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CHALVINGTON BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The annual festival and dinner of the members of the Chalvington Hand-in-Hand Benefit Association took place on Thursday last, and fine weather enabled the large party that was present to enjoy themselves. The Chiddingly Band took part in leading the procession that was formed after the service at the church, which was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Fox. The Yew Tree Inn, the head-quarters of the association, and the adjoining field were the scenes of great activity, and this was apparent when dinner was served in a large marquee by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gutsell, whose catering was bountiful and a character that was much appreciated by the company, which numbered nearly 200. The presiding Chairman was Mr. M. R. Holman, who was supported right and left by the Rev. Mr. Fox, Mr. W. J. Amos, Mr. Isaac Cheale, Mr. A. Haffenden, Mr. G. Carpenter, Mr. R. Burgess, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. J. Matthews, Mr. G. Foster, Mr. J. Wickens, Mr. Stage Hale (Eastbourne), Mr. G. W. Deadman, Mr. Stephen Haffenden, and others.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The King, the Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was duly honoured, and Mr. Isaac Cheale gave "The Bishops and Clergy of all Denominations," and in coupling the name of the Vicar with the toast, said that Mr. Fox was always willing to join in any function that was going on, and was a good friend to all in the district.

The Rev. F. C. Fox, in responding, said it was with a great deal of pleasure that he met the members of the old club again, but he could not help but remember that there was a sword hanging over their club and over their persons. He was glad to say and he hoped that there would be a shield over that sword, and that the shield would go on for a few years longer.

The CHAIRMAN made an apology for the absence of Mr. C. Chandler-Chandler (Selmeston), and also for Mr. Rupert S. Gwynne, M.P., who sent a large donation from the House of Commons, and then proposed "Success to the Chalvington Hand-in-Hand Benefit Association." He remarked that he was pleased to find that the balance sheet of the club was a satisfactory one, and that they had paid £69 for sick pay against £45 the previous year, and yet their capital was only £2 7s. 8½d. less than last year; that showed that the club was flourishing, considering that they had paid out £50 more. Although it had been a critical time to the members of the club—he had been having a consultation with Mr. Emmett and Mr. Deadman, who were doing all they could to save the club instead of being ruined. They found that they had got to be approved under the Insurance Act. Mr. Cautley, the Member for the East Grinstead Division, had sent a notice to the club, saying that if they could get 50 members they would be eligible for being included in his scheme. There was the club 46 members, several of whom were over 70 years of age. They would want to get 15 more members to join the club in order to become eligible. He would advise everyone to join. Some approved society, because it was certain that they must be assured to the State. If they joined an approved society they would get benefits after 26 weeks, and as long as they paid they would not be knocked off. His advice was that they should join at last what they had got and not be in too great a hurry.

Mr. J. Haffenden said he was pleased to hear that the Chalvington Hand-in-Hand Club had been established 70 years that day (hear, hear). They had been going on very well for the past nine years, and he hoped the club would continue for another 70 years; in the past three years he had done his best for them as secretary. Their accounts for the past year were £92 9s. 3d., and honorary subscribers had given them £9 8s., which made a total of £101 17s. 3d. For sickness £69 0s. 11d. had been expended, £10 to pay to the lodge, and other incidental expenses made a total of £89 7s. 8d., leaving a balance of £12 9s. 7d.; there was also a reserve account of £82 8s. 3d. They had a great deal to thank the honorary members for, and if the club continued to be loyal they would help in the future and stick to them. In conclusion, he thanked Messrs. Wickens, Fox, Cheale, Deadman, and others for their services.

Mr. W. T. Amos said it was a pleasure to be present at the club as one of the honorary members, and as long as they had Lord Leconfield's agent they could depend their subscriptions and endeavour to keep it going altogether.

Mr. G. W. Deadman proposed "The Visitors," and said that he understood that these village clubs should be approved by the Health Commissioner, and they should apply to the County Council. He had no doubt that the Chalvington Club would be approved. He had the men who would not look after themselves that the Bill was intended. The small societies had been for 50 or 70 years doing voluntarily what the State was compelled to make compulsory, but he thought, seeing what Chalvington had done in the past, that they should be allowed to go on as they were, and instead of it in a watchful way add to the Radical Party. This would be the beginning of a new era and they might get better terms and be more secure than in the past. He had had a talk with their most able friend and business man—Mr. W. A. Haviland—and he said that the village clubs should be encouraged to become approved, and he hoped members and honorary subscribers would do all they could to assist them to become an approved society.

