MAIDENHEAD BOWLING CLUB DINNER.

PLEASANT EVENING AT THE THAMES HOTEL.

The Maidenhead Bowling Club held its annual dinner on Friday evening at the Thames Hotel, the headquarters of the club. The genial President (Mr. Ernest Gardner, M.P.) was in the chair, and supporting him were:—Messrs. H. Hoare, T. Marsh, W. Naylar, F. Curtia, S. R. Thompson, P. M. Lever, J. Barley, and F. J. Ratcliffe. Mr. T. Street. the captain of the club, occupied the vice-chair, and the remaining company included—Messrs. J. Grierson, P. Townsend, H. Shrimpton, E. Batler, J. J. Widdowson, F. Pitcher, H. Mackie, H. Woodhouse, A. Blake, B. Blake, Granville Wilkins, W. Hodgson. A. Blake, B. Blake, Grenville Wilkins, W. Hodgson, E. R. Newson, W. E. Theaker, W. Elliott Barrett, T. Maher, H. James, J. Perrin, A. Walton, A. G. Britnell (from the Beechwood Club, Slough), Mr.

Harry Issaes (of Reading), and ethers.

Host Woodhouse, in keeping with his effort of last
year, had left nothing to be desired in the way of
catering, and he had provided a splendid repast. The tables had been decorated with exquisite taste, and an appropriate addition to the effectiveness of the decorations was a miniature bowling-green, in the centre of which was a cluster of "woods." This occupied the middle of the large table and gave a pleasing appearance to the tables. The menu Hors d'Œuvres Variés.

Consommé à la Brunoise. Potage aux Tomates Turbot Bouilli. Sauce Homard. Sauce Tartare. Filets de Sole. Cromesquis de Volaille. Côtes de Veau à la Milanaise. Bœuf roti à l'Anglaise. Selle de Mouton. Sauce pain. Dindon rôti.

Pouding au Citron. Gelée au Vin. Glace à la Crême de Vanille. Pailles au Parmesan. Dessert.

The repast over, the Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loyally received, and a verse of the National Anthem was sung.
"The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family," was also submitted by the Chairman, and the response was again cordial.

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Mr. L. Morley gave a pianoforte solo, and Mr. J. J. Widdowson sang "A Jovial Monk," after which "Success to the Maidenhead Bowling Club" was submitted by the President. It was in connection with the club, he said, that they had that very pleasing gathering that evening. The secretary had furnished him with a few interesting facts with regard to the club. The membership, he was told, had not increased, but had kept its normal level. It would have been more satisfactory, of course, had it increased, but the club's finances were not in a bad state, although, at the same time, they were not luxurious. The club, however, held a position which many could not boast of.—("Hear, hear.") He did not know whether he was right in saying that they were satisfied with the past season's performances of the club in the various competitions, but he took it that as a "baby" club they had not done badly. It was true they had not come out right on the top, but they had come as near as they could have to be beaten in the final. Probably next year they would win that also. There was one very satisfactory thing, and that was that the users of the green had very much increased, and the members had patronised it well throughout the season. He (Mr. Gardner) had had the pleasure of playing on the green once, but he made a howling mess of it and was beaten badly. If the attendance on that day was any criterion, he could quite understand that the secretary was perfectly right in saying that the attendance throughout the season had been excellent. There had been many could quite understand that the secretary was per-fectly right in saying that the attendance throughout the season had been excellent. There had been many fine games played, but perhaps the most satisfactory part was that the Captain, Mr. Tom Street, had won the Challenge Cup.—(Applanso.) It was well to know that although Mr. Street was now a veteran he could still hold his own with the younger ones. He would ask them in drinking "Success to the club," to couple with it the names of the Captain and their energetic Secretary, Mr. Barley.

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The response was very hearty.

Mr. F. Curtis now sang "A sailors' life for me."

Mr. Street, replying to the toast, said they would recollect that last year he had to chide them somewhat—(laughter)—but he was very pleased to say he had not to re-iterate that on the present occasion. He was pleased with their attendance on the green and especially with that of Mr. Ernest Gardner, who was present on one occasion "just to take the shininess off the balls."—(Laughter). He hoped they would see him more often—(applause)—for he was sure it would be much to his advantage as a diversion from the club was a non-political one; it had no religion and no creed.—(Laughter). All classes might take advantage of it. It promoted social intercourse and anyone could enjoy themselves in a game of green. It was not battles of blood they had to win but battles of good fellowship.—(Laughter and applause). He (Mr. Street) hoped to meet them all on such future occasions.

