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Birth.

STOYLE.—On March 5th, at Mumby Vicarage, Alford, the wife of the Rev. W. Blin Stoyle of a son.

Marriages.

MASLIN—LANCASTER.—At Kirmington, Feb. 28th (by the Rev. J. H. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. E. Loft), Walter Witts second son of A. Maslin, of Chatham, to Sarah Jane youngest daughter of the late Wm. Lancaster, of Kirmington.

BISBROOKE.—Feb. 27, John Robson, of Moorland Hill, Northumberland, to Annie Lizzie elder daughter of Wm. Tomblin, of Bisbrooke.
BOSTON.—March 5, Jos. Peacock, of Gunby S. Peter's, to Isabella Matthews Steven, of Boston.
COLLYWESTON.—March 6, at Stamford, Geo. Hutchins to Carrie Coleman, both of Collyweston.
ELY.—Feb. 27, Robert Cross to Eliza Ann Wash.
GAINSBORO'.—Feb. 28, Henry Christmas Nobbs to Annie Laura Bedford.
GEDNEY DYKE.—Feb. 17, at Malta, James Arnett, of Birmingham, to Agnes Harriet Dove Hopkisson, of Gedney Dyke.
GRANTHAM.—Feb. 27, Charles Robinson Swallow to Alice Maud eldest daughter of the late Henry North, moulder, Grantham; March 1, Charles Hy. Leighton Wood, of Spittlegate, to Emma Ann Chambers, of Grantham; 3d, Henry Thomas Smith to Maude Mary Windsor, both of Grantham.
GRIMSBY.—Feb. 27, John Edward Lond to Eliza Young, both of Grimsby.
HORNCASTLE.—March 1, Edwin Arthur Twinn, Nottingham, to Emma Jane Jackson, of Horncastle.
KETTERING.—Feb. 25, Charles Piggott to R. Elizabeth Taylor, both of Kettering.
NEWARK.—March 6, James Lawrence, of Grimsby, to Elizabeth Lawrence, of Newark.
OUNDLE.—March 7, Mr. H. Roake, of Catford, S.E., to Margaret daughter of Mr. T. Ball, of Oundle.
SOHAM.—Feb. 28, Frederick Goodin to Bertha Cordelia Crisp.
SOMERBY.—March 1, in London, Wm. Nesfield third son of the late Wm. Henry Underwood, of Somerby Hall, Brigg, to Harriet Maria youngest daughter of the late G. A. Huddart, of Brynkir, Carnarvonshire.
SPALDING.—March 1, Arthur son of George Beales to Mary Frances elder daughter of Jacob Belsham, of Spalding.

Deaths.

ASHTON.—At Weston, on the 4th inst., Mr. James Ashton, County Councillor, aged 77 years. Friends will please accept this intimation.
BRISTOW.—At Walcott Lodge, Folkingham, March the 4th, George the second and dearly-loved son of John and Charlotte Bristow, aged 7 years.
CHAPMAN.—On March 5th, at Easton-on-the Hill, Carrie second daughter of the late Henry Chapman, aged 22.
CROSKILL.—New Zealand: Dec. 5, 1893, Geo. Croskill (late of Anderby and Chapel), aged 34.
EDMONDS.—On the 6th inst., at 20, Rutland-terrace, Stamford, Mary widow of the late Orlando Edmonds, aged 87.
GRAY.—Hallaton: Feb. 21, Ann Alice the beloved wife of Henry Gray, aged 44.
MASTIN.—Walcot Dales, on the 2d March, John Thomas son of Wm. C. Mastin, aged 23 years.
PALMER.—On the 23d ult., at Cornforth, Durham, George Edwin Palmer, only surviving son of James Edwin Palmer, Priestgate, Peterborough.
RIDDLE.—On Dec. 31, 1893, Henry Riddle, of Winnipeg, Canada (late of Cleethorpe-road, Grimsby, and Bulwick), aged 58.
SEFTON.—At Uffington, Feb. 26th, Elizabeth widow of the late James Sefton, aged 77 years.
WHITBY.—On the 5th inst., at Eastbourne, Louisa the widow of William Whitby, Esq. (late of Stamford), surgeon, in her 92d year.

IN MEMORIAM.

HARRISON.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Sophia [illegible] who died March 6th, 1893, aged 74 years.

BELTON (Epworth).—March 5, Zachariah Townend, 80.
BOSTON.—March 2, George Rylott, 5; 5th, Samuel Bell 69; 6th, Richard Henry Wilcock, 35; Harriet Ann Williams, 2; in the Union-house, John Nunn, 60.
BOURNE.—March 2, Edward Mansfield, 72; 3d, Thomas Pridmore, 74.
BRATOFT.—Feb. 27, William Rutter, 77.
BRIGG.—Feb. 24, Wm. Wright (late of Barrow-on-Humber), 88.
BRIGSTOCK.—Feb. 25, E. M. A. Loak, 37; Ann Preston, aged 84 [illegible] stationmaster, 71.
CALCEBY.—Feb. 26, Mary wife of Matthew Walker, 68.
CLEETHORPES.—Feb. 27, at Carbon Villa, Martha Wright, 67.
EDWINSTOWE.—Feb. 27, Elizabeth wife of Henry Ashbury, 34.
ELY.—Feb. 25, Edgar Charles Pountney, 17; 27th, in the Union-house, John Anderson, 69.
GAINSBORO'.—March 4, John Raynor Whitton, 40; 5th, John Briggs, 73.
GLENTHAM.—Feb. 24, Gertrude Mumby, 2 years; 25th, George Proctor, 52.
GRANTHAM.—March 2, in the Hospital, Alice wife of M. M. Woodcock, of Barrowby, 26; 3d, Charles Pearson, 16; 4th, Esther Heath, 37; 5th, Mary Maidwell, aged 32.
GRIMSBY.—Feb. 27, in Willingham-street, Wm. Heap, 92; 28th, in Wood-street, George Jewitt, 61; in King Edward-street, Wm. Beevers, 48; March 4, in Hainton-street, Wm. Brough Wharton, 67; 5th, in Abbey-drive West, Margaret Knott, 67; in Thomas-street, Lavinia Kirman, 30; in Corporation-road, Susanna Bee, 80; in Kent-street, Jessie Wibbins, 24; in Rendel-street, Daniel Bates, 59; in Dover-street, Arthur Bell, 2.
HECKINGTON.—March 4, Rawson Byron, 66.
HELPRINGHAM.—Feb. 25, John Smith, 82.
HORNCASTLE.—March 5, Ebenezer Bugg, 81.
HUTTOFT.—March 3, Louisa daughter of John Robinson, aged 27.
KETTERING.—March 4, Victor George Stock, 3; 6th, Emma Fuller, 49.
KING'S CLIFFE.—Feb. 27, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Louisa Ann daughter of Thomas Clark, of King's Cliffe, 22.
LINCOLN.—March 2, in St. Nicholas', Mary Wade, 73; 3d, in the County Hospital, Bridget C. Sharpe, 49; 5th, Fredk. W. Draft, 28; in St. Botolph's, Jane Farnsworth, 2 years.
LONG SUTTON.—Feb. 25, John Griffiths, 21; William Griffin, 73; March 1, Jane Ewen, 83.
LOUTH.—March 2, Martha Rhoades, 69.
LUTTON.—Feb. 21, George Wm. Cooper, 6; 26th, Sarah Green, 73.
MANTON (Rutland).—Feb. 28, Elizabeth Mary widow of Robert Clarke, 81.
MARCH.—Feb. 28, in Norwood-side, Robert James Garner, 44.
MARKET RASEN.—Feb. 27, accidentally killed, John Cannon, 23.
NEWARK.—Feb. 28, in Rowbotham's-row, Water-lane, Mary wife of Henry Miller, 32; March 2, in Ward's-row, Thomas Gabbitas, 58; 4th, in Paxton's-court, Kirkgate, Wm. Butler, 58; in Wood-street, William Hopewell, coal dealer, 59; 5th, in Keswick-yard, Stodman-street, Samuel Wheatcroft, 53; 6th, in New-street, Cherryholt-lane, James Wood, cowkeeper, 70; 6th, in Bargate, Jane widow of James Chambers, hairdresser, 88; 7th, in Kirkgate, Edgar Hutchinson, chemist, 27; Feb. 27, in the Union Infirmary, Mrs. Jane Bradley, 39.
OAKHAM.—March 2, in Dean-street, Edward Wilson Wann, carpenter, 62.
OASBY.—March 3, Rose Robinson, 2 years.
OLLERTON.—Feb. 23, Joseph Paulson, 73.
OUNDLE.—Feb. 28, Miriam Gain, 2 years; March 5, Mrs. H. Cannington, 64.
PETERBORO'.—Feb. 28, William Landin, 64; Harriet Wells, 54; March 1, Robert Feast, 64; 3d, William Winch, 61; 4th, George Robert Noakes, 56; 5th, Charles Smith, 74.
SLEAFORD.—Feb. 28, Ann Foster, 92; March 1, Thomas Mawer, 71; 2d, Wm. John Blagg, 62; 3d, William Thacker, 64; Louisa Langstaff, 48; 4th, in the Union-house, Pearson Harris, of Helpringham, 83.
SOHAM.—Feb. 27, James Fordham, 90.
SPALDING.—Feb. 26, in Cross-street, James Andrew, 73; in the Common, Wm. Adcock, 48; 28th, Elizabeth Baldwin, 15; March 1, in Broad-street, Henry Burman, 41.
STAMFORD.—March 1, at Hull, James Henry Ferrar (late of Stamford), 42; in Browne's Hospital, William Redmile, 71; 2d, in North-street, Henry Wilson Bird, 62; 3d, in the Infirmary, Thomas Haynes, 54; and on the 4th, James Reuben King, paviour, 45.
STATHERN.—Feb. 27, Sarah Eleanor third daughter of John Sumner, of Stathern, 26.
STAUGHTON, GREAT.—March 1, James Hackett, 73.
ST. NEOTS.—Feb. 24, in East-street, Wm. Franks, 75; 25th, in Market-square, Mary Ely, 78.
STOCKWITH, EAST.—March 1, Ann Saddington, 49.
SUTTON BRIDGE.—Feb. 25, Anthony Watson, 77.
TILBROOK.—March 6, Thomas Hewitt, 10.
TYDD ST. MARY.—Feb. 26, Henry Wade, 76.
UPPER DEAN.—Feb. 26, Eliza Allen, 78.
WALSOKEN.—Feb. 25, Ann Batterham, 77.
WALTHAM (Grimsby).—Feb. 5, Sarah Wright, 83.
WALTON.—March 1, Fanny Cotterill, 58.
WARMINGTON.—Feb. 24, James Neath, 33.
WELLINGBORO'.—March 1, Thomas W. Jenkinson, 62.
WHAPLODE FEN.—March 6, Francis Croker, 73.
WHISSENDINE.—Feb. 28, William Peach, Post-office pensioner, 81.
WISBECH.—March 3, in the Union-house, Rachel Sansom, 77.
WOODFORD.—Feb. 26, Jane Gunn, 87.
WYBOSTON (Eaton Socon).—Feb. 28, Mary Scruby, 73.

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SPALDING POLICE, Tuesday, before the Rev. J. Russell Jackson, the Rev. J. T. Dove, and H. Clark, R. Mawby, and F. Howard, Esqs.—*Fred. Thurlow* was fined 4s., including costs, for riding a bicycle upon the footpath at Pinchbeck on Feb. 14th.—*John William Clark* was summoned by John H. Diggle for non-payment of rates, amounting to 3l. 13s. 5d., at Moulton. A distress warrant was ordered, to be withheld for 14 days.—The following were fined for keeping a dog without a licence:—*John Donington*, of Postland, *Wm. F. Riddington*, Crowland, *Edward Castle*, Holbeach Drove, *William John Vickers*, of Moulton, *Mary Ann Pridgeon*, Whaplode Drove, *John Burdall*, *Joseph Henry Burg*, *Albert Raynor*, *Wm. S. Reynolds*, *Johnson Rose*, *Geo. R. Smith*, *Sidney Swallow*, *John Thomas West*, and *Daniel Bailey*, of Spalding.—*Richard Biggadike*, for furious driving at Crowland on Feb. 19, was fined 10s. and costs.—*George Smith* and *Henry Smith* were each fined 5s. and costs for obstructing the highway at Crowland on Feb. 24 by fighting thereon.—For being drunk at Spalding *Charles Henry Hesketh* was fined 2s. 6d. and costs, or seven days' imprisonment; *Martha Laurie* and *Edward Skeath* 5s. each, including costs; and *Joseph Thompson*, landlord of the Three Horse Shoes, Pinchbeck West, 5s. and costs.—*Bryan Smith* and *William B. Atkinson* were each fined 2s. 6d. and costs for selling fowls on which tolls were payable outside of the butter market at Spalding on Feb. 27.—*Frederick Smith* alias *Cooper* was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for stealing a watch, value 23s., the property of James Franks, at Holbeach, on the 2d of March.