Mr. HAFFENDEN said he hoped the club would hang together and see if they could not make a good ball.

Mr. JAMES CARPENTER said Mr. Deadman had made a capital speech, and the speakers made a good ball a sovereign (which he handed to the Secretary) to keep it going.

"The Chairman" and "The Host and Hostess" were the remaining toasts.

The company then enjoyed themselves in the open fair field in various ways, the Chiddingly Brass Band playing selections of music.

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION AT HAYWARDS HEATH.

Opening on Tuesday next, 25th inst., and continuing to Saturday, 29th inst., a missionary exhibition will be held at Haywards Heath Public Hall by Lady Isabel Jads Brigade-Hall, under the presidence of the Lord Bishop of Chichester. There will be an opening meeting on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. The attractions will be very numerous, and in addition to an exhibition of curios stalls for the sale of foreign goods, books, etc., are arranged for. Missionary talk and scenes are also on the programme.—See Advt.

CONSERVATIVES VISIT NEWHAVEN.

AN ENJOYABLE GATHERING.

Members of the Central Committee of the East-bourne Conservative Unionist Association made a new and successful departure by holding the first of a series of outdoor meetings at Newhaven on Saturday. This gave the members an excellent opportunity of accepting the invitation of the Newhaven Conservative Association and Club and which Mr. J. A. Gray is the enthusiastic chairman) to visit the club premises. It was arranged that the delegates from the various wards and villages in the division should go to Newhaven by motor char-a-bancs. Three of these large and novel vehicles were requisitioned, and as the routes were varied delegates in the outlying parts were picked up at various points on the journey to the place of meeting. This involved a great deal of correspondence and judicious planning by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Kenneth Lewis), and Chairman (Mr. Percy Hope), who were welcomed by Mr. Gray and several of his energetic co-workers, Mr. R. S. Gwynne, M.P., and the Hon. Rupert Gwynne giving each one a cordial greeting. The large and commodious billiard-room had been transformed into a tea lounge. After refreshment time an adjournment was made to the spacious upper room, where the business meeting was held. Charming late adornments of the apartment were the large photographs of Mr. C. Davies-Gilbert (president of the association) who was dressed with the party colours of blue and yellow, the Marquis of Abergavenny (president), Mr. R. S. Gwynne, M.P. for the division, Mr. J. A. Gray (chairman of the club), Mr. W. S. Keyte (Conservative agent), and the Hon. Charles Brand, in his red coat and cap as master of the Southdown Foxhounds. The Hon. CHARLES BRAND (as chairman of the association presided, and he was supported at the table by Mr. Rupert S. Gwynne, M.P., the Hon. Mrs. R. S. Gwynne, Mrs. J. A. Gray, Mr. J. A. Gray, Mr. W. S. Keyte (agent), Sir John Maitland, Mr. Aden Bereford, Mr. A. D. O. Wedderburn, K.C., Mr. F. Lawson Lewis, Mr. E. H. Ellis, J.P., Lieut.-Col. R. de Bray Hassell, Major H. A. L. Paterson, Mr. J. M. C. Coles, Mr. C. Chandler-Chandler, Mr. H. Foster, Mr. J. Emmett, Mr. M. R. Holman, Mr. J. Oliver, Mr. G. Bolton, J.P., Mr. D. Mansington, Mr. R. W. Knight, Mr. S. F. North (hon. secretary of the Eastbourne Constitutional Club), Mr. T. J. Sinden, Mr. Cecil Onslow, Mr. E. F. Varley Kirtlan, Mr. R. Vine, Mr. A. W. Green, Mr. R. Holden, Mr. H. J. Woodhams, Mr. S. Piper, Mr. T. Stroud, A.C.P., Major Stewart Hamilton d'Aubigne, Mr. W. J. Tompsett, Mr. E. Banks, and others.