Mr. J. Barley also replied. He said that it was

a great pleasure to see so many there on the occasion of the winding-up of the season. There was present that night a number almost equal to the membership of the club, and yet they had a number of their members absent. Whatever they did at bowls they took a deal of beating at the knife and fork stakes.—
(Laughter.) He would take the opportunity of thanking the members for the kind assistance they had lent him during the past season. Any little thing he had suggested had always been well-received, and he sincerely hoped that whoever might be their secretary next year, he would be as well treated as he had been.—("Hear, hear.")—With regard to the various competitions held, he would say that the members did not take as much pleasure in the inter-club contests as he would have liked. They seemed to go in for the handicaps and convivial play on the green. Out of a membership of 53 he had 23 entries for the single handicap, 28 for the challenge cup and 24 for of the club, and yet they had a number of their mem Out of a membership of 53 he had 28 entries for the single handicap, 28 for the challenge cup and 24 for the pairs. There had not been a single case of scratching. In the Reading and District Association's competition they contrived to get into the final and then met a better team, by whom it would be no disgrace for any team to be beaten.—(Applause.) From their manner of play they had set a pattern to any bowling club in the country. With regard to the finances, they had worked on a very small turnover, and naturally the treasurer and other officers had run the club as close as they possibly could. At the commencement of the season they only brought forward the modest sum of 2s. 9d., and there was no doubt they would be able to carry forward a small commencement of the season taby only ordered forward the modest sum of 2s. 9d., and there was no doubt they would be able to carry forward a small amount at the end of the present year.—(Applause.) At the last committee meeting the question arose about the prizes, and it was a remarkable thing that there were so many offers that it was difficult to decide who should give them. Every prize to be given that night had been provided by playing members, and, as a matter of fact, one had had the misfortune to win his own. He would like to congratulate the captain on winning the cup.—(Applause.) Miss M. Street (daughter of the captain) here favoured the company with a splendidly-rendered solo entitled "Sunshine and rain." An encore was demanded and she then gave, with excellent effect, "I don't seem to want you when I am with you." The President now presented the prizes and in handing to Mr. Street, the Curtis Challenge Cup, he remarked that he hoped he would win it next year.

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""For he's a jolly good fellow," after which
Mr. Street returned thanks adding that he was

proud of having won it and he hoped he would not disgrace it.—(Applause).

The second prize was handed to Mr. F. Pitcher, The second prize was handed to Mr. F. Pitcher, who said that it gave him much pleasure to have won the second prize; the only thing that would have given him more pleasure was to have won the cup. He had reckoned on winning it and had tried hard but in the final he met a better man than himself.

Mr. Barley was presented with the first prize in the handicap event. The second prize was handed to Mr. Tom Street, who, it was stated, had been the donor of the prize. The prize was a cigarette-case and Mr. Street remarked that the most extraordinary thing about it was that he was a non-smoker.—(A thing about it was that he was a non-smoker.—(A

"You must start smoking now.") member: "You must start smoking now.")
Further prizes were received by Mr. F. Curtis, Mr.
Townsend, Mr. A. E. Kent, and Mr. Mackie.
The Challenge Cup won by Mr. Street was now
filled by the winner and handed round as a loving-

Mr. W. Elliott Barrett rendered in splendid manner "My Beloved Queen." He was rapturously plauded, and as an encore gave with equal success

Mr. Sydney R. Thompson submitted the toast of "The visitors," and coupled with it the names of Mr. Britnell, of Slough, Mr. Isaacs, of Reading, and Mr. B. Blake. Each of these gentlemen suitably responded. After Miss N. Street had testified to her powers as a siffeur, rendering with success "Whiatler and his dog."

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The toast of the "Donors of challenge cup and prizes," was submitted by Mr. P. M. Lever. The donors, he said, included Mr. F. Curtis, Mr. P. Townsend, Mr. T. Street, Mr. H. Hoare, Mr. H. Shrimpton, and Mr. J. Grierson. To dwell on their virtues collectively or individually would create, perhaps, a little jeslousy, and he would only thank them, on behalf of the club, for their generosity.

Suitable responses were made.

The other toasts honoured were those of "The Chairman." "The Treasurer," and "Host and Hostess." The response in each case was enthusiastic.

A most enjoyable evening terminated at midnight.
Song were further rendered by Mr. H. J. Isaacs,

Mr. S. Thompson, Mr. J. Barley, Mr. Elliott Barrett, and Mr. F. Curtis, while recitations were given by Mr. Hoare and Mr. Grierson. The Misses Street, before leaving, were accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for their exceptionally nice contributions. The songs of Mr. Elliott Barrett were in great demand, and were capitally rendered.

ST. LUKE'S PAROCHIAL TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT.

ADDRESS BY THE VICAR.