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"MERCURY" OFFICE,
THURSDAY EVENING.

Weather Forecast from the Meteorological-office, despatched at 10·43 a.m., Thursday, March 8.
England, E. ... Mid. Counties.—South-westerly winds, fresh to moderate; dull; rain at times.

NOTICE.
All communications must be authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected contributions.

The Queen held a Drawing-room on Tuesday at Buckingham Palace. All the principal officers of State were present, and Lord Rosebery and several of the other Ministers attended, including Lord Carington, Viscount Oxenbridge, Earl Spencer, and the Hon. C. R. Spencer. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Empress Frederick of Germany, the Princess of Wales, the Duke of York, and several other members of the Royal Family. The number of presentations made was about 140, and included Miss Birch-Reynardson, who was presented by her mother, Mrs. Birch-Reynardson; and Lady St. Oswald, on her marriage, by the Dowager Lady Forbes of Newe. Amongst the ladies attending the Drawing-room were the Countess of Spencer, Viscountess Oxenbridge, Lady Mary Fitzwilliam, and Lady Sophia Montgomerie.

The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Frederick of Germany, returned from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle on Wednesday afternoon.

The Duke and Duchess of Rutland have gone to Belvoir for a few days. They intend leaving town on the 15th for the Riviera.

The Earl and Countess of Yarborough have arrived in London, and are staying at Thomas's Hotel for a few days.

Earl and Countess Spencer arrived at Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen yesterday week evening, and returned to the Admiralty on Friday morning.

Earl and Countess Stanhope on Friday celebrated their silver wedding at their Kentish seat at Chevening. Many congratulatory messages and telegrams were received.

The Earl of Lonsdale has been entertaining a large party at Barleythorpe Hall, Oakham, consisting of the Earl of Erroll, General Lord Roberts, General Sir Redvers Buller, Major-General Sir Baker Russell, Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell, Lieut.-General Sir Chas. Fraser, Major-General Williams, Lieutenant-General Keith Fraser, Colonel H. F. Gough, Colonel Truman, Colonel Brabazon, Colonel St. Quintin, Colonel Pole-Carew, Colonel Duncombe, the Hon. H. Bourke, Colonel Doyne, and Capt. H. J. Leith.

Lord Edward Manners, contrary to expectation, has returned to Belvoir Castle from Devonport, and resumed the mastership of the Belvoir Hounds. It is understood that his Lordship has resigned his commission in the Rifle Brigade after nine years' service.

Lord and Lady de Ramsey arrived at Ramsey Abbey on Saturday for a few days' visit.

Sir Reginald Earle Welby, one of the new peers, is the fifth son of the late Rev. John Earle Welby, Rector of Harston, Leicestershire, and was born in 1832. He was appointed to the Treasury in 1856, became Assistant Financial Secretary in 1880, and Permanent Secretary in 1885. He is now about to retire from the public service.

STAMFORD AND RUTLAND INFIRMARY.—Week ending March 6:—In-patients: Admitted 3, discharged 10, in house 26. Out-patients: Admitted 8, discharged 2, on books 100. Medical attendant, [illegible] Carter. Weekly Board, Rev. J. B. Reynardson [illegible] r. Blackstone. Acknowledged with thanks:—[illegible] tion at service of song, Miss Hollis's Young [illegible] Class, Cottesmore, 1l. 10s.; Mrs. O'Brien, [illegible] ated London News; Rev. C. Oldfield, framed [illegible] nd books; Mrs. Sharp, Thurlby (mother of [illegible] t), basket of eggs.

[illegible] s P. Hepplewhite, of Trinity Hall [illegible] Southport, daughter of the Rev. G. Hepplewhite, of Stamford, passed the Cambridge Junior [illegible] xamination, second class, in honours.

[illegible] eceiving order has been made against [illegible] D. Eddowes, jun., surgeon, of Rutland-[illegible], Stamford. The public examination is [illegible] or March 20.

[illegible] e Stamford Wesleyan Young People's Sewing Circle held an "At Home" yesterday week in the lecture-hall, which was prettily decorated. The proceedings included a sale of work and a programme of music and recitations. The financial results were satisfactory.

Mr. C. Duffield, of 5, Rutland-terrace, writes:—

I see by the *Mercury* of March 2d that at the special meeting of the Stamford Town Council one of the members said "Mr. Latham was right and Mr. Duffield wrong." I should like that gentleman to inform me how or in what way Duffield is wrong? [The report in the *Mercury* will scarcely bear the interpretation Mr. Duffield puts upon it. Editor *S.M.*]

The Rev. Hy. Bone, of London, preached on Sunday in Trinity Wesleyan church, Stamford, in aid of home missions. There were large congregations. On Monday Capt. Hart presided over the annual meeting, which was well attended. The Rev. G. Hepplewhite said that last year Stamford raised 14l. 10s. 11d. and had received 28l. from the fund in grants. This year they expected to send at least 20l. to the society. Mr. Bone gave an address on home mission work; and Mr. Joyce (chairman of the Lincolnshire Congregational Union), Mr. W. Hinson, and the Rev. J. M. Pascoe also took part in the meeting.

The 45th annual report of the Prudential Assurance Company (Limited), presented at the meeting held yesterday week, showed that in the ordinary branch the number of policies issued during the year was 54,558, assuring 5,627,065l., and producing a new annual premium income of 304,928l. The premiums received during the year were 1,854,370l., an increase of 188,759l. over the year 1892; and the claims were 478,564l. In the industrial branch the premiums were 3,971,863l., an increase of 122,706l., the claims being 1,662,768l. The number of free policies in existence granted to those who discontinued their payments is 338,272. The average duration of the policies in this branch is seven-and-a-quarter years. The valuation shows a surplus in both branches of 943,874l. (including the sum of 270,000l. brought forward last year), of which it is proposed to distribute 483,874l. and carry forward 460,000l. The assets amounted to 18,538,865l. A summary of the report will be found in our advertising columns on page 1.

EVERSLEY HOUSE SCHOOL, STAMFORD. A. T. Jelley and S. R. Packer have won scholarships at this school of the annual value of 5l. and 4l. respectively.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Wednesday Mr. W. Langley offered by auction at the Crown Hotel, Stamford, a freehold garden in Belton-street, belonging to Mrs. Higgins and containing 783 square yards. The garden, which adjoins the river Welland, has a summer-house, &c. The Rev. Dr. Barnard was the purchaser at 200l. Mr. Langley also offered a freehold house, 52, Scotgate, let at a yearly rental of 9l., and it was sold for 95l.

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.—The annual report of the directors shows that during the year ending Nov. 20, 1893, there were 1464 policies issued, amounting to 518,600l., the yearly premiums on which will amount to 21,354l. In the course of the year 428 members died, on whose lives 552 policies had been effected; and the claims and bonuses amounted to 335,877l. 15s. The present number of members was 21,944. The accumulated fund was 4,673,864l. 12s. 7d., invested on mortgage and other securities.

STAMFORD LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION.—The 55th annual meeting was held in the Lecture-hall on Friday evening. The President (Mr. Evans) occupied the chair, and was supported by most of the members of the committee.—The CHAIRMAN said it was the eighth time he had had the pleasure of appearing before them as president. Last year he said little, and this year he should say less, because the affairs of the institution, which were prosperous then, were even more properous now.—In the absence of the hon. secretary he read the annual report, which, while congratulating the shareholders and members upon the increasing prosperity of the Institution, recognized that so far as the membership and revenue were concerned the Institution had reached the maximum of its capacity, and the committee felt that, for the future, the objects to be kept in view must be not so much to attempt to increase the revenue as to maintain it at the highly satisfactory point it had reached, and, by the judicious administration of the funds placed at their disposal from year to year to improve the Institution in any way possible by adding to the comfort, enjoyment, and privileges, of the members. After referring in detail to the work of the past year and the improvements made in various directions, the report concluded by saying it was apparent that the ordinary income of the Institution was such as to enable the committee in the future, provided that they might be as generously supported as hitherto, to make improvements from time to time, to meet all reasonable demands that might be made by any considerable section of the members, and, so, to maintain the Institution in its present highly popular and prosperous position.—Mr. SANDALL moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet (the latter showing a balance of 26l. 9s. 5d. in hand).—Mr. HY. SIMPSON seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—The PRESIDENT spoke in terms of regret of the impending severance of the connection with the Institution of Mr. Tiffany, the honorary secretary, to whom he attributed much of the present satisfactory financial position and general efficiency of the Institution. Now that Mr. Tiffany was about to leave and enter upon new duties, new pursuits, he thought they ought to remember he left it in a far more healthy and satisfactory condition, far more complete and much more sought after than it was two or three years ago; and he thought they would wish Mr. Tiffany, wherever he might go and whatever he might do, that success which his knowledge and talents, his energy and capacity for hard work, entitled him to expect. He read a telegram from Mr. Tiffany stating that a business engagement in London prevented him from attending the meeting, and requesting the president to convey to the committee and members expressions of his thanks for their kindness and courtesy during the last seven years and of regret that the pursuit of his profession would call him permanently away from Stamford.—Mr. CADE moved, and Mr. GOOCH seconded, a vote of thanks to the honorary secretary, which was carried.—Ald. STAPLETON moved a vote of thanks to the president, and spoke of the solid progress which had been made during the time Mr. Evans had occupied the presidential chair. He thought the Institution was becoming more and more a home for the young men of the town, and was a place in which they could spend their evenings pleasurably and profitably. The introduction of the billiard-table, which was opposed, had been unattended by the vice of gambling; and if the introduction of cards, which some members desired, could be accomplished with freedom from suspicion of gambling he, personally, could see no harm in it.—Mr. JUSTIN SIMPSON seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously; and the PRESIDENT, in acknowledging the compliment, said the question of cards would again receive the consideration of the committee.

At Inch, near Liverpool, on Tuesday, John Mason, aged 39, a native of Stamford, employed on the L. and N.W. Railway at Inch, was killed by an express train while he was crossing the line. He had just got out of the way of one train when he ran into the express. His body was terribly mangled. Mason has a brother in Stamford employed at Messrs. Ellis and Everard's.

DEATH OF MR. H. BROMHEAD.—Wednesday's *Sportsman* says:—

We regret to hear that Mr. H. B. Bromhead, a well-known writer on the sporting Press, died yesterday afternoon, after a short illness, at his residence, 3, St. George's-mansions, W.C. The immediate cause of death was failure of the heart's action, following a sharp attack of inflammation of the lungs. Deceased, who was in his 42d year, recently assisted in the editing of Mr. Custance's book, *Riding Recollections and Turf Stories*. Besides being responsible for the article signed "Boris" in the *Referee* he contributed to several magazines.

The deceased was a son of the late Mr. Bromhead, of St. Mary's-street, Stamford.

STAMFORD FAIR.—The Mid-lent fair opened on Monday, when the business was confined to beasts and sheep. There was only a moderate supply. Eight pens of sheep were offered, and four of the lots were disposed of, the prices ranging from 32s. to 35s. for fairly good half-breds, whilst several lots of useful half-breds made 38s. and 40s. per head. One pen of longwoods realized 40s. a head. Beasts were only a middling lot, and the prices varied a good deal. One useful lot of three-year-old steers made 12l. a head, and two and 2½ year olds fetched from 7l. to 9l., according to quality.—The pleasure fair was in full swing yesterday (Thursday), although to-morrow is the popular day. Several of the attractions were opened on Monday night. About the average amount of ground space is taken up, but there are more shows than usual, the stalls and bazaars being fewer in number. The novelties this year include two of Edison's phonographs and two fine circular switchbacks, one of the latter being in the Square and the other in the Sheep-market, and both of them being illuminated by means of the electric light. Other attractions include a "ghost" show, a large roundabout in the Square, an exhibition of divers at work, and a small menagerie, with a large number of "cocoa-nut shies," &c. Up to yesterday afternoon the attendance was about the average.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The subscribers to the Stamford local branch are earnestly requested to assist the candidature of Mrs. Sarah Templeman, until she has been elected, and to forward their voting papers to John Hayes, hon. local secretary, Stamford.—*Advt.*

STAMFORD TOWN BAND.—The next popular concert will take place in the Assembly-rooms on Tuesday, April 17th, when the proceeds will be given to the Stamford Infirmary.—*Advt.*

EDISON'S PHONOGRAPH.—Saturday the last day. Come and bring your family to hear all latest songs, military bands, dialogues, speeches, &c.—2, Red Lion-street, Stamford.—*Advt.*

BAND OF HOPE CONTEST.—Assembly-rooms, Stamford, on Tuesday, 13th March, 1894, at 7·30 p.m.—*Advt.*

BROWN'S SEEDS! BROWN'S SEEDS!—Stamford, Peterboro', Grantham.—*Advt.*

W. & J. BROWN will exhibit this day at 56, High-st., Stamford, a magnificent wreath, possibly the handsomest ever seen in Stamford.—*Advt.*

BARHOLM.—The funeral of Miss Violet Ryder Lane, youngest daughter of the Rev. G. P. Lane, took place on Saturday, her remains being laid to rest beside those of her sister who died in June, 1889. The officiating clergymen were the Revs. Dr. Joy and H. E. Holden; and the mourners were the Rev. G. P. and Mrs. Lane, Miss Lane, Miss W. Lane, the Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Newby, of Teigh Rectory, and Mr. W. B. Ryder, of Great Gransder Hall, Sandy. Messrs. Oates and Musson, Stamford, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

PETERBORO'.—THE CATHEDRAL.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.—8·15 a.m.: Holy communion. 11 a.m.: Morning prayer and holy communion (Stewarts); introit, "Behold the Lamb" (Handel); kyrie and credo, Barnby and Tours in F; preacher, Canon Clayton. 3·30 p.m.: Evening prayer, Tours in B flat; anthem, "My God" (Mendelssohn). 7 p.m.: Litany; hymns, 267, 200, 108, 439, and 224; preacher, the Very Rev. the Dean.