At the outset Mr. J. A. GRAY said he wished to be allowed, not only as chairman of the club and of the association for that part of the division, but also in his own behalf and on behalf of the Unionists and Conservatives in Newhaven, to extend to the delegates present a most cordial and warm welcome to the town that day. They all valued this visit very much, and greatly appreciated so large a number attending the invitation sent out by Mr. Keyte. As one that had always maintained that this would be a beneficial change in the party, he was gratified at the innovation, and took it as a compliment that Newhaven was the first centre outside Eastbourne to be visited by the Central Committee. He congratulated the Chairman in carrying the forward policy inaugurated by Mr. Gwynne when he presided over them, and they must all be convinced that this organisation had been carried out in a way that had consolidated and strengthened them.

The business of the committee was then transacted, the members expressing their sympathy with the remarks made by Mr. F. Lawson Lewis with reference to the death of Viscount Gage and Sir Charles FitzGerald, as well as a reference that Sir John Maitland had promised to succeed the late Sir Charles FitzGerald as treasurer.

Mr. A. D. WEDDERBURN proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Newhaven Club and Association for the hospitality shown in order to enable them to meet there that afternoon, as well as to participate in the entertainment which had been provided for the members.

Mr. R. H. ELLIS seconded, and on being carried, Mr. J. A. Gray acknowledged the compliment paid to the Newhaven club, which he said, was a working class constituency.

Mr. R. S. GWYNNE, M.P., in an address to the members, said there were many present who could claim to have worked for the Unionist Party in the division when it was represented first by Admiral Field and then by Sir Lindsay Hogg. Thanks to the energetic work of Mr. Keyte, their agent, who told them what they ought to do and what they ought not to do, a feeling of friendship had increased throughout the division, and this was due to the splendid way in which the rank and file had worked in the constituency. He did not think the Liberals threatening, as they in Commons who represented a more loyal body of electors, and he was one who was proud that he was to stand by the could to represent them in the House of Commons, his one object being to represent the division as he thought the electors would like to be represented. Replying to criticisms which had been made, the Member said it was his duty to be in the House of Commons when the House of Commons was open, and it was now essential that every Unionist Member should be there as much as possible. At the present time the Unionists were the largest individual party in the House of Commons, and the Radical Party, in order to make their position secure, were depending upon the Labour and Irish Party. They would all agree that they were passing through what was an absolutely unprecedented time, not only in the history of the country, but in the history of any civilised country in the world. They had seen during the past week mass meetings protesting against the Government proposals of Disestablishment of the Church in Wales and Home Rule in Ireland; not an ordinary meeting of protest, but meetings of a kind, the last of which numbers coming from Wales and Ireland to London to protest and show their indignation against the Bill. There was a feeling throughout the country that the present ministry had exhausted the Home Rule proposals. Mr. Lloyd George had said in the House of the Lords papers, were refusing to have anything to do with the Insurance Act, and the object of the Bill was, they were told, to give them compensation for fourpence. When the Bill first came out the Unionists approved of the principles of the Bill, and they were sorry that otherwise they would only inform themselves of the procedure of the House of Lords and their approval of the principle of the Bill, but it was rushed through the House in such an unfair way. Their position was clear as far as the Unionists were concerned. They did what they thought was right. If they had not been in the House of Commons they would have made a stage that Bill might have been made acceptable to the community at large. That was entirely due to the Radical Party, who were alone to blame, and also could claim the Act for what it was worth. They had had protests against Home Rule, Disestablishment, the Insurance Act, as well as the Shop Act. Again, this week they had seen some unpleasant reports about the meet proposals of Disestablishment of the Church in Wales and Home Rule in Ireland; not an ordinary meeting of protest, but meetings of a kind, the last of which numbers coming from Wales and Ireland to London to protest and show their indignation against the Bill. There was a feeling throughout the country that the past year without some sectional strike. There was now more dissatisfaction among every class of the community had been previous in their life time. With regard to this industrial strife it was owing to the Radical Party that this feeling of unrest was so great. They had got into a mess at least by mere because they were in power that it was so, but they should turn over in their minds and ask who was it that there were strikes in all directions. He found that during the years 1896 to 1901, eleven years of which there was a Unionist Government, there were 126 cases of lock-outs, and in the four years of Radical Government from 1907 to 1911, there were 132, so that they had had more than three times the strikes than there were during the time the Unionists were in power. How was it, with a Democratic Government in power, that they had not been able to prevent strikes? Let them look at the difficulty straight away. He could not say what was the reason, but there were reasons. (A Voice, "Profiteering.") Lord Cecil said he was in the Cabinet, and Lloyd George has succeeded in stirring up strife between employers and employed, and the capital against the labour. These were the sources which must combine if they were going to keep trade in the country. It was right that the Government should put their foot down and say that they meant to protect labour, and that the men who wanted to work should get work, and that strikes should not be ordered by agitators when there was no grievance. In conclusion, Mr. Gwynne urged the importance of Tariff Reform being made one of the main subject of enlightening the electors upon, and that the constituency should be asked to keep the flag flying by working as they had never done before so that they should add to the Radical Party from the place of power they now occupied.

