b Watson	1
H. W. Wheeler, c Latham, b Robilliard	26
J. C. Larkin, b Paget	54
L. Wood, not out	6
W. E. Johnson, c Fifield, b Perrin	22
W. H. Sykes, b Watson	11
W. R. Featherstonehaugh, not out	0
Extras	15
(9 wkts.)	181

CROYDON.

P. J. Tovey, b T. Wheeler	45
C. G. Paget, b Barton	23
A. T. Latham, st Barton, b T. Wheeler	5
T. Rothwell, b T. Wheeler	26
T. A. Watson, c Barton, b T. Wheeler	9
J. Brierley, not out	4
F. Perrin, not out	10
Extras	3
(5 wkts.)	127

F. W. Fifield, V. G. A. Butler, D. S. Robilliard, and L. B. Long did not bat.

CROYDON II. v. SPENCER II.—Played at Croydon on April 29th. Score:—

SPENCER II.

S. Page, b Richer	35
S. C. Rolls, b R. S. Paish	4
M. A. Neale, b R. S. Paish	0
E. Elkington, c Wicks, b R. S. Paish	5
E. H. Cross, b R. S. Paish	8
P. E. Barnard, b Richer	0
G. T. Gingell, b R. S. Paish	18
J. W. Reid, b R. S. Paish	4
H. A. Thornicroft, run out	1
P. B. Reynalds, b Richer	4
Petrie (sub), not out	0
Extras	10
	89

CROYDON II.

G. J. Long, b Reynalds	0
C. P. Wicks, b Reynalds	25
J. H. Mabey, c Barnard, b Elkington	7
C. K. Richer, b Elkington	27
H. R. Groom, c Cross, b Barnard	24
L. W. Paish, b Page	3
J. A. Archer, c Page, b Elkington	19
S. J. Ching, b Elkington	4
C. T. Mabey, c Thornicroft, b Barnard	8
S. Perry, c Gingell, b Elkington	7
R. S. Paish, not out	0
Extras	7
	131

CROYDON III. v. SPENCER III.—Played at Wandsworth on April 29th. Score:—

SPENCER III.

S. I. Pettit, run out	22
S. R. Lewis, b Sherlock	7
J. Ruddy, b Henderson	11
G. R. Delves, c McAdam	5
D. H. Langridge, b R. Allen	28
C. F. C. Brodie, not out	24
H. E. Rodick, c Webber, b R. Allen	2
H. M. Collard, b Sherlock	4
R. D. Walker, st McAdam, b Allen	0
G. T. Baxter, b R. Allen	0
O. Mahomed, b R. Allen	4
Extras	10
	117

CROYDON III.

L. W. Fulcher, b Lewis	7
C. W. Woolcott, c Langridge, b Delves	23
R. Allen, lbw, b Delves	2
S. Tyler, lbw, b Lewis	6
F. G. Allen, c Mahomed, b Delves	0
A. C. McAdam, b Delves	0
T. P. Sherlock, not out	2
R. F. Barley, c Pettit, b Lewis	7
J. W. Webber, not out	2
Extras	2
(7wkts.)	51

R. Henderson and W. G. Sherlock did not bat.

THE REV. HUGH C. WALLACE AS AUTHOR.

Anerley Congregationalists are shortly to welcome as their pastors two ministers who, while still young, have given themselves to that "making of books of which there is no end."

A fortnight ago we were able to notice one by Dr. Warschauer, entitled *Jesus Saith*. The Rev. Hugh C. Wallace's publisher has now sent us two volumes entitled *After this Manner* and *Foes of Progress*.

After this Manner is a series of popular expositions of "The Lord's Prayer." Hundreds of volumes have been published on the subject, but we doubt if one could be mentioned that is more readable. There is nothing dry-as-dust about any of the sermons; they combine grace, force, and scholarship, and cannot fail to kindle a spirit of real devotion.

It is sometimes suggested that preachers are the only readers of published sermons; there must, however, be many who, in time of sickness, or wet Sunday mornings and evenings, and lazy Sunday afternoons, would find such times less wearisome with Mr. Wallace's volume at hand. The only fault to be found is one usually counted an excellence in sermons and advice—namely, brevity.

Foes of Progress deals largely, as would be expected, with "social problems" from a Christian standpoint—temperance, poverty, militarism, the House of Lords, the State Church sectarianism, are among the matters referred to, or treated at length.

All are frankly unconventional discourses, a sentence from Dr. Parker and a few lines from Wm. Morris in one case being the text. They contain a wealth of apt quotation. In the first address Dr. Aked, Henry Drummond, Matthew Arnold, Shakespeare, R. L. Stevenson, Carlyle, Hyman Abbott, and Julius Cæsar are all pressed into Mr. Wallace's service. Those who would know what manner of man the new Anerley minister is should obtain these volumes, published by Arthur H. Stockwell at the modest price of 1s. 6d. each. Mr. Wallace will undoubtedly make people think; he may possibly arouse antagonism, for he deals more in meat for strong men than milk for babes, but after all there are churches in plenty not far away whence doctrinal dyspeptics may repair.

CROYDON MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT.

During the year 1904, three cases of small-pox occurred, as compared with 14 in 1903. All were removed to the Croydon and Wimbledon Joint Small-pox Hospital, and none ended fatally. Two other cases notified as small-pox were subsequently found not to be suffering from that disease.

The figures for the year 1904 as to scarlet fever are very unsatisfactory; 291 cases were notified, of which eight ended fatally, as compared with 215 cases and two deaths in 1903. The disease was somewhat more prevalent than in 1903, and was of a more severe type, the number of deaths being greater than in any year since 1897. The disease was most prevalent in the East Ward.

Diarrhœa and epidemic enteritis accounted for 95 deaths, of which 83 occurred in children under one year of age. There was also 35 deaths from other forms of enteritis, of which 25 were under one year of age. Thus of the total, 130 deaths from "diarrhœal" diseases, no less than 108 were those of infants under one year of age. The Upper Norwood Subdivision is again distinguished by an extremely low diarrhœa rate, explained by the favourable situation of the smaller streets.

LOCAL RAILWAY PROSECUTIONS.

At the Tower Bridge Police-court on Tuesday, for travelling on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway without paying their fares and with intent to avoid payment, Albert Lidgitt, of Werndee-road, South Norwood, and Howard Pont, of Grange Park, Thornton Heath, were fined 40s. and 23s. costs, and William H. Ireland, Oak-grove, Anerley, 20s. and 10s. costs.

A LOVE SICK YOUTH.—At the South-Western Police Court, on Thursday of last week, before Mr. Horace Smith, Ernest Knights, a youth, living at 2, Maybank-cottages, Rommany-road, West Norwood, was charged with attempting to commit suicide by swallowing a quantity of oxalic acid.—Police-constable Charge, 323 P, said he was called to the house that (Thursday) morning, and found the prisoner lying on his bed ill. He had drank the acid from a tumbler, and when his friends discovered what had occurred they administered an emetic.—The Clerk: Did he say anything?—He said it was all over a girl, and was sorry he hadn't finished it.—The prisoner now said he was very sorry, and promised it would never occur again.—The magistrate (to prisoner): You should behave like a man, and not in this weak manner. Go away this time, but don't be so foolish again.

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PROBLEM, "ROSITA" D 30

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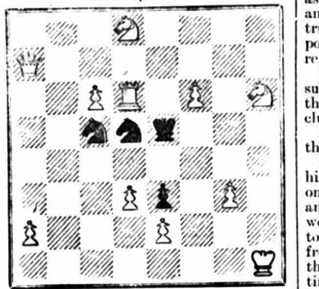

White, 11 men.

White to mate in two.

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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM D/26 "DESPAIR."

Key-move, Q.R8. If K.B3, KtxP; if K.K5, B.B3; if RxQ, PxR becoming Q or B (dual); if RxKt, PxR becoming Kt; if RxP, QxR.

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WORDS TO AND FROM OUR READERS.

The Chess Editor thanks the readers for a number of very pretty pictorial post-cards. They are making a very nice collection, which he values very much.

H. Lee.—Problem correct, and set aside for publication. Will appear in June.

Percy Wenman.—Two duals in 192, when R.B2 and BxR. Gambit with specimen game, but we fear the opening has been investigated long since.

Hal.—Mat is sound as a bell. You have 3 points for D/24.

REMARKABLE GAME.

In the recent match of five games up between Mieses and Leonhardt the first game was remarkable for the surprising perpetual check which Leonhardt, who held great material advantage, permitted his opponent to obtain. The following is the game, Leonhardt (white), Mieses (black). Notes by A. Guest. Position at every tenth move in the Forsyth Notation.

Sicilian Defence.

1	P.K4	P.QB4	6	P.Q4*	B.KKt5
2	Kt.QB3	P.K3	7	Q.Q2*	Kt.B3
3	KKt.K2*	Kt.QB3	8	P.KR3	B.B4
4	P.KKt3	P.Q4	9	P.R3	B.K5
5	PxP	PxP	10	KtxB	KtxKt*

W.3. Varying Steinitz's method, which was to play P.KKt3 and B.Kt2 before this move, as a counter to Black's move P.Q4.

W.6 Otherwise Black might play P.Q5 and P.Q6.

W.7. Not only because the Pawn was attacked, but also to prevent B.B6, which would be met by Q.K3 ch., etc.

B.10 || r 2 q k b 1 r | p p 3 p p p | 2 kt 5 | 2 p p 4 | 3 P kt 3 | P 5 P P | 1 P P Q Kt P 2 | R 1 B 1 K B 1 R ||

11	Q.Q3	PxP	16	Kt.Q4	Q.R5*
12	B.Kt2*	Q.R4 ch.	17	KR.B1	K.Kt1*
13	P.B3	PxP	18	BxKt	KtxKt
14	O.O	PxP	19	BxKt	PxB
15	BxP	O.O.O	20	BxP ch.	KxB*

W.12. If KtxP White gets a bad game after B.B4. He therefore tries a speculative combination by which he gives up two Pawns for the attack.

B.16. This gives White the kind of opportunity that he wanted. By the next move KR.B1, Black is placed in a serious difficulty.

B.17. Perhaps B.B4 was rather better.

B.20 || 3 r 1 b 1 r | k 3 p p p | 8 | 8 | q 3 p 3 | P 2 Q 2 P P | 5 P 2 | R 1 R 3 K 1 ||

21	QxR	B.B4	24	Q.Q8	Q.B6 ch.
22	QxR	BxP ch.	25	K.K1	Q.K6 ch.
23	KxB*	Q.Kt5*	26	K.Q1	Q.Kt8 ch.

Drawn by perpetual check.

W.23. Now White makes a mistake. It seems that he might have escaped the perpetual by moving the King, but not to B sq., for then Black would force a similar position to that which arose, and there is another pitfall if 23 K.R2, BxP ch.; 24 K.Kt2, Q.Kt6; 25 R.B1, B.K4, etc.

B.23. It is very curious that, after this White cannot escape the perpetual check. The ending, though rather lucky, shows much foresight and skill on the part of Black.

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THE NORWOOD CLUB.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the members of the Norwood Club, South Norwood-park, took place last Friday evening, and was a most enjoyable affair. The menu was excellent and was admirably served, and the post prandial proceedings were presided over by Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., the president of the club. Sir John was supported by many influential members of the club and their ladies. The toast list was brief, and the entertainment, which was most enjoyable, was contributed to by Mr. Berkeley Fraser, Mr. R. J. Bush, Mr. Leonard Fitzmaurice, Mr. Louis Rihll, Mr. Bret Hayden, and Mr. Geo. Wilton.

Sir JOHN COCKBURN submitted the first of the four toasts, that of "The King." In times of peace and industrial prosperity, he said, we had our dearly beloved Queen Victoria to reign over us, but now times had changed, and we found all sorts of national complications and competitions disturbing the world, and we had a king able to play his part in distinction to his country and everlasting honour to himself. (Hear, hear.) None engaged in the great game which potentates of the world were playing understood his hand so well as Edward VII., who had just given us another example of how to play his trumps, and one of the strongest of potentates had to acknowledge that his revered relative had taken the odd trick.

Mr. CONRAD HEROLD, in felicitous terms, submitted "The Ladies," and advocated their presence at social gatherings of the club.

Major-General BEDFORD responded to this toast.

Sir JOHN COCKBURN then said it fell to him to have the honour of being present once more at the South Norwood Club, and he thought the English language would need revising if they were to add to the many pleasant words which had from time to time been used in describing the charming place, and especially at this time of the year when the spring was just begining to unfold and the trees to dress themselves in bright green muslins. Of all times of the year there were none so glorious or pleasant as spring, and if the Norwood Club grounds could be described as Eden, it was only fitting that on an occasion like that the ladies should charm them with the presence, or the Eden would not be complete. He did not remember being there on any occasion which was solely confined to bachelors, but if he had he did not choose to remember it, but to remember the bright spots of his association with the club. He had spent many days and pleasant evenings within those walls and on the greens. On the first occasion that he attended a smoking concert at the club the ladies were present, in fact, the Norwood Club seemed to have set the fashion that way. He could not understand that with the attractions of the Norwood Club at hand there should be a single house to let in the neighbourhood. In submitting the toast of "The Norwood Club," he associated with it the name of the chairman of the Club Central Committee, Mr. W. Lindley Jones. They were sorry that Mr. Jones was hunting for a house elsewhere, and he was afraid they would lose him very soon, though how Mr. Jones could manage to turn his back to the loadstone of the Norwood Club, he did not know. They would, he thought, be able to draw Mr. Jones there with the loadstone of affection and old association. He proposed the toast in the hope that the club would continue prosperous, and to year by year shed around it pleasure and happiness to all associated with it.

Mr. LINDLEY JONES, on rising to respond, was received with musical honours and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." In the first place, he thanked his friend, Sir John, for the kind and too flattering remarks which he had made with regard to any service he had rendered to the club, and he could not refrain from expressing regret at having to leave the neighbourhood. He had, however, no intention of severing his connection with the club—(hear, hear,)—where it had been his privilege to make a great number of friends. With regard to that night's entertainment, Mr. Berkeley Fraser, who had been a tower of strength to the club, had organised it. The Norwood Club continued to prosper and grow, and the increase this year was more favourable than last; in fact, at the last committee meeting they made more family members than he ever remembered having been made in one night, and he should like to acknowledge the services rendered to the club by Mr. Ratcliffe and Mr. Bush. With regard to the position of the sub-clubs, he was sorry to say that during the year they had lost two members of their committee in Mr. P. A. Gilbert Wood and Mr. Alf. Barker, the former of whom had done a great work in connection with their cricket club, of which they were now able to run three teams. He must also mention in connection with that sub-club the names of Mr. A Francis, Mr. B. Bachelor, Mr. C. Le May, as having been indefatigable in promoting the success of their cricket club. Then there was the tennis club, which two or three years ago was seriously in the doldrums, but, thanks to the exertions in its behalf of Dr. Wilkinson (the president), Mr. Berkeley Fraser (the secretary), Mr. Lindley Jones (the treasurer), and Mr. C. H. Scott (the assistant secretary), this club had been placed in a satisfactory position. Another very important club was the bowling club, and they were sorry to have to accept the resignation of Mr. C. Le May of the presidency of that club, but had found a good successor in Mr. Hamond. The croquet club was also in a very satisfactory state. He, as president, was retiring, but they had an excellent new president in Mr. G. Ledger, and a splendid secretary and treasurer in Mrs. Leighton and Mrs. With. In conclusion, he mentioned, in an appreciative manner, the services of Mr. Larkin, president, and Mr. Leverington, secretary, to the football club.

Mr. CHARLES LE MAY submitted the toast of "The Chairman" and spoke of the advantage of having such a gentleman as Sir John Cockburn at the head of their club. Many clubs have, as president, a man of distinguished title, but it was often the case that that was all they knew of the president. They, at the Norwood Club, however, had a president who was with them on every important occasion, whether it was an out-door fête or an indoor function, and they were pleased that Sir John had consented to rule the affairs of the club for another year.

Sir JOHN COCKBURN thanked them very heartily for drinking to his health. With regard to his services to the club, he said that it would be an act of self-denial to stop away from such a place and such jolly good company. It was an honour to be associated with such a club in the position of president, an honour which he heartily appreciated. As they would see from the remarks of Mr. Lindley Jones, it was a kind of empire club or a federation of an innumerable number of clubs, and it would always retain a pleasant spot in his memory.

This concluded the toast list.

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MINT.

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A VAPORISER.

My market gardener correspondent need not despair of being able to get rid of the pests of mildew and red spider of which he complains so bitterly. The vaporiser of which I give an illustration has been thoroughly tested by some of the biggest growers for market in the country, and with very gratifying results. At one time I grew grapes for home consumption on a very modest scale, but reared an enormous number and variety of Pelargoniums, and it was no light task to combat against the pests complained about by my correspondent. A friendly gardener, however, advised the use of a vaporiser, with the best results. In the greenhouse, where nicotine, rather than sulphur, is necessary for vaporising, Campbell's compound, which is guaranteed to contain over 45 per cent. of pure nicotine, can safely be recommended.

THE SMALL FARM.

An inquiry from a distant corner of Devonshire as to the best and most ready means of stocking a twenty-acre farm which was about to be tenanted by my correspondent led me to look through my small library to find a book likely to be of use to the inquirer. Stephens's "Book of the Farm" is a standard work, and a good one. Other books have also been published with the same idea, but to my mind none "fill the bill"—as regards the small holder—so well as Professor Long's "The Small Farm and Its Management," issued by Smith, Elder, and Co. some four years ago. The whole story of the farm is given from the beginning: the value of manures and feeding stuffs; animals and their returns; the profitable production of poultry [illegible] and root crops; and fruit farming on a small scale being among the most interesting chapters. On all the subjects mentioned Professor Long is an authority, and as my correspondent asks particularly as to the advisability of rearing young Devon cattle I append an extract on the subject taken from the very interesting book: The process of fattening calves is laborious, and demands much attention and time, while the young animal must be sold when it is ripe, whether the market price is high or low. To rear every calf to adult age would diminish the milk available for sale, however valuable it might be; while the owner would have to be prepared to feed three lots of young stock, his calves, his yearlings, and his two-year-olds, in addition to his cows. The two latter lots would require grazing land, separate buildings for shelter and food, litter in winter, and daily attention throughout the year.

A STABLE REQUISITE.

The stable "tidy" of which I have been asked to supply particulars is a most compact arrangement for keeping brushes and sponges in a sweet and clean condition. Any horse-keeper knows how very essential that is, and an additional advantage is that by its use everything is to hand when required. A drawer is also provided to hold compo, polish, dusters, &c. Many a good brush is spoilt by being continuously laid on its back after use in water. The water soaks into the wood and rots it, and the wires rust and perish, thereby causing the brush to fall to pieces before it is half worn out. By the use of the tidy all that is obviated; there is a place for everything, and if the stable man will but make full use of that which is provided for him his work will be lessened and the life of his stable requisites lengthened. The tidy can be obtained from most harness makers and ironmongers.

MANURING HILL PASTURES.

The experiments that have been carried out in Scotland and Wales in the use of artificial fertilisers for the improvement of hill land have borne good fruits, in so far as the production of definite results is concerned. The particulars of an investigation in the application of basic slag on a hill farm, at an elevation of over 500ft., in Dumfriesshire, suggest that even mountain land may be very substantially improved, both in the quantity and quality of its herbage, by the means of basic slag. Dressings of 6cwt., 10cwt., and 15cwt. per acre respectively were applied in February, 1901, and the effects, as indicated by representative turfs exhibited at a meeting at Berwick-on-Tweed, are very striking. The improvement caused by the 6cwt. dressing is considerable, while the 10cwt. was still more effectual, and the 15cwt. dressing proportionately efficacious, the clovers resulting from the heaviest application being much more plentiful than those produced by either of the other two. It seems, however, that in all three instances the money was found to have been profitably invested. No doubt the manuring of hill land requires to be carried out with great discrimination and strict moderation, and there are boundless possibilities in the way of improving its productiveness and healthy condition in this direction.

FOOD FOR DAIRY COWS.

With the object of testing the relative merits of several articles, an experiment has been carried out during the past winter, in Dumbartonshire, under the auspices of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, and the results have just been made known. Although various points were included in the scope of the inquiry, the chief question had reference to the discovery of a profitable substitute for bean meal and oats, [illegible] be said at once that the efforts were [illegible] that is, as far as this experiment is an indication. It is remarked that no fault whatever is found with bean meal as a food for dairy cows, but as it is usually rather high in price in dairying districts, where it is extensively in demand, the desirability of being able to diminish the dependence upon it naturally suggests itself, and hence the experiment under notice. The material compared with bean meal in this inquiry was gluten feed, which, it would be well to note, is quite a different article from gluten meal. Both are derived from maize, but gluten meal is a very rich and heavy material, suited only for use in limited quantities of about 3lb. to 4lb. per head per day, whereas gluten feed is a lighter material, and consists of a mixture of the hull, gluten layer, and germ of the Indian corn, which are thrown aside in the manufacture of starch and glucose; and gluten meal, on the other hand, consists of the layer only. In the experiment three different concentrated rations were utilised, namely, (1) gluten feed, (2) a mixture of bean meal and crushed oats, and (3) a mixture of decorticated cotton cake and maize meal, all three rations being supplementary to bran, turnips, hay, and straw. It is observed that the average percentage of fat in the milk was in no case high, 3·5 per cent. being the best average, while on several occasions during the first stage of the trial less than 3 per cent. was recorded; but as the Ayrshire was the breed used in the experiment, a very high butter fat ratio was probably not to be expected.

Judging the results on a financial basis, the cows fed on gluten feed took the first place, those fed on cotton cake and maize being second, with the group receiving the favourite bean meal and crushed oats third. In addition, the animals fed on gluten feed alone made an increase in live weight, the bean and oat group having lost slightly in weight, though less than those receiving cotton cake and maize. Although beaten in a pecuniary sense, bean meal and oats excelled in producing the finest sample of butter, gluten feed being second in this respect. Judging of the results as a whole, therefore, it would appear that gluten feed may be advantageously substituted for the popular bean meal and crushed oats, particularly when these are fairly high in price; but, as already indicated, it is important to differentiate between gluten feed and gluten meal.

WATER GLASS AND EGG PRESERVATION.

To preserve eggs in water glass proceed as follows:—Boil a quantity of water, then let it stand in the air until it is quite cool again. Into ten measures of this water pour one measure of water glass, and stir them well together. If convenient, keep this as a reserve supply to be used as required. Let the preserving vessel be of earthenware, and place it in a cool position—a cellar for preference. Pour into it as much mixed water glass as will keep the eggs well covered as they are stored. Collect eggs twice a day at least, so as to keep them quite fresh, and put them when cool and clean into the bath at once. If a quantity of eggs is being preserved, as one vessel becomes full have another ready. If the eggs will not sink in the mixture add a little more boiled water, as it is evidence that the mixture is too strong. Eggs so managed will turn out months after as fresh and milky, when lightly boiled, as the day they were put in—better and fresher than eggs usually so called, but which have been generally lying in the store-basket days, merging into weeks, before being used or sold as fresh.

LIME: ITS USE AND ABUSE.

We are continually advising the scientific application of lime to the soil, says the *Market Gardener*. The following are some of the advantages obtainable through its use:—

1. It will neutralise salts of copper and iron in the soil.

2. It improves greatly the dense clay soils by causing the particles to granulate and so let in the oxygen of the atmosphere, warming the soil by its influence, and enabling the nitrifying bacteria to do their work.

3. It neutralises organic acids, takes up nitric acid, and provides calcium, so good to plant life.

4. It acts upon decaying vegetation and other forms of humus in the soil, setting free ammonia, nitric acid, and carbon dioxide, sweetening and purifying over-manured sour soils by its alkaline action.

5. It acts upon clay, setting free potash, and generally helping Nature in her work.

6. Applied in large quantities to land in a free state (not as carbonate) it frees the manures contained therein, causing larger crops to be obtained.

If manure is given to replace that which is thus removed, all is well; but if the grower does not replace this loss then he is a thief, and the old saying will come true that "Lime enriches the father but impoverishes the son." The son will not make the land pay until he puts into the land that which his father has stolen therefrom. Let lime be your good servant, not your master; and then all will be well with the land and yourself.

FISH MANURE.

Fish guano is justly considered a valuable manure, and is much esteemed for market produce, hops, and in some districts for potatoes. Good qualities should be guaranteed to contain 9 to 10 per cent. of ammonia with 13 to 16 per cent. phosphate, and to be free from oil, as oil retards the decomposition of the material, thus decreasing its fertilising value. In consequence of the large demand, both for export and the home market, fish guano is scarce, and prices have an upward movement. The price of best quality is from £5 10s. to £6 per ton, cash, in London. Lower qualities with 6 to 7 per cent. ammonia are also offered, but the best is probably the cheapest. Fish guano contains no potash, and the phosphates in it are slowly available, so that it is a good plan to mix it with superphosphate and kainit in proportion of two parts fish guano to one part of superphosphate and one part of kainit, which will give a fertiliser with, say, 5 per cent. ammonia; 13 per cent. phosphates, about half soluble; 3 per cent. potash; costing about £5 per ton in bags. It should be applied early and worked into the soil. It could not be recommended for cereals, being a slowly-acting manure, but should do well for hops, potatoes, and market produce.

HINTS FOR THE GARDEN.

FRAGRANCE IN THE GARDEN.—The old-fashioned Brompton stock that used to be so common in the cottage garden, the cabbage rose, old white pinks in masses, musk in damp, shady spots, violets and primroses give us the first fragrance of spring, and form one of the early joys of the garden. Very sweet, too, is the fragrance of the night-scented stock mathiola bicornis, seeds of which may be sown now. Heliotrope or cherry pie, lavender, lad's love or southernwood, and, above all, let us sow plenty of sweet peas and mignonette. There are other things, such as nicotiana affinis and others, which may be added.

TOWN AND COUNTRY FLOWER BEDS.—Now is especially the time when many men's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of gardening, no matter how few may be the square feet of ground which they can call their own. And very surprising sometimes is the contrast of results which different men achieve. Often you may hear a dweller in some city suburb, where, in spite of the thought and money which he expends upon his garden, he always misses success, wonder how it is that cottagers manage to make their little plots so beautiful; and real gardens in the real country make him sigh with envy. In the end he usually decides that the shortcomings of his own garden are the result of foggy and smoky air from the neighbouring wilderness of bricks and mortar, and that it is useless to expect things to "thrive" with him as they do in the country.

ANNUAL CLIMBING PLANTS.—Where there are rough, untidy objects to hide a good deal may be quickly done by sowing seeds of tropæolum majus. The canary creeper is useful, too. Cobæa scandens will grow 20ft. in one season, and in sheltered spots by the seaside in the south of England the plant lives through the winter. The seeds are usually sown in heat to get an early start, and are planted out in May. Other useful climbing plants are lophospermum scandens, convolvulus major, maurandya barclayana, and eccremocarpus scabra.—*The Garden.*

CRYSTAL PALACE.

The last displays of the Military Tournament will be given to-morrow (Saturday).

The annual show of the Toy Dog Society will take place in the centre transept next Tuesday and Wednesday. An exceptionally large entry has been received.

The London Polo Club opened their season last Saturday. Games will take place every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and the fixture list promises some very good sport.

The Lord Mayor of London will open the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in state on Friday afternoon next. A guard of honour will be provided by the King's Colonial Yeomanry Regiment, and the directors of the Crystal Palace Company will entertain the guests to a luncheon in the restaurant. The Lord Mayor will attend a special display by the native warriors in the Somali village.

The Crystal Palace Orchestral Society, assisted by the Crystal Palace Choir, will give their last concert of the season in the concert room to-morrow (Saturday). A splendid programme, including excerpts from Wagner, Schubert, Elgar and Gounod has been arranged, and the soloists will be Mr. Gwilym Richards and Miss Christine Chabot. Mr. Walter W. Hedgcock will conduct, and Mr. Fred W. Holloway will be the accompanist.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

A limited liability company has been formed locally to establish a professional football club at the Crystal Palace, and arrangements are being made to commence play with the next football season. Mr. J. Robson, Middlesborough, has been appointed manager of the team, and, with Mr. Edmund F. Goodman, the secretary, is now in the north of England looking out for and signing on players.

The Crystal Palace Company are encouraging the movement in every way, and have leased for five years their football ground, with its seating accommodation for 16,000 persons, and it has been further determined on match days that the admission to the Palace and grounds shall be reduced to 6d. In the opinion of those interested in football the new venture will be a great attraction for South London, and there is every prospect of success. Mr. T. C. Walters, 66, Westow-hill, is one of the prime movers.

ANERLEY BOYS' BRIGADE.—On Thursday (last week) a very successful concert took place in the lecture hall, in aid of the funds of the Boys' Brigade, the programme being arranged by Mrs. J. Baird Moore. A strong band of artistes had been secured, all of whom were very popular. Mr. T. C. Mitchell spoke on the work of the brigade, and afterwards thanked Mrs. J. Baird Moore and the artistes.

OLD SHIRTS refitted with Irish linen fronts, cuffs, and neckbands, and returned ready for use for Half-a-Crown each. Send three or more to A. E. THOMAS, Shirtmaker, 1 Westow Hill, Norwood. N.B.—The above work done also in a special quality at 3s. 6d.

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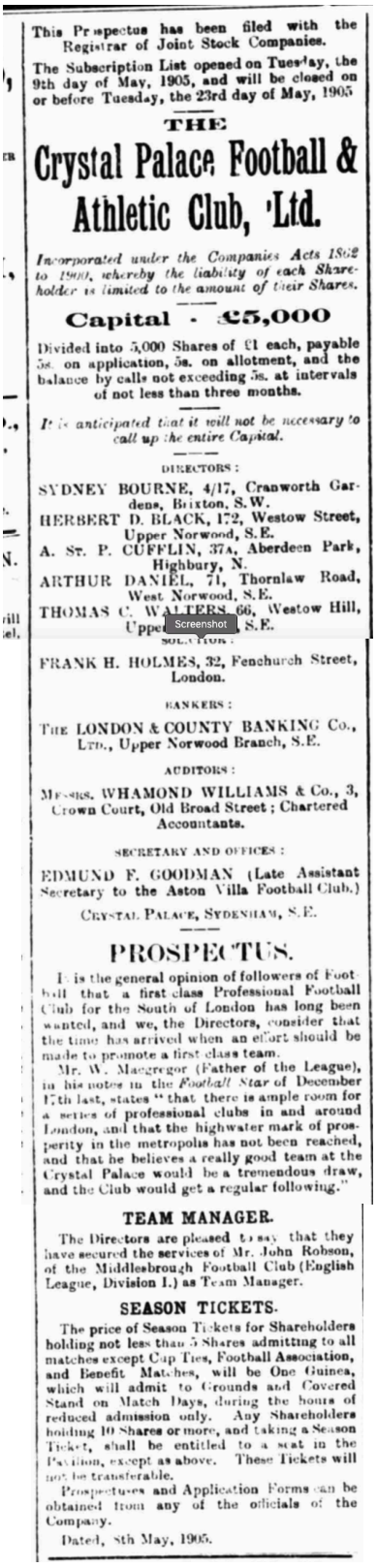

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Dated, 8th May, 1905.

Local newspaper details of prospectus for Crystal Palace Football Club

AUCTIONEERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MESSRS.

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ESTABLISHED 1821,

Auctioneers, Valuers, Surveyors, House and Estate Agents, and Undertakers.

Houses and Estates Managed.

RENTS COLLECTED.

INVENTORIES AND VALUATIONS MADE For the purposes of Administration, Probate, Transfer, &c.

SALES BY AUCTION

Of every description of Property, upon Moderate Terms.

Surveys made for Mortgages, Alterations, &c.

SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED.

Agents to the Sun Fire and Life Offices.

FUNERALS economically conducted to any part of the United Kingdom.

MESSRS. MANSELL & ROWE would draw the attention of Owners of Property and Persons seeking Furnished or Unfurnished Houses in Norwood or District to their "Concise Register," as offering the best medium for disposing of or acquiring same; sent by post on receipt of 2 stamps, or presented free upon application at their Offices,

47 (LATE No. 120), CHURCH ROAD, UPPER NORWOOD.

(Facing Westow Street.)

TELEPHONE No. 522 SYDENHAM.

MESSRS. MANSELL & ROWE.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

By order of the Executors of the late Sir W. A. Ogg.

"OAKFIELD" COLLEGE ROAD, SOUTH DULWICH.—In the best position of College Road, overlooking park-like lands, near Sydenham Hill Station, with an excellent service of trains to the City and West End and half an hour's motor drive of town.

MESSRS. MANSELL & ROWE are instructed to offer for Sale by Auction, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., on FRIDAY, MAY 26TH, at Two o'clock, the handsome modern RESIDENCE, in Cubitt's best build, and known as "Oakfield," South Dulwich, with charming surroundings, having carriage drive approach, with lodge entrance, and standing in about four acres of beautifull disposed grounds and meadow. The house contains 11 excellent bedrooms, fitted bathroom, noble entrance hall, elegant drawing room, lofty dining room, library, billiard room, &c.; ample domestic offices. The pleasure grounds are most charmingly displayed with an abundance of matured shrubs, broad terrace walks, two tennis lawns, rosary, fruit garden, paddock &c.; there is also conservatory, vinery, greenhouse, &c.; stabling for four horses, carriage house, harness room, &c. Held for about 50 years unexpired at a ground rent of £107 12s. 6d.

May be viewed. Particulars of Messrs. McDiarmid & Son, solicitors, 5, Newman's Court, Cornhill, E.C.; and of the Auctioneers, 47, Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.

Preliminary Announcement.

VICTORIA ROAD, NORWOOD, S.E.

MESSRS. MANSELL & ROWE will Sell by Auction at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., on FRIDAY, MAY 26TH, 1905, at Two, the Double-fronted Detached RESIDENCE, 33, Victoria Road, Upper Norwood, with possession; lease 51 years; ground rent £12 12s.

Further particulars, in due course, of the Auctioneers, 47, Church Road, Norwood, S.E.

SALTERS HILL, UPPER NORWOOD.—Within few minutes of Gipsy Hill Station.

MESSRS. MANSELL & ROWE will Sell by Auction at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., on FRIDAY, MAY 26th, at Two o'clock, the capital Semi-Detached corner RESIDENCE, "St. Austins," Salters Hill, Norwood, containing six bedrooms, fitted bathroom, four sitting-rooms, offices and garden. Possession on completion. Estimated rental value £75 per annum. Held for a term of 99 years from 29th September, 1867, at a ground rent of £10 per annum.

May be viewed; particulars with conditions of sale may be obtained at the Mart; of Messrs. Withers, Pollock and Crow, Solicitors, 6, Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.; and of the Auctioneers, 47, Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.

MESSRS.

WESTMORE & YOUNG

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In the neighbourhood of the Crystal Palace.

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City Offices, 44, FURNIVAL STREET One door from) HOLBORN, E.C.

Telephone —Norwood, 333 Sydenham.
City, 4,709 Holborn.

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For Occupation or Investment.

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NOS. 11, 13 & 15, ELDON PARK, SOUTH NORWOOD.—Three substantially built and commodious Freehold RESIDENCES, occupying a splendid position close to railway station, most conveniently arranged throughout, and with large gardens.

"BRAKENHURST," 49, ENMORE ROAD, SOUTH NORWOOD. — A Semi-detached VILLA RESIDENCE, situate within easy distance of two railway stations, and close to golf links.

NOS. 17, 19 AND 21, PENGE ROAD, SOUTH NORWOOD.—On main road, close to High Street and railway station; each house contains six bedrooms, dressing-room, bath, three reception-rooms, breakfast-room, and usual offices, together producing £102 per annum.

NO. 25, PENGE ROAD.—An attractive Freehold RESIDENCE, most conveniently arranged throughout. Rent £35 per annum. Vacant possession if desired.

Particulars of the Auctioneer, Norwood Junction and Selhurst
Tel., 402 P.O., Croydon.

MESSRS. HERRING, SON & DAW.

15, STERNHOLD AVENUE, STREATHAM HILL, S.W.—Modern Household FURNITURE comprising brass bedstead, walnut dining room suite, satin walnut bedroom suite, inlaid walnut writing table, Axminster and other carpets, plated articles, china, glass and usual effects which

MESSRS. HERRING, SON & DAW will Sell by Auction on the Premises, on TUESDAY, MAY 23RD, 1905, at Eleven o'clock precisely.

On view after One o'clock the day prior to Sale. Catalogues of the Auctioneers, 6, Ironmonger Lane, E.C., and 312, Brixton Hill, S.W.

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Facing Station,

NORWOOD JUNCTION.

Map of District and descriptive Booklet, free.

MESSRS. WALFORD & WILSHIN.

LOCAL EVENING SALE.

MESSRS. WALFORD & WILSHIN will Sell by Auction at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on THURSDAY, MAY 25TH, at Eight p.m, the following Properties :—

ANERLEY.—With possession. 35, Stodart Road. Charming Villa in good repair; five bedrooms, bathroom, two reception rooms, kitchen and office.

ANERLEY.—By order of mortgagee. 8, Selby Road. Semi-detached Residence, with five bedrooms, bath and c. bath, two spacious reception rooms, &c.

ANERLEY.—12, Minden Road. A detached double-fronted House, close to railway station. Lease 69 years. No ground rent.

May be viewed, and further particulars obtained on application to the Auctioneers, Messrs. Walford & Wilshin, 137, Anerley Road, Anerley.

DICKINS & SONS.

By Order of Trustees.

ANERLEY.—Sale of Long Leasehold House in main Croydon Road.

MESSRS. DICKINS & SONS are instructed to Sell by Auction, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on THURSDAY, MAY 18TH, at Six o'clock precisely, the well-built long leasehold Semi-detached HOUSE, No. 180, Croydon Road, within easy distance of station, and containing six bedrooms, bath-room with cold water supply, three reception rooms, and the usual domestic offices. There is a good garden in the rear, and conservatory.

The property is now in hand, but is of the estimated rental of £45 per annum.

May be viewed, and particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. Sheffield, Son, and Powell, Solicitors, 23, St. Swithin's Lane, E.C.; at the place of sale; and at the Auctioneers' offices, 4, George Street, Croydon.

MESSRS. HOOKER & WEBB.

WOODSIDE, SOUTH NORWOOD.—Two detached Freehold Houses, one with large area of ground, with vacant possession.

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EASTNOR, No. 25, HOWARD ROAD, a detached double fronted Freehold Residence, close to Norwood Junction Railway Station, and to Woodside Green and Norwood Recreation Ground, and a short walk only from Beckenham Golf Club. It is substantially built of brick, with slated roof, and stands well back from the road. It contains the following excellent accommodation:—Eight bedrooms, bath and dressing rooms, three good reception-rooms, ground floor offices, washhouse and cellars in the basement; large, well-planted garden. It is let to Mr. T. P. Wood, a tenant of some years' standing, on a yearly Lady Day tenancy, at the extremely low rent of £60 per annum.

EGREMONT HOUSE, No. 27, HOWARD ROAD, the adjoining Freehold House, is somewhat similar as regards the internal accommodation, but also has a detached stable and coach-house, two greenhouses, large productive vegetable and fruit garden, and paddock, in all containing an area of over an acre, having a frontage of 258 ft. to Cobden Road, which is extremely valuable for the erection of small villas. This property has been occupied for many years by the owner, who has now left the neighbourhood, and it is now to be sold with vacant possession, and forms a desirable purchase, either for occupation or investment.

Particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained of Messrs. Finch and Turner, solicitors, 84, Cannon Street, E.C.: at the Greyhound Hotel; and, with orders to view, of the Auctioneers, 4, High Street, Croydon. Telephone No. 122 Croydon.

SOUTH NORWOOD & UPPER NORWOOD. —Sale of Two Freehold Shops and Business Premises, also Long Leasehold Cottages.

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Nos. 59 and 60, HIGH STREET, SOUTH NORWOOD. — Two excellent Shops and Dwelling House, together with cart entrance, yard, and numerous outbuildings in the rear. No. 59 is let on repairing lease to Mr. W. J. Roberts, a florist, for 21 years from Michaelmas, 1903, at £75 per annum. No. 60 is let to Mr. Charles Bennet, a confectioner, on three years' agreement from Lady Day, 1905, with option of further three years, at £65 per annum, tenant doing repairs. The yard and buildings in the rear are in the occupation of the Vendors, and are to be sold with vacant possession.

Nos. 75 to 85, BIGGIN-HILL, UPPER NORWOOD, being a block of six substantially-built long-leasehold Cottages, let at rentals of 7s. and 7s. 6d. per week, and producing a gross rental of £110 10s. per annum. Held on lease for 99 years from September, 1882, at £21 per annum. A secure and profitable small investment.

The properties may be viewed with orders to be obtained of the Auctioneers; and particulars and conditions of sale may be had of J. H. Waterman, Esq., solicitor, Regent House, Regent-street, W.; of Edmund Dean, Esq., solicitor, 5, Clement's-inn, Strand, W.C.; at the place of sale; and of the Auctioneers, 4, High-street, Croydon.
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ELMERS END ROAD (adjoining station), BECKENHAM KENT. — Four Weekly HOUSES, in St. Margaret's Road, producing £98 16s. gross, lease 96 years, ground rent £3 12s. 6d. each.

MR. WM. CLARKSON will Sell the above, together with three Freehold RESIDENCES, at Shortlands, by Auction at the Mart, E.C., on FRIDAY, MAY 19th, 1905, at Two o'clock.

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THE COMMITTEE will offer for competition at an examination to be held on Friday, 2nd June, 1905, FORTY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS AND TEN FOR BOYS to children who intend to become Teachers in Public Elementary Schools and whose parents or guardians reside in the borough of Croydon.

Candidates must on the 1st August, 1905, be over twelve and under thirteen years of age.

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Education Office,
Katharine Street, Croydon,
11th May 1905.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF CROYDON.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

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HORACE J. MAYO.

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The Norwood News

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Penge and Anerley Chronicle.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905.

In Brief.

Holy Innocents' Church, South Norwood, will be reopened for service to-morrow. At 3 p.m. the children's window will be dedicated by the Bishop of Croydon.

It was prophesied the other day at the welcome home to Dr. Rutherford Harris, M.P., held at Dulwich, that now that he had returned "he would make things hum." There is already evidence that this will be so. Dr. Harris is entertaining some political friends next Tuesday at the Hotel Cecil, including the committee of the Penge and Upper Norwood Constitutional Club. Later, he is holding a reception. On Tuesday, the 23th inst., there is to be a big political "rally," at the Town Hall, Anerley, under the presidency of Mr. G. E. Dodson, J.P. It is hoped by the organisers that upon this occasion Conservatives and Unionists will forget all differences, if any exist, and, for the sake of the Unionist cause, join heartily in an enthusiastic welcome to Dr. Harris, and a demonstration of their loyalty to their party and leader, Mr. Arthur Balfour.

It may be taken for granted that a special effort will be made to secure a record gathering upon this occasion. It will give general satisfaction that Dr. Harris has so soon after his return arranged to come to address a meeting at Penge, and his friends as well as political opponents will welcome the opportunity of hearing him.

MISS KATE SPAIN'S PUPILS' CONCERT.

On Saturday afternoon last a large and appreciative audience assembled at the Lordship-lane hall, when a vocal and instrumental concert was given by the pupils of Miss Kate Spain's Conservatoire of Music, 49, Underhill-road, Lordship-lane. The programme was a long one, and throughout was well rendered, the audience demonstrating its appreciation of the items in an enthusiastic manner. The programme opened with a part song, "Violets," by the ladies' choir. Miss Mabel Buswell (silver medal, L.A.M.) rendered "Cantabile" (*Samson and Delilah*) in a charming manner, whilst Miss Margaret Cobb's piano solo, "Polonaise," was played with capital effect. Miss Kate Spain, who gave "Jewel Song" (*Faust*), and, by request, "Annie Laurie," was received with well merited applause, both contributions being beautifully rendered. Miss Winifred Beamish sang "Oh, mio Fernando" with brilliancy, well deserving the applause she received. Miss Lillie Chapman (bronze medal L.A.M.) sang with much success "Il Bacio." Other items were contributed by the Misses D. Pietersen, M. Way, C. Sprague, Stanley, Barnes, Reed, A. Wellington, K. Woodthorpe, M. Spain, M. Hill, Mrs. Skevington, Mrs. Garland, and Masters H. Pocock, D. Hartog, and H. Meloy. The concert throughout was a conspicuous success, and goes to prove the high state of efficiency achieved by Miss Spain's pupils.

A prize, kindly given by Mr. F. J. Cunnington, was presented at the end of the concert to the child under 12 who has made the best progress during the last year by the Rev. Mortimer Pocock.

A pleasing little incident took place during the evening—and one which showed the high esteem in which Miss Kate Spain is held—the presentation of a handsome bouquet.

WEDDING.

RHODES—DESGRATOULET.

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday, May 6th, at Holy Trinity, Anerley, the Rev. H. C. Sturdy (vicar) officiating.

The bride was Miss Caroline Blanche (Daisy), daughter of Mr. J. M. Desgratoulet, 130, Croydon road, Anerley, and the bridegroom Mr. Cecil William, son of Mr. William Rhodes, Quinta, Clifton-road, South Norwood. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in embroidered white Indian silk, and tulle embroidered veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses. Her bridesmaids were Misses Elsie Maude R. Desgratoulet and Cecile L. A. Desgratoulet (sisters of the bride), Georgina M. Stanley (cousin of bride), Ethel Maud Rhodes (sister of bridegroom), Mary Louise Benbow, and they wore white voile, white picture hats, and carried yellow marguerite bouquets.

The bride's mother's costume was black satin and lace, and azalea bouquet, and the bridegroom's mother was attired in black silk and lace, and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The duties of best man were discharged by Mr. Gordon P. Rhodes (brother of bridegroom). The following were the groomsmen:—Messrs. G. P. Rhodes, A. C. Bouquet, G. T. Benbow, L. J. Benbow, F. S. Bouquet.

The hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung, and Mrs. A. Bouquet (aunt of bridegroom), who was at the organ, played appropriate bridal music.

Following the service at the church, a reception of friends took place at 130, Croydon-road, Anerley, and later the happy pair left for the honeymoon, to be spent on the Continent. The bride's going away dress was a fawn tailor-made costume, and a white hat. The cake and refreshments were supplied by Mr. C. Tarry, South Norwood, the flowers and bouquets by Mr. A. Theburn, Anerley; and the carriages supplied by Mr. M. Hills, South Norwood.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a number of valuable and useful presents.

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I am, Sir,
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WM. EVANS,
General and Colonel, 7th Gurkha Rifles.
6, Vermont-road,
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May 8th, 1905.

UPPER NORWOOD GLEE AND MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The last concert of this society at the hall of the Royal Normal College, on Tuesday, 9th inst., certainly had a note of distinction in the first public performance in England of a young violinist, of whom, if we mistake not, more will be heard in the future. This young lady, Miss Kathleen Parlow, is a Canadian, 14 years of age, who hopes to obtain a hearing in musical circles in London. Several eminent musicians who have heard her play speak very highly of her powers, and indeed her playing on Tuesday was really remarkable. For one so young she has already a wonderful mastery of the technique of her instrument, her intonation is perfectly true, while the real feeling of the artist is shown in the expressiveness which is characteristic of all good violin playing. The pieces selected for performance were "Souvenir de Moscow" (Wieniawski), "Hungarian Dances, Nos. 7 and 9" (Brahms), and, as encores, a "Bach Prelude" and "The last rose of summer." The mechanical difficulties of the first three of these pieces were easily surmounted, and capital renderings of all were the result, while the tenderness of the last appealed to everyone. Mr. E. Victor Williams accompanied in a thoroughly musicianly style, and we shall follow the career of his *protegee* with the greatest interest.

The Glee and Madrigal Society justifies its title by not singing glees and madrigals. The *piece de resistance* on this occasion was R. H. Walthew's "Pied Piper of Hamelin"; this is an interesting composition, and although the sopranos are good and capable, and the contraltos satisfactory, the tenors and basses are so very weak that there is no balance, and the result was not very encouraging. They did better in the part songs, "Love and summer," "My love dwelt in a northern land," and "Blow, ye gentle breezes, blow"; the latter has a *bouche fermee* effect, and the whole was pleasantly rendered.

Miss Nora Meredith has a well-cultivated soprano voice, and sang her songs in good style; "Cuckoo" (Lehmann) and "Snowflakes" (F. H. Cowen), both very pretty songs, were rendered with great taste, and pleased the audience greatly, who insisted on an encore to the latter.

Mr. Henry Plevy and Mr. A. J. Beck were respectively tenor and bass soloists in the "Pied Piper," and also contributed some songs to the satisfaction of their hearers. Mr. Beck, in response to a recall, gave a recitation in the form of a Johnsonian version of "The house that Jack built." As a reciter, he is excellent.

Mr. E. Victor Williams accompanied most of the songs, and Mr. C. E. Dillon, the society's accompanist, did the same for the cantata, in each case as well as it could be done.

SONG RECITAL AT SOUTH NORWOOD.—At the Parish Hall South Norwood, on Saturday afternoon, a song recital was given by Miss Rosabelle Beste and her pupils before a large audience. The pieces rendered by the pupils were all admirably executed, strict attention having evidently been given to the articulation, which was particularly clear. Special mention should be made of Miss Ivy Nimmo's rendering of "Angus Macdonald." Miss Beste, who sang twice, was in excellent voice, receiving two well merited encores for items which were given with high artistic finish. A delightful recitation by Miss Violet Beste, and pianoforte solo by Miss G. Lloyd-Jones, completed a programme on which all concerned may be very heartily congratulated.

Next Wednesday the only "Century" concert of this season is announced at the Small Public Hall, Croydon. A most attractive musical feast has been provided, and to encourage the promoters a large audience should be present. The artistes are Miss Katie Hurlstone, Mr. Charles Copland, Miss Dorothy Densham, Mr. H. Krause, and Mr. William Y. Hurlstone.

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SMITH.—On the 11th inst., at 80a, The Chase, Clapham Common, to the wife of G. F. Herbert Smith, M.A., assistant in the British Museum, a daughter.

DEATHS.

BARKER.—On the 14th inst., John Gatenby Barker, of the White Hart, Borough-road, aged 42, late of the Royal Oak, Rotherhithe.

BROWN.—On the 13th inst., Herbert William Brown, M.B. London, Guy's, of 12, Melody-road, Wandsworth Common, at Cairo, of typhoid, aged 27, late London School of Tropical Medicine, and Kasr-el-Aini Hospital, Cairo, Egypt.

HUTCHISON.—On the 15th inst., at Burleigh, Derwent-road, Anerley-road, Margaret Esther Jump, the beloved wife of William Hutchison.

MARSHALL.—On the 10th inst., at his residence, 47, Camberwell Grove, Frank Marshall, in his 82nd year.

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Applications for Shares should be forwarded to the secretary, together with a remittance of Five Shillings per Share. The Directors reserve the right of refusing any applications for shares, and the application money paid in respect of any Shares as to which the applicant is refused will be returned in full.

Prospectuses and Application Forms can be obtained from any of the officials of the Company.

BOROUGH OF CAMBERWELL.

TO ROAD CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL being about to Pave and Make Up the following new Street, viz.:

THE GARDENS, PECKHAM RYE,

the Works and General Purposes Committee will meet at the Town Hall, Peckham road, S.E., on Monday, the 29th May, 1905, at 6.30 p.m., to receive TENDERS for same. Specification and form of tender can be obtained from Mr. W. Oxtoby, Borough Engineer, on and after Monday, the 22nd May. The Borough Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender. Persons tendering must comply with the conditions as regards rates of pay and hours of labour as contained in the form of contract. C. WILLIAM TAGG, Town Clerk.

PARISH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL.

THE GUARDIANS of the POOR of the PARISH of ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, are prepared to receive applications for the appointment of a MEDICAL OFFICER for the South Peckham district of the Parish. Salary £110 per annum, with extra fees for midwifery, &c.

Candidates must possess both a medical and surgical qualification, and must be registered under the Medical Act of 1858, and the officer appointed will be required to reside in the district.

Further particulars as to the district and duties may be obtained here, also forms of application, which must be sent to the undersigned not later than first post on Friday, the 2nd June.

Canvassing the Guardians, either directly or indirectly, is prohibited, and will disqualify any candidate.—By order, CHARLES S. STEVENS, Clerk to the Guardians.

Guardians' Offices, 29, Peckham-road, S.E., 18th May, 1905.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in the month of July next application will be made to His Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled in Quarter sessions in and for the County of London to be holden at the Sessions House Newington in the said County for an ORDER to STOP UP CERTAIN PLACES OR HIGHWAYS known respectively as BURTON STREET running in an easterly direction from Portland-street into Villa-street being about 210 feet in length and about 30 feet in width LYHURST COURT being a narrow court or cul-de-sac running out of Villa-street in an easterly direction about 130 feet in length CLANDON STREET running in the same direction from Portland-street into South-street crossing Villa-street having a total length of nearly 700 feet and an average width of 34 feet and BRETTELL STREET running parallel with Clandon-street from Portland-street into Villa-street being 256 feet in length and 26 feet in width or thereabouts. The said four highways are alleged to be unnecessary on the ground that they are no longer needed as highways inasmuch as all the houses and premises abutting or opening upon the said highways have been pulled down and it is not intended to rebuild any on the same sites in lieu of the said highways there is to be substituted by virtue of an agreement and undertaking dated the 14th day of April 1905 under the Seal of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England on land belonging to the said Commissioners two new highways running parallel with the highways proposed to be closed and a third new highway at right angles with Clandon-street and Lyhurst-court which new highways will be not only of considerably greater width than the highways proposed to be closed but will also give more convenient access to main thoroughfares in the immediate neighbourhood. In addition the said Commissioners will throw into the public street strips of land belonging to them in Villa-street and Wooler-street so as to widen those streets to an even width of 40 feet throughout their entire length.

And FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Certificate of two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of London having viewed the places or highways hereinbefore described and so proposed to be stopped up as aforesaid together with the plan particularly describing the said places or highways will be lodged at the Sessions House aforesaid on or before the 6th day of June 1905.

Dated this 9th day of May 1905.

J. A. JOHNSON, Town Clerk of the Borough of Southwark.

By Order of the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Southwark in the County of London the surveyors of highways of the said Borough.

TENDERS FOR UNIFORMS.

THE COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of SOUTHWARK are prepared to receive TENDERS for the SUPPLY of UNIFORMS for certain of their officers, in accordance with the specifications and conditions to be obtained at the Town Hall, Walworth-road, S.E., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Uniform," addressed to the Town Clerk and accompanied by samples of cloth, must be sent in not later than noon on Wednesday, June 7th, 1905.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

J. A. JOHNSON, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Walworth-road, S.E.

SHOP HOURS ACT, 1904.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE ORDER.

WHEREAS the SOUTHWARK BOROUGH COUNCIL are satisfied, on representations made to them, that a prima facie case has been made out for making a CLOSING ORDER,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Council to make an order fixing the hours at which shops shall be closed on the days of the week in the area, and as regards the trades set forth in the Draft Order annexed hereto.

Any person may make objections to the making of the order or suggestions as to its provisions in a written statement addressed to the Town Clerk before the expiration of four weeks from date hereof, i.e., before the 16th day of June, 1905.

On the expiration of the said period the Council will take into consideration the objections or suggestions received, and decide as to proceeding further with the Order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, during the said period, the occupier of any shop to be affected by the Order may, on presenting himself at the Town Hall, Walworth-road, S.E., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day of the week (excepting Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), verify that his name, address, and trade are duly entered in the Register of Shops.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1905.

J. A. JOHNSON, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Walworth-road, S.E.

A copy of the Draft Order referred to in this notice may be obtained on application at the Town Hall, Walworth-road, Southwark, by any ratepayer concerned.

DRAFT ORDER.

HAIRDRESSERS OR BARBERS.

Whereas the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Southwark is authorised by the SHOP HOURS ACT, 1904, to enforce the closing of certain shops at certain stated hours, the Council hereby order that all HAIRDRESSERS' ESTABLISHMENTS or SHOPS in the aforesaid Borough, or such portion or portions of these Establishments or Shops used wholly or in part for the business of Hairdressing (including the business of a Barber) shall CLOSE and remain closed at the undermentioned hours:

Monday	9 p.m.	Thursday	2 p.m.
Tuesday	9 p.m.	Friday	10 p.m.
Wednesday	9 p.m.	Saturday	11 p.m.

The Thursday previous to Christmas Day and Good Friday in each year to be excluded.—By order,

J. A. JOHNSON, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Walworth-road, S.E., 16th May, 1905.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF LAMBETH.

TO TIMBER MERCHANTS.

THE LAMBETH BOROUGH COUNCIL invite TENDERS for the SUPPLY of PITCH PINE and POLING BOARDS for Sewer Work for the Ten Months expiring March 31, 1906.

The approximate quantity likely to be required is 2,000ft. of 4in. by 4in. Pitch Pine, and 9,000 Poling Boards.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained from Mr. Henry Edwards, C.E., Borough Engineer, 346, Kennington-road.

Sealed Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Timber," are to be delivered to the undersigned not later than 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1905. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender, nor to order the above-mentioned approximate quantity.

H. J. SMITH, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Kennington Green, S.E., May, 1905.

TO HARNESS MAKERS.

THE LAMBETH BOROUGH COUNCIL is desirous of PURCHASING 12 sets of THILL HARNESS, and invite TENDERS for the whole or any portion of such Harness.

Specifications, conditions, and forms of tender may be obtained from Mr. Henry Edwards, C.E., Borough Engineer, 346, Kennington-road, S.E.

Sealed Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Harness," are to be delivered to the undersigned not later than 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1905.

H. J. SMITH, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Kennington Green, S.E., May, 1905.

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UNDERFED CHILDREN.

LUNACY RECEIVING HOUSES OPPOSED.

A CONTRACT DECLINED.

The ordinary meeting of this board was held at the Offices, Tooley-street—Mr. A. Barton (chairman) presiding. There were also present: Mr. Marner (vice-chairman), the Rev. J. S. Lidgett, Mrs. Simmons, Messrs. Williams, Lambert, Shearring, Ecroyd, Guerin, Ince, Manser, Pomeroy, Oake, Marriott, Bessell, Day, Gardiner, Hobbs, Eddis, Oakley, and the Mayor (Councillor Shand, J.P.).

UNDERFED CHILDREN.

The clerk submitted a copy of the Relief (School Children) Order, 1905, empowering the guardians to take steps towards providing underfed school children with food.

Mr. Ecroyd said that he considered the best course to pursue would be to refer the order to the Relief Committee, which comprised the whole board, with power to invite the head masters and mistresses of the public elementary schools to confer with them and county councillors representing the borough upon the matter. He moved that that course be adopted.

The Rev. J. S. Lidgett said he regretted that the London County Council had not taken a bolder course. Contact with the Poor-law and the consequent possible disqualifications would inflict hardship in many cases which might be avoided. If they delayed positive action for a time, they might save time eventually and avoid much friction.

Mr. Ince: Is not the board bound to feed destitute children?

The Chairman: Oh, yes, destitute children.

Mrs. Simmons: But these are underfed children.

Mr. Pomeroy: The cost of this should be cast upon the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund.

The motion was agreed to, the date of the meeting to be hereafter fixed.

LUNACY RECEIVING HOUSES.

A letter was received from the hon. secretary of the Medical Officers' Association, requesting the guardians to express an adverse opinion, if they could do so, upon the proposal of the London County Council to establish receiving houses for alleged cases of lunacy, and to request the members of Parliament for the district to oppose the bill now before the House of Commons.

Mr. Ecroyd considered that the guardians of any district could best determine the cases of lunacy and the treatment to be accorded them. He moved that Messrs. H. Cust and J. C. Macdona be asked to oppose the bill.

Mr. Shand seconded the motion. For five years he had considerable experience with lunacy cases. Last year he certified 350, and during this year about 150. He felt that under the proposed system they would not be so well treated as now, and the proportion of recoveries would consequently be less.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Hodges supported the motion, which was unanimously adopted, and copies directed to be sent to other London boards of guardians.

A CONTRACT DECLINED.

The clerk reported that upon requiring Mr. Kent's attendance for the purpose of signing the contract for painting and other works at Ladywell Workhouse, he requested further time for consideration, and subsequently wrote withdrawing his tender. He stated that his clerk had made a clerical error in calculation.

Some discussion ensued upon the question, but eventually the tender of Mr. J. J. Richards, of Shannon-grove, Brixton, for £724, was accepted. Mr. Kent's tender was for less than £600, and the architect's estimate was £1,400.

Funeral of Mr. J. C. Emmett.

FATHER OF NEWINGTON VESTRY LAID TO REST.

The funeral of Mr. Jonathan Christopher Emmett took place on Thursday at Brookwood Cemetery in the family grave. The chief mourners were the aged widow (Mrs. J. C. Emmett), Mr. John Emmett, Mrs. Charles, Mr. Vic Emmett, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collett, Mrs. Vic Emmett, Master John Emmett, &c. Councillor John G. Emmett was too ill to attend. Several of deceased's late employés followed the remains of their kindly master in every conceivable form of conveyance.

Over 40 beautiful floral tokens of esteem and regard were sent. A harp with broken string from the widow and a horseshoe from the late employés in Doddington-yard were particularly striking.

The deceased gentleman, who was born in July, 1834, was in his seventy-first year. Only three weeks before his death he sold off the whole of his stock in order to enjoy the ease and leisure that should always follow many years of honest toil and earthly hardships.

Mr. John Christopher Emmett was for years a notable figure in West Newington social and political life. As a Radical representative on the old vestry of St. Mary, Newington, he took a deep interest in all that affected the municipal welfare of Newington, and was at the time he relinquished office known amongst his colleagues of that body as "father" of the vestry. He also took great interest in the management of the Newington charities, and was a prominent official of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and P.G.M. of Oddfellows.

Deceased was in his public and private life noted for being blunt, straightforward, and simple, qualities that have earned for him the respect of neighbours, political opponents and friends, and made the death (which followed a paralytic seizure) all the more deeply regretted.

A further regret is that Councillor John G. Emmett, eldest son of the deceased gentleman is seriously ill just now.

A May Festival.

On Saturday, Prince's Hall, Lambeth Baths, Kennington-road, was the scene of an old custom which, although endowed by a Royal grant to the men and maidens of Lambeth in days of Henry V., has, like many old customs, nearly passed away. A grand production of "An Olde Englishe May Day," carried out in all the ancient forms, was celebrated by the Lambeth Wesleyan Sunday School to defray a debt of £25, much to the enjoyment of a large audience. Upon the chair being taken by Mr. A. Chamberlain, a lad acting as herald and attired in doublet hose and cap, bade his audience give heed by ringing a bell which he carried. In a brief prologue he carried his audience in imagination away to a sunny country green where Queen of May was to be crowned. First he summoned the Queen's guard, who to a stately march took up their position with soldierly bearing. Then followed a long procession of maidens representing flowers, nursery rhymes, old English folk, and the seasons.

The May Queen elect, in the person of Mistress Nellie Gotts, of Lambeth, was brought up in the rear by two maidens bearing the maypole. First a pretty chorus, "Sing, sing a song of May," was sung, after which the queen was with great ceremony presented with a garland and sceptre, and crowned amidst the cheers of all. Then followed a grand chorus, "Hail, hail, fair May Queen," after which the guard avowed their loyalty, the flowers paid their homage, and, to the great interest of all, children representing well-known nursery rhymes presented long stocking purses to the queen containing gifts by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mr. and Mrs. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Burton (of Brandon), Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Gay, Mr. and Miss Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Hosking, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holloway (of Tooting), Mr. and Mrs. Horniblow (of Oxford), Mr. Riseborough, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Spencer, Miss Spencer, Mr. Stevens (of Stockwell), and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

This incident was succeeded by old English games played before the queen by little children, including "Old Roger," "Here we dance," "Looby Loo," &c., to the delight of young and old. The time-honoured maypole dance was executed with great precision and skill. To a semi-chorus, each season, represented by four maidens, formed up to a grand tableau. After a quaint speech by the herald, in which the needs of the school were earnestly pleaded, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and Mrs. R. J. Spencer, to whose efforts the success of the evening was mainly due.

British Women's Sunday.

TEMPERANCE AT DULWICH.

The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Association in connection with the Dulwich-grove Congregational Church devoted their meeting on Sunday to a demonstration in furtherance of the objects of the British Women's Temperance Association, which took place in the Imperial Hall. The Rev. J. Hugh Edwards (president of the P.S.A.) presided over a large gathering, and he was supported on the platform by Mrs. Emmett, of Leeds, a missioner well known in the county of broad acres. A choir sang at intervals, and some admirable selections were also given by the band of the Dulwich-grove P.S.A., under the direction of Mr. A. B. Doxsey.

The chairman said he looked upon womanhood and temperance as a splendid combination. It was said that bachelors—and he was one—did not appreciate the work of women, but that was a great mistake. He thought that bachelors appreciated the capabilities of women far more than married men. (Laughter.) They knew that St. Paul was a married man from his remark, "Let women keep silence in our churches," it being thereby suggested that he heard the voice of a woman often enough at home. (Laughter.) No bachelor would, however, make such a remark as that, as they always liked to hear women whether at home or anywhere else. (Laughter.) The best soldiers they had to fight the drink were women, and, speaking of soldiers, he would remark that he heard the Prime Minister in the House of Commons assure the country that we were safe from invasion. It was all very well to be safe from the enemy without, but how about the enemy within, namely, the drink? The greatest enemy of all that killed more than any European army could do was already in our midst, and if it was to be driven back it must be done by the women. (Applause.)

Mrs. Emmett next proceeded to give an address. Taking up a passing remark by the chairman that women did not argue, she said that they might not be logicians, but they got straight to the point from instinct. (Laughter and applause.) She did not care for the franchise for herself, but when she looked upon the manner in which the little children suffered as the result of drink, she would ask for the vote at the door of the House of Commons for their sakes. (Applause.) Until they got women into the House of Commons and conducted legislation apart from the prospective support of the brewers or any other interest, they could never hope to get the laws altered that bore traces of the drink curse upon them. (Cheers.)

The orchestra played the first part of "The Creation," after which the proceedings terminated.

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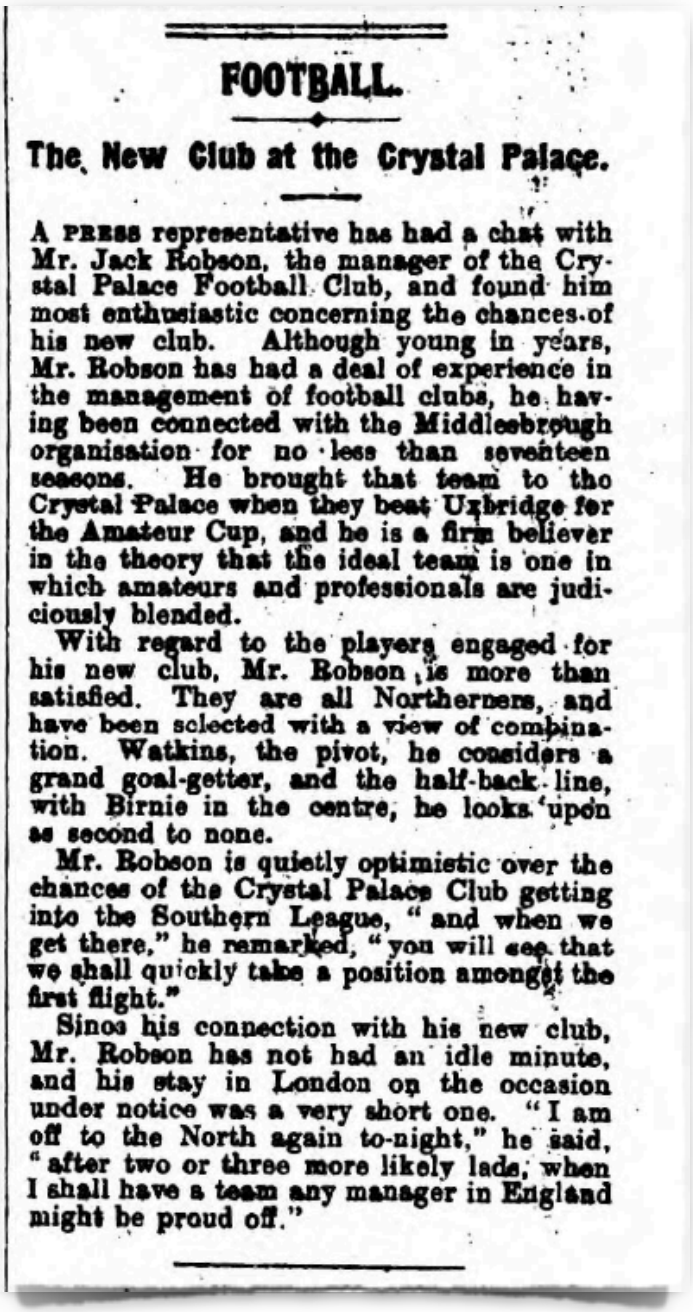

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Interview with Crystal Palace's newly appointed manager, Jack Robson. Title of article quite clearly stating that this is a new club. The article doesn't add anything further.