Mr. R. Catling has been elected president of the Peterboro' Tricycle Club.

The address at the P.S.A. on Sunday was given by the Rev. G. R. Bell.

Bro. D. H. Stott, P.G., read a paper at the meeting of the Venus lodge of Oddfellows on Monday on "The Emblem of the Order."

It is stated that the Rev. J. H. Molesworth, Vicar of St. Mark's, is again unwell. The parishioners, however, still hope that a few months' stay in Germany will enable him to shortly resume his charge of St. Mark's.

The Mayor of Peterboro' (Mr. Nichols) gave a lecture on Thursday evening at the Free Library on "Peterboro' Two Hundred Years Ago." This was the first of a series of "Talks" which have been arranged by the Librarian. The Mayor in the course of his remarks referred to the necessity of the Free Library becoming the home of a collection of local literature, and presented to the Free Library, with the view of starting such a collection, copies of Gunton's "History of Peterboro' Cathedral" and Bridge's "Northamptonshire."

ACCIDENT.—A large tub filled with clay fell on a man named Atkins while he was at work in the brickyards, and so injured him that he had to be taken to the Infirmary.

FIRE.—At one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon a messenger arrived at Peterboro' summoning the fire brigade to a fire on the farm premises of Mr. Maxwell, farmer, Longthorpe. The steam engine and brigade were quickly on the spot. It appeared that a spark from one of the house chimneys had set fire to the thatched roof of an out-house. This building was destroyed and a conservatory adjoining injured. In spite of the high wind which prevailed the fire was quickly got under.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.—Tuesday: Mr. Ald. Redhead presided. Other members present were Messrs. Miller, Dandy, Barrett, F. W. Holdich, J. Adnitt, Vergette, J. Batten, and the Clerk (Mr. J. W. Buckle). The curator reported interments for the month as under:—Adults, 21; children under 16 years, 11; still born, 2; total, 34: as against 26 in the corresponding month of last year. The tender of Mr. Turner to supply earth boards at 2l. 10s. was accepted.

BICYCLE ACCIDENT.—Mr. H. W. Gates, solicitor, Peterboro', has had a narrow escape of serious injury while riding a bicycle in Long Causeway. A horse attached to a railway trolley started off and nearly ran over Mr. Gates, who, to save himself, threw himself off his machine and pulled himself clear of the trolley wheels which, however, passed over his machine, smashing it. Fortunately Mr. Gates escaped with nothing more serious than a cut knee.

CRUSHED ON THE LINE AT PETERBOROUGH.—On Tuesday a serious accident happened to a man named William Beeton, living in Taverner's-road, and employed on the Great Northern Railway. While engaged in shunting he got "nipped," as the railway men term it, between the buffers of some waggons, sustaining severe injuries to his chest. He was at once removed to the Infirmary, from which institution he had not long been discharged, having been found on the line in an unconscious condition suffering from an injury to the head.

THE FLETTON WATER COURSE LITIGATION.—The case of Bunting *v.* Hicks, which was before the London courts a few months ago, came before the Court of Appeal again last week, and finished on Monday when judgment was deferred. The matter in dispute is a water course at Fletton.

FLETTON BURIAL BOARD.—A meeting of the Fletton Burial Board was held on Friday at the clerk's office, when the Rev. C. Dorman, Rector, presided, and there were also present Rev. R. E. Clegg and Messrs. Butler, Fairweather, Colman, and Hawkins. The sum of 8l. 10s. for planting trees was allowed.—Mr. Fairweather introduced the question of closing the parish churchyard, and said he did so at the suggestion of Messrs. Page and Willett, the churchwardens. Now that they had a cemetery he did not see any necessity for the old graveyard remaining open. On sanitary grounds it was desirable, and he proposed that it was expedient that the churchyard should be closed for interments. In the case of family graves, they could remain with the right of being buried in.—The Chairman said so long as one grave remained open the churchyard could only be considered as partially closed.—Mr. Fairweather said the churchwardens had applied to have it closed.—The Chairman said if they applied Dr. Hoffman would be sent down, and when he was told that there were some grave spaces unoccupied he would naturally say that until they were it could not be considered a closed churchyard. Dr. Hoffman's instructions to him when the cemetery was opened were that no one should be buried in the churchyard who had not relatives already buried there, and to reserve the vacant spaces for such people. Not a single person had been buried in the churchyard since the cemetery was opened who had not relatives already in it.—Mr. Fairweather said these vacant spaces were within 60 yards of the residence on the other side of the road.—The proposition was withdrawn and the meeting closed.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Mr. H. Little presided at the weekly meeting of the Guardians on Saturday.—Considerable discussion took place with reference to the question whether Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Hedley, who had recently valued the G.N.R. station, &c., should be asked to furnish the Guardians with the items of the valuation. The Corporation of the city had applied to the Guardians for the particulars, and the clerk to the Guardians had applied to Messrs. Hedley, and had received a reply stating that with regard to the apportionment of the valuation of the G.N.R. station and valuation for the district rate, they would be prepared if necessary to make this for the Town Clerk, as they did with the Midland station assessment.—Mr. PETTIT said Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Hedley had made their assessment in accordance with their agreement with the Guardians and in accordance with the provisions of the Parochial Assessment Act. The 8000l. odd included land, sheet factory, gas-works, ballast pits, sidings, &c.—Mr. DEAN said no doubt each matter had been separately valued by Messrs. Hedley and Mason, and the separate items could be furnished.—Mr. CLIFFE said the separate items ought to be shown.—Mr. ALMOND said the Assessment Committee had had no idea that the Corporation would require the items. Messrs. Hedley had carried out their arrangement with the Assessment Committee, and they had gone just as far as the committee desired them to go.—Mr. J. HUNTING said it was the G.N.R. Co. who had asked for the items.—Mr. PETTIT said Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Hedley's fee was 394l. 14s. 10d.—Mr. DEAN then proposed that they should be applied to for the items of the valuation.—Mr. HUNTING said he did not wish to blame the Assessment Committee. They knew that the Corporation took the union assessment as the basis of their rates. The G.N.R. Co. asked for the items before they would pay the rate, and they ought to be able to supply the Corporation with them. They were not asking Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Hedley for a fresh assessment, but merely for a copy of figures which they had in their books. It was quite a reasonable thing for the railway company to ask to know on what they were to pay.—Mr. ALMOND said Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Co. had given them all they bargained for, and the Guardians were not in a position to ask them for anything further.—Mr. DEAN said, apart from this question of the Corporation, the Guardians ought to have the information.—Rev. J. H. GANDY thought that no doubt each property had been separately valued, and the amounts could be supplied.—Mr. RATCLIFF said it was the Guardians, and not the Assessment Committee, who employed Messrs. Hedley and Mason, and he considered they had done what they bargained to do.—The CHAIRMAN said the Assessment Committee had made the same arrangements that had been made in previous years. There was no blame attaching to the committee, for the present application for details was new matter. In the future other arrangements could be made with regard to supplying details. In a previous matter the Corporation had applied to Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Co., and had paid their fee for the detailed information. The contract in future could be drawn differently, but it was rather too late now to attempt to alter it.—Lieut.-Col. C. I. STRONG: Were the other railways valued in the same way?—Mr. PETTIT: Yes.—Mr. CLIFFE said he would second Mr. Dean's proposal, for the Corporation could not get their rates until the detailed information was supplied.—After some further discussion the resolution to ask Messrs. Hedley, Mason, and Hedley for the details of the valuation was carried by 16 to 2.

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SPALDING.—THE HOLLAND COUNTY COUNCIL AND ALLOTMENTS.—A meeting of the Allotments Committee was held at Spalding on Tuesday afternoon, Ald. Winfrey presiding, when considerable progress was reported in the negotiations going on for the provision of allotments in different parts of the division. Instructions were given for further letters to be written to landowners, and in some cases land was taken on lease.

The sum of 10l. was raised last week in aid of the fabric fund of the Congregational chapel by a sale of work held in the school-room.

The University extension lectures which have been given at the Y.M.C.A. in connection with the technical education movement, by Mr. Cassie, were brought to a conclusion on Tuesday last.

Mr. Councillor Laming is mentioned as the probable chairman of the Holland County Council for the coming year. At a meeting of Liberal Councillors at Spalding on Tuesday, it was decided, it is understood, to support Mr. Laming's election.

THE FIRE ENGINES.—We understand the Improvement Commissioners are about to issue new regulations respecting the fire engines, and that in future the engines will not be sent to any fire outside the parish of Spalding unless ordered by some responsible person, or the parish in which the fire takes place has subscribed 5l. a year towards the maintenance of the engines and brigade.

THE DEATH OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR.—The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) of Mr. James Ashton, an extensive farmer, of Weston, near Spalding, who died on Sunday, at the age of 77 years. His remains were interred in the churchyard at Weston, in the presence of a large company. Deceased had been a member of the Holland County Council since its formation, and on the occasion of the first election defeated Lord Kesteven. He was a staunch Nonconformist, being steward of the Free Methodist church for the Spalding circuit, and was the leading member of the chapel at Weston. Mr. Ashton had been confined in-doors for about three months, and succumbed to bronchitis and other complications.

DONINGTON.—A public tea in the Wesleyan chapel on Tuesday was well attended. An entertainment was held in the evening. A collection was made at the close for the chapel funds.

HOLBEACH.—The half-year's estimates came before the Guardians at their meeting on Thursday week. The ordinary expenditure of the Union was much about the same as in previous years, but the County Council call showed an increase of over 1000l. The poor-rate will in consequence be 1s. this year, against 9d. last year. It was stated that the county rate calls under the Council were 3206l. more in the five years than under the magistrates.

The Rev. J. S. Hockin, of Sheffield, was expected to preach at special missionary services in the Free Methodist chapel on Sunday last, but being ill his place was taken by Revs. Whittaker and Leach. During this week special services have been held in the village chapels in this circuit.

Meetings were held on Wednesday afternoon and evening to consider the advisability of amalgamating the various temperance societies, and become affiliated to the Lincolnshire Temperance Federation. Both meetings were well attended by friends from Sutton Bridge, Holbeach, and Spalding, and opinions favourable to the proposition were expressed.

The Local Board met on Thursday week. A long discussion on the cost of the highways took place, and it was thought that the highway rate should be less in view of the immense County Council calls.—Mr. Merry thought the roads had had more money spent on them; and the Surveyor stated that the Council only gave them 50l. a mile for their main roads, which was very small.—It was stated that no election of members would be held as usual this spring, as by the new Parish Councils Bill the Board will be replaced altogether by a District Council in November.

A very sad and sudden death occurred at Whaplode on Tuesday morning last. Mr. F. Croker, a small farmer, was riding a horse on the high road, when he was seized with a fit, and falling off broke his neck. Deceased was 73 years of age.

LONG SUTTON.—On Monday the remains of Miss Jane Ewen, who died on the previous Thursday, aged 83, were interred in the General Baptist burying-ground. The deceased was the last representative of an old and respected family in this neighbourhood.

A few severe cases of diphtheria have occurred at the east end of the town.

For two weeks 125 loaves of bread, arising from Mrs. Rubbin's charity, have been distributed to the poor in the south porch of the church by the churchwardens.

BOURNE.—The Liberal Club-room has been thoroughly renovated, and every convenience has now been made for the comfort of members. The new reading-room is a decided improvement. The opening entertainment on Friday evening was a complete success.

Miss Beatrice Measures, daughter of Mr. Councillor Measures, has successfully passed the recent Cambridge Senior Local Examination.

