IN TOYLAND.



"Ugh" groaned a poor rag doll, who had been thrown in a corner by her little mis-tress, "how cold, how very cold it is over

"Boo-o-o," murmured a tiny top.
"Are you cold, too?

I had not seen you before, for my little master threw me with such great force into this dreadfully dark corner, that I fell almost unconscious to the ground. How my head turts me even now! But it is indeed good to and one of my own dear friends near by"!

The little rag doll had not time to answer her ill-treated friend, for just then a chubby little curly-headed girl dame unning across the room and dragged Polly, he; rag doll, by the arm behind her. Then sh, took Polly in her arms and hugged her tightly. "Dear, dear Polly!" she said. Polly was just beginning to feel happy, and laid her head lovingly on her little mistress's arm, when she heard a voice wall." Look what I have Wally. "What home her arms and hugged her fightly. "Dear, dear Polly!" she said. Polly was just beginning to feel happy, and laid her head lovingly on her little mistress's arm, when she heard a voice call "Look what I have, Molly." "What have you got?" asked Molly impetuously. "I have a golly-wog," sang out a teasing little voice. "I believe you have my golly-wog, then," cried Molly. "Let me see!" Then she dropped poor little Polly on the ground without a thought, and rushed across the nursery to see what Joe was doing.

"Yes! it is my golly-wog," cried Molly, almost in tears. "Give him to me!" Then she tugged so hard to pull her toy away from Joe, that the golly-wog's arm came right out.

"Oh! now we can have a good game, Molly," cried Joe. "Don't cry, he will soon be well. Pretend I am the doctor." Look! I will live over there, and you come and fetch me; then I will mend his arm and mak' old golly-wog better."

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Molly dried her tears, and began to smile. "Alright," she said, "go to your house, then." She then put the golly-wog to bed, and ran over to call the doctor, who came immediately to attend to his patient. He bathed the golly-wog's arm with dreadfully cold water, and bound it up so tightly that poor little golly-wog could have screamed with the pain had he been able to; but, as you know, a golly-wog has no voice.

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Very soon, however, Molly and Joe were tired of playing the doctor and nurse, so they proceeded to the doll's house and began to prepare for a tea-party, bet because Joe would insist on ringing the tea bell be pre Molly had prepared the tea, the little girl became very angry, and threw all the plates and cups and sancers all over the room.

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Just then nurse came into the room and took the two children away to bed, and then a little maid came into the nursery to out all the toys away tidily in their cupboard. "Dear, dear! how untidy they have made the room," she sighed, as she stooped down to pick up the numerous toys which were scattered over the floors. There were bricks and blocks, dolls, tops, trains, watering cans, worlly rabbits and dogs, and many, many of er toys. How glad they all were to be back if their own big cupboard, and to be able to rest."

"Oh! I have such a pain in my side," cried out the watering can. "Master Joe dropped me down on a great sharp stone, which made a terrible hole in my side. If cannot do my work at all now, and I feel so very miserable."

"And I," said the top. "Dear, dear, how my head pains. I was dashed into a corner, head first, and there I was left until that little maid took compassion upon me and brought me

took compassion upon me and brought me back home. How glad I am to be able to rest

back home. How glad I am to be able to rest for a little while."

"And I, too, have had a most unhappy day," sighed the woolly rabbit. "See how my hair is torn off. Mistress Molly found that it would come off if only she pulled land enough; so she pulled and tugged—and now you see how bare I am. Oh, how very sore my back is, and my tall is nearly dropping off.

"And we, we have had the worst time possible," cried out the plates, cups and saucers, one and all. "Mistress Molly dashed us to the ground in a terrible rage." "have a cracked lip," said the jug. "And I, a proken handle," said one cup. "And I, a seve ed spout," said the teapot. "We are, inde I, sorry folk!" they cried together.

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Just then the door of the toy cupboard opened gently. All the test began to sigh and moan, for they feared that the children meant to spoil their rest, but now they sighed in relief, for instead of the dreadful thing they feared, there stood a tiry shining fairy, who looked so gentle and so led so sweetly that immediately the toys for the circular and felt

immediately the toys for the series as weetry that as happy as kings and queer.