THE TRUNK TRAGEDY.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE AT INQUEST AND POLICE COURT.

RESULT OF ANALYSIS.

MORPHINE FOUND IN ALL PARTS OF DEAD VICTIMS' BODIES.

ON Thursday last the Kilburn coroner resumed his inquiry into the deaths of Mrs. Ellen Manor Devereux, aged thirty, and her twin baby sons, Lawrence Roland and Evelyn Lancelot, aged one year and eleven months, whose bodies were found in a trunk at a furniture depository near Paddington Green on Thursday, April 13.

The husband of the deceased, William Arthur Devereux, who is charged with the murder of the deceased, was present in court.

Sergeant Cole spoke to the arrest of the prisoner. On being told the charge against him, Devereux said he would make a statement later, when he arrived in London.

On arriving at Harlesden, at prisoner's request he was supplied with pen, ink, and paper, and wrote:

"I, Arthur Devereux, do hereby state that towards the end of January and the beginning of February last, having been out for a few hours with my child Stanley (The Coroner: I wish you to take particular note of the form of this statement, gentlemen.) I returned to find my wife and twins lying in their bed, evidently, to my mind, having died from poison taken or administered. Rather than face an inquest, I decided, with a recent trial fresh in my mind, to conceal the bodies in a trunk which I had had in my possession for about two years. This I proceeded to do at once.

"I missed some poisons—chloroform and morphia—which I always kept in my writing-desk after leaving my last situation in the event of my wishing to end my life rather than face starvation. The room smelt strongly of chloroform, so I concluded my wife had administered it to herself and her children, probably also morphia. I had had a violent quarrel with her previous to going out, also many times quite recently and during the past twelve months.

"I make this statement quite voluntarily, without any threats having been made or promises held out to me. I wished to make it when first detained at Coventry, but was dissuaded."

The Coroner: Notice two points—that he had been out for a few hours, and when he came back the room smelt strongly of chloroform.

Mrs. Sarah Wells, next door neighbour to the accused in Milton Avenue, said between February 1 and 4 she was up in her bedroom and heard sounds like laths of bedsteads coming down, and she said the Devereux were moving. The little boy went to the front door and rattled it, and said, "I want to come in." Somebody said "You can't." Something in paper was passed out, and the boy took it and went to play. On February 4 (Saturday) Mr. Devereux was in the garden making a bonfire. From that time she never saw Mrs. Devereux.

The foreman of the Jury: Do you know what the bonfire was composed of?

Only paper, so far as I could see.

Mrs. M. Gregory said that Devereux married her daughter six or seven years ago. He tried many situations.

Did he give her a fair proportion of his wages?

Yes.

Up to the time that the twins were born, did they live happily together?

Well, no.

As well as husband and wife generally do?

Yes, I never heard any words.

Prisoner was at Ramsgate at one time, and while there he was imprisoned for nine months. Witness and his wife and family went to live at Beaconsfield Road, Tottenham, and sometimes his father assisted them, and at times witness's husband helped. She was separated from him now. When Devereux came out of prison he applied to the parish for relief. They were badly off for food.

The Coroner: Were statements made to the relieving officer that he ate the food that the children ought to have eaten?

Yes, that was true. His wife often went without food, too. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children looked into the case, but did not prosecute. The prisoner lay in bed in the morning, and went to the library in the afternoon.

Witness did not know until he was at Croydon that Devereux slept with a revolver under his pillow.

Did Devereux ever threaten you?

Yes; at Stroud. He threatened to shoot me.

Did you fear that he would shoot you?

No; I thought he might.

Coroner: Have any members of your family ever been in a lunatic asylum or off their heads?

Oh, no! She had a son who disappeared mysteriously from Plymouth. His clothes were found on the beach, but his body was never found. "I believe he is still alive," said Mrs. Gregory. "I don't think he would take his life."

Inspector Pollard handed a letter to the witness, who said it was from her niece at Scarborough, who had an idea that the missing son was alive.

Mrs. Gregory, continuing, said that Devereux struck his wife at Sherwood Road because he did not want witness to be there. There was a little struggle because his wife took her mother's part. Devereux lived with his wife on the business premises of Dr. Adams at Croydon.

In reply to another question Mrs. Gregory said: My daughter has said to me that Devereux said she ought to have had one and not two children. He had said, "If I had not your blessed lot to keep, I could get on better by myself."

Would your daughter understand the use of drugs?

Only homœopathic. She never did any dispensing.

Would your daughter have access to the drugs at Dr. Adams's?

Yes. That was six years ago.

Detective-inspector Pollard said prisoner was discharged from Turner's at Kilburn for laziness, and also from other places for laziness. While at Turner's he was carrying on a system of fraud. He replied to advertisements in Bristol and West country papers and wrote in the name of Annie Smith. When he secured a situation he would get people to send him his railway fare, and then he would write to say that he could not come on account of illness, and would enclose a doctor's certificate. He was "very much wanted" in London in 1903. Even the trunk in which the bodies were found was obtained by fraud.

Dr. George Robertson, of Fernhead Road, Paddington, divisional surgeon of police, said that with Dr. Pepper he made a post-mortem examination of all the bodies. In regard to the child Lawrence, there were no signs of violence, and appearances were compatible with death from various causes, such as smothering, morphia, chloroform, or prussic acid. In the case of Evelyn, the appearances were the same.

On the body of the woman there were marks which might have been caused by her being dragged along the floor or through her knocking against furniture when alive. He should say the woman did not die from natural causes.

It would be a very difficult thing to administer chloroform to a healthy woman without her will?

It could be done from behind with a cloth thrown over the head, but I should expect to find marks of struggle. It could, of course, easily be done in sleep.

Could morphia be given in stout without its being discovered?

Yes; perfectly well.

If morphia, which is bitter, were put in a bottle, could a child have a good long pull at it before he noticed the bitterness?

Yes; quite enough to kill it.

If prussic acid were given would there be a trace at the end of a month?

Yes. Dr. Pepper has told me that he has found traces after that time.

In your opinion it is highly improbable that anyone of these three died from natural causes?

Highly improbable.

The Foreman: Could the deaths have been due to drowning?

That would be a form of suffocation.

This concluded the evidence. The coroner observed that the inquiry must be adjourned, and he hoped next week it could be ended. He was sorry largely on account of the prisoner because of the protracting of his anxiety. It was not possible to name a day for the continued inquest, but he would inform the jurymen as early as possible.

A large crowd waited outside the court to see Devereux depart, but there was no hostile demonstration.

On Friday, Arthur Devereux was again brought up at Harlesden Police Court on the capital charge. The Treasury now took up the prosecution, and a startling incident in the day's proceedings was the disclosure of the eagerly awaited analysis. This proved conclusively that Mrs. Devereux and her twin children died from morphine poisoning.

Mr. Bodkin and Mr. Williamson appeared to conduct the case for the Treasury; and prisoner was represented by Mr. Pierron. Interest was occasioned by the presence of a Japanese gentleman, said to be Prince Hoyoshi, who is studying Western legal procedure.

Mr. Bodkin, in opening, said that, in view of the gravity of the case, it had been undertaken by the Director of Public Prosecutions. The learned counsel went on to tell the story of the case, beginning with the marriage of Devereux and Miss Gregory in 1898. They were living at Stockwell when the boy Stanley was born in 1899. The twins were born at Stroud in 1903. There could be no doubt that the birth of the twins annoyed the prisoner. About May, 1904, Devereux entered the service of Mr. Turner, a Kilburn chemist, and took charge of a branch in Fernhead Road, but his employer complained of the management of the business, and he was discharged early in the New Year. Mrs. Gregory refused to live any longer in her son-in-law's house because of the threats he used towards her.

The bodies when discovered showed no trace of disease to account for death. The viscera had been subjected to analysis by Dr. Stevenson, the distinguished analyst, who had found in Mrs. Devereux's body 1.12 grains of morphine equivalent to 1.04 grains of morphia. He found this morphine in all parts of the body which he had examined. Morphine, in a smaller quantity, but in doses sufficiently large to kill, was also found in the bodies of each of the children. One grain of morphine was a full dose.

Proceeding, Mr. Bodkin pointed out that the prisoner's own statement showed that he was in possession of poisons, that he had quarrelled with his wife on that very day—one of a series of quarrels—and that he proceeded to conceal the bodies that same night. The poisons were kept in a locked desk, and there was no evidence that the desk had been tampered with, or that the key was missing.

As to the suggestion that the woman had poisoned herself with chloroform, there were few poisons which were more difficult to administer, for if it were drunk it would produce great irritation of the throat and mouth. "As to the efficiency of chloroform in rendering people insensible rapidly," he added, "that is a subject of many popular errors." (Laughter.)

Morphine, the other poison mentioned by the prisoner, could be more easily administered.

With the observation that he could not on the evidence find any justification for supposing that Mrs. Devereux, who was a fond mother and devoted to her children, had taken their lives and then committed suicide, Mr. Bodkin concluded his statement, which had lasted just over an hour.

Nothing of exciting interest transpired at the Harlesden Police Court on Saturday, when William Arthur Devereux appeared, for the fifth time, before Mr. Wright and a full Bench, charged with the murder of his wife and twin children. The evidence was, on the whole, a repetition of facts with which the public are already familiar, and at one point in the proceedings the general monotony seemed to have a soporific effect upon the prisoner who, resting his head upon his hand, closed his eyes and apparently resigned himself to slumber. As before, the court was crowded, and for more than an hour prior to the doors being opened numbers of people were to be found eagerly awaiting for admission. The arrival of the accused in a cab caused considerable excitement, which was nearly equalled by the advent of Mr. Pierron, his solicitor, and Mr. Bodkin, who, instructed by Mr. Williamson, is conducting the case on behalf of the Director-General of Public Prosecutions.

Detective Cole repeated his evidence regarding the accused's statements in the train, and denied that the man was hurried.

Mr. Pierron: Did he tell you that if he could see certain receipts he could give you the exact date of his wife's death?

Witness: He did say something about the receipts given by Willoughby.

Did he say he intended to amplify the statement he made?—I do not think so.

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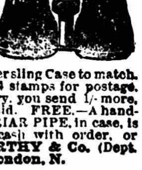
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MILLER.—On the 31st. ult., at Dilston, Carshalton, the wife of Gerald W. V. Miller, of a son.

WHITLEY.—On the 31st. ult., at Lingfield, to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Whitley, a daughter.

Marriage.

HINCKS—THOMPSON.—On the 29th, ult., at St. Thomas's Church, Clapham Common, N., by the Rev. W. E. Jackson, M.A., Cyril Malcolm, eldest son of Francis Cooper Hincks, of "The Firs," Reigate, to Adelaide, third daughter of John Thompson, of 88, Osbaldeston-road, Stamford Hill, N.

RICE—HARWOOD.—On the 2nd. inst., at St. Mary's Church, Brighton, by the Rev. G. M. Hutton, Lester Rice, of Redhill, to Josephine Elizabeth Harwood, 41, Marine Parade, Brighton.

Death.

AITKEN.—On the 22nd. ult., at 47, The Crescent, Croydon, Dame Emily Clara Aitken, widow of Sir William Aitken, aged 70.

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F. C. LLOYD, *Clerk of the Peace.*

Town Hall, Croydon, 20th September, 1904.

The Croydon Gas Company.

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(By Order of the Directors)

WILLIAM W. TOPLEY, *Secretary*

Offices of the Company, Katharine Street, Croydon. 14th July, 1905

County Borough of Croydon.

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JAMES SMYTH, *Clerk.*

31st July, 1905.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1905.

Editorial Et cetera.

No two nations have ever coalesced with a more genuine and enthusiastic affection than have France and England during the glowing days of the visit of the French Fleet to Portsmouth. There have been scenes of wild fervour among the troops and sailors of allied nations in war time when marching against a common foe. That is quite a different thing. The excitement and fever heat of war excites enthusiasm which we do not look for in times of peace. But no rapprochement of war has ever exceeded the intensity, the earnestness, and, we may say, the pathos of this reunion of two great peoples. It is the greatest and most glorious factor for peace the world has seen. As our gracious King (himself the greatest peacemaker) said, in one of his wise sentences, it is the friendship of peace. Whatever of estrangement has existed between French and English has been due to misunderstanding, and is now dispelled. By the affectionate warmth and indisputable sincerity of the British welcome to the French Fleet a veil has been lifted from the eyes and hearts of our neighbours. A proud, susceptible and brilliantly clever people, they have mistaken our reserve for disdain, our Imperial success for aggression, and our holding aloof from European alliances as insular pride and contempt. They now see that, after all, John Bull is really a very jolly fellow, and that deep in his heart lies an honest love for his bright and beautiful neighbour. At this reunion of hearts there is joy in both countries. There should be joy among all who would seek peace and ensue it; for, after the remarkable demonstrations at Brest and Portsmouth, any third Power would think quite three times before it dreamed of attacking either party to a rapprochement which goes deeper than any written treaty, and will, we hope and believe, last longer. This, too, may be said in perfect accord with the Prime Minister's emphatic and warmly approved statement that the *entente cordiale* thus enthusiastically established is not directed against any third Power. It is, in fact, nothing else than a rapprochement of peace.

The majority of Englishmen must be pardoned for assuming that the subject of politics lies dormant from the middle of August until the end of September, when public meetings become not only possible, but even welcome. The close of the session and the prorogation of Parliament was hailed with a sigh of relief by the most hardened of politicians, while the ordinary citizen, for some time perplexed and irritated by the intrigues and bitterness displayed by the contending parties in Parliament, had almost lost interest in the debates, and hardly noted that the great machine of Government had passed into a state of suspended animation. An informal political truce is declared, and members of both the Government and the Opposition are enjoying that rest to which they are so justly entitled. But it is impossible to abstain from reflecting how near we have been to the turmoil of a General Election and from estimating how far the various parties whose interests would be affected have made adequate preparations for the fray. It is generally conceded that the central offices of the Conservatives and Liberals have made all the preliminary dispositions that wisdom dictates for the electioneering campaign which has so rapidly been postponed for the moment. They have doubtless taken every precaution to make certain that not a single member of the electorate shall remain in ignorance of the virtues or vices, as the case may be, of the existing Cabinet. We may rest assured also that the fiscal question, which many prophesy will provoke the greatest interest among voters, will be more or less lucidly explained, owing to the high state of organisation in the societies devoted respectively to Protection or Free Trade.

The outcome of the Indian Army reform scheme is the resignation of Lord Curzon. It had been threatened on the question of the acceptance of Lord Kitchener's proposals. But it was hoped that, as the result of compromise, a working agreement had been arrived at. The present disagreement has been caused over the appointment of the first Military Supply Member under the new scheme.

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NORWOOD COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—Report for the week ending August 20th:—Admitted, 7; discharged, 5; died, 0; remaining 19. Medical officer for the ensuing week, Dr. Swayne. Treasurer, G. H. Finch, Esq., 1, Beulah-hill. The committee acknowledge with thanks the receipt of books and flowers from Lady Treloar, 53, Beulah-hill, Mrs. Bush, Mr. Walburgh, and Mrs. Penn; *Daily Telegraph*, Miss Tyndall.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—The secretary acknowledges with thanks receipt of 30s. from the employees of Messrs. Measures, of Factory-lane. During the week 621 patients have been under treatment.

The induction of the Rev. J. G. Train, late of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, to the pastorate of Prospect street Church, Hull, is to take place on September 14th.

LABOUR CO-PARTNERSHIP EXHIBITION AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The principle of labour co-partnership is now too well known to need any lengthy allusion or explanation here. Undoubtedly the movement is spreading, and in the exhibition now being held, there is evidence of its growth. The number of exhibition stalls is rather greater than at any previous exhibition, and certainly the large attendance of ladies and gentlemen at the opening ceremony was greatly in excess of that of any previous year. Close upon fifty productive societies were represented by exhibits, from all over the kingdom, and they were almost as varied as they were numerous. If, however, there is a preponderance of any particular articles as compared with any other, it is in the boot trade. Co-partnership in boot and shoe manufacturing appears to have "caught on" amazingly. Several of these "firms" exist at Leicester, and are represented at the exhibition, the boots shown being of all grades from the heavy hob-nailed boots of the navvy or labourer to the most dainty footcovering for the ball-room. Leicester is also represented by builders, engineers, and basket makers. There are some very fine specimens of wicker-work on view. From Bradford come dress goods in cashmere, wool ottomans, Indian cloths, serges, stripes, and figures. Coventry sends some fine watches and many artistic articles of jewellery in rolled gold, &c. Burnley is represented by Oxford shirtings, grandrilles, flannelettes, silesias, sateens, grey cloths, &c. There are boots and shoes from Chesham, Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Rothwell, Barwell, and Desborough; fustians from Hebden Bridge. It is somewhat astonishing how many co-operative building and contracting societies are represented, and one society has gone to the extent of giving a practical demonstration of bricklaying in the exhibition. Hosiery and corset making societies are well represented. One of the most interesting stands is that of the Mosaic Workers' Co-operative Society, there being on view some exceptionally fine specimens of this beautiful and artistic work. From Kettering and other places come specimens of ready-made clothing, and from Sheffield are many fine examples of the cutler's handicraft. Grocery sundries are well represented.

The Walsall Co-operative Padlock Society, which arose from a strike in 1872, have a fine stand of their productions. Amongst other varieties of exhibits are those of cabinet makers and carriage builders from Leicester, of various printing societies, of nursery garden societies, and from the North Wales quarries and the Garden City, Ealing. It will thus be seen that there is variety enough to occupy the attention of visitors to the exhibition for a considerable time. Nearly all the societies exhibiting are offering for sale specimens of their wares, and are ready and willing to receive orders. Business commenced immediately after the opening ceremony. With regard to this function, Mr. B. T. Hall, secretary of the Club and Institute Union, presided, and with him were Mr. Will Crooks, M.P., Mr. Henry Vivian, Mr. Fred Maddison, Mr. O. K. Connell, Mr. Ancurin Williams, Miss Sybella Gurney (secretary of the Co-partnership Tenants' Housing Council), and many others. The Chairman very briefly explained the objects of the exhibition, and then called upon

Mr. Will Crooks, M.P., who was most cordially received. The co-partnership movement, he said, expressed itself in two directions—in the organisation of workshops or factories by working men with working class capital, in which labour should participate in profit made after standing wages and a fair interest on capital had been paid, and in which workers could acquire capital, and have a voice in the management. It also encouraged private firms to admit the workpeople employed to participate in the profits made after recognised wages and a fair interest on capital had been paid. Co-partnership interested the worker in his work, made his daily toil more interesting and profitable, promoted citizenship in the workshop as well as in the town or State, and made for industrial peace. We existed for each other, he said, and could not live without each other. The individual employer was getting out of date, and the limited company, which was taking his place, had no regard for either the bodies or souls of their employees. On the other hand, co-partnership stood for all that was good in manhood and womanhood, and gave them an opportunity of doing good work, and being proud of it. One of the advantages of purchasing goods such as they saw in the exhibition was that they knew that the articles were turned out by people who were working under decent conditions. He then spoke at length on influence of the co-partnerships on the Trades Union movement. The former would tend to do away with all labour disputes, and would bring about an ideal condition for the labourer. As to the progress of the movement, he said there were now 126 workmen's productive societies in England which adopted the principle of co-partnership, with a total capital of £1,700,000, and producing goods annually to the value of £3,500,000, and making an annual profit of over £200,000, whereas in 1883 there were only 15 such societies, with a capital of £100,000, and a trade of £160,000. Co-operation and co-partnership was a way out of many difficulties we suffered under. They had to make men and women understand—not their power, but their responsibilities—(hear, hear)—and in the Trades Union and co-operative movements there were wonderful things to be done. They were not going to waste any more money on lockouts and strikes. At the workshops represented at that exhibition recognised Trades Union rates were paid, and at most of them the eight hours day had been adopted. That was something to be proud of. He then spoke of the different phases of the movement, and especially of the tenant owners' branch, the progress of which he traced from its inception in 1888.

On the motion of Miss Gurney, seconded by Mr. Fred Maddison, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Crooks and the chairman, and the first named having declared the exhibition open, the company dispersed to make an inspection of the exhibits, and business commenced at the stands.

The Labour Co-partnership Association opened its 18th annual exhibition at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday.

It is from workshops organised and commenced on the co-partnership association, now in its 21st year, that the exhibits now being shown are drawn. Private firms and companies now adopting the principle are not represented. The pioneers of industry are out of it altogether—it is the working man's chance, this time, of showing what he can do when possessed of the necessary means. At the same time it must be understood that the task before the Labour Association is to induce our great industrial leaders with experience and capacity to co-operate with the workmen in extending the principle, and it is hoped that this annual demonstration of the practicability of its proposals may do something towards promoting this end.

Since 1884 the organisers of the association have been striving to find a solution which they could felicitously apply to the labour problem of this country. They held conferences and delivered lectures to co-operative consumers, trade unionists, and employers, and in the end it was agreed that the best means of getting over the difficulty of conflicting interests was to unite capital with labour. The first step taken was to admit labour to participate in the profits of business, to own capital, and to take a share of the risks and responsibilities. This is what is called the labour co-partnership, and the results have been so satisfactory as to induce the organisers to go a little further—to induce steady working men to combine in commencing business, taking their chance of finding a market either amongst co-operative stores or outside. In this way a new and better order of industry is crystallising in our midst, and if the success of the movement may be accepted as any indication, its future prosperity is assured. Further, a field of progress is opened up by the facilities given to the men to put into effect ideas of invention and improvement which would have remained dormant in their minds under the old arrangement of total subservience.

The exhibits, which are of an assorted character, comprise both hardware and soft goods. There is a stall from the quarrymen of Bethesda, showing some very fine examples of slate, mounted in a most attractive fashion. The Garden City Press (Limited), the first industrial undertaking formed in connection with the garden city of Letchworth, is one of the newest of these labour co-partnership societies. Is is worked upon continental lines, and a special guarantee is given in respect of loans and interest on shares.

On Thursday, the annual gathering of the Labour Co-partnership Association, the object of which is to bring about an organisation of industry based on the principle of labour co-partnership, was held. Mr. Allen, of Blaina, the president for the year, occupied the chair, and there were present, among others, Mr. J. M. Ludlow, C.B., Mr. Austin (director of the South Metropolitan Gas Co.), Mr. A. Williams, Mr. H. Vivian (secretary), Mr. Maddison, and Miss Gurney.

Mr. H. Austin (director of the South Metropolitan Gas Co.) gave details of the working of the co-partnership scheme in his company. He remarked that the results to the employee made him better off than the ordinary wage earning workmen, and enabled him to retire from work earlier, thus giving a greater chance to the younger and more able-bodied man. (Hear, hear.) In addition to the co-partnership scheme, the company had a workmen's building society, to which they had lent out £10,000 to enable the employees to purchase their own houses. (Hear, hear.) They were able to measure some of the success of these schemes by the fact that the company supplied the cheapest gas in London, while they paid good wages and gave a bonus to the employees, and a fortnight's wages so that they might get a holiday. (Cheers.)

CRYSTAL PALACE CONFETTI FETE.

On Wednesday evening a fancy dress carnival and confetti fete was held in the North Tower Gardens of the Crystal Palace. The gardens, which are admirably adapted for functions of this kind, were specially decorated, and soon after sunset the scene was particularly pretty, the elaborate scheme of illuminations presenting a charming effect. A large number of prizes were offered by the Crystal Palace management for picturesque and original fancy dresses, and in awarding these the judges had a difficult task. The music was furnished by the band of the West India Regiment. The following is the

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Gentlemen's Most Handsome Costume.—1, Veerasawmy, Kelvin-grove, Sydenham, "Hindoo Gentleman"; 2, T. W. Causer, 29, Anerley-road, "Chinese Mandarin"; 3, S. Hutchinson, 38, Palace-road, "King Henry V."

Gent.'s Most Original Costume.—1, J. Tipple, 126, Lebanon-road, East Croydon, "Church and Stage"; 2, F. Payne, Crystal Palace School of Engineering, "Indian Beggar."

Children's Class.—Miss Nellie Hyatt, Woodman-yard, Westow-hill, "Colman's Mustard"; Gordon Stumcke, "Punchinello." Both were awarded a prize, they being the only competitors.

Ladies' Most Handsome Costume.—1, Miss Price Davies, Charing Cross-mansions, "Between the Showers"; 2, Miss Gray, 2, Handel-mansions, Brunswick-square, "Sweet Nell of Old Drury"; 3, Miss Payne, Coningham-road, W., "Romeo and Juliet."

Ladies' Most Original Costume.—1, Miss Greenois, 78, Cowley-road, Brixton, "Quarter Days"; 2, Miss Eva Wilders, 11, West-terrace, Fairholme-park, Sydenham, "Crystal Palace Pleasures."

Advertisement Class.—1, Mrs. Routledge, 10, Minden-road, Anerley, "Bovril"; 1, Mr. Collam, 37, Gabriel-road, Honor Oak Park, "Poli Varn Boot Polish." In this class one prize was offered for the ladies and one for the gentlemen.

POLO.

Wanderers beat London by 13 goals to two.

At the London Polo Club's enclosure on Saturday the home side met the Wanderers. The following players lined up:—

London: Mr. J. Parsons, Mr. de Paravicini, Major Fowler Butler, and Mr. A. A. Suffert (back).

Wanderers: Lord Aberdour, Mr. C. C. Lister, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. D. W. Godfree (back).

At the end of the first period the Wanderers led by two goals to one, and from that point scored rapidly, finally winning by 13 goals to two.

MOTORING ARRANGEMENTS.

Sept. 30th.—Autocycle Club: Race Meeting, Crystal Palace.

The information that a cyclist has the right to ride his machine on a field footpath seems to have come as a surprise to many persons, including the policeman who summoned a wheelman for the supposed offence. But seeing that a little inquiry would have settled the matter without recourse to the police-court, it is rather hard that the cyclist should have been put to the trouble of answering the charge at all.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE. — On Thursday morning Westow-hill presented an unusually animated aspect. A large crowd, consisting chiefly of the fair sex, were beseiging Messrs. Morlock & Co.'s well-known drapery premises. A posse of police were on duty regulating the traffic. Passers-by stopped, surveyed, and smiled, and, in many instances stayed to participate in the remarkable bargains offered at Morlock's Monstre Mart. This enterprising method of merchandizing is the surest antidote to the tendency to trot off to London for every trivial article required.

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ADVANCE, SOUTH NORWOOD.

SIR,—That doughty councillor and champion of Anerley, Mr. W. H. Walford, has sung, or, rather, written, eloquently yet appropriately of the "enchanting environment — rich in the glories of nature," the low rate of mortality, the high elevation, and the moderate local rates of his portion of our "Crystal Palace District."

About 35 years ago I migrated to the, if I may so call it, village of South Norwood, a modest and very moderate portion of the parliamentaay constituency of East Surrey, and I have watched with interest its gradual but sure progress ever since. We had no Stanley Halls, Holy Innocents', Polytechnic, Free Library, tramcars, omnibuses, or even cemetery in those remote days. Selhurst-road, Auckland-road, South Norwood-hill, and most of Portland-road were pleasant country lanes, when Mr. Van Vliat, Mr. Holldige, Mr. Bird, Mr. Enmore Jones, Mr. Steere, and others built a good class of houses, then in demand, and the social status of the locality improved, until we found ourselves an important ward in the Corporation of Croydon.

Our rates, 7s. 10d. in the £, are quite high enough, yet compare favourably with most of the metropolitan boroughs, whilst our water rate is at present exceptionally low. This house, for instance, was charged £5 10s. per annum by the Lambeth Company, but now pays only £1 18s. to the Croydon Corporation.

Our death-rate (Croydon) is the lowest of the 23 largest towns. Our shops, in number and quality, have rapidly progressed. Our spiritual and educational facilities are unsurpassed.

Our train service to London Bridge, Victoria, Kensington, Brighton, and else where is exceptionally good, whilst the electric trams are progressing rapidly.

The education and amusement of the residents is well catered for by the Dramatic, Operatic, and Athenæum Societies, and the South Norwood (Pavilion) and Norhyrst Cricket, Tennis, and Boating Clubs, whilst the Beckenham Golf Links are close to Woodside Station.

The lovely views and natural beauties around South Norwood are noticeably abundant and refreshing — the Shirley Hills, Croham Hurst, Crystal Palace, and Hayes Common—whilst the undulating, ambrosial Grange Wood recalls the lines:—

"How blest is he who crowns in shades like these
A youth of labour with an age of ease."

Now with such surroundings and advantages, why do the better class of tenants not take the many large, well-built, and very cheap houses now to let?

I am convinced that it is because so few know of the many local advantages and economical conditions of the locality.

The rents are much lower than in most other localities around London, the jerry builder is conspicuous by his absence, the sanitary regulations are perfect, and the neighbours are—ahem—eminently respectable.

Your obedient servant,
W. MEAD CORNER.
Camden House,
South Norwood.

"CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION."

DEAR SIR,—During the last few days the appearance of one of the quietiest and quaintest roads in Upper Norwood has been sadly marred, if not entirely spoiled, by the erection, in a garden, of a conspicuously ugly corrugated iron shed, abutting right on to the narrowest part of the road. I trust this has been done without the knowledge of the owner of the garden, who, I notice, is prominently connected with the above association; or, maybe, it is one of the "ideas for improving the neighbourhood generally." If so, I know of at least one more house in the neighbourhood which will shortly be vacated.

Yours truly,
"FOX HILL."
August 24th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper to call attention to what I call a system of extortion exercised by the L.B. & S.C. Railway? On the 22nd inst. I booked from London Bridge to South Norwood Junction and return, to travel by the 10.56, for which I paid 1s. 2d., but when I arrived at the barrier I was told I had to get a main line ticket. On my asking for same at the booking office, I was told I could not travel by that train unless I paid 1s. 5d. Now, Sir, I should like to know why the L.B. & S.C. Railway are allowed to treat the travelling public in this way, for if the fare is 1s. 2d. (and that I consider excessive) by one train, why should it be 1s. 5d. by a fast train, when they both stop at South Norwood? No wonder there are houses by the hundreds to be let in this health-giving part of London, for the public know very well that by living down here they will be fleeced by the railway company, and they fight shy of coming here.

Yours truly,
H. PENNINGTON.
The Stafford Pottery Co.,
High-street, South Norwood.
August 24th, 1905.

SIR,—Much as I like Norwood, from old associations, I think that few people will be deceived by Mr. Walford's well-meant letter. The public is a good judge, and, on the whole, seems to have decided that there are, nowadays, when locomotion is so easy, many other places far more up-to-date, and offering more advantages than Norwood can do.

Very reluctantly, I am obliged to confess that the days of the Crystal Palace are, in all human probability, numbered, and I humbly think that it is very questionable if even an improved railway service would alter the public taste, though it will always be a matter for regret that the reasonable effort to introduce tramways some time ago, to the great benefit of the place generally, and of tradesmen in particular, was defeated by the very questionable tactics of very interested parties.

Yours &c.,
D. Z. BEAUMONT,
"Greystoke,"
Upper Norwood.

IN the latter part of September there will be eight scholarships vacant at the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind. These scholarships are open to the blind of England and Wales over sixteen years of age. Any who wish for full information should write to the principal, F. J. Campbell, LL.D., Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E.

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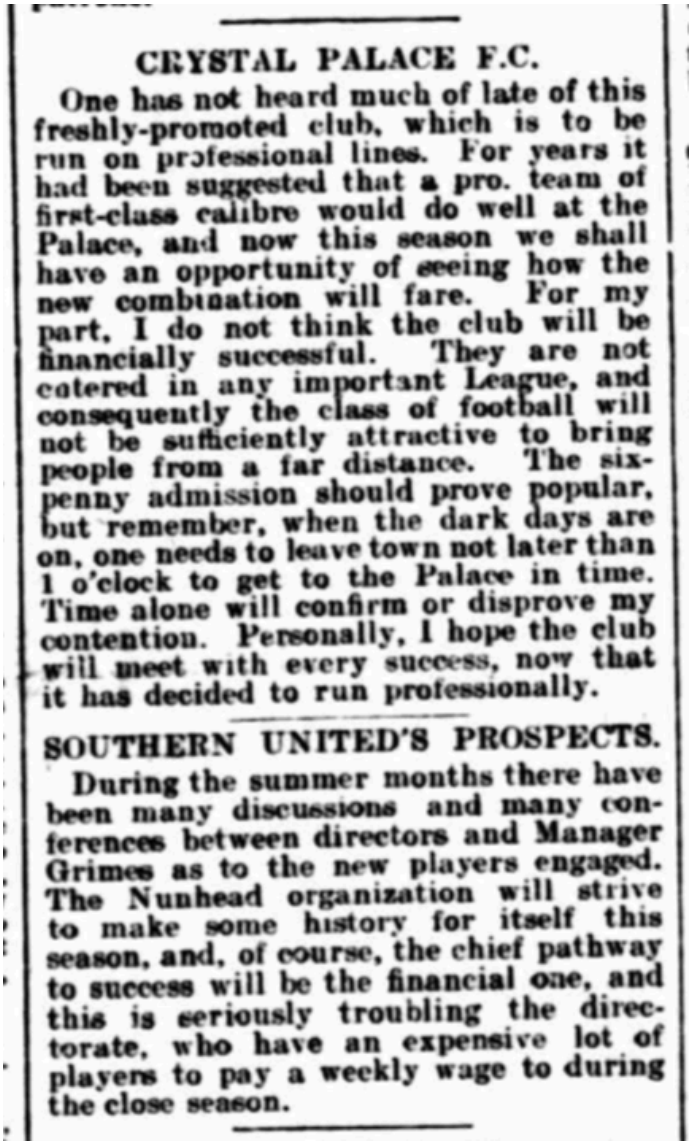

CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

One has not heard much of late of this freshly-promoted club, which is to be run on professional lines. For years it had been suggested that a pro. team of first-class calibre would do well at the Palace, and now this season we shall have an opportunity of seeing how the new combination will fare. For my part, I do not think the club will be financially successful. They are not catered in any important League, and consequently the class of football will not be sufficiently attractive to bring people from a far distance. The six-penny admission should prove popular, but remember, when the dark days are on, one needs to leave town not later than 1 o'clock to get to the Palace in time. Time alone will confirm or disprove my contention. Personally, I hope the club will meet with every success, now that it has decided to run professionally.

SOUTHERN UNITED'S PROSPECTS.

During the summer months there have been many discussions and many conferences between directors and Manager Grimes as to the new players engaged. The Nunhead organization will strive to make some history for itself this season, and, of course, the chief pathway to success will be the financial one, and this is seriously troubling the directorate, who have an expensive lot of players to pay a weekly wage to during the close season.

Local press refer to Crystal Palace as 'new combination' and 'Freshly promoted'. There is some ambiguity in this article suggesting they might have been amateur at some point in their incarnation.

SOUTH LONDON CRICKET

By RAMBLER.

Special Reports and Gossip from All Districts.

CRICKET GOSSIP.

SEASON EBBING.

With August fast ebbing away, the cricket season is now rapidly nearing its end. Many clubs play during every Saturday in September, but the majority of our leading teams ring down the curtain after the first or second Saturday next month. Football nowadays in South London has become a big matter, and an early commencement by the larger organizations is generally practised.

CLUB CONSERVATISM.

On the whole, we have had a fair summer, though June was distinctly unfavourable for the cricketer, two or three week-ends being very wet. The bigger club does not believe in combination, and so each succeeding year we find the same opponents being met in friendly rivalry. The competitive spirit in club cricket is confined purely to the "friendly" system, and I am not at all convinced that the League principle among the big clubs would be a blessing. It is among the junior element a sort of fillip is needed, and Leagues are increasing in this grade of cricket.

CLUB AVERAGES.

I shall be glad to have the batting and bowling averages of clubs for insertion as soon as compiled, but I must impress upon the secretaries the absolute necessity of these statistics being furnished immediately their season closes, as when they are forwarded late in the winter the exigencies of space frequently prevent publication. Will club secretaries please make a note of this fact?

"MR. EXTRAS" IN FORM.

The first few wickets of Dulwich went somewhat cheaply to Croydon's bowling, but when J. F. Colyer got going he laid about him with vigour, and succeeded in compiling 86, and thus helping along the score to 201. When time was reached the Croydonians had scored 129 for the loss of seven wickets, "Mr. Extras" being top sawyer with 41 to his credit.

A GOOD STRUGGLE.

Some capital batting by Messrs. F. L. Nicholls (75) and W. S. Holt (57) for Forest Hill against the Brixton Wanderers, backed up by a goodly number of extras (34), enabled Forest Hill to declare their innings when 162 for five. Yet so well did Frank Odell (64) and E. J. Gate bat, that the Wanderers had registered 130 for four wickets when stumps were drawn.

J. BUCK SCORES 149.

There have been plenty of interesting tussles between Townley Park and Catford since the clubs first met, and at Townley-road the Parkites were seen in a good batting vein, the chief feature being a splendid innings by J. S. Buck, who eventually carried his bat for 149. This is his highest score of the season, and I believe the best he has ever made, though I am open to correction. H. J. Booker also scored 52, and A. Hoe 30. With 243 on the board for three wickets, the closure was applied. Catford were all disposed of for 117, H. W. French playing excellent cricket for his 60 not out. Had it not been for his efforts, the Kittens would have fared disastrously. The bowling of Blewitt and Pitts was too much for Catford.

LUGG b LUGG, 20.

The Old Olavians found the bowling of Messrs. Lugg and Cornwall too good to take liberties with, and so they were all out for 76. Lugg, for the Old Boys, scored 20 before being clean bowled by his namesake, which looks peculiar in print. The West Kent Wanderers scored 156, Wilson, the Old Olavian, securing six wickets.

GEORGE HOWELL'S CENTURY.

After having a lean season, so far as batting was concerned, George Howell, the Townley Park cricketer, played a fine innings against Catford II. last week, carrying his bat for 110. His cutting and driving were superb. He made a prolonged stand with his old friend, J. K. Pratt, who scored 91. Jack Graham, of Millwall football fame, was also in form with the bat for Catford, he scoring 86. "Jack" can hit with delightful freedom when thoroughly well "set."

CLAPHAM'S WINNING SIXER.

Claygate started their innings against Clapham in promising style, and quickly knocked up 70 runs for the loss of four wickets, Pearson, in his hard-hit 37, making three 6's and four 4's. However, eight wickets fell for only 76; but, thanks to the steady batting of Chancelor, the total was raised to 104. Clapham lost four wickets for only 24, but Huish forced the game in fine style and compiled 47. Turner ably seconded his efforts, and in scoring the winning hit drove the ball out of the ground for 6 amidst great enthusiasm, an exciting and in all ways pleasant game ending in a victory for Clapham. They journey to Earlswood to play on the private grounds of the asylum, and this always proves to be an enjoyable game.

N. C. BENNETT IN FORM.

Grove beat Ravensbourne after a most interesting game by 38 runs. Winning the toss, they commenced badly, losing two wickets with only 12 runs on the board; but on Goldsbrough (51) and Bennett (45) becoming associated a fine stand was made, and the third wicket did not fall till the score-board showed 105. The later batsmen did little, and the innings closed for 167. Bennett's bowling was too good for the Ravensbourne men, but they made a stubborn fight, Briscoe in particular hitting in great style for 38 not out. Bennett's analysis read seven wickets for 39 runs—a splendid performance, considering the strength of the opposing batsmen. He is in great form just now, having captured six wickets for 9 runs against Zouave the preceding Saturday.

WINGFIELD HOUSE DO WELL.

Although Wingfield House have not flown at high game this season, they have been more successful than in any previous year. On Saturday, on a perfect pitch, at the Oval, they polished off the Junior Surrey Ground Staff, winning a keenly-contested game by 46 runs. The home team so far have only suffered defeat on one occasion this season.

ST. JUDE'S WIN.

Last Saturday St. Jude's met Clifton C.C., the prospective winners of the Lambeth Auxiliary League, a very moderate game ending in a win for the former. Clifton batted first, and, assisted by several mistakes in the field, totalled exactly 100. Runs were by no means easy to get when St. Jude's batted, the light gradually declining, and with the wicket crumbling the conditions were very much of a sporting nature. However, thanks to some venturesome hitting by C. W. Langford and a careful innings of W. Satchell, the runs were comfortably made. The scores were: Clifton, 100; St. Jude's, 114 for eight wickets.

SOUTHAMPTON WIN AGAIN.

After being beaten by Camberwell United by 2 runs on Saturday week, Southampton got a little of their own back by defeating St. Barnabas's Institute by 29 runs. Southampton and Glendale are running a neck-and-neck race for the championship of the Dulwich League (Premier Division), so every point counts. S. Pilkington bowled well in both matches, getting five for 22 and six for 21 respectively. To-day Melville will be met at Hilly Fields, also in the Dulwich League.

ST. VINCENT'S.

St. Vincent's travelled to Wormholt Farm to obtain points from Bishop's Park. The Park placed a strong team out, which is unusual for them in the Battersea League. The Saints batted first on a very bad wicket; two wickets fell cheaply, but by good, even batting they registered 98, a fine performance on such a wicket. Molloy, Hall, Blake, and C. Sims batted well. Bishop's Park found that this score was too much for them against the bowling of Hall and Blake, who disposed of them for the small total of 35, thus winning by 63 runs, and at the same time winning Section 3 of the Battersea League with two matches in hand.

COLLINGWOOD LOSE.

Collingwood entertained the Glendale II. team at Raynes Park in the Dulwich League. The Collingwood suffered defeat by 47 runs. For the visitors Glen made top score for his side, scoring 40. Oxley, the Collingwood bowler, took five wickets for 39; Minson two wickets for 32, Meldrum one wicket for 13, and Whitewick one wicket for 20. Glendale scored 132. Collingwood going into bat started well, Billson and Minson putting on 52 runs for the first wicket, when Billson was smartly taken at the wicket, his score being 19.

The following are the results in the Lambeth League last week: Division I.—Cygnet, 144; Dulwich Vale, 51. Onward, 41; Rye Lane, 25 (W. Clark, for Onward, took seven wickets for 7 runs). Division II.—Peckham Wesleyan, 55; Carylton, 26 (S. Wells, for Peckham Wesleyan, took all ten wickets for 3 runs). Vauxhall Wesleyan, 88; Topaz, 32 (J. T. Brown 46). Division IV.—Marlborough, 61; Silverdale, 44. Division V.—Kitto II., 62; Peckham Rye Tabernacle, 51.

The results of the Battersea Park Association matches played last week are as follow: Division II. (Senior).—Surrey-lane Evening Classes, 129 (Groom 59, Dymond 12, Miller 10; Matlow took five wickets for 5 runs); Alma, 19. Avondale Athletic, 40 (Stone 13, Crawford eight wickets for 10 runs); Battersea St. Peter's, 28 (Besiegal five wickets for 19). Division III. (Senior).—Creighton Athletic, 52 (Butler 14, Narroway 12); Tennyson, 50 (Woods 12). St. Vincent's, 98 (Molloy 30, C. Sims 17, Hall 11, Blake 10); Bishop's Park, 35 (Baverstock 15). Division I. (Junior).—Malvern, 103 (Smith 33, Corkett 20, Player 17, Edwards 10, Smith five for 11, Player five for 14); Ferndale, 29.

St. Jude's, Peckham (24, good medium), owing to disappointment, have September 2 open, away. F. Swain, 159, Barry-road, East Dulwich, S.E.

LAMBETH ASSOCIATION.

TABLES TO AUGUST 19 INCLUSIVE.

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Clifton	10	9	1	0	19
Kitto	9	5	1	3	11
Dulwich Vale	8	4	0	4	8
Kingsley	9	3	2	4	8
Onward	9	4	0	5	8
Rye Lane	8	3	0	5	6
Cygnet B	11	2	0	9	4

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Moffat Old Boys	5	5	0	0	10
Carylton	6	3	0	3	6
Vauxhall Wesleyan United	6	3	0	3	6
Peckham Wesleyan	7	3	0	4	6
Topaz	8	2	0	6	4

DIVISION IV.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Marlborough	10	9	1	0	19
Silverdale	10	7	1	2	15
Cottage Green	10	5	0	5	10
Vauxhall Baptist	10	5	0	5	10
Onward B	9	3	0	6	6
Clifton B	9	0	0	9	0

DIVISION V.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Moffat Old Boys B	9	8	0	1	16
Dulwich Vale B	10	5	0	5	10
Vauxhall Wesleyan United B	9	5	0	4	10
Westwood	8	4	0	4	8
Kitto B	9	3	0	6	6
Peckham Rye Tab.	9	2	0	7	4

DIVISION VI.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Glenville	5	4	0	1	8
Maze Pond	5	2	1	2	5
Gordon Road	5	1	1	3	3
The King's Own	3	1	0	2	2

DULWICH LEAGUE.

TABLES TO DATE.

SENIOR DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Southampton	8	5	2	1	11
Dulwich Glendale	7	5	2	0	10
Camberwell United	6	3	3	0	6
Dulwich Melbourne	6	3	3	0	6
Melville	7	3	4	0	6
St Barnabas	8	1	6	1	3

JUNIOR DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Dulwich Glendale II.	8	5	3	0	10
Fisher	5	4	1	0	8
St. Clement's	8	4	4	0	8
Collingwood	6	3	3	0	6
Alford House II.	6	2	4	0	4
Cheltenham College Mission	7	2	5	0	4

BATTERSEA PARK ASSOCIATION.

TABLES TO DATE.

SENIOR DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Devas Institute	4	4	0	0	8
Flag United	3	2	1	0	4
Morgan's	3	1	2	0	2
Broomwood W. M.	4	0	4	0	0

SENIOR DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Surrey Lane Evening Classes	9	8	1	0	16
Avondale Athletic	8	6	2	0	12
Bat'sea St. Peter's	8	6	2	0	12
Markham Square	10	6	4	0	12
Alma	8	2	6	0	4
Garton	8	2	6	0	4
Carlton	9	0	9	0	0

SENIOR DIVISION III.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Vincent's	8	8	0	0	16
Tennyson	8	4	4	0	8
Road Car Works	8	4	4	0	8
Creighton Athletic	6	3	3	0	6
Vauxhall Gas W.	7	2	5	0	4
Bishop's Park	5	0	5	0	0

SENIOR DIVISION IV.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Half Hour	4	3	0	1	7
St. Michael's C. I.	5	3	1	1	7
St. George's, Clapham	4	1	3	0	2
Balham Ch. Inst.	5	1	4	0	2

JUNIOR DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Malvern	8	6	1	1	13
Devas Institute	6	5	0	1	11
Commercial	6	5	1	0	10
Alicia	9	3	6	0	6
Woodside Athletic	8	2	6	0	4
Ferndale	9	1	8	0	2

JUNIOR DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Bart's	3	3	0	0	6
St. Michael's C. I.	4	3	1	0	6
Alford House	4	1	3	0	2
North Brixton Ath.	5	1	4	0	2

CLUB SCORES.

TOWNLEY PARK v. CATFORD.

At Townley Park.

Townley Park.—A. Wallers b T. Latimer, 5; H. J. Booker b T. Latimer, 52; J. Buck not out, 149; H. T. Blewitt b J. Vercoe, 1; A. Hoe not out, 30; extras, 6. Total (for three wickets), 243. F. H. Buck, P. Hoe, W. J. Baker, H. Buck, E. G. Gayfer, and J. Pitts did not bat.

Catford.—H. W. French not out, 60; T. Latimer lbw, b Pitts, 11; J. Vercoe b W. J. Baker, 15; H. Treliving b A. Wallers, 19; C. Justice b H. T. Hewitt, 1; F. Treliving b H. T. Blewitt, 0; P. Marshall b H. T. Blewitt, 1; T. A. Buck c Gayfer b Blewitt, 0; Norfolk b Pitts, 0; Cotter b Pitts, 4; A. N. Other absent, 0; extras, 8. Total, 117.

AFRICAN BANKS A.C. v. WINCHESTER HOUSE.

At Catford.

African Banks.—J. Smith lbw, b Walker, 10; A. J. O. Millard b H. Pethybridge, 37; F. R. Beacham c F. Pethybridge b Nicol, 18; P. N. Dalton lbw, b Oates, 27; H. Smith b F. Pethybridge, 37; A. Owen not out, 20; extras, 11. Total, 160. A. B. Bacon, S. F. Trotter, H. E. Solano, W. F. Napier, and H. E. Bozsius did not bat.

Winchester House.—Walker b Beacham, 9; Evans lbw, b Solano, 8; F. Pethybridge c Trotter b Solano, 19; Oates b Beacham, 12; Nicol c Beacham b Solano, 1; Moxon c Napier b J. Smith, 18; H. Pethybridge run out, 1; Hodges b J. Smith, 0; Frost Smith c Beacham b Solano, 4; Dickinson b J. Smith, 0; Conhire not out, 6; extras, 5. Total, 83.

WEST KENT WANDERERS v. OLD OLAVIANS.

At Blackheath.

West Kent Wanderers.—H. Gurnsey c Atkins b Kraus, 6; C. Featherstone b Kraus, 25; W. Nash b Wilson, 0; H. Waller b Kraus, 3; G. Lack b Sutherland, 33; H. Cornwall b Wilson, 37; G. Darvell c Howard b Wilson, 9; W. Hollands b Wilson, 6; F. Courtenay b Wilson, 3; A. E. Lugg b Wilson, 17; J. Longman not out, 11; extras, 3. Total, 156.

Old Olavians.—Lugg b Lugg, 20; A. E. Wilson c Waller b Lugg, 5; Grant c Darvell b Lugg, 3; Hill c Courtenay b Lugg, 2; Barton c Longman b Cornwall, 6; Howard b Cornwall, 4; Westover b Cornwall, 0; A. H. Wilson c Holland b Lack, 2; Sutherland b Cornwall, 1; Kraus not out, 3; Polley b Cornwall, 6; extras, 25. Total, 76.

FOREST HILL v. BRIXTON WANDERERS.

At Perry Hill.

Forest Hill.—W. S. Holt c Storey b Simmonds, 57; H. Hooker run out, 8; E. Riches b Simmonds, 1; F. L. Nicholls c H. Smith b Simmonds, 75; W. R. Williams not out, 32; C. F. Phillips b Brymer, 3; S. Silverthorne not out, 12; extras, 34. Total (for five wickets), 162.

Brixton Wanderers.—F. Odell c Silverthorne b Hast, 64; H. G. Smith b Bradley, 0; H. Goodall b Welchman, 3; E. J. Gate not out, 31; C. G. Smith b Bradley, 13; extras, 19. Total (for four wickets), 130.

DULWICH v. CROYDON.

At Dulwich.

Dulwich.—P. H. Slater b Bernays, 10; S. J. Goodall b Butler, 28; F. W. Ellis lbw, b Robilliard, 20; C. P. Tregellas c and b Jordan, 12; J. F. Colyer c Fifield b Jordan, 86; L. Phillips not out, 22; H. G. Cryer not out, 4; extras, 19. Total, 201. R. Longley, H. C. Brown, G. Procter, and F. Huntley did not bat.

Croydon.—J. Whitcomb b Ellis, 9; J. H. Mabey run out, 1; H. R. Jordan lbw, b F. Huntley, 36; C. M. Bernays b Procter, 23; C. R. Richer b Procter, 13; F. W. Fifield b Procter, 2; D. S. Robilliard st Slater b Huntley, 2; V. G. A. Butler not out, 2; C. W. Woolcott not out, 0; extras, 41. Total, 129. R. F. Barley and A. A. Balch did not bat.

PEARL ASSURANCE v. STREATHAM HILL.

At Streatham.

Pearl Assurance.—P. A. Horton b Rayner, 23; W. R. Pike b Morgan, 27; W. T. Harwood c Morgan b Rayner, 3; P. Rook b Rayner, 14; E. Rook b Rayner, 0; C. Northmore b Rayner, 16; W. Boult not out, 34; M. Burke b Rayner, 2; L. A. Perrin c and b Rayner, 11; Smith b Rayner, 1; J. M'Intyre c Pike b Creer, 5; extras, 12. Total, 148.

Streatham.—W. Pike b M. Burke, 5; E. J. Morgan b M. Burke, 2; B. C. Rayner c Horton b M. Burke, 0; A. Wright c Harwood b M. Burke, 10; W. H. Collinson c Harwood b M. Burke, 7; J. Creer c Harwood b M. Burke, 4; A. W. Walter b P. A. Horton, 6; A. Beasley b P. A. Horton, 1; W. H. Baker b P. A. Horton, 0; Talbot b M. Burke, 5; T. Martin not out, 0; extras, 10. Total, 50.

DULWICH v. CROYDON II.

At Croydon.

Dulwich.—T. Bridge b Gardiner, 22; J. Guillaume b Ching, 2; E. E. Dent b Gardiner, 31; W. A. King b Gardiner, 4; E. Puckle c and b H. T. Groom, 42; W. M. Frizell b Gardiner, 48; C. M. Bartlett c Webber b Groom, 22; S. E. Huntley not out, 7; F. Webster not out, 4; extras, 15. Total (for seven wickets), 200.

Croydon II.—H. R. Groom c Frizell b Bartlett, 13; C. P. Wicks b Puckle, 4; T. C. Dight lbw, b Puckle, 2; H. T. Groom b Puckle, 4; L. W. Fulcher not out, 27; S. J. Ching b Bartlett, 0; G. T. Gardiner b Bartlett, 14; S. Tyler b Bartlett, 4; L. K. Watson b King, 26; F. J. Allen not out, 22; extras, 5. Total (for eight wickets), 121. J. W. Webber did not bat.

TOWNLEY PARK II. v. CATFORD II.

At Catford.

Townley Park.—J. C. Witherby c and b G. Grant, 30; G. Howell not out, 110; J. K. Pratt lbw, b J. Graham, 91; E. V. Speller not out, 1; extras, 25. Total (for two wickets), 257. F. W. Baker, A. G. Tydeman, W. A. Worley, A. Thomas, W. H. Bright, S. N. Wear, and E. Robins did not bat.

Catford.—J. H. Long b Wear, 11; A. H. Parker c Pratt b G. Howell, 22; Dinwoodie b J. C. Witherby, 9; J. Graham c Witherby b G. Howell, 86; W. Moore b S. N. Wear, 0; H. Galzini b G. Howell, 0; Salwan not out, 33; extras, 20. Total (for six wickets), 181. G. F. Norfolk, G. Grant, Gostling, and Bull did not bat.

MARLBOROUGH v. FERNDALE.

At Honor Oak.

Marlborough.—S. V. Hawkins c Goodway b Hewitt, 53; S. Hollands not out, 101; P. Beales c Summers b Wisdom, 7; H. Goodwin not out, 50; extras, 13. Total (for two wickets), 224. S. Beales, H. Hopkins, E. Over, J. F. Meakings, H. Beales, D. A. Over, and R. Bate did not bat.

Ferndale.—Hewitt b P. Beales, 2; Terry c Bate b P. Beales, 1; Huddart c P. Beales b Goodwin, 1; Spence b Goodwin, 65; Parker lbw, b Goodwin, 36; Hann b Hawkins, 1; Goodway not out, 3; Wisdom b Goodwin, 0; Arnold b Hawkins, 5; Summers b Hawkins, 1; Holdcraft not out, 0; extras, 9. Total (for nine wickets), 124.

ROUPELL PARK v. MALDEN WANDERERS.

At Dulwich.

Malden Wanderers.—C. F. King b Robinson, 5; E. Harper b Robinson, 0; R. H. King not out, 65; A. Jennings c Hyde b Hall, 19; G. W. Carey b Robinson, 0; A. Jenner c Beeston b Hyde, 17; D. Beaumont b Robinson, 8; T. F. Atkinson b Robinson, 5; C. C. Percy lbw, b Downing, 3; T. J. Bates b Downing, 0; H. Jennings b Robinson, 1; extras, 13. Total, 136.

Roupell Park.—T. F. Bass c Atkinson b H. King, 7; E. A. Tealby b Jenner, 5; R. H. Royle b C. King, 82; H. Tealby b Jenner, 18; R. Downing b Jenner, 4; G. Robinson c Bates b C. King, 27; W. Hyde b Jenner, 1; A. E. Drown not out, 33; J. W. Hall b C. King, 3; S. Springbett not out, 0; extras, 25. Total (for eight wickets), 205. A. Beeston did not bat.

STANLEY v. GOLDSMITHS' INSTITUTE.

At Denmark Hill.

Stanley.—A. Embleton lbw, b Wood, 30; R. Davidson b Joanes, 24; F. Mulley c Joanes b Wood, 1; E. Belleini b Hooper, 1; L. Leleu run out, 31; W. Barrett b Hooper, 9; G. Skinner b Skerratt, 24; C. Woodard b Skerratt, 13; F. G. Billett b Skerratt, 10; C. Mott not out, 6; F. Mott b Skerratt, 1; extras, 23. Total, 173.

Goldsmiths' Institute.—H. W. Manley b Leleu, 2; H. Sales b R. Davidson, 0; A. R. Wood run out, 23; J. F. Skerratt b Leleu, 5; H. Joanes b R. Davidson, 22; H. Prickett c Barrett b Leleu, 0; Best b R. Davidson, 25; F. Bowler lbw, b R. Davidson, 0; C. R. Moore b R. Davidson, 0; S. H. Best b Leleu, 1; R. Hooper not out, 0; extras, 11. Total, 88.

CLAPHAM v. CLAYGATE.

At Claygate.

Claygate.—A. Gamlen b Allcock, 16; S. Palmer b Turner, 4; A. Russell c T. Martin b Talmadge, 4; H. Pearson c Raynham b Talmadge, 37; P. Lucas c White b Talmadge, 10; R. Stevens b Huish, 2; W. Fisher c and b Talmadge, 0; A. Randall c J. Crawford b Talmadge, 1; E. Price c Turner b Talmadge, 4; R. Chancelor b Huish, 20; M. Archer not out, 2; extras, 4. Total, 104.

Clapham.—T. Martin c Lucas b Randall, 1; J. Crawford c Price b Russell, 4; A. Martin c Chancelor b Randall, 2; E. Huish c Fisher b Randall, 47; A. Allcock run out, 3; J. Weston c Randall b Stevens, 18; E. White b Russell, 1; J. Turner not out, 21; A. Raynham c Pearson b Russell, 8; A. Talmadge not out, 2; extras, 18. Total (for eight wickets), 125. H. Crook did not bat.

GROVE v. RAVENSBOURNE.

At Leyton.

Grove.—C. H. Jones b Keast, 4; J. H. Jones b Davis, 8; N. C. Bennett b Briscoe, 45; H. A. Goldsbrough c Falston b Davis, 51; C. Shepherd c Hearle b Davis, 13; L. M. Jones c Croft b Davis, 4; W. P. Hines c Hearle b Briscoe, 16; A. F. Watson b Briscoe, 2; F. M. Dickson c Methven b Briscoe, 13; S. Watson lbw, b Briscoe, 0; J. A. Sloane not out, 0; extras, 11. Total, 167.

Ravensbourne.—Methven c Shepherd b Bennett, 8; W. Davis c Dickson b Bennett, 11; Joanes b Bennett, 14; Haddart c Shepherd b Bennett, 0; Hearle b Bennett, 9; Keast b Shepherd, 2; Newham b Bennett, 9; Crofts c Sloane b Shepherd, 13; Felstead b Bennett, 4; Briscoe not out, 38; James c C. H. Jones b Shepherd, 13; extras, 8. Total, 129.

WINGFIELD HOUSE v. OVAL GROUND STAFF (JUNIORS).

Wingfield House.—Sandham b Bennett, 12; Brenwell c Bennett b Garbett, 5; Davis b Garbett, 11; Wick b Garbett, 45; Hedley c and b Garbett, 15; Langridge b Reid, 10; Riley b Reid, 22; Hines c Garbett b Curner, 1; Grainger b Curner, 10; Richardson b Reid, 0; Green not out, 5; Knight c Underwood b Curner, 0; extras, 33. Total, 170.

Oval Ground Boys.—Underwood b Sandham, 2; Denton c Davis b Riley, 8; Laque b Sandham, 0; Garbett b Langridge, 25; Bungay b Sandham, 13; Bennett b Riley, 0; Reid c Sandham b Riley, 0; Harvey not out, 31; Curner b Riley, 4; Eldridge b Riley, 4; Saunders c Hines b Sandham, 2; Mr. W. E. Peters (captain) b Riley, 21; extras, 15. Total, 125.

MARLBOROUGH II. v. WAYGOOD.

At Gorringe Park.

Waygood.—W. Philips b Pierpoint, 4; Perry b Cullen, 1; M'Kenna b Cullen, 0; Strand b Cullen, 3; Mayhew b Pierpoint, 1; M'Lean b Cullen, 0; Judge run out, 3; Lawrence c and b Cullen, 1; A. Philips b Cullen, 5; H. Lawrence b Cullen, 6; Holmes not out, 0; extras, 12. Total, 36.

Marlborough II.—F. Lambert b Philips, 32; P. Fisher b Mayhew, 3; H. Pierpoint b Philips, 12; Cullen b Mayhew, 5; Trinder b Mayhew, 22; G. Fifield not out, 21; H. Godber b Philips, 4; R. Trask b Strand, 3; Moody not out, 16; extras, 18. Total (for seven wickets), 136. Baldock and Line did not bat.

RED LION HOUSE v. LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL TRAMWAYS.

At Dulwich.

Red Lion House.—A. Harwood b Crow, 0; H. Harwood b Crow, 31; Greengrass b Crow, 21; J. Saunders b Crow, 1; H. Belsham b White, 8; C. Belsham b Townsend, 13; Squibb b Fulkes, 33; Manson not out, 26; extras, 12. Total (for seven wickets, innings declared), 145. H. Saunders, Gray, and Owers did not bat.

L.C.C. Tramways.—Crow b Squibb, 16; Fulkes b Squibb, 10; Wyatt b Greengrass, 8; F. White c Gray b Greengrass, 1; Catt st Belsham b Squibb, 0; W. Townsend b Squibb, 35; J. Sheppard b Squibb, 4; Butler b Squibb, 7; Townsend hit wicket, b Squibb, 7; White not out, 3; extras, 10. Total, 103.

HEATHFIELD II. v. CROFTON PARK II.

At Honor Oak.

Heathfield.—R. G. Jennings st Mansell b Cotton, 32; W. B. Aldis c Woollard b Barr, 37; S. R. Scott b Woollard, 1; T. Allin not out, 29; P. A. Naylor c Barr b Emblem, 7; H. A. Smith b Emblem, 0; extras, 21. Total (for five wickets), 127. C. S. Hall, C. N. Hawkins, D. West, F. G. Clark, and F. J. Sanderson did not bat.

Crofton Park.—J. Simpson b Sanderson, 0; R. Barr b Smith, 9; W. Cotton b Sanderson, 0; P. G. Hunter c Allin b Naylor, 56; F. Emblem b Naylor, 2; J. J. Mansell b Sanderson, 7; B. F. Arlidge b Sanderson, 0; J. Lewis not out, 0; J. Woollard not out, 20; extras, 9. Total (for seven wickets), 103. E. Bradshaw and H. Haines did not bat.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

NOTE TO SECRETARIES.

The football season is almost with us again, and prospects of the various senior and junior clubs will be appreciated at an early date. The majority of the senior clubs make an early commencement, and September is usually a busy month. All items of interest should be forwarded without delay, as the football notes will be recommenced from next week's issue.

WEST NORWOOD'S PROSPECTS.

The twentieth season will be entered upon by the Bantams with favourable prospects. The fixture list is the most powerful in the club's history, containing as it does the names of the Casuals, Oxford University, Clapton, Shepherd's Bush, Civil Service, Oxford City, New Crusaders, Leytonstone, London Caledonians, &c. The opening game will be at Herne Hill versus Sheppey United. The seniors will again compete in the Premier Division of the Southern Suburban League.

NEW AND OLD PLAYERS.

Some new faces will be seen in the eleven, and most of the old members have promised to turn out, including T. T. Fitchie (who will play as often as possible for his old club in important fixtures), J. Bradshaw, R. Lloyd Evans, L. Cooke, H. J. Cook, W. T. and R. S. Fitchie, G. T. Rogers, O. Stone, F. S. W. Smith, D. R. Upsdale, C. Watson, and F. Coates. The A eleven promises to contain good talent, and altogether Norwood's future looks well assured. The Herne Hill track has been leased for another term of years. The Cup competitions entered are the English, Amateur, London, and South London Charity, which, with the Southern Suburban League, will be found ample competitive football to please local patrons.

CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.

One has not heard much of late of this freshly-promoted club, which is to be run on professional lines. For years it had been suggested that a pro. team of first-class calibre would do well at the Palace, and now this season we shall have an opportunity of seeing how the new combination will fare. For my part, I do not think the club will be financially successful. They are not entered in any important League, and consequently the class of football will not be sufficiently attractive to bring people from a far distance. The sixpenny admission should prove popular, but remember, when the dark days are on, one needs to leave town not later than 1 o'clock to get to the Palace in time. Time alone will confirm or disprove my contention. Personally, I hope the club will meet with every success, now that it has decided to run professionally.

SOUTHERN UNITED'S PROSPECTS.

During the summer months there have been many discussions and many conferences between directors and Manager Grimes as to the new players engaged. The Nunhead organization will strive to make some history for itself this season, and, of course, the chief pathway to success will be the financial one, and this is seriously troubling the directorate, who have an expensive lot of players to pay a weekly wage to during the close season.

THE NEW FACES.

Manager Grimes has succeeded in engaging a number of well-known players, and here is a complete list of the "captures": Whitehouse (late Aston Villa and Grimsby), Jeffrey (late Millwall), goal; Williams (late Maidstone United), Stephenson (late Fulham), Payne (late Millwall), Sprules (late Fulham), Morris (late Millwall), Good (late Brighton and Hove) Ransom (late Woolwich), Fred Spikesley (late Sheffield Wednesday), Vaughan (late Arsenal), Wood (late Stoke), and Sanderson (late Swindon). This is a big list of new men, and the Southern United team should be appreciably stronger than last season, when the deficiency of players told heavily against the club. I should be glad to have further details from Manager Grimes, with various Press courtesies.

CHARITY DISTRIBUTION.

The funds resulting from last season's South London Charity competition were distributed as follows: Hospital Saturday Fund, £31 10s.; Camberwell and Dulwich Pension Society, £2 2s.; Dulwich local charities, £2 2s.; Dulwich Village Dispensary, £2 2s.; Lampson Home for Waifs and Strays, £2 2s.; Bromley Cottage Hospital, £2 2s.; Bromley Charitable Society, £2 2s.; Phillips Memorial Hospital, Bromley, £1 1s.; Bolingbroke Hospital, £2 2s.; Romany-road Dispensary, West Norwood, £1 1s.; Wimbledon Nursing Association, £5 5s.; South Wimbledon Cottage Hospital, £5 5s.; Carshalton Cottage Hospital, £2 2s.; Streatham Division St. John Ambulance Brigade, £1 1s.