A small silver coin, of the reign of Henry V., has been found in a garden in the East-gate. It is now in the possession of Mr. Merrikin.

In constructing the new platform at Bourne station, the old Red Hall moat has been crossed three times. The moat was of some depth. The water was drained off, and a deep bedding of concrete was laid in each part of the channel traversed.

In order to raise funds for the enlargement of their Sunday school-room, the members of the Congregational church are organizing a series of lectures and entertainments. The first of these was a lecture on "Savanarola," by the Rev. J. D. Jones, of Lincoln, on Thursday evening last. Mr. J. Wolstencroft presided.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Thursday week: Mr. Thos. Pick presided over 12 members.—The CLERK (Mr. Cecil Bell) read a communication from the Gas and Coke Company stating that with reference to the workhouse lamp they could not continue the supply of gas on the old terms, 25s. per annum. It was suggested that it would be more satisfactory to have the supply from the public meter. 57s. 6d. was charged for each of the public lamps.—Mr. WORSDALL advised the Guardians to use oil.—The CHAIRMAN said it was only right they should pay for what they burned.—A Guardian suggested that the Gas Company should be asked to place a lamp just outside the premises and there would then be no expense to the Board. Others considered this idea out of the question.—The clerk was requested to make inquiries.—The CLERK stated that the time had come for laying the contributions for the ensuing half-year. It was estimated that 7437l. would be required. On March 31st the balance in the treasurer's hands would be 1600l. This was a great deal more than they had had for a considerable time. It would not, therefore, be necessary to add anything for extraordinary charges. The balance would not have been so great if they had expended the amount raised for building infectious wards and erecting fire-escapes. To raise the proposed contributions, a rate of 1s. 0½d. in the pound would be required. The call could not be made for less. The question for consideration was whether it should not be more.—The CHAIRMAN observed that the clerk had worked out the financial statement most ably.—Mr. BELL reported that the returns of the new assessment of the new railways in the Bourne district had been received, and they would be deposited with the overseers that week. It was understood that there was an increase of several thousand pounds in the assessment.

CROWLAND.—In connection with the scheme of technical education Dr. Crowden gave the first of a series of lectures on elementary agricultural chemistry, in the Foresters'-hall. There was a fair attendance.

All the members of the ladies' and gentlemen's ambulance classes recently examined by Dr. Easley have received certificates.

The annual sermons on behalf of the Free Methodist Home and Foreign Missions were preached on Sunday by the Rev. G. Lord, and a public meeting was held on Monday.

It is just fifty years since Mr. H. Girdlestone performed the remarkable feat of walking 1000 miles in 1000 hours. On the day when the walk was completed there was such a rejoicing as Crowland has not since seen.

Mr. Richard Akrill died very suddenly on Wednesday week, but an inquest was not considered necessary. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, entered the police force when it was first formed, and for many years held the office of sergeant and inspector in Crowland, until he retired on a well-earned pension, when he took up his permanent residence in the town. He was highly respected by all classes. The funeral took place on Saturday, members of the police force acting as carriers.

OUNDLE.—To celebrate the inauguration of the Oundle district of the Northants Licensed Trades Association a dinner was held at the Talbot Hotel, Oundle, on Thursday week. Mr. J. H. Smith presided, about 50 being present.

Hospital feast in connection with Parson Latham's hospital was celebrated on Monday. The sermon in commemoration of the donor was preached by the Rev. Canon Hopkins. In the evening the anniversary dinner was held at the Talbot Hotel, the attendance being moderate.

The annual meeting of the Oundle Cycling Club was held on Friday, Mr. R. Knight presiding over a fair attendance. The balance-sheet was passed, showing a small adverse balance. Officers elected for season:—President, Mr. R. Knight; vice-ditto, Mr. Jno. M. Siddons; captain, Mr. A. Hirst; vice-captain, Mr. G. S. Ramshay; bugler, Mr. A. J. Dicks; hon. secretary, Mr. H. H. Markham.; committee, Messrs. Wood, Coales, Berridge, judge, Ball, and H. Ramshay.

BARNACK.—The Committee of the Barnack and District Horticultural Society met last week to arrange the schedule for the current year. In addition to those given by the society, special prizes are offered by the Mayor of Stamford for wild flowers, by Messrs. Willcocks and Kien, as two previous years, for collection of vegetables by cottagers, by Messrs. W. and J. Brown for collection of vegetables grown from new seed purchased of them, by Mr. Winn for collection of 6 vegetables grown from seed purchased of him, and by Mr. Edwards for dish of tomatoes and ditto of peas, under the same conditions. The nurseryman's prizes are all open to the whole district. There will be open classes for roses and carnations as last year.

The pulpit of Barnack church was on Sunday evening occupied by the Metropolitan of South Africa, the Most Reverend Bishop of Cape Town, to whom, when Vicar of Summertown, near Oxford, Canon Syers was for 5½ years Curate. The offertories amounted to 3l. 14s., of which 3l. goes to the Diocese of Cape Town.

The report on the Government Examination of the School is as follows:—"Considering that the school has suffered from sickness, the elementary work is creditable. The class subjects are well prepared. Needlework and recitation deserve special praise. The infants' classes are in very good order, and their attainments again justify the recommendation of the highest variable grant."

HELPSTON.—SAD GUN ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday week a large number of farmers were invited for a day's shooting on the Fitzwilliam estates, and while one gentleman was aiming at a rabbit, by some mischance the whole charge struck Frank Savidge, of Helpston, injuring him very seriously in the throat, hands, and legs. The most grievous misfortune is that the right eye is entirely destroyed. He was taken to Dr. Walker's, at Peterboro', where he remains under his care and Dr. Kirkwood's. Deep sympathy is felt for the family and for the young man himself.

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BOSTON.—At a special general meeting on Saturday of the Witham Drainage Commissioners Mr. Charles George Washington Phillips, of Boston, was appointed surveyor and collector in the place of Mr. J. E. Williams, resigned. Although the number of applicants, originally very large, had been reduced to 13, the real contest lay between Mr. Phillips and Mr. R. H. Bicknell, of Lincoln. The former gentleman secured 14 votes against 12 given for the latter. Mr. Phillips has resided in Boston many years, and is well known in the district as assistant engineer on the Lincolnshire section of the Great Northern Railway. He was recently elected Assoc. Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

At a vestry meeting for the parish of Boston on Thursday week Mr. Richard Swain was elected an auditor of the Burial Board accounts in the place of the Rev. S. Cutts, who has left the town.

Messrs. James Buck and W. P. Shout, who have held the office for many years, were on Thursday week re-elected borough auditors for the ensuing year. The Mayor has nominated Councillor Everitt as his auditor.

Anniversary services were held in the Wesleyan school-chapel at Hospital-bridge on Sunday last, the preacher being Mr. John Beaulah, ex-Mayor. A tea and public meeting were held last (Thursday) evening.

The Band of Hope connected with the Methodist New Connexion chapel gave an entertainment in the Town-hall on Tuesday evening. There was a fair attendance, and the programme was appreciated.

A slight accident occurred on the G.N.R. at Boston on Wednesday morning. Through an error a shunting engine collided with a goods train. The damage, however, was comparatively small.

On Sunday night a fire was discovered in a cupboard in a room at the rear of the shop occupied by Mr. Knott, confectioner, Dolphin-lane. The fire-brigade was summoned, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any serious amount of damage was done.

A meeting was held in Shodfriars'-hall on Thursday night week in support of the policy of closing public-houses on Sunday. The attendance was small. Mr. John Beaulah (ex-Mayor) presided, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. F. S. L. Bernays, the Rev. J. Burroughs, the Rev. G. Goodchild, the Rev. J. Simpson, and Mr. G. Orman, travelling secretary for the Midland district. A resolution in favour of Sunday closing was moved by the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, seconded by the Rev. J. Burroughs, supported by the Rev. G. Goodchild, and carried unanimously.

The annual services in connection with the Boston auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Society were held on Sunday. The preachers were the Rev. A. T. Teichmann, from Pirizpore, India, and the Rev. G. B. Brown, from the Congo. In the afternoon a young people's service was conducted in the Salem-chapel under the presidency of Mr. R. Sharman. On Monday a tea was provided, and in the evening a meeting was held, presided over by Mr. W. T. Small, and addressed by the Revs. W. Sexton, C. Waterton, and the deputation.

A meeting of the Roads and Bridges Committee of the Holland County Council was held at the Sessions-house, Boston, on Wednesday, Ald. Mills presiding.—A letter was read from the clerk to the Spalding Improvement Commissioners notifying that the sub-committee appointed to consider the question would recommend the Commissioners to accept the sum offered by the sub-committee of the Roads and Bridges Committee, amounting to 1464l. 3s. 2d., in liquidation of the Commissioners' claim of 1769l. 10s. towards the cost of the maintenance of the main roads in Spalding last year.—A letter was read from the highway surveyor for the parish of Kirton, instructed by a vestry, asking the committee not to store granite on the village green. It was resolved that the nuisance be mitigated.—Permission was given to Mr. W. T. Simonds to erect a telephone wire from the Market-place to Fishtoft.—Seventy applications were received for the position of district main road surveyor for the Spalding District, and the committee recommended the following candidates to the Council for selection:—Mr. T. J. Peacock, Tydd St. Mary; Mr. J. Kennedy, Docking; and Mr. T. Drury, Spalding.—Twenty-three tenders were received for the granite, and it was recommended that the Council accept the tender of the Groby Granite Company for South Holland, and the tender of Messrs. Somerfield, Belgium, for North Holland. There were six tenders for slag, and that of the Holwell Iron Company, Melton Mowbray, was recommended for acceptance.—A meeting of the County Rate Basis Committee was held to consider the present county rate assessment and the advisability of a revision. Ald. Barrell presided. The committee, after discussion, decided that they were not in a position to make any recommendation.—At a meeting of the Technical Education Committee the annual report was prepared for presentation to the Council next week. The report stated that the work had been satisfactorily carried out, and compared very favourably with the work in other counties, where larger sums were spent in organisation. It recommended that the usual grant be made to the committee next year.

BOSTON SHIP NEWS.—Arrived to Wednesday:—Shark (s), Sallabank, from Hull; Alix, Grann, from Brevig; Acuba (s), Graham, from Alexandria; King's Lynn (s), Chiswick, from Hamburg; Fox (s), Barley, from Hull; Britannic, Angier, from Lynn; Moss Rose, Philpott, from Sandwich; Lizzie and Annie (s), Barley, from London; Edith (s), Rix, from London; Peterborough (s), Young, from Hamburg; Rose (s), Edwards, from Newcastle; Buckingham (s), Scorgie, from Fiume. Cottonseed, ice, barley, and goods. Sailed: Edith (s), Rix, for London; Shark (s), Sallabank, for Hull; Fox (s), Barley, for Hull; King's Lynn (s), Chiswick, for Hamburg; Rose (s), Edwards, for Lynn; Lizzie and Annie (s), Barley, for Wisbech; Moss Rose, Philpott, for Sandwich. Coals, goods.

The annual meeting of the Spalding Division Conservative Association was held at Boston on Monday, and was attended by delegates from all parts of the division. Mr. C. T. Tunnard, J.P., presided, and there were also present—Rev. J. R. Jackson, Rev. A. C. Rowley, Rev. J. Schofield, Col. Moore, and Messrs. W. Garfit, S. S. Mossop, B. Fountain, Fitzallan Howard, J. Wren, J. M. Simpson, W. M. Cooper, C. Wright, T. Slator, R. P. Mossop, T. Plowright, R. M. Thorold, T. Ablewhite, H. S. Waite, F. Blanshard, and others.—Mr. B. Fountain, the hon. sec., read the annual report, showing the work done by the association during the year. The report showed that the register comprised 13,202 names, as against 13,254 in the previous year. There were about 1500 duplicates. There were 3521 owners, 9533 occupiers, 101 in the service franchise, and 27 lodgers. In preparation for the next election the Executive Committee unanimously recommended the adoption of Mr. H. F. Pollock, who fought the division at the last election, as the candidate to contest the division in the Unionist interest at the next election.—The report was adopted.—The treasurer's report showed the funds of the association to be in a satisfactory condition, and was approved.—Earl Winchilsea was re-elected president; Mr. S. S. Mossop was elected chairman; Messrs. C. T. Tunnard, Fitzallan Howard, J. W. Rowland, and R. M. Thorold and Col. Moore were elected vice-presidents; Mr. W. Johnston was re-elected treasurer; and Mr. B. Fountain was re-elected honorary secretary.—On the question of the adoption of the Unionist candidate being reached a communication was read from Mr. H. F. Pollock declining to allow his name to be placed before the meeting as the probable candidate at the next election. The telegram provoked general expressions of regret, and in the debate which ensued it was generally acknowledged that Mr. Pollock was the strongest candidate the Unionists could adopt. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. M. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Fisher, and supported by Mr. S. S. Mossop, Col. Moore, Mr. Rowland, Mr. Ablewhite and others that Mr. Pollock be asked to re-consider his decision, and that he be invited to again contest the seat at the next election.—The resolution was carried by 70 votes to 2.—A committee, consisting of the chairman and vice-chairman, was appointed to convey the resolution to Mr. Pollock.—It was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Sutton Bridge.