The annual parochial tea and entertainment in con-nection with the Dedication Festival of St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, came off on Thursday and were nection with the Dedication Festival of St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, came off on Thursday and were attended with the usual large amount of success. The same overwhelming demand for tickets had been experienced as in previous years and every available method for the great tea-party. Many could not be supplied with the necessary ticket of admission and this was a matter of regret to the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. J. Meara) and his able staff of clergy. The large hall presented a charming spectacle decorated as it was in lavish manner with flowers, &c., and the newly-erected proscenium gave added brilliance to the scene. Mesars. E. Spindler and Sons catered in their usual excellent manner, and all those who partook of tea were provided with buttonholes or bouquets. There were 30 tables, each having accommodation for 12 persons, and these were provided by the following: Lady Desborough, the Vicar, Mrs. O. S. E. Clarendon, Mrs. Goolden, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. J. Fuller, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Mass, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Fox and Miss McNeil, Miss Sawyer, Mrs. Apthorp, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Ellames, Mrs. Gordon Forbes, Miss Bowles, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Gordon Forbes, Miss Bowles, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Fish, Misses Mudie, Mrs. Higgin, Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Fish, Misses Mudie, Mrs. Higgin, Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Battcock. Miss Burrows, Mrs. Penney, and Miss Wastell. Immediately the tea-tables had been cleared the entertainment was proceeded with. Many more who had been unable to partake of the tea were present at Immediately the tea-tables had been cleared the entertainment was proceeded with. Many more who had been unable to partake of the tea were present at this latter proceeding, and so large was the audience that not even standing-room was available. Many were content to occupy the corridors, and on the platform were several rows of paristioners. The programme provided was an exceptionally entertaining one, and each of the items was rendered in capital manner. Engagement of the programment of the items was rendered but the long ing one, and each of the items was rendered in capital manner. Encores were freely demanded, but the long programme denied of a re-appearance. The choristers again supplied the majority of the items and acquitted themselves splendidly. Miss Pedder's songs gave immense satisfaction, as also did those of the Rev. R. T. Ingram Johnson, while Mr. J. Platford gained well-earned applause for his contributions. Mr. Garrett Cox most ably supplied the pianoforte accompaniments. The following was the programme:— PART I.

Glee-O, who will o'er the Downs .. Song—Snowfiskes Mrs. Johnston Penney.
Song—Two little Irish songs Mr. H. J. Darlow.
Song—A Birthday Miss de Steiger.

Recitation—A Modern John Gilpin.......Mr. Spratt. Soug—There's a Party in Fairyland... Miss Johnson. Song—Nelson's gone a-sailing Mr. Darlow.
Song—The Swallows Mrs. Johnston Penney.
Indian Club Performance Mr. A. Groves.
Song—Vanity Fair. Miss de Steiger.
Song—Gates of the West Mr. J. Platford.

During the entertainment the Vicar gave his customary address. He first expressed his pleasure at seeing them all once again. He said 362 tickets had been given out, and there were, at the most, only six of those not used that night. He was afraid six of those not used that night. He was afraid they could not put in any larger number of persons until the Maidenhead Town Council considerably raised the rates and built them a large Town Hall, so for the present they must be content as they were, and if they were in rather close quarters it could not be helped. The beautiful scenery round and about them certainly added dignity to the Maidenhead Town Hall, but he did not know whether it made voices Hall, but he did not know whether it made voices sound any the better, and perhaps it added a little to their difficulties in regard to accommodation. However, he hoped they had made a good tea and had satisfied all their wants. Their wants were not many, perhaps, and had easily been supplied that night, but his were very many—(laughter)—and were not always supplied as he would like them to be. In the first place he wanted a full church and he did not always have it. He did not see the church so full as that hall was that night except once or perhaps twice in hall was that night except once or perhaps twice in the year, and he wanted them to remedy the defect by little more regular and frequent attendance. Then he wanted some meney.—(Laughter). Parsons were always wanting money, like the rate-collector and the man that came round for the rent on Monday mornings. He wanted some money to finish St. Peter's Church at the Furze Platt. They had already about £666 at the Furze Platt. They had already about 2666, but they wanted about £500 or a little more in addition. They hoped to have two grants from societies, but he wanted them, the members of the church present, to give the rest. If they had not already sent him their sovereigns—(laughter)—see if they could not send their shillings and sixpences. If somebody called upon them with a collecting-card he hoped they would not refuse them, and if no one at all should cal they could make a little call at the Vicarage and hand him in a parcel or send him something through the post. He wanted money and he must have it.—(Laughter). He had yet another want—he wanted their children. Being a confirmed old bachelor himself and not having any children of his own he wanted to have all of theirs. Since they were there last, two very nice and beautiful and well-appointed day schools had been built within the borders of St. Luke's parish. He did not want them to send their children there so far as they could accommodate them