"What is this terrible tale near?" asked the little fairy. It sounded to be like a tale of cruel and heartless treat tery. What can I do to help you, my friends a Stall I punish your cruel little master and mistress? Shall I take them away and give them inp to the wicked little elves, who will treat them as badly as they have treated you? Tell me! What shall I do?

For some few moments.

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For some few moments a dreadful silence reigned in the toy cupboard. The top looked at the ball; he felt revenget at first, but then he thought of some very hap yt times he had spent in the nursery with he little master and mistress, and he could not i dit in his heart to give the fairy permission to revenge him. As he looked at the bad his eyes filled with tears of kindness, and all he could do was to sigh. The tea cups moaned a little, but did not answer. The woolly rabbit shivered, and as he shivered his poor little tail dropped right off. "Why should they not be punished?" he thought. "I am in agony!" But then he thought of the delightful feeling he sometimes had when Molly loved hirr and stroked him and rubbed his woolly takes upon her pretty soft cheeks. "No! No!" he thought. "I love her, though she may be not mad sometimes. I cannot have her punished as severely."

"The watering-can looked at the spade and bucket, and shook his head thoughtfully. "Here am I, ruined for life," he thought. But then he did not mean to hurt me. He was merely thoughtless, poor little man! No! No! I will not ask for him to be given up to the

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wicked elves!"

The little fairy looked round in surprise.

"You are a very long time answering my question," she said, still smiling the sweetest, most gentle smile the toys had ever seen. "Will you leave us to tak the matter over a little while?" suggested the tea-pot, who felt that the matter needed careful attention. None of us seem to be sire what we would wish!" The fairy bowed and closed the door

ftly.
"I could not have them punished, cried the

woolly rabbit, even though my tail be torn away. I love little Molly, and I believe she

loves me!"
"And I could not see Master Joe punished as he has punished me," sighed the watering-can. "Indeed, I could not."

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"And I would not like to see him suffering with a headache as painfu as mine," cried the

with a headache as paintu as mine," cried the top. "Oh dear, Oh dear, how it does pain! No! No! Never, oh never. Poor little Master Joe!"

"We could not have dear master and mistress badly used," cried the occupants of the toy-cupboard, one and all. "No, never, oh never!"

The teapot then called to the little fairy who was still waiting for a reply to her question.
"Come in, dear fairy," he said. "We have made one decision." "And what may it be?" asked the fairy

"And what may it bed" asked the fairy sweetly.

"We think," said the tempot, "that since we love our dear master and mistress, that they must and do love us. They will learn some day how wicked and cruel it is to treat us so, and then they will be sorry, even more sorry than if they realised this through being punished in the way you suggested. Besides, if we who are only toys cannot find it in our hearts to punish poor little Molly and Joe, how much less could you, a deer, sweet, loving fairy, find it in your good heart to punish these little ones. No! no! It is impossible—im possible!"

As you see, dear children, the teapot could nake very grand speeches, so he was always he speaker for the toy cupboard. Later on he ras made Lord High Commissioner to the King

CORRESPONDENCE.

AUNTIE STELLA.

OPENING OF PICTURE THEATRES ON SUNDAYS. To the Editor

DEAR SIR,—"Looker-On" states that the majority whom he has consulted desire the pictures to be exhibited on Sundays, as hitherto. One can only hope his enquiries were very limited, and do not represent the opinion of the town generally. "Looker-On" rightly says "attendance at a place of worship on a Sunday is a duty as well as a privilege, and it must never take second place to a Picture Palace or anything else, or woe be to England." Exactly. Those of us who realize what a blessing the Sabbath Day is and earnestly desire to preserve it, believe by observation and information that the majority, 90%, who attend such places on Sunday neither deem it a duty or a privilege to attend Divine worship, and the type of pictures exhibited do not stimulate the desire, but increase the indifference and disregard of the Sabbath Day.

Mr. Boyle Lawrence proves what a had case he

who think with him are content to be negative and destructive," &c.