In replying to a vote of thanks for presiding, the Member said that they must all recognise the disturbed state the country was getting into owing to the industrial unrest, and it was the bounden duty of them to do their best to see that they were removed from the place they occupied at the present time as soon as possible. He thought those present would see what a means for good that club was in Newhaven, and they could do very much for the party at home, last heart, and that the members would do their utmost outside in the town to carry forward the Unionist views.

A concert was given in the evening.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK conducted a confirmation service on Friday in the chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Haywards Heath. There was a large congregation.

A RATEPAYER'S COMPLAINT. HURSTPIERPOINT, Friday.—Mr. Charles Ashdown, of the Council on Friday complaining of the state of the road from his house to the King's Road, Albourne, and that it is used by motor cars. He failed to see why he should pay excessive rates for the tarring and watering of roads for the convenience of other people, and said he did not know of any piece of road anywhere that needed tarring more than the one from Albourne to the White Horse.—On the motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. King, it was decided to forward the letter to the Sussex County Council with the request that the recommendation therein contained be carried into effect at the earliest possible date.

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HELLINGLY ASYLUM INQUEST.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

At the meeting of the Hailsham Board of Guardians on Wednesday, Mr. J. J. WHITE presiding, the Clerk (Mr. Edmund Catt) referred to the recent inquest at the Hellingly Asylum, on June 10th, relative to the death of Richard Howe, an inmate, who died in the asylum. He said he received a letter after being asked to attend the enquiry, but when he went up he was not allowed to see the letter, and he told him he had been asked to attend, said he would call Dr. Taylor. He stopped there 20 minutes, during which time Dr. Taylor passed in and out several times. Mr. Catt then read the correspondence he had had over the matter, which was as follows:—

"(Copy, telegram), June 7th, to the Clerk of the Board of Guardians, Hailsham Union.—Two Commissioners will open a coroner's inquest at the East Sussex Asylum on Monday morning next at 11 o'clock into the circumstances attending the death of Richard Howe, about whom you wrote on May 9th. They will welcome your attendance.—The Commissioners of Lunacy."

"(Copy) Hellingly Asylum, June 6th.—Commissioners, Victoria-street, S.W., June 8th,—To confirm the telegram dispatched to you to-day, the Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to inform you that they have deputed two of their number to hold a sworn enquiry into the circumstances connected with the death in the East Sussex County Asylum of Richard Howe, a pauper patient chargeable to the Hailsham Union, whose death was associated with fracture of the jaw and the fracture of six ribs. The Commissioners propose opening their enquiry at the asylum on Monday morning next, the 10th inst., at 11 o'clock, and I have to say that I am to add that they would be glad if you sent on behalf of the Guardians of the Hailsham Union they will welcome your presence and assistance, and which you may be able to afford to render the enquiry as exhaustive as possible. As time is short, I thought it best to wire. I am, yours—Your obedient servant, O. E. DICKMAN."

Mr. Catt said as he had been refused admission he sent back to the Secretary of the Lunacy Commissioners the following letter:—