Luke's parish. He did not want them to send their children there so far as they could accommodate them at the National Schools, now to be called "the Maidenhead Church of England Schools." At North Town also they would be very glad to welcome their children. It was in their church schools such as these, and not in those others, however beautifully furnished they might be, that they were able to teach their young people the course of the Christian year, the Church Catechism and the Prayer Book. But at any rate, whether they sent them on weekdays or not, he did pray that they would send them on the Sunday. Those were some of his wants—a full church, a lot of money, and their children. But he wanted a little more;—laughter)—he wanted the he wanted a little more;—(laughter)—he wanted the people themselves. The Vicar then proceeded to thank those persons who had so willingly contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The ladies, he said, had given their tables as usual and had presided over them in their usual charming fashion. Lady Desborough was unable to come but she had sent her charming little son to take her place. Mr. Spindler had provided the tea in his usual admirable style. Mr.Garrett Cox had taken a great deal of trouble to provide them with a really good entertainment. They welcomed them all.

MOTOR-CAR DANGERS.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS CALL FOR FRESH LEGISLATION.

The autumn meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations, held on Saturday in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole, was largely attended by delegates from almost every municipality in the country. Mr. Harmood Banner, M.P., presided, and referred to the services rendered by Mr. Brevitt, Town Clefk of Wolverhampton, in the promotion and passing of the Püblic Health Bill, "one of the most valuable Bills passed last Session."

Among the subjects dealt with was that of the speed of motor-cars. The question was raised by the Mayor of Maidenhead (Mr. Ald. C. W. Cox, J.P.), who moved:—

That the attention of the Association be drawn to the undue speed of motor-cars, the noises caused by the hooters, and the emission of vapour—all of which are a source of annoyance to the public at large; and that the subject matter of the resolution be referred to the Law Committee for consideration

and report to the Council. Mr. Alderman Martin, of Reading, in seconding, said he could not describe the noises made by motor-cars as "the music of harp, sackbut, or dulcimer."—

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(Laughter.)"
Sir Homewood Crawford, Solicitor to the City of London Corporation, did not consider the resolution strong enough. He proposed that the attention of the President of the Local Government Board should be called to the undue speed of motor-cars and the other points mentioned in the resolution, and that these should be described, not merely as a "source of annoyance," but as a "danger to the public at large." Instead of referring the subject to the Law Committee of the Association, he moved that it was one "urgently requiring the attention of His Majesty's Government with a view to fresh legislation."

The Mayor of Maidenhead accepted Sir Homewood Crawford's amendment, and the resolution, strengthened in this way, was unanimously adopted.

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DEATH OF A POPULAR LOCAL MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS.

The death on the 22nd inst., at his residence, Haines Hill, near Twyford, at the age of 86, of Mr. Thomas Colleton Garth, removes from our midst one of the finest sportsmen and truest - hearted gentlemen in England. By Berkshire people especially the death of this grand old man will be keenly felt, for there was no man in the county who was more highly respected or more deeply-beloved than Mr. Garth. It was in 1852 that Mr. Garth took over the Bramshill Hunt, of which Sir John Cope had for long been the Master, and for fifty seasons he hunted this country, and when failing health compelled him to retire from Master, and for fifty seasons he hunted this country, and when failing health compelled him to retire from the masterabip, the compliment was paid him of naming the hunt the "Garth Hunt," so that as long as the hunt itself lasts, the name of its best-known master will be inseparably connected with it. It was on November 8th, 1852, that the first meet of Mr. Garth's hounds took place at Haines Hill where the young master provided a breakfast. The late Mr. Garth's kindness to men and animals alike was great, and as regards the latter, he was continually declaiming against the cruelty of steel traps, and once when out hunting he stopped to rescue a squirrel from a trap. When building cottages on his estate he made an alteration in the selected site in order to bring the cottages within the boundary which would make the tenants eligible for certain charities, a matter which would scarcely have crossed the minds of most men.

Mr. Garth always kept his servants well, and there were only three huntsmen of the pack during the whole of his fifty years of mastership. His first huntsman was Bob Tocock, his second was Sweetman, who died almost in the saddle, for it was while at a meet that he was seized suddenly with paralysis of brain, an attack from which he never recovered, but ancounted to was seized suddenly with paralysis of brain, an attack from which he never recovered, but succumbed to it in a few hours, Mr. Garth's third huntsman was Charles Brackley, who retired with his master six

Charles Brackley, who retired with his master six years ago.

Charles Kingsley used occasionally to ride with Mr. Garth's hounds, and in the "Winter Garden" in "Prose Idylls" he has given a very true description of a run with them in the heath country around Finchampstead and Eversley. His Majesty the King has followed these hounds on several occasions, and H. R. H. Prince Christian is now one of the oldest members of the Hunt. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught also hunted with this pack. There were a great many Army men who used to hunt with Mr. Garth, whose extensive country included within its borders both Aldershot and Windsor. Among leading military men who have known the joys of hunting with "Garth's" were Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir John French, and Sir Redvers Buller. and Sir Redvers Buller.