Whatever destruction there is will surely be with those who do not "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." So, in my humble opinion, the magistrates, by refusing a seven days' license, would show that they recognise how very necessary it is to preserve the day of rest and worship for the public—for the poor for whom Mr. Lawrence seems to be so solicitious.

Yours sincerely, WILLIAM BOND.

Chelsea, S.W., April 22, 1913.

Re PURCHASE OF No. 5, QUEEN STREET. To the Editor.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In order that the ratepayers may know exactly how they stand in respect to the purchase by the Council of No. 5, Queen-street, from Councillor Stuchbery, I would point out that the resolution against the purchase that was put to the meeting of protest, held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 18th inst. does not in any way affect the question of the price to be paid by the Council for this property.

property.

If the ratepayers think that the proposed price (£1,325) is excessive—as it certainly appears to be— If the ratepayers think that the proposed price (£1,325) is excessive—as it certainly appears to be—
it is still open to the ratepayers, and quite in order for them to do so, to appear before the Local Government Board Inspector when he comes to the Town Hall to hold the enquiry, and protesting against the proposed price.

If the ratepayers will do this—as they certainly should in their own interests—the Inspector will go into the matter of the price to be paid and the question of its reduction to the fair market value of the property.

Yours truly, CHARLES J. REYNOLDS.

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

To the Editor.

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Dear Sir,—The whole country, including both Houses of Parliament, is at the moment very seriously considering the question of "National Defence." I therefore ask you to be so good as to let me write a few lines on the broader aspects of this very important matter. The question of National Defence is not new, but has been recently brought home to us more acutely owing to what has taken place in the Near East, and also because as a result of this certain Great Powers are increasing their armaments and the personnel of their armies. I do not intend to enter into any political or diplomatic problems, but propose to discuss the matter as it affects us in Maidenhead as citizens of the greatest empire in the world.

Without expressing any personal opinion as to the correctness of their views, I will take for granted the opinion of the responsible authorities that if the Territorials were up to their full strength these, combined with the National Reserve, could protect the country in the event of the Regular Armybeing out of the country as an expeditioner.

granted the opinion of the responsible authorities that if the Territorials were up to their full strength these, combined with the National Reserve, could protect the country in the event of the Regular Army being out of the country as an expeditionary army, whether for the purpose of protecting a colony or other purposes.

The Maidenhead and district area for recruiting purposes for the Territorials and National Reserve has a population of some 20,000 inhabitants, probably more.

In order to provide adequate protection, these inhabitants are required to produce 120 Territorials and possibly 400 National Reserve, a total of 520, or about 2½ per cent. of the population.

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This 2½ per cent. are required to do some military training in order that they and the remaining 97½ per cent. may enjoy peace and the benefits of protection in the event of invasion.

This small number of men are required to devote a certain amount of time and suffer some inconvenience in doing this duty, and surely the local residents should do their utmost to help those

a certain amount of time and suffer some inconvenience in doing this duty, and surely the local residents should do their utmost to help those who are doing this duty for the benefit of their country and protection of their fellow citizens. It is high time that the general public lost their apathy and began to take an interest in matters which concern the safety of their country and the security of their homes also; if this country were invaded there would be a heavy indemnity to be paid and there would be loss of trade.

Again, if compulsory service has to be adopted owing to the failure of the voluntary system the tarpayer will find this far more expensive.

As I have said, the public should support the Territorials and National Reserve. They can do so in many ways, and I venture to make a few suggestions. Every employer should do his utmost to let every Territorial employee attend drills and camp.

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The general public should loyally support those employers who encourage the Territorials. In the case of tradesmen the wealthy public instead of sending orders to London should give them to those who have employees who are Territorials, or who are prepared to have Territorial employees and help them as regards drills and camp.

A committee of ladies could be formed to provide occasional entertainments for the Territorials and National Reserve.

As regards the National Reserve subscriptions

occasional entertainments and National Reserve, subscriptions As regards the National Reserve, subscriptions are required for expenses in connection with drills, shooting, band and organisation.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
G. W. C. HOLLIST.

Riseley Lodge, Maidenhead. April 25th, 1913.