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CHAPTER XXVI.

A WOMAN'S HEART.

The appearance of Philip Rufford at Moor Green was destined to prove fateful in many more ways than that young man could possibly have thought of, when, by means of his striking personality and indisputable ability, he had been fortunate enough to slip into a comfortable position worth five hundred pounds a year.

Hitherto the miner's life had been arduous and unresting. Fate had set him many a tough ordeal to face, and he had come through them all creditably; and yet, despite his great industry and mining talents of the highest order, his income had never previously reached more than three hundred per annum, and had touched that figure for a short time only.

But in meeting Thurston-Saverne and obtaining the appointment of chief manager, it had seemed to Rufford that he had almost reached the Mecca of his aspirations. He had found a master he could honour and admire; the work lying ready to his hands was such as he had been used to all his workaday life and loved; there were great numbers of workmen to handle, large and valuable mines to exploit and win; and so with burning ardour and gratification, the manager had settled down to his new career, just a month after first visiting Thurston-Saverne.

Reporting himself to his employer at Moor Hall at the beginning of March, Rufford had sought and obtained apartments entirely after his own heart, not half a mile from the collieries. His landlord and landlady were middle-aged and childless, were considerably above the average run of working-class folks, the man being in the offices attached to the mills; and here, with plenty of room for his ever-growing crowd of books, and all a sensible fellow could desire in the way of comfort and accommodation, he had commenced his duties.

At that time Philip Rufford had not the slightest knowledge that his coming to Moor Green was to be followed shortly by the arrival of two persons claiming kinship with himself. He was at the colliery offices one morning when he saw Mrs. Fell there, she having come to draw her widow's allowance from the relief funds.

He had gone to her, shaken hands warmly, spoken of his own position there; and then she had explained that she and her daughter had come to the village "for good," that Susan was already working at Saverne's Mills, that they were living in a small cottage on the lower side of the little township, and that she thought they would be able to manage nicely.

Philip was a chap with a man's heart in him, as the plump widow and her lass had cause to know; and it had struck him then that if he had only thought of it earlier, he might have ordered things differently, and for the common benefit of his relatives and himself.

With his position and prospects, why should he not have set up a household of his own, establishing Mrs. Fell there as his housekeeper, and allowing her lass to remain at home to help her mother, or work in the mills, just as she pleased? He even mentioned such an arrangement, and she thanked "dear Phil" very much, and it was settled that each should think the matter over, and see how things went on.

It had been a source of pleasure to the manager that he had not settled down quite amidst strangers, but that gladness was completely eclipsed by something which had preceded it. On his second appearance at Moor Hall, Thurston-Saverne had presented his new manager to his sister. Leah had come upon the two as they were parting at the front door, and an introduction had followed as a natural consequence.

The surprise, wonder, and delight of that first meeting with Miss Thurston-Saverne was never to pass from the new-comer's strong and impressionable mind. Her height, her grace, the wedded beauty of her rare dark face and softly-rounded form, the liquid glory of her eyes, and the sweet flow of her speech had stirred this man—made his heart leap, his blood glow, as they had never done before at sight of maid or matron.

Here was a woman, indeed! One fit to mate with the highest and noblest, a lady to look upon with wonder and reverence, one to admire, love, adore even, but hardly one that a common man and a poor one might ever dream of aspiring to.

Never till that morning had Philip Rufford thoroughly realized what a full life meant. He had imagined that wealth and power and fame might fill a man's existence to the exclusion of other things; now he hungered for the possession of those things only that they might commend him in one woman's eyes, and to lay them at her feet.

His very soul on fire, he went away wondering, and had never ceased to wonder. And this goddess among women had spoken to him kindly, had offered him her hand, and before the luminous glow of her own dark eyes his own keen ones had fallen abashed.

Nor had that meeting been scarcely less fateful and momentous to Leah herself. To her it had seemed then that this Philip Rufford possessed in himself all that was desirable in man. The mere comeliness of his personality had struck her, as her own ripe charms had impressed him. "He is beautiful!" she had cried to herself. "And why not beautiful?" she asked. "If the Greek gods we read about were beautiful, why not this man? Is beauty always ridiculous when applied to a man? No! When to an athlete's perfect form is added the noblest type of face, with power, will, judgment, and a soul behind all, what else can one call it?"

Later, when her brother had told her something of his new manager's career, her interest in him was intensified. On the verge of manhood he had met with a disaster which would have crushed many men; but he had fought on, undismayed and resolute: had wrought with pick and spade to support an ailing mother among common miners, had thrust himself to the front of his kind by sheer effort and ability; and now Simon's head man had come into her life.

For many days Leah had been hesitating at the entrance of that lifelong road which Aaron Saverne had urged her to pursue at his side. But for the coming of Philip Rufford, she would almost certainly have drifted into marriage with her cousin. Now all possibility of that was gone for ever. No longer was she in doubt as to the difference between womanly pity, maidenly sympathy, and a strong, clear-thinking woman's love.

The sight of one man's face and the sudden awakening to a knowledge of her own heart which it had occasioned, had shown Leah what was possible and what was not. It was certain now that she could never become Mrs. Aaron Saverne. All fear of that was past. If this other man were worthy she would wed him, if asked, poor though he was; and if he were not worthy, a celibate's life was before her.

The days went by, and Leah had several other opportunities of meeting and marking the man who had roused her inner soul to life. And the more she saw of Philip Rufford, the more her heart went out to him, though, woman like, she strove to dissemble the truth.

Since his unsuccessful wooing, the master of The Woodlands came less frequently to the Hall. As yet he had not met his unconscious rival there, and was not then aware of his presence on the scene. Realizing the complete change in her own attitude towards the man she had told to wait, she was kind to him as ever—perhaps more kind on that account.

And he, marking her continued favours and evident testimonies of sympathy, was in the highest heaven a mere mortal can know. There was a certain tenderness apparent now in Leah's words and looks lacking, or less marked, hitherto, which he misread to his own pleasure, as was but natural when all the circumstances are considered.

She had never doubted the sterling honesty and fervour of her cousin's love, and had even been pleased by it; but knowing now that he was waiting in hope and eagerness, she was sorry for him, for that which he desired was hopeless, and hence her sympathy and added kindness of both look and word. Yet how was she to tell him the truth?

Aaron Saverne, swift to note each shade and phase of feeling in Leah, was at peace with himself and full of high hopes. Those new touches of tenderness could mean only one thing, he assumed. Under the fire of his deep and patient passion her heart was opening, expanding as a flower to the sun; and his sole thought soon became one as to how soon he should speak, or how much longer wait.

One evening, while sitting alone with her brother, something urged Miss Thurston-Saverne to speak of the alteration which had come over her feelings since she last took him into her confidence. Philip Rufford had then been at the collieries for about three weeks; on the previous evening he had been to the Hall for a smoke and chat with his employer. Simon has just been telling Leah that his new manager was one of the best and ablest men he had ever met; and it was perhaps her brother's warm commendation of the other that induced her to speak now.

"Simon," she began, quietly, "there is something I think I ought to tell you at once."

"What is it, Leah? Another sweet confidence, dear? And has it to with our kinsman, as I think?"

"Yes; but not in the way you imagine. I have found out now that I can never love or marry Aaron Saverne."

"He has asked you again, then, and you have told him that?"

"No. He has not spoken to me again since I confided in you, Simon, but my mind is quite made up now. No, I shall never marry our cousin, dear; that, at least, is certain."

"He has offended you in some way, Leah? Or perhaps you have heard something to his discredit?" he asked.

"Oh, no; he has given me no offence. I have heard only good of him, and my admiration and respect for Aaron Saverne were never greater than they are at present. Still, I can never marry him."

"Is this not a sudden change, Leah?" he queried, with knitted brows. "In a way, I am very sorry for Saverne."

"And I also am profoundly sorry for him. But you know what you have always said of love? Have you forgotten how you came rushing to me with the news of your first meeting with Salome Fairfax? And a month or two later she was your promised wife."

"I have never forgotten—shall never forget!" he answered, with a black brow. "But that does not explain the swift change in you, dear?"

"The same cause does. And when a change of this kind takes place, does it not—must it not always come suddenly, Simon?"

"So I believe. And there is, then, another man, Leah?"

"There is another man, Simon."

She crimsoned swiftly then, and her eyes fell shyly before his questioning look.

"And you are going to tell me of him, dear?" he continued.

"I meant to, but it seems almost immodest at this moment to me that a woman should speak openly, even to a brother, of a man she loves," she murmured, her eyes still cast down.

"But why, Leah?" he questioned, tenderly.

"Because the man she loves may know nothing—nay, cannot know of her feelings, and might be even careless of them if he did."

"It seems curious, Leah, to hear you speak so, and your speaking only tends to show how strong a hold upon you this unsought love of yours already has. But," he went on, "there is nothing unmaidenly or immodest in what you say, dear. 'Love is Lord and King,' as Tennyson puts it, and comes to all unsought and tyrant-wise. And the sweet shame of so loving has naught of sin or evil in it. And now am I to learn the name of the man you honour so?"

"I hardly dare tell you yet, Simon;" and soft, humid, glorious eyes were raised to her brother then.

"As you will, my dear sister," he answered, softly.

"Yes, I will, Simon," she cried, bravely, her sweet face setting resolutely, and her great, dark eyes clearing, burning luminously. "Where love is there can be no shame, and you shall know my secret. When a good man loves a woman the world honours him for aspiring to win her, and in the same way, why should not a woman who loves also aspire to where her heart leads?"

"I admit your claim, dearest; but the man?"

"One of your own workmen, brother," she faltered; and again her face was lowered.

"One of my own workmen?" he mused, perplexed. Then the light of an inspiration flashed through his brown eyes, and he exclaimed, "Good heavens, it must be Philip Rufford!"

"It is Philip Rufford," she said, his unwonted vehemence startling her to her feet. "And if it is he, as I say, Simon, what objection have you to make? I remember that you had none to offer when we were discussing a former manager of yours only a little while ago."

"Nor have I any to raise now respecting my present one."

"But you do not commend, Simon."

"All that can be said for a man," he protested, warmly, "I am ready to say in behalf of Philip Rufford. He is handsome—almost too comely for a man—and one of the cleverest of living pitmen, I believe. That the man has clean hands and a noble heart I believe, too. What more can be said, Leah, of any living man?"

"Forgive me. I am satisfied, Simon;" and she went to her brother to kiss him. "I was afraid, dear, you might laugh at me because the man I loved was only a mere servant."

"Heaven forbid! And what would my laughter avail? You are a grown woman, and mistress of fifty thousand pounds. You are sane enough to know what you desire, and lovely enough, too, I think, to get it whenever you choose."

"Mr. Rufford cannot know of my own private fortune?" she asked.

"Save our lawyers, no man knows, except our cousin; and you know why he was told."

"I should not like him to know, Simon," she whispered. "If I am ever to be married I should like to be chosen for myself and not my money."

"And for yourself alone, my dear Leah, you are more than worthy of any man's love."

Then he kissed her impulsively, and brother and sister were at complete peace again.

(To be continued next week.)

Cycling.

WEST NORWOOD CYCLING CLUB.

This club held its second garden party of the season at headquarters, 14, Auckland Hill, on Saturday, when over 200 members and friends were present.

The weather was beautiful, and a long programme, under the direction of Mr. W. Mark, was ably carried out. Miss Francis Forde, the popular comedienne and dancer, was seen to advantage in her two songs and dances. Mr. W. G. Wright gave some capital recitations, "All the Winners" and a skit on the "Balaclava Charge."

Miss Florence Barber rendered "Little Willie Brown" in fine style. Messrs. Downing and Crisp gave a banjo duet, which met with a well-deserved encore. The humorous songs and dance of Harry Relm, and comic songs of Messrs. George Bailey and Sandy M'Nab caused an endless fund of amusement. The sisters Jennings delighted the audience with their songs and dancing. The limelight, which was manipulated by Mr. Siden, gave a charming effect to this turn. An ocarina solo by Mr. A. Johnson was much appreciated.

Mr. Norriss Igham, Mr. A. C. Page, and Mr. J. Constable were heard to great advantage in their respective songs. Mr. J. Crisp was very clever in his Japanese fiddle solo, and well deserved the encore he received. Miss Dolly Ford, who made an efficient substitute for her brother, the popular Dudley Ford, sang "I've been Naughty" in superb style. The Norwood brass band, under the direction of Mr. W. D. Peters, was in attendance, and gave some capital dance music and selections during the evening.

The grounds were tastefully decorated and illuminated with fairy lamps, and well paid the members for the time they spent on them. Mr. E. Groves, on behalf of the committee, thanked those present for their attendance, and said the club was still open to receive new members. Application for membership should be made to the hon. secretary, Mr. A. E. Rutter.

GARDEN-WORK

Plant out Cabbages from the seed beds sown in July as soon as the plants are ready. The distance between the rows should be from 24in. to 30in., and 18in. to 24in. between the plants in the rows. Or they may be planted at half these distances, and the alternate rows used as Coleworts (i.e., young and unhearted). This will then leave plenty of room for the others to grow to their full size. The planting of all winter greens should be completed as soon as possible, with the exception of Coleworts, which may be planted at any convenient season all the year round.

Sow Early White and Scarlet Turnip Radishes for autumn use, and Black and White Spanish for late autumn and winter use, choosing a warm, sheltered situation for the latter. Sow also for the main crop of winter Spinach if not already done. When old Parsley has to be preserved from want of young to replace it, it should be cut down so that young leaves may be formed before winter. Remove all side growths of Celery, and earth up as soon as it is ready, choosing a dry day for the purpose, taking care not to allow any earth or other material to get into the heart of the plants. Attend also to the watering of it in dry weather, and if attacked by the "fly," the blisters on the leaves, which contain the larvæ that do the mischief, should be pinched or picked off and burned. Herbs required dry for winter use should be gathered, if not already done, and stored in a dry room or shed. Do not dry them in the sun. They may all be propagated by seeds, cuttings, or division of the roots. Continue to put in cuttings of bedding and other plants, for the sooner all that are required are in and struck the better they will stand the winter, whether in pots or boxes, and whether kept in pit, frame, or greenhouse. The plants will be more sturdy by having had more time for exposure after being rooted, and will flower earlier and better next year.

As soon as Zonal Geraniums struck out of doors are well rooted they should be potted singly in small pots, or placed in boxes 3in. apart, watered sparingly, and kept rather close in a frame or pit for a week or 10 days to recover from the shift, then be well exposed to the weather before being housed for the winter.

Attend to the watering of all plants in dry weather, especially those growing in peat. Achimenes past flowering should not want for moisture until they turn brown, or the corms will not be properly matured, and consequently the blooms will be impaired for at least next year. The same applies to Gloxinias, Liliums, and all bulbous and tuberous-rooted plants that go to rest for a time. Let greenhouse plants have abundance of fresh air. This is requisite for all, but especially for hard-wooded kinds that have not been standing outside to enable them to ripen their fresh growth, as on this depends the free flowering next year. If weather sets in, any succulent plants that are standing out of doors should be taken inside; also Camellias, if the flower buds have formed.

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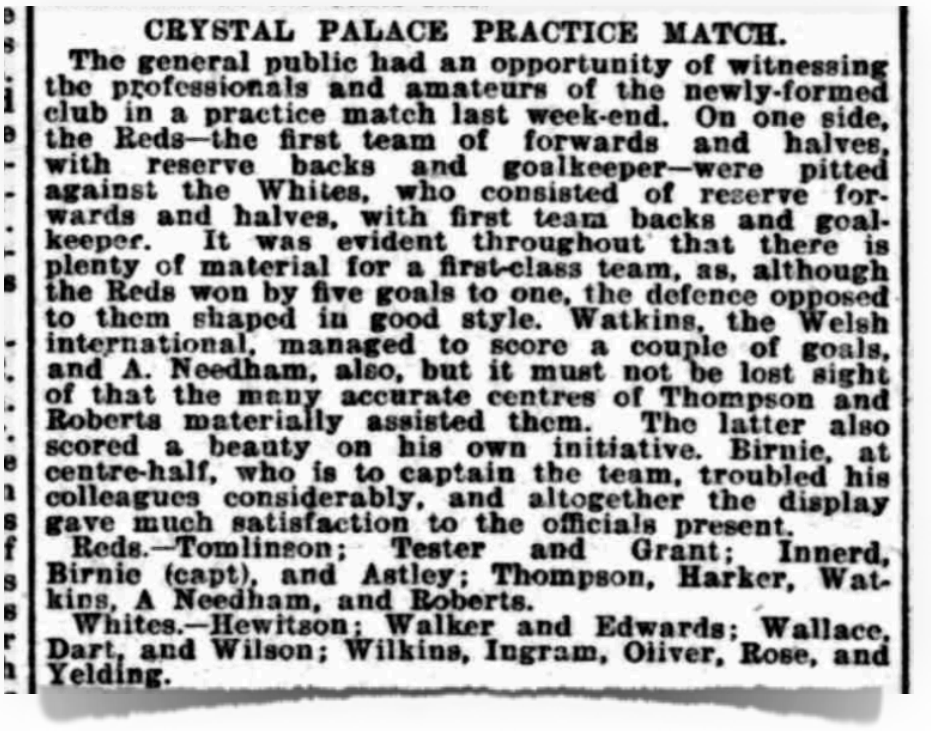

CRYSTAL PALACE PRACTICE MATCH.

The general public had an opportunity of witnessing the professionals and amateurs of the newly-formed club in a practice match last week-end. On one side, the Reds—the first team of forwards and halves, with reserve backs and goalkeeper—were pitted against the Whites, who consisted of reserve forwards and halves, with first team backs and goalkeeper. It was evident throughout that there is plenty of material for a first-class team, as, although the Reds won by five goals to one, the defence opposed to them shaped in good style. Watkins, the Welsh international, managed to score a couple of goals, and A. Needham, also, but it must not be lost sight of that the many accurate centres of Thompson and Roberts materially assisted them. The latter also scored a beauty on his own initiative. Birnie, at centre-half, who is to captain the team, troubled his colleagues considerably, and altogether the display gave much satisfaction to the officials present.

Reds.—Tomlinson; Tester and Grant; Innerd, Birnie (capt), and Astley; Thompson, Harker, Watkins, A Needham, and Roberts.

Whites.—Hewitson; Walker and Edwards; Wallace, Dart, and Wilson; Wilkins, Ingram, Oliver, Rose, and Yelding.

National sporting paper refers to Crystal Palace as a ‘newly-formed’ club when reporting on a practice match.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.

[FIRST ARTICLE.]

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

WHAT THE CLUBS HOPE TO DO

By RAMBLER.

There has been a remarkable development in Southern football during the past decade, and so far as the professional side is concerned, the principal factor in its growth has been the Southern League. It has done much, indeed, but there remains much yet to be done. The general standard of play down South is not so high as in the North or Midlands, in spite of what has been written or said to the contrary, and it is well to recognise this fact. A club may be found here and there able to hold its own with the strongest combinations in the League, but they are the exception rather than the rule. It is, and has been, the mission of the Southern League to bring about equality between North and South, and there are not lacking indications that the levelling-up process will be an accomplished fact within a measurable distance of time. It would be flattering to one's pride to be able to write that there is now no superiority so far as the North is concerned, but it would not be correct; and to merely state a wish which is father to a thought does not alter existing circumstances. It is much better to frankly admit there is still work to be done in the direction of improvement, and it is for the Southern League to continue to take the lead in raising the standard of the game in the area with which it is especially concerned. It is a gratifying fact that, as an organisation, it is in a flourishing condition, and its popularity was emphasised at the annual meeting, when so many good clubs were seeking admission to its ranks. It is not so many years since the Southern League consisted of a small head and a big tail, but each succeeding season has witnessed the process of gradual reversal in this respect, and it may fairly be claimed on its behalf that the majority of the clubs have risen beyond the level of dull mediocrity, and that the result of any match in the tourney is not a foregone conclusion. This is as it should be.

THE OUTLOOK.

The outlook for the forthcoming season is particularly bright. In August most of the geese in the football world are swans, but after making due allowance for the optimism engendered by viewing prospects through rose-coloured spectacles, it must be conceded that the probabilities are all in favour of a strenuous, well-sustained, and highly interesting competition. It would be too much to hope for a more thrilling struggle than that which marked the closing weeks of last season, when for a time Bristol Rovers, Reading, and Southampton were running a neck-and-neck race for championship honours. Eventually they were easily secured by the Rovers, who took the shield to the capital of the West for the first time. It is good that the honours should go round, and one of the numerous metropolitan clubs should find a new home for the shield after April 30 next. It is really time that it came to London again. Millwall in successive years won the shield, and in 1899-1900 Tottenham Hotspur annexed the trophy, but since then the shield has only been brought to London for the purpose of presenting it to a provincial club. There are eighteen clubs in the League, and exactly one-third are metropolitan organisations, but fifth was the best position obtained by either of these last season, Tottenham Hotspur beating Fulham for this place by goal average only. Queen's Park Rangers were the near attendants of Fulham, but Brentford and Millwall were most disappointing, and they will both make a big effort to rehabilitate themselves next season. Both will begin the season with confidence, as a result of re-organised teams, and they will each have the cordial wishes of football followers in the metropolis for their success. The Rovers will again have to be reckoned with, and Southampton will naturally be hovering about the neighbourhood of the summit, but others will dispute their right to occupy it, and altogether there is promise of a very pretty struggle, with a probable indefiniteness as to the result until the season has well advanced. The keener the fight, the more interest the public will evince in it, and it will be quite contrary to expectations if the Southern League tourney of 1905-6 fails to furnish one of the most piquant contests since its formation. A few details are given of each of the clubs in the League, in the order in which they finished up last season.

THE ROVERS CONFIDENT.

The Southern League champions are a very happy family, and have cause to congratulate themselves on their present position. Mr. A. G. Homer (secretary-manager) enters his seventh season, while George W. Pay (trainer) is in his ninth year. The past season was a record one financially, and could not fail to please players and supporters. The club also won the Gloucestershire Senior Cup, while the reserve team won the Bristol Charity Cup and championship of the Western League (second division). From the official balance-sheet it appears that the gate receipts amounted to £5,200 18s. 5d. Players' wages amounted to £2,652 15s., and the covering of the ground on each side cost £555 16s. 6d. The profit on the season's work amounted to £760 8s. 6d. The following players have been re-engaged from last season:—A. Cartlidge and D. Clarke (goal); Hughie, Dunn, and Dick Pudan (backs); Tait, Appleby, Jarvie, and Hales (halves); Billy Beats, A. E. Dunkley, A. Smith, J. Lewis, and W. Clarke (forwards). Cartlidge and Dunn are in their fifth season, while Tait, Appleby, and Pudan are in their third. Smith (21) and Beats (20) were top-scorers last season in the Southern League. The new players are a capital lot of fellows, and all are worth their place, but only eleven can be played at once. The new players are W. Hall (Bolton Wanderers), goal, height 6ft. 1in., weight 12st. 10lb.; A. Taylor (Bolton Wanderers), back, a fine-built young Scotsman; D. Walker (Wolverhampton Wanderers), centre-forward, regarded as a capture, and looks it; J. Haxton (Motherwell), outside-left or right. This clever Scotsman is the heaviest and tallest player in the front line; T. Huxtable (Pontlollyn), a Welsh centre, who has a good reputation. The men show excellent form at practice, and will take a lot of beating in the approaching season. It confirms the previous remark as to the good feeling between players to state the whole of the amateurs (who were undefeated last season) are again registered.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE'S HOPES.

Plymouth Argyle will start the season 1905-6 with the happiest prospects. The back division that has done duty since the club's inception has, with the exception of Jack Robinson, been kept intact. Defence has always been Plymouth Argyle's strong point, and the directors are to be congratulated on again securing the services of players who have been tried and proved to be true. With the forwards it is somewhat different, and in this department will be seen the only alterations in the constitution of the eleven. But two of the old forwards remain—Fred Buck and "Jockey" Wright. To fill the vacancies created by migrations, Mr. "Bob" Jack, the manager-player, has obtained the signatures of Tommy Briercliffe, outside right, late of Woolwich Arsenal; W. Godley, late of Stoke, outside right or outside left; Harry Wilcox, centre forward, late Preston North End and Small Heath; T. Corrin, outside left, of Reading; David Buchanan, inside left, late of Middlesbrough, but better known as the "hatted" member of Brentford; W. Bauchop, adaptable to either right or left wing, late of Alloa Athletic; and the new men are complete with McNeill, of the Hearts of Midlothian, who made a great reputation as left back for the Hearts last season. The players retained from last season are, therefore:—J. Sutcliffe and W. Horne, goalkeepers; "Andy" Clark and Percy Saul, backs; W. Leech, C. Clark, and J. Banks, half-backs; F. Buck, "Jockey" Wright, Ike Owens, and Robert Jack, manager-player. In addition to the foregoing, Plymouth Argyle have signed on R. Mortimer, a prominent local player, and J. Black, an amateur of Torpoint Defiance, who has represented Devon and Cornwall counties as right full back. Tommy Cleghorn's services have been retained as trainer, and in his duties he will be assisted by J. Hughes, the ex-champion light-weight boxer of England. The directors are confident that they have obtained a stronger team than has hitherto represented Plymouth Argyle, and although it is yet early to speak confidently of the prospects, it is felt that Argyle should prove dangerous candidates for the Southern League championship. Their success in the national tournament last season has inspired them with the hope that yet greater honours will fall to them, and in the West the utmost enthusiasm obtains for this most isolated team's success. Plymouth Argyle open their season on September 1st with Norwich City, the latest acquisition to the Southern League.

SOUTHAMPTON'S PROSPECTS PLEASING.

The prospect of the cherry stripes for the coming season appears of the brightest, although many fresh faces will be seen doing duty for Southampton. It is quite a new experience for the Saints not to have annexed the Southern Shield, for in eleven years they have won the championship six times, and on one occasion they went right through the competition without losing a match. Undoubtedly the directors have got together a rattling side, the majority being young players, who already show great promise. The club was distinctly lucky in obtaining the signature of W. H. Clark, of Northampton, as he was sought after by several First Division League clubs, the amount of his transfer being somewhere about £250, with a benefit match for his old club. Clawley has been retained, and it is hoped that he will have regained his old form, while Burrows, a local lad, will act as understudy. Hartshorn, late of Stoke, will partner Clark at back, and the Potters were very reluctant to part with him. He is speedy and fully of resource, and they should prove two of the speediest defenders in the South. J. Warner, late of Preston North End, a very fine-built player, also a back; Houlker, the International; and Lee, the stalwart half-back of last season, will be seen in the side, and in all probability Hogg, late of Sheffield United, will complete the half-back line for the first team. The other half-backs signed are S. Meston, T. Metcalf, J. W. Angel, F. R. Boxton (all local), and T. Edmonds (Southport Central), so the Saints will be well served in the first line of defence. Coming to the forwards, the new men are J. Soye (Belfast Distillery), G. Harris (Reading), J. Tomlinson (Chesterfield), and H Brown (West Bromwich). These will certainly strengthen the attack, while of last season's forwards retained are E. Bluff, F. Harrison, F. W. Mouncher, G. A. Hedley, F. Coham and F. Jeffries, twenty-three players in all. Billy Dawson will again act in the capacity of trainer, and a more popular man with his men than Billy would be hard to find. He was given a well-earned benefit, a privilege that is to be accorded to Lee this season. The foregoing are names that should inspire confidence, and it is hoped the club will hold its own as one of the leading football organisations in the country. The club is again competing in the Western League. The second string have been entered for the Second Division of the Southern League, and also the Hants League. A start is made with a balance in hand, and with a little luck in the great Cup competition, there is no reason why at the close there should not be a substantial sum at the bank. Practice is in full swing, and the form displayed by the new men has inspired confidence in the many that have watched the preliminaries. The following will probably be the League side:—Clawley; Hartshorn and Clark; Lee, Hogg, and Houlker; Harrison, Soye, Hedley, Bluff, and Tomlinson. The second team may consist of: Burrows; Meston and Warner; Metcalf, Haxton, and Edmonds; Mouncher, Coham, Jeffries, Brown, and Angel.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS BUOYANT.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast" is evidently the motto of the directors of the Queen's Park Rangers Club. They have had more than their share of difficulties, but they have manfully tackled them, and they are now looking forward buoyantly to a capital season, the doings of the team to afford full compensation for the disappointments of 1904-5. It will be interesting to give a complete list of the players who have signed on for the club:—Goal, M Kingsley (Newcastle and West Ham), and A Howes; backs, G Newlands, P McLarney (Willington-Newcastle), and H Wassell (Small Heath and Bristol Rovers); half-backs, A Hitch, S Downing, A Edwards, J White, W Yenson (Bolton Wanderers), and H McGargill (Gateshead); forwards G Milward, F Bevan, N Murphy, G Ryder, E Handford, A Gardner (Brighton and Hove), W Roberts (Brighton and Hove), J Fletcher (West Ham), S H Sugden (Notts Forest), and A Thompson (Sunderland). In addition the Rangers have the assistance of F Lyons and T S Fox at back, Martin, of Ilford, at half-back, and P Skilton and W Bailey in the forward rank. Cowan (outside left), from Newcastle East End), Coates (inside forward), from the Leadgate Park Club, Newcastle, and Brewster (centre forward), from the Scotswood Club, Northumberland, all young, fast, and weighty men, will be down on trial for two or three matches. From the above list the directors are confident they will be able to place a powerful team in the field. W. Draper, the well-known full back, has been appointed trainer in succession to C. Miles, and the appointment has given great satisfaction. Unfortunately, Milward has had a relapse this summer, and it is feared he will not be fit to play for the first few weeks.

PORTSMOUTH READY.

Fratton Park has undergone much renovation since the close of last season, and players, shareholders, and the patrons will share in the improvements which have been made, and which will be thoroughly completed before the regular opening next month. The keen manager (Mr. R. Bonney) has given his best attention to all the overlooking for several months, and he and the board of directors have worked together most harmoniously in providing a safer terracing outside the playing enclosure, brightening up the stands, and erecting special dressing, billiard, meeting, and recreation apartments, to more reasonably accommodate themselves, the spectators, and their team of twenty-seven men. It has, however, added considerably to the expenditure, but as the company possessed at the time of issuing their last report a goodly balance of upwards of £2,000, they can well afford to make their ground a credit to the pastime. The success of last season at least will be repeated. Then the gate receipts yielded no less an amount than £7,122 1s. 5d., though the company suffered a loss of £155 2s. 8d. by the dividing system, the sum of £1,124 0s. 1d. being paid out, as against £968 17s. 5d. received. The team expenses alone, however, came to £5,151 4s. 7d., and the other payments left no more than £1,032 5s. 7d. to be carried to the profit and loss account on the work of the twelve months ending April 29. The playing ability of the team is the main feature of interest to the "Pompey" supporters, and the selections made by Mr. Bonney give abundant prospects of tough tussles for the English Cup, together with fair hopes of securing the S.L. and W.L. trophies, both of which were in the keeping of the "Pompeys" a couple of seasons' back, when Reilly (now attached to Notts County), was at the height of his form between the posts, and when the front line was as near perfection as possible. A return to that form is devoutly wished for, and it will be no fault of Harry Wood, the new trainer, if the ideal is not obtained. Wood has had ample experience as a recent player at Southampton, and he will have an assistant trainer in Cooper (Wellingborough), whose efficiency is well recognised. Until the termination of the initial practice matches, the constitution of the team for the opening matches cannot of necessity be finally determined, but the prospects are that the following will be the selection:—Harris; Walker and Molyneux; Bowman, Buick, and Jackson (Sunderland); Warrington (Brentford) and Hunter, right wing; Lee, centre; W Smith and S Smith, left wing. This list, however, does not include many reliable men, and the following, among others, will be available for change or for vacancies caused by accidents:—Cooke (West Bromwich), goal; Stewart (Sunderland), and Archibald, backs; McDonald, Halliday, Digweed, and Kirby, half-backs; and Salter, Cunliffe, Didymus, Corbin, and Holden, forwards. The reputations of the new players are all good. Hunter is a Scotsman of 11st, having had experience with the Hearts o' Midlothian, and with Woolwich Arsenal; Molyneux has displayed both judgment and skill with the "Saints" at Southampton, also at Stoke and Everton, and has joined on the recommendation of Harry Wood; and the list as a whole is strong and admirably chosen, giving rose-coloured prospects of assisting in the Southern football revival.

NEW BROMPTON'S BID FOR SUCCESS.

The above club again competes in the Southern League, United League, and the Football Association Cup. Among the list of players for the season will be noticed the names of some of those who have done yeoman service for the club, and are still sure to continue to do so. The others have been most carefully selected by the directors, and proved by the clubs they have left to be very promising, energetic, and skilful players, who are certain to make a name in the football world. The list is as follows:—Goalkeepers, F. J. Griffiths, the International and last season's player; H. S. Metherell, last season's player. Backs, J. Walton, last season's player; W. B. Floyd, late Gainsboro' Trinity, 2nd League; A. Webb, late Chatham. Half-backs, G. H. Lloyd, last season's player; A. Bull, last season's player; J. Elliott, last season's player; J. Martin, late Sheffield United. Forwards, P. Barnfather, last season's player; P. Travers, last season's player; J. McKee, last season's player; H. Phillips, late Grimsby Town; J. Sheridan, Irish International, late Stoke and Everton; G. W. Snellgrove, late Chatham; W. Marriott, late Northampton and Aston Villa; A. J. Burns, late Chatham. C. Evans has also agreed to assist the club. Mr. G. Craddock, trainer, has been reappointed. Floyd (back) was considered to be one of the fastest backs in the English League 2nd Division. He missed only five League matches last season. Webb, Burns, and Snellgrove are well-known locally as the Chatham Stars. Martin (right and centre-half) is a well-built player, and has speed, skill, and judgment behind him. Sheffield asked him to remain, but New Brompton persuaded him to come and make a reputation in the South. Phillips (centre forward) has completed two seasons with Grimsby Town, and they were anxious to retain him. Middlesbrough made a good offer for him, but the heavy transfer fee of £150 insisted upon by Grimsby was too much for Middlesbrough. Here again New Brompton fortunately stepped in, and, of course, had no transfer fee to pay, they being a Southern League club. Sheridan (inside left), the Irish International, is well known. Stoke paid Everton £300 for his transfer in September last, and he was again selected for Ireland v. England in February of this year. He has six caps, although only a youngster. His familiar name is "Paddy"; he is all bone and muscle, and so compactly and sturdily built that opponents have difficulty in moving him off the ball. Marriott (outside left) is also a familiar name. He caught the eye of the Aston Villa Club two seasons ago, so much so, that they paid £300 to Wellingborough for his transfer, but Northampton later on persuaded him to return to his native town. He centres very accurately, and was their most consistent forward last season. Special arrangements have been made for all half time and full time Southern League and 1st Division League results to be telephoned to the ground during the progress of every game. Further banking accommodation for spectators has been pushed forward during the summer months, and extensive alterations have been made to the visitors' and other dressing-rooms. All the players have arrived in the district, and commenced training on Tuesday, August 11.

WATFORD'S OLD BRIGADE.

Very few new faces will be seen in the ranks of the Watford first team this coming season. Of last year's eleven, which gained the highest position in the Southern League in the annals of the club, only two will be missing—Tennant, who has signed for the Glasgow Royal Albert Club, and Barton—the old hands who re-signed at the end of April being:—Biggar, Lindsay, Brooks, Main, McCartney, Richardson, Badenoch, Turner, and the evergreen "Johnnie" Goodall, who, by the bye, has just been presented with another son. The new players who have been secured are—C. Aston, who fills either position in the rear rank equally well; for the past three seasons he has been with Burton United, while prior to that he played with Queen's Park Rangers and Aston Villa. G. Fyfe is a half-back with excellent credentials from Edinburgh Hibernians and Motherwell. S. Eaton was last season with Luton, and is at his best when filling the inside right position. He has been two seasons with Derby County Reserves, also one season with Leicester Fosse. J. Foster, who comes from Rotherham Town, where he scored over 100 goals in two seasons, is booked to fill the centre forward position. Last season he occupied that position in the Champions v. Rest of Midland League, and in League games scored 45 goals out of a total of 74. F. Keely will fill the outside left position, vacated by Tennant. With Chesterfield last year; prior to that with Barnsley. J. Reid is an inside left, who has been with Notts County for two seasons. Others whose signatures have been obtained are Brown, a forward from Northampton, and Packford, from Norwich City, whilst several good amateurs have signed the necessary League registration forms. The club is indebted to the chairman (Mr. R. A. Thorpe) to a considerable extent, the money necessary for summer wages having been advanced by him in addition to the money already due to him. It is hoped that during the ensuing season, with the additional games arranged, the club will be able to repay him some of the loans advanced. The season opens on Saturday, September 2, with a game with Luton in the newly-formed United League, at Watford.

WEST HAM UNITED'S OUTLOOK.

There is not the least doubt that West Ham did the right thing last year in changing from the Memorial Grounds, Canning Town, to their present ground at Upton Park, for the past season was financially the most successful in the club's history. The directors during the summer have done their best to improve the ground in every respect, by adding to the accommodation for the convenience of their supporters. Terraces have been made, and the banks altered so that now every spectator may obtain an uninterrupted view of the game from all parts of the ground. Alterations have been made also in the team, and the directors have every hope of gaining a high position, if not, in fact, winning the Southern League. Besides the nineteen professionals who have signed on, a good number of well-known amateurs have promised their services. In addition to Cotton (goalkeeper), Dave Gardner (back), Allison, Piercy, and Jarvis (half-backs), Hilsdon and Bridgeman (centre forwards), all of whom were last season's players, the following will play for the Hammers:—Geo Hitchen (goalkeeper), played last season for Everton; Alec McCartney (full back), played for Ireland against England and Scotland last season; H Hindle (half-back), late of Blackburn Rovers; Robert Bush (half-back), played for the Hammers' reserves last year as an amateur; W Ford (outside right), late of Portsmouth; Charles Mackie (inside right), late of Manchester United; Lionel Watson (inside left), late of Blackburn Rovers; "Fred" Blackburn (outside left), late of Blackburn Rovers, and played for England v. Scotland in 1902; Herbert Winterhalder (outside right or left), late of Wellingborough and Plymouth; H Wilkinson (inside left), late of Hull City and Manchester United; S McAllister (forward), late of Grimsby and Motherwell; R Platt (back), a promising young player from the Stoke district. Among the amateurs who have signed playing forms are Sid Hammond (back), who partnered Gardner during the latter half of the past season; Percy Smith (half-back), played last year; and T P Barton (half-back), the well-known Ilford player; while among the forwards will be found A Winterhalder (Wanstead), C H Pearce (Ilford and Essex County), and A V Frisley (Romford). The team will again be trained by "Tommy" Robinson, and Mr. Syd King will once more act as secretary-manager. The Hammers' first match on September 2 is against Swindon, on the Boleyn Ground, Upton Park.

CRAVEN COTTAGERS PREPARED.

The Fulham F.C. directors, though threatened with further opposition next season, are not at all dismayed. They are confident that they will hold their own, and that the team they have got together will improve on previous records. A flying visit to the ground shows that those who control the destinies of the club believe in going ahead, for they have had a complete transformation effected, and when September 1 comes round it will be found that the Craven Cottage enclosure is one of the most complete of its kind in the country. In other respects, too, the Fulham directors have been busy. Mr. H. Bradshaw knows how to get a team together. Not every man he signs on is a Fryer, Crompton, Leake, or Bloomer, but he has a wonderful knack of getting hold of the right men, and then of getting the best out of them. It speaks volumes for the relationship subsisting between the directors and the players that so many of last season's team should have again signed on, but in addition to these a practically new team has been secured, so that there should never be any difficulty in placing a really representative eleven in the field. J. Fryer will again be found between the uprights, and his understudy will be F. Thompson, of Portsmouth. H. Ross and H. Thorp have been retained for the back division, and should necessity arise, F. Waterson could be called upon, though he is not likely to have many opportunities to assist the first string, as the new players include J. Fidler (Sheffield United) and J. Fitchett (Manchester United), the latter being at home in either the first or second line of defence. As to the halves, Haworth, Morrison, Goldie, Robotham, and Shelley have appended their signatures to the necessary forms, and the services of A. Collins (Chesterfield) have likewise been secured. In the forward line there are Soar, Wardrope, Bell, and Fraser of last year's team, W. C. Kirby, F. Edgley (Sheffield United), F. Threlfall (Manchester City), W. Wood (Bury), and J. Catterall (Preston North End). There will consequently be a strong leaven of new players in the front rank, and much is hoped for from Edgley, who will be the pivot. Training has been steadily pursued for the past three weeks, most of it having been done on the ground of the Putney Athletic Club, owing to the alterations to the ground. As to these, a few particulars should be given. The new grand stand is 380 feet long, with a roof-span of 60ft., which completely covers both stand and enclosure. There is seating accommodation in the stand for 5,000, and in the enclosure for 3,000. The ground is terraced on three sides, and it will easily accommodate 40,000 people. The offices of the club are on the ground in a new building, aptly called Craven Cottage, and this also contains board and recreation rooms, with billiard table, dressing and bath rooms for referee, linesmen, and players. A balcony projects from the west side, overlooking the field of play, and this is specially reserved for officials of the club and visiting officials. The Press, always treated with great consideration at Fulham, have a new box, and the seats of the Fourth Estate are probably the best on the ground. The formal opening will be on September 2, when Portsmouth visit the Craven Cottagers. The club takes part in the following leagues:—Southern (Divisions I. and II.), Western (Div. I.), and London Premier Division.

THE SPURS OF TOTTENHAM.

The many thousands of supporters of the Tottenham Hotspur team are already exercising their minds as to what will happen during next season. It is, perhaps, just as well that the veil of the future cannot be pierced. It may hide many brilliant successes, but it is likely to also obscure from view numerous disappointments and failures. And yet one is fairly safe in prophesying that during the 1905-6 season, the Spurs will worthily uphold their glorious traditions, although the highest honours may not again fall to their share. It is generally admitted that during the last campaign the team did not fulfil expectations. And this verdict must stand even after full allowance has been made for the injuries received by players. No great achievement as the result of sustained effort can be claimed by the Spurs as the result of the 1904-5 season's work, but it was not an altogether barren period, for the "Merit Cup" of an evening contemporary found its way to Northumberland Park, the Southern Charity Cup is jointly held by the club, while the Reserves again won the South-Eastern League, and were the runners-up in the London League. Fortunately Tottenham do not have the money worries which have beset so many clubs, and keep them ever in the thraldom of debt, and the directors, strong in their financial position, and confident in the unwavering support of their large and loyal following, may face the future with undisturbed equanimity. Mr. John Cameron, one of the most astute managers in the country, has succeeded in making some excellent captures. He has paid particular attention to the forward line, which was a weak spot last season. The men were clever enough in the open, but they could not shoot. It is true that in their home Southern League matches they scored 34 goals, but double figures were obtained in one game, and 17 away matches yielded only 19 goals. The defence for next season has a very sound and solid look about it. Eggett and Whitbourne (Sunderland) will be the choices for goal, and Tait and Watson will be the regular backs, with Hickling (Derby County), Burton, and others to fall back upon in case of need, not forgetting Chaplin, of Dundee, who comes South with a well-deserved high reputation. In the half-back line will be found Morris, Bull, Hughes, and Brearley, with such capable understudies as Freeborough, George, Leach (Brighton), M'Naught, and Darnell. There is a big list of forwards to choose from, the most notable absentees being J. Kirwan and D. Copeland. There are V. J. Woodward, Walton, Chapman, Glen, Stansfield, Berry, Murray, and O'Hagan of last year's team, while the new players include Kyle (Scottish Junior International), Shackleton (Darlington), M'Millan (Liverpool), Carrick (West Ham), and Whyman. With so much talent at command, the Spurs will open the season with confidence, and should make further progress in the F.A. Cup than was their experience on the last occasion they sought to annex this valuable bauble.

TO-DAY'S F.A. COUNCIL MEETING.

INTERESTING QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Council of the Football Association will be held to-day (Monday) at 104, High Holborn, W.C., when it will be reported that the divisional and association representatives have been duly elected as follows:—

Division 1.—H. Walker (North Riding of Yorkshire Association). Division 2.—J. Lewis (Lancashire Association). Division 3.—J. McKenna (Liverpool F.C.). Division 4.—I. Whitehouse (Aston Villa F.C.). Division 5.—A. Kingscott (Derby County F.C.). Division 6.—H. S. Radford (Notts Forest F.C.). Division 7.—Not yet elected. Division 8.—N. Whittaker (Southampton F.C.). Division 9.—G. B. Pollock Hodsoll (Casuals F.C.). Division 10.—J. Grant (Kent Association).

Association representatives: Army, Capt. E. G. Curtis; Bedfordshire, G. Wistow Walker; Berks and Bucks, A. Davis; Birmingham and District Counties, W. McGregor; Cambridge University, S. S. Harris; Cheshire, A. Scragg; Derbyshire, M. T. Roberts; Dorset, M. C. Froude; Durham, J. Glover; Essex, R. Cook; Gloucestershire, W. H. Haskins; Hertfordshire, G. Wagstaffe Simmons; Hampshire, W. Pickford; Lancashire, R. P. Gregson; Leicestershire, J. W. Carter; London, T. H. Kirkup; Liverpool and District, R. E. Lythgoe; Lincolnshire, W. H. Bellamy; Middlesex, E. L. Holland; Nottinghamshire, A. G. Hines; Northamptonshire, F. Styles; Norfolk, R. Webster; North Riding of Yorkshire, J. Howcroft; Northumberland, W. Tiffin; Sussex, E. W. Everest; Staffordshire, W. Heath; Sheffield and Hallamshire, J. Fox; Somersetshire, C. J. Lewin; Suffolk, S. A. Notcutt; Surrey, W. J. Wilson; Shropshire, R. T. Gough; and Wiltshire, Rev. W. N. Campbell Wheeler. To these have to be added the President (Lord Kinnaird), six vice-presidents (Messrs. J. C. Clegg, C. Crump, C. W. Alcock, G. S. Sherrington, C. J. Hughes, and J. J. Bentley), and the hon. treasurer (Mr. D. B. Woolfall). There are very few changes, the most notable being the retirement of Mr. T. H. Sidney, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and the election in his stead of Mr. J. McKenna, of Liverpool. In no case in which a retiring member has been challenged has he lost his seat.

The first business of the Council is to elect a chairman, and it is a foregone conclusion that Mr. J. C. Clegg will be again asked to occupy that position. It is true that no man is indispensable, but Mr. Clegg fills a unique position in a conspicuously able manner, and his value to the Football Association and its Council cannot be over-estimated. He brings to bear on every matter that acumen and breadth of view which would be expected from one who has had so wide an experience in the law courts, and his ability to grasp the essential facts of a subject, or the material points of evidence, are qualities which assist to make him an ideal chairman. So long as he is willing to do the large amount of work which holding the office entails, the position will be offered him.

The various Standing Committees will be elected, and the Council will then be asked to confirm the action of the secretary in giving permission to the Liverpool Club to present their professional players each with a gold watch in recognition of their winning the championship of Division II. of the Football League; and for the professional players of the Newcastle United F.C. to each receive a watch, to commemorate the winning of the Football League championship.

There are two items of an important character which appear for the second time on the agenda. The first is the action of a club in paying a professional player, who also acts as its secretary, remuneration in excess of the maximum wage as provided by rule 31, and the position of the player is also to be determined. The second matter is to consider the action of a club in paying £2 10s. a week to one of its players, who also acted as its assistant secretary or clerk, the player not having been registered as a professional, and to further decide as to the status of the player. We have dealt with these points previously, and have strongly insisted upon the paramount necessity of leaving no loophole for clubs to set up a system of crooked finance. At the same time, the information in our possession conclusively shows that in the two cases under consideration the arrangements were perfectly bona fide, and both players earned the amounts paid them by personally performing the duties of the offices they filled. They were not colourable appointments, the work being done by deputy, and there is no doubt that if a mistake has been made, it has been made in good faith.

The other items are of a more or less formal character, and should not give rise to any lengthened discussion.

LONDON CALEDONIANS.

The London Caledonians F.C., one of the most popular Metropolitan amateur organisations, is making active preparations for the forthcoming season. Tufnell Park, so easily accessible from the city, will again be used for home matches, and training has already begun there, the members of the team being very keen on making an auspicious start. Most of last season's players are again available, and Secretary Gibbons is on the look out for other likely players. Any Scotch players in London who desire to join the club should communicate with him at once, and they will be most cordially welcomed. The Calies open on Sept. 2 with a friendly match against Shepherd's Bush at Loftus-road, and their three following fixtures, with Clapton, Casuals, and Ilford, are all in the newly-formed Isthmian League.

THE COMING FOOTBALL SEASON.

PLAYERS AT WORK.

BY RAMBLER.

There is considerable activity among professional clubs, as the last week of training has been entered upon prior to the beginning of the season on Friday next. There are numerous matches down for decision on the 1st, but most of the big clubs will postpone their appearance against rivals until the following day, when the work of the leading leagues will begin in grim earnest. There is now feverish anxiety in many quarters to ascertain the capabilities of the new men who have signed on, and the practice matches and spins have been watched with a degree of interest which has never been surpassed. At some of the trial games thousands of spectators have assembled, and their appetite has been so whetted by what they have seen, that they are looking forward with impatience, in which there is a tinge of curiosity, to the week-end. Hopes are high, and everything appears rosy, but before September has run its course there will be disillusionment and despair, for some of the stars who have been captured will be found to shine only with feeble light. The disappointments, however, may to a certain extent be counterbalanced by players who have been regarded as mediocre, developing unexpected ability. In the course of a few weeks it will be possible to accurately sum up the chances of the clubs, but it is obviously unfair to decide upon the form shown in practice games. So far as one is able to judge from what has happened, there has been a levelling-up process, and there will be few clubs standing out beyond others. This is as it should be. A game the result of which may be predicted with absolute certainty before the ball has been kicked off, does not possess the charm and attraction of a match, the issue of which is expected to tremble in the balance until the last moment. What appeals to the public is a struggle between two well-matched teams, and the supporter of the home club fervently desiring that the better team will be his own pets. Below will be found many interesting items:—

PORTSMOUTH F.C. TRIAL MATCH.

The Professionals and Amateurs had a trial match on Saturday at Fratton Park, Portsmouth, before 2,000 onlookers. The pros. won by 2 goals (Hughes and Salter) to nothing. Mr. R. Pook was the referee, and the teams were:—

Professionals.—Cook; Stewart and Archibald; Smith, Halliday, and Hurley; Kirby, Didymus, Hughes, Salter, and Holden.

Amateurs.—Jones; Hayes and Brittan; Digweed, Hickleton, and McDonald; Jordan, Rockery, Corbin, Stapleton, and Brown.

SWINDON F.C.

This club held its second practice match on Saturday, and 4,000 people witnessed a very interesting exposition of the game. Nearly all the new men acquitted themselves successfully, and as all the old players were in good trim, the impression generally prevailed that there would be keen competition for places in the first team. Although no official notification has been issued, it looks as if the side for the opening match at West Ham next Saturday will be composed very much as follows:—Ling; O'Brien and Atterbury; Hindle, Holyhead, and Lyons; Tout, Monks, Wheatcroft, Abbott, and Chalmers.

SOUTHAMPTON F.C.

A trial match, Whites v. Stripes, was played at the Dell, Southampton, on Friday, before a large attendance. The Whites were practically the side that will represent the club in the Southern League. The game from the start was evenly contested, Tomlinson and Bluff showing up prominently for the Whites, and Hartshorne, Hogg, and Burrows for the Stripes. The Whites scored first, but before the interval Brown equalised. In the second portion, the Whites gradually assumed the upper hand, and Harrison (2) and Mouncher added goals, the Whites winning by 4 goals to 1. In the second half, Burrows, the local goalkeeper, gave a grand exhibition between the sticks.

MILLWALL AT PRACTICE.

The first public appearance of the team which will do duty for Millwall during the forthcoming season was welcomed on Saturday at the North Greenwich ground by a large concourse of spectators, who, with a special eye to their favourites, keenly watched a full time match between Probables and Possibles. The Probables won by two goals to nil, Milsom and Watkins doing the needful, but the game was by no means one-sided. So far as could be seen, Millwall possess remarkably good backs and half-backs, both in the first and reserve teams, but their forwards were evidently out of practice. With a bit of play, however, they will be a likely lot. Unfortunately, Blythe, Maclean, and Twigg were unable to turn out owing to slight injuries, but of those who did, Milsom was easily the best forward on the field, he being especially clever in the open. Both goalkeepers were good, and Clifford stood out prominently at back. Comrie was the best of the halves, and Campbell played his usual clever game. The team are confident, and their first appearance at Brighton next Saturday will in its result be some guide as to their ability. On the 4th of next month the Club Athletic Prof., Paris, pay a visit to Millwall, when the whole of the new members lately signed on will turn out. The teams were:—

Probables.—Joyce; Clifford and Stevenson; Ward, Comrie, and Campbell; Hunter, Milsom, Heaton, Jones, and Watkins.

Possibles.—Dewey; Hiscock and Bassett; Chance, Fletcher, and Burke; Bradbury, Rattery, Passmore, Nope, and White.

FULHAM'S TRIAL.

Fulham's trial was brought off in the presence of a few privileged on-lookers. The teams were Whites and Stripes, the former being captained by J. Fryer, the club "skipper." The game was useful as a lung-opener, and the display was satisfactory. Fryer's side had a goal to spare at the end. In the forward line the side is decidedly well served. Frank Edgely (late of Sheffield) is the pivot of a nice-looking, easy-moving attack. There is a good defence behind, and, taken altogether, the combination is one that should please the most exacting. Lord Dalmeny has consented to kick off on the occasion of the opening game with Portsmouth.

WEST HAM'S FINAL TRIAL.

One thing was made evident from the trial at the "Hammers" ground on Saturday—namely, that the directors will have considerable difficulty in pleasing all their supporters with their first team forward line, owing to the number of good forwards they possess. The teams were designated "Colours" and "Whites." The "Colours" were practically the first team. Several alterations have been made in its constitution since the previous week, Bridgeman being played outside right for the second team. Mackie went centre for the first, while the right wing was Ford and Winterhalder. Watson stood down, and a trial was given to G. W. Webb, of Ilford Alliance, as partner to Blackburn. In the "White" team another new face was seen in Griffiths, of Catford Southend, who played inside left. The 5,000 spectators witnessed a rousing game, which ended in a victory for the Whites (the reserves) by 2 goals to 1. In the first half Mackie, for the "Colours," tricked the defence, and easily beat Cotton. Soon after an unusual incident occurred. A penalty was given to the "Whites," and Cotton, their captain, left his goal and took the kick, but failed to convert, Kitchen making a good save. In the second half, Gardner made a mis-kick, and Bridgeman fastening on the ball, beat Kitchen at six yards range, while soon after Winterhalder ran round McCartney, and gave the "Whites" the lead, Kitchen being unable to reach the ball. Possibly the first team treated their opponents too lightly, for up to the time the second goal was scored against them, they were easily held by the second team. In the last ten minutes they woke up, and gave a glimpse of their proper form. For the "Whites," Hammond, Hindle, Bridgeman, and Winterhalder (A.) showed the best form; while Blackburn, Mackie, Piercy, Gardner, and Kitchen were most noticeable on the other side.

CRYSTAL PALACE PRACTICE MATCH.

The general public had an opportunity of witnessing the professionals and amateurs of the newly-formed club in a practice match last week-end. On one side, the Reds—the first team of forwards and halves, with reserve backs and goalkeeper—were pitted against the Whites, who consisted of reserve forwards and halves, with first team backs and goalkeeper. It was evident throughout that there is plenty of material for a first-class team, as, although the Reds won by five goals to one, the defence opposed to them shaped in good style. Watkins, the Welsh international, managed to score a couple of goals, and A. Needham, also, but it must not be lost sight of that the many accurate centres of Thompson and Roberts materially assisted them. The latter also scored a beauty on his own initiative. Birnie, at centre-half, who is to captain the team, troubled his colleagues considerably, and altogether the display gave much satisfaction to the officials present.

Reds.—Tomlinson; Tester and Grant; Innerd, Birnie (capt), and Astley; Thompson, Harker, Watkins, A Needham, and Roberts.

Whites.—Hewitson; Walker and Edwards; Wallace, Dart, and Wilson; Wilkins, Ingram, Oliver, Rose, and Yelding.

CLAPTON ORIENT TRIAL MATCH.

On Saturday, this new second division English League club played a trial game at Millfields-road, Lower Clapton. The gate, which was on the "give what-you-like" principle, was set apart for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, Hackney-road, and although coppers predominated, the Executive are able to hand over to that deserving institution the handsome sum of £68.

CHELSEA TRIAL.

As a result of the recent trials at Stamford Bridge, the following will, in the opening games, comprise the first team:—W Foulkes; R Mackie and T Miller, or R McEwan; G Key, Bob McRoberts, and Jack Robertson; J Kirwan, D Copeland, Frank O'Hara, J. Windridge, and M Moran. The management have signed on some promising local amateurs, several of whom will figure in the reserve games. Foulkes captains the club. The Earl of Cadogan has accepted the presidency of the club, and the vice-presidents include Mr. C. A. Whitmore, M.P., Mr. W. Hayes Fisher, M.P., Major Woods, Col. Powell, and Mr. C. B. Fry.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE PRACTICE.

The second practice of Plymouth Argyle was played under wretched conditions at Home Park, before a crowd of about 2,000. The proceeds of the gate were in aid of the unemployed of the Three Towns. Considering the slippery nature of the ground, the exposition was very good. The sides lined out as "Whites" and "Greens." At the outset the Whites forced the pace, and Jack and Wright were often prominent on the left wing, the club's player-manager showing his best form. On the Greens' side, Bauchop and Buchanan combined well together, and were often dangerous. Banks gave the Greens the lead with a long shot which completely beat Horne, and at the interval the colours led by a goal. Soon after he had scored, Banks was injured, and had to retire, having twisted his leg. In the second half the Whites held the advantage, the Greens' backs being rather weak. After several attacking movements, Wright succeeded in making the scores level, and a little later Owens broke through on his own and put the Whites a point ahead. Jack continued to show excellent form, and he led up to a third goal, the credit of securing which attached to Owens. There was no further scoring.

NORWICH CITY F.C. TRIAL MATCH.

By way of a send-off Norwich City had a trial match on their ground on Newmarket-road, Norwich, on Saturday, the entire proceeds of the gate being devoted to charity. The stands and banking at the far end of the ground are not quite complete, but our representative was informed by the popular manager and secretary, Mr. J. Bowman, that everything would be found in apple-pie order on the 9th inst., when the "Canaries" meet the famous Southampton team. The City have a very heavy month before them, having arranged no fewer than four mid-week matches, over and above the usual Southern League ties. The mid-week matches include Yarmouth (a), Clapton (h), Queen's Park Rangers (h), and Paris (h), and with the array of talent at the disposal of Mr. Bowman, there should be no difficulty in turning out good teams for all the games. The game on Saturday ended in favour of the Whites by four goals to two.

RANGERS ON TRIAL.

The dominant note at Park Royal just now is confidence—unbounded confidence, in the ability of the men who will uphold the honour of the club during 1905-6. The second and final trial match on Saturday revealed the fact that the Rangers have some very promising recruits. A favourable impression was created by Brewis, Coates, and Cowan, who appeared in the vanguard of the team designated the "Whites." The first-mentioned showed some smart touches at centre-forward, and should do well. The "Whites" exhibited the better form for the first quarter of an hour, the forwards combining well, but afterwards the "Stripes" held them pretty easily. Kingsley, in goal for the "Stripes" (who ultimately won by a goal—scored by Roberts—to nil), although not overburdened with work, had an opportunity of showing his capabilities in the first half, when for five minutes the "Whites'" front line kept up a bombardment on the ex-Newcastle and West Ham player's charge. That five minutes was sufficient to give the spectators an idea of the treasure the club had secured. Of the other men on the "Stripes'" side, F. Lyon and Newlands defended soundly at back, and, after the first fifteen minutes, Yenson, Hitch, and Downing had the measure of the opposing forwards. Roberts and Gardner, last season's Brighton left wing, should prove as dangerous a combination as ever. T. Moger, a brother of the Manchester United player, did some good work in goal for the "Whites," whose defence was very stubborn.

WATFORD F.C.

In addition to the men already signed on and in active training, "Johnnie" Goodall obtained the signatures during the past week of Higgins, Barnes, and Eames, who were the mainstay of the Reserve team last season. The former is a good goalkeeper, while the other two are forwards of no mean merit.

L. R. ROOSE TO PLAY FOR STOKE.

Great satisfaction has been given to Pottery football enthusiasts by the news that L. R. Roose, the brilliant Welsh International custodian, had again decided to throw in his lot with Stoke. Roose had written to Everton expressing his intention of giving up football, but the Stoke management, knowing the player's intense love for the game, put forth all their powers of persuasion, and succeeded in gaining his promise to play. Later information is to the effect that he has signed the usual amateur form.

CHESTERFIELD F.C.

The first practice match in connection with the above club was held on Saturday on the Recreation Ground, Chesterfield, when the teams were captained by Hy. Mundy (Whites) and Geo. Milnes (Stripes). The Whites consisted mostly of the players that did duty last season in the premier matches. There was a crowd of almost 2,000 present when the teams started. The result was:—Whites, 3; Stripes, 1.

COVENTRY CITY.

Coventry City F.C. held another trial game on Saturday in the presence of a large gathering of spectators. Teams representing "Blues" and "Reds" opposed each other, the former winning by 2 goals to 1. Next Saturday the club meet Brierley Hill.

NEW PLAYER FOR BIRMINGHAM F.C.

The directors of the Birmingham F.C. have signed on a promising new forward, named George Anderson, of Sunderland Royal Rovers. Anderson is twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 7in. in height, and scales 11st. In practice games he has displayed considerable ability, and the club look upon him as a valuable recruit.

SURREY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Oval, Kennington, at 6.30 p.m.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 18, at 7.30 p.m., at the Holborn Restaurant. Tickets of admission will be sent only to those clubs whose subscription is paid for the coming season. The subscriptions (senior 10s., junior 5s.) are due on or before Sept. 1. Entries for the Cup Competitions (senior 10s., junior 5s.) close on Sept 7.—W. J. Wilson, hon. sec. and treas.

MAIDENHEAD NORFOLKIANS F.C.

Mr. E. Gardner, M.P., the president, presided over the annual meeting, held on Friday evening at the Sun Hotel, Maidenhead. There was a very large attendance of members. The annual report stated that the club won the Oxford Hospital Cup (the finest football trophy in the kingdom) and the championship of the Berks and Bucks League. The club did well in the English and Amateur Cup competitions, and also in other contests. Of thirty-eight matches played, twenty-five were won, seven lost, and six drawn. The club had this season entered for the English Cup, the Amateur Cup, Berks and Bucks Senior and Junior Cups and Leagues, the Great Western Suburban League, and the Oxford Charity Cup. The balance-sheet showed a surplus of £4 11s. 5d. Mr. H. Maisey asked to be relieved of the office of hon. sec. and treasurer, after twenty-one years' service, but he yielded to pressure, and was re-elected with unanimity and hearty applause. Mr. F. A. Cole was re-elected assistant hon. sec.

TO REFEREES.

Mr. A. G. Actbell, hon. sec. of the London Postal League, 82, Mildmay-road, would be pleased to hear from any affiliated referee who is able to officiate in 10.30 a.m. matches in the Metropolitan area.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

THIRD LANARK v. PARTICK THISTLE.

Last Year's Result.—3rd Lanark, 6; Partick Thistle, 1.

A grand game resulted in a win for Third Lanark by 2—1, but the Thistle were unfortunate to lose, as they had the best of the game all through. The Third's first goal was cleverly scored by Wilson, but Carrick Hamilton was instrumental in drawing the game level before half-time. The Third were lucky to get a second goal in the concluding half, through Johnstone, while the Thistle failed to again find the net. For the winners, Raeside, in goal, was the mainstay of his team, and he was ably assisted by Barr and Sloan. Johnstone was the best forward. Among the losers, none played better than the ex-Q.P. left-winger, Carrick Hamilton, his dashing runs and shots giving much trouble to the opposing defence. He was ably seconded by Gray and Kennedy, while Harvey, at back, and Howden, in goal, also did noble service. Result:—Third Lanark, 2; Partick Thistle, 1.

ST. MIRREN v. HEARTS OF MIDLOTHIAN.

Last Year's Result—St. Mirren, 1; Hearts, 1.

At Paisley a capital game took place. Play throughout abounded in exciting bits, and the ball ranged from goal to goal with bewildering rapidity. Half-time came with no goal. The second half was as stirring as the first, with what luck was going in favour of the Hearts, who scored the only and winning goal. The result was:—Hearts, 1; St. Mirren, 0.

KILMARNOCK v. CELTIC.

Last Year's Result.—Celtic, 3; Kilmarnock, 0.

Celtic were in good form at Kilmarnock, and had little difficulty, despite accidents to the players, in gaining the points. In the first half the home team made a good show, and scored two goals to the Celtic's three. In the second half the game quietened down, only one goal being scored, a result largely due to the Parkhead brigade taking matters easily. Towards the finish play became rough, and several shady incidents took place. The best man on the field was Somers, the internationalist, who showed rare dash. Result:—Celtic, 4; Kilmarnock, 2.

RANGERS v. ABERDEEN.

Last year Aberdeen were not in the League.

The Northern team made their first appearance as First Leaguers at Ibrox, Glasgow. A very equal game was witnessed. The home eleven was poor at back, but the forwards gave a good display, McColl, the ex-Newcastle man, being prominent for several fine individual runs. Half-time came without any goals having been scored. On the resumption, Rangers forced the pace, and more than one good shot just missed taking effect. On the other side, Lennie and McNicoll gave endless trouble. Close on time, McMillan beat McFarlane. Result:—Rangers, 1 goal; Aberdeen, 0.

MOTHERWELL v. PORT GLASGOW.

Last Year's Result.—Port Glasgow, 2; Motherwell, 0.

All through this match at Motherwell the home team held the advantage, though their victory was materially affected by a penalty granted them close on half time. In the first half, Ward, the Port Glasgow goalkeeper, was repeatedly called upon, but was only beaten by the penalty kick. The second half was a repetition of the first moiety, even to the score. Motherwell again scored, and ran out winners. The game was a typical country one, with little of the finer touches of football. Result:—Motherwell, 2; Port Glasgow Athletic, 0.

MORTON v. AIRDRIEONIANS.

Last Year's Result.—Morton, 2; Airdrie, 0.

A fast and exciting game took place at Greenock. Science was wanting, but the keenness of the struggle made up for any lack of clever play. Morton kicked off, but made little use of that advantage, as Airdrieonians, who were again finely served by their defence, held the home attacks. Tarbert opened the scoring for the visitors, who led at half-time by one goal to nothing. In the second half, Airdrieonians maintained their advantage, and O'Rorke gave them a second goal. O'Rorke and Thomson were the outstanding men for Airdrie, while Walker, the veteran player, was the only shining light on the Morton side. Result:—Airdrieonians, 2; Morton, 0.

FALKIRK v. QUEEN'S PARK.

Last year, Falkirk were not in the League.

At Falkirk, on Saturday, Queen's Park gave a brilliant display of winning under difficulties. At the start of the game the local team, playing a dashing game, scored a couple of goals, through Connolly, who, with Simpson and Porteous, was ever a thorn in the side of the amateurs' defence. Twelve minutes from the interval, Davidson scored one for the visitors. In the second half, Falkirk again were early in evidence, and, during the absence of Eadie from the Queen's, added a third goal. From that time, twenty-five minutes from the finish, the Hampden eleven took the game in hand, and by means of Davidson, who had a couple, Skene, and Miller, succeeded in winning. For the winners, Davidson, Houston at half, and Eadie were best, while Falkirk were well served by Connolly, Simpson, and Pettigrew. Result:—Queen's Park, 5 goals; Falkirk, 3.