Foxbunting was Mr. Garth's main interest, but he was also an enthusiastic yachtsman, and his yachts "Psyche" and "Hyacinth" won good races. The funeral of Mr. Garth took place on Saturday afternoon at Hurst, and was attended by Prince Christian, the Masters and Secretaries of the Garth, South Berks, Vyne, and H.H., and of the Staff College Drag, and most of the leading residents in the

"THE EARLY CHRISTIANS."

LECTURE BY MR. HERBERT BOOTH.

The Drill Hall, including the galleries, was well filled on Wednesday last, when Mr. Herbert Booth gave an illustrated lecture on "The History and Heroism of the Early Christian Church."

Councillor Hobbis presided, and after the audience had sung "The Church's One Foundation," and the Rev. T. F. Lewis had offered prayer, the Chairman said that ever since they were taught the alphabet from a card by a teacher with a pointer they had been used to being taught through the ear in conjunction with the eye. If they went into a modern school to-day they would find that this co-operation between ear and eye had developed to an extent amazing to those who learnt their alphabet in the fifties and sixties. The wonderful developments in photography and the improvement in lanterns, which, although their powers had enormously increased, were no longer called "magic"—(laughter)—had also aided the movement. They were there that night to learn about the Early Christians, who derived their Christianity from the Founder Himself or from those who had been in personal contact with Him. They would had been in personal contact with Him. They would see and hear how these men and women held, defended, and, in many cases, died for their Faith.—
(Applause.) These Early Christians were, like the Bible, the common property of all religious bodies to-day. Just as ultimately all had to fall back on the Bible as the ground of their faith, so none could get back to the Founder except through these Early Christians. In those days Christians were all one, east and west were not divided, denominations were east and west were not divided, denominations were unknown. One could not help longing for such unity to-day.—(Applause.) Persecution and sectional divisions might have a stimulating effect, but the Master's great desire was for oneness, and He knew best.—(Applause.) There were clear indications of a desire for unity to-day. The Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster, with the President of the Free Church Council, had put out a joint appeal for the preservation of that precious heritage, the weekly day of rest.—(Applause.) When the Church Congress met at Yarmouth, Nonconformists gave them fraternal greetings; when the Wesleyans foregathered in the Cityings; when the Wesleyans foregathered in the Cityroad, the Bishops of London and Stepney recognised their good work; and at the annual conventions of the Baptist and Congregational Unions similar greetings were sent from local Episcopalians. If only two questions could be settled, he believed that union (not rigid uniformity, which was quite impracticable) would come about. These questions were the connection between Church and State and the controversy over religious instruction in schools.—(Applause.) He did not despair of a settlement of these questions, prickly though they were.—(Applause.) Locally all denominations had co-operated in the matter of Jubilees, the Coronation, hespitals, and education.—(Applause.) Another common platform was that of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This was a society which circulated the Bible without note or comment, and all religious bodies, except the Roman Catholics, made use of their copies. When the anniversary came round the heads and members of all congregations should be represented on the platform.—(Applause.) Another case of co-operation had occurred. Alarmed at the municipal outlook, representatives of all religious bodies met ten days ago in a back street, and agreed on common action. That secret conclave had already produced results—(applause)—and he hoped there were more to follow.—(Renewed applause.) Indeed, if all those who stood for righteousness and good government would present a united front at all elections they would be quite safe in leaving every voter to use the vote entrusted to him as his conscience might direct.—(Applause.) He now introduced Mr. Booth, and would ask him to say what he wanted them to hear, and show them what he had for them to see.—(Applause.) ings; when the Wesleyans foregathered in the Cityroad, the Bishops of London and Stepney rec

them to see.—(Applause.). Mr. Herbert Booth, who was cordially received, ex-Mr. Herbert Booth, who was cordially received, explained the care and pains he had taken to procure the pictures; how he personally arranged the grouping of 600 living models, correctly costumed, against specially-painted scenery in order to have the great events in the lives and deaths of the Early Christian Martyrs represented as realistically as possible. The lecturer requested that there should be no applause as he narrated the history of those whose memory was asserted. The chief route in each story were illustrated to the control of t sacred. The chief points in each story were illustrated by beautifully coloured lantern-slides (many of them reproduced from famous masterpieces), then the scenes were reiterated on the cinematograph while the audience, led by the choir, sang an appropriate by the addresses, led by the choir, saight an appropriate bymn with emotion. Commencing with the Announcement to the Shepherds, and the Nativity, Mr. Booth told of the various happenings in the Life of Our Lord up to the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, following with lives and deaths of the Apostles, and the lowing with lives and deaths of the Apostles, and the Christians of those days. The Catacombs were well-described, and the history was eagerly listened to. Many phases of life underground were depicted, including the religious rites, the weddings, and the burials of those forced to take refuge in the caves. Part II., entitled "From the Colosseum to the Martyr's Crown," dealt in particular with the tortures and triumphs of the Christians in the srens.