"Hailsham, Monday, June 10th. Sir,—I attended at the enquiry this morning, and on seeking admission to the room in which the enquiry was about to be commenced I was refused admission, and, after waiting some 25 minutes or thereabouts, during which time I understood some communication would be made to the Commissioners holding the enquiry through Dr. Taylor, I was informed by the attendant that Dr. Taylor was about the matter, and I could not afford to waste two or three hours in the waiting-room, and seeing there was no prospect of my being admitted I left the building. On my road back to the office I met the Chairman of the Board of Guardians and acting on his observations, I am directed to inquire why their representative officer was refused admission after receiving what is understood to be a definite invitation to be present. The only point which appears to be satisfactory is that the Clerk (who was in the waiting-room with myself and myself) did obtain admission to the room, he being called in at the commencement when the relatives of the deceased were admitted at the time he presented himself and was refused. The fact of my presence in the waiting-room was known to the clerk to the committee of visitors, but as it would probably have been a waste of time to the enquiry beyond inconvenience, I merely made it as a remark by the way. I may add that a member of the Board of Guardians also attended and was present with me in the waiting-room, as well as the Master of the workhouse, but they had no invite to be present. I have no observation to make but to record the matter as a fact, and that I left them in the waiting-room when I left to join the 11.57 train at Hellingly Station on return to the office.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, EDMUND CATT."

To this the following reply was sent:—

"Re Richard Howe, deceased. Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., the Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to say that they may regret that you should have been refused admission to the coroner's inquest on the number held on the 10th and 11th inst., at the East Sussex Asylum. This must have been done under some misapprehension, and was contrary to the wishes of the Commissioners, who would have welcomed your presence and that of your colleague. Had the sham Board of Guardians was present at the enquiry on the 10th inst.—Yours &c., E. O. DICKMAN."

Mr. Catt said Dr. Taylor came into the room; couldn't you have spoken to him about the matter.

Clerk—He did not come into the room where I was. He passed up and down the corridor from his room to the Commissioners' room.

Mr. Gates—I promised Mr. Catt to go, but I thought if I did there was a doubt as to whether I went or not so I did not go. Dr. Taylor said he would ask Dr. Taylor why the Clerk was refused admission after being invited by the Commissioners?

Mr. F. Goring—I strongly support that.

Mr. CURTEIS suggested that a letter should be sent to the Visiting Committee.

Mr. GILES—Then comes the question where this caretaker got the power from of stopping people going in.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. J. J. White)—From Dr. Taylor.

Mr. Gates—Then Dr. Taylor could leave out the matter.

Mr. DIPLOCK asked the Clerk if he showed the invitation to anybody.

The CLERK—I did not see why I should do such a thing. I thought it should be left to Dr. Taylor. I think they had any right to keep me out; I had given my name before.

Mr. H. RICHARDSON—Why all this secrecy about it?

Mr. J. EWEY—That makes the matter worse. I was with Mr. Catt when he made a Unionist speech or five minutes. I gave my name as a Guardian previous to the Coroner's inquest after Mr. Catt had gone to Dr. Taylor came out and enquired for him. I said Mr. Catt had gone, and he then invited me into the room. I went in and stayed till four o'clock.

Mr. BAUDOCK—They did not want people there not invited.

Mr. H. CURTEIS—There was no doubt if it had not been that the Board of Guardians there would not have been this enquiry.

The CHAIRMAN—It looks as if we were kept out. I am not satisfied he should have been prohibited from being there.

Mr. Baudock proposed that a letter be written to the Clerk to the Visiting Committee (Mr. R. Blaker) and ask for an explanation.

Mr. Goring seconded, and the motion was carried.

EAST GRINSTEAD DIVISION CONSERVATIVE.

There was a fairly large attendance of delegates at the annual Conservative meeting, and they were provided over by Dr. E. STEWART, J.P., who moved the adoption of the report. He thought the report could be taken as being very satisfactory, because it showed continuous work, steady work, and they had kept up their position. The Chairman made an appreciative reference to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. G. Marvon Wilson in the matter of the Club, which was opened last August, and then passed on to deal with the financial aspect. Their subscription list, he said, he did not consider altogether satisfactory, because there were many Conservatives and Unionists in the division who did not contribute to their funds. The affairs of the country were, he must describe it, more or less in the melting pot, and it was a time when all Conservatives, who had the courage of their convictions, should put their hands in their pockets and assist in oiling the machinery of the association. They were grateful to their member, Mr. Cautley, especially for the Act which he had worked the Insurance Act, on Act, which was at any rate, a most complicated Act, and Mr. Cautley had shown that he possessed a grasp and knowledge of that measure unrivalled by anyone in the country, and if he (Mr. Cautley) was successful in his scheme he had inaugurated under the Act he would have earned the gratitude of all, friends and foes alike (hear, hear).