BOSTON TOWN COUNCIL.—The monthly meeting of the Town Council, acting as the Urban Sanitary Authority, was held in the Assembly-rooms on Monday evening: present, the Mayor (in the chair), Aldermen Bedford, Clarke, and Weightman, and Councillors J. Beaulah, Thos. Beaulah, Blanshard, Burton, Cooke, Everitt, Henderson, Hunn, Leafe, Lockwood, Pooles, Towell, and Thomas.—On the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, permission was given for the erection of some new houses and the alteration of a shop in West-street.—The payment of bills was ordered, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, amounting to 641l. 1s. 4d.—Dr. Clegg, medical officer, reported that the sanitary statistics for February were very favourable, the death-rate being 12·8, only half the rate for January, 24·0. This great improvement might be attributed to the decrease of influenza, pneumonia, and bronchitis, there being only one death from bronchitis. There had been no death from infectious disease in Boston or Skirbeck. Dr. Clegg again drew attention to the state of the sewers on the west side of the town, adverting to the need of efficient ventilation of the sewers and the necessity of ventilation with less danger to the public health than is effected by the present manholes at short distances. The objection to ventilating shafts was the difficulty of obtaining suitable sites and the serious expense. But would it not be false economy to allow any sewer obstruction or defect in ventilation to go on unremedied? If nothing were done they would certainly, on a return of climatic conditions similar to those of last summer, or even under ordinary conditions, have a returning outbreak of fever. Nothing could be more certain than that the recent extraordinary epidemic of typhoid on the west side of the town originated from, and was aggravated by, the state of the main sewer. The Bargate drain was a great nuisance, but there were not more than half-a-dozen cases of fever on the east side of the river. The explanation was that on the Bargate side, although there was pollution of the atmosphere, there was no sewer gas driven back into dwelling-houses by a blocked drainage. This Bargate water-course was really a sewer a mile long, but it was an open sewer, the prejudicial miasma being thus to a great extent diluted before distribution. A covered sewer, imperfectly ventilated and communicating with houses, was infinitely more dangerous than an open sewer. On the west side of the town the main sewer was in the worst possible state in consequence of the long drought. The pestiferous gases forced their way into many houses where the drain traps were defective, and at the manholes the foul exhalations were poured into the streets. This was from no structural fault with the sewers, but the sewer was now loaded with a deposit that could not get away. Was there any remedy but frequent flushing and efficient ventilation? As to the flushing, there were thousands of tons of water at the Grand Sluice which would cost nothing beyond the permission of the Witham Commissioners. A complete remedy, whatever the expense, would be true economy in the end.—A discussion followed, in the course of which the surveyor stated that the sewers on the west side of the town are already flushed at regular intervals. The flushing, however, could not be carried on during the drought of last summer on account of the water supply being short, but it had been resumed recently and was now applied three times a week.—The collector's statement showed that he had received since the last meeting rates amounting to 113l. 2s. 1d.—The treasurer's report showed a balance due to him of 145l. 16s. 9d.—Dr. Clegg and Mr. John Stephenson were respectively re-appointed medical officer and inspector of nuisances.

NEW LEAKE.—TECHNICAL EDUCATION. Three lectures on Home Nursing, ably demonstrated, have been given by Miss Ravenhill, of the National Health Society, in the Board school. Large numbers were present.

A confirmation service was held in Old Leake church on Monday for the first time since 1846, the Bishop of Lincoln officiating. The clergy present were the Rev. Canon Disbrowe (Benington), the Rev. J. Dunne (Leake), the Rev. Canon Stafforth (Freiston), the Rev. W. W. Mason (Leverton), the Rev. W. Hodge (Benington). The candidates comprised forty males and fifty-six females. Thirty-five were from Leake, nineteen from Benington, four from Leverton, eleven from Freiston, and twenty-five from Wrangle.

The Primitive Methodists of the Old Leake circuit held their quarterly meeting at Leake Fold-hill on Monday. The Rev. T. Lowe presided, and there was a good representative attendance. An increase of 11 members, with 58 on trial, during the quarter was reported, and the financial statement showed that chapel debts, amounting to 30l., owing three months ago, had been cleared off. The Rev. T. Lowe accepted a unanimous invitation to remain a third year in the circuit.

DOGDYKE.—SUICIDE.—A labourer named Bowes Dowse, on the farm of Mr. Goose, committed suicide by cutting his throat on Sunday. At an inquest held on Tuesday, before Mr. Coroner Clegg, the jury, in returning a verdict of suicide, expressed an opinion that there was not sufficient evidence as to the state of mind of deceased.

LANGRICK.—TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The first of a series of lectures on Veterinary Science, illustrated by lantern views, was given in the Gipsey Bridge school-room on Friday, by Mr. J. B. Greswell, F.R.C.V.S., of Louth. There were 95 persons present.

GRANTHAM.—PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. On Thursday week the March quarterly meeting of the Grantham Primitive Methodist circuit was held at the Commercial-road chapel, the Rev. N. Haigh in the chair. There was a large attendance. The chairman's report showed the circuit to be in a prosperous condition. Mr. H. Robinson was appointed circuit steward, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Bailey, the retiring steward, for his services during the past four years. Mr. J. Ashbourne and Mr. R. W. Peat were chosen delegates to attend the meeting at Hinckley in May next.

At the Baptist chapel on Sunday special sermons were preached by the Rev. J. G. Dann, of Delhi, India, on behalf of foreign missions.

At the Borough police-court on Monday the Bench confirmed the report of Dr. Shipman and Mr. S. L. Williamson who had viewed the footpath in the Spa Recreation-ground preparatory to the footpath being closed.

Messrs. R. C. Brightwell and H. Escritt have been re-elected auditors for the borough, and the Mayor nominated Mr. J. W. G. Beaumont to examine the town accounts in conjunction with the auditors.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday evening week, at the Victoria Hotel, Commercial-road, an illuminated complimentary address was presented to Mr. J. T. Shaw (the hon. sec. of the West ward South Conservative Association), who is leaving the town.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A labourer named Thomas Greggs, of Castlegate, fell from a ladder while repairing a roof of Mr. Hallam's house, Dysart-road, on Thursday week, seriously injuring his head.

A GIRL SCALDED.—On Friday a girl named Peacock, of Brunswick-place, Inner-street, was admitted to the Grantham Hospital suffering from a scalded shoulder. She was lifting a large pan of boiling water from off the fire, when it fell over and scalded her as stated.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named Hawksley, who was engaged in painting the premises of Messrs. Bell and Sons, Westgate, was injured on Friday by the falling of a beam, which dislocated the fingers of one hand and caused other injuries.

EARLY CLOSING ASSOCIATION.—In connection with the above a concert was given in the Guildhall on Thursday evening week, when an enjoyable programme was rendered by Misses Handcock (2), B. Ogden, Messrs. E. Belton, G. P. Fillingham, Haines W. Reed, Corlett, &c. A dance was afterwards held, Mr. Kiorton's band supplying music.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Grantham auxiliary was held at the Westgate-hall on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. S. L. Williamson, J.P. There were also present Dr. Camm (Samford), Revs. J. W. Harton, C. Elsmere, A. Woods, J. H. Taylor, R. A. Cliff, N. Haigh, &c. Mr. C. Dixon read the report, which stated that 41l. 6s. 10d. had been contributed from the Grantham district during the year. An address was given by Dr. Camm, the deputation from the parent society.

TOWN COUNCIL.—Wednesday: The Mayor (Councillor Arthur Hutchinson) in the chair.—A communication was received from the secretary of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, stating that the Council of that society would be glad to arrange for an exhibition at Grantham in the year 1895. The matter was left in the hands of the Mayor, who will call a town's meeting to consider the same.—It was decided that the agreement between the Town Council and the Kesteven County Council, with respect to uniting to provide asylum accommodation, be bound with the records of the Council, and the Mayor and Alderman Hannett were appointed on the Committee of Visitors to superintend the building, erection, and management of the district asylum.—The Contracts Committee reported that they had considered the motion made by Councillor Parker with respect to the insertion of a clause in all tenders specifying that all work done for the Council should be done by men receiving the standard rate of wages, and as they believed that to carry it out all through would be to enhance the rates, and, further, that the motion referred more particularly to the printing and police clothing, they recommended that a clause be inserted requiring such work to be done in the town.—The report was adopted.—The Sanitary Committee reported that with respect to the erection of an infectious diseases hospital, they had obtained a site in Gorse-lane from the trustees of the late Earl of Dysart at 4l. the acre. The land was at present in the occupation of Councillor Hall, but he had expressed his willingness to give up the tenancy in favour of the Council, and the work of building would be proceeded with at once.—A general district rate at 1s. 3d. in the pound and a borough rate to raise the sum of 100l. were allowed.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Thursday week: Sir Hugh Cholmeley, Bart., in the chair.—The Building Committee recommended that the sum of 114l. 4s. 6d. be paid to Messrs. Hodson and Son (the builders of the new workhouse), and that 61l. 5s. be paid to them as a compromise in settlement of a claim for 130l. 13s. 9d. for a delay of payment. The first sum was allowed.—Mr. Crabtree opposed the compromise. Taking all into consideration the builder ought not to have claimed interest, and he proposed they did not pay it.—Mr. Hindes seconded.—The Clerk said that the builders had to pay interest at the bank, owing to the guardians not having paid their account. The interest was charged from January to October, 1893.—Mr. Newton moved that the money be paid. Litigation would probably be resorted to unless they compromised, and Messrs. Hodson were willing to accept the sum recommended by the committee.—Mr. Beasley seconded, and stated that it was partly due to the illness of the architect that the delay occurred. The amendment was adopted by 15 votes to 5, the names of those voting being taken.—Mr. B. Beeson drew the attention of the Board to the increase of tramps during the last fortnight. They had only accommodation for 14, and all above that number had to be sent to the lodging-house. There was an increase of 33 tramps on the week compared with the corresponding week last month. He moved that the resolution that tramps be kept two nights—adopted at the last Board meeting on the recommendation of the committee—be referred back for the committee's consideration.—Mr. Lennard seconded, and after some little discussion the resolution was negatived.

MARSTON.—On Friday evening a meeting was held in the school-room, Marston, in support of the candidature of Mr. Younger. Mr. W. Hutchinson presided over a good attendance. In his speech the candidate referred to the agricultural question, and asked what good the Royal Commission appointed by the present Government would do the country during the present and coming year. The neglect of the Government to deal with the position of agriculture clearly showed the rural population that they should band themselves together to bring the full force of their opinions to bear upon any Government that might be in power. (Applause.) Mr. Younger concluded by contrasting the taxation imposed on the country by the Liberal and Conservative Governments.—Mr. C. Mann gave a lecture, illustrated by lime-light views, on "Current Politics," and songs were rendered during the evening by Messrs. A. J. Ward, G. Stevenson, and Miss B. Handcock.

BARROWBY.—A concert and meeting under the auspices of the Conservative Association took place in the school-room on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. W. Hornsby presided, and there was a very large attendance. Addresses were given by the Chairman and Mr. Younger.

SLEAFORD.—CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting was held at the Bristol Arms Hotel on Thursday week, Dr. Giles in the chair.—The hon. secretary's report showed a deficiency of 5l. 4s. 7d. on the past year's workings, the receipts being 69l. 3s. 7d. and the expenditure 74l. 8s. 2d. The secretary said the extra outlay had been caused by the purchase of materials and by heavy match expenses. It was a question how they could provide for the deficit, but as they started with an adverse balance of 9l. 4s. 7d. their financial position might be said to have improved. Officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. T. Marston; vice-presidents, Earl Winchilsea, the Hon. Stormont Finch-Hatton, Col. Willson, C.B., Sir G. Whichcote, and Messrs. G. H. W. Hervey, R. Fane, T. H. Holdich, H. K. Knight, J. Nickolls, and C. Sharpe; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Kirk; captain, Mr. R. W. Money; vice-captains, Messrs. Aitken and Hickinbottom. Mr. W. Bell consented to act as honorary secretary for another year, and a working committee was also elected. J. Stuart, of Grantham, has been re-engaged as professional. Three or four matches have already been arranged with towns in the neighbourhood. It was resolved that the committee be empowered to arrange for athletic sports if they consider it desirable. It was also agreed that the Flower Show Committee be informed that the club is unable at present to come to any definite decision.