The views, moving and stationary, were mar-vellously realistic, and brought home the events epresented in a way no words written or spoker

votes of thanks to the Lecturer, the Chairman, the Choir, and the organisers were unanimously passed.

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SHOCKING FATALITY NEAR TAPLOW.

YOUNG MAN CUT TO PIECES BY AN

EXPRESS.

An inquest was held at the Horse and Groom, Bath-road, better known as the Mile House, yesterday (Tuesday) morning, before Mr. J. B. Gibson, Deputy Coroner for South Bucks, on the body of Sidney Cartland, who was knocked down by the Plymouth express, which left Paddington at 9.15 p.m. on Sunday. From the evidence adduced it appeared that the deceased left his home at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, and by some means unexplained got on to the line and was knocked down by the train above-mentioned, being terribly mutilated. No reason whatever could be arrived at for deceased's being on the line, and he had never at any time threatened his

The jury was composed of Messrs. E. O. Gurney (who was chosen foreman), E. H. Brittain, W. D. Harris, W. H. Ifould, C. Beasley, R. W. Bullard, F. Jackson, W. Horwood, C. Herbert, G. Edwards,

line, and he had never at any time threatened his

H. H. Owen, and T. Plummer.

Inspector Mills, Inspector J. Webb (Locomotive Department), and Mr. J. B. L. Grigg (stationmaster at Taplow) watched the case on behalf of the Great Western Railway Co.

The first witness was John Samuel Cartland, father of the deceased, who said . My son's name was Sidney, and he was 24 years and seven months old. He lived at Hillside, Lent Rise, and was a gardener. He was single. I last saw him alive at about 8 o'clock on Sunday evening. He seemed perfectly well at that time; he was indoors when I saw him, but he followed me out just afterwards, and I don't know where he went to. I did not see him again alive. He had never eemed strange in his manner—just as usual. know the spot where the body was found; it is in Hitcham Parish, about 400 yards from his home. He was in the habit of taking a short cut across the line, but both his mother and l have cautioned him of the danger he underwent in doing so.

The jury had no questions to ask the witness.

Robert Kilvert, the driver of the train mentioned, said: I am in the employ of the Great
Western Railway, and drove the 9.15 p.m. train out of Paddington on Sunday evening. All went well until nearing Taplow, when the brake suddenly stopped the train and I knew that I had hit something. This was at about 9.46, and as near as possible to the 22-mile post from Paddington. I accounted for the brake being on by the flexible pipe having been knocked off the stud. The brake stopped the train and I left my engine to discover the reason. I found blood and brains on the front of the engine and I knew that I had knocked someone down. I found the flexible pipe broken, which I mended, and then went on to Reading, where I reported what had happened to the foreman in charge of the station.
That was the first stopping-place after the accident. There is no footpath near the spot where the body was found, and anyone on the line there would be a trespasser. That is all I know of the affair.

The jury asked no questions of the witness. William Harold Morgan, fireman on the train in question, and in the employ of the Great Western Railway, said: Between the distance and the home signal the brake suddenly went on and the train stopped. My mate got down and examined the engine and found bloodstains. I got down afterwards and saw that this was so, and that the brake-pipe had been knocked off the front of the engine. We repaired the breakage and proceeded with the train, our next stop being Reading, where we reported what had happened.

By a juror: It was foggy that night. Thomas Brookling, of King's Lynn, Milnerroad, Lent Rise, Burnham, said : I am a shunter on the Great Western Railway, and am employed at Taplow Station as a rule. The driver, previ-ously examined, reported to me at Taplow, at about 9.45 p.m., that he had knocked someone down. I immediately went back and discovered the body of Cartland lying between the rails on the down main line. It was in a nude condition with the head lying against one rail and the feet against another. I don't think deceased placed himself in that position, but that he was knocked down. I should say his clothes were torn off by the train. They were very much torn. The police were informed, and the body was left where it was found until their arrival. I should say the spot is in Hitcham Parish. I knew the deceased quite well; we were school-mates. I don't know that he was in the habit of crossing the line there. I should never have taken it to be a case of suicide. Anybody on the line at this spot would be a trespasser. There is no public path there.