PROPOSED ROAD DIVERSION-A PROTEST.

better purpose by levelling up the steep gradients of the existing road to a height of say 15 feet at the deepest part, with a consequent and correspondingly easy gradient east and west. At the deepest part of the hollow he could easily have a tunnelled archway of about 10 feet high carried underneath the road by means of which he could exclusively connect the policies on either side. The position of the cottage in the hollow need not present any serious difficulty to a practical engineer, who could no doubt find a satisfactory way to arrange the banking up of the roadway at that point. To this scheme it is not all impossible that the Bucks County Council might be induced to make a considerable contribution.

I make this suggestion for what it is worth in the interests of all concerned, for I feel convinced that it is perfectly feasible, and I submit it with all respect as being calculated to be of far greater benefit and utility both to the neighbourhood and to the proprietor of Blythewood himself than the scheme which he has in contemplation; in addition to which it would save what appears to me the totally unnecessary cutting up of the southern portion of his property, and would enable him to enjoy all the exclusiveness which he desires but does not at present possess; not only so, he would in addition earn for himself well deserved and lasting popularity throughout South Bucks.

The road which he proposes to construct offers no advantage whatever to the villages interested; on the contrary, it will be a superfluity—a useless waste of money, seeing that the already existing road from the "Maypole" to Lent Rise fulfils all the requirements of heavy vehicular traffic east and west.

I have not heard what steps, if any, are being or

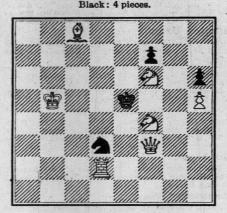
and west.

I have not heard what steps, if any, are being or have been taken in the matter by either the Taplow or Hitcham Parish Councils, but I learn that Burn.

April 28, 1913.

Yours, &c., TAPLOW WOODS.

CHESS. PROBLEM No. 16 .- By Charles Nicholson.



White: 7 pieces. White to mate in two moves

Solutions, which will be acknowledged in the Advertiser, to be sent to W. O. C. Stuchbery, Elgis House, Maidenhead.

Problem No. 15.

The Black King's Rook Pawn in this problem sould be at KR3, not KR2. I have had pointed out that there is a cook if the pawn is in the wrong position. Will those solvers who have sent B—Kt5 position. Will those solvers who have sent B—Kt5
have another shot? The correct position is:—
White: K at Q8, Q at KBl, Bishops at Q2 and K6,
Kt at Q86, R at Q3, and Pawns at KR3, KKt2, Q5,
QKt3, QR2. Black: K at Q3, Bishops at Q8eq and
KB7, and Pawns at KR3, KKt2, KKt6, K4, QB4,
QKt3, QR2. White to mate in 2 moves.

Solution to Problem No. 14: R—Ktsq.
There is, however, a second solution: Kt—Q4ch.
This is unfortunate, as otherwise the problem is
yery good.

very good.

Correct solutions received from: -G.L.L.A., A.
G. Beadell, J. Flint, G. A. Giblett, C. Nicholson,
L.F.R., the Rev. A. H. Starey, J. G. Taylor,
W. M. D. (Dublin), and F. H. Habbin.