The Sleaford Corn-exchange Company have declared a dividend of 5 per cent., although a heavy outlay has been incurred in structural alterations and water supply during the last twelve months.

The 49th report of the Church District Visiting Society shows that 52l. 4s. has been given to the poor during the past year. The subscriptions amounted to 51l. 7s. 3d., and with the old balance and interest now leaves 14l. 13s. 7d. in hand.

On Saturday night Louisa Langstaff, 48, wife of a labourer in Claremont-place, on the North-road, died after eating a hearty supper. As she had some time ago been under medical treatment for heart disease an inquest was not held.

On the last two Wednesdays a lecture on "Palestine and Jerusalem of to-day" has been given in the Infant school-room by the Rev. W. Sadler, Rector of Dembleby and Commissary to the Bishop in Jerusalem. It was illustrated by limelight views.

As Mr. Constable was driving a young horse past the Co-operative Stores on Monday, the animal took fright at the drainage works, and swerved so that the shaft of the vehicle broke a portion of the large plate-glass window on the drapery side of the premises.

SICK NURSING.—On this subject Miss Rooke, under the auspices of the Technical Instruction Committee, started a series of lectures last week in the Town-hall. They have been well attended, and great interest is manifested.

SLEAFORD CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—On Monday evening a large public meeting in connection with the above was held in the Infant school, when Mr. W. Ashworth gave an address on the politics of the day. Instrumental and vocal music was ably rendered by Messrs. A. J. Ward, J. L. Nicholls, and the Leone Brothers. Mr. J. A. Cole presided.

SLEAFORD UNION.—Monday: Mr. Kirk presided.—The Master's report showed no diminution in the number of tramps for the past fortnight, as they numbered 71.—At the sitting of the Rural Sanitary Authority, a letter was read from the Local Government Board asking to be furnished with particulars in regard to the North Kyme allotments. The Board instructed the clerk to forward the necessary information, and to arrange for a loan of 1000l.—The Surveyor produced a report as to the Billinghay water scheme, and a report from the Heckington Parish Committee was also read.

RUSKINGTON.—A vestry meeting was held on Thursday evening week. Messrs. C. T. Rushby and Geo. Winter were re-elected constables, and Messrs. W. Pattinson, F. Pattinson, and J. R. Scott were nominated as overseers. On a vote being taken, Mr. W. Pattinson secured 23 votes, Mr. J. R. Scott 22, and Mr. F. Pattinson 21. The first two were declared elected.

Dr. Thomas Stiles, of Spalding (referring to glasses supplied him by Mr. Aronsberg), writes:—"Suit me far better than any glasses I have been able to obtain in the 94th year of my age." We announce the visit to Lincolnshire of Mr. Aronsberg, of Manchester, the eminent oculist and optician, who, during his stay, will give advice to all persons who may consult him upon defects in their eyesight or failure of vision. The opportunity of receiving counsel of one who has made the organ of sight a lifelong study, and advised with so much success as Mr. Aronsberg has done, is an occasion which ought not to be neglected by those who desire to secure the best scientific relief for impaired or failing eyesight, and to have the opportunity of at once supplying themselves with glasses which are in every sense suitable to their needs. Mr. Aronsberg visits—George Hotel, Grantham, on Monday next, March 12th; White Hart Hotel, Spalding, on Tuesday next, March 13th; Peacock Hotel, Boston, on Wednesday next, March 14th; Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, on Thursday next, March 15th; Monson Arms Hotel, High-street, Lincoln, on Friday next, March 16th; Angel Hotel, Peterboro', on Saturday next, March 17th.

DUNVILLE'S OLD IRISH WHISKY is recommended by the medical profession in preference to French Brandy. They hold the largest stock of Whisky in the world. Supplied in casks and cases for home use and exportation. Quotations on application to Dunville and Co., Limited, Royal Irish Distilleries, Belfast.

OAKHAM.—BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Monday: Mr. Morris presiding.—The following tenders were accepted:—Bread and flour for three months, Mr. Woods, bread 3d. per 4lb. loaf, flour 21s. sack; coals for three months, Messrs. Ellis and Everard, best hard 15s. 11d. per ton, slack 5s. 6d. per load; meat for six months, Mr. F. Needham, beef 6½d., mutton 5½d., and beef suet 2½d. per lb.; milk 11d. per gallon, Mr. Hughes; boots for twelve months, Mr. Davis.

The Primitive Methodist quarterly meeting was held on Saturday evening at Oakham. The reports were satisfactory and the ordinary business of the circuit was transacted.

PLEASANT SATURDAY EVENINGS.—The Friends' Meeting-house was crowded on Saturday evening, when an excellent entertainment of music, readings, and recitations was given. The meetings throughout have been most successful and greatly appreciated.

DRAUGHT TOURNAMENT.—On Friday evening a draught tournament took place between the Whissendine and Oakham teams, at the Institute, Oakham. The match was won by the Institute by four games. Refreshments were provided by Mr. Broughton.

OAKHAM GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medals were played for on Friday and Saturday. Best scores:—

	Gross.	Handicap.	Net.
Miss Tryon	73	12	61
Miss J. M. Tryon	63	+6	69
Mr. Johnson	121	30	91
Mr. Grist	91	+10	101
Mr. Thompson	91	+10	101
Mr. R. Tryon	123	22	101

PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE.—Tuesday.—A letter from the postmaster was read respecting the suspension of one delivery of letters on early closing day, so as to give an opportunity of recreation to the employés. A reply was ordered to be sent stating the committee saw no objection to the suspension, but did not take upon themselves to represent the town in the matter.—It was resolved that the attention of Mr. Finch be called to the state of the Market-place, asking that it might be put into repair.

POINT-TO-POINT STEEPLECHASE.—The annual point-to-point steeplechase held by the officers of the Coldstream Guards took place on Monday over a four-mile course in the Cottesmore country, extending from near Ashwell station and finishing up just under the village of Cold Overton. The race was witnessed by a large crowd, many being attracted from Oakham and the neighbourhood. Amongst the company were Colonel Viscount Falmouth, Lady Falmouth, Colonel and Lady Julia Follett, Colonel Grove Sawle, Major Codrington, Mr. Sutton, Lady Manners, Lord and Lady Churchill, Colonel Jervis, &c. There were eleven entries, and the race was won by Mr. J. McNeile by four lengths. The whole field kept well together, and the race resolved itself into a match between the first four. 30 lengths divided the second and third, and the same distance the third and fourth.

WHISSENDINE.—On Sunday sermons were preached in the church by the Rev. E. C. Unmack, organizing secretary, on behalf of the Spanish and Portuguese Mission. The collections were very satisfactory.

UPPINGHAM.—AN UNDERGRADUATE DROWNED.—Mr. Cuthbert Moore, an undergraduate of Exeter College, Oxford, son of a solicitor of Sheffield, was drowned on Friday afternoon whilst boating on the upper river. He went out shortly after twelve o'clock, in the company of Mr. C. A. Finzel and Mr. N. Poyntz, with the intention of going to Eynsham. At Medley Mr. Moore hired a Rob-Roy canoe, whilst his companions engaged a Canadian. The weather was delightfully fine, and each of them partook of luncheon in their boats. Mr. Finzel and Mr. Poyntz were a short distance in front, and as they approached the King's Weir they heard the lock-keeper shouting to them. At first they failed to understand what he said; but, on looking round, they noticed that Mr. Moore's canoe had capsized. They immediately returned to the spot, but he was nowhere to be seen. A strong stream was running at the time, and the accident occurred in an awkward bend of the river. The next morning the body was recovered in 13 ft. of water. Mr. Moore was about 19 years of age, and went from Uppingham School at the commencement of last October term.

GOLF MATCH.—The return match between the Uppingham and Burghley Park Golf Clubs was played on the Uppingham Links on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the home side. Uppingham: Mr. G. Martinmas 2 holes, Mr. R. N. Douglas 5, Mr. A. C. Taylor 3, Rev. C. A. C. Bowlker 3, Mr. H. L. Maynard 4, Mr. J. C. Powell 6, total 23. Burghley Park: Rev. R. C. Faithful, Mr. C. N. Day, Mr. H. B. Waite, Mr. R. Wyche, Mr. H. V. Iggulden, Rev. W. Pace Rigg, *nil*.

SEATON.—Farmers are commencing spring-seeding in this district. Winter wheat crops generally look very healthy.

A service of song, *the Musical Miller*, was given in Barrowden chapel last week. Mr. A. E. Grinstead presided.

A meeting in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on Tuesday at Barrowden. The Rev. R. Perkins, of Exeter gave an address.

An entertainment of recitations, vocal solos, &c., took place in Lyddington chapel on Monday. Mr. Read, of Easton Magna, played Farmer's "Home, sweet home," and Master Read also executed two violin solos splendidly. Mr. Porter, Stoke Dry, presided.

GREAT EASTON.—A poor-rate of 6d. has been allowed.

Officers of the newly-formed Bicycle Club for Great Easton have been elected as follows:—Mr. T. H. Taylor, captain; Mr. S. Garrat, vice-captain; Mr. E. Wigfall, bugler; and Mr. J. Mitchell, secretary.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—POINT TO POINT RACES.—A series of point-to-point races, partaking both of a military and hunt character, came off on Friday over a splendid line of country between Hickling and Long Clawson, finishing at Little Belvoir, in the parish of Kettleby. There were three events in all comprising two army races open to the officers of all cavalry regiments—a light-weight and welter races—and a match between six members of the Quorn Hunt and a like number of the Pytchley. The proceedings were entirely open, and Lord Lonsdale, the Master of the Quorn, who carried out the arrangements, entertained the farmers living within the limits of the Quorn domains to luncheon, for which, between 3000 and 4000 invitations were sent out, and, with few exceptions, accepted. Good weather favoured the event. Lord Lonsdale entertained a large party at Barleythorpe Hall, while many members of the Hunt received a large number of guests. Results:—

ARMY POINT-TO-POINT RACE.—Catch weights, 12st.

Mr. W. N. Gordon's (12th Lancers) McCrankie	1
Major P. L. Clowes's (8th Hussars) Princess	2
Capt. R. K. Smith's (4th Hussars) Playaway	3
Capt. A. Cotton's (Grenadier Guards) Beaune	4
Sir Samuel Scott's (R. H. Guards) Luxury	5
Mr. H. C. Noel's (17th Lancers) Bagman	6

28 ran.

ARMY WELTER POINT-TO-POINT RACE.—Catch weights, 13st. 7lb.

Capt. Reginald Hoare's (4th Hussars) Sea King	1
Lord Shaftesbury's (10th Hussars) Faust	2
Lord Lovat's (1st Life Guards) Halma	3
Mr. E. Rose's (R. H. Guards) Sambo Sutton	4
Mr. H. H. Lonsdale's (Grenadier Guards) Bective	5
Capt. R. K. Smith's (4th Hussars) Castlerea II.	6

17 ran.

QUORN *v.* PYTCHLEY.

Mr. H. T. Barclay (Quorn)	1
Capt. De Winton (Quorn)	2
Mr. R. B. Muir (Quorn)	3
Mr. H. C. Bentley (Pytchley)	4
Lord Southampton (Pytchley)	5
Mr. Foxhall-Keene (Quorn)	6
Mr. C. Adamthwaite (Pytchley)	7
Mr. C. Beatty (Pytchley)	8
Count Zborowski (Quorn)	9
Capt. Renton (Pytchley)	10
Mr. Jamieson (Pytchley)	11
Mr. Hugh Owen (Quorn)	12

The Quorn, who had the first three home, won easily amidst great enthusiasm, Mr. Barclay winning cleverly by a length, on his well-known horse Lord Arthur. The first six finished remarkably close together. In totalling up the points the Quorn won by 43 points to 21.

In the Primitive Methodist chapel, Melton, on Monday, Councillor Wakerley, of Leicester, lectured on "The Working Man." Mr. J. Locke, of Scalford, presided. Mr. Wakerley bore testimony to the increasingly sober habits of the great body of respectable artisans. The greatest menace to happiness in a working man's life was its precariousness. There was often less than a week's wages between him and want, with the workhouse at the end. These things ought not to be. The working classes had the remedies in their own hands—thought, thrift, and thorough-going legislation.