By the foreman: The driver and stoker reported the accident to me at Taplow. The foreman pointed out that both witnesses had stated that they did not report it until they

had reached Reading.
The driver, re-called, stated that the train drew up at Taplow Station, and he reported the acci-dent at the time. What he meant by his previous assertion was that they reported the matter at their first scheduled stopping-place.
Inspector Webb explained the action of the

brake-pipe, and how it came to stop the train by being disconnected, which was sure to happen automatically as soon as such a disconnection The Coroner read two letters found upon the

deceased. One was from a young woman who signed herself "Daisy." In it she accused deceased of being the cause of her trouble. The girl also stated that she was just going into a hospital. The letter was dated Oct. 26th, and was received by deceased on the morning of the 27th, the date of his death. The other letter was from the sister of the

girl mentioned above. The Coroner, in summing up, said he did not think the letters had any bearing upon the case. There was not the slightest evidence of suicide. The man must have been standing up, or the brake would not have been dislocated. As deceased's father had stated, deceased had been in

the habit of crossing the line because it was a near cut to his home. The jury returned a verdict of "Found dead on the railway, having been killed by a train while trespassing."

The foreman thought a rider should be added,

strongly condemning the practice of people to trespass on the railway, saying it was most dan-The Coroner: Yes, I quite agree with you.

Inspector Mills informed our representative that notices hereabout warning persons against trespassing were plentiful, and that deceased had no right whatever to be on the line.

P.C. Briggenshaw was Coroner's officer, assisted Great sympathy is felt for the family of the

MAIDENHEAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY. The evening of Thursday last was devoted by the

above society to a discussion on "Municipal Work."
The secretary had enlisted the services of the Mayor The secretary had enlisted the services of the Mayor (Mr. Ald. C. W. Cox) and several prominent Councillors to give some account of their experience on the Council. West-street Lecture-room had almost the appearance of a special committee of the Town Council with the front row occupied by the Mayor and Councillors Hobbis, Porter, Thompson, and Bidmead. The president of the society (Rev. T. F. Lewis) briefly introduced the subject, making mention of the many phases of work which come within the activities of the governing body of the town, and expressed an opinion that all that had to do with the welfare of the people, including the administration of the Poor Law. people, including the administration of the Poor Law, might in time devolve on the Town Council. The Mayor followed, and in the course of his remarks gave the members an insight into the tremendous amount of work involved in the attendance on committees, Council meetings, &c. One statement of his—that the Council should interest itself in the physical welfare of the inhabitants in providing open spaces and means of recreation—met with the cordial approval of the members. The other members of the approval of the members. The other members of the Corporation followed in turn, and they, as well as the Mayor, made the burden of their statements the amount of work and the frequent abuse of the people and the very rare occasions on which any gratitude was expressed to them for their labours. Assessment, Education, Finance, Road - making, Public Health, Free Libraries, and Drainage all came in for remark, and the discussion was taken part in by several members of the society.

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THE ATTACK ON CONSTABLE BATTS.

PRISONER AGAIN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.

The man Keith Burns, who on Saturday week caused a sensation in the neighbourhood by attempting to shoot P.C. Batts, of the Maidenhead Police Force, at Maidenhead Court, again came up before the County Magistrates on Monday. The magistrates present were: Lord George Pratt (in the chair), the Mayor of Maidenhead (C. W. Cox, Esq.), and J. F. Simpson,

Prisoner was first charged with having feloniously stolen 6s., the moneys of William Hedges, of Remenham, on the 19th inst.

ham, on the 19th inst.

William Hedges, landlord of the Five Horse Shoes, Remenham, stated that at about 9.15 on Saturday, the 19th inst., he had occasion to go into the bar of his house, when he observed that the till had been opened and an amount of money extracted. A customer in the bar told him that a man had been in the bar and witness immediately got his cap and stick and went in pursuit of the man. He had got about a mile bar and witness immediately got his cap and stick and went in pursuit of the man. He had got about a mile and three-quarters along the road to Hurley when he noticed two men. He got up to them at Rose-hill and he now identified prisoner as one of them. P.C. Barr came up at the time, and when witness toldhim that he wanted the men "detained on suspicion" prisoner, who was about 20 yards away and not then in company with the other man. draw a revolver from in company with the other man, drew a revolver from his pocket, pointed it at the constable and then made off with the constable in pursuit on a machine. Wit-

off with the constable in pursuit on a machine. Witness let the other man go after receiving a satisfactory explanation from him.

Albert William Cox, a lad, of Remenham, stated that about 9.15 on Saturday week last he was going to the Five Horse Shoes and saw a man leaving the premises. He had identified the prisoner as the man arranger a number of other man in the court-ward premises. He had identified the prisoner as the man amongst a number of other men in the court-yard.