Mr. G. MARVON WILSON seconded, and referring to the gathering at Seaford last autumn, said he thought it would be a good thing if Mr. Marvon Wilson would have the pleasure of entertaining them there (applause).

On the motion of Major S. T. MAYNARD, seconded by Mr. SCOTT PITCHER, the annual statement of accounts was received and adopted.

Lord Colchester was unanimously re-elected president, on the proposition of Mr. E. P. WHITLEY (Hurstpierpoint), seconded by Mr. J. BLOWNT, J.P., seconded by Mr. R. J. STREATFEILD, J.P.

Mr. J. F. Hope, M.P., Col. Dudley Sampson, and Mr. R. J. Streatfeild were re-elected vice-chairmen, and Major S. T. Maynard (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. H. Burrell (secretary), and Mr. Robt. Carpenter (hon. auditor) were also re-elected.

The CHAIRMAN made a feeling reference to the loss the association was about to sustain by the removal to the Horsham division of Mr. F. A. White, J.P., who had been such a valuable member of the Organising Committee, and such a zealous member of the party.

Mr. H. S. CAUTLEY, M.P., then made a short speech on current politics, and the meeting closed with thanks to him, and also to Dr. Stewart for presiding.

CROSS-IN-HAND SCHOOLMASTER SUMMONED.

HEARING AT UCKFIELD YESTERDAY.

A case which aroused considerable local interest was held at the Uckfield Petty Sessions yesterday (Thursday) when Mr. R. J. Simpson (in the chair) and other magistrates, David John Holt, the schoolmaster of Cross-in-Hand, was summoned by Joseph Berry, a farmer, of Cross-in-Hand, for Henry Berry, for unlawfully assaulting and beating the plaintiff's son.

Mr. E. T. Welldest (Newhaven) appeared to prosecute, and Mr. R. Vaughan Gower (Tunbridge Wells), instructed by the National Union of Teachers, represented defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Outlining the facts of the case Mr. Wellsted said the prosecution arose out of corporal punishment which defendant had given, and he have attempted to inflict upon the boy at the school. The trouble first arose in the field when Berry was accused of knocking the master's little son off his tricycle, for which Mrs. Holt, the wife of the master, boxed his ears. She told him to go home and stop playing with his grandmother kept him at home in the afternoon. He attended the next morning, but the master wanted to chastise him for playing truant, but he refused and submit to go and went home during the playtime. His father took him back and the master asked the father to hold the son while he chastised him. He refused to do so because the boy had not played truant. On 6th June the boy still refused to submit to be chastised, and the master was alleged to have thrown him down on the floor, tied his legs with cord, gagged his mouth with a handkerchief, and attempted to carry him out of the room, but his mother was summoned to the school and she found two of the boys holding the boy, and he gave admission and the master ultimately released the boy. A schoolmaster, concluded Mr. Wellsted, was entitled to administer corporal punishment to the pupils, but he submitted that the chastisement which defendant had given was in no case not reasonable.

Henry Berry, aged 12, bore out the opening statement, and denied knocking the master's son off his tricycle. There were four boys present while he was being punished and Mr. Holt told them to fetch the cord and close top of the doors.

Cross-examined by Mr. Vaughan Gower: He admitted being disobedient to the teachers and refusing to submit to punishment. The master could not manage him and he had to kick out and he was punished. The master told the four boys to hold him and he had no kick on them or use his fists. Witness was not hurt in any way. All the master tried to do was to get him punished, but he did not resist. The master had not threatened to kick hurt him. On June 5th the master asked witness's father to come and help him, but he refused to do so. His father told Mr. Holt he could do nothing with witness and that he was unmanageable.

Ann Berry, grandmother of the boy, who was summoned into the boy's assistance, was next called, but Mr. Vaughan Gower having admitted that the master had taken the boy's mouth, but not his legs were tied, and that the master knelt on him, she was not required to give evidence.

Mr. Wellsted said the case for the prosecution and Mr. Vaughan Gower formally submitted that on the evidence he had no case to answer.

After some deliberation the Chairman said the only question which the Court had to decide was if there had been any unreasonable or excessive and if so, was it warranted by the circumstances? The Bench were unanimously of the opinion that the case against Mr. Holt should be dismissed, but at the same time the system which appeared to be adopted in the school was not one to be commended. It appeared to consist of continual small punishments, which might, perhaps, without producing the necessary effect have an irritating effect. They thought the managers might consider whether it would not be better to inflict more serious punishments when it was required and not quite so often.