LITERARY INSTITUTION.—On Thursday week an entertainment was given in the Corn-exchange in aid of the reduction of the debt incurred in the management. Mr. A. V. Pryor (Egerton Lodge) presided, and urged outsiders to avail themselves of the benefits derived from systematic reading. Mr. Sidney Pridmore gave a capital performance, and a party of Nottinghamshire glee singers were in attendance. The net results can scarcely be considered satisfactory.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT MELTON.—A fancy dress ball, arranged by the members of the Melton Hunt, took place in the Corn-exchange, Melton Mowbray, on Wednesday night, and proved the smartest function of the present season. The room was charmingly decorated with pale green and white, relieved with foxes' and stags' heads. The fancy costumes of many of the ladies were splendid, as were also some of the ordinary ball-room dresses in which many others appeared. The gentlemen wore a variety of quaint garbs, and the scene was brilliant in the extreme. Supper was served by Messrs. Gunter, Berkeley-square, and the Meister Orchestra supplied music. The company numbered about 200, and included Prince and Princess Henry of Pless, the Duke of Marlborough, Viscountess Dangan, Lady Fowke, the Countess of Wilton, and Mr. Pryor, the Countess of Cardigan, Viscountess Curzon, Mrs. Curzon, Lord and Lady Manners, Sir Saville and Lady Crossley, Sir Robt. and Lady Affleck, Lady Ileene Campbell, the Countess of Huntingdon, Lady Helen Craven, Baron Max de Tuyll, Lady Augusta Fane, Lady Gerard, Lady Constance Gore, Sir Charles and Lady Forbes, Captain Demolyns, Miss Ashton, Mr. E. de Lisle, the Hon. Mrs. Fitzwilliams, Lady Irene Hastings, the Hon. W. Lambton, Lord Edward Manners, Mr. and Mrs. Baldock, Count Nadasky, Lord Henry Vane Tempest, Mrs. Sloane Stanley, Miss Margot Tennant, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Younger, Mr. Eustace Crawley, Sir Wm. Russell, and the Misses Palliser.

MARKET HARBORO'.—In connection with the Salvation Army a special lantern service was conducted at the New-hall on Monday evening by Mr. Hy. Gee: his subject was "Played Out."

ODDFELLOWSHIP.—The financial statement of the Prince Albert lodge, just issued, shows assets 4111l., being a net gain on the year of 171l. 14s. 7d.

LIBERAL LAND SOCIETY.—The 17th annual report states that the number of houses on the society's estate is 246, with a ratable value of 2351l. The receipts for the year have been 10,744l. 13s. 2d. Mr. John Smith has been elected president; Messrs. T. Bennett and C. J. Fox vice-presidents; and Messrs. C. Burgoine, J. T. Gardiner, W. W. Falkner, C. Palmer, R. C. Dunkley, and G. Eames, the committee.

KIBWORTH.—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—At the recent Cambridge Local Examination of four pupils sent up all passed, viz.:—H. Lynn (1st-class) with distinction in Latin and mathematics; W. G. Sanders (1st class), N. J. Spriggs (3d class), and W. Colman satisfied the examiners. The result is highly satisfactory to the headmaster (the Rev. A. P. Dawson), the average passes of junior boys in honours being 22 per cent., he having passed 75 per cent.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.—The managers have received the drawing report of this school, which has gained "excellent." Of the pupil teachers Miss B. Lynn has taken a first class, and Miss K. Dobney a second class certificate.

LEICESTER.—Mr. J. F. L. Rolleston will be the Unionist candidate for the vacancy in the representation of Leicester, caused by the resignation of Mr. Picton.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT LEICESTER.—During some shunting operations in the goods sidings, near Humberstone-road station, Leicester, early yesterday morning week, a couple of trains came into collision through a misunderstanding between a signalman and one of the drivers. A guard's brake, van, and a couple of waggons, were thrown off the metals, fouling the down passenger line, and were considerably damaged. The 2·30 a.m. express to the north had to pass on the goods line, but the damage was soon repaired and traffic restored. There was no personal injury sustained.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Central Criminal Court, London, on Monday, before the Recorder, in the case of Sir Herbert Hay Langham, Bart., a Master of Foxhounds and a Deputy-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, charged with fraudulently obtaining 1200l. from the District Banking Company of England and Wales, Mr. Besley, for the prosecution, applied that the case be allowed to drop solely on account of certain circumstances which told against the defendant having been satisfactorily cleared up. The defendant was committee to his uncle, who was insane, and was allowed 3000l. a year out of the estates for his uncle's maintenance. The uncle had since died.—Mr. Gill said it was a matter for satisfaction that the directors were men of position, because the defendant stoutly denied the charge.—The Recorder granted the application on the faith of the statement of counsel that there had been no arrangement between the parties.

DAIRYING STUDENTSHIPS.—Under the auspices of the Technical Instruction Committee of the Northamptonshire County Council, a competition for dairying studentships, tenable at the British Dairying Institute, near Aylesbury, took place on Wednesday at Northampton. The studentships entitle the holders to board, lodging, and instruction free, for one month, at the Dairy Institute at Aylesbury. Seven entered the competition, six of them being ladies. Mr. T. Nuttall, of Beeby, was the judge of the competition, and he awarded studentships to Miss Emma Siddons, Park Farm, Wellingborough; Miss Lizzie Sanders, Great Brington; Miss E. Cullen, Culworth; and Master James Wooding, Lilford, Oundle.

KETTERING.—At the Local Board meeting on Saturday last it was decided to enter into negotiations with the Rural Sanitary Authority with a view to working the hospitals belonging to the two bodies under a joint management.—Mr. J. W. Dryland was re-elected medical officer of health.

At the Liberal Club on Saturday Mr. R. B. Wallis, vice-chairman of the Kettering School Board, read a paper on "Politics and Labour," which was followed by a debate.

Much success has attended the centre of the St. John Ambulance Association formed in Kettering four months ago, and on Tuesday there was a large attendance at the Corn-exchange to witness the presentation of certificates to successful students. Mr. J. T. Stockburn, J.P., presided, and after the presentation a series of drills were gone through.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read at Monday's meeting of the Board of Guardians, stating in reply to an enquiry that the persons who were found employment by the Board at wood chopping last winter would be disqualified as Parliamentary or Local Government electors.—The Board decided to join the Toxteth Board in supporting the Liquor Traffic Local Control Bill, and a Bill for the compulsory detention of chronic inebriates.

BRIGG.—BAZAAR.—A bazaar in aid of the Wesleyan Chapel Renovation Fund was opened on Thursday week in the new school-room. Some pretty and useful articles were upon the stalls and purchases were numerous. There were refreshment, children's, and other stalls, and the usual bazaar accessories.

The visit of Lord Winchilsea to Brigg, which was postponed a fortnight ago, will take place on the 21st inst.

NURSING INSTITUTE.—The committee of the Cottage Hospital and Nursing Institute have engaged a trained nurse to reside in Brigg and to attend to cases in the town and neighbourhood. Subscribers have been provided with forms of recommendation for use when required.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The March quarterly meeting of the officials of the Brigg circuit of Primitive Methodists was held at Brigg on Friday. The Rev. P. T. Yarker presided, and the Rev. T. Graham was the secretary. There was a good attendance of representatives from various parts of the circuit. An increase of members was reported, the total number in the circuit being about 600, and in other respects the circuit is in a prosperous state.—A new chapel is being built at Barnetby, and will be opened in the course of next month.—Delegates to the district meeting to be held at Spalding in May, were appointed as follows:—Mr. T. Wilmore, of Howsham; and Mr. C. F. Sheriff, of Scawby; the vice-delegates being Mr. F. Rowbottom and Mr. W. Oglesby, of Brigg. It was decided to ask for the district meeting to be held at Brigg next year.—The Rev. P. T. Yarker and the Rev. T. Graham are leaving the circuit at the end of the present Connexional year, and their successors are the Rev. F. G. Wallis (Hornsea) and Rev. J. A. Alderson (Andover).—The delegates were entertained to dinner and tea by Mr. H. Rowbottom and Mr. F. Rowbottom.

MR. WADDY, M.P., AND THE BRIGG DIVISION.—At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Lindsey Liberal Association yesterday week, a communication from Mr. S. D. Waddy, Q.C., M.P., intimating that he will be unable to contest this division at the next general election, was considered. This announcement was received with regret, and a resolution expressing high appreciation of Mr. Waddy's services to the party was passed. The question of selecting a candidate in the place of Mr. Waddy was considered. Several gentlemen were mentioned, but the name of Mr. H. J. Reckitt, of Swanland Manor, near Hull, late Member for Pontefract, met with hearty and unanimous approval. It was decided to ask that gentleman to grant the committee an interview at an early date. Should Mr. Reckitt give a favourable reply, steps will immediately be taken to arrange an interview with the Liberal Council and Association.

THE UNION.—Thursday week.—Mr. Bilton called the attention of the Board to the dietary table. Two months ago a committee was formed to look into this matter, and it was decided to give the workhouse inmates a more liberal diet. The revised scale had been submitted to the Local Government Board, but that authority's sanction had not yet been obtained. Some of the paupers had been inquiring when they were going to get the extra ounce of bread. He (Mr. Bilton) understood that the alteration in the diet could not be made until the decision of the Guardians was confirmed by the Board above.—The Clerk was directed to write to the Local Government Board reminding them of the matter.—The Government Inspector, who had examined the workhouse schools on the 12th ult., had sent in a satisfactory report.

MARKET RASEN.—CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—A well-attended Conservative meeting was held in the Corn-exchange on Tuesday night. Mr. L. C. Tennyson D'Eyncourt presided, and he was supported by Lieut.-Col. Lucas, the Unionist candidate for the Louth Division, the Right Hon. E. Heneage, M.P., Canon Andrews, Canon Dwyer, the Rev. W. Cooper, the Rev. A. Timperley, the Rev. D. M. Melville, the Hon. Reginald Walsh, Mr. G. W. Young, Mr. D. C. Legard, and many others.—The CHAIRMAN regretted to say that one very influential member of their district, Col. Conway-Gordon, was unable to be present, owing to a severe bronchial attack; and also that their secretary (Mr. Padley) was obliged to be absent in Dorsetshire. Col. Lucas needed no introduction in that district, for he had become known personally by his frank and genial manner.—Lieut.-Col. LUCAS, who was cordially received, said they had only one single item of an enormous programme to show for the session just closed, which had lasted longer than any other session during modern history—that was the Parish Councils Bill. The great paramount result of the session was the fall of Mr. Gladstone. Of course they all regretted whatever physical cause had hastened his retirement (hear, hear); but when a man had filled a conspicuous place in the Government of his country for 60 years, and when a man of his age had become Prime Minister of a great country, and was endowed with a power of eloquence almost unequalled, it was a subject of more than regret when he had to give up the great office he held, under what he might call a cloud. His retirement was more than accentuated by his manner of quitting office. They had hoped for a few graceful words of farewell and advice delivered with the stately eloquence of which he was such a master, but instead what did they see? They saw in the last speech that he made in Parliament a fiery oration in which every element of discord between two Houses of Parliament was stirred up. It was a speech which really contained in itself the germs of a revolution. Proceeding, Col. Lucas said they need not now associate the name of Mr. Gladstone with petty party rancour, but they must consider him now as a great Englishman. He next criticised the speech delivered by Mr. Perks at Scamblesby, and said he presumed the programme put forth by Mr. Perks was an unauthorised programme, as the present Prime Minister could hardly have taken that gentleman into his confidence. He should not be surprised if Lord Rosebery had a word to say as to what the legislative programme of next session would be. He felt quite certain that the Irish members would allow no programme to be put forward unless it had their consent, and he doubted whether the Irish members would be satisfied with the small sop of an Evicted Tenants' Bill. The 80 Irish members were masters of the situation, and without these 80 Irish members the Radical party fell into a minority, and that party would have to follow its masters. Things were worse now that the controlling influence of Mr. Gladstone was removed, and it did not require a prophet to foretell that the demand of the Irish party would hardly be diminished unless its mouth was closed by some bribe, the nature of which was not yet disclosed to the suffering English taxpayers. Speaking of the relative position of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, Colonel Lucas said the present House of Commons was elected to do certain things, and they failed to carry out the measures for which they were elected, the chief reason being that most of the members themselves disapproved of the measures when they came to examine them. That being so, a dissolution should at once take place, and so ascertain the present feeling of the country.—Mr. HENEAGE, after a graceful allusion to Mr. Gladstone, said Mr. Perks had recommended to the Government three measures, but had he a mandate with regard to the Home Rule measure? Did Mr. Perks tell them that he was going to give the Irish entire control of their own affairs to paralyse the action of the British members in the House of Commons. Did they give him a mandate to levy two millions a year more on British people to pay for Home Rule for Ireland? If the Irish people were so fond of Home Rule and so anxious for it, why could they not pay for it instead of the English taxpayer? Defending the House of Lords, Mr. Heneage referred to the Second Chambers in democratic countries and asked why we should have no safeguard in England against hasty legislation? In conclusion, he said that the Unionists were sure that their principles were on the rising tide throughout Lincolnshire. (Loud applause.)—Mr. ANGERSTEIN, Canon DWYER, and the Rev. W. COOPER also spoke.