P.C. Batts stated that on Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst.. he was on duty at Maidenhead Court, when about 2.10 p.m. prisoner came up to him and said "I am a detective; I came from Scotland Yard last night with several others and stayed at the George. We are after a man who has got away. Have you had a description of the man?" Witness replied "Yes! and you answer to it," meaning the description of a man wanted for till-robbery that morning at Remenham. Prisoner then said "You had better take me, then." A man at that moment came up to the constable and asked to be directed to the railway station. Prisoner took advantage of witness's momentary distraction and made off. Witness followed for about 100 yards, when prisoner turned sharply and said "If you move I'll fire." Witness ultimately arrested him and brought him to the station and charged him with stealing the sum of 6s. from and charged him with stealing the sum of 6s. from Remenham. He replied "I might as well be caught now as at any other time." He was searched and upon him was found four sixpences and 1s. 0½d. in oppers. Prisoner: When did you ask me about the till-

P.C. Batts: At the police-station. Prisoner: When I first spoke to you did I not say omething about a public-house. P.C. Batts: You said something, but what it was

do not know. You say I ran 100 yards?—Yes.
You have got a good eye for measurement, then;
it was not ten yards. Before I could speak one word

n had knocked me senseless.

few seconds when the prisoner pointed the revolver at him, and then made off again. Witness still followed, and the same thing occurred again. Witness made a rush, knocked the prisoner's hand in the air and then hit him over the head with his truncheon, and he fell senseless. He was disarmed and taken to the police-station in a cab. The revolver produced was loaded in five chambers with ball-cartridge. There were six more cartridges in his pockets.

Prisoner: You say I threatened your life. Did anyone else hear me? You will be promoted quick enough without telling lies to these gentlemen here. You say you knocked my hand in the air? You say you knocked my hand in the air? Prisoner: Its funny your brains were not blown

Alfred Clarke, a traveller, of 132a, Coplestone-road, East Dulwich, spoke to witnessing the incidents above described and assisting the constable to over-power the prisoner. The witness added that he placed his finger at the back of the trigger to prevent it being pulled.

Prisoner considered the latter impossible in a

In reply to the charge, prisoner elected to reserve his defence, and he was committed to take his trial at the Berks Assizes. The constable and the witness Clarke were com-

ended for their bravery in the case.

CHESS MATCH.

On October 17th members of the Maidenhead Chess Club paid a visit to Unbridge to try conclusions with the club of that town. After a good game honours were divided, the scores being:— UXBRIDGE.

MAIDENHEAD. Rev. C. W. S. Row..... Mr. T. E. Whitelaw... Mr. F. Willett Mr. J. Rigby 0 Mr. W. Plumbe 1
Mr. W. R. Reed 0 Mr. J. Flint 1
Mr. F. W. Kenningham 0 Mr. G. A. Relleen 1 Mr. A. N. Other 1 Mr. A. S. Peake ... (absent) 0 4

MAIDENHEAD WAITERS AT DINNER.

Members of the Maidenhead Waiters' Association Members of the Maidenhead Waiters' Association spent a most convivial evening together on the occasion of their annual dinner held at the headquarters, the Swan Hotel, High-street, on Friday last. There were 34 present, and they enjoyed a splendid repast provided by the host, Mr. Geo. Randall, in his usual high-class style. The menu was as follows:—Poissons, Cabilland à la Moules; Removes, Aloyau à la Broche, Gigot de Pore Frasis, Gigot de Mouton Nayata. Sanca any Câpres: Lagrumes. Chouxfurs au Navets, Sauce aux Câpres; Legumes, Chouxfurs au Sprouts, Pom Buille au Roti; Entremets, Tart de Fruit à Pommes, Gelée à la Marisguin; Fromage au Cèlere: Dessert. The chair was taken by Mr. Councillor W. G. Turner, and supporting him were Mesers. C. Fuller, F. Cook, H. Spindler, and C. Cotton. After the renest. a programme composed of teasts and the repast, a programme, composed of toasts and music, was carried through to the satisfaction of all Prisoner, in answer to the charge, now said he had nothing to say. He was committed for trial to the Assizes on the above charge.

Prisoner was now charged with having attempted to shoot P.C. Albert Batts by placing his finger on the trigger of a certain revolver, on the 19th Oct., at Maidenhead Court.

The constable, continuing his evidence from the point above-mentioned, stated that he stood for a music, was carried through to the satisfaction of all present, and the various items in it were thoroughly enjoyed. During the evening Mr. H. Spindler, on the Association, was presented with a salad bowl, on the occasion of his recent marriage. Mr. Spindler acknowledged the gift, which he declared he would always highly appreciate. The following contributed to the harmony of the evening:—Mesars. H. Seribbings, jun., H. Westcott, C. Smith, C. Wren, and Alec Tyson (pianoforte).