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t	GAME No. 40.—Four Knights Game.			
8	White: Capablanca. Black: Janowski.			
i	1 P-K4	P-K4	29 K—B2	P-QKt4
t	2 Kt—KB3		30 P-QR4	R-Q5
1	3 Kt—B3	Kt-B3	31 R-QKt 80	
t	4 B-Kt5		32 K—K3	R-Q2
		QPxB	33 P—R5	R_K3
ľ	6 O-O(b)	B-KKt5		
	7 P-KR3		[-KBs	10(057) 111
	8 Q-K2	B-Q3	35 P-Kt5	PxP
3	9 P-Q3	Q-K2	36 RxP	R-R3
	10 Kt-Q sq(c)	0-0-0		R(R3)-K3
)	11 Kt—K3	B-Kt3(d)	38 P-R4	P-Kt3
•	12 Kt—R4		39 R-Kt5	P-R3
3	13 Kt(K3)—B5		40 R-Kt4	R-Kt2
1	14 P-KB4	BxKt(e)	41 P-Q4	K-Bsq(i)
1	15 KtxB	PxP	42 R—B8ch	
3	16 BxP	B-B4 ch	43 P—K5	P-Kt4
4	17 B-K3	B-B sq	44 K—K4	R(K3)—K2
1	18 Q-B2	R-Q2	45 PxP	PxP(j)
	19 B—B5(f)	BxB	46 R-B5	K-B sq
3	20 QxB	K-Ktsq(g) 47 R(Kt4)xP	
	21 R-B2	Kt-Ksq		K-Q2
i	22 QR—KB sq	P-B3	49 RxR	RxR
	23 P—QKt3 24 R—B4	KtxKt	50 R-B8	R-R5 ch
3	25 QxKt		51 K—Q3 52 K—Q2	R-R6 ch
3	26 RxQ	B_K an	53 KtPxP	P-B4(k) R-QR6
	27 P-KKt4	P-QKt3	54 P-Q5	Resigns(1)
9	28 P-Kt4(h)	K-Kt2	0. 1 40	receigns(I)

(a) Loss of time, especially as he knew from previous games in the tournament that his opponent would probably make the exchange without the

(b) KtxP would have been stronger, e.g., 6 KtxP, KtxP; 7 KtxKt, Q-Q5; 8 O-O, QxKKt; 9 P-Q4 with a considerable advantage in development, but Capablanca probably wished to avoid complications, and to continue on the lines with which he

was most familiar.

(c) The Kt having no scope at QB3.

(d) Janowski likes to keep both his Bishops, but BxKt, followed by P—KKt3 would have been much stronger, as the White Ks at K3 would then have had no very good square to move to.

(e) Now he has to make the exchange under less favourable circumstances. avourable circumstances.

(f) White plays to exchange pieces, relying on his

(f) White plays to exchange pieces, relying on his superior Pawn position to win.

(g) If 20 P—QKt3, then 21 Q—B3 threatening both KtxKtP and Kt—Q4 winning a Pawn.

(h) To prevent P—QB4. The skill and accuracy with which Capablanca takes advantage of the Pawn being doubled, which is the only weakness in his opponent's game, is a fine example of end game play and deserves careful study.

(i) A lost move, as he cannot play his King to Q2 after the check with the Rook, because of R—QR8 winning the Rook's Pawn.

(j) If RxP, then RxR, followed by R—Kt8, winning the Pawn easily.

(k) There was nothing to be done as R—QR8 was threatened.

(l) For if 54 RxP, then 55 P—Kt6 ch, 55 K—K2; 56 R—QB7 winning easily. GAME No. 41.-Queen's Gambit Accepted. Played on Wednesday last at the local club.

White: W. O. C. Stuchbery. Black: S. Dobson C. Stuchbery. Black:
P-Q4 25 R-Kt6
PxP 26 R-KB6
Kt-KB3 27 B-B2
P-K4 28 PxR
QxQ ch 29 PxP
Kt-Kt5 30 Kt-B4
KtxKP 31 KxB
Kt-Q6 ch 32 K-B3
PxB
B-QKt5 34 BxR
Q-O 35 K-B4
Kt-Q93 36 K-Q5
B-Kt5 37 K-K5
QR-Qsq ch 58 B-B2
KR-Ksq 39 P-R4
B-K3 40 P-Kt3
BxKt 41 BxKt

BURNHAM.

THE RIFLE CLUB.

The following are the scores made in the "C. J. Hill" Cup Competition held on Thursday last, on the new miniature range, 200 yards' figure target,

Name.
Haycock, F.
Williams, C.
Hyde, H. I.
Gubbins, H. E.
Roberts, F. H.
Nelson, W. A.
Ruff, G. W.
Fuller, W. H.
Clifton Brown,
Bowker, V.
Overshott, R.
White, J. T.
Jarratt, E.
Bristowe, G.
Morley, H.
Hall, J.
Hyde, J.
Burt, E. J. ns 1st prize; † wins 2nd prize; ‡ wins 3rd prize

The scores in the first stage of the Rifle Clubs' ederation Challenge Shoot for a team of eightere as follows:—