THE WELSH ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Welsh Football Association was held at Wrexham on Thursday, under the presidency of Mr. S. D. Edisbury. The balance-sheet showed that there had been a loss on the season's working of £15 1s. 8d. This was accounted for by the fact that only one of the three international matches was played in Wales. The senior cup competition receipts showed an increase of nearly £50 over the previous season, and the amateur cup competition receipts were over £15 more than the previous season. The Association now has a balance of £449 17s. 4d. in hand. Mr. S. D. Edisbury (Wrexham) was re-elected president, Mr. John Davies (Wrexham) vice-president, Mr. T. E. Thomas (Chirk) hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. Coulson (Oswestry) auditor. There were twenty-five nominations for the twelve seats on the council, and the voting resulted in the following being elected:—Messrs. R T Gough (Oswestry), A Thomas (Cefn), W Moss (Wrexham), E T Hallmark (Chester), G E Davies (Weston Rhyn), S Willman (Bangor), Penry Jones (Llandrindod Wells), F Beech (Rhyl), E H Rees (Newtown), J Everall (Welshpool), and G L Watkins (Caerphilly). These will form the council for the coming season, with the president, vice-president, hon. treasurer, and Messrs. T B Taylor (Denbighshire and Flintshire Charity Association), J Ll Williams (North Wales Coast League), and G Mercer (South Wales and Monmouthshire Association).

TO ESSEX REFEREES.

An examination of candidates for the referees' register of the Essex County F.A. will be held at the Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6.15 p.m. The necessary forms and other particulars may be obtained from Mr. Jas. T. Clark, 3, Browning-road, Manor Park, E.

OPEN DATES.

Clarence have the following open dates:—First XI.: Nov. 11, Dec. 9 (away), April 28 (home). Second XI.: Sept. 9, 16, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, and Jan. 27 (home), Feb. 10 and March 31 (away). Third XI.: Jan. 13 and April 21 (home), April 28 (away). Fourth XI.: Sept. 30, Nov. 18, 25, and Dec. 16 (home), Oct. 14, Nov. 4, 11, and Dec. 9 (away). Good private ground at Mill Hill (Midland Railway).—G. H. Harding-Travers, 145, Tottenham-Court-road, W.

ROWING.

HENLEY TOWN REGATTA.

THE AMATEUR RACES.

The Annual Henley Town and Visitors' Regatta was held on Saturday, when the amateur events were contested. The weather in the early morning was dull and threatening, clouds hanging over the town and neighbourhood. The attendance was not so large as last year, the threatening morning, no doubt, having something to do with this. The list of events was about the same as last season's, and a capital entry was received, necessitating a start being made at ten o'clock, and, with the exception of the luncheon interval, a race was contested every quarter of an hour up till 5.15. Marlow showed fine form in the Old Town Challenge Cup, and after getting daylight between the boats at the half-distance, they completely rowed Reading out, and won well by three lengths. The Henley Rowing Club decided senior and junior sculls and club fours, but there was little interest shown in these events. The Henley Town Band played selections on the Oxon shore during the afternoon, and at the close of the meeting the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Brakspear. The umpires were Mr. W. L. T. Foy, Mr. F. H. Holmes (Leander Club), and Mr. Harry Willis (Leander). They were accommodated on the launch Greta, kindly lent by Mr. Tom Dixon. The judges were Mr. E. H. Dee, Dr. W. H. Macpherson, Mr. J. A. Rawlins, Mr. T. Rose, and Mr. W. Anker Simmons. Mr. P. Branthwayte-Potts was secretary. Details:—

Open Fours (for the Old Town silver challenge cup).—Station 2—Reading R.C.—G T Wilkes (bow), F E Jennings, J S Wilkes, J Haslam (stroke); A H Turner (cox.)—1. Station 1—Henley R.C.—S A Wright (bow), B Thatcher, R G A Sargeant, C Luker (stroke); R Hobbs (cox.)—2. Won by a length and a half. Final: Station 2—Marlow R.C.—P J Rowe (bow), P G Nottage, L J Selman, C R Herrin (stroke); R G Guttridge (cox.)—1. Reading R.C.—2. Won well by three lengths; Reading being rowed right out.

Gentlemen's Double Sculling.—Heat 1: Station 2—F A Boyton, H R Reading; Miss M Morris (cox.)—1. Station 3—V H Mercer, H P Mercer; Miss Bridges-Webb (cox.)—2. Station 1—F Watkin, E N Hope; Miss B Watkin (cox.)—3. Won by a length and a half. Heat 2: Station 1—H C Warden, G Fraser; Miss Ida Jarvis (cox.)—1. Station 3—H Wallington, E Wallington; Miss P Darby (cox.)—2. Station 2—L Hume-King, C W Hemp; Miss V Hemp (cox.)—3. Won by two lengths. Heat 3: Station 2—C H L Boyton, B A Boyton; Miss E Morris (cox.)—1. Station 3—H Darby, R Darby; Miss Darby (cox.)—2. Station 1—J U Hope, G A Hope; Miss M Matheson (cox.)—3. Won, after a most interesting race, by a length and a half. Final: Station 1—C H L Boyton, B A Boyton; Miss E Morris (cox)—1. Station 2—H C Warden, G Fraser; Miss Ida Jarvis (cox)—2. Station 3—F A Boyton, H R Reading; Miss M Morris (cox)—3. Won by a quarter of a length.

Lady and Gentleman's Double Canoe Race.—Heat 1: Station 3—Miss F Russel, B M Patton—1. Station 1—Miss G Watson, H Darby—2. Station 2—Miss V Rhodes, B H B Symons Jeune—3. Hard race, won by a length. Heat 2: Station 1—Miss A Fuller, J Crisp—1. Station 3—Miss E Morris, B A Boyton—2. Won by a length. Heat 3—Station 1—Miss P Darby, R Darby—1. Station 2—Miss M Moris, C H L Boyton—2. Station 5—Miss G Davis, A H Davis—3. Station 4—Miss Van Oestren, T Street—4. Won easily. Final: Station 3—Miss F Russel, B M Patton—1. Station 2—Miss P Darby, R Darby—2. Station 1—Miss A Fuller, J Crisp—3. Won by three feet; third some distance away.

Lady and Gentleman's Double Punting Race.—Heat 1: Station 2—Miss Gardner, B H B Symons Jeune—1. Station 1—Miss M Morris, F A Boyton—2. Station 3—Mrs Gordon Arthur, J Secker—absent. Won by two and a half lengths. Heat 2: Station 1—Miss Van Oestren, B M Patton—1. Station 3—Miss V Forrester, P Forrester—2. Won by a quarter of a length. Heat 3: Station 3—Miss G Watson, C H L Boyton—p.o. Station 1—Miss B Watkin, F E Watkin—absent. Final: Station 2—Miss Gardner, B H Symons Jeune—1. Station 3—Miss Van Oestren, B M Patton—2. Station 1—Miss G Watson, C H L Boyton—3. Won easily.

Gentleman's Single Punting.—Heat 1: Station 1—P Forrester—1. Station 3—F E Watkin—2. Won very easily. Heat 2: Station 1—B M Patton—p.o. Station 2—W W Rhodes—absent. Station 3—B H B Symons Jeune—absent. Final: Station 3—P Forrester—1. Station 1—B M Patton—2. Won by a foot after a fine race all through.

Lady's Dinghy Race.—Final: Station 2—Miss Nora Simmons—1. Station 1—Miss Chenery—2. Station 3—Miss M B Morant—3. A three lengths' victory for Miss Simmons.

Lady and Gentleman's Double Sculling Race.—Heat 1: Station 3—Miss K Boyton, G Fraser; Miss P Darby (cox)—1. Station 1—Miss S Vigo, H Millard; Miss Haslam (cox)—2. Station 2—Miss G Watson, F A Boyton; Miss M Morris (cox)—3. Won by three feet. Heat 2: Station 3—Miss E Morris, B A Boyton; Miss M Morris (cox)—1. Station 1—Miss A Fuller, A L Ward; Miss Chenery (cox)—2. Station 2—Miss O Wicks, G Pritchard; Miss J Wicks (cox)—3. Won by three-quarters of a length. Final: Station 1—Miss K Boyton, G Fraser; Miss P Darby (cox)—1. Station 3—Miss E Morris, B A Boyton; Miss M Morris (cox)—2. Won very easily.

Dongola Race.—Final: Station 3—Hennerton crew—Miss V Rhodes, Miss Griffin, Mrs Arthur, B H B Symons Jeune, B M Patton, W W Rhodes—†1. Station 1—Marlow crew—Mrs Shaw, Miss Van Oestren, Miss E Van Oestren, S Morton, T Street, H Russell—†2. A very hard race resulted in a dead-heat. At a second attempt, Hennerton crew caught Marlow on the post, and won by three feet.

Lady's Single Punting Race.—Final: Station 3—Mrs. Arthur—1. Station 1—Miss Violet Hemp—2. Won easily.

Junior Sculls (Henley R.C.).—Final: Station 2—Leslie Wright—1. Station 1—W Weyman—2. Won by three or four lengths.

Club Fours (H.R.C.).—Final: Station 1—L Wright (bow), R Thatcher, R G Sargeant, G T Savage (stroke); R Hobbs (cox)—1. Station 2—W G Weyman (bow), G E Drewett, F S Mott, S A Wright (stroke); J R Ashford (cox)—2. Won by a length.

Club Senior Sculls.—Final: Station 1—W Weyman—1. Station 2—C E Drewett—2. Won very easily.

PELICAN (G.W.R.) R.C. REGATTA.

This meeting, which is held at Hammersmith one year, and Staines the next, came off at the latter place on Saturday, over the mile course, with stream, from the Bell Weir Lock to Tims' Island, but delays at the start, and absentees, were too much for the executive, and they had to postpone racing after the preliminary heats had been disposed of, as their party on the "Marguerite" clamoured for the promised run to Windsor, a concert also being on the card. The officials were:—Starter, Mr A Griffiths; judge, Mr H G Lillywhite; stewards and committee, Messrs H G Lees, G Jones, E W Bradfield, T P Eyles, J V A Kelly, J G Robinson, E E Daws, F G Coltman, H W Cronin, W Leavens, J L Molland, F Neil, A G W Parsons, G W Shipley, and H J Taylor. Details:—

Regatta Fours.—Heat 1: Surrey Station—A E Baldwin (bow), E Carter, G Jones, J L Molland (stroke), W P Mansbridge (cox)—1. Middlesex Station—A Walters (bow), V J Maycock, H G Lees, H J Taylor (stroke), H Challis (cox)—2. Molland came out at half way, and only won a hard race by a length. Heat 2: Surrey Station— T W Crathern (bow), R Cane, G W Shipley, W Leavens (stroke), A P Sanders (cox)—1. Middlesex Station—S H Court (bow), F Tayler, S F Reynolds, L L Andrews (stroke), W C Kendall (cox)—2. Leavens won comfortably by a couple of lengths. Heat 3: G L Peacock (bow), C A Nice, F T Grimshawe, F G Coltman (stroke), H Challis (cox), a bye. Heat 4: Middlesex Station—E E Blick (bow), R W S Court, B Venn, H W Cronin (stroke), W C Kendall (cox)—1. Surrey Station—F A King (bow), R F Seymour, A E Philips, E W Bradfield (stroke), A E Snelgrove (cox)—2. Cronin, when set, made short work of his opponents, and won by two lengths.

Senior Pairs.—Heat 1: Middlesex Station—S F Reynolds, F G Coltman, W C Kendall (cox)—1. Surrey Station—F T Grimshawe, E W Bradfield, A P Sanders (cox)—2. Won easily by three lengths. Heat 2: G W Shipley and R Cane, W P Mansbridge (cox), a bye. Heat 3: Surrey Station—A E Baldwin and J L Molland, H Challis (cox)—1. Middlesex Station—H G Lees and L L Andrews, A P Sanders (cox)—2. Won by three lengths. Heat 4: B Venn and R W S Court, A E Snelgrove (cox), a bye.

Junior Pairs.—Heat 1: Middlesex Station—V J Maycock and E Carter, H Challis (cox)—1. Surrey Station—T W Crathern and F A King, A E Snelgrove (cox)—2. A good race all the way, won by a length and a half. Heat 2: Surrey Station—S H Court and R F Seymour, A P Sanders (cox)—1. Middlesex Station—F Tebby and E E Blick, W C Kendall (cox)—2. A bit of a runaway race, Court having three lengths in hand at the finish. Heat 3: L L Laurens and F Tayler, W P Mansbridge (cox), a bye.

The remainder of the rowing, as stated above, was postponed.

KINGSTON R.C. REGATTA.

The Kingston R.C. brought the season to a close on Saturday with the club regatta and an "At Home," there being a fashionable company on the lawn at Raven's Ait. The K.R.C. has had rather a lean year, the best performance being at Henley, in the Thames Cup, when, after beating Keble, Molesey, and London, the final was lost to the Thames R.C. Mr. T. A. Kirkham umpired Saturday's racing from the launch Lucania. Details:—

Handicap Sculls.—Heat 1: E W Greene, 8 sec. start, 1; E H Eldridge, 12, 2; V Allcard, 11, 3. Won by 1½ lengths. Heat 2: R Willis, 10, 1; Guy Rixon, scratch, 2; E A V Angier, 16, 3. Won by two lengths. Heat 3: W Bower May, 17, 1; D F Scott, 20, 2. Won easily. Heat 4: L O Munro, 13, 1; R Allcard, 15, 2; G Farr White, 19, 3. Won easily. Final: Munro, 1; Willis, 2; Greene, 3. Won by two lengths. Willis had already won prizes in pairs and fours.

Pair Oars.—Heat 1: V Allcard, R Willis (stroke), 1; A T Chapple, H M S Carpenter (stroke), 2; E W Greene, J Stordy (stroke), 3. Won by a length. Heat 2: D H Whitmore, Guy Rixon (stroke), 1; H D Belcher, E H Eldridge (stroke), 2; E O Capon, J F Greene (stroke), 3. Won by 1½ lengths. Final: Allcard and Willis beat Whitmore and Rixon by 1½ lengths after the boats had kept level to the half-distance.

Coxswainless Fours.—Heat 1: V Allcard (bow), J E Greene, J Stordy, E W Greene (stroke), 1; D H Whitmore (bow), K Bremner, A T Chapple, H M S Carpenter (stroke), 2. Won by 1½ lengths. Final: E O Capon (bow), E H Eldridge, Guy Rixon, R Willis (stroke), beat E W Greene's crew by about four feet after a tight struggle.

Scratch Eights (members only) brought the programme to a conclusion.

STAINES B.C. REGATTA.

There was a good attendance at Staines on Saturday, on the occasion of this regatta, which concluded the season of the club. The weather was fine, and the proceedings were an unqualified success.—Details:—Senior Sculls.—H Mansbridge beat H Green easily; the loser breaking a scull. Club Sculls.—Final: H F Pimm beat F L Ball by two lengths. Junior Sculls.—R F Chapman beat T A Von Laer by three lengths. Double Sculling (lady coxswain).—R B Freeman (stroke), H Green; Mrs Dowsett (cox.), beat H F Pimm (stroke) and C Pimm; Miss Muriel Pettitt (cox.), by three feet. Punting Handicap.—Final: C Mansbridge beat F L Ball by half a length. Double Punting.—F L Ball and H Green beat S F D Smith and V R Ormiston. Eights.—A Snelgrove (stroke), Harvey, G Pimm, Kensington, Liles, Balme, Earnshaw, Cameron, and T A Pimm (cox.) were the winners. Dongola Race.—H F Pimm, C. Pimm, Steck, P Dewar, Ball, and Stearns were successful.

GRAND THAMES WATERMEN AND LIGHTERMEN'S REGATTA.—All competitors participating in this regatta fixed to take place to-morrow, are informed that each race will start punctually to time. The Aberdeen steamer "Ich Dien," has been engaged to follow the racing, and will call at Greenwich Pier between each event.

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Newspaper Articles

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Sporting Life

THE CRYSTAL PALACE CLUB.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Full particulars have previously appeared in these columns as to the genesis and development of the Crystal Palace Club, and the part it is likely to play in the future of Metropolitan football. An agreement, dated the 29th day of April, 1905, has been entered into by which the company have acquired from the Crystal Palace Company the use of their football ground for five years on terms which the directors consider very favourable, and which, in their opinion, will prove of undoubted advantage. Little need be said of the splendid advantages which this ground possesses, with its ample covered and uncovered stands with seating accommodation for over 16,000 persons. The London and Brighton, and Chatham and Dover Railway Companies have signified their intention of running special trains from various stations as often as required on match days.

An important concession, and one which further shows the sportsmanlike spirit in which the Crystal Palace management has met the promoters, is the arrangement entered into for a sixpenny "gate." On days when a match is to be played, people will be admitted to the Palace two hours before the commencement and until the finish of the game at the reduced price of sixpence, with the exception of Bank Holidays and probably one or two other special occasions.

As regards the team, every man is well known in the football world, and the eleven will be able to hold its own with any other in the country. They are all young men—a very important factor to be considered in selecting a team—of high repute in first-class football of whom much is expected. Several amateurs have offered their services, and the directors have been fortunate in securing the services as manager of Mr. Jack Robson, who formerly acted in a similar position to the Middlesbrough F.C. Jack Robson has been connected with football all his life, and in the North of England particularly is greatly esteemed. It was not so very long ago that the Woolwich Arsenal Club wished to secure the services of Robson, but the Middlesbrough people managed to retain him, and only last month the famous manager was recalled to his native town of Middlesbrough to receive as a parting gift from his many admirers a gold watch and chain, while Mrs. Robson was presented with a silver tea service.

The players signed on include:—R. Hewitson (Barnsley), goal; M. Edwards (Barnsley), G. Walker (Wolverhampton Wanderers), and A. Grant (Edinburgh St. Bernard's), backs; W. Innerd (Newcastle United), E. Birnie (Newcastle United), H. Astley (Middlesbrough, and Wallace (Southwick), half-backs; R. Ross (Paisley), G. Thompson (Newcastle United), R. Harker (Newcastle United), W. M. Watkins (Sunderland), A. Needham (Sheffield United), and R. Roberts (Middlesbrough).

National sporting paper describes the ‘Genesis and development’ of Crystal Palace football Club in 1905.

not had that pacific effect the shareholders fully expected. The unkindest cut of all has been the suspension of Meredith by the Football Association for a whole season, while that clever scoring forward, Turnbull, will be missed for a month. Laws, of course, are laws, and any infraction of them must necessarily meet with punishment. Still, to lose a bright star like Meredith, the captain of the team, and one of the very best players in the three kingdoms, is extremely aggravating. Without the Welsh international, the City, with the talent they have at command, will probably hold their own, but Meredith's presence has so often led to success, that his absence may seriously interfere with the club's prospects for League Championship honours. The Mancunians have had a most anxious time of it during the close season, but the directors are resolved to make the best of matters. There is going to be a strong endeavour to bring into the fold at least one or two high-class players, and, should the energies of the management be successful, the City may more than surpass expectations. W. J. Gillespie, the once popular centre forward, has gone to South Africa, and the difficult position thus vacated will, probably, be filled by Irvine Thornley, the Glossop player, who, having regard to the fact that his suspension is completed, will be available. The player referred to is spoken of as being an intelligent and clever dribbler. Threlfall, who used to play outside left, until Booth replaced him in that position, only assisted the first team once last season. It was only natural that he expressed a wish to be transferred, and may be he would do better at Fulham. W. Holmes, who had been with the Manchester club since almost its inception, has joined the new Second Division club, Clapton Orient. The players available number twenty-five, and include six full backs, seven half-backs, and ten forwards. There can scarcely be any doubt as to the stability of the rear division, for, in goal, Edmundson is little removed from Hillman in matter of skill, while Gregory should prove serviceable in case of accident to either of the two regular backs, Burgess and McMahon. The weakest spots last year were centre-forward and left half-back. In the latter position no fewer than eleven players were tried with little success. Strong opinion prevails that the intermediate line should have been strengthened. If, however, McOustra is himself, no better man could be requisitioned at left half, and it is to be hoped that the Scotsman's leg will stand the strain. Tom Hynds and Frost are two brilliant halves. The forward line must necessarily be weakened by the absence of Meredith, but the management hope that the ex-West Bromwich player, Dorsett, will fill the Welsh International's shoes with distinction. During Turnbull's temporary absence either Livingstone or Pearson will go inside left, and thus, in this manner, the difficulties which have arisen will, it is hoped, be overcome. New baths and heating apparatus have been provided for the team, in addition to which a portion of the playing pitch has been relaid.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

Middlesbrough begin their season under a cloud, as there are allegations in the air of illegal payments and other infractions of football law, and these are being enquired into by the Football Association. With the fate of Manchester City before them the directors and supporters of the North Yorkshire club are naturally anxious as to their immediate future, but there does not appear any substantial reason for the serious and doleful view which is being taken of the situation in some quarters, though it will wisely check the reckless enterprise entailing lavish expenditure in the hunt for fresh players, which was becoming a marked feature of the operations of the Board towards the end of last season. Since then a great change has taken place in the management of the club. The directorate is unaltered, but Jack Robson, secretary and manager for about twenty years, has left his native town for a similar appointment under the new organisation at the Crystal Palace, and he is succeeded by Mr. Alec Watson, late of Sunderland. Seven of the old players have migrated, and only two new ones of class reputation have been engaged, these being George Reid, Paisley St. Mirrens; and George Henderson, Glasgow Rangers. Reid is a centre forward or inside left, and his form last season shows him to be a clever and strenuous player and an accurate shot. Henderson is considered one of the best half-backs in Scotland. Two local players of promise have been engaged—James Thompson, of Grangetown, and Larkin, of West Hartlepool. There is every prospect of the club taking a much more satisfactory position in the League table than was the case last season. Hogg will be a doubtful starter for a few weeks, as his knee trouble, which laid him up last season, has to a slight extent reappeared, and he has had to discontinue training. The A team will again take part in the Northern League and North Yorkshire Senior Cup competitions.

NEWCASTLE UNITED.

Newcastle United will be in the happy position of having at their command for the ensuing season all the players who distinguished themselves in securing the championship of the League. Throughout their career last season the Novocastrians revealed remarkable abilities as scientific footballers. New blood has been sought to strengthen the team in case of emergency, but it is extremely unlikely that any permanent change will occur in the personnel of the team, as all the "champions" are within the age when one expects performances of the highest merit. J. Lawrence, the young Glasgow-Perthshire player, who jumped into prominence at his first effort as a custodian, will again be entrusted with the responsible post of goalkeeper, and A. M'Combie, M'Cracken, and Jack Carr, the three famous Scottish, Irish, and English Internationals, will fully sustain the strength of the northerners in their respective positions at back, whilst a noteworthy quartette is available for the half-back line in Andy Aitken, Alec Gardner, Peter M'William (three Scotsmen), and Colin Veitch, the young Northumbrian, who has been repeatedly chosen as reserve for England. International form will also be represented in the forward line by Jack Rutherford, of Northumberland, and J. Howie, of Kilmarnock, a right-wing pair that for pace and cleverness has few equals in the kingdom. The role of centre forward will again be capably filled by W. Appleyard, the Grimbarian heavy-weight and effective marksman. Ronald Orr, the diminutive but wonderfully progressive Scottish International forward, and A. Gosnell, of Colchester, will constitute the left-wing pair, and this brief review of the Northern champions will be amply sufficient to indicate that the Novocastrians will maintain their classic reputation in the football world. Of the five Scotsmen and one Englishman who form the reinforcement to the ranks of the Newcastle United, perhaps the most noteworthy "young blood" is John Finlay, of Stirlingshire, who was conspicuous as a Scottish Junior International last year. H. T. W. Hardinge, the youthful Kent County cricketer, who has not yet attained his majority, has been engaged as an understudy to Appleyard. Hugh Bolton, a native of Port Glasgow, will act as a recruit for the forward line; and Joseph Donachie, of Paisley, comes from Greenock Morton with first-class credentials as an outside right. R. McLean, transferred from Millwall Athletic; and Alex. Higgins, of Kilmarnock, are other captures. Newcastle United wound up a record campaign last spring with a balance of £16,000 to their credit. Of this sum £12,000 has been spent in the enlargement of their enclosure (St. James's Park), the boundaries of which have been extended over five acres, the size of the pitch has been increased both in length and breadth, new terraces have been constructed on three sides, and on the south there has been erected a magnificent stand similar to that at Hampden Park, Glasgow. It is now estimated the enclosure will comfortably accommodate 50,000 people.

NOTTS COUNTY.

Notts County, eighteenth on the list last season, were saved the indignity of Second Division football in 1905-6 by the extension above referred to. The wooden spoon was not their guerdon so much through poor play as misfortune, but the men became thoroughly disheartened, and practically gave up when only a miracle could save them, and the age of miracles is past. There were defects in the side even when full strength was in the field, and they were more pronounced in defence than attack, and yet the side that performed so brilliantly against the Corinthians at Leyton should have been able to hold its own against any of its opponents. There was unalloyed satisfaction when it was announced that the redoubtable Cartlidge, of Bristol Rovers, and the clever, dashing Stevenson, of Millwall, had been signed on for goal and back respectively, but the cup of joy was a vessel of Tantalus, and both these players have been held to their old clubs. For goal Gunner Reilly has been secured, and he will be either a brilliant success or a dismal failure, for there are no half-measures about him. For the sake of his new club it is hoped he will be the former. Reilly comes down from Dundee, and S. Robertson, a back and clubmate of Reilly, comes to the Midlands with him. He is sturdy, and is expected to render good service to the club. The other newcomers include R. Fountain, of Scarborough, a thrusting forward, and J. Poppitt, who has made a great reputation at Swindon as a sharpshooter. The old players who will again don the county colours are Griffiths, Montgomery, Iremonger, Mainman, Craythorne, Emberton, Humphreys, Wilkinson, Wainwright, Tarplin, Gee, Green, and Dean. The county should do better than last season; they cannot do much worse.

THE NOTTS FORESTERS.

The Foresters of Nottingham are more hopeful of 1905-6 than they are proud of their achievements in 1904-5. The football in Laceopolis worked into a rut last season, and a very poor one it was. The Foresters for some time threatened to be companions in misfortune with their near and dear neighbours, but a happy effort towards the close raised them a few steps in the League ladder, and they were thus spared the unwelcome task of begging the favour of re-election. A serious attempt has been made to strengthen the weak places in the team, but on paper it does not now appear a convincing side. It may be that its practical work will be superior to anticipation, but in any event the men signed on should develop into a solid, though not sparkling, combination. Probably the best capture made is Clifford, the Motherwell half-back, who has a great reputation; while Swindon has supplied another half in G. Wolfe, whose name appeared on the list of the Reds of Plumstead. A third player for the middle line is Needham, who hails from a country district in Leicestershire, and he is expected to develop into a class defender. Linacre, the International, will guard the uprights, and his deputy will be M. Baker, who has for a couple of seasons done excellent work for Ilkeston United. Many of last year's players have been retained, and forward there will not be any change worth mentioning. It is probable that the new Management Committee will find it necessary to introduce new blood into the front rank before the season has run much of its course, as in 1904-5 only 40 goals were scored in thirty-four League matches, and on thirteen occasions the Foresters failed to penetrate the opposing defence, while 10 of the 40 goals were obtained in two matches. The men retained include Spouncer, Holmes, T. D. and A. T. Jones, Dudley, Iremonger, Craig, Timmins, Henderson, Davies, Shearman, Morris, Craggs, Niblo, and Lessons.

PRESTON NORTH END.

The famous old Preston organisation will be quite content if its players again finish as high up in the League list as they did last season. The club management and supporters feel confident they will succeed, for most of their old players have been retained, and three new men who have been engaged are reputed to be stronger than the players whom they replace. The men who have gone away are:—Bourne, outside left, to Clapton Orient; Catterall, outside left, and Wilcox, centre, to Portsmouth. These all did good work last season, but it is confidently anticipated that better men have been secured in H. Lockett, Aston Villa; Danson, Southport Central and late North End; and Blyth, a southerner and brother to R. Blyth, of Portsmouth. The two first mentioned are outside left men, and the latter is a half-back. The other men who will be out in the team are McBride and Taylor (g'al); Derbyshire, Rodway, and Orrell (backs); McLean, Hunter, and Lyon (half-backs); Bond, Rodgers, Maher, Smith, Brown, McKie, Bell, Wilson, and Turnbull. The position of the club is quite satisfactory. At the end of the season they had in hand a balance of £917, not a big lot, but still satisfactory when it is considered that wages are paid for the summer months. The directorate of the club has been strengthened by the inclusion of two old players, Trainer and W. Joy, both of whom in their day were goalkeepers. The ground, which by the way has slipped away from being one of the best in the League to one of the poorest, is looking well, and Drummond and his assistant have got a really good sod on it, which will last well throughout the season. The increased accommodation has been completed, and now it is expected that a gate of 17,000 can be accommodated.

SHEFFIELD PROSPECTS.

Prospects of good football at the cutlery capital are of the most flattering character. Both the Wednesday and United Clubs have supposedly added to their playing strength by the addition of several new players. Each of the clubs wound up the past season with a good profit, and, so far as finances are concerned, they are two of the soundest organisations in the country. Each club has a pretty big wages sheet, Wednesday having rather the most players. The most notable absentee from the Wednesday ranks is the old captain, Ambrose Langley, who has migrated to Hull to manage the new Hull City Club. At present Wednesday have only two goalkeepers, Lyall and Jarvis. The three full backs—Layton, Burton, and Slavin—who did such good service last season, have been reinforced with three others. Of these A. Cropper, of South Kirkby, is a most promising player, and the same may be said of W. Holbein, of Heeley Freends, who is only twenty years old. The third addition is Jamieson, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, who is twenty-two years old, and can play either half or full back. The half-back division numbers eight, and of these Tommy Crawshaw, W. Ruddlesdin, Bartlett Ferrier, and Percy Crawshaw are old and well-tried players. Harrop, of Ranmoor Wesleyans, who played at centre half with the second team as an amateur, has now signed on as a professional, and is expected to make a name for himself this season. Hemingfield, along with Andrew Stewart, a brother of the well-known Wednesday forward, will complete the middle rank. The forward division totals thirteen, and the majority of these are old familiar faces in the persons of Chapman, Davis, Wilson, Jas Stewart, George Simpson Brittleton, Morrison, Bradshaw, Tummon, Eyre, and Malloch. The new ones are F. Rollinson, who formerly played with Heeley Freends, and J. Reynolds, late Grimsby. Including the trainer, Paul Frith, Wednesday have thirty men engaged. Several improvements will be made at Owlerton Grounds. There will be one joint benefit match played, the whole of the gross receipts being set apart for division between Chapman and Ruddlesdin, and they have chosen the match against Woolwich Arsenal on March 24.

The Sheffield United have made several additions, though the old reliable staff is still very prominent, and hopes are entertained that the Bramall Lane club will improve on their last season's position. Foulke, who was such a mighty factor towards United's early successes, will be missing, as he has joined the Second Division Club, Chelsea, and will be seen between the sticks in the metropolis. The two goalkeepers are Leivesley and Phillips, who last year was with Thornhill United. There are half a dozen full backs, the old ones being Groves, who played in every League match last season, Priest, Johnson, C Stewart, and F. H. Milnes, the amateur. The addition is Benson, of Southampton, who was looked upon last season as one of the coming full backs in the South. The halves number half a dozen, and are Ernest Needham, Bernard Wilkinson, W. H. Wilkinson, M'Cormick, Foster, and Booth, the latter being a new one from the ranks of Thorpe Hesley, a prominent club in the Sheffield Sunday School League. The forward division is the one that has been mainly strengthened, and tots up fourteen, these including a couple of amateurs in the cousins J. E. and A. J. Raine, who are students at Sheffield. The old ones are Donnelly, Lang, Brown, Drake, Lipsham, and Bromage, who bore the brunt of last season's play.

STOKE.

The Stoke club has not gone far afield for its players for the coming season, and, indeed, few new men have been engaged. Happily the directors have at their disposal the services of a number of junior players who have the promise of good football. Possibly no club in the League has been better served by its junior players than has Stoke, and last season, when the club looked to be in serious danger of relegation to the lower division, the reserve players took a most important part in effecting the recovery which resulted in Stoke finishing twelfth in the table.

Chief among the new arrivals is J. Miller, who comes from no greater distance than Wolverhampton, and his presence in the attacking line is expected to add steadiness and to consolidate the remaining forwards. Another recruit is J. W. Dawson, a back who has previously played in Combination matches for Chester. Another back has been signed on in J. Steadman, who comes from the neighbouring village of Newchapel, and is highly spoken of. Three new halves have been engaged, all of whom are local players. With so small a list of new men, it follows that the team will not show much change from that which finished the season of 1903-4. Whitley and Bradley, who at the close of last season signed forms for Tottenham Hotspur and Plymouth Argyle respectively, are back among their old clubmates in consequence of the ruling of the Football Association. The club will commence operations again with a financial cloud above them, and at one time it seemed not at all unlikely that, owing to pecuniary burdens, the directors would decline to carry on the club for another season. The decision of L. R. Roose to play for the club has given unbounded satisfaction.

SUNDERLAND.

As usual, the Sunderland club will open the season with a host of talent at the disposal of the directors, and a successful season seems assurred. It is interesting to note that under the new directorate, at the head of which is Councillor Fred. W. Taylor, the receipts last season showed a marked increase. But for the determination of the directors to wipe off 10 per cent. for depreciation, a substantial profit would have been reported. With regard to the League teams for the coming season, it is not likely that many of the new men will get an early trial. All the old players are available with the single exception of Jackson, now of Portsmouth, and the only doubtful position is goal. For this post Webb would appear to be out of the running now Naisby has returned, and the ultimate choice will lie between the old "Biscuit boy" and the Corinthian stalwart, Tom S. Rowlandson. The backs will be the same as last year, while at half-back Barrie and Fullerton are the candidates for the centre position, and keen competition may be looked for between Willis and Kelly, the Seaham youth, for the left berth. The eleven to open the season at Roker Park against Newcastle United on September 2 will be chosen from the following men:—T. S. Rowlandson or Naisby, goal; Rhodes and Watson, backs; Farquhar, Barrie, Willis, and Fullerton, half-backs; Hogg, Holley, O'Donnell, Gemmell, Bridgett, Buckle, and Walker, forwards.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS.

The officials of the Wolverhampton Wanderers club enter upon the season with a sense of comparative contentment, for their financial foundation is secure enough, while the playing material at hand is of a quality not to be grumbled at, although there are no stars in the list. Several of the old players are missing, but there are plenty of new juniors engaged, mostly from the Birmingham League clubs, for the Wanderers are content to replenish the list with local talent. For many years this has been the case, and for several seasons the team has been wholly composed of Englishmen, most of whom have been Staffordshire born or bred. Tom Baddeley is still with the Midlanders, and so are Jones, Betteley, Wooldridge, and J. Smith. The juniors will have to fill positions in the League team in case of accident, and no fears are entertained of the result. There are several well-known names missing from the Wolves' list. These include Heywood, who has gone to the West Bromwich Albion; Miller, who has gone to Stoke; G. Walker, who has joined the Crystal Palace team; and Annis or Stringer, who have not definitely located themselves. The Wolves have been practising the strictest economy for the last two seasons, with the result that, although not high in the League ladder, they will be able to start the ensuing season with a credit balance of over £1,000. The following is the full list of players:—T. Baddeley, T. Lunn, G. Barratt, J. Jones, R. Betteley, E. Juggins, J. Stanley, J. Whitehouse, T. Raybould, J. Hughes, H. Williams, A. Warner, E. James, A. Baynham, G. Layton, F. Pope, R. Boon, A. Henshall, W. Wooldridge, J. Smith, B. Bevin, J. Hopkins, and M. Breakwell.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

Woolwich Arsenal were so successful last season that few changes have been made in the team. The absentee from the ranks of the Reds who will be most regretted is J. Jackson, who has migrated to Leyton, where he has charge of the new professional team of that name, and to fill his place the directors have obtained J. Sharpe, of Fulham, and formerly of Dundee. It remains to be seen whether he will worthily fill the position which for so long Jackson occupied with phenomenal success, but Sharpe will give satisfaction if he reproduces the form shown early last season for the Craven Cottagers. That he fell off later is undeniable, but it is believed that this was only temporary, due to injuries. His partner at back will be Gray, who came on in remarkable fashion, and is now admittedly one of the best backs in League football. Among other "old hands" signed on are Ashcroft, Cross, Dick, McEachrane, Bigden, Theobald, Satterthwaite, Ducat, Coleman, Templeton, Bellamy, Badger, and Crowe; and in addition Percy Sands and T. T. Fitchie, both versatile players in their respective positions, will don the Plumstead colours. The new men are not suggestive of startling captures, but Mr. P. Kelso is such a fine judge of form that it would be no surprise to find he had obtained players more than capable of holding their own in any company. As an understudy to Ashcroft, Batcup, formerly in the Army, has been signed on; Sutherland, the Millwall back, has been secured; Small Heath supply a half-back in Chaplin; and in the forward line the two new players are Blair, of Kilmarnock, and Arnold, of Coventry City. During the close season vast improvements have been carried out on the ground, the seating accommodation having been enormously increased, and the representatives of the Press, who had scant consideration on some occasions last season, have had the centre of the new stand allotted for their use. The players will appreciate the excellent new dressing rooms which have been provided, with baths and offices; everything, in fact, having been done to make the ground one of the best equipped down South. There is a feeling of quiet confidence among players and directors, and hopes are entertained that last year's record will be improved upon, both from a playing and financial point of view. Good luck to the Reds!

DIVISION II.

The Second Division of the Football League should provide a keenly interesting struggle, and it will appeal to Southerners more forcibly than last season, because Bristol City has been joined in the struggle to reach the higher altitudes of First Division Football by Chelsea and Clapton Orient, two metropolitan organisations. The three bottom clubs when the tourney was completed last year were Burslem Port Vale, Burton United, and Doncaster, and, in accordance with the rules, these duly retired. When the voting took place Burton United and Doncaster Rovers were found to have been supplanted by Leeds City and Chelsea, while Burslem Port Vale were re-elected. The decision of the League to increase the number of each division to 20 clubs had the effect of creating four vacancies, for Bury and Notts County remained in the charmed upper circle, and to complete the lower section Burton United, Hull City, Clapton Orient, and Stockport County were chosen. What has been said with regard to Division I. as to the probable difficulty of completing the fixtures applies also to Division II. If everything works like a well-oiled machine, if there are no fogs, no snowstorms, and no drawn Cup ties there will not be a serious congestion towards the end of the season, but it is drawing too big a cheque on the bank of faith to assume that the fates and the elements will conspire to make matters run smoothly for football. On the contrary, experience has shown that one difficulty arises only to be followed by a second and a third, and even under previously existing circumstances the completion of the fixture-list has at times been a most troublesome matter. Four additional matches is an extra task which may seriously tax several of the clubs; but so astutely is the League business managed that Mr. Bentley and his colleagues may be depended upon not to allow matters to drift into an impasse. Some of the interest has been removed from the Second Division fight for promotion because no last season's premier league teams will be struggling to regain their places, but this is somewhat compensated for by the widening of the area from which the clubs are drawn, and particularly the inclusion of the two London teams above mentioned, and Leeds City. Brief particulars of the clubs competing in this division af the League are subjoined:—

BARNSLEY.

From many points of view the Barnsley enthusiasts are feeling cheerfully confident at the opening of the season. The extension of the League has done Barnsley a good turn—an anticipation of many years' standing having at length been realised by the inclusion of Hull City and Leeds, which, together with Bradford, gives the competition a more Yorkshire flavour than hitherto. For this reason greater enthusiasm is looked for. Barnsley realise, however, these comparative neighbours will make the test a stubborn one, but they hope, as the oldest Yorkshire club in the Second League, that they will do justice to their seniority. Financially the club is in a fairly comfortable position. Improved ground accommodation has run away with the club's bank balance. The reserve team again figures in the Midland and Wharncliffe Charity Leagues.

BLACKPOOL.

Blackpool this season have an entirely new lot of forwards, and, as some promising youngsters have been secured, better success should be met with. The old defence, with the exception of Wolstenholme, who has gone to Blackburn Rovers, is being relied upon, and if it only does as well as last season there will be no need to grumble. Last season Blackpool had more drawn games than any other club in the Second Division of the League, so that this alone must show the strength of the defence. The directors have done well in securing younger blood for the attack. Financially the club is, perhaps, better off than for some seasons past. The reserve team are again in the Lancashire Combination.

BRADFORD CITY.

So far the Bradford City Club has not made the headway that was anticipated, and its position in the League at the close of last season's campaign was disappointing to its followers. The directors have learned that it is not an easy matter to speedily build up a powerful side, and last season the playing results were not commensurate with the outlay. That a serious view is taken of this fact is shown by seven of last year's professionals having been allowed to depart, and the new players signed on are W. Clarke (Aston Villa), A. Easton (Glasgow Rangers), and W Smith (Northampton). The old players retained are J. Garvey, E. Gott, F. Halliday, J. Roberts, A. Carter, G. Robinson, P. O'Rourke, J. Millar, D. Wilson, A. M'Geachan, R. Jefferson, J. Forrest, J. Logan, J. M'Millan, J. Conlin, and A. Whaites. Easton, who is the only new player among the defence, was formerly with Millwall, and he should prove a useful player. It remains to be seen whether the forwards, with the new blood introduced, will be more successful in front of goal than last season, but at present the outlook suggests the lack of a convincing centre forward.

BRISTOL CITY.

This club had a very successful first season on their new ground at Ashton Gates. A glance through the balance-sheet shows the gate receipts totalled £5,199 10s. 6d., while season tickets realised £272 2s. 11d. Wages amounted to £2,778 8s., and the equipment of the ground cost £2,504 8s. 3d. The profit on the past season's work was £71 5s. Mr. Sam Hollis concluded his engagement as team manager, and he is succeeded by Mr. Harry Thickett, the ex-International. The City hope to improve their last year's position of fourth in the League. The following players are retained from last season:—Clay and Demery, goal; Tuft and Gilson, backs; Chambers, Jones, and Spear, halves; Bennett, Gilligan, and Fenton, forwards. The new players engaged are Archibald Annan (Sheffield United), full-back; W. Wedlock (Aberdare), half; W. S. Maxwell (Millwall and Sunderland), A. D. Burton (Motherwell) and A. Ingham (Aberdare), forwards. From practice indulged in by the men the work done by Mr. Thickett will show that he has a good team, who will combine well, and they will make a bold bid for First Division honours.

BURNLEY.

Burnley always cherishes hopes of returning to the upper circles, from which it has been excluded since 1900, but there will need to be an improvement on last season before promotion is within measurable distance, for the club finished eleventh on the list. Towards the close the players gave an unexpectedly good display, and ten of them have been signed on for this season, while the additions include Lovett, goalkeeper from a local club; Greenwood, a right back, also a local production; J. Cretney and A. Wood, of Workington; A. Davidson, of Glasgow Clyde; A. Lord, an ex-soldier; J. Parker, of Barrow St. Matthew's; and other local men. Burnley is expected to have a smart set of forwards, and it was in this department there was so pronounced a weakness last season.

BURSLEM PORT VALE.

Burslem Port Vale, the recruiting ground for many of the leading clubs in the country, finished up last season in the unenviable position of being one of the three clubs to seek re-election to the Second Division, but the directors are anxious that the coming season shall be one of the best in the history of the club, and towards this end they are working. Hitherto reliance has been placed on almost all local players, and many well-known players have received their early training with the club, but fresh blood is now being tried, two juniors from beyond the Tweed and Coombie, late of Reading, having been secured. Again, the management have induced some of the most prominent locals to sign on, and altogether have upwards of forty players to select from. There is an important change in the management, Mr. Sam Gleaves, who for a period of nine years held the office of secretary, having resigned, and the shareholders recognised his services by granting him shares to enable him to qualify as a director, and by electing him to that post. Mr. Tom Clare, the old International full-back, has been appointed secretary-manager. The finances are not in a bad condition, and the members are looking forward to a successful season.

BURTON UNITED.

The committee have during the summer been very busy preparing for the season, having wiped something like £350 off an old-standing liability, and they begin on September 1 next better financially than they have since the formation of the club. Great alterations have been made for the comfort of the public to the ground and stands. The old players retained are Frost, Barber, Stone, Aston and King, and many new players have been signed on. Trials have been given to some thirty-seven players, and the committee are of an opinion that the team is capable of holding its own.

CHELSEA.

The Chelsea club has to make history. "Happy is the country that has no history," and many football organisations would, indeed, be happy if they were able to start again de novo. The wideawake directors of a new club profit from the experience which others have purchased at a costly price. The first move of those responsible for the formation of the Chelsea club was a strategic step which entitles them to much credit. They obtained the services as secretary of Mr. W. Lewis, of Brentford, who is one of the most popular figures in Southern football. How well he has done his work in a brief period of time is known of all who take an interest in football, and the rapid approach of the opening day of the season finds everything in apple-pie order. The club is located on the famous Stamford Bridge Grounds, the home for many years of the London Athletic Club, who will continue to use the ground in the summer season. The ground has been altered and improved out of all knowledge. A grand stand, running the whole length of one side of the ground, with seating accommodation for close on 5,000 people, has been erected, with all the necessary dressing and bath rooms and offices underneath. The remainder of the ground is terraced, and, when completed, will be capable of any number up to 100,000 people. There are two entrances in Fulham-road, one close to Chelsea Station, and the other near Walham Green, on the District Railway. The ground is the most central in London, and the facilities for getting there are unequalled. The club having been elected to the Football League Division II., a new competition will be brought into West London. The Reserve team will play in the South-Eastern and London Leagues. The English and Scottish Inter-League match will be played on the ground on March 24, and followers of the Rugby game will have an opportunity of witnessing their favourite game when Middlesex play the New Zealand team on the ground in October. It is not an easy matter to make a late start and then collect a good team; but the list of players here set out is evidence that the directors mean business, and that it will be no fault of theirs if Chelsea does not take a prominent place in the struggle for promotion:—Goal: W. Foulke, 22st 3lb, 6ft. 2½in. (Sheffield United); M. Byrne, 11st 3lb, 5ft 10½in. (Southampton). Backs: R. Mackie, 12st 7lb, 5ft. 10½in. (Hearts); T. Watson, 12st, 5ft 10in (Sunderland); T. Miller, 11st 10lb, 5ft. 6in. (Falkirk); R. M'Ewan, 12st 2lb, 5ft. 10in. (Glasgow Rangers). Half-backs: G. Key, 11st, 5ft. 6in. (Hearts); R. M'Roberts, 12st, 5ft. 9¼in. (Small Heath); J. Craigie, 11st 3lb, 5ft. 9in. (Manchester City); J. Wolfe, 12st 7lb, 5ft. 9½in. (Hull City). Forwards: M. Moran, 10st 8lb, 5ft. 3in. (Hearts); D. Copeland, 11st 8lb, 5ft. 7in. (Tottenham); J. Robertson, 12st, 5ft. 8½in. (Small Heath); J. Windridge, 11st 8lb, 5ft. 7½in. (Small Heath); J. Kirwan, 10st 11lb, 5ft. 6in. (Tottenham); C. Danagy, 11st, 5ft. 7½in. (Glasgow Rangers); F. O'Hara, 9st 4lb, 5ft 5½in. (Coatbridge). Success to London's latest arrival!

CHESTERFIELD.

The Crooked Spire club have not had the best of fortune, and they have, in consequence, been compelled to part with some of their best players. Fortunately for the Chesterfield directors, they have a wide scope, and oceans of raw material to choose players from. The players who will figure for the East Derbyshire Club will include such men as Herbert Munday, Thacker, Jimmy Haig, Marples, Hy. Taylor, W. Handley, W. Silcock, Banner, Tye, W. and E. Gadsby, Rayball, F. A. Newton, Dyall, and Beach.

CLAPTON ORIENT.

The prospects of the above club are of the brightest possible character. The fact of the club having obtained admission into Division II. of the Football League has created a widespread interest in the neighbourhood, and everybody is eagerly anticipating the beginning of the football season. The neighbourhood is full of enthusiasm, which is very encouraging to the directors in their arduous work. To meet the support which is confidently expected great alterations have been made in the ground. A grand stand 200ft. in length with all up-to-date conveniences is now in course of erection, and when completed it will seat 1,700 people. The dressing-rooms, bath rooms, and offices are underneath. On the other side and at both ends of the ground terraces are being completed, and it is confidently estimated that the ground will hold quite 40,000 people. The players retained and new players signed on include:—Goal, J. Butler (Stockport County), J. Redding (Orient), and W. Bower (Orient); backs, W. Holmes (Manchester City), G. Lamberton (Bury and Stalybridge), H. Reason (Orient), W. Allison (Orient), and P. Boyle (Sheffield United); half-backs, R. Codling (Stockport County), J. Boden (Glossop), P. Proudfoot (Millwall), G. McGeorge (Orient), T. Paulton (Orient), and W. Hodder (Orient); forwards, R. Bourne (Preston North End), J. Lamberton (Luton), I. Evenson (Leicester Fosse), W. Leigh (New Brompton), J. Wootten (Leyton), J. Robson (Bristol Rovers), J. L. Hills (Orient), and H. Kingaby (Orient). R. Wilson, late assistant trainer to Plymouth Argyle, has been appointed trainer. The players, as a body, are a fine, strong set, and most enthusiastic. Some have made names for themselves already, and have been much sought after by other clubs. The competitions entered are, for the first team, the Football League Division II. and United League; for the reserve team, London League (Premier Division) and South Eastern League. The first League match on Sept. 2 v. Leicester Fosse is at Leicester, but on Monday, Sept. 4, Orient play the full strength of Derby County at home. I am assured it will be the aim of the directors and players not only to get a good position in the League, but, if possible, to finish at the top, and with the players engaged the directors have every hope of attaining this object.

GLOSSOP.

Mr. J. R. Sutcliffe, hon. secretary of the Glossop Club, considers that the prospects of the team are very bright, as the team is the best ever signed on. It will give unalloyed satisfaction to the supporters of the club to learn that there are not any financial difficulties, owing to the generosity of Mr. Hill Wood, one of the most generous sportsmen in the British Isles. Archie Goodall, last year's manager, has been re-engaged, and the team will be under the control of Mr. Sutcliffe, whose self-denying labours on behalf of the club are much appreciated. The players retained are F. Davis (goal), W. Orr, C. Kier, and W. J. Synott (backs), T. Phillips and J. Brown (half-backs), J. Irvine, W. Cameron, and W. Callaghan (forwards). The players whose signatures have been obtained in addition include D. Mair (Ashfield) and A. Macnab (Motherwell half-backs); W. Ross (Grimsby), E. Chadwick (Blackpool), L. Carr (Renton), and T. Whitehouse (Stoke), forwards. M. Morgan-Owen, the Welsh International, will also assist his team.

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY.

There will be many new faces in the ranks of the Trinitarians, and some of the players who have departed will be sorely missed, but there was no help for it, as the idea was entertained that the maximum wages were also the minimum, and it would be absurd for clubs like Gainsborough Trinity to proceed on the assumption that all the men signed on are Spencers and Merediths, and should be paid accordingly. The nucleus of a good team was retained, and a number of new players have been secured, including W. Taylor (Dudley), A. Betts (Scunthorpe), F. Taylor (Rotherham Town), W. H. Dawson (Southport Central), D. Waggett (Scotswood), A. E. Lill (Sturton), J. Byrne (South Bank), and C. Winter (Newcastle United). W. Langham, who has been persistently credited with a place in the Manchester City team, will again captain the Trinitarians.

GRIMSBY TOWN.

Grimsby Town are looking forward most hopefully to the coming campaign. The old players engaged are:—T. Cartledge, goal; H. Morley and J. McConnell, backs; G. McDinsmire, J. McGregor, F. G. Coles, A. Nelson, and J. W. Higgins, half-backs; L. Baker and J. Butler, forwards. The new players signed on are:—A. Fleet (Grimsby Rangers) and C. Milnes (Doncaster St. James), half-backs; J. Swarbrick (Brentford and Blackburn Rovers), G. Padley (Grimsby St. John's Y.M.T.S.), J. Burnett (Dundee and Portsmouth), W. Reynolds (Clapton Orient and Burton United), J. Johnson (Rossendale United), A. Pynegar (Derby County), and W. Grant (Grimsby Rangers), forwards. J. Reynolds, last season's outside right, has been transferred to Sheffield Wednesday, and his absence will be keenly felt. The club has joined the Midland League, and with a view to strengthening the side another goalkeeper and a couple of backs will be signed on. Several good local players will assist the club.

HULL CITY.

The Hull City F.C. is this season making its debut into serious League football. Last year 45 matches were played, and of these 26 were won, 11 lost, and 8 drawn. In May the directors signed on A. Langley, the late full back and captain of the Sheffield Wednesday Club, as team manager, and he has got a capital team together. Several juniors, who are not yet known beyond their particular local districts, have also been signed on. The League matches will be played on the cricket ground, which the Xorkshire County team so lately occupied. This is in splendid condition regarding the turf, and there should be some fast games. In addition to the accommodation provided over £700 is being spent in providing new stands. The directors are gratified at the way the "socker" code is being supported, and have every reason to believe that the game as played by the League clubs will command considerable public support.

LEEDS CITY.

The managers of the Leeds City Association Club are sparing no effort to make the organisation "go." The men are all more or less experienced, if, on the whole, somewhat on the young side. A number of players have been secured for service in the second, or Midland League team. The men are being trained by George Swift, of Notts County, who played with the Wolverhampton Wanderers' team in the year they won the English Cup. The ground is now practically ready for the season. The large grand stand is already in course of erection, and, it is expected, will be in a very forward state when the match with West Bromwich Albion is played at Elland Road on September 9.

LEICESTER FOSSE.

All things considered, the Fosse Club enters upon the ensuing season under distinctly more hopeful conditions than for some years past. The most pressing difficulties have been tided over with considerably more success than heretofore. The directors are more satisfied with the playing prospects and the ability of the men under their charge to speedily establish a sequence of winning results, without which it is not possible to replenish the exchequer. The composition of the team is considerably altered, and younger, faster forwards have been sought for. So far as has been seen at practice matches, there is reason to believe that, to a great extent, this aim has been accomplished. Indifferently as the side performed last season, there is no lack of enthusiasm among the local following, and the attendance at the trial games has been more than encouraging. Quite possibly the directorate will be strengthened by the addition of further names, but at present nothing definite can be stated.

LINCOLN CITY.

Lincoln City have done very little tn the way of engaging new players, preferring to rely rather on the pick of last season's team. The new men include E. Dixon, of Sunderland, a full back capable of figuring on either side; and T. Soulsby, of Mickley, Liverpool, and P. Mackin, of Wallsend—two forwards who are well spoken of. In goal Buist, the Willington lad, who came to Lincoln City at the beginning of last season, will figure again. At back the old backs, W. Simpson (captain) and C. Laverick, are to reappear, and the half-back line will once more consist of George Fraser, Dick Hood, and Percy Blow, a hard working and not easily conquered line. It is the front rank that is chiefly open to conjecture. The principal difficulty is that Denis O'Donnell, the club's star goal-getter, has been transferred to Sunderland for a consideration of £400, and as he was a player who could work in almost any position, from centre forward to outside right, he will take a lot of replacing. The centre forward of last season, J. Martin, has been re-engaged, and M. O'Donnell and F. Simpson will, as before, constitute the left wing. The two new forwards named will have to fight with one or two smart lads in the reserve for nomination on the right wing. The reserve team is engaged in the Midland League. Financially the club is on a sound basis.

MANCHESTER UNITED.

Mr. Bentley is perfectly right when he says that there is room for two First League clubs in Manchester, and during the forthcoming season the United would be considered very unlucky indeed if they are left out in the cold again. For two successive seasons they have just failed to earn promotion, and it was a further disappointment when, on the extension of the League, they lacked the necessary votes to carry them into the upper circle. The Manchester United enclosure at Bank-street, Clayton, is one of the most up-to-date in the country, and will hold something like 50,000 people. Like Bolton Wanderers, the club possesses a class of supporters who will stick to them through thick and thin. There is no half-hearted sort of support, and with such an enthusiastic spirit as this prevailing it should not be long before the Manchester United star is found in the ascendant. Under the guidance of the amiable secretary, Mr. Magnall, the club during the last two seasons has seen considerable improvement financially, and Mr. Davies, who really was instrumental in preventing the old Newton Heath club from becoming defunct, deserves a great deal of credit for the United's advancement. Locally, great delight has been expressed in the signing on of the clever Bury forward, Charles Sagar, whose reputation for goal shooting is proverbial. With the wealth of talent they have at command the Manchester United should be pretty certain of promotion next season.

STOCKPORT COUNTY.

Stockport County will make a brave show in 1905-6; at any rate, it should do so, for plenty of enterprise has been shown, a large number of professionals are on the list, and those to whom the management of affairs is entrusted are determined to justify the re-appearance of the organisation in the League after an interregnum of a year. Nine of last year's players have been retained, and altogether there are four goalkeepers, four new half-backs, and seven new forwards, including J. Schofield, who formerly was outside right for Manchester City. R. Hegarty, who played such a fine game for West Hartlepool against Clapton, in the final tie for the Amateur Cup, at Shepherd's Bush, last April, has thrown in his lot with the club. There is certainly quantity; only the future can determine whether there be quality.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION.

There is an air of quiet determination dominating the West Bromwich Albion at the present time, right from the chairman of directors down to the assistant groundsman. The players, and in fact everybody connected with the club, are desperately anxious to not merely cut a good figure in the football world again, but to regain their position in the First Division of the League once more. There has been a general clearance of the Throstle stables, and only the youngest and most promising of last year's team have been retained. One of the most satisfactory features, and one that has given great delight to the club's supporters, is the return of "Chippy" Simmons to the Albion fold. Simmons left the club when they lost their position in the First League, and threw in his lot with West Ham. His return should have the effect of greatly strengthening the attack. Another player who should turn out a useful man is Adam Haywood, late of Wolverhampton Wanderers, who is a forward of distinct class. The secretary, Mr. Fred Everiss, has accomplished a smart feat in getting Clapton Orient to play at West Bromwich on Christmas Day. There has not been an important football match played in Birmingham or the surrounding district on this date for some years, and in consequence the Throstles expect that the fixture will prove a tremendous attraction.

LEYTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S PROSPECTS.

At the close of last season a few enthusiasts made up their minds to bring Leyton into line with other London centres by providing football of the highest class. Although cognisant of the great difficulties to be surmounted, that did not deter them in any way from going ahead, and the result of the grit and determination shown is that Leyton is now provided with a ground second to none in the South, and there has been got together a team not one whit inferior to that of the majority of Southern professional clubs. No one outside the immediate circle concerned can have any idea of the immense difficulties that have had to be contended with, and were it not that the directors are of that kind who believe that difficulties arise to be surmounted, the football lovers of Leyton would have had to remain content with the class of football they have hitherto been favoured with. It is now ancient history that the Essex County Cricket authorities were approached with a view of "renting" the County Ground, and that the negotiations were a failure. The directors next turned their attention to securing a ground of their own—they had had quite enough of restrictions—and within two days negotiations were entered into and completed for the ground now in their possession. A few particulars of the ground may prove of interest. It is situated in the High-road, Leyton, immediately behind the Coach and Horses, and extends to 5½ acres, capable of accommodating from 25,000 to 30,000 spectators. Sufficient space behind the terraces and at each end of the stand is left to provide for another 20,000 should that prove to be necessary. A spacious covered stand, to seat 1,600, has been erected. There are large and separate dressing rooms for the home and visiting teams, with shower and spray baths fitted. There is also a large and comfortable room for the sole use of the referee and linesmen, a board room for the directors, with telephones fitted up, a separate room for the trainer and his assistants, and at one end of the stand a large refreshment bar will be available for the needs of thirsty spectators. The Press, too, have been well looked after, most comfortable quarters, affording ample protection in any sort of weather, having been erected immediately in front of the covered stand. The "banking" all round is made up with a good dressing of fine cinders on top, so that, even in wet weather, the discomfort of the spectators will be reduced to a minimum. The playing part is covered with the best turf obtainable. There are three chief entrances to the ground—one behind the Coach and Horses, one opposite the Coronation Gardens, in High-road, and the third in Oliver-road; in addition there are five exits, proper attention having been paid to the matter of emptying the ground as well as filling it. Within a radius of three miles from the ground it is calculated that there is a population of about half a million, and as the Great Eastern and Midland Railway stations are within easy reach, it is confidently anticipated that the public will rise to the occasion, and, by giving their whole-hearted support, soon make it plain that the energetic directors connected with the club have supplied a need in the neighbourhood.

When our representative was shown over the new quarters last week by Mr. H. E. Bond, the most indefatigable of directors, and to whose initiative the new policy is mainly due, excepting for a few finishing touches to the stands, everything was in readiness for the opening ceremony on Friday, and when it is remembered that on July 7 last the ground was merely a large ploughed field, with a fall of eleven feet from one end to the other, there is additional cause for surprise that so much should have been done in so very short a time. The important matter of ground off their minds, the directors turned their attention to the equally important matter of team-building. They could not have commenced better than they did, for in securing J. Jackson, from the Arsenal, they obtained one of the best full-backs in the country, and his work in a managerial sense promises to equal his prowess on the field. He is already very popular in Leyton, with directors and players alike, and is confident that he will have a team at his command that will make things "hum" during the season. A glance at the list of players engaged shows that his confidence is well founded, and already the majority of the men are fit and eager for the fray, having had several practice games on their old ground at the Hare and Hounds. It is no secret that they were keenly disappointed at failing to secure a place in the First Division of the Southern League, but they mean to play themselves into this select circle if merit receives its due reward. Meantime they have joined the Second Division, and also the revived United League, as well as the South Eastern and London (Premier Division) Leagues, and as Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham, Queen's Park Rangers, Clapton Orient, Watford, Brighton and Hove, Swindon, Fulham, &c., have all promised to play their first teams in the matches in one or other of the above Leagues, the bill of fare submitted will be of the very best. We heartily wish the club every success in their efforts to raise the prestige of Essex "footer."

The following are the names of players engaged:—Goal, Draper (Arsenal) and Moles (Leyton); backs, Jackson (Arsenal), Meredith (Stoke and Welsh Internationalist, Chapman (Leyton), and Ramsay (Middlesbrough); half-backs, Evans (Burton United and Aston Villa), McLean (Bradford City), Gray (Fulham), Busby (Arsenal), Massey (Leyton), and Seeley (Leyton and late Queen's Park Rangers and Southampton); forwards, Brand (Dundee), Featherstone (Bolton Wanderers), Hesham (Stoke), Grassam (Manchester United and formerly of West Ham), Newton (Chesterfield), Neave (Arsenal), Bush (Leyton), and Downing (Leyton). In addition to the above, the following amateurs have promised their active assistance:—Goal, L. Skilber (Leytonstone); backs, L. Piggott, and W. Giles (Leyton), and W. J. Rayner (Leytonstone); half-backs, J. Walklate (Walsall), E. Freeman (Leyton), and J. Bracher (Arsenal); forwards, C. Plested, H. Richman, H. Ward (Leyton), and V. A. Jones and J. Smellie (Stockton). Trainer Dodds, who has had great experience with Sunderland, Newcastle, and Liverpool, may be relied on to see that the men strip and are in the pink of condition.

The new ground will be officially opened with a match Probables v. Possibles on Friday next, kick-off at 5.30. A monster attendance is hoped for to give the club a good send-off in their great enterprise.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE AND J. BRADLEY.

The negotiations of Plymouth Argyle with J. Bradley, of Stoke, have been the reverse of happy in their results so far as the club is concerned. We announced in the "Sporting Life" some weeks ago that the F.A. had refused to allow Bradley to transfer himself to Plymouth. In the meantime, the west-country club had been paying Bradley wages, and on an application being made to the Association to make an order for the money to be returned, it was decided that no action should be taken. The Emergency Committee has also decided that Bradley is not entitled to receive payment from the Stoke Club prior to the date when he signed a form for that club. Plymouth Argyle have been doubly unfortunate, for they have lost their money and also the player.

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THE F.A. CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

DRAW & OFFICIALS FOR PRELIMINARY AND FIRST ROUNDS.

The preliminary round in the F.A. Cup Competition is to be played on Saturday, September 23, and the first round on Saturday, October 7. The kick-off on each day is at 3.30. Appended is the draw and the referees for divisions 13 to 24 inclusive:—

DIVISION 13.—FIRST ROUND.—Hitchin Town v. Irthlingborough Town; G. W. Walker (Beds). Luton Amateurs v. Kettering Town; R. Williams (Wolverton). Byes: Biggleswade and Wellingborough Town.

DIVISION 14.—FIRST ROUND.—Cromer v. Kirkley; J. Nutchey (Norwich). King's Lynn v. Norwich C.E.Y.M.S.; J. R. Schumacker (King's Lynn). Byes: Great Yarmouth Town and Lowestoft Town.

DIVISION 15.—FIRST ROUND.—Felstead v. Clapton Orient; W. Burgess (Surrey). Barking v. Leytonstone; J. H. Jamieson (Plumstead). East Ham v. Upton Park; F. A. Clarke (Essex). Grays United v. Leyton; J. B. Lingham (Kent).

DIVISION 16.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—Chelmsford v. Cheshunt; C. Sutton (London). FIRST ROUND.—South Weald v. Barnet Alston Athletic; E. G. McDonald (London); Woodford v. Wanstead; C. M. Leaning (Kent). Romford v. Enfield; R. F. Bardwell (Suffolk). Southend Athletic v. Chelmsford or Cheshunt; A. J. Kips (London).

DIVISION 17.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—West Hampstead v. Crouch End Vampires; N. Whittaker (London). Staines v. Richmond Association; A. E. Payne (Slough). FIRST ROUND.—Shepherd's Bush v. Staines or Richmond Association; J. T. Clark (Essex). London Caledonians v. Hampstead; H. C. Platt (London). Uxbridge v. Civil Service; J. Blay (Berks and Bucks). Willesden Town v. West Hampstead or Crouch End Vampires; J. Dickerson (Herts).

DIVISION 18.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—Reading Amateurs v. Slough; C. Lambourne (Oxford). Marlow v. Wycombe Wanderers; C. C. Fallowfield (London). FIRST ROUND.—Reading Amateurs or Slough v. Windsor and Eton; W. W. Heard (Middlesex). Aylesbury United v. Marlow or Wycombe Wanderers; S. R. Carr (London). Chesham Generals v. Maidenhead; F. Hosking (London). Chesham Town v. Maidenhead Norfolkians; J. C. Stark (London).

DIVISION 19.—FIRST ROUND.—Clapham v. Crystal Palace; J. W. Bulley (London). 2nd Batt. Grenadier Guards v. City of Westminster; T Kyle (Berks and Bucks). Chelsea v. 1st Batt. Grenadier Guards; R. Beckley (Cheshunt). Southern United v. Nunhead; G. G. Landragin (London).

DIVISION 20.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—Croydon Wanderers v. Redhill; J. E. Aylott (London). FIRST ROUND.—Croydon Wanderers or Redhill v. Guards' Depot; R. R. Crump (Surrey). Guildford v. West Norwood; Q.M.Srgt. Johnson (Aldershot). New Crusaders v. Woking; H. A. Hants (Essex). Croydon v. Godalming; T. Haydock (Surrey).

DIVISION 21.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—Dartford v. Chatham; J. S. Welsh (Kent). Eltham v. New Brompton Amateurs; J. P. Whitestone (Surrey). FIRST ROUND.—Maidstone United v. Bromley; G. Mills (Kent). Eltham or New Brompton Amateurs v. Woolwich Polytechnic; A. Overton (London). Sittingbourne v. Sheppey United; A. R. Partridge (London). Maidstone Church Institute v. Dartford or Chatham; C. W. Gillett (London).