Mr. Vaughan Gower said that the boy had been considerably punished and reported each time to the managers, but he was absolutely untractable, and he should have been able to call witnesses after witness to show that he was absolutely unmanageable. The boy was not punished.

Mr. Wellsted said in fairness to the boy he thought it ought to be stated that during 5½ years there had only been two punishments of more than two cuts, which was the ordinary punishment. He had not been punished all during the year 1911.

Mr. Vaughan Gower retorted that he should have proved that during that time the master had tried to punish the boy, but had not succeeded.

Mr. Wellsted said under the circumstances he did not think there would be any advantage in the boy would not be re-admitted to the school without first submitting to punishment.

Mr. Vaughan Gower replied that this was a matter for the managers. If the boy had refused to be punished and for his discipline the school he could not admit boys who refused to submit to proper chastisement.

Major Thornton: I agree it is not for us to say. It is for the managers.

DIOCESAN PURITY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chichester Diocesan Purity Association was held at the Town Hall, Lewes, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the Archdeacon of Lewes in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN said the change in the title of the association had happily, made a change in the officials. It was formerly known as the Diocesan Penitentiary Association as its work was largely confined to the maternity wards of our workhouses, but under its new title the work had been extended. It was preventive as well as a rescue, and concerned men and lads, as well as women and girls. They must get people to more fully realise the tremendous importance of the work, which made the strongest possible claim upon Christian churches.

After the adoption of the report and re-election of officers, the Rev. G. E. Fagan delivered an address. He paid a tribute to the workers of the association and went on to say that when their present bishop came to them he told them that as long as they worked and for such they meant to be in the position of ploughing the sands. As a result of a round table conference the White Cross League, of which he had resided the Bishop of Lewes, on Act, which was at any rate, a most complicated Act, and Mr. Cautley had shown that he possessed a grasp and knowledge of that measure unrivalled by anyone in the country, and if he (Mr. Cautley) was successful in his scheme he had inaugurated under the Act he would have earned the gratitude of all, friends and foes alike (hear, hear).

Mr. G. MARVON WILSON seconded, and referring to the gathering at Seaford last autumn, said he thought it would be a good thing if Mr. Marvon Wilson would have the pleasure of entertaining them there (applause).

On the motion of Major S. T. MAYNARD, seconded by Mr. SCOTT PITCHER, the annual statement of accounts was received and adopted.

Lord Colchester was unanimously re-elected president, on the proposition of Mr. E. P. WHITLEY (Hurstpierpoint), seconded by Mr. J. BLOWNT, J.P., seconded by Mr. R. J. STREATFEILD, J.P.

Mr. J. F. Hope, M.P., Col. Dudley Sampson, and Mr. R. J. Streatfeild were re-elected vice-chairmen, and Major S. T. Maynard (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. H. Burrell (secretary), and Mr. Robt. Carpenter (hon. auditor) were also re-elected.

The CHAIRMAN made a feeling reference to the loss the association was about to sustain by the removal to the Horsham division of Mr. F. A. White, J.P., who had been such a valuable member of the Organising Committee, and such a zealous member of the party.

Mr. H. S. CAUTLEY, M.P., then made a short speech on current politics, and the meeting closed with thanks to him, and also to Dr. Stewart for presiding.

CRICKET.

KENT v. SUSSEX.

In this match at Tonbridge, on Wednesday, Kent defeated Sussex by seven wickets. Scores:—

KENT.		SUSSEX.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mr. H. Bryan b Woolley	5	c Hearne b Fielder	6
Vine b Blythe	6	b Fielder	61
Relf (C.) c Hutchings b Blythe	3	b Woolley	46
Relf (A. E.) c Humphreys b Blythe	21	b Humphreys	4
Relf (E. H.) c Woolley b Fielder	28	c Huish b Fielder	40
G. H. Chaplin c Woolley b Fielder	19	c Fielder b Blythe	4
Mr. A. H. Lang b Blythe	1	run out	0
Cox b Fielder	4	b Blythe	4
Jupp not out	14	lbw b Blythe	0
Leach c Hutchins b Blythe	4	c Huish b Woolley	4
Vincett c Hutchings b Blythe	4	not out	1
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total	116	Total	169