Roberts, F. H..... Williams, C...... Haycock, W. F. ... Fuller, W. H. Gubbins, H. E. 743

In an unlimited competition, H. E. Gubbins made a "possible" of 35, W. F. Haycock 33, and J. T. White 32.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Burnham Habitation of the Primrose League was held in the Mission Hall on Wednesday last, when there was not such a good attendance as usual. Among those present were Miss Tollemache (hon. secretary), Mrs. Kent (hon. treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrison, Mrs. Montague White, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. R. Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. Ringwood, Miss Farrar, Mrs. Jacka, Mrs. J. Lund, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gregory, Mr. W. Hall, Mr. J. T. White and Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

In the unavoidable absence of the Ruling Councillor (Mr. W. B. Du Pre), Miss Tollemache was voted to the chair. She explained the reason of the absence of their Ruling Councillor, who was prevented from attending through the loss of Mrs. Du Pre's mother, who they would be sorry to hear had died suddenly.

Mr. H. Williams proposed that a vote of sympathy should be sent from the meeting, expressing the hope that both Mr. and Mrs. Du Pre would soon be amongst them again. Mr. J. T. White seconded and the vote of sympathy was unanimously passed. Arising from the minutes, Miss Tollemache read letters of acknowledgment of the vote of protest sent from the last meeting to the Ulster Unionist Council against Home Rule and from Sir Alfred Cripps.

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The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. W. B. Du Pre was again elacted Ruling Councillor; Miss Tollemache, hon. secretary; Lady Desborough, Dame President; and the following were re-elected as the Executive Council: Mr. J. G. Edney, Mrs. Du Pre, Mrs. Akroyd, Miss Farwell, Mr. F. M. Buck, with the addition of Mr. J. T. White and Mr. H. Williams.

Mr. H. Williams proposed the adoption of the accounts, and remarked that the society would do well to have more meetings as agreed at the last meeting. He thought they should have educational lectures and smoking concerts for the men and special meetings for the ladies.

Miss Tollemache remarked that her great difficulty had been to get suitable wardens, and all the work had fallen on the secretary. At present three wards remained unrepresented.

Mr. Edney seconded the adoption of the accounts, which were unanimously passed.

Some clever Japanese jugglery was then given by an artiste from Harrod's, after which Mr. Gould (from the Primrose League headquarters in London) gave an able address on political affairs and urged them to awake and prevent the germs of decay from creeping in upon their empire.

At the conclusion, Miss Tollemache remarked that the speaker had splendidly shown forth the iniquities of the present Government.

Mr. Edney proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gould, which was seconded by Mr. Winch and passed.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Miss Tolle.

Mr. Edited Mrs. Which was seconded by Mr. Which based.
A vote of thanks was then passed to Miss Tollemache for presiding, and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Swan Hotel, on Wednesday last, when Mr. H. L. Collman presided. There were also present: Messrs. H. Williams, T. L. Jones, L. Bennett, B. Hinton, Allen, E. Jarratt, J. Hall, C. Jackson, L. G. Busk, G. Williams, H. Baldwin and W. S. Hart

G. Busk, G. Williams, H. Bautan.
Hart.
The report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Williams. They showed an increased balance of £2 8s. ld., and a profit of £4 13s. 5d. on the sale of teas on the ground.
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Capt. Farwell was re-elected president, on the motion of Mr. Collmann, supported by Mr. Busk.

The other officers were elected as follows:—
Captain, Mr. D. Gregory; vice-captain, Mr. B. Hinton; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. H. Willes; captain of 2nd XI., Mr. L. G. Busk; secretary of 2nd XI., Mr. C. Jackson; committee, Messrs. H. Baldwin, T. L. Jones, H. Williams, R. H. Cleare, C. Jarratt, with the captain, vice-captain and secretary. is cretary.

It was decided that the committee should choose the teams, and that the members should take turn in getting same together.

Messrs. E. Jarratt and J. Hall, with the captain Messrs. E. Jarratt and J. Hall, with the captain and vice-captain, were elected a committee for the 2nd XI., and the subscription was fixed at 3s.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. R. H. Cleare for the manner in which he kept the ground last season, to the president, subscribers and auditors, and to the hon. sec. and chairman.