DIVISION 22.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—Worthing v. Eastbourne Old Town; E. G. Tomlinson (Sussex). Hastings and St. Leonards v. Rock-a-Nore; R. N. Collins (Sussex). St. Leonards United v. Eastbourne; J. Mills (Kent). FIRST ROUND.—Hastings or Rock-a-Nore v. Tunbridge Wells; W. J. Wilson (Surrey). Shoreham v. Newhaven; H. A. Ayling (Southwick). Worthing or Eastbourne Old Town v. St. Leonards United or Eastbourne; P. F. Walker (Herts). Horsham v. Tunbridge Wells Rangers; E. A. Newman (Sussex).

DIVISION 23.—PRELIMINARY ROUND.—Weymouth v. Whiteheads; M. S. Plomer (Bournemouth). Poole v. Salisbury City; A. R. Fowler (Dorset). Basingstoke v. Ryde; R. L. Bateman (Hants). FIRST ROUND.—Cowes v. Poole or Salisbury City; G. H. Muir (Hants). Basingstoke or Ryde v. Eastleigh Athletic; W. Jennings (Hants). Weymouth or Whiteheads v. Bournemouth Gasworks Athletic; W. B. Davies (Hants). Longfleet St. Mary's v. North Hants Ironworks; M. C. Frowde (Dorset).

DIVISION 24.—FIRST ROUND.—Radstock Town v. Staple Hill; G. Bennett (Gloucestershire). Brislington v. Bristol East; C. E. Green (Gloucestershire). Yeovil Casuals v. Paulton Rovers; S. T. Major (Wilts). Taunton Casuals v. Green Waves (Plymouth); G. H. Vine (Somerset).

THE CRYSTAL PALACE CLUB.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Full particulars have previously appeared in these columns as to the genesis and development of the Crystal Palace Club, and the part it is likely to play in the future of Metropolitan football. An agreement, dated the 29th day of April, 1905, has been entered into by which the company have acquired from the Crystal Palace Company the use of their football ground for five years on terms which the directors consider very favourable, and which, in their opinion, will prove of undoubted advantage. Little need be said of the splendid advantages which this ground possesses, with its ample covered and uncovered stands with seating accommodation for over 16,000 persons. The London and Brighton, and Chatham and Dover Railway Companies have signified their intention of running special trains from various stations as often as required on match days.

An important concession, and one which further shows the sportsmanlike spirit in which the Crystal Palace management has met the promoters, is the arrangement entered into for a sixpenny "gate." On days when a match is to be played, people will be admitted to the Palace two hours before the commencement and until the finish of the game at the reduced price of sixpence, with the exception of Bank Holidays and probably one or two other special occasions.

As regards the team, every man is well known in the football world, and the eleven will be able to hold its own with any other in the country. They are all young men—a very important factor to be considered in selecting a team—of high repute in first-class football of whom much is expected. Several amateurs have offered their services, and the directors have been fortunate in securing the services as manager of Mr. Jack Robson, who formerly acted in a similar position to the Middlesbrough F.C. Jack Robson has been connected with football all his life, and in the North of England particularly is greatly esteemed. It was not so very long ago that the Woolwich Arsenal Club wished to secure the services of Robson, but the Middlesbrough people managed to retain him, and only last month the famous manager was recalled to his native town of Middlesbrough to receive as a parting gift from his many admirers a gold watch and chain, while Mrs. Robson was presented with a silver tea service.

The players signed on include:—R. Hewitson (Barnsley), goal; M. Edwards (Barnsley), G. Walker (Wolverhampton Wanderers), and A. Grant (Edinburgh St. Bernard's), backs; W. Innerd (Newcastle United), E. Birnie (Newcastle United), H. Astley (Middlesbrough, and Wallace (Southwick), half-backs; R. Ross (Paisley), G. Thompson (Newcastle United), R. Harker (Newcastle United), W. M. Watkins (Sunderland), A. Needham (Sheffield United), and R. Roberts (Middlesbrough).

THE NEW ZEALAND VISIT.

The following matches have been arranged for the New Zealand Team, who are due to arrive in England on September 8:—

SEPTEMBER.
16.—v. Devon, at Torquay.
20.—v. Cornwall, at Redruth.
23.—v. Bristol, at Bristol.
28.—v. Northampton, at Northampton.
30.—v. Leicester, at Leicester.

OCTOBER.
4.—v. Middlesex, at London.
7.—v. Durham, at ———.
11.—v. The Hartlepools, at Hartlepool.
14.—v. Northumberland, at North Shields.
19.—v. Gloucester City, at Gloucester.
21.—v. Somerset, at Taunton.
25.—v. Devonport Albion, at Devonport.
28.—v. Midland Counties, at Leicester.

NOVEMBER.
1.—v. Surrey, at Richmond.
4.—v. Blackheath, at Blackheath.
7.—v. Oxford University, at Oxford.
9.—v. Cambridge University, at Cambridge.
11.—v. Richmond, at Richmond.
15.—v. Bedford, at Bedford.
18.—v. Scotland, at Edinburgh.
22.—v. West of Scotland, at Glasgow.
25.—v. Ireland, at Dublin.
29.—v. Munster, at Limerick.

DECEMBER.
2.—v. England, at London.
6.—v. Cheltenham, at Cheltenham.
9.—v. Cheshire, at Birkenhead.
13.—v. Yorkshire, at ———.
16.—v. Wales, at ———.
20 or 21.—v. Glamorgan, at ———.
23.—v. Newport, at Newport.
26.—v. Cardiff, at Cardiff.
30.—v. Swansea, at Swansea.

THE F.A. CUP.

In the coming season the F.A. Cup competition will be fought in the qualifying stages in 24 divisions. A Southern Emergency Committee, consisting of Messrs G S Sherrington, R Cook, A Davis, J Albert, W J Wilson, and G Wagstaffe Simmons, has been appointed to make the draws, appoint referees, &c., for divisions 13 to 24 inclusive.

KENT COUNTY F.A.

The attention of secretaries of Kent clubs is called to the fact that the last day for receiving entries for the Kent Senior Cup is Friday, September 1. Entries must be made to Mr. J. Albert, Chatham.

THE UNITED LEAGUE.

Mr. G. T. Broadbridge, the president of the United League, has given instructions for a specially-designed cup to be manufactured, at a cost of 50 guineas, which he intends to present to the League. It is expected that the presentation will be made at the October Meeting of the management committee. Mr. Broadbridge's generosity is much appreciated by the clubs.

PADDINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the Ladbroke Hall, North Kensington, on Friday, a large number of members being present. The balance sheet was presented by Mr. C. Canfor, and showed a fairly good balance on the right side. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain (first XI.), B. Musselwhite; vice-captain, H. Beck; captain (Reserves), G. F. East; vice captain, S. A. D. Hopkins; captain (third XI.), C. W. Hele; committee, Messrs. Graham, W. A. Tunks, Clayton, P. C. Tunks, and L. Canfor. The club have again entered the West London and Western Suburban Leagues, also Paddington and Middlesex Junior Cups. Two grounds with good dressing accommodation have been secured at North Kensington, whilst most of the old players will be again "turning out." Mr. A. T. Davis, 28, Silver-street, Kensington, the hon. sec., still has a few vacancies for players, and new members may be sure of a hearty welcome.

SURREY COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

The annual general meeting of this Union will be held on Wednesday, September 27 next, at Carr's Restaurant. Notice of any alterations in the rules, and nominations for officers for next season, must reach the hon. sec. not later than Tuesday, 5th prox.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Tottenham Hotspur Football Club's Offices, 750, High-road, Tottenham, will be open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 7 o'clock until 9 for the sale of season tickets. Application for tickets should be made immediately.

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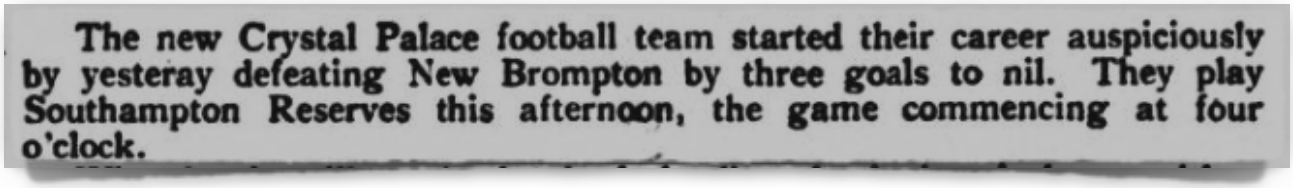
Pall Mall Gazette



The new Crystal Palace football team started their career auspiciously by yesteray defeating New Brompton by three goals to nil. They play Southampton Reserves this afternoon, the game commencing at four o'clock.

Clipping referring to the clubs first football match.

SPORTING NOTES AND NEWS.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

SURREY AND KENT PLAY A TIE.

Four of the six matches commenced on Thursday remained unfinished at the close of play last night. Of these the only one which excited general interest was that between Surrey and Kent at the Oval. In an ordinary way the result would have been regarded as a foregone conclusion, for with six wickets in hand Surrey needed only 46 more runs to be able to claim a victory; but the match had from the first assumed such astonishing phases that it was recognised that "anything" might happen. At the close of play last night Hobbs was not out 10 and Crawford not out 8.

At the outset all went well, for though runs came slowly the total had been carried to 135 without the loss of another wicket. Then came another dramatic change. Crawford was taken in the slips, at 137 Lord Dalmeny was caught at third man, and Lees in the long field, and at 144 Hobbs was bowled by Blythe. At this stage, therefore, 18 runs were still required and there were only two wickets to fall.

The ninth wicket, Strudwick's fell at 154. When Knox joined Smith the excitement was at fever heat. This was increased when, presently, Surrey's total became 161, only one run then being required. But this was not obtained, Smith being immediately afterwards caught off Blythe, and so the match ended in a tie.

SURREY v. KENT.

The weather was dull and cheerless when play was resumed at the Oval at 11.30 this morning. In their second innings Surrey had overnight scored 116 for the loss of four wickets, and only required 46 more to win the match. There had been some rain during the night, so that the wicket remained soft. Hobbs (not out 10) and Crawford (not out 8) continued batting to the bowling of Mason and Blythe. The amateur only bowled one over and then gave way to Humphreys. When the total reached 136, and Surrey looked like getting the runs without further loss, a sudden change came over the game. Crawford was caught in the slips by Mason off Blythe. Lord Dalmeny then went in, and Hearne at once went on to bowl in place of Humphreys. Only two more runs had been added when Blythe got the Surrey captain caught at third man from a skier. At the same total Lees was splendidly caught in the long field by Marsham, and then at 144 Hobbs was bowled by Blythe. With only two wickets to fall, 18 runs were still required.

Strudwick was out at 154. Then Smith and Knox took the score to 161, and at this total the tenth wicket, Smith's, fell, so that a match which had been sensational all through ended in a tie.

KENT.—First Innings.

E. W. Dillon, c Hayward, b Smith	19
Hearne, lbw, b Hayes	29
Seymour, c Hayes, b Smith	3
S. H. Day, b Crawford	61
J. R. Mason, b Knox	20
Humphreys, b Smith	15
A. P. Day, c and b Smith	24
C. H. B. Marsham, c Hayes, b Smith	0
Murrell, c and b Knox	11
Huish, not out	11
Blythe, c Dalmeny, b Knox	6
Extras	10
Total	202

KENT.—Second Innings.

E. W. Dillon, b Lees	9
Hearne, c Baker, b Lees	20
Seymour, b Knox	1
S. H. Day, b Smith	26
J. R. Mason, c Hayward, b Lees	1
Humphreys, c Hayward, b Lees	10
A. P. Day, lbw, b Smith	6
C. H. B. Marsham, b Lees	0
Murrell, not out	4
Huish, b Lees	0
Blythe, b Lees	1
Extras	6
Total	84

SURREY.—First Innings.

Hayward, c and b Blythe	8
Holland, c and b Mason	5
Hayes, c Dillon, b Mason	0
Baker (A.), c Mason, b Humphreys	23
Hobbs, c Mason, b Blythe	6
J. N. Crawford, b Humphreys	31
Lord Dalmeny, lbw, b Hearne	16
Lees, c Huish, b Blythe	4
Smith, b Blythe	15
Strudwick, c Dillon, b Blythe	2
Knox, not out	1
Extras	14
Total	125

SURREY.—Second Innings.

Hayward, c and b Mason	40
Holland, c Mason, b Humphreys	21
Hayes, b Blythe	2
Baker (A.), st Huish, b Hearne	28
Hobbs, b Blythe	20
J. N. Crawford, c Mason, b Blythe	14
Lord Dalmeny, c Murrell, b Blythe	0
Lees, c Marsham, b Hearne	0
Smith, c Murrell, b Blythe	21
Strudwick, c Mason, b Blythe	1
Knox, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	161

LANCASHIRE v. AN ENGLAND XI.

ENGLAND XI.—First Innings, 183.

ENGLAND XI.—Second Innings.

C. J. B. Wood, c Garnett, b Hallows	34
Kinneir, c Worsley, b Harry	35
Knight, c Worsley, b Cook	28
Gunn (G.), not out	43
Bowley, not out	16
Extras	19
Total (for three wickets)	176

LANCASHIRE.—First Innings.

H. G. Garnett, b Hallam	31
A. C. Maclaren, lbw, b G. Gunn	93
Tyldesley, b G. Gunn	6
L. O. S. Poidevin, b Warren	26
Higson, b Hallam	0
Harry, b J. Gunn	34
Hallows, st Humphries, b G. Gunn	9
Cook, not out	46
Clarke, b Warren	0
Brearley, c Warren, b Gunn	0
Worsley, c G. Gunn, b Warren	0
Extras	9
Total	253

SUSSEX v. ESSEX.

SUSSEX.—First Innings.

C. B. Fry, run out	79
Vine, c and b McGahey	64
Killick, b Benham	62
R. A. Young, c Freeman, b Benham	7
K. O. Goldie, st Freeman, b McGahey	0
Relf (A.), c Perrin, b McGahey	15
P. H. Latham, b McGahey	10
Cox (G.), b Benham	2
H. L. Simms, c and b McGahey	24
Butt, b Reeves	2
Leach, not out	10
Extras	25
Total	290

SUSSEX.—Second Innings.

Vine, not out	30
R. A. Young, b McGahey	2
Killick, not out	21
Extras	2
Total (for one wicket)	55

ESSEX.—First Innings.

F. L. Fane, b Killick	8
Carpenter, b Killick	15
P. Perrin, lbw, b Relf	1
C. McGahey, b Relf	16
Rev. F. H. Gillingham, c Relf, b Cox	44
Reeves, b Killick	22
J. W. H. T. Douglas, not out	79
Benham, c Relf, b Cox	9
Freeman, c Killick, b Relf	28
Buckenham, b Goldie	3
Tremlin, st Butt, b Killick	12
Extras	15
Total	246

XI. OF ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIANS.

ENGLAND XI.—First Innings, 229.

ENGLAND XI.—Second Innings.

W. G. Grace, c Laver, b Armstrong	22
T. S. Fishwick, c Laver, b Armstrong	3
Braund, b Armstrong	6
Quaife, c Howell, b Cotter	23
Arnold, b Howell	52
Llewellyn, b Howell	50
Cuffe, b Howell	0
Pearson, b Armstrong	1
Jayes, b Armstrong	7
Stone, not out	25
Hargreave, run out	1
Extras	11
Total	201

AUSTRALIANS.—First Innings.

J. Darling, b Arnold	31
V. T. Trumper, c Quaife, b Hargreave	82
C. Hill, c Arnold, b Hargreave	50
W. W. Armstrong, lbw, b Hargreave	5
A. Hopkins, c Arnold, b Hargreave	10
M. A. Noble, not out	37
C. E. McLeod, c W. G. Grace, b Braund	1
A. Cotter, b Braund	44
W. P. Howell, b Braund	6
F. Laver, b Braund	15
D. R. A. Gehrs, st Stone, b Braund	10
Extras	17
Total	272

AUSTRALIANS.—Second Innings.

J. Darling, not out	10
V. T. Trumper, lbw, b Braund	30
Total (for one wicket)	40

A REMARKABLE MATCH.

The Oval has been the scene of some of the most interesting, one might almost say, extraordinary, cricket of the present season. To mention only a few matches, the games with Middlesex, the Australians, and Northampton all ran a very singular course. Surrey won the first when set 168 to win without losing a wicket, though the highest previous innings in the match was 146. In the return game with the Australians Surrey, in their effort to win against time, had got within 41 of victory with eight wickets in hand, yet lost by 22 runs. Then on Monday and Wednesday of the present week Surrey beat Northamptonshire by an innings and 124 runs though only one wicket had fallen when the game was resumed on the third day. The match with Kent has been equally remarkable and has certainly produced one of the finest struggles for supremacy of the present season. The fortunes of the match have fluctuated in most dramatic fashion, and the game has been a triumph for the unexpected—which is perhaps saying the same thing twice.

When Kent were put in on Thursday it was generally expected that they would be cheaply dismissed. Instead they made a good score, and at the close of play held a winning advantage. This advantage they steadily increased until the fall of the third wicket in their second innings at 52. Expressed in figures, their first innings lead of 77 had been increased to one of 129 when the third wicket fell. As the wicket was decidedly in favour of the bowlers, and Surrey had made only 125 in their first innings, Kent at this point seemed in an impregnable position. The game then underwent a complete change, the material and direct cause being the fine bowling of Lees, and the last seven wickets added only 32 runs.

This left Surrey 162 to win—a very formidable task on a wicket on which Kent had just been dismissed for 84 and Surrey for 125. Yet the precedent of the Middlesex match was in favour of Surrey making the runs. With two men out for 49 the game was in favour of Kent, but with 93 up and Hayward and Baker well set, Surrey seemed assured of victory. Then Hayward and Baker were dismissed at 93 and 95, and the game was once more in Kent's favour, especially when the collapse in the return game with the Australians was recalled. Hobbs and Crawford proved equal to the occasion, however, and at the close Surrey were within 46 of victory with six wickets in hand.

These details are given because the day's play was perhaps the most extraordinary, and certainly the most interesting, of a season which has produced many surprises and many examples of the dramatic uncertainty of the game.

HEADQUARTERS GOSSIP.

CICERO AND LLANGIBBY'S ST. LEGER GALLOPS.

FROM OUR NEWMARKET CORRESPONDENT.

Cicero is now in strong work again, and if he stands his further St. Leger preparation all right the rest he had for several days will not have done him any harm. He was quite fit to run in the middle of May, and has been hard at it ever since. Yesterday morning he was stripped, and, with old Osbech for a companion, galloped a mile and a half at three-parts speed. He pulled up perfectly sound. I have never seen him go better, and I am satisfied that he has not lost his form at all like some horses do when they have been out of work for a little time.

Mr. Gilpin sent Llangibby a useful mile gallop with Waterchute, Delaunay, Earla Mor, and Hammerkop. The St. Leger horse moved freely and well, but I should like to see him do three or four good gallops over the full course next week.

Yesterday Mr. G. Lambton had an interesting five-furlong trial with some of his two-year-olds. The following was the result: Kilruddery 1, Victorious 2, Guernsey Lily colt 3, St. Faustino 4 (Rickaby). Kilruddery won by a length, and it is evident that Victorious is not a really good mare. She can, however, be made a bit better yet, and yesterday's gallop will have done her a lot of good.

To-day at Gatwick we shall have several runners for the Kite Handicap. The best of them is Hornhead. Snow Glory will win the Lowfield Maiden Two-Year-Old Plate, and Vacillant has a chance in the Sutton Nursery Handicap.

THE GATWICK RACE MEETING.

THIS AFTERNOON'S PROGRAMME.

There was no very striking feature about yesterday's racing at Gatwick. Hegemony ought to have won the September Handicap, but had the misfortune to get shut in at a critical part of the race. Mistel Bird's defeat of Succory was in its way meritorious, though the fact that the latter was conceding 3 lb. must not be lost sight of. Mistel Bird is by Missel Thrush, all of whose stock seem to be endowed with good racing qualities. St. Denis was easily beaten by Challacombe in the contest for the Newdigate Stakes, and so damaged the reputation he so cheaply gained by winning the Princess of Wales's Stakes in July when favoured with all the allowances.

SENTINEL.

2.0.—The ROSTRUM SELLING HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

	yrs	st	lb
Fireman	6	8	6
Beaulieu	4	8	6
Wedding Day	4	8	6
Endymion	3	8	3
Craggy	3	7	8
Cathie	3	7	6
Duke Royal	3	7	4
Psittacus	3	7	3
Induction	6	7	0
The above have arrived.			
Bulbul	5	9	0
Morgante	a	8	10
Decave	6	8	9
Departed	6	8	8
Belosselsky	5	8	2
Netherland	a	7	11
Ludlow	3	7	8
Miss Joppa	4	7	2
Gold Paint	3	6	12

2.30.—The SUTTON NURSERY HANDICAP of 300 sovs, for two-year-olds. Seven furlongs.

	st	lb
Ninias	8	7
Torquay	7	13
Little Theo	7	13
Father Blind	7	11
F. by Persimmon—Sister Ann	7	10
Missel Grive	7	7
Rose Lips	7	7
Lady Ursuline	7	5
All Saints	7	4
Velasco	7	1
Centre	6	7
Vacillant	6	7
Treacle	6	7
Dorinda	6	7
The above have arrived.		
La Vie	8	7
C by Jeddah—Postscript	8	5
Chrysoberyl	7	9
Battleground	7	7
Bad Sovereign	7	3
F by The Rush—Braw Lass	7	3
Sweet Rosalind	7	1
F by Spring Cottage—Charlotte	7	1

3.0.—The WICK PLATE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Five furlongs.

	yrs	st	lb
Retrieve	4	9	0
Flying Star	4	8	11
Kalmia	4	8	11
G by Mocanna—Firebrand	4	8	8
M by Golden Crown—Arum Lily	5	8	8
Ignatia	3	8	4
Glen Whilly	2	7	1
Sir Ben	2	7	1
The above have arrived.			
Porter	3	8	10
Marcotini	2	6	12

3.30.—The KITE HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile and a half.

	yrs	st	lb
Abstainer	5	7	9
Horn Head	3	7	9
Spinning Minnow	5	7	6
St. Enogat	6	7	5
Maria	3	7	4
Fireman	6	6	5
The above have arrived.			
War Wolf	6	9	0
Henley	4	8	5
Lapsang	5	8	4
Lord Victor	5	8	3
Grand Deacon	a	7	6
Strathglass	3	7	1
Pacha	3	6	10
Lady T.	3	6	2
Pusstaleany	3	6	0

4.0.—The LOWFIELD MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

	st	lb
Sybil Primrose	9	4
Snow Glory	9	4
Strathallan	9	0
C by Persimmon—Rondino	9	0
Cob	9	0
Ever Ready	9	0
C by Oriflamb—Granny	9	0
Virginius	8	11
Fairlawn	8	11
F by Lesterlin—Latona II.	8	11
Brandsby	8	11
The above have arrived.		
C by Grey Leg—Tereska	9	0
C by Speedy—Simplify	9	0
Diorite	9	0
Tamales	9	0
Pamir	9	0
Adamas	9	0
Woodyates	9	0
Caruso	9	0
No Surrender	8	11
Vallambrosa	8	11
F by Jeddah—Mary Ann II.	8	11
Blanche Marie	8	11
Miss Bunbury	8	11
Tarpleto	8	11
Cliodna	8	11
Itacoatiana	8	11
F by Ayrshire—Cecil	8	11

4.30.—The MODERATE PLATE of 100 sovs, for horses which have not won more than one race value 100 sovs before closing. One mile.

	yrs	st	lb
Feather Bed	3	8	2
F by Bentworth—Vinea	3	7	9
The above have arrived.			
Gay Gordon	5	9	7
Isabelita	4	9	4
Departed	6	9	0
Syncopate	4	8	11
The Drone	3	8	5
Raven's Ash	3	8	5
Captain Pott	3	8	5
Bellax	4	8	4
Enceladus	3	8	2
Reprieve III.	3	8	2
Gallinago	3	7	12
Montrouge	3	7	12
Epicurus	3	7	12
Galeas	3	7	12
Shilfa	3	7	12
Lovat Scout	3	7	12
Rarer Sort	3	7	12
C by St. Angelo—Applethwaite	3	7	12
Arquebus	3	7	12
Plum Tart	3	7	9
Vardon	3	7	9
Chili	3	7	9
Miss Foston	3	7	9

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MATCHES TO BE PLAYED THIS AFTERNOON.

Though football was permissible yesterday, the season, for all practical purposes, begins to-day, and a remarkably busy season it promises to be. Both the first and the second divisions of the League have been enlarged, and now comprise twenty clubs each. Two new London clubs have been admitted as members of the second division—Chelsea and Clapton Orient. The following are matches to be decided this afternoon, the game in each case being played on the ground of the first-named club:—

The Football League.

DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.
Stoke v. Notts County	Manchester United v. Bristol City
Bolton Wanderers v. Sheffield United	Glossop v. Gainsborough
Blackburn Rovers v. Aston Villa	Stockport v. Chelsea
Sunderland v. Newcastle United	Blackpool v. Burton
Birmingham v. Preston North End	Bradford v. Leeds
Everton v. Middlesbrough	West Bromwich Albion v. Burnley
Derby County v. Bury	Leicester Fosse v. Clapton Orient
Sheffield Wednesday v. Manchester City	Hull v. Barnsley
Notts Forest v. Wolverhampton Wanderers	Lincoln v. Burslem Port Vale
Woolwich Arsenal v. Liverpool	Chesterfield v. Grimsby Town

The Southern League.

DIVISION I.

Plymouth Argyle v. Norwich City	Bristol Rovers v. Northampton
Southampton v. Brentford	Queen's Park Rangers v. New Brompton
Reading v. Tottenham	Fulham v. Portsmouth
Brighton v. Millwall	West Ham United v. Swindon

DIVISION II.

Crystal Palace v. Southampton Reserves

London League.

PREMIER DIVISION.

Clapton Orient Reserves v. Queen's Park Rangers Reserves.
Tottenham Hotspur Reserves v. Woolwich Arsenal Reserves.

FROM THE POLO GROUNDS.

CARDIFF AND COUNTY TOURNAMENT.

Owing to the scratching of Mr. Craven's Admington Hall team (holders of the Challenge Cup), the Cardiff and County Tournament finished earlier than was expected. The two teams left in for the final were Grove House, a Blackmore Vale team got together by Mr. H. E. Lambe, in which the other players were Mr. H. S. Harrison, and Captains L. C. D. Jenner and Nigel Learmouth; and Major Lamont's North Devon team, which included Messrs. W. Houldsworth, Talbot Price, and L. F. Craven. It was not a very exciting game, for Grove House were too strong for their opponents, and won comfortably by 8 goals to love. The holdership of the cup thus passed from Mr. Craven, whose team in the inaugural tournament last year included Mr. P. C. Puckle and the brothers H. and F. Rich, to the custody of Mr. Lambe, the secretary of Blackmore Vale, which, although only established some seven years, is one of the largest and most successful county clubs in England.

The North Wilts Polo Club's tournament at Chippenham, at which a challenge cup presented by Prince Hatzfeldt was to have been competed for for the first time, has fallen through. There is, however, talk of a four-day tournament at the new Northampton Polo Club next week, and the week after Market Harborough will probably hold a tournament which will be followed by the customary Rugby autumn tournament, fixed for September 18 to 23.

Mr. Frank Bellville, the well-known polo player, who had such a bad carriage accident at Market Harborough last Sunday, continues to progress as well as can be expected.

AUTOMOBILISM.

THE HEAVY MOTOR CAR ORDER.

It is not unlikely that during the next few months complaints may be heard of the attitude of local authorities towards the heavy motor vehicle. In the Motor-Car Act of 1903 a clause was inserted which gave powers to the Local Government Board to arrange regulations for the conduct of heavy motor-cars. These regulations were only issued on December 28 of last year, after the entire heavy motor industry had been more or less "held up" for a year. When they were finally issued in the "Heavy Motor-Car Order, 1904," it was discovered that many of the heavy motor vehicles on the road were nearly seven tons in weight unladen, whereas the order prescribed a maximum unladen weight of five tons. The new regulations came into force on March 1, but in order that owners of seven-ton vehicles should not be deprived of the use of them, it was arranged that all such vehicles re-registered before September 1 of the present year should be allowed on the highway so long as they did not exceed, when laden, a total weight of twelve tons. Allowing a full ton for the weight of the water and fuel, the seven-ton vehicle can, therefore, carry now from three to four tons of goods, instead of the six or seven tons it had been accustomed previously to carry, whilst the five-ton vehicle can carry six tons. The heavier vehicles are, therefore, penalised from two to three tons in carrying capacity.

Possibilities of Annoyance.

Now that the six months' period mentioned in the order has elapsed, and all heavy motor vehicles are subject to the new regulations, the owners and drivers of such vehicles should be fully prepared to uphold their rights in the event of the highway authorities being tempted to abuse the powers entrusted to them by the Local Government Board. According to the new order, the unladen weight of each heavy vehicle and the maximum weights each axle is allowed to support, must be registered and painted clearly upon the side of each vehicle; and according to these registered weights the speed is defined. Thus, a car of weight, unladen, exceeding three tons must not travel at more than five miles per hour, whether laden or unladen. If annoyance is to be experienced, however, it is likely to come from the local highway authorities, for if the latter imagine that the weight borne on a heavy motor vehicle exceeds that allowed according to the registration they are entitled to compel the driver to take the vehicle to a weighbridge and have the accuracy of the load upon the axles tested. But this must be done by a "duly authorised officer of the registering authority or other council," and provided that the vehicle in question is within "half a mile by road from a public weighing machine or other weighing machine which is conveniently accessible." It is well that every one interested in the heavy motor industry should recognise these facts and be prepared to resist any attempted interference which does not strictly comply with the conditions defined by the Local Government Board.

The Stage-Coach "Motorised."

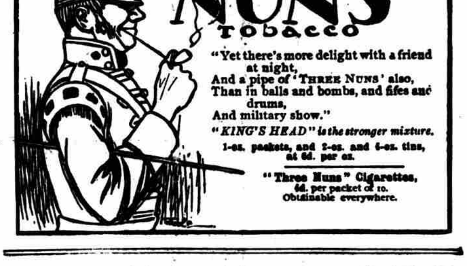
An innovation started during the present week has been hailed by many to herald a twentieth century revival of the old coaching days, the horses, of course, being replaced by the motor. I refer to the motor 'bus service between London and Brighton, which has been promoted, not by an omnibus company, but by a small syndicate of City men. As one might have expected, many persons, struck by the novelty of the scheme, have booked seats and essayed the trip—even going to the length of paying 7s. 6d. for an outside seat for the single journey. Judging by the time-table followed, and by the published times occupied by the opening runs, the organizers of the undertaking are not aware of the insuperable objection to the extended use of the motor 'bus for long journeys in the country, namely that the speed limit is not twenty miles an hour, but twelve miles per hour—a speed inferior to that of the old stage coach. According to the Local Government Board regulations all motor vehicles exceeding two tons in weight must come under the heavy motor-car order, Article VII. of which expressly states that "the speed at which a heavy motor-car is driven on any highway shall not exceed eight miles an hour, provided that if the heavy motor-car has all its wheels fitted with pneumatic tyres or with tyres made of a soft or elastic material, the speed . . . shall not exceed twelve miles per hour." The registered weight of the motor-'buses of the type used in the London to Brighton service is 4¼ tons, unladen, and 7½ tons laden. If there is to be an attempt to revive the coaching days by means of the motor, the vehicle used will have to be a light touring car, somewhat of the nature of a char-a-banc, with a canopy and curtains to protect from inclemencies of the weather, and seating accommodation for not more than a dozen. A vehicle might be made on these lines which would comply with the conditions as to weight, and therefore be allowed to travel at the twenty-mile limit. It would probably be found necessary, however, for the comfort of the passengers to employ pneumatic tyres. This would add to the expense, but only slightly, for the diminished vibration would lengthen the life of the engine and mechanism.

W. E. H. H.

The new Crystal Palace football team started their career auspiciously by yesteray defeating New Brompton by three goals to nil. They play Southampton Reserves this afternoon, the game commencing at four o'clock.

Wheatley is still at the head of the list of winning jockeys, with a score of 84 out of 380 mounts, but Maher is rapidly catching him, for the American jockey has now won 79 races with 289 mounts, and has the magnificent percentage of 27.33.

The following charges are to be made at the forthcoming Doncaster meeting: Weekly tickets to members of private stands for the grand stand enclosure, including paddock ticket, £3 10s., ladies £3; grand stand and enclosures weekly tickets, £2 10s.; St. Leger Day, £1 1s.; other days, 12s. 6d.; saddling paddock, £1, ladies 10s.



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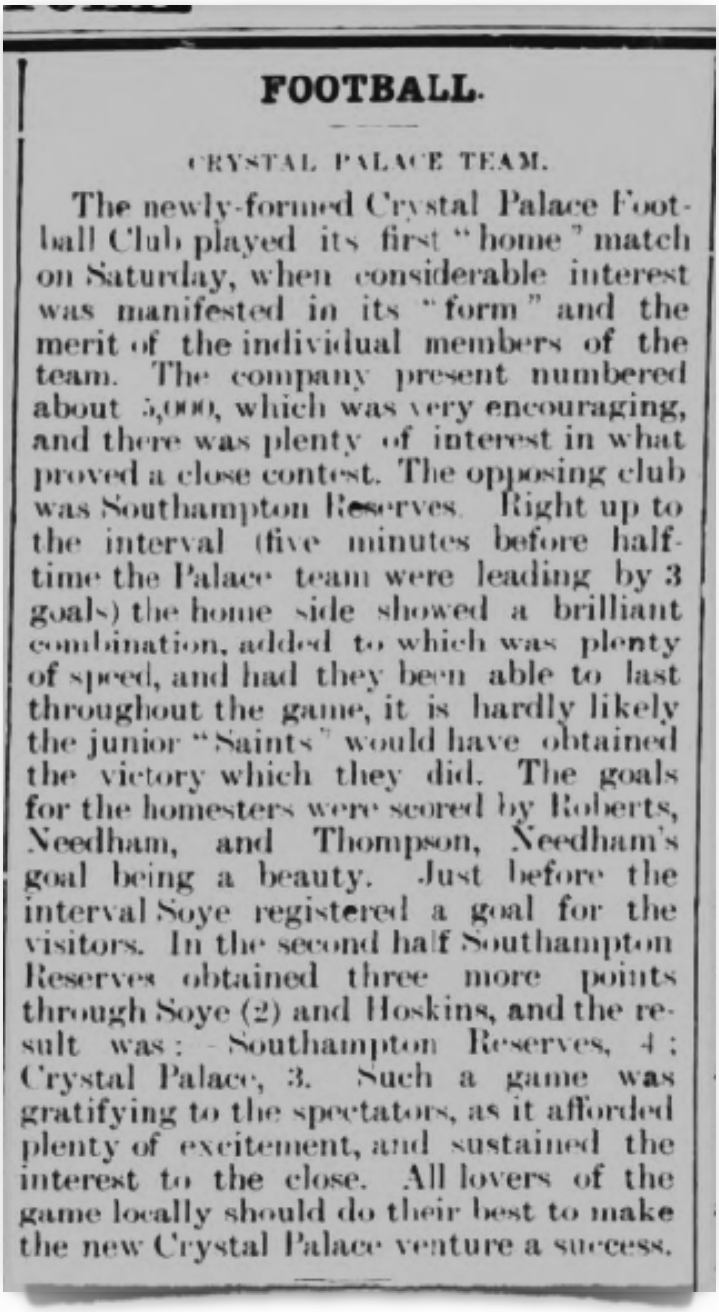

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HEALTH AND HOME.

By W. GORDON STABLES, M.D., R.N.,

Author of "Sickness and Health," "The People's A B C Guide to Health," "The Wife's Guide to Health and Happiness," &c., &c.

WINEGLASSES AT COMMUNION.

It is more than a dozen years since I first called attention in my syndicate papers to not only the dangers of the communion cup, but the ventilation of churches, and now at length so-called *savants* in my profession have taken the subject up, and before long it will be brought before the House in this and other countries. I have so very many friends in the Church that I could have wished, and did fondly hope, that both Scottish and English clergymen would have themselves brought about so desirable a reform. I must say that the Scotch Established and Free Churches are even more dangerously conservative than the English, and still hold to the superstition that one could never catch either cold or cancer at the communion table. Facts go to prove it is quite the contrary.

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

A well-known weekly journal contains the following:—

"Drs. Roepke and Huss have made an extensive series of experiments to determine how great the danger of the transmission of disease germs through the agency of the communion cup really is. Sterile cups of the usual type, and containing sterilised wine, were drunk from in succession by several healthy persons, and then by individuals known to have consumption. The recommendations of the Berlin Imperial Health Commission to the effect that the cup shall be turned before presenting it to a fresh communicant and that its rim shall frequently be rubbed with a clean cloth were carried out, but of the ten rabbits inoculated with the material obtained by wiping the lip marks with sterile gauze eight died of consumption. Not only was the rim of the cup capable of conveying infection even after rubbing with a clean cloth, but it was found that the wine itself also became infected, so that the presentation to each person of a fresh spot on the rim would not ensure security."

I am sure that my readers will meditate on all this.

BRAINS NOT CONFINED TO UNIVERSITIES.

About forty-two years ago, when I was a little boy, I had already found out that you find very many clever and thinking men among working tradesmen. My pious parents made me shun the path of an honest "souter" or shoemaker. He was an "infidel," an "atheist," he would repent when on his death-bed and too late. And yet this man's views were those of every scientist and many broad-minded parsons of the present day. By the way, "Tam the souter," as he was called, was all his life fond of a dram, but only a few weeks ago he passed peacefully away at the age of eighty-six. Poor Tam; he knows all now.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE NAILS.

Yes, even a patient's nails have a story to tell to the careful physician. Sometimes they are covered with white spots, and brittle, so that they do not pare easily. This shews a too rapid advance of ossification, and from ten to fifteen drops of diluted phosphoric acid in water had better be taken thrice daily. In sickness, with heat of blood and loss of appetite, they grow but slowly, and are thick and hard. When convalescence returns this hardness and thickness grows off, and up behind comes the soft, elastic, smooth, pink nail, with often an indentation right across between the sick nail and the healthy new one. This new nail grows rapidly, shewing it is better nourished, and that health and better assimilation of food are really taking place at last. When the invalid sees this he may look out once more upon the green and sunlit trees, and birds and flowers, with a little more of hope, or even joy, in his heart, for he will live and once more be part and parcel of this truly beautiful world. Watch your nails, then!

PHYSICAL FADS.

I hope I shall not be deemed an iconoclast (dictionary, please, if you do not know the meaning of the word) if I say that at the present day the population of these islands may be divided into two great classes—physical faddists and physical fools. The former are those men who, being strong themselves, are filling the market with all kinds of ridiculous inventions, the use of which is said to make the weakest men and women strong, and they write booklets to "prove" the utility of their machines; and the other class—the fools—buy and use these. It is simply a wave of physical reform that is spreading over our tight little island. But it is hurting the health and constitutions of tens of thousands of young men and maidens. I pray you, reader, to beware of them one and all. God made your feet and legs to walk upon, your whole body for healthful movements in the fresh air or in the water, but God never made, nor does Dame Nature sanction, the trapeze, the horizontal bar, nor developers of any kind whatever. Moderate exercise, if you are not strong, and good food, but not too much, and you will get muscle slowly and safely. But do not ever expect to be a man like Samson of old, who walked off with the city gates, and who slew a thousand Philistines with the jaw-bone of an ass. But even you might slay thousands with the same weapon if you are a piece of old mites cheese. Meanwhile be reasonable, calm and quiet, temperate in everything, even in language and thought, and you will live to be happy and strong.

THE INVALID'S CURSE.

There are really more than one. The hooter that howls at early morning to awake lazy working men is accountable for many a death. It may just be the turning point with some poor patient, who may be sinking into a gentle health-giving slumber, when the syren lifts its awful voice, and sleep is banished, mayhap for ever. Oh the selfishness of the factory owners who use so vile a contrivance! Some hotels are rendered untenantable owing to it. But the dog that howls intermittently all night long is another curse to the invalid and convalescent. *He* is not to blame, poor fellow, for very likely he is chained to a box, getting no bedding, little food, little water, and no exercise. I have seen many a brave sailor in the Royal Navy receive four dozen lashes with the cat-o'-nine-tails; I have pitied them—but a man who keeps a dog to howl and disturb his neighbours I would stand calmly aside to see flogged. Such a fellow may wear good clothing and even go to church, but he is coarse and brutal as a burglar for all that. If your rest is so disturbed, reader, mind, the law will willingly assist you, if your neighbour is not amenable to reason.

THE LIVER.

This is one of the hardest working organs of the body. Is it any wonder, therefore, that it goes on strike now and then? And yet it is a willing slave. Do not run to medicine to set it right. An occasional aperient pill may be needed, but give it rest for some days. You easily can by reducing your diet. Ten to one you always eat too much. Apples should be eaten raw or baked. The juice of a lemon taken in cold water before lying down and after having your cold morning tub. Do not drink with meals. Avoid sugar, tea, and coffee for a time. But sip cold spring water between meals, as much as you please. To ladies I may add that tight corsets or clothing interfere materially with the work the liver has to get through, and spoils your temper and complexion. The liver is a good friend but a bitter enemy.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Tex (S. K.).—Depends upon what the kidney complaint is. Better be advised by own doctor. To "Miss M. P." Thanks for letter on B[illegible]; should like to visit it some day. "Cider" (Anxious).—I have myself been a rheumatic subject, but I couldn't drink cider. For [illegible], try hazeline. "Stomach Catarrh" (L. S. O.).—Rest and simplest diet. "Lady [illegible]." This and many other queries this week [illegible] for advice in this column. "Dyspepsia" (F. C. and others).—Read my back columns. Why don't you paste up? To "Sentinel." I don't write by post except in exceptional [illegible] cases. "Warts" (R. R. A.). Nitrate of silver application. A teaspoonful of sulphate of magnesia every morning in water before breakfast. "Sure Cure" (A. B. [illegible]). "Porridge and Treacle" (F. B.). [illegible] and laxative. To J. W. R.—[illegible] and daily washing of parts. [illegible]. "Pain in Back" (W. H. P.).—Consult your own doctor. To R. R. C. and others. My best health manuals, "A.B.C. Guide to Health" and "Talks on Health and Home."

Letters relating to this column should be addressed Dr. Gordon Stables, R.N., Twyford, Berks. Please note: No infantile ailments, [illegible] cases, surgical or skin troubles, nor anything that needs seeing can be advised on.

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Notes.

An interesting and not unimportant question has been raised regarding the use of the free libraries by shop assistants, and certainly it should receive attention. It is pointed out by a writer, who is himself a shop assistant, that he and many more would like to use a library for selection of books, but that the only available opportunity for doing so is Wednesday afternoon, and that then the libraries are closed. This early closing on Wednesdays has always seemed unnecessary, and prejudicial to the interests of the library. Mr. Stanley Jast, the chief librarian, has made many changes since he came into the district, and now that a distinct grievance has been brought to his notice perhaps he can see his way to recommend an alteration, which will give a very deserving class of employees a chance of availing themselves of the advantages of the various libraries.

In reference to the public libraries of the district, it would give satisfaction if a better arrangement could be made as between the Penge and Croydon authorities in reference to the Upper Norwood Library. At the present time residents in Upper Norwood rated in Penge are allowed to use the Upper Norwood Library on the payment of an annual subscription. But really a large portion of Anerley residents and those in the Upper Norwood portion of Penge should be able to have access to the library nearest to them, viz., the Westow-hill Library. It should be possible, by the Penge Council making an annual contribution, not necessarily heavy, to throw open the Upper Norwood Library to their ratepayers living within easy access of it. Now that Mr. Councillor Bellamy has come to reside in Fox-hill, Upper Norwood, he will appreciate the convenience to those around him of the suggested working arrangement, and perhaps will see his way to bring the matter before the Penge Council.

When so much is being talked about as to the best way to make districts better known as residential resorts, there is at least one suggestion which, if carried into effect by the Corporation of Croydon, would not involve much outlay, and yet might appeal successfully to many people. The borough of Croydon is almost unique in the number and acreage of its open spaces, and yet very little is made of this decided feature. Probably hundreds resident in the borough do not know all the recreation grounds, to say nothing of the many strangers always passing through the district. It would certainly be well if particulars of the parks and open spaces Croydon possesses (including, of course, those at Norwood and Thornton Heath) were prominently posted in tramcars and at railway stations, and the information might be usefully added to by giving particulars of the public baths, free libraries, and polytechnics. Such information placed in the tramcars particularly would be read by residents of other and less attractive neighbourhoods, and would be an inducement to come and live in the borough. And the cost of the experiment would be small.

Now that the holiday season is drawing to a close, the members of the local public bodies are beginning to contemplate the business which will immediately claim their attention. In Croydon the future of the trams will be one of the earliest matters calling for decision. Shall the Corporation of Croydon grant to the British Electric Traction Company a new lease, or will the trams be worked by a Corporation Department? That is the question, and one can foresee the material for prolonged and interesting debates.

In connection with this tramway question, it is of importance to remember that the recent Corporation Act sanctioned the extension of the Addiscombe system, *via* Portland-road, to High-street, South Norwood, and the connection of the service from the "Gloucester" with that terminating at High-street, Thornton Heath. By the Act these extensions have to be completed within five years. It can scarcely be supposed that the Corporation will unduly delay the work, whether it is decided to lease the trams again or not.

In connection with tramway matters it would be well to consider as a point of public convenience the running, during the winter months, on the line from Thornton Heath to Purley and Norbury, of a few cars with covered tops. Especially in wet weather would this be a boon. It is admitted that Dublin has one of the finest tramway systems existing anywhere, and here they are now running a fair proportion of such cars. Owing to the Selhurst Bridge we take it these cars could not be used on the South Norwood system. What is of far more importance for South Norwood is the provision of one or two waiting rooms along the Selhurst-road. This road being almost entirely residential property, there is no opportunity of taking shelter in the rain whilst waiting for a car.

Arising out of the movement for improving Anerley as a residential district, there is one feature that must not be lost sight of, and that is the possibility of abolishing the Anerley Schools, and developing the land by erecting modern villas, and giving the district a suitable recreation ground. The Penge Council have the matter before them, but for the moment little can be done beyond watching events. Everyone who knows anything about the school agrees as to the excellence of the work done for the children, but no one can deny that the schools are quite out of place, abutting as they do on a main road, and materially impede the proper development of the neighbourhood. An opportunity for getting the schools taken elsewhere may occur at any time, and vigilance should be exercised that this chance, when it presents itself, is not lost.

TRIP ROUND THE ISLE OF WIGHT—The Brighton Railway Company announce the first of the favourite Wednesday trips from London round the Isle of Wight to take place on September 13th, when special trains will leave London Bridge 6.45 a.m., and Victoria 7.15 a.m., calling at suburban stations, for Portsmouth Harbour Station, in connection with a steamer leaving the station pier, for a trip round the Isle of Wight, immediately on arrival of the special trains. These excursions from Portsmouth down the Solent and round the island are exceedingly popular, enabling passengers to view Osborne House, Alum Bay, the Needles, Freshwater Bay, with the beautiful scenery of the Undercliff, Ventnor, Shanklin, Sandown, Ryde, etc.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILING.

A NORWOOD PROSECUTOR.

John Beveridge, a well-dressed young man, described as an engineer, was, on remand, at Westminster, charged with demanding money with menaces from Ralph Peter Stern, of Upper Norwood, recently lodging at 323, Vauxhall Bridge-road. A girl of 19, named Mabel Fyson, of Cambridge-place, Edgware-road, was placed in the dock with Beveridge on another charge of being concerned with him in stealing a valuable gold watch, chain, cheque-book, and other property from a gentleman in the West End on August 10th.

Prisoners had rooms in the house where Stern lodged, and it appeared that they had been on terms of friendship. Fyson passed as Mrs. Beveridge, and she alleged that in the absence of her husband the prosecutor Stern forcibly took advantage of her, threatening to cut her throat with an open razor if she resisted. She furthermore stated that she did not inform her "husband" until the day following, when "out of spite" he took a pair of prosecutor's boots and pawned them. A day or two afterwards Stern received a letter from the male prisoner, referring to "his wife's word of honour" as to the relationship which had existed, and demanding £5 by note or cheque under threat of ruining prosecutor and smashing him up.

Detective-sergeant Jones said Fyson was arrested outside the court that afternoon. In the first place, she said she took prosecutor's boots, and Jack (Beveridge) pawned them. She also said that she was married to the male prisoner at King's Lynn, but afterwards she admitted that that was not true. When witness searched her boxes at Vauxhall Bridge-road he found a cheque-book belonging to a gentleman now in the country. On Beveridge were nine pawn tickets, some of them relating to a watch and jewellery which the same gentleman had reported stolen. The girl, when told she would be charged with this robbery, said, "The man was drunk and gave the property to me. I gave the things to Jack, and he pawned them. The cheque-book was left in the cab."

Beveridge, in reply to the statutory caution, made a statement as to the blackmailing charge. He said that prosecutor repeatedly promised him money, and gave him the boots and a camera to pawn. Finally he wrote the letter "in jest." He desired to call the female defendant as a witness.

The girl Fyson gave evidence, which was at variance with prosecutor's denial of intimate relationship with her. She said she consented because she was frightened of a threat that a razor would be put to her throat.

Mr. Curtis Bennett committed Beveridge for trial on the blackmailing charge, and remanded both accused on the further charge of the watch robbery.

WEDDING.

ROWE—DAVIS.

Many friends and well-wishers were present at a quiet but interesting wedding which took place on Saturday, 2nd inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Anerley, the Rev. Dallas O'Connor officiating.

The bride was Miss Amy Francis Davis, daughter of Mr. Percival William Davis, of 28, Beverley-road, Anerley, and the happy bridegroom Mr. Bertram Ernest Rowe, son of Mr. Arthur Rowe, of 75, Aytoun-road, Brixton. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in ivory silk, trimmed with accordion pleated chiffon and Carrickmacross lace, veil, and wreath of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley, and wore a gold curb bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. Her bridesmaids were Miss Amy Rowe (sister of bridegroom) and Misses Flora Beere, Primrose Hill, and Dorothy Digby (niece of the bride), and their dresses were of voile of a pale lilac shade with cream lace hats. They carried bouquets of yellow marguerites, and their jewellery consisted of pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's aunt's costume was of Wedgwood blue, stole, flower net and white satin guipure trimmings; and the bridegroom's mother wore a costume of black net over pale green silk, and she carried a bouquet of yellow roses. Mr. Arthur Edgar Rowe (brother) discharged the duties of best man.

After the ceremony at the church, a reception of friends took place at 28, Beverley-road, and later bride and bridegroom left for the honeymoon, which is to be spent at Shanklin. The bride's going away dress was of brown silk taffetas trimmed with chiffon, and brown chiffon picture hat to match.

The cake and refreshments were supplied by Messrs. Coldrey & Sons, of Anerley, and the bride's dress and trousseau made entirely by herself.

A QUESTION OF COSTS.

Frederick Charles Walmsley, 34, a commercial traveller, living at 72, Longley-road, Tooting, was charged at West London, on Friday, with being drunk and disorderly.

Defendant was an outside passenger on a London General Omnibus Company's vehicle, in North End-road, Fulham, and began to annoy the driver. The latter called the conductor, who, noticing for the first time that defendant was in a state of intoxication, ordered him to leave the 'bus. Walmsley refused, and had to be forcibly ejected. He would not go away quietly, and was taken into custody.—Accused denied the charge, and declared that he was improperly removed from the 'bus.

Mr. Garrett imposed a fine of 20s.

The conductor applied for his expenses. —Mr. Garrett: Your company will pay you.—Conductor: No, sir, they won't.—Mr. Garrett: Surely they will. It seems a wrong principle for the company to refuse to support their servants when they give evidence against disorderly passengers. I'll alter the penalty to a fine of 6s. 6d., with 13s. 6d. costs.

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CLUB PROSPECTS.

ANERLEY SWIFTS.

The supporters of this popular Anerley club will be glad to learn that the club is looking forward to a very prosperous and busy season. The club has undergone a complete reorganisation, and is now placed on a firm basis under the more ambitious title of "Anerley Swifts Athletic Club," which includes branches for football and cricket. Some good players have been signed on, and a great effort will be made to regain possession of the Beckenham Hospital Cup, of which they were the first holders. The team will also compete in Division I. of the Sydenham League and the Dulwich League, Division I. Major E. C. Harris, of the Tower Hamlets R.V., who has taken a great interest in the club, has been elected president in the place of the late Lord Stanhope.

CROWN UNITED.

There is nothing of exceptional importance to communicate regarding this well-known club. They, however, have not progressed as well as they ought since the retirement of their late secretary, Mr. P. Morgan. He was a tower of strength to them, and while he held the reins there was always a possibility of them doing something great. True, they have not had the best of luck. For three years they have been runners-up in the premier division of the Sydenham League. They start their season on September 16th, with a match against North Croydon, on the latter's ground at Thornton Heath. Mr. Fred Bedward is the new scribe, and Mr. Alf. Poulter will fill the position of captain.

NORWOOD GRANVILLE.

This club entertained last season's Southern Suburban League champions on Saturday, and an even game ended in a win for the "Nuns" by three goals to two. Both teams were giving trials to new players. The vast improvements made in the ground seemed to suit the homesters' play. Two new inside men were on trial, and an all-round improvement was shown. F. Mathieson, a clever centre half, has again been elected captain. It only remains for the front rank to play up to their ability, and with the defence apparently, as stated, as last season, for something in the shape of a trophy to be annexed this season.

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LOCAL BENEFITS.

One of the most munificent charitable donations of recent years is that of Mr. E. G. Bawden, of the Stock Exchange, who has given Mr. Speyer £100,000, to be distributed by him in charity to alleviate human suffering, and Mr. Speyer has allotted the sum of £1,000 to the "Homes for the Aged Poor," Penge-road, South Norwood, and elsewhere, of which the Misses Harrison, of 86, Penge-road, Anerley, are the hon. secs. The homes were started in 1869, and they now number 15. The work is well known locally, and this gift will give much satisfaction to all those who know the benefits which inmates of the homes receive.

A representative of the *Norwood News*, in an interview with Miss Harrison, was informed she knew nothing of the gift until seeing it in the list of charitable institutions to benefit by the gift. She was aware that some time ago Mr. Speyer wrote to her for a copy of the last annual report of the institution, and this was in due course forwarded, and apparently the incident was forgotten. Applications of this character are naturally everyday events in all charitable undertakings. The gift was, therefore, all the more gratifying because totally unexpected. Miss Harrison assumes the money will be so made over to the homes that it will not be available in a lump sum, but to yield an annual interest to the amount of £30 or £40.

It may be added that there are in all the homes of the institution at the present time 175 inmates.

A HARD CASE.—At the Croydon Borough Bench on Tuesday, Ernest Harbert, 38, described as a commission agent, on remand, was charged with deserting his six children.—Mr. F. Morris represented the Guardians, and called Mr. Godden, relieving officer, who said that on May 2nd this year a lady residing at Thornton Heath called on him and said she could not maintain the children any longer, and asked that they should be admitted to the workhouse. Witness gave the necessary order, and they were taken in the same day.—Defendant said he had written to the Guardians, making an offer, but he had had no reply. He said there were extenuating circumstances, as his home, when he was living at South Norwood, was broken up, and his wife left him.—Defendant was released on the terms that he took the children out within a week.

A FIRST LAPSE.—At the Croydon Borough Bench on Tuesday, a 13 year old boy, residing at South Norwood, was charged with embezzling 2s. 3d., the property of his employer.—Prosecutor stated that the boy had been in his employ after school hours for the past 12 months as errand boy, and his duties were to take goods home, and he was authorised to collect money.—The clerk pointed out that as the boy was not in the exclusive employment of the prosecutor there was a difficulty, and suggested that the prosecutor should take legal advice before proceeding any further, or amend the charge.—Prosecutor said that for the fortnight up to the time of the alleged embezzlement the lad was in his exclusive employ, as he had left school.—The case then proceeded.—Prosecutor said there were other cases, and that he had been annoyed by the boy's father, who came outside the shop and told him to prosecute the boy. He had no wish to press the charge.—Eventually the charge was dropped on the father promising to reimburse the prosecutor, the boy having admitted that he had the money.

CROYDON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

For various reasons, interest is being manifested in the November municipal elections earlier this year than usual. This is due, no doubt, to some extent to the fact that the creation of a new ward by the division of the West Ward has led to some preliminary gatherings being held with a view to settling the line of action which shall be pursued particularly by those connected with ratepayers' associations. The movement in the new North Ward has spread and aroused some of the leaders in the other wards to rub their eyes and prepare for battle. It will be useful, at this stage, to give the names of the retiring members in each ward:—

Upper Norwood Ward.—Councillors Betteridge and J. A. Hancock.

South Norwood Ward.—Councillors W. B. Robarts and F. Denning.

West Ward.—Councillors J. W. Helps and S. W. Bishop.

North Ward (Norbury).—A new ward; six councillors to be elected for the first time.

Central Ward.—Councillors Wilkinson and T. W. Dobson.

East Ward.—Councillors H. Keatley Moore and H. Vincent Moss.

South Ward.—Councillors T. G. White and S. Rogers.

No aldermen retire this year, but the following will do so in 1906: Messrs. Barrow, Lillico, Foss, N. Page, S. L. Rymer and Martin Taylor. By the recent Act of Parliament dividing the West Ward, it is, however, provided that two additional aldermen shall be given to the borough, and these will be selected this November, and the honours, it is said, may fall on Councillors Trumble and King. In this event, an additional vacancy will occur in the Upper Norwood and South Norwood Wards. It is essential, in the interests of economy, that the ratepayers shall this November arouse themselves and make a point of voting for good all-round men. It is no use disguising the fact that there are forces at work directed to aid one class only at the expense of the community at large, and to its disadvantage, and should such forces attain anything like power it will be disastrous to the borough. The danger of it is that several of the ratepayers are out of touch with the burgesses, and in consequence do not exercise the power they should. But after the stir there has been about the increase of rates and the growth of municipal expenditure, it does behove a special effort being made this November to see that the right men are returned. Conservatives, Unionists, Liberals, Radicals, and Primrose Leaguers should heartily combine against the common foe of Socialism now so rampant. As a general principle, it will be safe to follow the lead of the manifesto of the Federated Ratepayers' Association. The great object to fight for is to crush class representation, whether in the interests of labour, temperance, anti-vaccination, frontage owners or any other coterie. In particular, "No Labour candidate need apply," should be the watchword of the borough during the coming fight. Let all moderate men discourage sectional representation, and unite in returning broad-minded, business-like, and independent members. With special reference to the new ward, it will be essential for the success at the poll of good men, that the representation should be shared fairly with the Norbury portion of the ward. As we pointed out the other day, Norbury will in the immediate future have important interests at stake, and will need an adequate voice at the Council.

A SUSPECT.—Arthur Prior, alias Bryan aged 28, of 25, Arpley-road, Penge, was charged at the Croydon Police-court on Monday, with being on enclosed premises for the supposed purpose of committing a felony.—Ada James, of Thorntonville, Bensham Manor-road, said that at a quarter to nine on Sunday night she went in the back garden and noticed some boards being moved. Being suspicious she sent for a policeman.—P.-c. 789 W said he found accused in the garden near the fence. He said he had come there to sleep. Nothing was found on him in the way of house-breaking implements.—Detective Robert Cadby informed the Bench that accused had been convicted several times for theft and unlawful possession. — Two months, with hard labour

POLICE CONSTABLE AS VIOLIN MAKER.—It is stated that there has just retired from the Metropolitan Police at Beckenham a police-constable who has considerable reputation in the musical world as the maker of high-class violins. During his 25 years' service with the force, Police-constable Gaskin has devoted his spare time to the making of hand-made violins, this class of instrument being in every way immensely superior to the machine-made variety. He is said to have produced violins which have gained the commendation of Kubelik, Mme. Amy Sherwin, and others. When Kubelik was at Bromley, Kent, recently, he had an interview with the gifted policeman, and very highly praised the instruments he saw and tested.

FREE COUPON INSURANCE.—The popularity of the coupon system of free accident insurance has been once more exemplified in the case of the Cromer express accident at Witham. Mr. Frank Clarke, an employee in the Accountant General's Department of the G.P.O., who was one of the victims of that disaster, was the holder of one of Letts's Original Diaries, published by Messrs. Cassell and Co., Ltd., and was consequently insured for the sum of £1,000. This is the second claim for £1,000 dealt with during the last few weeks in connection with Messrs. Cassell's publications, the other being that of a commercial traveller, who lost his life in the recent Liverpool Electric Railway accident. So wide spread is now this simple and convenient form of insurance that no accident of any magnitude can occur without claims arising similar to those we have mentioned.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—On Wednesday af last week, at the London Court of Bankruptcy, before Mr. C. A. Pope, Assistant Receiver, a meeting of creditors was held of Alfred Hawley Bindoff, who had formerly held the license of the "Rising Sun," Anerley-road. The debtor stated that he went into the house on May 31st, 1903, the price being £4,100, of which he paid £300 in cash, the balance remaining on mortgage. He attributed his failure to loss in carrying on the "Rising Sun." The statutory accounts were not filed, but the unsecured debts were estimated at about £550, and the assets at £60.

"L'ENTENTE CORDIALE" has spread to the slot gas-meter to an extent that the great London gas companies—unpatriotically, as it may be regarded—hardly appreciate. Hundreds of "dix centimes" have been prevalent of late in the "penny meters."

CROYDON CROWLEYS' ALES & STOUT IN CASK & BOTTLE

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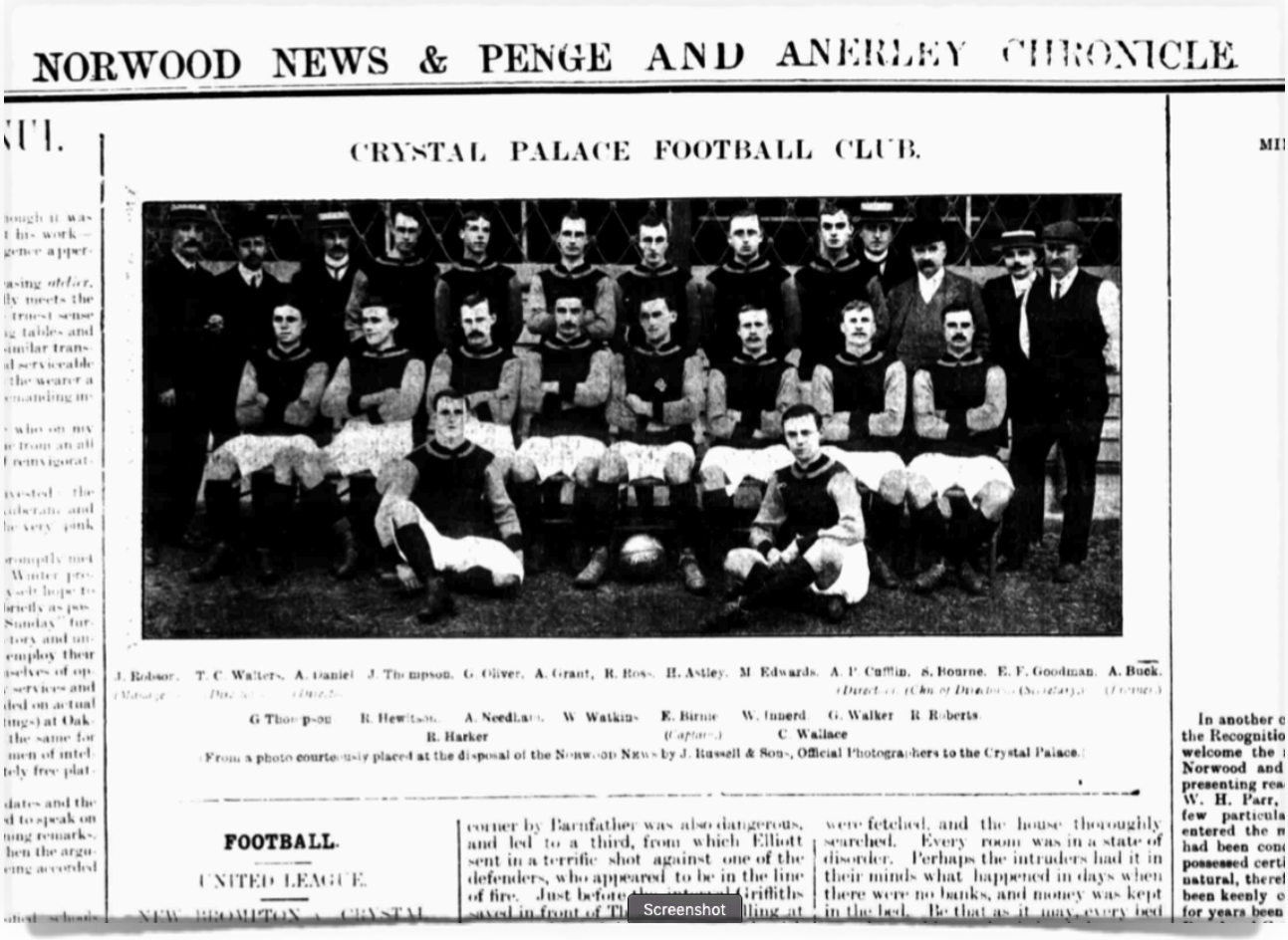

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were fetched, and the house thoroughly searched. Every room was in a state of disorder. Perhaps the intruders had it in their minds what happened in days when there were no banks, and money was kept in the bed. Be that as it may, every bed

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AN ANTIDOTE FOR SUNDAY ENNUI.

WHAT THE "M.O.M." WILL DO.

It was into the "workshop" of a very strenuous and earnest labourer, who although it was early time o'clock at night that my visit was made, was still assiduously engaged at his work—that I on Thursday night last found my way, in quest of some inspiration and intelligence appertaining to local doings and undoings.

I am slim to admit that this particular workshop was a remarkably ornate and pleasing *atelier*, that the implements of the craftsman were of a more æsthetic character than usually meets the eye of my exigent friend the Factory Inspector. Nevertheless a workshop it was in the truest sense of the term, although in the place of oaken benches were to be seen mahogany writing tables and revolving bookcases, and in lieu of plane and chisel were pens and inkstands. Even if a similar transformation in the habiliments of the worker were noticeable, and instead of the homely and serviceable jean suit there was a Bond Street serge and immaculate linen, yet not one jot or tittle less was the wearer a worker, and he was a Blue Arsenia suit and manual muscle labourer, and that in a field of labor demanding incessant and ungrudging diligence, patience, and wearisome perseverance.

Hands and fingers stained with the dusty dirt and intellectual features of the personage who on my entrance rose to greet me with extended hand. Barely an hour ago he had reached home from an all too brief—as he smilingly termed it—sojourn in Alpine altitudes, whither in search of reinvigoration and health he had gone a fortnight previously.

The atmosphere and brain burnishing scenery he had gone a fortnight previously. There was no need for enquiry whether the time and money had been profitably invested—the very evidence, the rosy and healthy demeanour, the clear paint of the eye, the exuberance and energy of the whole man, all proclaimed that Dr. Watts-Dunton had returned to Anerley in the very pink of condition, abundantly fortified against the rigours of the coming winter.

And flower of vigorous health—more than acceptable.

Within the disregarded conventional and commonplace etcetera, Dr. Watts-Dunton promptly met my enquiry concerning any new "plans" he had "on the tree" for an Autumn or Winter programme by saying: Yes, there are quite a number of movements Mr. Wallace and myself hope to inaugurate in regard to the spiritual and social work in our district. Let me tell you, as briefly as possible, how anxious we are to turn our hands to ploughing the "dreary and unprofitable Sunday" furrow, for one thing. The first point I am anxious to urge and emphasise is the unsatisfactory and unprofitable manner in which a very large number of the young and middle-aged men employ their Sunday afternoons, men who I honestly believe are willing and anxious to avail themselves of opportunities for instruction and proper occupation outside the ordinary range of Sunday services and Bible classes. So far as I am concerned it is no question of theorizing; my belief is founded on actual experience and results. Four years ago at Bristol I started a M.O.M. (Men's Open Meeting) at Oakfield Road Church, and the experiment proved an unqualified success. I want to do the same for this district. This is the idea and purpose of the M.O.M. A Sunday rallying-place for men of intelligence, where questions of the day can be freely and fairly discussed; an absolutely free platform, on open arena for dealing with social, ethical or religious subjects.