KENT.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Humphreys st Lang b Cox	46	b Simmons	40
Hardinge b Simmons	4	lbw b Simmons	13
Mr. H. W. Troughton b Simmons	0	b Simmons	17
Capt. W. G. M. Sarel c Lang b Vincett	0	not out	9
Woolley lbw b Vincett	32	not out	21
Mr. K. L. Hutchings b Cox	4		
Joseph Berry, a farmer, of Cross-in-Hand, for Henry Berry, for unlawfully assaulting and beating his son.			
Huish c Lang b Cox	12		
Fairservice b Mr. A. Relf	14		
Blythe b Simmons	4		
Fielder not out	0		
Extras	4	Extras	8
Total	178	Total (3 wkts)	108

LEWES TRADE C.C. v. BRIGHTON STRAGGLERS.

Lewes Trade C.C. gained an easy victory over Brighton Stragglers in the Convent Field, Lewes, on Wednesday afternoon, when they won by 141 runs. Jupp and Cox were successful for the Lewes team, who scored six wickets for 17 runs and W. Johnson two for 10. Scores:—

BRIGHTON STRAGGLERS.		LEWES TRADE.	
A. Johnson c Dollery b Johnson	5	S. H. Tickner c Oliver b Kent	3
E. E. Oliver b Hunt	0	b Kent	3
H. Knight b Hunt	0	E. Blagrove c Coomber b Peacock	9
A. Turner b Johnson	7	P. Kemp st Knight b Peacock	0
J. B. Allen not out	16	Oliver	26
W. Coomber lbw b Hunt	0	W. J. Johnson b Kent	12
E. F. Wyatt lbw b Hunt	0	P. Wright c Coomber b Oliver	0
H. Kent run out	0	Oliver	0
J. E. Reeves b Hunt	0	G. Hunt run out	0
G. Hart run out	0	F. Dollery b Oliver	0
H. C. Pocock b Hunt	0	G. E. Suter c Coomber b Kent	29
Extras	2	Wilmer b Pocock	0
Total	30	F. Farley c Johnson b Kent	0
		A. Upton not out	6
		Extras	6
		Total	171

DEWBROOK C.C. v. SUSSEX (FARROW'S) BANKS.

Played at Dewbrook, Blackboys, on Saturday, resulting in a win for the home team by seven runs. About 5.30 p.m. rain caused the play to be suspended and the teams adjourned for tea, which was served in the billiard-room at Dewbrook. After tea Mr. T. Farrow thanked the visitors for their presence that afternoon and trusted that they had had an enjoyable visit. Mr. W. Farrow, captain of the visitors, thanked Mr. T. Farrow for his kind words and assured him that the visiting team had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was their opinion that they would leave as victors. The Rev. Wassell, of Hadlow Down, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Farrow and the ladies who had attended to the wants of the cricketers, and Mr. Bullock seconded it in an appropriate speech, the proposition being carried with acclamation. Mr. T. Farrow thanked the assembly for the kind way in which they had received the proposal. He reminded the visiting team that play had not yet finished and although they had four wickets to fall yet he was confident that the "Dewbrook" team would be the victors. On play being resumed the unexpected happened, the visitors' second innings being taken for 58, the eighth for 60, and the two remaining wickets fell without a run being scored. Scores:—

DEWBROOK.		SUSSEX BANKS.	
T. Farrow b Hudson	0	Suckman c b T. Farrow	0
Hudson b Hudson	1	Facey lbw b Peckham	1
Hoadley b Hudson	0	Farrow b T. Farrow	0
Smith b Hudson	0	Saxton b Peckham	3
Peckham b W. Farrow	0	Snow b Peckham	0
Wassell b Hudson	0	W. Farrow c b T. Farrow	0
Jones b Hudson	0	Markwick not out	0
Dunlop b W. Farrow	0	Stewart b Peckham	0
Thompson b W. Farrow	0	Davis b Peckham	0
Kelf st b W. Farrow	0	Bailey b T. Farrow	0
Markwick c b Hudson	0	Hudson c b Wassell	0
Extras	8	Extras	10
Total	67	Total	60

MAYFIELD v. EASTBOURNE WANDERERS.

Played at Mayfield on W