The following are the batting and bowling averages for last season:—

BATTING AVERAGES. No of Times? Highest inns. notout. Runs score. Av. Name. Willes .. Collmann R. L. Hoskins.. BOWLING AVERAGES.

Fire.—After a long absence of any alarming occurrence, the village was awakened on Friday evening by an alarm of fire at about ten minutes to seven. The fact was conveyed by telephone and the Brigade arrived on the scene of the conflagration, which was found to be "Longmead," the residence of Mr. T. H. Robinson. Fortunately, the flames had been considerably subdued by the well-known fire-extinguisher "Minimax," with which the house had been fitted, and which had been quickly applied ere the flames got beyond control. The outbreak occurred in an upper room (used by Mrs. Robinson's French maid), and it appears that the maid had been cleaning some dresses and other wearing apparel and had taken them in the room to dry, and they had by some means become ignited. The alarm was given and the chantfeur and groom employed at the house (Mr. T. Brady and Mr. C. Brady) at once got to work with the "Minimax" extinguishers, and with the assistance of Mr. R. Hyde and Mr. J. Allder the fire was subdued and endeavours made to save some of the articles in the room. In about twenty minutes the fire was practically put out, but not before damage had been done to the extent of about £600 or £700. In the room was Mrs. Robinson's wardrobe, containing many valuable dresses and other articles, all of which were absolutely ruined. The wardrobe itself was badly damaged and all the other articles in the room were spoilt either by the fire or in the attempt to put it out. There was much wood used in the erection of the house and it was the greatest wonder that the whole building was not destroyed. The property was luckily insured with the London. Liverpool and Globe Assurance Company. Although the woodwork was badly charred no structural damage was done and the occupiers at "Longmead" may congratulate themselves on their narrow escape.

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KING REVIEWS GUARDS. BRILLIANT SCENE IN HYDE PARK.

The King reviewed the Brigade of Guards in Hyde Park on Monday. Although the weather was unfavourable the scene was a brilliant one, and it was witnessed by ar

His Majesty was accompanied by the Queen, Princess Mary, the Duke of Con-naught, Prince Arthur of Connaught, and Queen, Princess Mary, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Arthur of Connaught, and other Royal personages when he set out from Buckingham Palace for the saluting base opposite Grosvenor Gate. An imposing group of distinguished Generals and foreign military attachés escorted the Royal Party to the park. The King, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Arthur of Connaught, the headquarters' staff, and the attachés were on horseback, while the Queen and Princess Mary rode in a State landau; they were attended by Countess Fortescue and Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Dugdale.

The King and the Duke of Connaught wore Field-Marshal's uniform. When his Majesty reached the Grosvenor Gate a salute was fired and the Royal Standard was broken. Then the King, accompanied by General Sir A. E. Codrington, rode down the entire length of the lines, and returned to the saluting base to witness the grand march past, in columns of double companies, then en masse, then by regiment in line of quarter columns, and afterwards the advance in review order. The regimental bands of the Guards were stationed in the vicinity of the saluting base, and played their respective regiments past the Royal Party.

Several members of the Royal Family were present, including the Duchess of Argull, Princess Patricia of Connaught, Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg.

Cheer after cheer greeted their Majestice' arrival, and the Field-Marshals who followed them were also given a hearty reception. A few minutes after the procession had entered the Park there was a sharp shower, and a drizzle prevailed almost throughout the review.

ARMY AIRMAN KILLED.

LIEUTENANT'S 600-FOOT FALL

While Lieutenant Rogers Harrison, member of the Royal Flying Corps, was fly-ing at Farnborough early on Monday in a ing at Farnborough early on Monday in a Cody biplane, the machine fell from a height of 500ft., and the officer was killed outright. The wind at the time was very strong, and the airman had been carrying out a series of evolutions at an altitude of about 500ft. While attempting to descend near the balloon sheds he seemed to lose control of the machine, which crashed to earth, turning over as it fell. The unfortunate officer's neck was broken by the fall. The biplane was smashed.