A syllabus covering a period say of two or three months, will be prepared, giving the dates and the names of the speakers and their subjects. Invitations will be issued to men well qualified to speak on particular topics who will select their subject and be allowed 30 minutes for their opening remarks.

In the open discussion that follows, each speaker will be allotted five minutes, and when the arguments are exhausted the president of the meeting sums up, the opener of the address being accorded the privilege of a reply. This arrangement makes for fair play.

What are the limitations of the selection of speakers?

Practically no limitation. Both local public men, and leaders of diversified schools of thought in theological, scientific, municipal, commercial circles will be heartily welcomed.

How is the syllabus to be compiled?

By a representative committee probably. For the moment, I have drafted out the initial syllabus. Here is a rough sketch, it is a tentative list at present, to be amended according to circumstances. We shall probably lead off with an address by Mr. Arnold White, the eminent journalist, on the "Need of a New Governing Class." Then will follow on successive Sundays, addresses by Mr. A. E. Fletcher, late Editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, on "Socialism its Strength and Weakness"; Mr. C. H. Perris secretary of the Cobden Club on "Peace Policy"; Mr. P. W. Wilson, of the *Daily News*, on the Institutional Church; so throughout we hope to secure as openers of the meetings men of some eminence in their own particular spheres of thought.

Would not many of the men whose attendance you are most anxious to secure be more tempted to join in a discussion on some local or municipal subject?

Although I have very little doubt as to being able to compile and present a thoroughly interesting syllabus, of general attractiveness, yet I have no hesitation in saying that especially welcome will be suggestions from thoughtful men as to how local and municipal matters may be introduced into our programme. Certainly, such subjects should be discussed at our meetings, in fact our goal is, quite apart from the ordinary services of the Church, to endeavour to stimulate interest in the welfare of the district and to contribute something to the intellectual vigor and uplifting of our local manhood.

At Bristol we discussed such questions as Poor Law government and Housing, with particular reference of course to local needs and circumstances, much interest and enthusiasm were aroused thereby.

And how do you deal with political matters *per se*?

We do not propose to interdict politics, politics will not be barred, but we hope to confine such discussions to the wider and higher ranges of the subject, to treat it from the point of view of welfare of the community at large, avoiding anything that savours of narrowness or asperity, in short to steer clear of merely petty party squabbling. We want the utmost liberty to pervade our meeting, liberty in the fullest sense of the word.

We want every shade of opinion represented. For instance we have obtained a promise from Mr. J. H. Levy, the eminent individualist, to come and expound his views, and similarly in Economic matters we shall hail with delight exponents of different forms of faith. In one word, in Economic matters we shall hail with delight exponents of different forms of faith. In one word, in every case I am thoroughly am I convinced of the value of free discussion, of the victory of Truth, that I don't mind a rap there is anything to fear from the freest ventilation of any kind of opinion.

I should like to make it perfectly clear that we don't aim at anything like a mere discussion society. We drive at, practice all through to form character, to mould citizenship, to influence action. What we are likely to suffer from at the outset is the dissemination of visitors to the M.O.M. in getting our men to take more than an casual interest in public questions, in influencing them to feel that they have a real share to contribute towards the problems which concern us all. A distinct feature I would like noted is, the fair play we secure for the opener of discussions. He always has the last word. This I have found to be a strong point; the speaker is guaranteed against being ridden roughshod over, even by the President: the latter, you will see, does not get the final word.

How do you guard against undesirable topics?

It is imaginable, it is true, but hardly probable, that such a case might arise. An intending speaker might propose an unsuitable subject, in which case we should intimate that the proposal was not to our liking. The speakers, however, will have the very widest liberty of choice, quite irrespective of any opinions held by the executive of the M.O.M. For instance we shall be as willing to welcome a Free Trader as to a Protectionist, as willing to hear a "peace at any price" speaker as an advocate of conscription, as willing to reserve the platform for an exponent of orthodoxy as for a defender or heterodoxy.

What do you say about women speakers and visitors. Do for?

Ladies will be admitted to the galleries, but mark you it is avowedly a men's meeting and, if I may express my candid belief, in keeping it so lies the strength of the institution. I may add that at Bristol we occasionally had the pleasure of listening to lady speakers on such subjects as Woman Suffrage.

When is it proposed to inaugurate these meetings?

At the earliest possible date. We intend to make a commencement on Sunday, October 1st. The syllabus could be prepared and issued within the next fortnight. I shall gladly welcome and encourage suggestions from all directions. From each district I should like to obtain the names of men and women who are willing to distribute our syllabus or furnish us with lists of names and addresses to which these may be sent. Very helpful indeed can our lady friends prove themselves in this direction. I am convinced that there are hundreds and hundreds of men in the Penge, South Norwood, and Thornton Heath districts who find Sunday afternoons an aimless and profitless time and who will be glad to have an institution at their disposal by the means of which they can turn to good and intelligent use this period of enmui; to improve their minds and fortify themselves for more useful service for God and man, the Sunday experience helping them to prepare for the duties of the week.

Please let it be clearly and conclusively understood that the M.O.M. is absolutely undenominational, our church gladly lending the building for the meetings. We seek to interfere with no existing Church organisation or membership, with no political opinion or party. We appeal to all who are interested in the religious, moral, and public questions of the day. Attendance at our Sunday afternoon M.O.M. in no wise commits a man to any sort of connection with our Church. Let no one harbor the thought that we want to attract members to our Church by a M.O.M. Far, far from any such intention is absolutely foreign to our minds.

Have you formed any impression during your residence in Anerley as to the probable relative success of the M.O.M. movement as compared with Bristol?

No, the conditions are so dissimilar. Bristol is a populous manufacturing district, here we have a purely residential area to draw from, but I can say truthfully that in Bristol the movement was a grand success, I only sincerely trust I may be able to say as truthfully that the Anerley M.O.M. will be crowned equally successful.

The fact is I have always taken a great delight in dealing with men; in Bristol we used to have a "real good time," and I never grudged a moment spent in the work, although as you know Sunday is a very full day for me. I always found the expenditure energy and effort amply repaid.

As I was bidding the worthy Doctor good night on the steps of The Manse, he charged me in a parting sentence to be sure and remind the Norwoodians, Pengettes, Anerleyans, and "heathens" on the other side of the hill that a cordial welcome and a feast of intellect awaited them all at the Anerley Road Congregational Church, at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, October 1st. "Don't forget," he added "a free and open platform, no insistence on any particular 'ism' or 'ology,' and the assurance of a pleasant and profitable Sunday afternoon."

WEDDING.

EASTMAN—MAIR.

On Saturday last, at All Saints' Church, Battersea Park, the wedding of Mr. Frank Samuel Eastman, of Tedworth Studios, Chelsea, third son of Mr. Hugh Thomas Eastman, of "Mavis Bank," The Avenue, Sydenham, and Miss Edith Maud Mair, daughter of the late Mr. David Knox Mair and of Mrs. Mair Smith, of 68, Primrose Mansions, Battersea Park, was celebrated in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends of both the families. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. D. Woods, late of St. Alban's, South Norwood, assisted by the Rev. C. B. Grey Collier, priest-in-charge of All Saints'. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr William D. K. Mair, was charmingly attired in an ivory Liberty satin dress, simply trimmed with old Honiton lace. She wore a lace-edged tulle veil, a wreath of myrtle and orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of Annunciation lilies. The two sisters of the bride acted as bridesmaids. Miss Margaret Mair was simply and becomingly attired in white muslin, sprayed with pale mauve and white fichu, white embroidered hat trimmed with shaded mauve chrysanthemums, and carried a bouquet of shaded mauve chrysanthemums. Miss May Mair was similarly costumed, with the exception that the dress trimmings were sprayed pale pink, and shaded pink chrysanthemums in hat and bouquet. The bride's mother wore a dress of black crepe-de-chine, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridegroom's stepmother wore a dress of champagne silk trimmed with lace, with toque to match, and a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. Mr. Kenneth Eastman, the bridegroom's brother, acted as groomsman. The service was fully choral, and during the absence of the bridal party in the vestry, Miss Lilian Inglis gave a beautiful rendering of a special "Song of Thanksgiving." The processional hymns were "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," "O perfect love," and "Thine for ever." Spirited and impressive renderings of the "Bridal March" (*Lohengrin*) and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" were given on the organ by Mr. Charles Capponi. Mrs. T. E. Smith held a reception, at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony, at Primrose Mansions, which was numerously attended. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Eastman left for the honeymoon, which is being spent in the Isle of Wight. The bride's travelling dress was of navy blue serge trimmed with antique Persian embroidery, with blue mushroom hat, trimmed with a wreath of flowers to match embroidery of dress.

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FOOTBALL.

UNITED LEAGUE.

NEW BROMPTON v. CRYSTAL PALACE.

VICTORY FOR THE PALACE.

New Brompton opened the football season on Friday afternoon last with a match against Crystal Palace in the newly-formed United League, and made an indifferent commencement, for although they were on their own ground they were decisively beaten by three goals to none, the visitors showing exceptionally smart form for a new organisation, and being much better together than the home team. There were about 3,000 spectators present, thanks to favourable weather, and they could see that there is plenty of promise in the New Brompton ranks, and that the players will render a better account of themselves when they understand one another. Nothing went right for the home team in this match, and all the luck was on the side of the Palace. The score is not an accurate indication of the run of the game, as New Brompton attacked as frequently as their opponents. Webb, the ex Chatham player, took the place of Walton at right back, and the new men who appeared in the home ranks were Martin (centre-half), Phillips (centre), and Sheridan and Marriott (left wing).

Griffiths, who is fulfilling the position of captain, lost the toss, and the Palace captain defended the goal at the town end, taking advantage of a moderate breeze. Very little headway was made by the home forwards on Phillips kicking off, the ball being promptly returned by Birnie. The Palace forwards made a mighty burst to begin with, but they were stopped by Webb, who cleared with a tall kick, which was cheered by the onlookers. The play was lively and vigorous in the centre of the field for a time, and then Barnfather and McKee got off on the home right, the latter sending the ball over the goal-line. When the Palace replied, the home goal was jeopardised from a free kick by Astley, Harker heading just outside the upright. Needham and Roberts were next prominent on the Palace left, a fine centre by the former being admirably cleared by Floyd in front of a couple of opponents. New Brompton followed with a series of attacks. The custodian had to run out to deal with a centre from Marriott, while from a free kick by Martin, Phillips shot a trifle wide. Sheridan and Marriott next worked along the left wing, and from a centre by the latter, Phillips pounced on the ball and drove it under the cross-bar at lightning speed, but the referee's whistle had sounded for off-side as soon as Phillips went for the ball. It was a very near thing, as Phillips was running hard at the time. The play continued to be exceedingly fast and keen, and some hard knocks were exchanged. Barnfather and McKee raced away on the home right, and a well-judged shot by the former was headed over the goal line by Walker, Barnfather taking the corner and the goal-keeper clearing. The ball travelled to the other end, where Birnie essayed a flying shot very close to the upright. New Brompton were back again on the left, and a fine centre by Marriott was headed away in splendid style by Edwards. Just half-an-hour had gone by when the visitors opened their account, some neat passing between the inside men and the centre half affording an opening to Roberts, who defeated Griffiths with a speedy shot. Griffiths was well within reach of the ball, which he tried to save with one hand, but he was apparently beaten by the speed. This success spurred on the Palace team to even greater exertions. They at once attacked again strongly, and from a centre by Thompson, Watkins had an easy chance in front of goal, with only Griffiths to beat, but he lifted the ball over the cross-bar. The Palace continued the pressure, and shortly after a free kick had been taken, Birnie, who was a considerable distance out, registered a second goal with a mighty drive, which was apparently unexpected, the ball travelling into the net out of the reach of Griffiths. This looked very bad for the home team, but they were in no way disheartened, and they played up in a commendable style. A lively struggle occurred in the mouth of the Palace goal, resulting in a corner. This was admirably essayed by Barnfather, and Edwards cleared by heading over. The second corner by Barnfather was also dangerous, and led to a third, from which Elliott sent in a terrific shot against one of the defenders, who appeared to be in the line of fire. Just before the interval Griffiths saved in front of Thompson by falling at full length, and half-time arrived with the Palace leading by two goals to none.

Encouraged by the position of affairs, the visitors went off in dashing style on resuming, and were repulsed by Webb and Floyd. Lloyd enabled Barnfather to get away on the home right, and the smart little winger dodged Edwards, and transferred to McKee, who, however, was hampered by Birnie, and dispossessed. After a vigorous onslaught by the visitors, which was ended by Floyd, Marriott and Sheridan became threatening on the home left, and the latter was fouled. Elliott planted the ball well up to goal from the free-kick, and when Edwards cleared, Lloyd secured, and shot at great speed, but the ball went sailing high over the cross-bar. Another attack by the home left produced a corner, but it was useless, as Marriott despatched the ball out of play. The Palace forwards then became busy without troubling Griffiths, until Needham found an opening, and shot hard into the hands of the custodian. The pressure was maintained, and Lloyd committed a foul on an opponent within the penalty area. This led to a third goal for the Palace, for, although Griffiths saved the kick from Astley, the ball rebounded to Harker, who had no difficulty in steering it between the uprights. Twenty minutes remained for play, and though the home team were apparently beaten, they did not relax their efforts. In fact, they lasted much better than their opponents, but they did not get an ounce of luck. A good corner by Barnfather was cleared with difficulty, and a little later Barnfather was fouled within a yard of the penalty line, when he was getting dangerous. Lloyd took the kick, and from a shot by Sheridan the ball went over. Repeated attacks were made by Brompton, and Phillips headed just outside from a centre by Marriott, and McKee was unlucky to fall when admirably placed. The Palace won by three goals to none. Teams:—

Crystal Palace: Hewitson; Walker and Edwards; Innerd, Birnie and Astley; Thompson, Harker, Watkins, Needham and Roberts.

New Brompton: Griffiths; Webb and Floyd; Lloyd, Martin and Elliott; Barnfather, McKee, Phillips, Sheridan and Marriott.

Referee: Mr. A. G. Neale.

Crystal Palace ...	... 3 goals.
New Brompton ...	... none.

Owing to Southall dropping out of the second division of the Southern League, Mr. Robson, the manager of the Palace team, has arranged for a match with Eltham for Saturday on the Sydenham enclosure. Eltham, it will be remembered, were in the final for the Kent Cup last year, and should prove worthy opponents. The game will commence at 4 o'clock. The Palace team will be selected from the following:—Hewitson, J. Thompson, Walker, Edwards, Grant, Innerd, Birnie (capt.), Astley, Wallace, Thompson, Harker, Watkins, Needham, Roberts, Ross and Oliver.

FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER.

Saturday, 9th, Eltham. Home.
Saturday, 16th, Swindon Reserves. Away.
Monday, 18th, West Ham Reserves. Away.
Thursday, 21st, Fulham. Home.
Saturday, 23rd, Leyton. Home.
Saturday, 30th, 2nd Grenadier Guards' Home.

DARING HOUSEBREAKING AT SOUTH NORWOOD.

One penalty of residing in select thoroughfares is the attention paid by disciples of "Jack Sheppard" to the houses. Locally, Whitworth-road is regarded as one of *the* roads of South Norwood, and on Friday night last week it is evident that at least two persons thought, and rightly, as it happened, there was hidden treasure to be unearthed there. Mr. and Mrs. Browning, of the Dulwich School for Boys, went out about 7.30 for a walk to Sydenham. In the absence of the servant, the house was unattended. Upon returning about 9 o'clock Mr. Browning was unable to open the front door, it being locked inside, and being suspicious, he went to the rear. Here the doors were wide open. Two policemen were fetched, and the house thoroughly searched. Every room was in a state of disorder. Perhaps the intruders had it in their minds what happened in days when there were no banks, and money was kept in the bed. Be that as it may, every bed was thoroughly overhauled. A dangerous practice in some districts, for fear of bites! Of course, there would be no such risks anywhere in Whitworth-road. A dressing case was brought downstairs into the kitchen, drawers and cupboards opened, and fine havoc done. It is pretty clear that, by means of the letter box, the front door latch was forced back from inside. It is known that a gentleman called at the house during Mr. and Mrs. Browning's absence, and rang the bell. This probably disturbed the thieves, and caused them to leave the dressing case where it was found. As it was, the unwelcome visitors emptied Mrs. Browning's jewel box, and took articles to the actual value of about £30, but which were to her treasures above price, owing to past associations. The articles included a gold watch and chain, the dial of the watch being inscribed "Baume, Geneva"; a lady's silver chatelaine; gentleman's compass, marked "A.G.B."; a gold cross; gold coin; gold evening necklet; a silver thimble, and one silver spoon. Up to the present there is no trace, and not much likelihoods of being, of the miscreants. Residents, now that dark evenings are approaching, should leave their dog at home, and let him take his walk in the daytime!

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. ALFRED HORE.—The death occurred suddenly on Friday, the 1st inst., of Mr. Alfred Hore, landlord of the "Jolly Sailor," South Norwood, after four hours' illness, from cerebral hemorrhage, and the news came as a painful surprise to his numerous friends, by whom he was held in the highest esteem. He was 46 years of age, and came to South Norwood in May, 1902, having been in business previously at Wimbledon and the City. Mr. Hore had occupied a prominent position in the volunteering world, and though taking a keen interest in the cause to the last, gave up whilst in Norwood all active part. He was recognised as a crack rifle shot at Bisley and elsewhere. He held the rank of colour-sergeant in the 2nd London Rifles, winning many trophies, the following outright:—Lord Roberts' Cup, Lady Roberts Cup, the Salters' Company's Cup, and the Vinters' Company's Cup. He also won numerous gold and silver medals and other prizes. The deceased was the champion shot in his regiment for years, and was on more than one occasion in the concluding stages for the late Queen's Prize and for the King's Prize, and was also a member of several rifle teams. In his time he did good work in "B" Company, of which he was colour-sergeant for some time. In 1897 he reverted to sergeant in favour of Colour-Sergeant C. A. J. Reynolds. One of the best shots the regiment has ever produced, his name figures prominently in the annals of the City of London Rifle Association, and also in the Middlesex Association; while most of the principal corps' trophies have at times been placed to his credit. His able advice and assistance on the range was always appreciated by the officers, staff, and his comrades. He leaves a widow and seven children. On Sunday the Rev. F. Ernest Smith made reference to the death at St. Mark's Church, and himself took the service on Tuesday at the Queen's-road Cemetery. General respect was manifested as the *cortege* left the house. The immediate mourners were Mrs. Hore and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pink (stepmother and stepfather of the widow), Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield (brother-in-law and sister of the widow), Mr. Fred Silk, Misses Ethel, Elsie, and Norah Silk (half-brother and sisters of the widow). The coffin was covered with lovely floral tokens by sorrowing friends, including Mrs. Hore (cross, lowered into the grave): the children (two wreaths): Mr. and Mrs. Pink, Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Silk, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silk, Mr. Fred Silk, Misses Ethel, Elsie, and Norah Silk, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Ruffell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman. Tokens of respect were also sent by the employees of the "Sailor" yard, and several customers and friends. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Ovenden, of Portland-road.

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THE REV. W. H. PARR,

MINISTER OF THE SOUTH NORWOOD WESLEYAN CHURCH.

In another column will be found a report of the Recognition meeting held on Wednesday to welcome the new circuit ministers for South Norwood and Addiscombe. In addition to presenting readers with a portrait of the Rev. W. H. Parr, it will be of interest to give a few particulars of his career. Mr. Parr entered the ministry in 1878, and previously had been concerned as a school teacher, and possessed certificates of distinction. It is only natural, therefore, that he should have always been keenly concerned in education, and has for years been a manager of groups of sundry Board and Council Schools. He is a strenuous opponent of the new Education Act, but the administration of the Act, locally at all events, will give him little cause for complaint. From the commencement of his career Mr. Parr has been to the fore in local matters quite apart from those strictly of his church duties. When in Pembroke Dock he led a movement which resulted in an increase of wages to the dockyard labourers. He was also a member of the School Board and the founder of the Higher Grade School, and on leaving the borough was presented with a public testimonial from his fellow townsmen, independent of the church. In Cardiff he took a leading part in public affairs. During the lamentable coal strike in South Wales he issued manifestoes to both employers and employees, and was credited by the Press with being largely instrumental in bringing about a settlement.

With respect more directly to his work as a minister, the first six years were spent in rural districts of Devon and Somerset, and since then in large centres of population, including three years each in Birmingham, Cardiff and Liverpool, and the last six years in London. From the first Mr. Parr has been an active temperance worker, and for the past five years has been secretary of the Temperance Committee of the London Wesleyan Methodist Council.

Mr. Parr takes a great interest in the young life of the church, and for many years has preached monthly sermons to young men and women on current topics.

At Leytonstone he carried to a successful issue a church extension scheme which had been the despair of the church. On leaving the circuit he was presented with a cheque for £50 as a token of special recognition. It will be clear, therefore, that Mr. Parr brings to South Norwood a vigorous personality, which may do a little—even that is a difficult task—in this neighbourhood to awaken interest in public affairs

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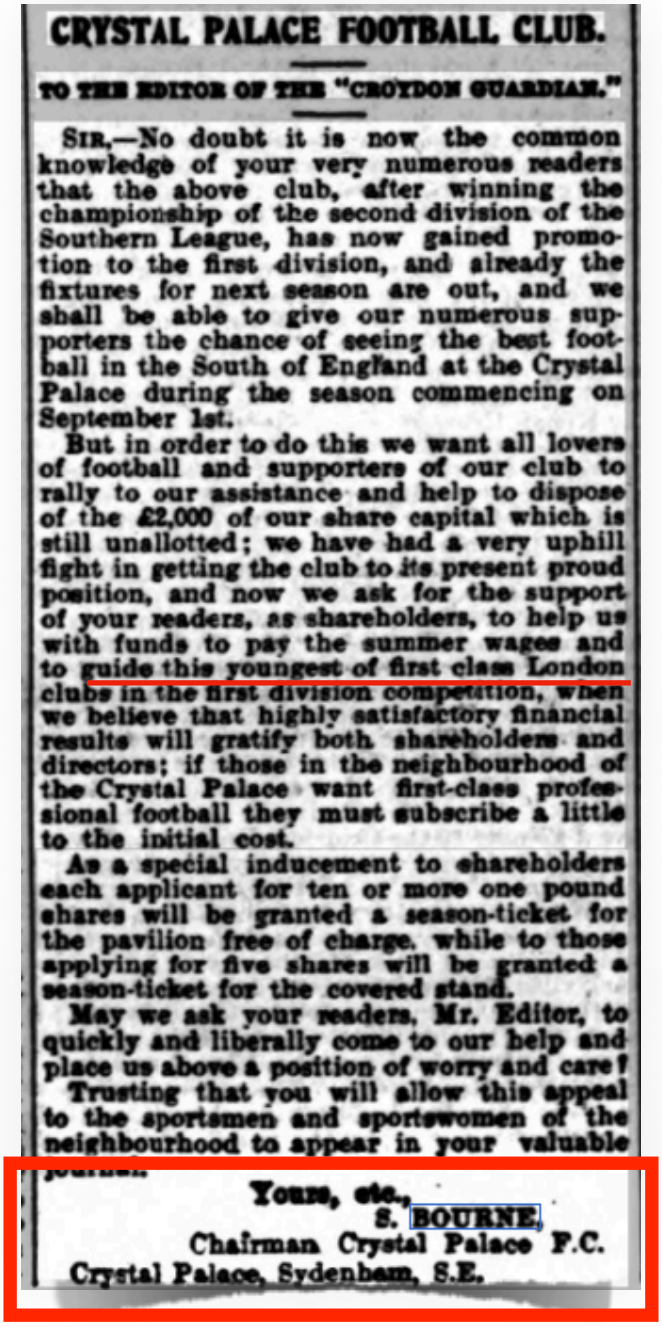

CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CROYDON GUARDIAN."

SIR,—No doubt it is now the common knowledge of your very numerous readers that the above club, after winning the championship of the second division of the Southern League, has now gained promotion to the first division, and already the fixtures for next season are out, and we shall be able to give our numerous supporters the chance of seeing the best football in the South of England at the Crystal Palace during the season commencing on September 1st.

But in order to do this we want all lovers of football and supporters of our club to rally to our assistance and help to dispose of the £2,000 of our share capital which is still unallotted; we have had a very uphill fight in getting the club to its present proud position, and now we ask for the support of your readers, as shareholders, to help us with funds to pay the summer wages and to guide this youngest of first class London clubs in the first division competition, when we believe that highly satisfactory financial results will gratify both shareholders and directors; if those in the neighbourhood of the Crystal Palace want first-class professional football they must subscribe a little to the initial cost.

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May we ask your readers, Mr. Editor, to quickly and liberally come to our help and place us above a position of worry and care?

Trusting that you will allow this appeal to the sportsmen and sportswomen of the neighbourhood to appear in your valuable

Yours, etc.,
S. BOURNE,
Chairman Crystal Palace F.C.
Crystal Palace, Sydenham, S.E.

Sydney Bourne the first Chairman of Crystal Palace Football Club in 1906 writes this above letter to supporters in the Cryogen Guardian as he tries to raise funds for the club entering into Div 1 of the Southern League.

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CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES AND TEAMS.

Croydon v. Reigate Priory, at Reigate.
Croydon II. v. J. C. Lovell's XI, at Croydon.
Croydon III. v. Carshalton, at Carshalton.
Norwood v. St. Bart.'s Hospital, at Norwood.
Norwood II. v. Epsom II., at Epsom.
Norwood III. v. Roupell Park, at Norwood.
Whitgift Wanderers v. Caterham, at Caterhm.
Whitgift Wanderers II. v. Ewell II., at Ewell.
Roving Friars v. Norbury Park II., at Norbury.
Roving Friars.—D. M. Roberts, R. Cock, E. R. Stileman, P. Allen, S. Foster, L. R. Sankey, C. C. B. Dorman, M. D. Helps, F. P. Grant, M. Wilson, and A. N. Other.
Cane Hill v. Purley, at Coulsdon.
Amateurs v. South Nutfield, at Nutfield.
Addiscombe v. Bromley Town, at Bromley.
Gas Company v. Beddington Corner.
Seneca v. Streatham Albion, at Streatham.
Seneca II. v. St. Luke's.
Sanderstead v. Streatham Hill.
Welcome Hall v. Haddon.
St. Saviour's v. Christ Church, at Mitcham-common.
Municipal Officers v. Mr. H. Houlder's XI, at Coldharbour.
Cherry Orchard v. Y.M.C.A.
Cherry Orchard II. v. Sutton Parish Choir.
St. Alban's v. St. Luke's, at Bromley.
Croydon Union v. Croydon Mental Hospital, at Warlingham.
Shirley v. Croydon Highways, at Shirley.
Grange Park v. Montem, at South Norwood.
Beulah v. Croydon Polytechnic, at Thornton-heath Rec.
Beulah II. v. L. and S.W. Railway (Engineer's Department), at Wimbledon-park.
Selhurst v. Brighton Railway, at Wandle-pk.
St. John's v. Carshalton Green.
St. Paul's v. Trevor, at Shepherd's Bush.
Croydon Tramways v. East Surrey Ironworks, at Thornton-heath.
Y.M.C.A. v. Northcote Baptist.
Croydon Temperance II. v. Harley.
Whitgift Grammar School v. Epsom College, at North-end.
Whitgift.—D. Ll. Hammick, H. W. R. Mason, E. M. Morris, S. M. Haycraft, F. C. Worster, C. Pegg, E. H. Morris, W. K. Towell, G. Carr, B. Hughes, L. Shearwood.
Whitgift Middle School II. v. Russell Hill School II., at Duppas-hill.

WEDNESDAY.

Croydon Tradesmen v. South Wimbledon Wednesday, at Wimbledon.
Tramways: Thornton Heath v. Purley, at Duppas-hill.
Whitgift Middle School v. Craven College, at Beckenham.
Whitgift Middle School II. v. Clark's College.

The rain on Saturday accounted for several unfinished games, and its effect was felt in play generally in the district. Croydon made but little headway in their match at Banstead, only four wickets falling in all. Norwood were beaten at Epsom after a close finish, and Roving Friars also succumbed at Beddington in a low-scoring game.

Whitgift School won a brilliant victory over a London County team last Saturday. The School batted first, and, thanks to a careful innings by Worster, totalled 115. Rain interrupted play for about three-quarters of an hour, and on the County going in to bat, the wicket was in a very tricky state. Pegg made good use of this, but even when seven wickets were down for 88, the County looked like getting the runs. The last three wickets, however, fell in quick succession to Hammick behind the wicket, and the School won after an exciting finish by 13 runs.

Seneca brought off a double win (for the third successive week) on Saturday, Streatham United losing to the first eleven and Thornton-heath 2nd eleven to Seneca II. The former match was contested at Thornton-heath Rec., and although play was intermittent, the United were eventually dismissed for 131. Pulling was largely responsible for this, hitting ten 4's in his total of 51. Seneca has 1½ hours to bat, but less than an hour was sufficient to hit off the runs. Adams set a good example by making 28 very quickly, but the honours rest with R. Bulfield who scored 75 before being stumped. Thornton-heath, batting first, at Mitcham-common, had lost seven men for 13, but Stoneham scored 21 very freely, and the total reached 58. Seneca had this total passed for three wickets, the total reaching 102. Lynde batted well for 35.

Beulah brought their spell of drawn games to a finish on Saturday with a capital victory against Croydon Union by six wickets and six runs. The Union men took first knock, and, with the assistance of Bray (27), Stevens (13), and Dr. Beard (10), compiled a score of 80. To this Beulah had replied with 86 for the loss of four wickets when time stopped the match. Rogers (34 not out) played a fine innings, some of his strokes being very fine, and to him Beulah owe to a great extent such an easy victory. Jackson signalled his first appearance with a well played 24, and in him Beulah have also secured a wicket-keeper of exceptional ability. As they have been somewhat handicapped by being without a regular wicket-keeper, this necessary adjunct to a cricket team will no doubt considerably strengthen their team. Dart, as usual, played a good game, and was the most successful with the ball, taking four wickets for 18 runs. The fielding of the victors was also very good, the two catches of Rogers being brilliant in the extreme. Beulah were again unlucky in having one of their men injured, Warsop receiving a nasty knock which compelled his retirement before he had scored, and Harold Clegg was unable to turn out owing to his injury the previous week. Dr. Beard bowled well for the Union.

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was not so favourable for cricket as it might have been, Christ Church managed to play their league fixture out with St. John's, although at one time it looked as though the game would have to be abandoned. The Church, who went in first, closed their innings for 78, after being twice interrupted by the rain. Out of these Willard made 25, playing by far the best cricket of the day. Going in when his team looked very much like collapsing the Church captain ran up his valuable contribution without a mistake. St. John's could only respond with 36, and so the Churchmen won their fourth league match by 42 runs.

Notable bowling performances:—

	R.	W.
H. Firman (St. Saviour's Athletic)	18	5
E. McCarthy (St. Saviour's Athletic)	7	3
F. Ray (Croydon Gas Co.)	2	4
H. Besley (Croydon Gas Co.)	26	5
L. Dart (Beulah)	18	4
R. Allen (Croydon III.)	25	7
L. B. Long (Croydon III.)	5	3
H. Hunt (St. Alban's)	4	4
C. Newnham (St. Alban's)	15	3
R. Johnson (St. Alban's)	19	3
A. Haydon (Whitehorse-road, Tradesmen)	32	8
Bassett (Whitgift Middle School)	2	6
Read (Whitgift Middle School)	2	4

CROYDON v. BANSTEAD ASYLUM. — Played at Banstead on Saturday. Score:—

CROYDON.	
A. T. Latham, c Borer, b Clark	36
C. G. Paget, b Clark	14
T. A. Watson, c Needham, b Boardman	2
C. P. Wicks, c Kennedy, b Clark	0
W. B. Bannerman, not out	15
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wickets)	74

Rain prevented further play.

CROYDON II. v. NORWOOD II.—Played at Croydon on Saturday. Score:—

NORWOOD.	
W. Tough, b Paish	15
H. G. E. Stimson, b Swain	0
H. Biscoe, b Swain	28
H. J. Warner, c Fulcher, b Swain	3
C. W. Le May, run out	15
G. F. Newton, b Swain	0
G. S. Hatton, c H. R. Groom, b Swain	5
V. J. Balfour Murphy, b Paish	2
H. E. Spence, not out	30
S. Wright, b Dight	13
Extras	5
Total	116

CROYDON.	
H. R. Groom, b Hatton	16
F. C. Dight, b Hatton	2
G. A. Ellis, c Newton, b Hatton	7
J. H. Mabey, b Hatton	6
G. P. Long, c Hatton, b Spence	7
J. A. Archer, b Hatton	0
S. Hine, c Hatton, b Spence	9
H. T. Groom, c Hatton, b Spence	0
L. W. Fulcher, b Spence	2
A. E. Swain, not out	2
R. S. Paish, run out	10
Extras	10
Total	71

CROYDON III. v. MAGDALEN PARK. — Played at Wandsworth on Saturday. Score:

CROYDON.	
L. B. Long, c and b Soutar	0
J. D. Davies, b Lane	27
E. G. Easton, b Lane	16
J. Campbell, b Lane	2
R. F. Barley, c and b Dutch	1
R. Allen, b Dutch	6
R. Archer, b Dutch	0
F. J. Allen, b Lane	2
G. O. Pearce, b Dutch	5
E. Eastment, not out	0
J. S. Cooper, b Loneon, b Lane	2
Extras	5
Total	66

MAGDALEN PARK.	
Haywar, c Eastment, b R. Allen	27
Trott, b R. Allen	1
Lane, b R. Allen	3
Ayers, b R. Allen	9
Loneon, b Long	10
Pepper, c and b R. Allen	0
Dutch, st J., b R. Allen	0
Clements, c Davies, b R. Allen	3
Soutar, not out	2
White, b Long	1
Dutch, b Long	0
Extras	4
Total	60

CROYDON v. SANDERSTEAD.—Played at Sanderstead on Saturday. Score:—

SANDERSTEAD.	
Sherlock, not out	2
Carpenter, not out	5
Extra	1
Total	8

Rain prevented further play.

CROYDON v. CLAPTON.—Played at Clapton on Monday. Score:—

CLAPTON.	
H. B. Hugill, c Sub, b Wallace	12
A. L. Evelyn, c Watson, b Butler	8
S. H. Moore, b Paish	15
H. A. Milton, c Mabey, b Butler	77
F. Boys, c Fifield, b Stanton	23
H. A. Cooper, c and b Geary	0
E. L. Johnson, c Fifield, b Butler	10
F. Yates, b Butler	5
A. J. Dyke, c Biscoe, b Butler	20
H. R. Dottridge, not out	9
J. Fox, b Watson	0
Extras	6
Total	185

CROYDON.

First innings.	
S. Geary, b Hugill	5
F. Stanton, b Dyke	0
A. Wallace, b Dyke	4
A. Watson, c Yates, b Hugill	0
J. H. Mabey, b Hugill	0
P. Stanton, run out	4
V. G. A. Butler, b Dyke	0
R. S. Paish, run out	11
F. W. Fifield, not out	6
C. Biscoe, c Moore, b Dyke	0
Extras	5
Total	35

Second innings.	
F. W. Fifield, b Moore	11
S. Geary, not out	62
P. Stanton, b Moore	2
T. A. Watson, not out	56
Extras	18
Total (for 2 wickets)	149

WHITGIFT WANDERERS II. v. H.A.C. II.—Played at Finsbury on Saturday. Score:

WHITGIFT WANDERERS.	
S. J. Benton, run out	7
Jones, c Whyte, b Hayden	16
C. Biscoe, c and b Hayden	3
H. P. Dobson, c and b Bonser	19
A. E. Hawkes, b Hayden	5
V. C. Yates, c and b Hayden	0
P. W. Scrivener, c Roberts, b Bond	52
C. C. Holmes, c Hayden, b Harrison	0
W. Baker, c Shield, b Harrison	3
F. C. Robins, b Hill	39
Walshe, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	158

H.A.C.	
A. R. Shield, b Biscoe	8
D. Hill, c Jones, b Biscoe	13
C. H. Rowe, b Scrivener	26
H. H. Walshe, not out	66
J. C. Hayden, b Scrivener	5
H. J. Bonser, retired	66
D. V. Bond, c Dobson, b Biscoe	11
Extras	10
Total (for 6 wickets)	205

The rest did not bat.

ROVING FRIARS v. BEDDINGTON. — Played at Beddington on Saturday. Score:—

BEDDINGTON.	
H. Hayter, b Cock	9
H. S. Hilder, lbw, b Stileman	3
F. J. Wardle, c and b Stileman	5
G. H. Pile, b Allen	30
R. Lepingwell, c Cock, b H. Patey	4
L. S. Manvell, b Stileman	0
C. A. Rutherford, c Chillingworth, b Stileman	5
J. R. Horton, b Stileman	1
H. S. Moore, b Stileman	8
W. Clark, b H. Patey	14
G. Windsor, b H. Patey	0
W. Smith, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	81

ROVING FRIARS.	
L. R. Sankey, b Lepingwell	7
D. M. Roberts, b Hayter	1
H. Lindsay, b Lepingwell	0
P. Allen, b Hayter	6
R. Cock, c Horton, b Hayter	31
C. C. B. Dorman, b Hayter	3
M. C. W. Mason, c Clark, b Hayter	0
H. Patey, run out	2
M. D. Helps, c Rutherford, b Hayter	0
E. R. Stileman, c Windsor, b Rutherford	0
S. Patey, not out	0
J. C. Chillingworth, b Rutherford	0
Total	50

CHRIST CHURCH v. ST. JOHN'S (Sydenham and District League).—Played at Mitcham-common on Saturday. Score:—

CHRIST CHURCH.	
F. Brown, b Clark	7
L. Steel, c and b Willshire	2
Channon, c Wallace, b Clark	1
Meadowcroft, b Chambers	7
Ridpath, run out	7
Willard, b Mitchell	25
Collins, b Mitchell	10
McClurg, c and b Griffen	0
Stephens, c Chambers, b Griffen	1
S. Brown, not out	0
R. Parker, run out	0
Extras	18
Total	78

ST. JOHN'S.	
Chambers, run out	7
Pinch, run out	4
Clark, b Channon	9
Smith, c S. Brown, b Channon	11
Mitchell, b Channon	2
Alderton, b Channon	0
Marshall, c F. Brown, b Collins	0
Wallace, b Collins	0
Griffen, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	36

SELHURST v. LAUD STREET.—Played at Norwood Recreation-ground on Saturday. Score:—

SELHURST.	
R. Banks, b Turner	23
E. Bryant, b Turner	10
G. Fuller, not out	27
T. Bryant, b Turner	9
E. Smith, c Biggs, b Turner	6
H. Phillips, c Strugnell, b Stripp	9
F. Webb, b Turner	2
A. Findlay, b Turner	2
W. Sydee, b Turner	0
G. Wood, c Tuck, b Stripp	5
E. Dew, not out	6
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wickets)	105

Innings declared closed.

LAUD STREET.	
Stripp, b Bryant	0
Turner, run out	6
Strugnell, b Bryant	0
Chapman, hit wicket, b Bryant	0
Tuck, c Banks, b Webb	0
Biggs, not out	23
Hunt, not out	23
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wickets)	57

The rest did not bat.

CROYDON TEMPERANCE v. NETHERNE ASYLUM.—Played on Saturday last at Addiscombe Recreation-ground. Netherne Asylum, 56 (Knowles 14, Bennett 17); Temperance, 35 for 7 wickets (Oliver 11, R. Mansel; 11).

NORWOOD v. SUTTON.—Played at Norwood on Saturday. Score:—

NORWOOD.	
F. W. Robarts, c Bell, b Nicholls	26
W. W. Ascroft, c Thomas, b Bell	16
R. Ll. Turner, b R. M. Bell	35
A. C. Beaton, b R. M. Bell	1
W. Austin, c and b R. M. Bell	25
A. Francis, b R. M. Bell	0
C. J. Hewitt, b R. M. Bell	0
A. G. Newcomb, c Whitbourn, b R. M. Bell	19
B. Batchelor, b J. Bell	0
H. H. Le May, b J. Bell	0
A. E. Clayton, not out	0
Extras	18
Total	140

SUTTON.	
C. F. Reiner, b Batchelor	26
T. C. Stafford, not out	109
F. Whitbourne, b Batchelor	31
J. G. M. Bell, b Le May	6
R. M. Bell, b Le May	0
R. S. Dally, not out	15
Extras	11
Total (for 4 wickets)	198

The rest did not bat.

NORWOOD III. v. NORBURY PARK II. —Played at Norbury on Saturday. Score:—

NORWOOD.	
R. W. Irving, lbw, b Reichert	6
C. L. Hill, b Beare	23
A. F. Newton, b Gibson	40
G. C. Paine, run out	5
A. T. With, c and b Gibson	0
W. E. Batchelor, c Smethurst, b Reichert	26
G. K. Roe, b Reichert	14
R. V. Bowater, c Reichert, b Beare	21
G. E. Parsons, not out	2
J. R. Leverington, c Macaldin, b Reichert	1
Extras	7
Total (for 9 wickets)	145

Innings declared closed.

NORBURY PARK.	
J. A. Beare, c Bowater, b Leverington	6
A. H. Wilson, not out	25
C. V. Smethurst, run out	14
H. R. Wyatt, b Bowater	0
M. Reichert, not out	4
Extra	1
Total (for 3 wickets)	48

The rest did not bat.

WHITGIFT SCHOOL v. LONDON COUNTY.—Played at North-end on Saturday. Score:—

WHITGIFT.	
S. M. Haycraft, c Murch, b Pritchard	6
C. Pegg, b Pritchard	18
H. W. R. Mason, b Pritchard	2
F. C. Worster, b Penfold	30
B. Hughes, c and b Penfold	1
W. K. Towell, b Penfold	15
G. Carr, b Penfold	10
E. H. Morris, c McPherson, b Penfold	12
L. Shearwood, c McPherson, b Pritchard	11
D. Ll. Hammick, not out	1
L. Carr, c Murch, b Penfold	3
Extras	6
Total	115

LONDON COUNTY.	
P. R. Water, b Pegg	9
W. Murch, b Pegg	14
Penfold, lbw, b Shearwood	3
P. Kay, lbw, b Shearwood	1
N. L. Parry, c E. H. Morris, b Pegg	26
F. Benton, c Haycraft, b Shearwood	1
G. S. Gillespie, b Pegg	15
S. E. Walmesley, c Hammick, b Pegg	17
J. P. McPherson, not out	2
F. S. Gotard, c Hammick, b Pegg	3
G. Pritchard, c Hammick, b Pegg	4
Extras	7
Total	102

CROYDON UNION v. BEULAH.—Played at Thornton-heath Recreation-ground on Saturday. Score:—

CROYDON UNION.	
J. A. Stringer, run out	2
W. Bray, c Rogers, b Warsop	27
Dr. Beard, c Rogers, b Manchee	10
W. Drummond, run out	8
W. S. Stevens, c Tidy, b L. Dart	13
W. Parr, b L. Dart	7
Parker, run out	0
H. J. Batson, b L. Dart	0
N. Walker, not out	0
Tucker, b Pash	3
Gosden, b L. Dart	4
Extras	6
Total	80

BEULAH.	
S. Manchee, b Beard	5
L. Dart, c Bray, b Beard	13
H. Rogers, not out	34
G. S. Hurren, run out	4
A. Warsop, retired hurt	0
W. Jackson, c Stringer, b Bray	24
E. Pash, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wickets)	86

The rest did not bat.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS v. ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE. — Played at Weybridge on Wednesday. Score:—

HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS.	
Mr. Brown, c Edmund	0
Mr. Sutcliffe, b K. Brown	10
Mr. Speares, run out	2
Morris, b J. Day	2
Hamel-Smith, c Edmund, b J. Day	0
Smith, c and b Maytham	20
Mr. Paish, c Kelly, b Edmund	22
Mr. Anderson, c and b J. Day	3
Bowditch, c and b Edmund	0
Perry, hit wkt., b J. Day	0
Grant, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	62

ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE.	
Kelly, b Paish	1
Gethen, b Brown	8
R. Day, b Paish	4
B. O'Donnell, c Hamel-Smith, b Brown	0
K. Brown, b Brown	14
Conoley, c Speares, b Smith	18
J. Day, run out	11
Maytham, not out	40
C. Brown, not out	14
Extras	5
Total (for 7 wickets)	115

The rest did not bat.

CROYDON BOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL II. v. WEST WICKHAM CHOIR. — Played at West Wickham on Saturday. Score:—

BOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL.	
H. F. Hughes, b Farr	1
A. E. Oliver, c Coote, b Farr	2
P. A. Smith, c and b Farr	2
P. L. Clark, b Hardy	13
T. Devonshire, b Hardy	0
H. Blackman, b Farr	1
F. Hughes, c Farr, b Gibbons	9
H. Waters, b Farr	3
W. Blackman, not out	3
Extras	12
Total (for 8 wickets)	46

WEST WICKHAM CHOIR.	
F. Gibbons, c and b Smith	1
F. Hardy, b Hughes	1
F. Farr, c Devonshire, b Hughes	11
J. Butcher, run out	2
E. Sparrow, b Hughes	1
T. Coote, b Smith	10
A. Sabine, c Waters, b Smith	0
F. Crowhurst, b Smith	1
L. Ware, run out	0
C. Watts, b Hughes	0
S. Couchman, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	31

WHITEHORSE ROAD TRADESMEN v. SAINSBURY'S.—Played at Wandle-park on Wednesday. Score:—

WHITEHORSE ROAD TRADESMEN.	
H. Lees, c Hart, b Oliver	4
C. Rutter, c Todeman, b Oliver	0
A. Rutter, run out	36
A. Haydon, c Lodge, b Oliver	14
P. Daniels, b Oliver	6
G. Chivers, b Oliver	40
M. Lees, b Langridge	0
T. Kirkland, c Lock, b Oliver	4
Scrivens, c Parr, b Oliver	0
Benham, c Lodge, b Langridge	8
Bridges, not out	5
Extras	6
Total	115

SAINSBURY'S.	
Price, b Haydon	2
Parr, b Haydon	1
Lodge, c Scrivens, b Chivers	0
Todeman, b Haydon	12
Langridge, b Haydon	18
Moon, c Rutter, b Haydon	6
Lakeman, b M. Lees	0
Oliver, b Haydon	0
Parr, b Haydon	2
Hart, c Bridges, b Haydon	7
Lock, not out	4
Total	52

SENECA v. STREATHAM UNITED. — Played at Thornton-heath on Saturday. Score:—

STREATHAM UNITED.	
W. Horne, run out	2
J. Daragon, b Adams	14
R. Green, c Caley, b Adams	0
A. Horne, c and b Adams	16
W. F. Grey, b Adams	7
J. Mitchell, b Adams	14
E. Stilwell, b Chapman	1
W. Grey, c F., b S. Bulfield	0
A. Pulling, c S. Bulfield, b Chapman	51
F. Exell, c James, b S. Bulfield	17
W. Miles, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	131

SENECA.	
D. Adams, c Stilwell, b W. Horne	28
W. James, b Grey	6
R. Bulfield, st Stilwell, b Miles	75
C. Cawley, b Mitchell	6
A. Chapman, c and b Mitchell	6
S. Bulfield, run out	7
F. Bulfield, not out	5
G. Repton, b Miles	0
C. Bailey, not out	1
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wickets)	147

The rest did not bat.

SENECA II. v. THORNTON HEATH II.—Played at Mitcham-common on Saturday. Score:—

THORNTON HEATH.	
P. Ellis, b Hyde	0
C. Walker, b Parker	2
L. Mountford, b Hyde	6
G. Bernard, c Amos, b Hyde	0
C. Gates, b Hyde	12
J. Ellis, not out	6
J. Watts, b Parker	0
S. Brinkworth, b Parker	0
J. West, b Hyde	0
Stoneham, b Kirby	21
Cooper, b Kirby	0
Extras	11
Total	58

SENECA.	
T. Hyde, c Gates, b Brinkworth	11
R. Lynde, c Mountford, b Stoneham	35
S. Parker, c F. Ellis, b Stoneham	11
G. Harris, c Walker, b J. Ellis	4
R. Corney, b Walker	6
Stoneham, c Brinkworth, b J. Ellis	19
F. Kirby, c Cooper, b Walker	0
C. Crittenden, c and b Stoneham	6
Amos, b J. Ellis	3
E. Linde, not out	1
T. Jones, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wickets)	102

SENECA v. LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK II. — Played at Norbury on Monday and Tuesday. Score:—

SENECA.	
D. Adams, b Power	0
F. Bulfield, b Power	33
R. Bulfield, b Stevenson	4
A. Chapman, b Stevenson	24
G. J. Repton, b Power	16
S. Bulfield, b Logan	13
F. Kirby, b Power	7
W. Hyde, c Stevenson, b Logan	2
D. Brown, not out	0
E. Ashmore, run out	0
G. Harriss, b Logan	0
Extras	6
Total	105

LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK.	
A. M. Cockell, c R. Bulfield, b Adams	0
S. Bennett, b F. Bulfield	44
A. Stevenson, c R., b F. Bulfield	13
C. Logan, c Repton, b Adams	12
C. Wellborne, lbw, b Chapman	33
C. J. Crossley, b Chapman	38
H. E. Power, hit wkt., b Adams	20
G. Rhodes, b Adams	1
F. Ralls, c Harriss, b Repton	7
W. Redington, c Hyde, b Repton	0
A. Podmore, not out	1
Extras	15
Total	184

CROYDON GAS CO. v. IVANHOE WANDERERS.—Played at Waddon on Saturday. Score:—

GAS CO.	
Thornton, b Langridge	9
Besley, b McQuaigue	10
Bull, b Langridge	6
Ray, b Lane	8
Young, c Smith, b Lane	40
Brentnall, b McQuaigue	2
Flowers, st Arthurs, b Lane	10
Spare, not out	5
Williams, b Arthurs	0
Hopkinson, not out	1
Extras	14
Total (for 8 wickets)	105

Innings declared closed.

IVANHOE WANDERERS.	
Honeychurch, b Ray	23
E. Arthurs, b Besley	0
McQuaigue, c Ray, b Besley	8
A. Arthurs, b Besley	3
Smith, b Besley	0
Langridge, lbw, b Thornton	5
Lane, c and b Besley	5
Burling, not out	7
Higgins, b Ray	0
Cook, b Ray	0
Mitchell, b Ray	0
Extras	7
Total	58

ST. SAVIOUR'S ATHLETIC v. METROGAS ATHLETIC.—Played at New Cross on Saturday. Score:—

ST. SAVIOUR'S.	
C. Lindsay, b Hannan	9
H. Whiting, st Manley, b Hannan	19
H. Firman, b Still	14
A. Hill, b Hannan	7
A. Liversage, c and b Still	25
S. Hill, b Still	0
R. Gowing, b Still	3
E. McCarthy, not out	37
D. Collins, b Waller	2
J. Paine, lbw, b Waller	7
Stanning, not out	6
Extras	3
Total (for 9 wickets)	132

Innings declared closed.

METROGAS ATHLETIC.	
Manley, b Firman	9
Stanford, c McCarthy, b Liversage	2
Dock, b Liversage	2
Still, b Firman	16
Sams, b Firman	3
Buckett, b Firman	6
W. J. Waller, b McCarthy	1
Smith, not out	8
H. Waller, c Lindsay, b McCarthy	0
Hannan, b McCarthy	0
Bellamy, b Firman	2
Extras	6
Total	55

ST. ALBAN'S SOCIAL v. ST. PAUL'S.—Played at Upper Norwood Recreation-ground on Saturday. Score:—

ST. PAUL'S.	
W. Smith, c Sisley, b Johnson	2
H. Newnham, b Johnson	0
R. King, c Johnson, b Newnham	0
F. Jessett, c Bird, b Johnson	6
C. Cox, b Hunt	21
S. Blakesley, c Oliver, b Newnham	3
W. Hayes, c and b Hunt	2
G. Smith, not out	4
H. Tagg, b Hunt	0
F. Taylor, b Newnham	0
F. Burgess, b Hunt	0
Extras	9
Total	47

ST. ALBAN'S.	
W. T. Tapsell, b Blakesley	8
E. Oliver, b Blakesley	2
Rev. C. Budibent, b King	11
H. Hunt, b King	8
A. Sisley, c Blakesley, b Cox	31
W. G. Tapsell, b Hayes	38
R. Johnson, c and b Newnham	20
T. Bird, not out	10
C. Newnham, c Newnham, b Tagg	16
A. Howard, lbw, b Hayes	0
R. Wills, c Tagg, b Newnham	6
Extras	30
Total	180

WHITGIFT MIDDLE SCHOOL II. v. SUTTON COUNTY SCHOOL II.—Played at Sutton on Saturday. Sutton County School, 8; Whitgift Middle School, 36 for 3 (Bassett 15).

"Glen Doone," Whyteleafe, Surrey. 2nd October, 1905. Dear Sir,—I have just returned from Stoke Gabriel, where I personally saw all Mr. Sayer's furniture unpacked and placed into position, and wish to express my satisfaction with the perfect way in which everything was packed and removed from Caterham. Although the vans had to be taken over indifferent roads at Stoke Gabriel, and in spite of the long distance by rail, I did not find so much as a glass cracked, which speaks well for your packers.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, (Signed) WILLIAM FIELD. Mr. A. C. Ebbutt, Croydon.

Norwood Cricket Week.

The Norwood Club opened their cricket week on their pretty ground on Monday. The weather was magnificent, and the cricket proved of a bright and interesting character. Surrey Club and ground were the opponents, and Norwood brought off a creditable victory, an achievement they repeated the next day against Mitcham. Brixton Wanderers claimed the verdict on Wednesday by 11 runs, the Norwood "tail" failing when only a few runs were required. An al fresco fete was held on Wednesday evening, particulars of which will be found elsewhere.

FIRST MATCH v. SURREY CLUB AND GROUND.

SURREY CLUB AND GROUND.

First innings.	
Hon. S. R. Beresford, lbw, b Batchelor	3
Platt, c Turner, b Robarts	11
Lawrance, b Batchelor	14
Ducat, c Robarts, b Batchelor	65
H. Hayter, c Turner, b Robarts	4
Vigar, c Beaton, b Batchelor	7
F. Odell, st Roose, b H. Le May	16
J. F. Macpherson, run out	1
Hamish Stuart, c Beaton, b Robarts	4
D. Kingsland, not out	2
Pritchard, c Beaton, b Batchelor	2
Extras	2
Total	133

Second innings.	
Hon. S. R. Beresford, b Warren	70
Platt, c Stinson, b Beaton	28
Lawrance, c Beaton, b Stinson	0
H. Hayter, not out	13
Vigar, c Warren, b Turner	8
Extra	1
Total (for 4 wickets)	120

The rest did not bat.

NORWOOD.	
F. W. Robarts, c Lawrance, b Ducat	48
F. R. Warren, run out	54
R. Ll. Turner, b Pritchard	3
G. U. B. Roose, b Pritchard	11
A. C. Beaton, b Pritchard	4
H. J. E. Stinson, c Ducat, b Pritchard	22
B. Batchelor, b Pritchard	1
C. W. Le May, b Platt	15
H. H. Le May, b Platt	5
W. Brown, c Beresford, b Pritchard	0
C. L. Hill, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	170

SECOND MATCH v. MITCHAM.

MITCHAM.	
H. Wilde, run out	17
T. Potter, b Batchelor	0
R. Turner, c Beaton, b Batchelor	30
T. Boxall, c Warren, b Batchelor	6
W. T. Poston, c Kenward, b Robarts	13
W. C. Rhoades, c C. W. Le May, b Batchelor	3
F. Hunt, b Robarts	24
F. Sherlock, c Turner, b Batchelor	1
H. D. Currie, b Batchelor	0
S. C. Hart, not out	1
T. Atkinson, b Batchelor	1
Extras	12
Total	108

NORWOOD.	
F. W. Robarts, b Rhoades	94
F. R. Warren, b Atkinson	92
R. Ll. Turner, b Atkinson	40
A. C. Beaton, not out	56
W. Austin, c Boxall, b Hunt	16
H. J. E. Stinson, st Boxall, b Hunt	1
C. Kenward, not out	61
Extras	18
Total (for 5 wickets)	378

The rest did not bat.

THIRD MATCH v. BRIXTON WANDERERS.

BRIXTON WANDERERS.	
J. Faulkner, c Beaton, b Robarts	7
F. Odell, c C. W., b H. H. Le May	26
A. V. Storey, b Robarts	14
C. G. Smith, b H. H. Le May	41
F. P. Rider, b H. H. Le May	1
N. Whitley, b H. H. Le May	9
W. A. Gillingham, c Beaton, b Batchelor	10
D. M. Dickson, not out	49
A. F. Newton, b Batchelor	3
J. Murray, lbw, b Batchelor	13
B. A. Glanville, c and b H. H. Le May	6
Extras	9
Total	188

NORWOOD.	
F. W. Robarts, b Whitley	9
F. R. Warren, b Storey	85
R. Ll. Turner, c Glanville, b Whitley	11
A. C. Beaton, b Smith	1
H. J. E. Stinson, c and b Storey	16
W. Tough, c Newton, b Dickson	19
C. Kenward, b Smith	24
B. Batchelor, not out	1
C. W. Le May, b Smith	0
G. F. Newton, b Smith	0
H. H. Le May, c Rider, b Storey	0
Extras	11
Total	177

FOURTH MATCH v. LONDON COUNTY.

NORWOOD.	
F. W. Robarts, c Ingram, b Marshall	4
F. R. Warren, c Ingram, b Marshall	0
R. Ll. Turner, b W. G. Grace	33
G. U. B. Roose, c Murch, b Marshall	3
W. Austin, c Murch, b W. G. Grace	1
A. C. Beaton, c Ingram, b Marshall	18
H. J. E. Stinson, run out	1
W. Tough, run out	0
B. Batchelor, c Ingram, b W. G. Grace	20
C. W. Le May, not out	1
H. H. Le May, b Marshall	4
Extras	5
Total	90

LONDON COUNTY.	
W. G. Grace, c Batchelor, b Austin	32
P. G. Gale, lbw, b Austin	10
W. A. Ingram, b H. H. Le May	6
C. B. Grace, b H. H. Le May	96
C. B. Nichols, b H. H. Le May	0
A. Marshall, b Stinson	39
K. L. Clark, c C. W. Le May, b Stinson	8
R. M. Bell, b Batchelor	43
G. R. Crawford, c Tough, b Robarts	30
E. P. Kay, c Roose, b Robarts	8
W. Murch, not out	12
Extras	8
Total	344

ATHLETICS AND SPORTS.

Brighton Railway Athletic (medium) and Reserves (weak medium) want home and away matches for coming season. Private ground. Apply, H. Lemon, 24, Alma-place, Thornton-heath, or telephone 414, Croydon.

Crystal Palace F.C. have engaged the following players for next season:—Hewitson, goal; Edwards, *Wills, and *Menzies, backs; Astley, Innerd, *Forster, and *Ledger, half-backs; Woodger, Wallace, Harker, Needham, Roberts, *Weston, and *Hodgkinson, forwards. An asterisk denotes a new player. The club intend running a strong reserve team, for which admission to the premier division of the London League has been secured. This will provide an attractive list of fixtures when the first team are away. Mr. Robson writes that locl footballers will be given every opportunity and encouragement, and he will be very glad indeed to hear from any player wishing to join the reserve team.

Carlton Manor Football Club are holding their annual meeting next Wednesday for the purpose of reviewing last season's work, which, although not quite so successful as could be wished for, was sufficiently interesting to make the members keen on running again next season. Mr. F. Greiggs will occupy the chair, and is hoping to see new faces amongst those present. Young fellows wishing to come in communication with the secretary should write to Mr. C. J. Spittle, 125, Parchmore-road, Thornton-heath, who will be glad to furnish any information required.

The adjourned general meeting of the Croydon and District Football League took place on June 14th at the "Alma" Hotel, Addiscombe, Mr. E. E. Sutton taking the chair. The secretary read a letter from the president, Alderman N. Page, announcing that he would be glad to continue president of the league, and congratulating the officers on getting the league out of debt and placing it in its present sound financial position. The election of officers then took place. Mr. Page was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. W. H. Sedgley was elected a vice-president. Mr. Sedgley has courteously allowed the "Alma" Hotel to be the headquarters of the league, and has helped in many ways. Mr. E. E. Sutton was re-elected to the post of chairman, a position he occupied last season with marked success, and Colour-Sergeant Austin was again elected vice-chairman. Mr. Austin has performed a lot of valuable work in connection with the Emergency Committee, and worked hard to make the league a success. Mr. H. Lemon is again hon. secretary, while Mr. L. W. Appleton is referees' secretary. The auditors for the coming season are Mr. H. Bensley (North Croydon F.C.) and Mr. A. Channon (Christ Church F.C.). The council wish to thank last season's auditors, Mr. F. Baker (Christ Church) and Mr. F. Durham (Norbury), both doing the auditing thoroughly and well. The election of new clubs then took place, and the forming of divisions, with the following result:—

Division 1.—Section A: Clifton Rovers, Thornton Rovers, 1st V.B. The Queen's, Christ Church, Sutton Manor Park, Brighton Railway Athletic, and Beddington St. Mary's. Section B: Morland Park, Farnley, Melbourne Rovers, Norbury, Brighton Railway, North Croydon Reserves, and Old Bostonians.

Division 2.—Section A: Morland Park (R), Waddon Park, Croydon Municipal Officers, Westbrook, Thornton Rovers (R), Thornton Heath (R), and Mill Lane Mission. Section B: Holy Trinity, Onward United, Beddington St. Mary's (R), Grafton United, 1st V.B. The Queen's (R), Christ Church (R), and Old Bostonians (R).

Whitehorse-road Cycle Club had their run to Burgh Heath on Wednesday, nine ladies and ten gentlemen turning out. Leaving headquarters at 2.45, they reached home at 9.15, after a most enjoyable afternoon's outing. Next Wednesday the club runs to Caterham Guards Depot to witness the Whitehorse-road Tradesmen's Cricket Club play the Guards. They leave headquarters, 74, Whitehorse-road, at 2.45 sharp, and a good afternoon's outing is looked forward to.

CROYDON SWIMMING CLUB.

The Croydon S.C. had a record attendance at the Baths last Monday evening, fifty-one members bathing. A two lengths handicap for boys under 16 was held for which there were eight starters, also a plunging handicap in which twenty-four members took part. Results:—

Boys' handicap.—Heat I: W. H. Martin (5secs.), 1; H. L. Webber (16secs.), 2; C. Turtle (16secs.), 3. Heat 2: F. C. Brown (12secs.), 1; K. Anns (16secs.), 2; R. S. Johnson (8secs.), 3. Final:—

F. C. Brown	1
K. Anns	2
H. L. Webber	3

Time, 57secs.

Plunging handicap:—

E. Foss (10ft. start), 51ft.	1
H. B. Keable (14ft. start), 50ft.	2
S. Botterill (scratch), 49ft.	3

The Croydon Dolphin S.C. turned up two men short for the polo match, but, having obtained two substitutes, a very even game took place which ended in a draw, each side scoring twice. The Dolphins defended the deep end. For the first few minutes Croydon had slightly the better of the game, being rather unfortunate in not scoring, two good shots of Johnson's going just over the crossbar. The play was then very equal, each side attacking in turn, and after about five minutes Glenn scored for Croydon. The Dolphins equalised about two minutes after through Windsor, shortly after which half-time was called. Early in the second half Taylor, with a well placed shot, put the Dolphins ahead, but Croydon quickly drew level again through A. V. Taylor. Neither side scoring again the match ended, as above stated, in a draw.

On Tuesday Croydon beat Sutton S.C., at Sutton, by five goals to nil. Croydon had the better of the game all through, scoring three goals (A. V. Taylor 2, and Glenn) in the second half.

WHITGIFT MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Sports Day.

The annual athletic sports of the Whitgift Middle School were decided on the ground of the Addiscombe Cricket Club on Wednesday afternoon. Gloriously fine weather favoured the event, and there was a large gathering of boys and visitors. The arrangements were excellent, and the Mechanics' Band discoursed a fine programme of music. The officials were as follows:—Referee, the Headmaster; judges, Messrs. A. Gilpin, C. Johnson, and A. B. Young; starter, Mr. W. B. Shore; handicappers, Messrs. W. B. Shore, T. W. Corby, R. Fergusson, and H. Mason-Meyer; clerks of the course, Messrs. F. W. Cape and W. Crabb; telegraph steward, Mr. A. H. Jukes; stewards of the course, Messrs. T. W. Corby, H. V. Hayler, and H. Mason-Meyer; stewards, Messrs. Bassett, Brett, Chinn, Colven, Farbrother, Jarvis, Houghton, Libby, Nex, Nickerson, Read, Silver, Squirrell, and Willoughby; hon. secretaries, Messrs. W. B Shore and R. Ferguson. Every item on the programme was keenly contested.

PRIZE LIST.

Long jump (seniors).—Cooper. Distance, 14ft. 2in.

Long jump (juniors).—Allison. Distance, 11ft. 2in.

High jump (seniors).—Swale. Height, 4ft. 6in.

High jump (juniors).—Allison. Height, 3ft. 10ins.

Throwing the cricket ball (seniors).—Stoneham.

Throwing the cricket ball (juniors).—Ralls.

220 yards handicap (seniors).—1, Bottrill (8); 2, Porters (8); 3, King ii (15).

220 yards handicap (juniors).—1, Young ii (10); 2, Hettler (5); 3, Page (scratch).

100 yards handicap (boys between 10 and 11).—1, Coldwells ii (2); 2, Pickford (scratch).

100 yards handicap (between 11 and 12).—1, Sharpe (scratch); 2, Young ii (scratch).

100 yards handicap (between 12 and 13).—1, Allison (5); 2, Everist (3); 3, Cashel i (scratch).

100 yards handicap (between 13 and 14).—1, Trend (2); 2, Cooper (scratch).

One mile bicycle race.—1, Millen (scratch); 2, Humphreys (scratch).

100 yards handicap (open).—1, Bottrill (2); 2, Porters (2); 3, Matthews i (8).

440 yards handicap (open).—1, Stoneham (scratch); 2, King ii (15); 3, Butcher (60).

80 yards (boys under 10).—1, Young iii (scratch); 2, Chapman (scratch).

One mile flat race.—1, Everist (150); 2, Coombs (200); 3, Young ii (200).

Three-legged race (seniors).—Stoneham and Porters.

Three-legged race (juniors).—Hammond i and Groves.

One mile walking race (handicap).—1, Bishop (80); 2, Young i (80); 3, Sharpe (200).

Seniors' obstacle race.—Final: 1, Trend; 2, Hosley i; 3, Ridpath.

Juniors' obstacle race.—Final: 1, Coldwells i; 2, Barry; 3, Butcher.

Tug-of-war.—Bassett's team, composed of Bassett, Young i, Riemann i, Dye, Silver, King, Nickerson, Willoughby, Stent, and Read.

Consolation race (boys under 11).—1, Nickerson; 2, Chambers.

Consolation race (under 13).—1, Wetjen; 2, Horley ii.

Consolation race (open).—1, Jameson; 2, Cashel.

CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CROYDON GUARDIAN."