The Post-office is to be removed into Queen-street, next door to the Corn-exchange, on premises belonging to Col. Gordon. This new site consists of commodious white-brick buildings, originally intended for two families, but which will now be converted into one tenement for the reception of the postmaster and his family.

PROPERTY SALES.—Several lots of property were offered for sale by auction at the White Hart Hotel on Tuesday. Mr. Thomas Nettleship first submitted four brick-and-slated cottages, with gardens, of an aggregate area of 1a. 0r. 12p., with a frontage on the main road in the parish of Middle Rasen. Passed at 115l., and bought afterwards privately by Mr. G. E. Nettleship.—Mr. G. W. Favill offered three lots in the same parish, also fronting the main road:—Lot 1, two brick-and-tile cottages, with large gardens, containing 1r. 17p.: passed at 40l. Lot 2, similar to lot 1, containing 1r. 20p.: passed at 50l. Lot 3, paddock, north of lots 1 and 2, containing 1a. 0r. 30p.: passed after a bid of 61l. by Mr. Saunby.—In each case Mr. Louis Rhodes was the solicitor for the vendors.

CAISTOR.—CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION.—In the last Cambridge local examination six junior candidates from the Caistor Grammar School were successful. J. Reed has 2d Class honours with distinction in arithmetic; E. Cameron, F. Osborn, and E. Tong 3d Class honours; while B. Lamplough and F. Jeffs are in the long list who satisfied the examiners.

GOOD SEEDS.
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QUIBELL BROTHERS, NEWARK.

SCUNTHORPE.—BOYS' BRIGADE.—The first Scunthorpe company, which has recently been formed, were on Monday night [illegible] at Milton chapel. A series of dissolving [illegible] showing the different companies and their [illegible] were exhibited to a very large audience, Mr. McIntosh lucidly explaining each scene. It had been intended to have the entertainment in the school-room, but the audience was so large that they had to remove into the chapel, and even then many were turned away at the doors.

Mr. Arthur Norman ("Paddy") commenced a 10 days' mission in the Primitive Methodist chapel yesterday (Thursday).

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.—On Monday night a keel belonging to Mr. [illegible] clough was sunk in the Humber near the Haven. It was very stormy, and the waves washing [illegible] the vessel got into the hatches. The keel was [illegible] with about 100 tons of coprolite from Barton [illegible] Newcastle.

The first annual ball of the Tradesmen's Assistants' Private Quadrille Class was held [illegible] evening in the Oddfellows'-hall, which was [illegible] decorated for the occasion. About [illegible] present. The M.C.'s were Messrs. W. S. [illegible] and W. A. Stow, and the stewards Messrs. [illegible] Moulde and F. Johnson.

LOCAL BOARD.—Friday.—The sum of [illegible] a general district rate of [illegible] was signed, and the collectors were [illegible] take proceedings before the magistrates [illegible] of arrears on the last general district rate. [illegible] Chairman pointed out that if the [illegible] Bill became law an election of members would be unnecessary, but the proper course was to proceed as usual.—Mr. F. [illegible] was appointed returning officer, with Mr. [illegible]. The retiring members are Messrs. H. F. M[illegible], [illegible] man), Dannett, Morris, Pullan, [illegible] Waddingham, and Johnson.

KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY.—[illegible] Hanson sold by auction on Friday [illegible] stock of Mr. W. Skinner. [illegible] just down at calving, made [illegible] steers from 1½ to 2 years old [illegible] realized low prices. Fine [illegible] times up, sold at 43s. and [illegible] hoggets at from 40s. to 45s. each.

At a vestry on Friday Messrs. [illegible] J. Hilton, the retiring overseers, and Messrs. George Crowston and Wm. [illegible] surveyors of highways, were re-elected.

GAINSBORO'.—[illegible] CHILDREN.—At the Gainsboro' [illegible] before Mr. F. Gamble and Mr. [illegible] Saville was charged that she [illegible] August 30th and the 27th of [illegible] and wilfully neglect her children [illegible] Annie, aged five, and Walter [illegible] manner likely to cause [illegible] health.—Mr. R. W. Forrest [illegible] the Society for the Prevention [illegible] He stated that the defendant was [illegible] employed in the Britannia Works [illegible] inspector had been watching [illegible] and since the 30th of August [illegible] visits to the defendant. Mr. [illegible] nature of the evidence he proposed [illegible] that the woman was of drunken [illegible] standing that her husband provided [illegible] money to keep the house [illegible] could, including the children [illegible] child was in an emaciated and [illegible] when 13 months old it weighed [illegible] upon which the child lay was [illegible] the surroundings being of such a [illegible] render the place unfit for human [illegible] condition of affairs was [illegible] drunken habits.—Dr. [illegible] Walter Saville on the 13th of August [illegible] was eight months old, and found [illegible] emaciated condition. The [illegible] in his presence, when it weighed [illegible] half the normal weight of a child [illegible] dition of the child was due to gross [illegible] of the mother, both as regards [illegible] He also saw marks of vermin on the [illegible] room was in a loathsome condition [illegible] was not due to disease. The child [illegible] insufficient food, and the result of [illegible] Carroll, inspector of the society, [illegible] of the last witness as to the weight [illegible] child. He had the child Annie stripped [illegible] of the mother, and found marks [illegible] was also stripped, and he was [illegible] the body, and had a filthy shirt on. [illegible] very filthy, although fairly well [illegible] said she owned she had had drink and [illegible] but she would do better in future if they [illegible] her as leniently as possible.—The Chairman [illegible] was bound to tell her, that was a [illegible] guilty. [illegible] were ready to hear anything [illegible] tion.—Defendant, however, had nothing [illegible] Bench sentenced her to 14 days [illegible] committing her for that period, the Chairman [illegible] they were erring on the side of mercy. [illegible] the society would be pleased to look after [illegible] child. They had a home at Lincoln for [illegible] —The Chairman said it was very gratifying to hear that.

A vestry meeting was held on Thursday week, Mr. C. Thompson, C.C., presiding. The persons nominated as overseers were Messrs. F. [illegible] G. E. Newbold (re-elected), and Messrs. [illegible] and G. Andrew. The auditors of the [illegible] accounts appointed were Messrs. Harvey, [illegible] son, and T. G. Pickering. A resolution was passed calling upon the Burial Board to publish a [illegible] statement of accounts each year.

BALL.—The annual ball promoted by the [illegible] of the Gainsboro' Britannia Ironworks was held in the Albert Hall on Friday night. The attendance, as usual, was a very large one. The stewards were Messrs. Button and Kirby, and the [illegible] department was under the care of Mr. W. [illegible]. The band, under the direction of Mr. [illegible] performed a first-class selection of [illegible] music.

GAINSBORO' PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—The following officers have been elected in connection with this newly-formed society:—President, [illegible] F. H. Dalby; vice-presidents, Revs. E. H. [illegible] C. E. Laing, K. B. Hancock, and [illegible] and Mr. J. Barlow; committee, Messrs. W. [illegible] Husbands, Rowntree, G. Hill, Jeffreys, [illegible] Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. [illegible] Carter, Miss Scott, Miss Brownlow, and [illegible].

GAINSBORO' LOCAL BOARD.—Monday:—A discussion arose as to the purchase of a steam [illegible]. It was stated that several Local Authorities [illegible] written agreeing with the proposal that [illegible] should be provided by the County Council for various urban authorities in Lindsey. The [illegible] was instructed to write to the County [illegible] their attention to the matter. It was also stated that the Gainsboro' Authority were prepared to buy a roller on their own account rather [illegible] without one.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.—The Gainsboro' Local Board having decided to effect certain improvements and to provide increased accommodation, a Local Government inquiry was [illegible] Thursday week held by Colonel C. H. [illegible] the proposed loan of 1200l. to carry out the [illegible] which are so essential on account of the increasing population. After the clerk and surveyor had been examined, the inspector [illegible] if there was any objection, and there [illegible] response, he considered the matter [illegible]. The question of baths was then taken [illegible] the inspector proceeded to inspect [illegible] that his report would be presented in due [illegible].

THE GAINSBORO' CATTLE MARKET [illegible] AND SWINE FEVER RESTRICTIONS.—At the police-court on Tuesday, a meeting [illegible] Contagious Diseases (Animals) [illegible] held, when in addition to the Bench [illegible] there were present Messrs. C. Wright, [illegible] C. Thompson, Geo. Wright, and W. [illegible] C. F. Liversidge, clerk to the Gainsboro' Cattle Market and Repository Company, [illegible] behalf of Mr. W. H. Hanson, the [illegible] the directors, to make application [illegible] market open for the sale of swine. [illegible] explained that in consequence of the [illegible] the Board of Agriculture it had been necessary to hold a scratch meeting of [illegible] who had granted permission for the market [illegible] held on Monday and the week previous. [illegible] thought, however, better to call the [illegible] committee as a whole to deal with the [illegible] future markets.—The Secretary [illegible] and the Chairman said they would [illegible] the application for as long as they [illegible] could not grant it for more than [illegible] Thompson moved, and Mr. Harrison [illegible] that permission be granted [illegible] commencing the following Monday, [illegible] regulations that all swine exposed in the [illegible] sales should be marked on arrival with a [illegible] composition of red colour in the form of [illegible] the back and loins not less than [illegible] and that every pig exposed at the [illegible] whether sold or not, should be [illegible] four days after and exclusive of the [illegible] the sale was held, also that swine [illegible] not afterwards be exposed at any [illegible] England, Wales, or Scotland, [illegible] sale is held in any district [illegible] before mentioned extends [illegible] acting in contravention of any of the [illegible] this licence would be liable to a [illegible].

GAINSBORO' BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Tuesday.—Mr. F. Mercer presided.—The [illegible] Board approved the contract with [illegible] officer, Dr. Beeman.—A number of [illegible] reported to be unpaid.—Mr. [illegible] the County Council, wrote stating that he [illegible] opinion that a rate of 1⅞ farthings in [illegible] would be required for the half-year. Mr. [illegible] remarked that he was surprised there were so many parishes in arrear considering they were [illegible] 33⅓ per cent. reduction.—Mr. [illegible] asked how it was that the call was so large.—Mr. Wells suggested that a petition be forwarded to the County Council asking them to do a little towards keeping down expenses.—The Clerk [illegible] the highway charges again.—The [illegible] contributions required for the half-year amounted to 9122l., the rateable value [illegible] 183,360l., the rateable value of Gainsboro' being 50,194l., and the call 285l. [illegible] ments. The probable expenditure for the [illegible] ending Lady-day was 544l. [illegible] ending Michaelmas 998l. [illegible] cepted:—Everatt, good seconds [illegible] per sack, country 19s. 3d.; [illegible] and mutton 7s. 2d. per stone; [illegible] 9d. per gallon.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A FARMER.—On Monday at the White Hart Hotel, Blyton, Mr. C. [illegible] deputy coroner, held an inquiry [illegible] Wm. Champion, aged 57, a well-known [illegible] who was found dead in bed on Sunday [illegible] Dr. Passmore, who had made a [illegible] he was satisfied that deceased died from [illegible] degeneration of the heart, there being [illegible] above the body.—Verdict accordingly.

WILLOUGHTON VESTRY MEETING.—Mr. Geo. Snowden has been elected guardian, Messrs. Cross and Weatherhogg overseers, and Mr. [illegible] Weatherhogg surveyor of highways. Messrs. King, Lewis, and G. Wells have been nominated as parish constables.

EPWORTH.—On Thursday week a meeting in promotion of total abstinence was held in the Temperance-hall, Mr. Wm. Standring in the chair. Mr. F. Atkin, of Leicester, gave an address.

On behalf of the Baptist Foreign [illegible] a public meeting was held on Thursday week, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Teichmann, [illegible].

MARKET HARBORO' POLICE.—Tuesday, before Geo. Stratton (chairman), [illegible] Fisher, and J. C. Eady, Esq.—[illegible] of Walton Fields, for a breach of the [illegible] Highway Act, at Husbands Bosworth, on Feb. [illegible] not having a man in front, was fined [illegible] costs; and for neglecting to have his name [illegible] dence on the locomotive a fine of 1l. 10s. [illegible] inflicted.—*Bede Mitchell*, labourer, of [illegible] drunkenness there on Feb. 24, paid 8s. [illegible] *Wm. Sturgess*, police constable, of [illegible] was summoned under the Poor-law. [illegible] he offered 1s. a week, but had got [illegible] order was made for 2s. 6d. a week, to be [illegible] as soon as the arrears are cleared off.—[illegible] Market Harboro', was fined 5s., including [illegible] the Education Act.

SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY.—Our readers suffering from Epilepsy or Hysteria are strongly recommended to send their names and addresses to Dr. Fanyau, 90, Great Russell-street, London. [illegible] if they mention this paper, send to them gratis [illegible] tical Treatise on the permanent cure of Epilepsy and other diseases of the Nervous System.

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