Lieutenant L. C. Rogers Harrison was attached to the 2nd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and was considered one of the most promising officers of the Aerial Corps He was a pupil of Mr. Cody.

NAVAL LIEUTENANT DROWNED · GALLANT ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

Lieutenant Frederick Arthur Langdale Smith, gunnery Lieutenant of the battleship Vanguard, was drowned on Friday night off the coast of Arran, says the Times

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While the Vanguard was off Whiting Bay, about midnight on Friday, Lieutenant Langdale-Smith went into one of the whaleboats swung on the davits in order to remove the plug and empty the boat of water. It is supposed that in making his way back to the deck he overbalanced and fell into the sea. A gallant attempt to save him was made by Lieutenant H. H. Rogers and a seaman. In spite of the rough sea, these two jumped overboard, and after great efforts succeeded in bringing Lieutenant Langdale-Smith alongside the ship. He was taken on board in an unconscious condition, and every effort was made to restore consciousness, but without success.

DUBLIN CHOWN JEWELS.

PROBABLE LIBEL ACTION BY OFFICIAL

A Dublin correspondent of the Daily Mail states: From inquiries I have made during the last few days. I gather that the whole question of the mystery of the disappearance question of the mystery of the disappearance of the Dublin Crown Jewels is likely to be reviewed in London in a few weeks' time by a libel action. The state in which the matter has been allowed to rest since the regalia disappeared has long been considered by several officials to be extremely unsatisfactory to themselves, as they have felt that they have been left under a cloud of suspicion. The opportunity has now occurred for one of these officials to vindicate his personal honour in the courts of law and he sonal honour in the courts of law, and he has already taken steps to that end. This will involve the publication of the inner history of the mystery.

MR. CECIL CHESTERTON.

POSTPONEMENT OF LIBEL TRIAL.

Application was made before Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence, at the Old Bailey, on Monday, for the further postponement of the trial day, for the further postponement of the trial of Mr. Cecil Chesterton, aged thirty-two, a journalist, who is indicted "for maliciously printing and publishing and causing to be printed and published certain false and defamatory libels of and concerning Godfrey Charles Isaacs." The case arises out of the defendant's criticism of the Marconi contract. Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P., Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P., and Mr. R. D. Muir were for the prosecution, and Mr. Ernest Wilde, K.C., and Mr. Purcell for the defence.

Mr. Wild said that Mr. Chesterton had defor the prosecution, and Mr. Ernest Wilde, K.C., and Mr. Purcell for the defence.

Mr. Wild said that Mr. Chesterton had desired to defend himself, and was ready and willing to do so at once. But unfortunately last Thursday he developed a very bad throat, and was now suffering from an attack of laryngitis, which made it a physical impossibility for him to do so. In these circumstances counsel were instructed to undertake the defence, and considered it an impossibility for them to prepare the defence under a considerable adjournment.

Sir E. Carson said the prosecution was perfectly ready and desirous to go on at the earliest possible moment. Having all these libels circulated about him, Mr. Isaacs was naturally anxious to bring the case to trial.

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was a very unusual one, but at the same time it was an elementary principle of justice that a prisoner should be able to present his defence, and he could not proceed with the trial on this evidence.

After some discussion his Lordship adjourned the trial to the next session, and suggested that counsel on both sides should confer as to a convenient date.

DOCTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH DOCTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Dr. Sydney William Cheetham, of Romford-road, West Ham, died on Sunday night at a patient's house. He had been called to attend at a house at Forest Gate, and when about to leave he complained of feeling ill. He collapsed, and died soon after. Dr. Cheetham was a well-known West Ham practitioner, and was medical representative of the West Ham Insurance Committee.

In a child's seaside pail, hanging in a shed on an allotment at Thames Ditton, a robin has hatched a brood of young birds. A Guardian for the East Preston Union for fifty-five years, Mr. Alfred Heasman, a prominent Sussex agriculturist, died on Sunday at Rustington, aged seventy-nine. A decrease in membership of 20,690 in the South Wales Miners' Federation is shown by the report of the Chief Registrar of Trade Unions, published on Saturday.

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