SIR,—No doubt it is now the common knowledge of your very numerous readers that the above club, after winning the championship of the second division of the Southern League, has now gained promotion to the first division, and already the fixtures for next season are out, and we shall be able to give our numerous supporters the chance of seeing the best football in the South of England at the Crystal Palace during the season commencing on September 1st.

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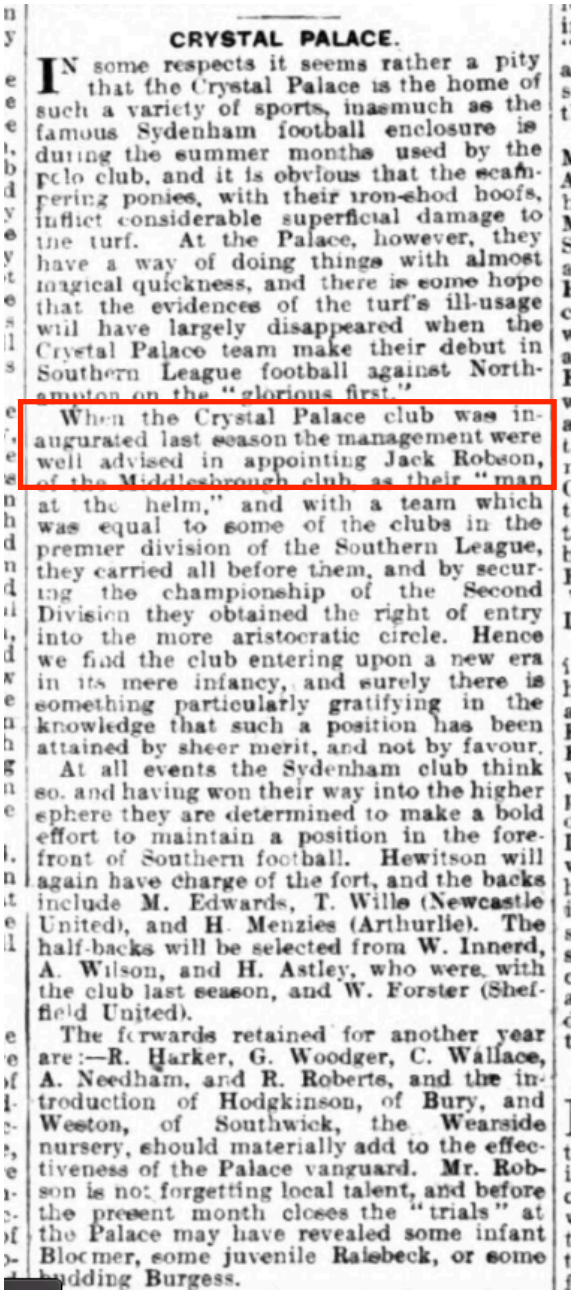

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PROSPECTS OF THE CLUBS.

BRENTFORD.

AMONG the Metropolitan clubs who have been pulling hard against the stream there is none who have tried harder than Brentford. Fortune has rarely smiled on them, but since they drifted into professionalism they have been gradually making progress, both in their position in the League and financially. Last season, though they had several heavy calls on their purse in the shape of the serious accident to Tomlinson, their stand being wrecked, and their cup-ties bringing in little grist to the mill, they came out nearly £250 better than in the previous season.

Another serious drawback has been the long illness and the death of their late secretary-manager, poor Dick Molyneux. He has been succeeded by W. B. Brown, who has been connected with the club since its formation, and has always filled some official post or other. He is very hopeful as to the future. Says he: "We cannot afford to place in the field a really swagger team, but I think we have a lot of rare hard workers, and men who are nothing if not tryers. Our last year's captain, Parsonage, is still with us, as well as Jay and Tomlinson, a trio who got us out of many difficulties."

Watson has signed on again, as have Shanks and Underwood. Whittaker, Riley, Howarth, Hartley, Cross, and Hobson have all migrated to "fresh woods and pastures new." In their respective places have been signed on: Williams, the old Woolwich Arsenal goalkeeper, who last year played for Norwich City in goal; M'Connell, from Grimsby Town; Abbott, a junior; and Archie Taylor, from Bristol Rovers, as full backs. The fresh half-backs are Howarth, once of Blackburn Rovers, and Pritchard and Oliver, from local clubs. The new forwards are a useful lot, and include M'Allister and Pentland (Blackburn Rovers, Grechan, and Hagan (Edinburgh Hibernians). There are several young amateurs in the district, some of whom having shown very fair form, will be given a trial.

Brentford have a very heavy fixture card, as not only are they engaged in the Southern League, but they also figure in the Great Western, Suburban, the Western, and the London League, so that the players will not have an easy time.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION.

PROFITING by the experience of the past, the members of the executive have, in mapping out their future plan of campaign, striven to "cut their coat according to the cloth." They have so far succeeded that, in a financial sense at any rate, the prospects for the coming season are brighter if one institutes the rule of comparison. In the wage bill alone the directors are sanguine of effecting a saving of £20 a week, and they claim that the economic policy they are pursuing in this and other directions does not involve any sacrifice in the playing strength of the club, but that, on the contrary, it has been increased.

They are fortunate in having as their chairman such a keen sportsman and shrewd business man as Mr. W. F. Goodwin, and when the provision of summer wages for the players became the paramount need of the moment that generous supporter of the club, Mr. Noah Clark, came to the rescue with the establishment of a special fund. From this source very acceptable help has been derived, and the season will be entered upon with little or no encumbrance in this respect. Last year practically a clean sweep was made of "the old brigade."

Of the personnel of the team much that is hopeful might be written. We have, it is true, lost our crack goalkeeper, Mark Mellors, who has gone to Sheffield United, but a substantial sum accrued to the club as a consolation stake, and with Beale, who deputised for him so smartly last season, retained, and Hugh Macdonald, secured from Woolwich Arsenal, the Albion should be well served between the sticks.

The new man, of whom much is expected, stands 6ft. 2in., weighs 15st., and is only 22 years of age. At full back, Hulme (the "old reliable") and Turner are again available, and the acquisition of Julius Gregory for the same line of defence is regarded as a capture. It is no secret that Manchester City were very loth to part with Gregory, and if he plays up to his credentials there should be no weakness in the back division. Kent, who played consistently well at centre-half last season, and Lumley, who proved himself a dashing half towards the end, will put in another season here, and the middle line has been strengthened by the engagement of Smith (from Newark) and W. M'Donald (from Kilmarnock). Both men have been very highly recommended.

The forwards look strong enough on paper. The re-engagement of the clever wingers, Anthony and Allsopp, has given keen satisfaction, and Joynes will also be seen wearing the Albion's colours once more. He was a sort of general utility man last season, being serviceable either at outside right or in the centre. The new men are Hall (from Stoke), who is expected to fill a long felt want in the centre, Lewis (inside right, from Bristol Rovers), and Wally Smith (inside left, from Newark). Lewis has been a prolific goal-getter in the Southern League, Hall is credited with having played in 23 League matches for Stoke last season, and notched 10 goals, and Smith is regarded as a first-class forward. In addition to Newark, Smith has seen service with Small Heath (now Birmingham City) and Lincoln City, and the latter were anxious to secure him again, but found a stumbling block in the shape of the £250 transfer fee wanted by Birmingham City. Joe Clayton will once more be responsible for the training operations, and the men are already under his fostering care, preparing steadily for the opening of the campaign.

BRISTOL ROVERS.

PERHAPS it was only natural, considering the bad time Bristol Rovers experienced last season, both from a playing and a financial point of view, that the directors decided not to sign on some of the men, who, after winning the Southern League Championship for the club were associated with its decline to the eighth place. Still the action they took in this matter did not find favour with some of their followers.

A decided protest was raised when it became known that Dunn as well as Beats, Dunkley, Lewis, and Taylor amongst others, had been forced to seek fresh quarters. This, however, came in the main from those who have no money in the concern, though they are regular patrons of the games played at Eastville. Lack of funds was no doubt the primary cause of those professionals not being retained, though others have since been secured who come with excellent credentials, and are regarded as really capable substitutes.

The old hands who will continue to wear the colours of the Rovers are A. Cartledge, goal; R. Pudan, left back; A. Appleby, centre half-back; G. Jarvie, left half-back; W. Hales, right or left half-back; T. Tait, right half-back; W. Clarke, outside right forward; D. Walker, inside right forward. These are all players of approved ability, and are capable of forming a fine backbone, not merely for any Southern League club, but for any League team in the country. So far the recruits secured are T. Stewart, a young and lusty full back, from Sheffield United. He is 22 years of age, stands 5ft. 9½in. high, and weighs 12st. A native of Hillsborough, he is reputed to know the game and to play it fairly and well.

The half-back line being complete, the remaining new men are forwards. Owens, of Plymouth Argyle, is to succeed Beats in the centre, and it is said that if he lacks the experience of the old international, he is younger and more active. He will have on his left either H. Hutchinson or J. Young. The former is 21 years old, stands 5ft. 7½in., and weighs 11st. 8lb. He comes from Greenock Morton, for whom he only missed two League matches last winter, though he has also had two seasons with Everton. Young is a tall and powerful young fellow, who can fill the centre position as well as that of inside left. A native of Hurford, he put in a season with Newcastle United before he threw in his lot with Kilmarnock, for whom he was ever prominent twelve months ago. The outside left is W. Gould, who has assisted Burton United and Leicester Fosse.

So far as can be ascertained by an examination of the clubs the new comers have played for, and the reputations they have established, they are a promising lot. Much, of course, will depend upon the way they are able to adapt their varying styles to those of the old hands, who form a majority of the team. As a rule, manager Homer has been very fortunate in his captures, though it is a singular thing that most of the youngsters he has brought out have not continued to improve during their residence in Bristol.

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Several prominent amateurs have signed League forms, and promised their services when required. The first team will, in addition to the Southern League, also take part in the United League and English Cup competition, for the intermediate round of which they have received exemption. The reserve team are amongst the competitors in the premier division of the London League. Last season the club did not run a reserve team.

FULHAM.

APART from the fact that they won the Southern League Championship last season, perhaps the most striking feature of the Fulham team was its impotency in front of goal. These two facts, as they appear together, are rather paradoxical, but in stating them boldly without any explanatory notes, it is only paying a thoroughly well deserved compliment to Fulham's sterling defence.

When the attack, good as it undoubtedly was in the open, failed, the defence was invulnerable, and, therefore, the Fulham Board rejoice in the knowledge that they have been able to retain a rear division of such excellence for the coming season. Jack Fitchett, Howarth, Kirby, Rowbotham, Soar, Thomas, F. Thompson, Wardrope, and Wood are numbered amongst the departed, but the majority of last season's team have remained under the Craven Cottage banner. Of the old brigade re-signed we find the goalkeepers, Fryer and Archer; the full-backs Ross, Thorpe, and Elkin; the half-backs, Collins, Morrison, Goldie, Waterson, and Sprules; and the forwards, Bell, Frazer, Freeman, Threlfall, Hogan, J. Bradshaw, F. Cutten, F. G. Wheatcroft, and H. M. Earl.

But what of the new men? Who and what are they? The writer of this article has the good fortune to possess a close personal knowledge of several of the Fulham "captures," and readers of these notes will perhaps pardon a mild expression of admiration of the judgment and discrimination shown by the Fulham executive in their team-building work. Commencing with the defence the name of Horne, the erstwhile Plymouth Argyle goalkeeper, stands out prominently.

The latest importations into the full-back line are Charlton, of Southwick, a Wearside club, and W. Thompson, of Gainsborough Trinity, both men of promise, and the presence of M'Intyre, of Newcastle United, should add considerably to the strength of the intermediate division.

But it is in the matter of attack that the Fulham people have shown the greatest enterprise and the greatest desire for improvement. How successful their efforts have been must, of necessity, be left to the future to reveal, but, judging the men on their past performances, one might, with the characteristic temerity of the prophet, hazard the prediction that the Fulham forwards will rank amongst the best that the South will produce in season 1906-7. From R. C. Hamilton, the famous Glasgow Ranger, and possessor of seventeen International caps, much is expected. He has been, and is still, we hope, a peer among players.

Then there is Edgley, the Sheffield United big-framed stalwart; Kingaby, who last season had a brief period with Aston Villa after leaving Clapton Orient; Hindmarsh, late of Sunderland; and B. Thompson, the Southwick (Sunderland) youth. Surely Fulham have reason to look forward to a prosperous season. The ground is in superb condition, and Mr. H. Bradshaw, the capable secretary-manager, is awaiting the advent of the coming season with justifiable confidence.

LEYTON.

BY the courtesy of Mr. Robert Campbell, the well-known secretary, our representative was shown over the Leyton F.C. ground a few days ago, and was agreeably surprised to find the number of improvements effected. So great is the zeal of the club supporters that a considerable number volunteered to put up the fence which surrounds the playing pitch—a good omen for the success of a club which, in company with the Crystal Palace, sought and obtained election to the Southern League first division. It should be mentioned for the benefit of those who are only acquainted with Leyton from a county cricket point of view that the football ground is situate midway between the Great Eastern and the Midland stations, and is just behind the Coronation Gardens.

Underneath the grand stand the dressing rooms have been built, with every consideration for comfort, including a plunge bath and a spray apparatus. A recreation room has also been furnished for the players in the same block. From the grand stand overhead members and their womenfolk have only to trip down a few steps to find a well-appointed tea room, and this hospitality will be extended to visiting officials and their friends.

The club will rely upon the following players:—Draper and Skiller, goal; Meredith and Ramsey, backs; J. Banks (Plymouth Argyle), J. Moles, Sellman, Massey, and Evans (Stoke), half-backs; Hesham, Bush, Busby, Turnbull, Brand, Kelly, Wooten (Clapton Orient), M'Phillips (Belfast Distillery), forwards. Trainer Pennington has been secured from Stoke.

Mr. Campbell does not go into hysterics about the team, but he thinks it good enough to maintain its position in the League. Kelly, the outside left, who comes from Watford, has been described on very good authority as one of the fastest forwards in the Southern League. He plays outside left. As the club is also interested in the London, United, and South-Eastern leagues, the local public may rely upon a match every week, and Mr. Campbell is hoping that chief support will come from the populous centres of Stratford and Walthamstow.

Lest our readers should confuse the name of Turnbull with Peter of that ilk, it should be mentioned that the Leyton forward comes from Glasgow Rangers and Preston North End. Sellman, the half-back, is a junior international, who played against Scotland in 1903. The new chairman of the club is Mr. G. T. Broadbridge, who first came into prominence as one of the leading lights of the Brighton F.C.

LUTON.

THE arrival of the players has given an impetus to football again in Luton. The enthusiasm has returned at a moment's notice, and the thousands of followers of the "Strawplaiters" are impatiently waiting for the first Saturday in September. Last season created a double record for Luton. They had their most successful year on record as far as results went, and from a financial point of view, too. The coming season is looked forward to being even better. The team is expected to be still stronger, whilst it is doubtful if any town in England is growing at a greater pace, for new industries are continually coming into the town, which should augment the "gates." The whole of last year's team to a man was re-signed, but during the summer the directors transferred Blackett, their right back, to Leicester Fosse.

The new men are Hogg, right back, from Middlesbrough; Jackson, also a back, from Atherton Church House; Abe Jones, centre-half, from Middlesbrough; Schofield, ex-Manchester United, and last year captain of Stockport County, at outside right; Gettins, an inside forward from Atherton Church House, who is reputed to be a clever capture. Of the old players, Peter Platt will again keep goal; M'Curdy will be found at left back as usual. In the middle line, Bob Hawkes, the auburn-haired amateur, will again show his brilliance at left half, and I understand he will also captain the team, as last year. Fred Hawkes—who is not a relative of Bob—Fred White, and Gallacher will have to fight with Jones for the right half and centre half positions. In the front rank Barnes and Pickering have been re-engaged on the left wing. Sandy Brown, at centre-forward, M'Donald and Warner, the old right wing pair, also Latheron, at outside left.

All these men have proved their abilities in the past, but Schofield and Gettins will have serious claims to positions in Luton's attack. It is most pleasing to note that Ernest Dobson, the Tottenham Old Page Boys' amateur, has again thrown in his lot with Luton. He gave many brilliant displays last season, and he will no doubt often be found assisting the first team in League engagements. The ground last year was a new one, therefore the summer's rest has greatly improved it. Additional banking up has been done during the close season, and the accommodation for the spectators improved. The ground is now capable of holding over 12,000 spectators, and when this number is present the Luton directors will not be disappointed in closing the gates.

MILLWALL.

LITTLE has been heard of Millwall during the close season, but the directors have been quietly setting their house in order, and they have every expectation of improving on last season's records, which, by the way, were not as good as their opening matches suggested. As is their custom, the Dockers have not sought for their new men among the star artists of the game, but have rather looked for recruits amongst the youngsters who have yet to make their names. They have lost three well-known men in Bradbury, Watkins, and M'Lean, all of whom have worn their colours for more than one season—indeed, Watkins had been with them five seasons ere transferring his services to Southend Athletic, the newest professional club in the South.

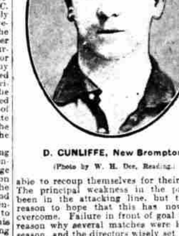
The bulky Joyce will still operate under the cross-bar for Millwall, and he is now quite an old stager with the East Enders. So, too, is Stevenson, but the difference between the two men is that while the goalkeeper never wished to leave them, Stevenson for two seasons has had to be persuaded by the Football Association to remain with the Dockers. With Stevenson at back will appear either Shreeve, of Burton United, or Aitken, of Kilmarnock, and either of the pair is expected to fill the shoes of the burly Campbell, who has gone north. Of last season's half-backs, M'Lean has gone to Queen's Park Rangers, but Comrie and Blyth are remaining, the third place in the line being taken by Riley, the Millwall product, who has put in two seasons at Reading.

Forward, the Dockers should do well in the coming campaign. In Hunter, Dick Jones, Milson, and Twigg they retained four of last season's front rank, and the new men are Dean, the flying winger who did so well for Swindon last playing time; Brown, of Norwich City; and Millar, a young Scottish laddie who earned a name for himself among Caledonia's juniors, his last club being Alva Albion Rovers, with which organisation, by the way, Hunter was before coming South. If Millar turns out as well for his new club as Hunter, the Dockers will be able to congratulate themselves on their "find." Bob Hunter will again train the side, with Elijah Moor as his assistant.

During the summer the banking has been increased and the playing field has been much improved, and the directors are considerably nearer their ambition of having a pitch that will compare favourably with the old one lower down East Ferry-road. But they will never get the gates they ought to have until they cover the big stand on the far side of the ground. The covered accommodation at Millwall is strictly limited, and consequently people will not patronise the enclosure on wet days. But it must be remembered that the club is not a rich one, and the directors will not run into debt—a characteristic not possessed by all football directors. Cricket has kept some of the men in good condition all the summer, and when Reading come up to open the ball on September 1 they will be ready for the fray. Millwall are in the Southern League, the Football Association Cup, the Western League, and the Southern Charity Cup.

NEW BROMPTON.

ALTHOUGH the New Brompton Club did not do nearly so well as was expected last season, the directors have by no means lost heart. Every effort has been made to secure a strong team for the ensuing season, and judging by the names of the players who have been secured the club will be a force that will have to be reckoned with this winter. From a financial point of view the result of last year's working was anything but satisfactory, but the management are in hopes that they will be able to recoup themselves for their losses.



D. CUNLIFFE, New Brompton.
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The principal weakness in the past has been in the attacking line, but there is reason to hope that this has now been overcome. Failure in front of goal was the reason why several matches were lost last season, and the directors wisely set to work to strengthen the front line. Practically there will be an entirely new front line, the only forward who played regularly last season who has been retained being W. Marriott, the outside left.

The club would have been glad to retain the services of P. Barnfather, who was one of the lightest forwards in the League, at outside right, but Southampton offered better terms, and naturally enough he accepted them. In addition to Marriott, the Kentish club will have the assistance of no fewer than four of the Portsmouth forwards—Joseph Warrington, outside right, Daniel Cunliffe, inside right, William Lee, centre, and Steve Smith, outside left. James Hartley, who can operate at either inside left or outside right, has also been signed on. Last year he did well for Brentford. T. G. Hall and C. Evans, who occasionally assisted the club last season, are also available. There will be but few changes in the middle line. J. Elliott, the captain, G. H. Lloyd, and F. Mavin have again thrown in their lot with the club, and they will be backed up by W. Morgan, late of Leicester Fosse. He comes with a good reputation. Last season he only missed one match, and his shooting powers may be gathered from the fact that he scored a dozen goals.

Another half-back is George Lissenden, a young player who hails from Sheppey United, a club that has turned out some good men in the past. J. Walton, who was one of the most promising backs in the South last season, has gone to Chelsea, who were glad to pay £200 to secure his transfer, and his place will be taken by George Walker, late of Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton Wanderers. He is described as a sound tackler and a fine kick. W. B. Floyd and A. Webb, last season's players will be the other backs. J. Martin and H. S. Metherell, both of whom kept goal last season, have again been signed on. With such a list of players, the "Hoppers" should be able to hold their own against most comers. All the men have put in an appearance, and training has commenced in real earnest under the direction of G. Craddock.

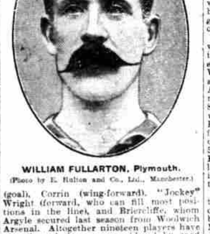
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

ALL the players signed by the "Pilgrims" have arrived in Plymouth and are now in training, though the new manager has so far only given them light field drill, with plenty of walking plus sea bathing for those who like it. There remain five of last season's teams, and yet to all intents and purposes it is a new team, and one which the keen supporters of the club are anxiously waiting to see in active operation. Only one man remains who has been with the club from the first as a player—Charlie Clark, the centre-half.

Argyle have had an eventful experience with managers, and blossom out with yet one more—Willie Fullarton, about whose transference of allegiance from Nottingham Forest the last word has probably not yet been said. As matters stand now he may manage but not play; Argyle directors hope to mollify the outraged Foresters in the course of time, and gain a withdrawal of the embargo they have placed on his playing. Forest, it will be remembered, paid Sunderland £500 for Fullarton's transfer last season. Davie Fullarton, younger brother of the new manager, is regarded as one of the captures; he plays either full back or wing-half. Then there is Orrell, the old Preston North End full-back, and Brown, of Aston Villa and Bolton Wanderers, another full-back.

In continuing the list of men who will be new to the district one has to mention the Villa often. Garrett, the speedy wing-forward who did well in Villa F.A. Cup games last season, will figure at Home Park, and so will Johnson, a Villa goalkeeper. Others include Mackenzie, a new inside player; M'Loughlin, an inside-left; Swann, from Bury, a centre-forward from whom big things are expected; Smith, of Blackburn Rovers (either inside-right or right-half); J. Hughes, of Liverpool, a wing-half; Micky Noon, of Aston Villa; and Thorpe, of Bury, centre or right-half. Hughes is a son of the well-known Harry Hughes, whom boxing men in the North of England respect highly. Johnny Hughes is an ex-light-weight champion of England, and he is the trainer appointed by the directors.

Of the old players remaining there are in addition to Charlie Clark, J. W. Sutcliffe



WILLIAM FULLARTON, Plymouth.
(Photo by E. Halton and Co., Ltd., Manchester.)

(goal), Corrin (wing-forward), "Jockey" Wright (forward, who can fill most positions in the line), and Briercliffe, whom Argyle secured last season from Woolwich Arsenal. Altogether nineteen players have signed, and they are considered by good judges to be a first-class collection.

The experts pronounce the team stronger at half, as sound as ever in defence (always a feature), and the forwards possessed of great possibilities. The season is being anticipated by the management with a quiet confidence.

PORTSMOUTH.

HOPE springs eternal in the football manager's breast—at this period of the year, at any rate. Very few officials connected with clubs would venture to prophesy failure for the team they have secured for next season, and it would not, of course, be policy for them to do so. At Portsmouth there is neither a feeling of undue optimism nor pessimism. Mr. R. Bonney has worked very hard to secure what he hopes will prove a thoroughly serviceable side, and having travelled many miles north, south, east, and west—few managers have the entire responsibility of signing on every man personally as he has—to secure his players is quite content to await developments on and after Sept. 1.

We shall miss several old faces. Steve Smith, that gallant old International-Aston Villa war horse, Cunliffe, another International, Lee, and Warrington, have removed to New Brompton in a body. Molyneux, once the idol of English crowds, has gone to Southend, accompanied by Holden. Harris, the erstwhile Grimsby goalkeeper, has gone to Tunbridge Wells, and others have removed elsewhere.

In fact of all the players who did duty last season only Hunter, Kirby, W. Smith, Dix, and Didymus (forwards). Buick, Digweed, E. M'Donald, Jackson, Hickleton, and Halliday (half-backs), Walker, Bowman, and Brittan (backs), and Cook (goalkeeper) were asked to remain for another year. It thus became necessary to strengthen both the defence and attack, and with this object in view Mr. Bonney scoured the country for likely talent. And that he succeeded in making several good captures is alike a tribute to his energy and pertinacity.

As first goalkeeper he secured G. Philip from the Hearts of Midlothian. He is a finely-built lad, and last season had a capital record both in League and Cup matches for the Hearts. Two good backs were captured in J. Warner and J. Thomson. Warner last season migrated from Preston North End to Southampton, and proved one of the most consistent defenders in the South, and Thomson is a back whose services were keenly sought for by Newcastle United and several other League clubs. Last year he was with Leith Athletic, and was said to be one of the safest and speediest backs in Scotland.

The half-back line was last season the strongest and most consistent part of the team, and only J. Hisbent, whom Aston Villa last season purchased from Green Waves, Plymouth, has been added. Forward, the new men are J. Tomlinson (Southampton) and J. Bainbridge (Reading) outside right, R. Dalrymple (Glasgow Rangers) and W. Cookson (Brentford) inside right or centre; and A. E. Elson (Aston Villa) and H. Buckle (Sunderland) outside left. Kirby, who showed such improvement as a centre forward last season, will probably be first choice for the position this season, but the strength of the forwards should be in their interchangeability.

In addition to the professionals, S. S. Harris and E. G. D. Wright, who last year formed England's left wing against Wales; C. F. Parsons (Ilford), centre forward; V. Bolitho, outside left; and R. Ratcliffe (London Caledonians), goalkeeper, have signed amateur forms, and will assist Portsmouth whenever required. Two strong teams will be available, and in addition it has been decided to run a purely amateur team composed of local players.

This eleven will play in the Portsmouth League and Cup competitions, and the idea is to foster and develop local talent. At the general meeting of the club in June (at which a dividend of five per cent. was again declared) it was decided to increase the Board of Directors, and Messrs. H. Hume, J. Poole, and F. Harrison, three ardent supporters of the club, were elected, a local cleric, the only other aspirant, being very easily defeated.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.

IN writing of club prospects it is the fashion to begin by referring to the number of captures made by the directors during the interval. In the case of the Rangers, however, one may be pardoned for shedding a few pious tears over the fact that so capable a forward as Bevan will not be seen in the West London team next season. This player has gone to Bury, and we congratulate the Lancashire club on having secured one of the most wholehearted triers in the country.

Another familiar figure in the person of Alfred Hitch will be absent, the well-known half-back having thrown in his lot with Watford. Otherwise it may be said that the directors have retained all their best men, as will be seen from the following list:—

Howes, Moger, and H. Guy Watson, goal; White, Newlands, Lyon, and T. S. Fox, backs; Downing, Yenson, M'Gayrll, Edwards, M'Lean (Millwall), half-backs; Ryder, Sugden, Fletcher, Thompson, P. G. Skilton, Brevis, Handford, Coates, O'Donnel (Sunderland), Blake (Newcastle), and Green (Middlesbrough), forwards. G. Roberts, of Harrow United, has also been signed.

Of the new men whose names are followed by a parenthetical reference to their old club, M'Lean is regarded as one of the most important captures. Most Londoners are aware that he has put in a lot of good work for Millwall, and, in company with Yenson, the half-back play at Park Royal should easily maintain its old standard. Yenson was offered the limit by the Rangers, and although he appealed to the F.A. the verdict went against him, and he therefore signed on again for his old club.

There is plenty of talent from which to choose the forwards, but the new men from the North and Midlands will have to be thoroughly good to beat the general consistency of Thompson. When in the humour Sugden, the old Ilford amateur, is also a dangerous player, but no member of last season's front line had the dash of Bevan. Contrary to all rumours, the Rangers hope to stay many years at Park Royal, and although the gound is some distance from Ludgate Circus and the heart of the city, the Great Western Railway have always made the journey quick and easy for the general public.

Last season the Rangers won the championship of the Western League, and during the interval one of the best-known officials of the club, Mr. Tom Foster, has been chosen the new secretary of this League.

READING.

IT may be written that very few of last season's players have been retained. The "cream" of them certainly remain—the old hands re-engaged being Archie Lindsay, C. Brown, E. Gettins, Dick Allman, and M'Cafferty. As a doubt has been expressed in many quarters as to the intentions of Herbert Smith, the well-known international back and skipper of the Berks club, it may be as well if we at once point out that he has again accepted the captaincy of the Reading Club; furthermore, he has informed the directors, through their secretary-manager, Mr. Harry Matthews, that he will "turn out" whenever possible. His brother, "Billy" Smith, a really good half-back, has also signed forms for Reading, and another very fine amateur player and full back in the person of I. G. Witherington (Old Carthusians) will, it is hoped, frequently be seen fighting in the interest of the Berkshire champions.

Then E. Bartholomew, of the Reading Amateurs, has, we understand, decided to throw in his lot with the "pro." club, and as he is very useful at either half or forward he certainly would be an acquisition. These exhaust the amateurs. Now to deal with the professional players, down from the goalkeeper to the centre-forward. Walter Whittaker, who on his first appearance in the South—when he left Grimsby—played for Reading, has returned to his old love after two very successful seasons with Brentford. He is well-known Blackburn way, and Derby County folk have a good word for him. He is considered one of the best "goalies" in the South.

His understudy will be W. Barrington, who really showed tip-top form when playing for the Reading second string last season. This young fellow is as tall as Whittaker—6 feet—and he turns the beam at a shade inside 12st. The backs are Archie Lindsay, by many considered the most daring and fastest right back in the Southern League last season, and W. Hart, who formerly captained the Morpeth Harriers, and was reputed to be the finest full-back in the Northern Alliance. He is quite a youngster, 20 years of age, stands 5ft. 10½in., and is a trifle over 12st. C. Brown proved his worth as a half-back both last season and the previous one, and Reading did well when they again induced him to place pen to paper.

E. Gettins, who for the most part served the club on the left wing last season, but occasionally in the first line of defence, has been signed as a half-back, where the old Middlesbrough player is believed to be destined to make a big name for himself. The centre-half position will be filled by James Comrie, brother of the Millwall Athletic player, and he has arrived in the Biscuit City in the enjoyment of a splendid reputation. If appearances go for anything, then nothing will be found wanting. When playing for Third Lanark he built up a great name for himself as a shot, and he is said to be absolutely fearless, "brainy," and clever generally. He is an inch short of six feet, and his boots stand the strain of 13st. 2lb. He is approaching 24 years of age. Alexander Weir (formerly Stenhousemuir and Celtic) is a left-half, but can play on the other wing should need be. He is of the sturdy order, and great things are expected of him. He is 24 years of age, stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11st.

The majority of the forwards have had considerable experience, and yet are in the "bloom of youth." M'Cafferty, the centre forward, who was discovered in Scotland last season, is a veritable terror to the opposition, and half-a-dozen prominent clubs have offered Reading a lot of money for his transfer. But "Mac" likes Reading, and Reading likes "Mac." He is one of the best shots in the country, is of the dashing type, and has a heart as big as a bullock's. Dick Allman can play centre or either position on the left wing, whilst on several occasions last season he gave a finished display at half-back. May be described as a useful all-round man.

At outside right Adam Turnbull (Greenock Morton) will be seen figuring; he is fast, tricky, and a good shot. He is 5ft. 7in. in height, and carries 10st. 11lb. He has just celebrated his coming of age. Other right wing men (inside or outside) are W. Godley (Plymouth-Stoke-Middlesbrough) and T. O. Davies (Nottingham Forest and Swindon). Both are good men. The former is in his 25th year, and weighs 11st., whilst the last-named is a year younger, is the same weight as Godley, and stands just over 5ft. 6in. H. Grundy (Everton and Chirk) has been signed on for the outside-left position. Great things are expected of him. He stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs 12st. 2lb. He is a very fine sprinter, clever with both feet, and centres accurately. He should certainly strengthen the left-wing, which was, at times, rather weak last season.

Reading are now negotiating with two more well-known forwards, and should they "sign" them they should have a very fine side. Fred Paley (late of Newton Heath and Woolwich Arsenal) will again act as trainer: his fourth season with the club.

SOUTHAMPTON.

FINANCIAL considerations have necessitated more changes in the Southampton team than the directors would otherwise have made, and as most of the recruits are young players and almost unknown in first-class football, it would be idle to speculate upon the team's chances in regard to the approaching season. The new comers may or may not justify the sanguine expectations of those officials who engaged them; if they do, as we trust they will, the "Saints" will still be a formidable force in Southern football; but there is the possibility that anticipations may not be realised, in which event the position of the club may be rather serious, and for the following reasons: The "Saints" have never been able to make both ends meet by home receipts alone. In order to obtain a balance it has been necessary to go a considerable way in the national competition.

Abnormal success in the cup ties in 1902 produced a sum that has enabled a five per cent. dividend to be paid ever since, with a substantial nest-egg still remaining, but repeated calls have made extensive inroads upon this reserve, and it has become essential for an augmentation if the club is not to go into debt. Moreover, the time has arrived for considering the question of the renewal of the lease of the Dell, and the owner requires a larger rental. This matter is giving some trouble, and is not yet settled. It will be observed, therefore, that a heavy responsibility devolves upon the new team—one of the cheapest the "Saints" have ever had, it may be remarked in passing—and with so many fresh players there is nothing reliable to guide one in forming an opinion as to next season's prospects. We have to wait and hope.

Amongst the players who severed their connection with the club at the end of April were Meston, Warner, Hartshorn, Lee, Houlker, Tomlinson, Hedley, Brown, and Soye, the bulk of last term's eleven. The departure of Meston, after eleven years' service was regretted throughout the town. No club was ever better served by a player than Soton was by Meston, whose public reward was a benefit that proved a financial failure. He won six Southern League Championship medals and two "runner-up" cup medals while with the "Saints." Meston has football in him yet.

The new players number eleven: they are:—J. Bowden, centre half (West Bromwich Albion), 5ft. 8½in., 11st. 6lb.; W. Radford, centre-forward (Wolverhampton Wanderers), 5ft. 8in., 10st. 12lb.; A. Glen, inside forward (Spurs), 6ft. 1in., 13st. 4lb.; J. Robertson, right half (Bolton Wanderers), 5ft. 8in., 11st 12lb.; F. Everist, outside left (Orpington, Kents, 5ft. 11in., 12st.; H. Glover, right back (Hastings St. Leonard's), 5ft. 9½in., 11st. 6lb.; J. Eastham, right back (Glossop and Blackburn Rovers), 5ft. 9in., 12st.; J. Blocktin, back (Royal Welsh Fusiliers), 6ft., 13st.; J. Maconachie, outside right (Leyton and Spurs), 5ft. 10½in., 11st. 12lb.; W. Gray, half-back (Partick Thistle), 5ft. 9in.; 11st. 10lb.; and R. M'Lean half-back (Newcastle United), 5ft. 9½in., 11st 8lb. The best-known players who have remained are Clawley, Clarke, Hogg, Harrison, and Mouncher. It is probable that Harrison will figure at outside right, Glen pivoting the attack.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

"WE believe the players we have signed-on for the coming season will make our team stronger than it has been for some years past." This decidedly

W. JONES, Tottenham.
(From a photo by Bowden Bros., Bristol.)

optimistic remark made by an official of the Tottenham Hotspur Club rather calls to the mind Rachel Lowe's famous "Rag and bone" song, in the refrain of which we find the words, "It's the same old story, in the same old way." Time will prove whether the cheery tone prevailing out Tottenham way is justified or not, but judging the players as they appear on paper, one cannot fail to be impressed by the playing strength of the men who have succumbed to the persuasive powers of Mr. John Cameron and his directors.

Of the men in training at the Tottenham stud last year, to use a racing metaphor, we find that O'Hagan, Kyle, Carrick, Glen, Murray, M'Connachie, and one or two others of smaller note, have sought fresh woods and pastures new on which to disport themselves; but men of equal, if not greater, merit have filled the breach; at any rate for the sake of Tottenham's prestige, let us hope so.

In the list of new arrivals we find Wilkinson, a full-back from Notts County; Jones, one of the Bristol City half-backs last season, who together with Steel, of Glasgow Rangers, and Badenoch, of Watford, is expected to strengthen the middle division. In the forward line Eames and Reid, of Watford, Pickett, of Workington, the Lancashire Combination club, M'Diarmid, of Dundee, Dow, of Bury, and Walker and Hewitt, of Middlesbrough, may safely be relied upon to make the Tottenham attack a source of trouble to the best defences which the South can produce.

Eames and Reid are already well-known to the Southern football public. Pickett is stated to be a decidedly useful man, and M'Diarmid has a Scottish reputation which he is determined not to tarnish. Dow played many good games for Bury last season, and in Hewitt and Walker the Tottenham executive have secured a couple of highly talented players.

The latter is still a mere boy, who sprang with meteoric suddenness from a purely junior team to prominence as a First Division player with the Middlesbrough club. On Hewitt the limelight of notoriety has been shining with some force during the present close season. Signed by the Tottenham club on the 1st of May, he was reported by the Middlesbrough club for a breach of the Association rules, and for a time his transfer lay in abeyance.

Simultaneously with his decision to travel South, Tom Watson, of Liverpool, offered the Middlesbrough club £400 for his transfer, but after a lengthy correspondence, the Association decided that Hewitt was a Tottenham player for the season 1906-7. If Hewitt is worth so much coin of the realm in the opinion of such an astute judge as Tom Watson, Tottenham have evidently secured what is ambiguously termed a "capture," and at a very cheap rate too.

The following players, who re-signed for the North London club, complete the list: Eggett, Whitbourne, goal; Tait, Watson, Burdin, Chaplin, backs; Morris, Bull, Hughes, Brearley, Darnell, M'Naught, half-backs; Walton, Stansfield, Chapman, Berry, Leach, Whyman, forwards. Woodward has promised his assistance when required. The season will be opened with a Southern League match at home versus West Ham, on September 1.

WEST HAM.

LIKE their near and dear neighbours at Millwall, West Ham had a good time financially last season, while so far as playing results are concerned, they did well enough to encourage hope for better things in the coming campaign. At any rate, the "Hammers" have never regretted leaving the handsome and commodious ground situated in the dreary flats of Canning Town for the compact enclosure in the thickly-populated Upton Park, and, given the necessary support, there is no reason why the League Championship trophy should not sooner or later find a resting-place in the "Hammers'" board room. With that end in view, they are strengthening their team, and though they lost one or two good men last May, they have got some others to fill their places.

Kitchen, who earned golden opinions by his "keeping" last season, is still with the club. Dave Gardiner, the old Newcastle United back, has been long enough now with the Easterners to forget all about the far North, for next month sees the commencement of his third season with them. A rare good back is Gardner, and his heart is always in his work. Hammond, the district lad who partnered Gardner so often last season, is still available for the duty, and, in addition, there are Wildman, from Everton, and Taylor, from Gainsborough Trinity. At half-back the "Hammers" were very strong last season, and the dauntless three who then did duty, Jarvis, Allison, and Piercy, are still members of the side. A fourth is Blyth, whose last team was Newcastle United.

Forward, a good local lad in Hilsdon has left the "Hammers" for Chelsea, but other locals in H. Stapley, the clever amateur who has made such a name for himself as the pivot of the front line, Featherstone, and Bridgman are still with them. These three form the nucleus of a capital scoring front rank, and when it is mentioned that such clever exponents as Watson, Freddy Blackburn, and Grassam are also available, it will be seen that the directors have an unenviable task in declaring which are the five who shall do duty in the opening match at Tottenham. Lindsay (Heart of Midlothian) is the only new forward engaged.

During last season that part of the playing field in front of the grand stand was at times in very bad condition, but since the close season began the groundsmen have done wonders with the pitch. It has been re-sown, and the pretty green carpet which now covers the field may be trusted to last the season out. Ever mindful of the comfort of their patrons, the directors improved all the points of vantage from which a view of the game may be obtained, and for covered accommodation and spectators' convenience generally, the West Ham ground will compare with any in the South.

SOUTHERN NOTES.

[BY GRASSHOPPER.]

TYPICAL BANK HOLIDAY CROWD AT THE OVAL.

Given anything like fine weather, the Surrey v. Notts match at the Oval promises [illegible] method of spending an afternoon [illegible] of holiday makers who cannot afford [illegible] farther afield. Last Monday, however, [illegible] Surrey first favourite in the race [illegible] championship, and Notts going strong [illegible] well, there was something to attract [illegible] as well as holiday folk. The result [illegible] of the best gates seen on the Surrey [illegible] since 1902.

With Lees as the only really fast [illegible] bowler available, Notts made hay while the sun shone, and the feature of the day [illegible] the batting of John Gunn, who went in [illegible] and was fifth out with 136 out of 256 [illegible] one mis-hit, it was a splendid display [illegible] sound yet careful off-side play. The [illegible] once more showed that the present [illegible] make an uphill struggle as well as play a winning game. They did not start too well, but Hayes and Holland came to the rescue, and by some delightfully breezy cricket put on 96 runs in just over the hour. Holland [illegible] remarkably well, and during his partnership with Crawford, which realised 172 runs in an hour and a half, the cricket was [illegible] best. Later on Smith flogged the tired bowlers, and Surrey obtained a lead [illegible] such a wicket there was no chance of the match being brought to a definite conclusion. Notts declared, but it was a mere matter of form. It was a batsman's match, 1,067 runs being scored for the loss of 25 wickets.

KENT PULVERISE SUSSEX

I doubt whether in their palmiest days Kent have been more strongly represented than at present. They were at the very [illegible] of their form on the occasion of the famous Canterbury Festival. In their first match against Sussex, they simply carried all before them. Burnup, Flaker, and Marsham all making "three figures," and Hutchings and Blythe 50's each. One of the most sensational incidents in their big innings was the tremendous hitting of Marsham and Blythe on Tuesday morning, when they added 118 in a few minutes over the half hour.

The breakdown of Sussex especially in their first innings, was inexplicable. With a wicket practically as good as before a ball was bowled, they ought to have done much better, although the bowling and fielding of Kent was of the best. They did better in their second innings, but never looked like averting a single innings defeat. Sussex are sadly missing Fry and Ranji, and want a first-class captain to keep them going.

HANTS EASILY DEFEAT DERBYSHIRE.

Derbyshire must be thankful for the small mercy that they cannot get any lower on the championship ladder. Hampshire did not set them an exceptionally heavy task in the first innings, but A. C. Johnston hit up [illegible] runs in dashing style and saved the situation. Ollivierre and Cadman made a plucky attempt to get the 365 runs wanted to win by adding 197 for the sixth wicket, and had they been all adequately supported the runs would have been obtained.

HEAVY SCORING AT LEYTON

Sussex had another dose of what road-racing cyclists call "acid" at Leyton. Essex went in first and took the liberty of scoring [illegible]. This, of course, was enough to knock all the stuffing out of any team and may in some measure account for the erratic fielding. With the exception of Mead and Russell, nearly everyone was able to improve his average, and the top scorer was Reeves, who with Buckenham knocked up 155 in an hour and ten minutes. After losing Vine and Killick quickly, Sussex made a capital uphill fight, but they failed to maintain the form in their second essay.

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

With the exception of the visit of Lancashire to the Oval, this week's fixtures in or near London are of a very unimportant character. The list affords another instance of the unbusiness-like manner in which many of our fixtures are arranged. Essex are tapping a new neighbourhood, as for the first time a county match will be played at Southend-on-Sea. As a rule first-class cricket does not receive much support at watering places, but I understand that if the present venture proves a success matches may be arranged to other towns of importance in the Eastern county, such as Chelmsford and Colchester.

EXTRAORDINARY BOWLING AT THE OVAL.

The match between Surrey II. and Glamorganshire furnishes some funny reading. The home side, assisted by Stanley S. Harris, the well-known Corinthian forward, monopolised the wicket for the whole of Friday, but on the following day the Welshmen went all to pieces before the bowling of Nice and Meads, and made only 119 in both their innings. The respective figures of the two who were unchanged throughout, are worth giving:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nice	30.2	5	70	12
Meads	29	14	42	8

NEW SOUTHERN LEAGUES.

The most recently elected members of the Second Division of the Southern League, Salisbury City, the holders of the Wiltshire Cup, may not be so well known as some of their colleagues, but Secretary Alf C. White is determined that the club shall occupy a more prominent position in the football world in the future. Amongst other new players secured are Metcalfe (Southampton), Jones (Tottenham and Watford), Honshall (Burslem Port Vale), Hammond (Clapton Orient and Gainsborough Trinity), Radford (Bristol City), and Golding, a young back from Wales, who has been under the supervision of several League clubs. Mr. White's chief officers are: President, A. Whitehead; chairman, C. Haynes; hon. treasurer and assistant secretary, R. G. Chivers.

LANCASHIRE LETTER.

[BY HARRICUS.]

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

The Tyldesley benefit match is fully dealt with elsewhere, therefore I will pass on straightaway to the season's work of the Second Eleven, which on Tuesday finished a disastrous campaign in the Minor Counties competition. Of the eight matches played not one was won outright. A satisfactory start was made by securing two points from Yorkshire on the first innings, but henceforward failure was met with on every hand, and the results show in a bad light the reserve strength of the county. Few men of promise have been unearthed, and it is a reflection on the young men of Lancashire that the veteran captain, Mr. T. Ainscough, should head the batting averages. He was the only centurion—though Makepeace scored 95 not out at Ashton—and from what I saw of the games he was certainly the best batsman of the 30 men who found places in the sides. Makepeace is certainly the only batsman who is likely to develop, and though he was a failure in Tyldesley's match, so far as figures go, I have hopes of him becoming a first-class player. Gregson and Cook were the best bowlers, though Bell's short spell at Burnley showed that he put the Staffordshire batsman in a tangle. And singularly he only appeared as a substitute in this match.

THE AVERAGES.

The batting figures are:—

	No. of inns.	Highest score.	Times not out.	Runs.	Aver.
T Ainscough	15	119	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harrison	4	*39	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
A Hurst	2	47	0	47	[illegible]
Heap	7	65	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Makepeace	9	*95	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ellis	9	52	4	[illegible]	[illegible]
H D Stanning	4	40	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
T A Higson	6	50	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hewitson	2	30	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Williams	11	36	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
J Thwaites	4	57	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
W P Barnes	4	32	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worsley	2	16	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
F L Eaton	2	18	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Throupe	13	*31	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cook	7	32	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rowlands	6	23	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
T Melladew	7	18	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
S E Eaton	4	16	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
W A Mather	4	11	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
M Disley	4	14	0	[illegible]	[illegible]

The others being A. Bell, H. Rhodes, [illegible] Boden, Schofield, Blomley, Gregson, [illegible] Tyldesley (E.). Of the bowlers Gregson took most wickets, but his 27 cost 19.55 runs each, while Cook's 15 entailed an outlay of [illegible] each. Men with reputations as these should not have been so punished in second-class cricket. Again, Leslie Rowland's 9 wickets cost [illegible] each, and, on the whole, the Lancashire bowling had considerably the worst of the battle with the batsmen of the opposing counties. Nor was the fielding above club cricket standard, and I am afraid that the County Committee will have to devise some new method of training young players. In the East Lancashire districts it is asserted that this eleven was no stronger than a picked Lancashire League side, but I am afraid that at times the Leaguers are apt to overrate their strength.

HUNTING FOR PROFESSIONALS.

The Lancashire League clubs are experiencing more difficulty each year in finding suitable professionals, and during the current season some bad bargains were made. In at least two instances professionals have been released, while one club has cancelled an agreement made for [illegible]. League players have told me that professional bowling is not so difficult as it was, but, of course, there is only a professional [illegible] end nowadays. And yet centuries are comparatively scarce this season, about [illegible] told, and five of them by two men [illegible] (Burnley) and Dawson (East Lancashire). Nelson have been very successful in their choice of professionals, but they [illegible] some difficulty in finding a successor to [illegible] bull. They have, however, secured [illegible] Howard, of Redcar, a Holmfirth [illegible] who is experiencing his first season as a professional. The Huddersfield League [illegible] have turned out a good number of professionals, and it is to be hoped that [illegible] will give further tribute to the [illegible] nursery.

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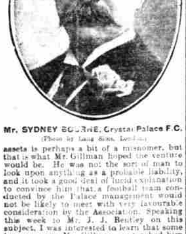
It was one of the pet ambitions of the then manager of the Crystal Palace, the late Mr Gillman, to see representative football introduced into the Palace programme of attractive assets. The word



Mr. SYDNEY BOURNE, Crystal Palace F.C.

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assets is perhaps a bit of a misnomer, but that is what Mr. Gillman hoped the venture would be. He was not the sort of man to look upon anything as a probable liability, and it took a good deal of lucid explanation to convince him that a football team conducted by the Palace management would not be likely to meet with very favourable consideration by the Association. Speaking this week to Mr. J. J. Bentley on this subject, I was interested to learn that some ten years ago Mr. Gillman approached him with the object of starting a team and even went so far as to offer our League President the position of controller-in-chief, but Mr. Bentley was not enamoured of the idea and politely declined the offer. As years went on Mr. Gillman did not abandon hope. Football teams were prospering in all parts of the country and in the Metropolis the game was going ahead by leaps and bounds. But, unhappily, the grim and relentless hand of Death did not permit him to see the consummation of his hopes, for he passed away at the very moment when the first hopeful signs of the formation of a club were making themselves manifest.

But let me dwell for a few moments upon the history of the Palace football enclosure itself—that historic arena which has so often resounded with the joyful cries of victory and the dismal groans of blighted hopes; where the Lancastrian and Yorkshireman, the Brummite and the Cockney, have joined in cheering on the Cup finalists during the past decade, making the "big glass house" fairly shake with their tumultuous cries. It was in the year 1895 that the first final tie was played at the Palace. Four months before the day of the contest, which, by the way, was between Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion, there was not the slightest vestige of a football pitch in the Palace grounds. "We are going to have the Final at the Palace this year," said a Sydenham official to a friend of mine in January, 1895. "But where?" asked my astonished friend. "Oh," replied the official, with a nonchalance which suggested that the matter was only of passing interest, "we shall fill in one of the lakes, and run up a few stands." And true it was, that barely four months later the lake had gone, and in its place was the now famous football ground, upon which the Villa and the Albion fought so strenuously for the possession of the Cup. The annals of the Cup competition contain few records of more exciting contests. It was in this game, I believe, that Higgins, the old Albion man, was badly injured about the head. He temporarily retired, and just as he returned with his head swathed in bandages, the Villa were awarded a corner kick. The ball was accurately placed and a goal seemed imminent, when up came the bandaged head of the Albion man, and the ball flew from the danger zone. So impressed was the late Colonel North with the pluck shown by Higgins that he presented the gallant fellow with a crisp "fiver" at the close of the game. This is but one of many incidents with which the final ties have abounded. At the above-mentioned match the attendance was 42,500, but even this mammoth crowd was small compared with that which witnessed the great game between Sheffield United and Tottenham Hotspur in 1901. The turnstiles on that day recorded the entry of 110,560 persons to the Palace grounds.

When I look at these figures, which speak volumes for the hold the game has taken upon the British public, and then try to realise how, in the Middle Ages, the game was denounced by the Bishops, who viewed with pious horror the "bloody and murthering practice," and how in the days of the Stuarts Acts of Parliament were passed to prohibit the playing of the game, I cannot restrain a smile. How things have changed. Imagine an Act of Parliament in those far-off days declaring the game illegal as it interfered with the practice of archery. Then draw upon your imagination again for a mental picture of what would happen now if Parliament, by legislative means, endeavoured to kill the great winter game. The Russian revolution would be like the man who fell out of the balloon, "not in it."

Now let me turn again to the Palace club. The late Mr. Gillman, shrewd showman that he was, was wise enough to realise that his knowledge of internal professionalism was not of a sufficiently intimate character to warrant him in making any conspicuous move towards the formation of a club, and when Mr. E. F. Goodman, who was then assistant secretary of the Aston Villa Club, applied for a position on the official staff of the Palace, he was engaged, and took up his residence in London shortly after the death of Mr. Gillman. Mr. Goodman was an ideal man to have at hand as adviser and guide, and in the leisure time at his disposal he studied the local situation, and endeavoured to ascertain how far a football club would succeed at the Palace. It was a problem not easy of solution. The question of admission to the matches was one of the greatest difficulties which confronted this young zealot. The usual charge for admission to the Palace is, of course, one shilling, and sometimes more. It was, therefore, obvious that some arrangement with the Palace management would be necessary before the point could be settled. It took weary months to convince the Palace executive of the necessity of allowing spectators to enter the grounds at a charge of sixpence ... but perseverance brought its ... reward, and ... Mr. Goodman's ... Meanwhile ... the formation of a company to be ... and where to find gentlemen sufficiently enthusiastic to finance a scheme which ... little to recommend it was a task of extreme difficulty. It is almost like reciting a page from Sherlock Holmes to record the methods of Mr. Goodman in his quest. "It occurred to me," said Mr. Goodman in telling me the story, "that I might get some assistance from the books of the Palace company dealing with the Cup finals. I looked through the list of those who had been in the habit of taking a number of tickets for the Finals, and I hit upon that of Mr. Sydney Bourne. I saw him, found him particularly enthusiastic and in full sympathy with the idea. In Mr. Bourne I found an excellent sportsman, and, as you see, he is now our chairman." Happy choice.

Luck favoured Mr. Goodman in those days, for he secured the co-operation of a number of gentlemen whose enthusiasm has been and is as effervescent as champagne. A scheme was propounded and a company formed with a nominal capital of £5,000, of which, I believe, £3,000 has been paid up. Mr. Bourne was appointed chairman, and his co-directors were Messrs. H. W. Black, who has since resigned owing to pressure of business, A. St. P. Cufflin, A. Daniel, and Thomas C. Walters. Captain W. Jamieson and Mr. M. Devisley have since been elected to the Board. The position of secretary was given to Mr. E. F. Goodman, to whose efforts the club is largely indebted for its existence. The progress was all very gratifying, but the tortuous path had not quite turned into a smooth and level road. The next step was to procure the benediction of the august F.A., and after all that was not a difficult matter.

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It came as a surprise to the football public to learn that Mr. Jack Robson, whom I have known personally for many years, had accepted the managership of the club and had resigned the secretary-managership of the Middlesbrough F.C. after piloting that organisation through times of stress and trouble to the exalted position of a First League club. Events have proved the wisdom of the Palace directorate in choosing Mr. Robson out of the 80 odd applicants for the post. Included in the number was one gentleman—an amateur, by the way—who gloried in the possession of five English Cup medals. He was an ex-member of the old Wanderers team, who hold, together with Blackburn Rovers, the distinction of being the only club to win the Cup five times. It was on the 28th of April, 1905, that Mr. Robson received the intimation that he had been selected to manage the Palace club, and he lost no time in looking around for likely talent. When the "glorious first" of May dawned he quickly secured the nucleus of a first-class team. Here is a list of the players to whom the Palace club is indebted for their position to-day:—Hewitson (Barnsley), goal; Walker (Wolverhampton), Edwards (Barnsley), Grant (St. Bernards), backs; Innerd and Birnie (Newcastle), Astley (Middlesbrough), half-backs; Thompson (Newcastle), Wallace (Southwick), Harker (Newcastle), Watkins (Sunderland), Ross (Arthurlie), A. Needham (Sheffield United), Roberts (Middlesbrough), A. Wilson (local amateur), and Woodger (amateur, Croydon).

The club commenced its playing career with a United League match at New Brompton, and won by three goals to nil. It was an auspicious start, but the record of games played in September showed only partial success. The first match at the Palace was with Southampton "reserves." I quote the word "reserves" because I hardly think that Hartshorn, Soye, Harrison, Brown, and Burrows considered themselves in that class last year. The home club, after leading by three goals, were

Mr. JACK ROBSON,
Manager, Crystal Palace F.C.

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beaten by four goals to three. Defeated by Watford in the next match, the Palace turned over a new leaf, so to speak, and in the next sixteen matches thirteen were won and three drawn. It was after the New Year that the club gained a most remarkable sequence of victories. Out of twenty-seven matches, twenty were won, six drawn, and only one lost. The defeat was sustained in the Cup-tie with Blackpool, who gave the Palace their quietus only after a third meeting at Birmingham by a goal to nil. After fighting their way through the preliminary rounds of the Cup competition, beating Clapham, 2nd Grenadier Guards, Chelsea, and then Luton in the intermediate round, they caused considerable astonishment amongst the Blackpool people by drawing their game at the Northern Elysium, and when Blackpool visited the Palace another drawn game was the result, the Palace playing after the first ten minutes, and during the extra half-hour, without Astley, who retired injured.

It is common knowledge that the Crystal Palace club were last season at the top of the Second Division of the Southern League, and thus gained the right of entry into the upper flights of Southern football. Financially the season was not a success, but under the circumstances no one expected that it would be. The directors were called upon to advance a considerable amount of money, and they loosened their purse-strings cheerfully. In the early part of the season the "gates" were poor in the extreme, but later, following an appeal by Mr. Cufflin to residents who admired the game to "make the club their own, watch its doings, and rejoice in its victories," more support was forthcoming, and an attendance of 7,000 people at the opening match this season was particularly pleasing. For my own part, I quite agree with Mr. W. M'Gregor, the "Father of the League," who said a few months ago that "there is ample room for a series of professional clubs in and around London; that the high-water mark of prosperity in the Metropolis has not been reached; and that he believes a really good team at the Crystal Palace would be a tremendous draw." For the sake of my friends associated with the Palace Club, not forgetting Trainer Birch, I hope the prophecy will be realised.

The Southern League.

FULHAM'S THIRD GOALLESS DRAW.

WEST HAM WIN AT HOME.

Given ten men in a heap in front of goal, all kicking at once and the ball lying somewhere in the heap, what are the chances of a goal being scored? Judging by what we saw at West Ham on Saturday the chances against it are heavy, for twice was the incident witnessed and twice was the ball got away into safety. Generally goals are accidents and sometimes no-goals are accidents also. When West Ham failed to get the ball into the net from the first of these scrimmages the pessimists on the grand stand were prepared for any disaster, but the team was quite good enough to win. And win it did, Swindon being unable to effectively reply to the two goals scored by Watson and Stapley.

It is true the winners did not get a grip of the game until the second half was under way, but they played convincing football generally and always looked good value for the points. Though the goals came after the change of ends, it was in the first half that we saw the better football. It was a very brisk opening, and after Swindon had made the running West Ham settled down and were buzzing round Ling like so many wasps. Ling and his backs did very well under pressure, both Atterbury and Gill kicking cleanly and well. It was from the left wing that the most dangerous shots came, and both Blackburn and Watson were always prominent figures in the picture. On the other hand, something seemed wrong with the Swindon attacks, the men were seldom together, and only on few occasions did they get within shooting range. When they did get there Kitchen always had something to do, and one effort at a fierce drive from Smith was remarkably good. The midfield play was excellent at times, the half-backs on each side being conspicuous, but near goal both sides failed, bad shooting and good goalkeeping being chiefly responsible.

Probably the game was won five minutes after the change of ends. West Ham laid into their work with a will, and they had the reward of their labours when Watson, taking a forward pass from Jarvis, ran on and crashed the ball past Ling. After this there was only one team in it, for Swindon played erratic football, and the nearest they got to a goal was a long shot by Wardrope, which Kitchen neatly caught. At the other end the "Hammers" were very busy and Ling underwent a regular bombardment, which he came well out of, only to eventually see Stapley run round both the backs and beat him with a lovely cross shot. This took all the heart out of Swindon, though they once nearly bustled Kitchen over the line as he stood holding a shot. Thus by two goals to none West Ham still further improved their position in the League table.

Both teams had done well in their opening engagements, and we had heard great things of the new men on each side. But, so far as West Ham were concerned, the recruits were not particularly striking. Wildman is undoubtedly a good back, but when hustled he is rather apt to suggest his name, and Lindsay, the new outside right, though he showed fair form in the first half, did nothing out of the ordinary. It was the old players who earned the victory. Kitchen was only tested once or twice, Gardner was always reliable, and the half-backs were quite good enough to break up the opposing front rank. Stapley, the home centre forward, does rather a bit too much by himself, though one must not forget that his goal was purely a solo effort. It was the left wing which was always prominent, with Watson easily the best forward on the field. Blackburn is apt to fall into the bad habit of trying to fiddle his half-back and back when it is not necessary.

Ling does not impress one in goal, for he is none too clean in his clearances. The backs are the mainstay of the team, and Gill and Atterbury did enough work for six men and did it well. The halves keep pegging away without suggesting brilliance. Forward they are disappointing, for doing well in midfield, they fall away when near goal.

West Ham.—Kitchen; Wildman, Gardner; Allison, Piercy, Jarvis; Lindsay, Grassam, A. Stapley, Watson, and Blackburn.

Swindon.—Ling; Gill, Atterbury; Beaumont, Bannister, Tout; Birtles, Smith, Lean, Wardrope, and Murphy.

Referee.—R. T. Johns, Hanley.

NORTHAMPTON SURPRISE BRENTFORD.

After their somewhat heavy defeat at the hands of the Crystal Palace much anxiety was felt in Northampton football circles as to the strength of the team. Their fears were in a measure allayed by the form shown against Brentford on Saturday, for on their own ground the "Cobblers" gained a well-deserved victory by four goals to none. Their form, particularly that of the forwards, was most encouraging, and with ordinary luck the season should obtain a fair amount of success. There was a tendency on the part of the backs to miskick, but otherwise the form left little to be desired.

Brentford had their usual team, but, owing to the death of his father, Harry Vann was unable to turn out, Brown filling the vacancy. The opening half was not remarkable for any really good play, and neither goal-keeper was much worked, the majority of the shots made going harmlessly by. Once or twice, however, Williams and Cooch were called upon to exercise their skill, the former having to deal with a rare handful from Brown, whilst the home custodian found some difficulty in clearing a nasty cross shot by Underwood. The half, however, was somewhat uneventful and neither side managed to find the net.

Frost, who had been the weak spot in the home forward line in the initial portion retrieved his reputation in gallant style on changing ends, and was quite the hero of the match. He was indirectly responsible for three of the team's goals, and with the slightest luck would have notched a couple more. The half was only five minutes old when, receiving from Springthorpe, he raced past Taylor and, after a fifty yards sprint placed the ball in the net, the leather touching Watson in its flight. Then came a battle royal. The Brentford forwards livened up. Corbett puzzled the Northampton defenders with his long swinging passes, first to Underwood and then to Pentland. Cooch had some anxious moments, but cleared admirably from Parsonage, Pentland and M'Allister. Then the Northampton forwards who combined with an accuracy which made their work a pleasure to watch, swept down on the Brentford defence. Watkins put to Frost who sent the ball back for the centre-forward to score Northampton's second half-way through the half. Twice after this Frost came within an ace of scoring, and then Watson put the issue beyond doubt by placing through his own goal, whilst just on time a fourth was added by Watkins from Frost's middle.

Northampton's forward work was the feature of the display. Young George Brown made a successful re-appearance at inside left, whilst Walker did well in an unaccustomed position on the outside. Watkins led his men with considerable judgment, and Springthorpe and Frost were great factors in Northampton's success. At half Neal played a great game giving Underwood few opportunities of showing his well-known ability. The backs have not yet settled down, their work being streaky. Neither goalkeeper had much to reproach himself with, but the visiting forwards as a line were only moderate, Pentland and Shanks making by far the most effective wing. The halves did much good work but nothing brilliant, Tomlinson being perhaps the least conspicuous. Though beaten for pace by Frost, Taylor was a safe, quick, and sturdy tackler, and the fact that the ball went into the net twice off Watson may make that player feel very uncomfortable, though his general play left little to be desired.

Northampton.—Cooch; Drennan, Hartshorne; Neal, Marin, Tyrrell; Frost, H. T. Springthorpe, Watkins, Brown and Walker.

Brentford.—Williams; Watson, Taylor; Jay, Parsonage, Tomlinson; Pentland, Shanks, Corbett, M'Allister, and Underwood.

Referee.—A. Green, West Bromwich.

WATFORD'S TRIUMPH.

Although the "Dockers" for some reason or other are never a great draw at Watford, there was an attendance of 5,000, which is a bit above the Watford average, on Saturday, when they opposed Goodall's men. Millwall were content to play the team which defeated Reading, and they opened the game as though they were brimful of confidence. The Watford forward line had undergone a slight change. The left wing had not given satisfaction in the previous games, and it was decided to drop Badger, the old Arsenal reserve, and so give Foster, the ex-Rotherham man, another chance in the centre, Niblo being moved to inside left.

That the change worked well may be judged from the fact that Foster scored both of Watford's goals, though the first was practically a gift to him by Soar. The old Fulham expert went away down the wing from a forward pass by Turner, and Joyce, seeing his backs beaten, dashed out. Soar, as cool as a cucumber, tipped the ball over his head, and Foster, being in his place waiting for the cross, gently side-tapped the ball home. This lead of Watford's was short-lived. The Millwall forwards started swinging the ball from wing to wing in a fashion to bother the home backs, and when Dean dropped over a long pass Twigg outwitted the defence and easily scored. The crowd were soon again on good terms with themselves, for from another of the irrepressible Soar's centres Foster came through a ruck of players for a neat goal.

The pace was fairly well maintained up to the interval, when Watford seemed by no means assured of victory. However, the second half brought out nothing, except, perhaps, some display of tempers. Brown once had the goal at his mercy after his pace had taken him past the half-backs and backs, but the best he could do was to tamely shoot into the stand. Niblo, who was very tricky, worked out a couple of good positions, but on each occasion his shot skimmed the bar. The game fizzled out most tamely, and nobody was sorry when it was all over. Watford deserved their win of 2—1, but were by no means dangerous in front of goal.

The shooting all through was dreadfully weak. Millwall had Hunter off for a short time, but they were a beaten team before this. Their defence always held up well, but the forwards slackened very much after crossing over. Aitken makes Stevenson a fine partner, and of the rest Dean, Comrie, and Hunter did well. On the Watford side Hitch was the star. The ex-Ranger came through from seemingly impossible situations, and was the life and soul of the team. Soar was quite the best forward, but Foster did creditable work, and often opened out the game in capital style. Niblo and Richardson were also smart.

Watford.—Biggar; Aston, Brooks; Main, Hitch, Richardson; Soar, Turner, Foster, Niblo, and Law.

Millwall.—Joyce; Aitken, Stevenson; Riley, Comrie, Blythe; Dean, Hunter, Twigg, Jones, and Brown.

Referee: W. Chadwick, Blackburn.

READING LOSE TO LEYTON.

Reading made an inglorious beginning in their home Southern League engagements when, on Saturday, at Elm Park, in the presence of nearly 6,000 of their devoted admirers, one of the infants of the competition overthrew them by a goal to nothing. The defeat by Leyton was very distasteful, for the simple reason that nearly everybody thought that Reading would garner in the brace of points attached to the match with comparative ease. Instead of the Berks champions being the leaders throughout, it was Leyton who held the advantage. It is due to Leyton to say that they well deserved the victory. It is perhaps too early in the season to go in for a close criticism of the players, but a truthful comment can do no harm to anybody. In a word, Reading played poorly, and Leyton, although they are far from being a polished side, nevertheless, have an inkling of each other's probable movements, and it was this trifling understanding that enabled them to put paid to Reading's account.

The goal which gave the Essex men their victory was by no means a bad one. Certainly a Reading defender missed the ball instead of kicking it, but really Lindsay was not in an easy position to clear, and there was not so much blame to be attached to him as some of the critics appeared to think. The fact of his not getting the ball away, however, let Leyton in possession, and after a tap tap or two Brand netted right out of the reach of Whittaker. This occurred close on the interval. Subsequently Reading played pluckily enough with a view to getting on terms, but their forwards were erratic, and combination was only conspicuous by its absence. The result was that the opposing defenders held them at bay with tantalising ease, and when the leather did happen to pass beyond the halves and backs Draper was there to receive it. He kept a very fair goal, too, if not frequently tested.

Whittaker, at the other end of the ground, was one of the safest men on the field. The Leyton backs and half-backs were coolness personified, and but for several questionable tactics, Moles would work out as the most serviceable half among the six. Several free kicks against him might have spelt the downfall of his side, and he will do well to conform more to the rules in future. He was not the only sinner on the Leyton side, and on a few occasions the Reading centre half, Comrie, also forgot himself. The blemishes were not bad ones, but, unless checked, they might develop. Leyton's forwards were smarter than those of Reading's, of whom, perhaps, M'Cafferty and Grundy were the pick. Teams:—

Leyton.—Draper; Meredith, Ramsay; Bidmead, Moles, Banks; Hesham, Brand, Turnbull, Busby, and Kelly.

Reading.—Whittaker; Lindsay, Herbert Smith; Gettins, Comrie, Brown; Turnbull, Allman, M'Cafferty, Godley, and Grundy.

Referee: A. Tearle.

BRISTOL ROVERS' FAILURE.

Matches between Bristol Rovers and Tottenham Hotspur have always been a big attraction at Bristol, and Saturday's display was no exception to the rule, for, if the Rovers were the better side in the first half, the "Spurs" came strongly at the start of the second portion, when they scored their third, and what proved to be the winning goal. The spectators had a fine bustling ninety minutes' play to watch. At the start the Rovers had to face the sun, which was very trying, but, despite that, Bristol were the aggressors in the opening movement, for they got away on the left, and Owens made the crossbar shake with a very strong effort. The "Spurs" responded, and exciting play led to a corner on the left. Dow placed it well, and Eames opened the scoring. It took Rovers some little time to find their bearings after this, but gradually they got the better of the "Spurs'" halves, amongst whom Bull was brilliant. The home front rank put in several bouts of passing, and Clark and Young were conspicuous. They were repeatedly fed, but it was from the left that the Rovers' equalising point came after half an hour's play. Walker forced himself into a good position through Watson leaving him unmarked, and the Bristol inside tried a fairly slow drive. Eggett fell, but he was a fraction of a second too soon, and the ball travelled into the net. A much better goal for the Rovers was that scored four minutes later by Young, as it was the crowning point of a very pretty bout of passing. Bristol had deservedly secured the lead, but they lost it a minute from the interval in very dramatic fashion. Cartlidge gave a corner in clearing from Hewitt, and when Dow centred from the flag Cartlidge tried to reach the ball as it was sailing untouched into the net. He just got his fingertips to the ball, and had the mortification of seeing the referee point to midfield. The "Spurs" played in very good style when the second half was started, and then it was that the best play of the match was seen. The "Spurs'" half-backs and forwards combined very finely, while Pudan and Hales rose to the occasion, and would concede nothing more tangible than corners. Three of these for the "Spurs" proved futile, but just after one had been cleared Bull took a pot shot with Cartlidge quite unprepared, and with that effort he won the match. The Rovers once went very near equalising again, through Eggett nearly putting the ball into his own goal in clearing. Without a doubt the "Spurs" were the better side, but they did not deserve to be on level terms at the interval, as the run of the play up to that point had been largely in the Rovers' favour. Where the "Spurs" enjoyed the greatest advantage was at half, whilst their forwards lasted better than the Bristol five. The backs on both sides were good, without being brilliant, and the same may be said of the goalkeepers.

Bristol Rovers.—Cartlidge; Hales, Pudan; Hutchinson, Appleby, Jarvie; Clark, Young, Owens, Walker, Gould.

Tottenham Hotspur.—Eggett; Watson, Chaplin; Morris, Bull, Hughes; Walton, Hewitt, Eames, Pickett, and Dow.

Referee: J. H. Pearson.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Although the "Saints" have made an inauspicious commencement, it is scarcely advisable to condemn the team straight away; but it is beyond contradiction that the side has not reached the standard attained by their predecessors. Their work against Norwich City on Saturday was at times crude, and never brilliant. Perhaps the enforced retirement of Glover shortly before the interval, caused by an injury, upset them; but, whatever the cause, the men have yet to prove their right to be regarded as fitting representatives of Southampton.

As the display at Swindon the previous week did not give satisfaction, two changes were made, Harris and Robertson superseding Jefferis and Gray, while Norwich commanded a full side. Play at the opening suggested a good game, the visiting forwards being nippy and well together. Neither did the Southampton offensive movements lack cohesion, but once the half-backs gripped the situation both vanguards deteriorated. Perhaps they were not wholly to blame, for their intermediate lines rendered them very poor support, principally devoting their attention to tackling opponents. So the game lagged on, with occasional flashes of individual brilliance saving it from utter failure.

The first of these bright incidents was a perfect centre by Harrison, which Harris's cranium banged into the net. Five minutes later Ronaldson had drawn level, after a very clever run across the goal mouth and a surprise screw shot that completely baffled Clawley. Midway through the second half, when the team were all sixes and sevens on account of the adoption of the one-back game, Harrison dropped in another lovely centre, and Mouncher converted. The referee seemed to have some doubt as to Mouncher's position, but he gave the "Saints" the point.

ALEC GLEN, Southampton.

The home players were apparently content with what they had obtained, and concentrated their efforts in defence. This gave Norwich their chance, and, with Ross indulging in individual dashes, the position of the "Saints" became precarious. Ross blundered at an open goal, shooting wide, but made amends by darting past Clarke and beating Clawley, who was helpless. Thus a disappointing contest ended in a draw.

Only in goal could the "Saints" claim to possess an advantage. By reason of Thompson's lack of confidence, he very nearly let Radford through at the start of the game by muffing a free kick. Clarke defended valiantly, and kicked quite as well as M'Ewen and Archer, whose work left little to be desired. It was at half-back that matters went agley, and the chief fault of both trios was that they would persist in booting as hard as possible. If anything, Southampton were the greater sinners in this way.

In the Norwich front line Ronaldson and Ross were frequently conspicuous, and were quite the most effective players in either front rank. The old Bury lad always required watching in the vicinity of his opponents' goal. Southampton's vanguard were disappointing. Glen was too apt to hang back, although his object in so doing was to help his half-backs. Radford infused plenty of dash into his work, but could not be regarded as a pivot in the real sense of the term. Still, he worried the visiting backs more than any other member of the quintette. Harris, who rarely played up to his reputation last year, was erratic, and Mouncher, too, was disappointing. Harrison was principally responsible for the two goals that accrued to his side, for any junior could have converted centres he sent in.

Southampton.—Clawley; Clarke, Glover; Hogg, Bowden, Robertson; Harrison, Glen, Radford, Harris, and Mouncher.

Norwich City.—Thompson; Archer, M'Ewen; Livingstone, Bushell, Bemment; Birnie, Wood, Ronaldson, Ross, and Chalmers.

Referee: W. Gilgryst, Manchester.

ARGYLE'S FIRST WIN.

The conditions at Plymouth were unfavourable to good football. A sweltering sun shone down on a baked ground, and it was altogether too hot for football. The sad plight in which Argyle find themselves thus early in the season may be imagined when it is stated that Noon, Brown, Hughes, Garratt, Swann, and Corrin were all unable to play on account of injuries. To lose six men out of seventeen is a tremendous handicap, particularly if there are few local reserves to call upon. Happily Argyle have a useful amateur back in F. W. Black, who toured with the Pilgrims, and he was again available. The half-backs were changed about, Thorpe coming into the centre and Clark on the right, with the younger brother of Manager Fullarton on the left. For the first time George Smith performed at inside right, his proper place.

All these alterations, rendered inevitable by force of circumstances, were believed to weaken the defence, but strengthen the attack. As it turned out, however, the eleven were much stronger all round than at Portsmouth. It must be admitted that New Brompton did not provide so powerful an opposition as Pompey, but the methods and general play of Argyle showed conspicuous improvement. They fully deserved to win by more than two goals to one in a fast, open game.

The factors which operated against a bigger score were the fine goalkeeping by Martin and faulty marksmanship by the home forwards. The performance of the little Brompton custodian was the feature of the match, one particularly fine save at full length from Brierclife being loudly cheered. The Brompton half-backs and backs were badly beaten in the first half, when they had the sun in their eyes. Excellent combination by the Argyle forwards, among whom Wright was a conspicuous figure, gave them no rest whatever, and, after M'Laughlin had scored the first goal at the end of nine minutes' play, and M'Kenzie a second after twenty minutes, Argyle looked like piling up a heavy score, Martin alone prevented other goals being scored.

Although M'Laughlin was lacking in dash he was very clever in association with Wright, and the pair led attack after attack. M'Kenzie was quick off the mark, and his goal was a beauty. Receiving from Thorpe he burst through on his own and finished with a lightning shot from short range. On the whole the Sunderland lad did not control the ball too well, and thus chances were lost.

In the second half the right wing was not so good as the left, Smith being rather unsuccessful in some of his work, but Briercliffe played grandly. Steve Smith and Morgan were easily the best of the Brompton forwards, of whom Cunliffe got a goal twenty minutes after the restart. The point should have been averted without difficulty. Argyle's half-backs were better than expected. Thorpe was a masterful centre, quite overshadowing Lee, and feed his forwards with fine judgment. Clark and Fullarton were good, the last-named being full of vigour and consistency. Orrell and Black kicked well, and the goalkeeper had little to do. Walker, Mavin, and Elliott worked very hard in the visiting defence, which, however, was lucky not to have more points registered against it. At the same time Warrington missed an easy chance, which would have made the scores level. Eight thousand spectators were much pleased with Argyle's form.

Argyle.—Sutcliffe; Orrell, Black; Clark, Thorpe, Fullarton; D. Briercliffe, G. Smith, M'Kenzie, Wright, and M'Laughlin.

New Brompton.—Martin; Walker, Floyd; Lloyd, Mavin, Elliott; Warrington, Cunliffe, Lee, Morgan, and Smith (S.).

Referee: G. H. Muir, Southampton.

FULHAM FORWARDS FAIL AGAIN.

For the third successive time the Fulham forwards failed to score on Saturday, and for the third successive time the men behind prevented their opponents from scoring also. Truth to tell there was a sad lack of understanding amongst the home forwards, and against breaking half-backs of the quality of F. Hawkes, White, and R. Hawkes this was fatal. R. C. Hamilton was the only forward on the Fulham side who showed any intelligent appreciation of the methods necessary to circumvent the lively men opposed to them. Wheatcroft was weak, but as he was unwell, he can be excused. Threlfall was not bad, but he appeared to think it necessary to dodge F. Hawkes or Jackson before parting with the ball—a mistake he paid for time after time. Edgeley and Bell did a few good things, but not many together.

In contrast, the Luton forwards, with the best defence in the South against them, seemed quite well together, but it was only in contrast, for their work was rather ragged. Barnes and Pickering were the better wing, Schofield and Warner being less prominent. Sandy Brown played a much better game than in the corresponding fixture last season.

It is almost impossible to find fault with the Luton defenders. The half-backs were so clever and energetic that even when circumvented they had generally taken the sting out of the attack, thus leaving Jackson and M'Curdy masters of the situation. The latter pair defended well, their heading being particularly fine. Platt had very few really hot shots to stop, yet one save from a free kick taken by Ross was particularly fine.

The game was one which it is easier to criticise than describe. There was no lack of incident, but it was not of the describable sort. "Bob" Hawkes' cleverness, for instance, caused the crowd frequently to applaud, yet it is nearly impossible to pick out any particular bit of neat footwork or accurate feeding. The game was even to a degree, each side in turn taking up the futile attack. The Fulham goal seemed oftener in danger than that of Luton, but Luton's had the narrowest escape, a header of Edgley's, which was going dead home, hitting M'Curdy on the shoulder.

Bell had the opportunity of the match in the second half, a beautiful pass from Hamilton giving him a clear opening, but he shot outside. Once Fryer had quite a succession of shots to save, and as one or two—notably one from Barnes—were unexpected, he is to be congratulated upon being so alert. Thorp seemed a little better than Ross on the day, the latter seeming to spare himself. He was not expected to play, but he is no malingerer. The initial appearance of Collins marked no relapse from his usual vigour: his tackling was particularly fine, comparing even with that of Bob Hawkes. Morrison spoiled the cohesion of the other side in his usual bare-faced fashion, but forward nursing—never very conspicuous—was altogether absent. Goldie was his usual methodical self, but he might have employed the ball better in sending it to Hamilton oftener. He is rather inclined to favour Threlfall to the exclusion of the others.

Fulham.—Fryer; Ross, Thorp; Collins, Morrison, Goldie; Bell, Edgley, Hamilton, Wheatcroft, and Threlfall.

Luton.—Platt; Jackson, M'Curdy; F. Hawkes, White, R. Hawkes; Schofield, Warner, Brown, Pickering, and Barnes.

Referee: R. Horrocks, Bolton.

PORTSMOUTH DRAW AT BRIGHTON.

The promising form shown by Brighton Albion's new team in the Southern League game at Leyton and the mid-week United League fixture against Luton at home, attracted about eight thousand people to the Goldstone Ground. Last season, Portsmouth soundly thrashed Brighton, winning both away and at home by five goals to none, and the Albion had something to wipe off the slate. They were voted good enough to hold Pompey, and the result—a draw of one goal each—suggests that they succeeded. The score, however, rather flattered the Albion, who hardly deserved to share the points.

The home forwards failed to reproduce the dazzling form they showed against Luton. They put up a good show in the first half, but went all to pieces in the second. Partly, this may be attributed to the poor support the half-backs gave them throughout the game. The middle line must certainly be pointed to as the weak spot in the team. Kent is a glutton for work, but has much to learn yet in the fine points of the game, and of the new men, A. Smith and W. M'Donald, it is impossible to say at present that either is worth his place. They may give a far better account of themselves when they have become accustomed to their new environment, but in neither of the two Southern League matches brought off so far have the half-backs been effective in defence or attack. Against Pompey their weakness threw a great deal of extra work on the men behind them, and but for Hugh M'Donald, Turner, and Gregory, the visitors would have easily walked off with both points.

The start put the Albion supporters on good terms with themselves, play having only been in progress a few minutes when, from neat work between Allsopp, Anthony, Lewis, and Joynes, the last-named scored with a fast low shot. When, however, Pompey—who, by the way, were cheered on by a big contingent of excursionists—settled down, it became obvious that they were strong in attack and defence. The equaliser came half an hour after the start, W. Smith taking a fine pass from Buick, and finding the top corner of the net with a beautiful shot. Throughout this half it was a keen and interesting struggle, but after the change of ends there was only one team in the picture, and that was Pompey.

Skilfully fed by Buick, their forwards combined cleverly, and, except in defence, the Albion became demoralised. Portsmouth were nearly always attacking, and it was well for Brighton that Macdonald rose to the occasion. He gave a magnificent display, several of his clearances being brilliant in the extreme. He had a fine pair of backs in front of him, and they had the satisfaction of staving off defeat. No share of the credit rests with the halves, who went from bad to worse, while the forwards seemed to lose heart, and for the most part played scrambling football. They recovered somewhat in the closing stage, but Philip had very little to do. The visitors' backs and halves also had a comfortable time, and Bainbridge, Dalrymple, and W. Smith were conspicuous in a well-balanced forward line. Teams:—

Brighton.—H. Macdonald; Turner, Gregory; A. Smith, Kent, W. M'Donald; Anthony, Lewis, Hall, Joynes, and Allsopp.

Portsmouth.—Philip; Bowman, Walker; M'Donald, Buick, Digweed; Bainbridge, Dalrymple, Kirby, W. Smith, and Buckler.

Referee: J. T. Howcroft, Bolton.

POINTS FOR PARK ROYALISTS.

The Crystal Palace team which on the opening day of the season had easily vanquished Northampton, had their first severe test in the League on Saturday when they visited Park Royal to oppose the Queen's Park Rangers, and let it be said at once that they emerged from the ordeal quite creditably. They were defeated, it was true, but the margin was the narrowest possible, and it will be difficult to take points away from Park Royal this season.

The South London team brought a good many supporters with them, but the chief interest of the seven thousand spectators centred in the new men in the Rangers front rank, where only Ryder, of last season's lot, was performing. On the right, Green (Middlesbrough) and O'Donnell (Sunderland) operated. Anderson, late Sheffield United, took the centre position, and Blake, the Newcastle United reserve, was on the extreme left. The new men played satisfactorily, but it is open to question whether one or two are any improvement on last season's string—now held in reserve—and some slight alteration of the line would not be surprising.

The most convincing of the line was O'Donnell, who for thirty-five minutes played fine football that was not equalled by any forward on the field. At that point the Lincoln—Sunderland lad was badly shaken in a collision, and never played with the same confidence afterwards. He simply made Green play, and in the early stages, that wing was somewhat too warm for Forster and Wills, and gave the Rangers the only goal of the match after fifteen minutes. They forced a corner, which Green placed, and Downing headed into the net. The Rangers' left wing were very quiet up to this point, and it was not until the second half that Anderson and Blake showed their real mettle, when the latter caught the eye with some nice centres and trimming shots. But the greatest strength of the Rangers is behind, where M'Lean is the only new-comer.

The south London forwards found the Rangers rearguard made of sterner stuff than Northampton's, Woodger and Roberts being repeatedly checked by White and Yenson, while Wallace and Harker did not play up to their form of the previous week. Still the Palace team is undoubtedly strongest in front, and their halves and backs, individually and collectively, were not up to the standard of the Park Royal representatives. Therefore, although both teams missed turning to account several distinct chances, it will be gathered that the Rangers fully deserved their win by a goal to nothing. It was a hard struggle, however, from beginning to end, and Astley, the old Millwall forward, who resumed his position at centre half for the Palace team in place of Ryan, stood the hard gruelling as well as the younger men alongside.

The game needs little description. It was characterised by long passing, swift rushing, and strong kicking. At Park Royal they consider three points out of two matches good business, and they only require that the team should keep up to that standard. The authorities at the Palace also have no reason to be dissatisfied with their team, and it is more than likely that when heavy grounds are the rule, the South Londoners will be even more effective.

Queen's Park Rangers.—Howes; White, Newlands; Yenson, M'Lean, Downing; Green, O'Donnell, Anderson, Ryder, and Blake.

Crystal Palace.—Hewitson; Edwards, Wills; Innerd, Astley, Forster; Wallace, Harker, Woodger, Needham, and Roberts.

Referee: A. Farrant, Bristol.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
West Ham	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Brighton and Hove	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
Queen's Park Rgrs	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Tottenham H'spur	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Watford	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Luton	2	0	0	2	1	1	2
Crystal Palace	2	1	1	0	5	1	2
Bristol Rovers	2	1	1	0	5	3	2
Leyton	2	1	1	0	1	1	2
Millwall	2	1	1	0	3	3	2
Norwich City	2	0	0	2	2	2	2
Brentford	2	1	1	0	2	4	2
Northampton	2	1	1	0	4	3	2
Plymouth	2	1	1	0	2	2	2
Swindon	2	1	1	0	2	2	2
Fulham	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Southampton	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Reading	2	0	2	0	1	3	0
New Brompton	2	0	2	0	1	5	0

MATCH PLAYED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5.

*Watford	2	Tottenham H.	2

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S GAMES.

*West Ham	2	Swindon	0
*Plymouth	2	New Brompton	1
*Brighton & Hove	1	Portsmouth	1
*Watford	2	Millwall	1
Leyton	1	*Reading	0
*Northampton	4	Brentford	0
*Queen's Park Ran.	1	Crystal Palace	0
*Southampton	2	Norwich City	2
Tottenham Hotspur	3	*Bristol Rovers	2
*Fulham	0	Luton	0

(Played on the ground of the club marked *.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Crystal Palace v. Fulham — J. Mason
J. R. Schumacher and T. Latimer.

Plymouth Argyle v. Bristol Rovers — J. B. Brodie
W. E. Moule and J. H. Wiltshire.

Brentford v. Queen's Park Rangers — T. Armitt
E. N. Sharpe and W. Pollock.

Luton v. Southampton — A. J. Barker
W. W. Raney and F. W. Barton.

Millwall v. Northampton — A. Green
A. E. Payne and C. T. Baker.

Leyton v. Watford — J. W. Bailey
A. E. Wieck and A. O'Donnell.

Portsmouth v. Reading — R. Smith
E. Fletcher and W. Jennings.

New Brompton v. Brighton and Hove — F. Gardner
F. Miles and H. V. Rilsten.

Norwich City v. West Ham — E. Case
M. Pearson and T. Hawes.

Swindon v. Tottenham Hotspur — J. H. Pearson
E. Hall and C. H. Smith.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Section A.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Brentford v. Chelsea — A. J. Kips
E. B. Athawes and Serg. W. Mortimer.

Queen's Park R. v. Fulham — J. T. Howcroft
A. G. Milton and G. Harston.

Section B.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Tottenham H. v. Southampton — A. Hargreaves
R. Beckley and T. J. Tappin.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Portsmouth v. West Ham United — D. Hammond
D. Gordon and E. H. Lansley.

SOUTHERN CLUB CHATTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

BRENTFORD.

BADLY HIT AT NORTHAMPTON.

When the "Innocents" were writing up prospects Northampton were regarded as the weakest team in the Southern League. In reply to that charge they made backs of Brentford on Saturday, and no other club in the competition scored as many goals as four. It is curious to note that the "Cobblers" won at Northampton last April by a margin of goals exactly similar—four to none. To-day at Griffin Park all the interest of the sporting day will be centred in a Western League match against Chelsea.

BRIGHTON.

CLEVER FORWARDS.

The Albion's front line gives every promise of being one of the best in the South this season, and the directors consider themselves particularly fortunate in securing Hall, of Stoke. Both in the opening match at Leyton and in Wednesday's United League fixture against Luton he was the star artist, and in addition to engineering the approach work skilfully he frequently gets on the target when it comes to shooting. Although Luton had their full League team out, with the exception of Bob Hawkes, they were never in the running, the Albion putting up 7 goals to 2.

CHELSEA.

STEPPING INTO THE BREACH.

The injury to Byrne against Glossop made way for Whiting, who, when he played on the marshes at West Ham earned the sobriquet of "Pom Pom." On the occasion of the Western League match at Craven Cottage, he showed remarkably good form, although he is a trifle impulsive. On his day he is like a highly-charged electrical machine, and kicks like a wagon of mules. When he faced the Norwich City forwards at Newmarket-road he wore the colours of Tunbridge Wells Rangers, and ever and again one heard his stentorian "right" floating across the ground, until one critic declared that his voice was as big as one of his kicks.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

A CLEVER FORWARD.

Woodger, the Croydon youth, who gave such satisfaction in his trials with the Palace team last season, and who was signed on as a professional for the present season, has established his claim to the centre-forward position in the premier eleven. He was a great success against Northampton, and what he lacks in physique, is more than counterbalanced by the sharp nippy way in which he goes through the opposing defence. He is a superb marksman and knows the value of co-operating with his colleagues.

FULHAM.

A SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONAL.

Frank Charlton is a native of Southwick-on-Wear, in which place he was born 21 years ago. Even as a schoolboy he showed form above the average, and it is not surprising that he possesses an international schoolboy cap. During his four years connection with the Southwick Club he played both left and right back, and he was thrice chosen to play for the Wearside League in representative matches. He is 5ft. 8in. high, and weighs 11 stone, but so clean-limbed that he hardly looks his weight.

ELKIN SATISFACTORY.

The fact of Collins being placed hors-de-combat so early might have caused an upset, for the club has only six half-backs signed-on as such. But luckily some of the recruits are players of the ubiquitous order, and Elkin, the one chosen to fill the vacancy caused by Waterson's promotion, did so to everybody's satisfaction.

Charitable-minded football supporters are requested not to forget the match next Monday: Fulham v. Rest of Southern League, at Craven Cottage, for the benefit of the widow of the late secretary, H. E. Jackson.

LEYTON.

A SURPRISING VICTORY.

A well-known Southern League captain predicted that the Leyton Club would have a century of goals scored against them before the New Year, but it is just possible that he will deny the charge after Reading's defeat at Elm Park. It cannot be said that Leyton are a great side, but they know the art of bustling, and we need hardly remind our friends in Berkshire that Southampton were the only club last season to take away all the points from Reading.

NEW BROMPTON.

AN INDIFFERENT START.

The Kentish team have not got off the mark in such a good style as was anticipated. On the play they ought to have accomplished the trick against Bristol Rovers, but Cartlidge proved invincible in goal. He had far more shots to stop than Martin, the home custodian. Over-confidence had a lot to do with the eleven sharing the United League points on Monday.

NORTHAMPTON.

A WANDERER'S RETURN.

The Town have secured the services of an old player in the person of George Brown, late of Watford. Brown, who at the time he figured for Northampton was the youngest player in the Southern League, returns to his old love after two seasons with Watford. He is not yet 22, and on Saturday found a place in the team owing to the absence of Harry Vann, and acquitted himself well. Including Brown, the Northampton forward line on Saturday possessed three players who learned their football at, and are natives of, Wolverton. The two others are Frost and Walker.

NORWICH CITY.

A WEIGHTY ATTACK.

There is plenty of weight in the Norwich side, the average reaching almost 12 stone with a judicious mixture of youth and experience combined. A good start was made in drawing with the League champions ... victory over Leyton away ... League speaks for itself. ... Jack Sharp's understudy ... of the greyhound type has ... doctor's hands, but is now ... covered.

MANAGER BOWMAN REINSTATED.

Thompson, the old Bury custodian, has proved immensely safe in the opening ... He is a very reliable keeper ... second string are a rather warm ... will make a good show in the ... League. Manager John Bowman has ... reinstated by the Football Association.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

THE INJURED LIST.

To have six men either completely on injured list or playing when they really ought to be resting is bad enough for a club ... plenty of material, but for one with seven professionals all told the case is ... worse. In the only practice game that took place, Hughes, the ex-Liverpool half, ... received a nasty blow which demanded specialist's treatment. This made it ... for the best line of forwards to be put ... inasmuch as it was thought inadvisable ... play an inexperienced man at half. ... (recently) George Smith, late of Blackburn, ... was to have operated at inside right, ... play at half. In the first match Orrell ... and Corrin and Swann (forwards) ... injured, which meant that in the ... match two local amateurs had to be ... upon, for Brown, the ex-Villa back, ... troubled with a bad knee. Against Tottenham Noon and Garratt also hurt their legs.

FULLARTON WANTED AS A PLAYER.

This is not a good start, coupled with the experience at Portsmouth. It was then evident that the men would need a few weeks to settle down to anything like effective combination. True, there was a great improvement when the "Spurs" were met in a Western League match last Monday; but still patience will be needed before the men will ... together properly, assimilating their ... and methods. The brilliant form of Sutcliffe ... matter for great satisfaction in these early days when the defence has been partially wrecked by accidents. The way he retains his form is wonderful, for be it known he has had ... years of first-class football under both codes. Matters would be mended considerably if W. H. Fullarton, the new manager, were able to play. As to that, however, negotiations are still proceeding with Nottingham Forest.

PORTSMOUTH.

GATE RECORDS.

Portsmouth had a capital send off. In ... about 18,000 paid for admission, the takings working out between £500 and £600. The biggest attendance recorded on the ground was ... 1902, when Derby County attracted 22,000 ... in an English Cup-tie, and £1,070 was taken at the turnstiles. The biggest Southern League gate was taken the following year, when Southampton were the visitors. On that occasion, 21,447 persons were present, and £64... taken in gate money.

A STRANGE THEORY.

Some discussion has been caused in local football circles by the method adopted by Philip for saving penalty kicks. Unlike most other custodians, Philip favours the idea of going to the side of his goal and preparing to run across just as the penalty-kicker is about to shoot. He thinks that by these tactics he decreases the chance of the kicker, who does not know exactly where the goalkeeper will be when the shot is taken, and is therefore the more liable to get flurried. Philip is very confident, but his theory will not find many supporters we think, although he has been pretty successful in the matter of saving penalties.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.

BLAKE IS TAKING THE EYE.

It was quite evident from the attendance at Park Royal on Saturday that the public have not forgotten the West End club as one of the forces of Association football in ... London. On the play against Crystal Palace, however, it cannot be said that the forwards as a line quite realised expectations, and Bevan, in the centre, is sure to be moved during the opening matches. Of the ... of Blake there can be no question. The ... winger is an opportunist from top to toe, and cuts no time to waste in the execution of his deeds in midfield. White has been appointed captain of the side—a popular choice—and Jerry Newlands takes the vice.

READING.

FIRST HOME ENGAGEMENTS.

Reading got off the mark at Elm Park on Wednesday in really good style, and to defeat the Bristol Rovers in a Western League match by two goals to nothing was no mean performance. Reading accomplished this ... when lacking the services of their captain Herbert Smith whose deputy was a young player named Hart, formerly of the Morpeth Harriers. This was the Northerner's first appearance in the Reading eleven, and he made an exceedingly favourable impression. He plays with the coolness of a veteran. Next Wednesday's engagement, at Reading, with the Woolwich Arsenal is being anxiously looked forward to. This is the match which the "reds" owe Reading over the transfer of Garbutt, which took place last season, and subsequent to which the Arsenal speedily improved their position on the League table. Garbutt was a great favourite in Reading and it is hoped he will turn out next week.

READING'S LATEST SIGNATURE.

Fred Bartholomew, who has frequently played for Berks and Bucks, and who has for several seasons assisted the Reading amateurs, has signed a professional form for ... Reading. His age is 21, he stands 5ft. ... and weighs 11st. He really prefers the ... half position; but he has done well at ... and forward.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE NEW SKIPPER.

George Clawley, the goalkeeper, has been appointed captain, and Alec Glen, the old Hotspur, vice-captain. Clawley is the last of the old brigade. He is the only "Saint" who participated in the memorable "blizzard" semi-final Cup-tie at the Palace some eight years ago.

AN OFFER FROM BRAZIL.

A club in Brazil, having asked Mr. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, to recommend them a trainer, that gentleman communicated with J. Yates, the old Sheffield and Southampton player, with a view to his accepting the position. Yates has had experience of the sort before, for two years or so ago he went to teach the boys of ... mark how to shoot.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

WOODWARD WANTED.

Great disappointment prevailed in Tottenham as the result of last Saturday's ... against West Ham, and during the two ... week matches many experiments have been made. The team played better at Watford on Wednesday in the Southern ... which ended in a draw—a similar result ... last year. But further improvement is needed if the traditions of the club are to be kept up. Woodward's return is greatly anticipated, and there is no doubt his presence in the team will make a remarkable difference.

CHAPLIN'S PROMISE.

Chaplin, at left back, played well on Monday and Wednesday, and it will be difficult to keep him out of the regular side. Hewitt has been rather disappointing, but the ... against him. Pickett, the diminutive ... from Workington, showed fine form at ... Plymouth, and with greater experience will be an acquisition.

WATFORD.

A MID-WEEK DRAW.

A record Wednesday "gate" for Watford, £101—witnessed a drawn game with the "Spurs" on Wednesday. Hitch scored a beautiful goal for Watford, and Hewitt equalised for the White Hart-lane brigade. The "Spurs" made many chances, but at ... right played Badenoch, late of Watford, instead of Walton. The home left wing was very weak, and the home supporters were surprised at Badger and Law being ... after their failure at Brentford.

A CHANGE THAT WORKED.

Foster was introduced into the front ... against Millwall, and, besides scoring ... goals, opened out the game well. Niblo ... more at home at inside left than ... centre, and doubtless the present ... will be persevered with. Over 5,000 saw ... day's game, so that it is evident the ... Watford will receive will be greater ... season than last.

WEST HAM.

COLLAPSED IN THE DRESSING ROOM.

When Grassam, the inside right, who has played a fine game with Lindsay ... turn for fifteen minutes after the interval on Saturday, the people at Boleyn Castle ... what was the matter. ... lapsed in the dressing room. He ... suffering from influenza ... should certainly have rested ... part in a strenuous game. ... appeared after the interval and ... on the wing.

NOT THE F. A. WALL.

Visitors to Boleyn Castle ... stand from the rear. ... improvement, and those who ... historical will notice the ... built in the seventeenth century ... the grand stand. Once it ... of the Nevills mansion ... fancy who suffered during ... disturbances.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

NO THIRD TEAM.

It has been stated that ... string of local players ... Woolwich. Mr. Kelso ... many difficulties in the way ... all the matches would have to ... from home.

DUCAT'S RETURN FROM ...

Ducat has started the season ... ing ... played in the ... injury at Manchester ... for at least another ...

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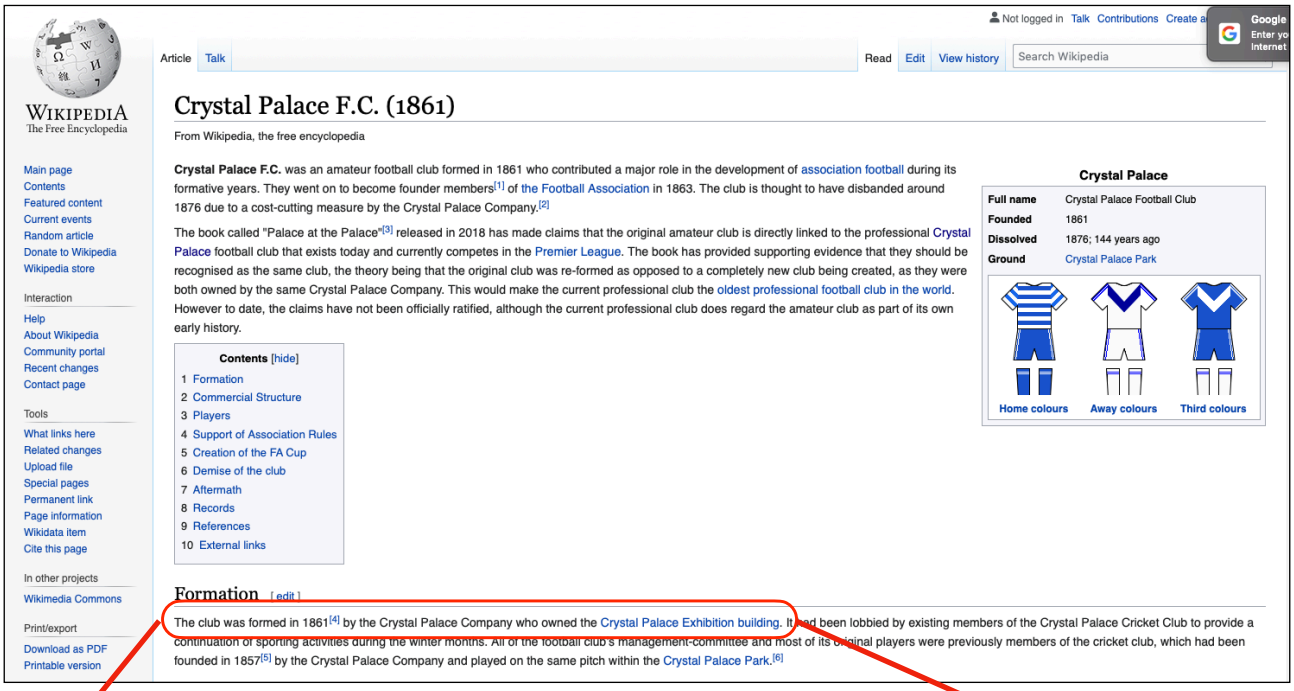
Origin of Crystal Palace 1861 - Wikipedia Entry

A lot of work has recently gone into updating the Wikipedia page of the CP1861. We have noticed that a lot of people who are getting excited at Peter Mannings version of events are citing that because the 1861 club were owned by the Crystal Palace Company and that because the CPC became majority shareholders of the new 1905 club that this proves the connection between the two.

Their belief seemingly comes from two places. Peter Manning's claims that are being promoted by CPFC and that these are consistent with the Wikipedia entry. It is likely but not certain that these are one of the same, ie the club are involved in updating the Wikipedia page, but this may not be the case.

Here is the Wikipedia page:



Crystal Palace F.C. (1861)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Crystal Palace F.C. was an amateur football club formed in 1861 who contributed a major role in the development of association football during its formative years. They went on to become founder members[1] of the Football Association in 1863. The club is thought to have disbanded around 1876 due to a cost-cutting measure by the Crystal Palace Company.[2]

The book called "Palace at the Palace"[3] released in 2018 has made claims that the original amateur club is directly linked to the professional Crystal Palace football club that exists today and currently competes in the Premier League. The book has provided supporting evidence that they should be recognised as the same club, the theory being that the original club was re-formed as opposed to a completely new club being created, as they were both owned by the same Crystal Palace Company. This would make the current professional club the oldest professional football club in the world. However to date, the claims have not been officially ratified, although the current professional club does regard the amateur club as part of its own early history.

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Crystal Palace

Full name	Crystal Palace Football Club
Founded	1861
Dissolved	1876; 144 years ago
Ground	Crystal Palace Park

Home colours Away colours Third colours

Formation [edit]

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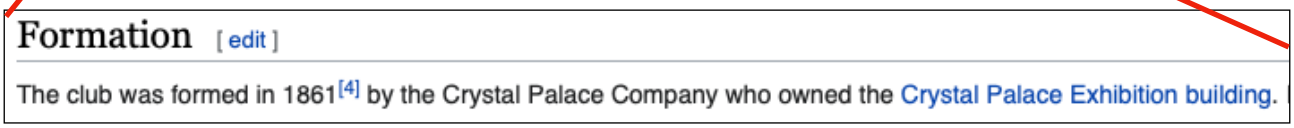

Formation [edit]

The club was formed in 1861[4] by the Crystal Palace Company who owned the Crystal Palace Exhibition building.

This statement appears to confirm Peter Manning is correct. It has a reference to confirm where the information has come from. A lot of people looking at this for the first time are likely to assume that this reference will confirm the that the CPC established the football club.

But look at it more closely.

Formation [edit]

The club was formed in 1861[4] by the Crystal Palace Company who owned the Crystal Palace Exhibition building.

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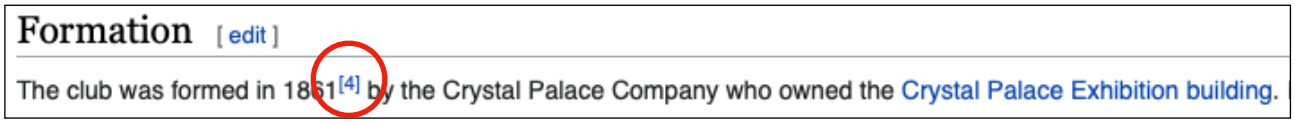
So what is going on?

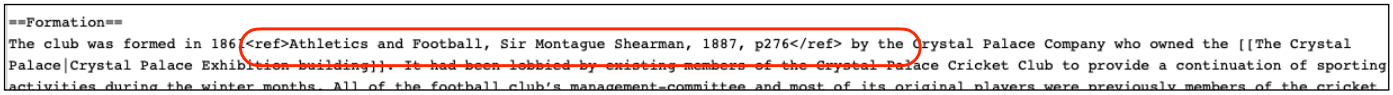
Now look where the reference has been placed - at the point where the sentence is correct.

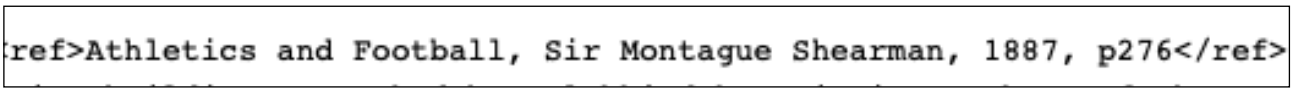


When so many resources could have been used to validate the clubs year of establishment it seems odd to use such an obscure book. But an 1887 book is a brilliant primary source to use, so giving great credibility to the writing and the use of it to confirm the first part of the sentence does establish confidence that what follows will also be based on good quality research, or even come from the same book.

Most people would be forgiven to believe the full sentence and we know rom those who have engaged with us that they do believe this page to be factually correct and it is therefore where a lot of our differences in opinion stem from.

So what is the reference used and does it actually validate the whole sentence or just the year of establishment? Going behind the wikipedia page reveals where the information has come from.



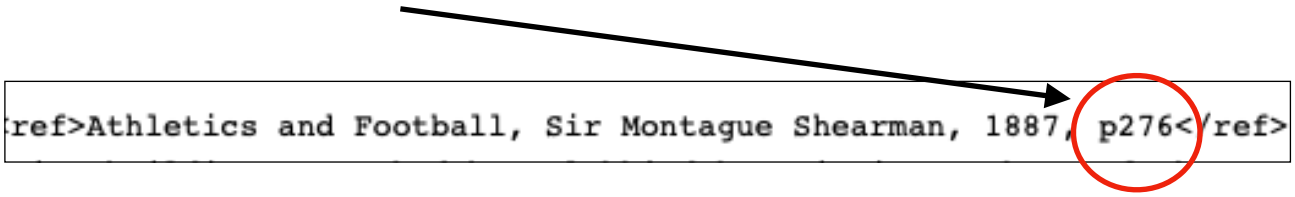


Shearman's Athletics and Football appears to have been published each year for a number of years. The 1887 version being quite a rare volume compared to others with a modern reproduction costing around £40 whilst an original starts at £150.

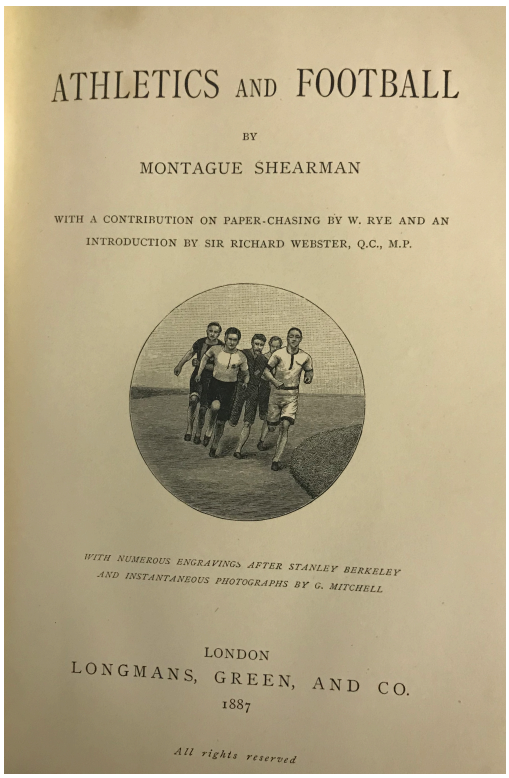
Maybe the book does contain evidence to validate that the Crystal Palace Company did own the 1861 club and it is in this book. After all it seems a bit unnecessary to use such an obscure book to get a fact that is widely known, so maybe they chose this book because it proves CPC owned CP1861 after all.

However, in choosing such an obscure and expensive book whoever wrote this knows that the reference is unlikely to be checked, leaving most people to assume that everything is correct and CPC did own CP1861.

Lets have a look at page 276 of Shearmans book and see what is actually in there.



the Universities and around the large towns. At Cambridge old members of the schools which played the dribbling game appear to have been indulging in matches as early as 1855 : and about the same time the game was begun again regularly in Sheffield. Two clubs, the Sheffield and Hallam clubs, were founded simultaneously in 1857. We believe, however, that a club which played the dribbling game under the title of the 'Forest Club,' and existed near Epping Forest, claimed before its untimely decease the honour of being the first football club of modern times. In 1858 some old Rugbeians and old boys of the Blackheath Proprietary School started the famous Blackheath Club to play the Rugby game, and in the following year their great rivals in the game, the Richmond Club, came into existence. Soon after 1860 there was a great football 'boom' at Sheffield, and several fresh clubs sprang up, and indeed from that time for the next fifteen years the Sheffielders could put an eleven into the field able to meet any other eleven in the kingdom. Meantime in London several dribbling clubs were being established, the Crystal Palace in 1861 and the Civil Service and Barnes in 1862. So far the dribbling clubs were decidedly in the majority, as besides Richmond and Blackheath and the Harlequins we believe there were no other regularly constituted clubs playing the Rugby rules before 1863. In 1863 the first move towards football organisation was made, and after much exposition in the columns of the press of the necessity for assimilation of rules, an attempt was made in the autumn of that year by the leading London clubs to settle a uniform code of rules for all players. The suggested compromise between the essentially different games which were being played was to allow running either when the ball was caught on a fair catch, or caught on a bound, and it was even proposed before the committee which met to frame the 'compromise' rules that hacking and tripping should be allowed when the adversary was running with the ball. Before the discussion of the rules was over in London, however, some of the dribbling players at Cambridge had also elected a committee and drawn up a set of rules upon which the



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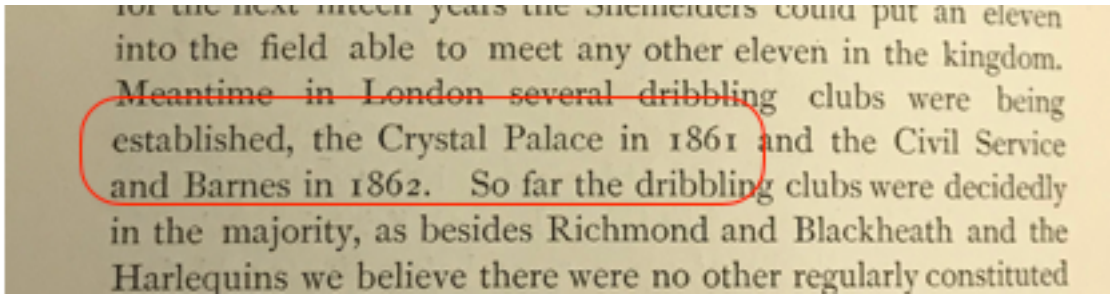

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Reference four Conclusions

1. There is no evidence in Shearman's 1887 book that the CPC owned the 1861 football club.

2. The statement on Wikipedia has not been validated by any source material.

3. The presentation of the referencing on Wikipedia is absolutely spot on, confirming no evidence is available to back up the claim that CPC owned CP861.

4. The second half of the sentence should be removed until it is a proven fact, this is because it is misleading people into believing that there is the proof that the 1861 club is linked to the 1905 club by having a mutual owner.

Analysis of Reference 5

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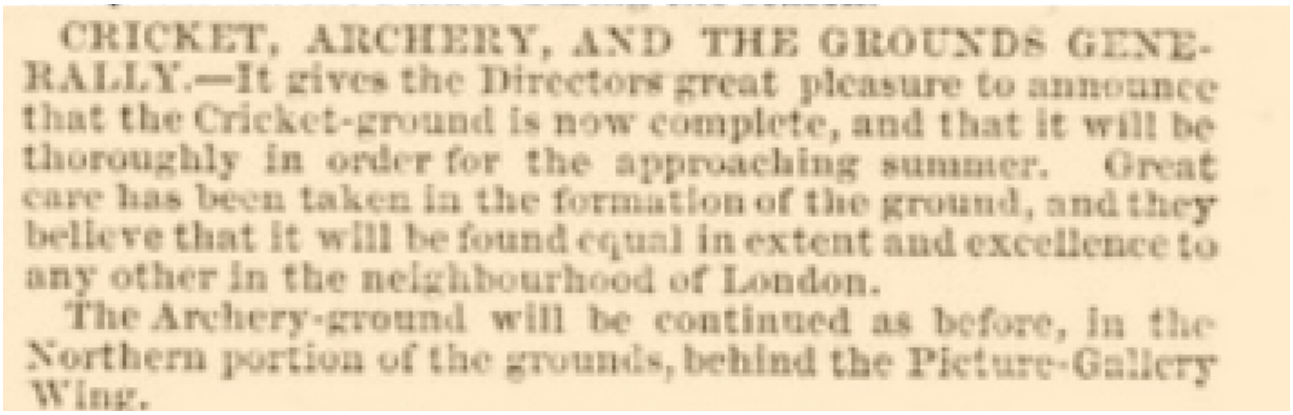
The source of Reference 5 is The Spectator, 18 April 1857. Here we see that the reference is at the end of the sentence and therefore we can assume that it is being used to validate the whole sentence. This is a bold statement that it is trying to evidence. The article in The Spectator is a press release from The Crystal Palace Company which is promoting their business and the attractions within the grounds of the Palace. 1857 is a crucial year as it is believed to be the year that the Cricket Club were established. This is the section of the press release that the Wikipedia page is rearing to.



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The Archery-ground will be continued as before, in the Northern portion of the grounds, behind the Picture-Gallery Wing.

Here we can see that the source being used does not confirm a single part of the Wikipedia sentence. The article simply states that they have built a cricket pitch at the Palace. There is no mention of a cricket club being established by CPC and there is no reference to cricket players or the management committee.

It appears that again a source that appears credible has been misused.They have tried to use it cleverly to confirm the date that the cricket club were established and would argue that the reference is merely to confirm the 1857 date. However, we can clearly see that the article doesn't even do this.

Conclusion:

We are seeing multiple misuses of sources to try and present a history as being correct and fully fact checked, but when these references are checked they do not confirm the crucial information on the page, misleading people into believing that these sentences are proven facts when they clearly are not.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

SEASON 1857-'8.

PROGRAMME.

The Directors beg to announce that they have made the following arrangements for the ensuing season.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA CONCERTS.

The SEASON will COMMENCE on FRIDAY, the 1st of May 1857, with a GRAND MORNING CONCERT in the Central Transept, by the principal Artistes of the Royal Italian Opera. These Concerts having been honoured last year by such general approbation, the Directors have entered into arrangement with Mr. Gye to give a similar series of Twelve Concerts during the present season.

The grand orchestra of the Royal Italian Opera, with additional performers, and also the celebrated chorus, are engaged for the whole series.

The musical direction of the whole is in the hands of Mr. Costa, who will himself conduct a portion of the concerts.

The concerts will take place on the following Fridays, viz.—May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22d, 29th, June 5th, 26th, July 3d, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.

The two-guinea season-tickets will be available for these concerts. Transferable tickets will also be issued for each concert at 7*s.* 6*d.* each, which tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, or of any of the agents.

In compliance with a desire which was universally expressed last season, a limited number of reserved stalls will be set apart, which may be taken for the Series of Twelve Concerts at One Guinea each stall, or at Half-a-Crown each for a single concert.

II. CONCERT of the COLOGNE CHORAL UNION.

The Directors have made arrangements with Mr. Mitchell for the services of the Cologne Choral Union (Cölner Manner Gesangverein), whose performances on their former visit have attracted enthusiastic admiration, for a Concert in the Centre Transept of the Palace, on Saturday, the 6th June.

N.B.—*Both classes of season-tickets will be available for* this concert.

III. GRAND WATERWORKS.

The displays of the vast system of fountains, cascades, and jets d'eaux will be resumed, and continued during the whole season. The upper system will play daily as heretofore; and the entire display, embracing the fountains of the grand basins, the water temples, the cascades, and the whole of the upper fountains, on occasions to be from time to time announced.

IV. FLOWER SHOWS.

There will be two grand horticultural and floricultural fêtes during the present season:

The first on Saturday, the 30th of May; and

The second on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 9th, 10th, and 11th of September,

V. POULTRY SHOWS.

There will be Two Shows in the course of the coming season.

The Summer Show will take place on the 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th of August. The Winter Show on the 9th, 11th, 12th, and 13th of January 1858.

VI. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS of the BUILDING.

EXHIBITIONS OF PICTURES.—The picture-gallery, formed during the past year in the North wing of the Palace, has proved so successful in its capabilities for the effective display of paintings, that it is the intention of the Directors to hold therein during the present season two exhibitions of the works of living painters of all schools.

The first of these exhibitions will open in May, and continue open during the summer.

The second will be a winter exhibition.

Exhibitions of photographs will also be held in the upper portion of the picture-gallery from time to time during the season.

CERAMIC COURT.—The Directors are desirous to take the present opportunity of expressing their acknowledgments for the kind and ready manner in which their requests for loans for the Ceramic Court were responded to by the owners of collections of porcelain and pottery of the most rare, fragile, and valuable descriptions.

It is very gratifying to the Directors to be able to say that the further aid offered them is such as will enable them to continue the Ceramic Court, for the present season, with a number of additional specimens, exemplifying the capabilities of the art in its most elaborate branches.

The collection will be, as before, under the superintendence of Mr. Thomas Battam, F.S.A.

INDIAN COURT AND GALLERY OF ENGINEERING MODELS.—In each of these departments the Directors have to acknowledge assistance of the same gratifying nature as that in the Ceramic Court. By public companies and institutions, as well as by private individuals, the Directors have been intrusted with the most valuable and beautiful models, with costly carvings and works in ivory and bronze, fabrics, and works of art, granted with a liberality and readiness for which they cannot sufficiently express their obligations. They have thus been enabled materially to improve the Indian Court, and also to form a collection of Models of Engineering Works, illustrating in a very complete manner that great branch of British skill and enterprise, surpassing any other now accessible to the public. It will give the Directors great pleasure to receive any further contributions with which they may be favoured.

THE NAVAL MUSEUM.—The exhibition under this denomination in the first and second galleries of the North transept, fronting the garden, now contains about three hundred models of Ships, Boats, and Vessels of all descriptions, affording an illustration of the progressive improvement in British Naval Architecture and Navigation during a period of three hundred and forty years. It also contains specimens of new inventions connected with the improvement of navigation.

The Directors beg here also to acknowledge the ready and extensive assistance which they have received from shipowners, ship builders, engineers, and shipping companies, in forming this very interesting and national collection, and at the same time solicit the further aid of all parties who may have the means of extending it.

WATER TOWERS.—The Great Towers are now completed, and arrangements have been made by which, for a small charge, visitors to the Palace can ascend them and enjoy the extensive view from the balconies, where powerful telescopes are about to be placed.

MAMMOTH TREE.—An object of great interest has lately been added to the contents of the Palace, which will remain on exhibition during the whole of the coming season. The object alluded to is a portion of the trunk of the Wellingtonia gigantea, or Mammoth Tree, being the largest of the group of those trees discovered in California. The portion erected in the Tropical Transept, opposite the Abu Simbel figures, is no less than 103 feet in height, and thirty-two feet in diameter at the base.

EXHIBITING DEPARTMENT.—Amongst the branches of industry which now find important illustration in this department, may be mentioned the manufacture of Gold and Silver work and Electroplate, both domestic and artistic; Vulcanite and India Rubber generally; Colour Printing and Typography; Papier Maché, Ornamental Iron, Fancy Goods, and other productions of Birmingham; Domestic Furniture, Church Furniture, in stone, wood, metal, and fabric; Hardware generally, and especially the productions of Sheffield, in the Court filled by the manufacturers of that important centre of industry.

CANADIAN COURT.—The arrangements announced on a former occasion with the Government of Canada are now, the Directors are happy to report, complete. The Government of Canada have undertaken to form and maintain in the Palace a collection which shall completely set forth the condition of the manufactures and other industry and resources of that important colony

The collection will be placed in the large Court lying between the News-Room and the Stationery Court, immediately adjoining both the Nave and Central Transept, and at present occupied by the sculpture of the German school.

RAW PRODUCE COLLECTION, AND TRADE MUSEUM.—The Technological portion of this department is rapidly approaching completion. It will comprise illustrations of all the chief manufactures of the United Kingdom; and specimens of the products, animal, vegetable, and mineral, of Great Britain and the Colonies, as well as of other countries. It is believed that it will be open to the public in the course of the present summer.

The Department is situated in the second gallery on the garden side of the Great Transept.

MACHINERY IN MOTION.—The Machinery will be in action during the season at such times as will be announced in the detailed advertisements. The Machinery now in the department comprises a complete set of machinery for Spinning, Carding, Warping, Sizing, Weaving, and all the other processes for the manufacture of Cotton goods from the bale to the thread, and from the thread to the finished piece, and a great variety of other machines.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.—The Department of Agricultural Machinery and Implements has been considerably improved during the past year. Specimens will be found there of the Portable Steam-engines and all the other new machines of the chief manufacturers, and purchases can be made at the same prices as at the warehouses of the makers.

READING-ROOM.—The Company's Reading and News-Room is situated close to the Centre Transept, between it and the German Sculpture Court. It contains all the Morning Journals; the Weekly Papers, Metropolitan and Provincial; and all the Periodicals and Magazines.

In addition to this, advertisements and copies of new works, both British and Foreign, are displayed immediately after publication.

FANCY FAIRS.—The Directors are prepared to afford accommodation to benevolent and other societies, for holding fancy fairs in the Palace during the season.

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VII. SEASON-TICKETS.

The Directors have determined upon continuing the price of Season-Tickets of admission at the following rates, viz.

I. SEASON-TICKETS, (NOT TRANSFERABLE,) AVAILABLE FROM 1st MAY 1857, TO 30TH APRIL 1858, TWO GUINEAS EACH.

These tickets will admit the holder on every occasion between May 1, 1857, and April 30, 1858, on which the Palace is open: the four days of the Handel Festival, viz. the 13th, 15th, 17th, and 19th of June, only excepted.

II. SEASON-TICKETS, (NOT TRANSFERABLE,) AVAILABLE FROM 1st MAY 1857, TO 30th APRIL 1858, ONE GUINEA EACH.

These tickets admit the holder on all occasions, excepting the Opera Concerts, and the other Fridays throughout the year, and the 13th, 15th, 17th, and 19th June, being the four days of the Handel Festival.

The tickets will be issued on and after the 20th inst., and may be obtained at the Crystal Palace; at the offices of the Company, 79, Lombard Street; at the offices of the London and Brighton Railway Company, London Bridge, and Regent Circus, Piccadilly; Central Handel Festival Ticket Office, Exeter Hall; and of the Company's agents.

Remittances for Season-Tickets to be by Post-office orders payable to George Grove.

VIII. GREAT HANDEL FESTIVAL.

It gives the Directors great gratification to be able to announce that they have entered into arrangements with the Sacred Harmonic Society for a Grand Series of Three Performances of Handel's Oratorios, to take place in the Centre Transept of the Palace in the third week of June.

Her Majesty and H.R.H. Prince Albert have been graciously pleased to extend their especial patronage to the Festival, and have expressed their intention of honouring it with their presence. For further particulars see special advertisement.

IX. RATES OF ADMISSION, RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS, &c.

ORDINARY RATES OF ADMISSION.—They remain as before, viz.—

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays	1*s.* 6*d.*
On Saturdays	2*s.* 6*d.*

Children under Twelve years of age, Half-price.

The Palace will be opened on Mondays at 9 a.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 10; excepting on the days of the concerts by the Opera Company, on which days it will be opened at 1 o'clock, and on Saturdays at 12; closing daily about sunset.

BRIGHTON RAILWAY.—During the season, the trains of the London and Brighton Railway Company will leave London Bridge Station every half hour, and during busy days every quarter of an hour, from 9 o'clock a.m. till dusk, returning from the Palace at the same intervals throughout the day. (For exact times of starting, see the Railway Company's time tables.)

Return fares, including admission to the Palace—

	1st Class.	2d Class.	3d Class.
	s. d.	*s. d.*	*s. d.*
On Shilling Days	2 6	2 0	1 6
On Half-crown Days	4 0	3 6	3 3

Children under Twelve years of age, Half-price.

WEST-END RAILWAY.—The opening of this line to the Wandsworth Station has already been attended with great convenience to visitors to the Palace, and it is with much pleasure that the Directors anticipate the completion of the whole line to the Sloane Street Station, as well as the junction with the main line of the South-Western Railway, at the Clapham Common Station, in the course of the coming season, by which great economy of time will be effected, and still further convenience afforded to the public.

MID-KENT RAILWAY.—The portion of this line from the station of the South-Eastern Railway at London Bridge to Beckenham has been opened, and the extension to the Crystal Palace Station will be shortly completed, whereby an easy access will be afforded to the residents in the Lewisham and Blackheath districts.

EXCURSIONS.—Arrangements have been made by which benevolent societies, schools, and other large bodies, may visit the Palace at the following reduced rates—applying only to shilling days and third-class carriages.

For a number of excursionists

	s. d.		*s. d.*
over 250 and under 500	1 3	per head instead of	1 6
Exceeding 500 and under 750	1 2	,, ,,	1 6
Exceeding 750 and under 1000	1 1	,, ,,	1 6
Exceeding 1000	1 0	,, ,,	1 6

Children, Half price.

(Signed) ARTHUR ANDERSON, Chairman.
JAMES FERGUSSON, General Manager.

BLAIR'S GOUT AND RHEUMATIC PILLS.—This preparation is one of the benefits which the science of modern chemistry has conferred upon mankind; for during the first twenty years of the present century to speak of a cure for the gout was considered a romance, but now the efficacy and safety of this medicine is so fully demonstrated by unsolicited testimonials from persons in every rank of life, that public opinion proclaims this as one of the most important discoveries of the present age. Sold by PROUT and HANNAY, 229, Strand, London; and all Medicine Vendors. Price 1*s.* 1½*d.* and 2*s.* 9*d.* per box.

Analysis of Reference 7

Commercial Structure [edit]

Although both the cricket and football clubs were amateur, they formed part of the Crystal Palace Company's commercial enterprise, which was intended to generate revenue.[7] Membership of the club was by subscription only, at a price of one guinea per season, and spectators who wished to watch the games had to pay the one-shilling entrance fee into Crystal Palace Park.[8]

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Here we are again told to believe that the CPC owned the football and cricket club as part of it's commercial enterprise. What is true is that the CPC owned the sporting facilities, the grounds and pavilion that these clubs would use. It did indeed use the pitches to generate revenue. This came from renting or leasing the facilities to the football and cricket clubs and also any money paid by spectators to enter into the Palace grounds. This is different from owning the cricket and football clubs.

But reference 7 is trying to tell us that we are wrong. So what does the source say…

Morning Chronicle - Monday 25 May 1857

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brands easily … This … have been … market closes … declining … erate de… A public sale … when a small realised 138l. rates. Quick… en come to re… metal. Manga… at 65 per cent., Coblentz, and

of Lucius Junius Booth, the celebrated tragedian, made his debut before a crowded house, at the Boston Theatre (U.S.), in the character of Sir Giles Overreach.

CRICKET GROUND AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—Another attraction for the palace has been provided in the shape of a cricket-ground, upon that portion of the company's property near the railway. A club is in course of formation, to be called "The Crystal Palace Club;" and it is proposed, before the close of the season, that twenty of its members shall play the Eleven of All England. The grounds are open for practice to annual subscribers of one guinea, or to daily practice at one shilling for each player. Messrs. Shearman and Holledge, the well-known bowlers, are on the ground every day to afford instruction and assistance to persons anxious to join in this manly game. The archery grounds are now well attended in favourable weather, and on some occasions the scene is very animated, from the number of ladies who seek proficiency in the art which "Little John" exercised so chivalrously in Sherwood Forest.

The source is admittedly slightly misleading as two separate facts are presented in succession, which could lead to someone believing that they are linked. It tells us two key pieces of information.

1. That the CPC have built a cricket ground
2. A club is being formed called Crystal Palace Cricket Club

Unlike The Spectator newspaper this is not a press release from the Crystal Palace Company and therefore this is more of a holistic article about cricket at the Palace. No-where in the article does it say that the CPC are setting up The CPCC.

Conclusion.

This source is confusing, but it does not confirm that the CPC set up the CPCC. If we look at there other sources provided by us it is clear that this was not the case, as CPCC fold in 1900 because of the CPC backed London County Cricket Club. The two clubs do not merge because all of CPCC money was dispersed to charities and Kent Cricket Club see source below. If the CPCC was indeed owned by the CPC why would the money go to Kent CCC, Homes for sick children at Sydenham and the Norwood Cottage Hospital? If CPC had owned the club then the money would have been absorbed into the Companies own accounts, particularly as the Palace had well known financial difficulties.

London Evening Standard - Wednesday 21 November 1900

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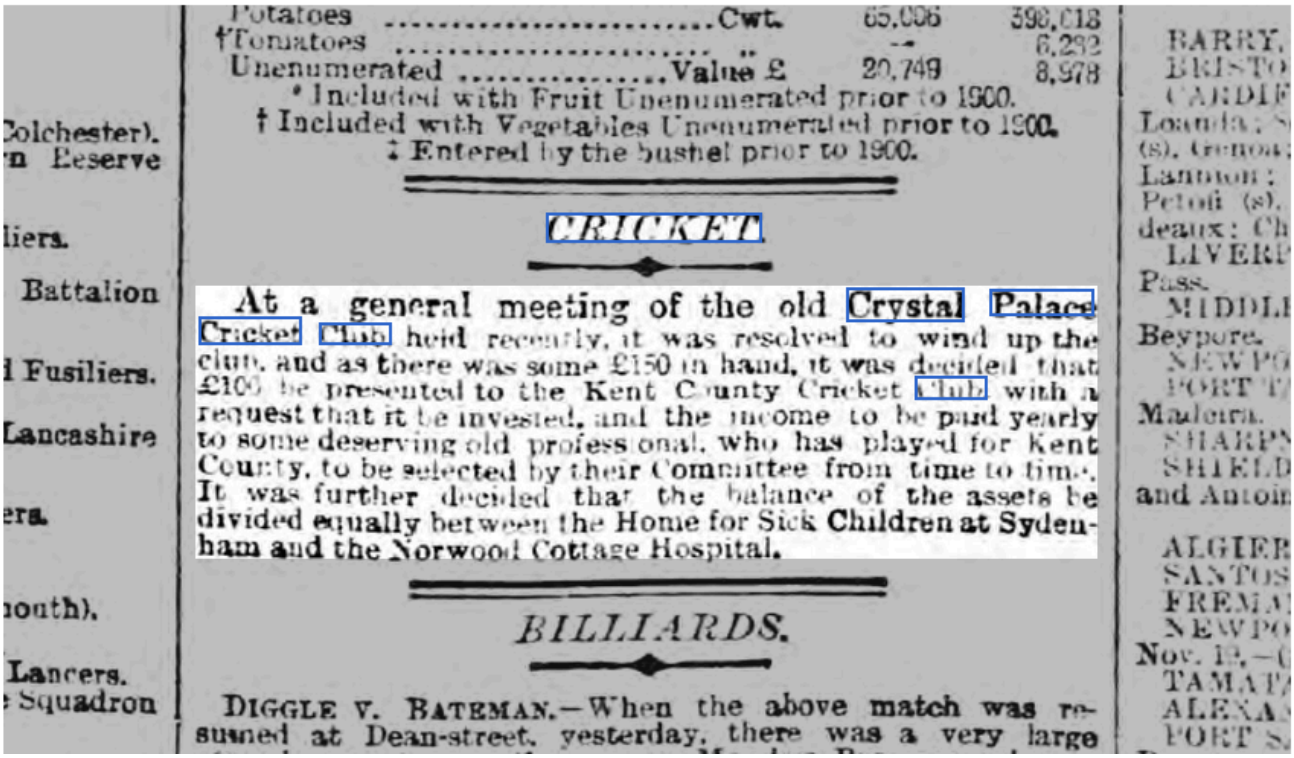

Potatoes .....Cwt. 65,036 390,018
*Tomatoes ..... " — 6,292
Unenumerated .....Value £ 20,749 8,978
* Included with Fruit Unenumerated prior to 1900.
† Included with Vegetables Unenumerated prior to 1900.
‡ Entered by the bushel prior to 1900.

CRICKET

At a general meeting of the old Crystal Palace Cricket Club held recently, it was resolved to wind up the club, and as there was some £150 in hand, it was decided that £100 be presented to the Kent County Cricket Club with a request that it be invested, and the income to be paid yearly to some deserving old professional, who has played for Kent County, to be selected by their Committee from time to time. It was further decided that the balance of the assets be divided equally between the Home for Sick Children at Sydenham and the Norwood Cottage Hospital.

BILLIARDS.

DIGGLE V. BATEMAN.—When the above match was resumed at Dean-street, yesterday, there was a very large