

# PRINCE GEORGE OPENS BARNET'S NEW SCHOOL.

## BARNET'S LOYAL ADDRESS.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE GEORGE, K.G., G.C.V.O.

May it please your Royal Highness:—

WE, the Chairman and Councillors of the Urban District of Barnet in the County of Hertford, acting for and on behalf of the inhabitants of the said District, beg sincerely to offer your Royal Highness our most cordial and loyal welcome to the ancient town of Barnet and to this Urban District, and to render our humble and heartfelt thanks for your gracious presence here to-day for the purpose of opening the new building of the Boys' Grammar School, being part of the foundation granted and ordained by Queen Elizabeth, by Letters Patent dated 24th March, 1573, in the 15th year of her reign, at the humble request of Robert, Earl of Leicester, on behalf of the inhabitants of the town of Barnet.

WE take this opportunity of assuring your Royal Highness that your visit here to-day is much appreciated, and affords the residents of this Town and District the liveliest satisfaction in that your presence will always be remembered with the keenest pleasure.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this third day of November, 1932.

CHAS. T. BEAPLE, Clerk.

1573 TO 1932.

### THE OPENING CEREMONY.

#### The Prince's Happy Speech.

By S. H. WIDDICOMBE, Clerk to the Governors.

The reign of Queen Elizabeth may be justly described as a period of brilliant prosperity and advancement, during which, England put forth her brightest genius, valour, and enterprise, and attained to the highest distinction of glory amongst the States of Europe. During this period the general awakening of national life and the quickening of English intelligence found vent in an upgrowth of grammar schools, and the inhabitants of Barnet, who have always kept themselves well abreast of the times, began to look around to see how they could obtain one in their own town.

Among the most prominent men at the Court of Queen Elizabeth was one who roused any womanly feeling the Queen may have had, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester; one who stood so high in her favour that was thought that he might reasonably hope to marry her—hoping the Queen apparently did not altogether disagree. At an early age Leicester had been married to Amy Robsart, but it was not a happy marriage, and Leicester's enemies did not hesitate to insinuate that her death, in 1560, under circumstances which certainly aroused some suspicion of foul play, was deliberately planned by the Earl to remove an obstacle to his advancement.

The Earl's fortunes were, perhaps, followed with greater interest by Barnet people because of his connection with the town, his brother-in-law, Henry Knollys, who was first cousin once removed to Queen Elizabeth, probably living at Hadley, for his wife was buried there in 1606. Knollys's sister, Lettice, who married the Earl some five years after Amy Robsart's death, was Arthur Cockett, a connection by marriage of Amy Robsart. Possibly these were the influences brought to bear, for they are both named amongst the original Governors in the Charter founding the school which Queen Elizabeth granted in 1573, the humble request of our well-beloved cousin and commander, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, Knight of the Bath, Noble Order of the Garter, Master of Our Horse, in behalf of our faithful and loyal subjects the inhabitants of our town of Barnet.

#### THE ANCIENT CHARTER.

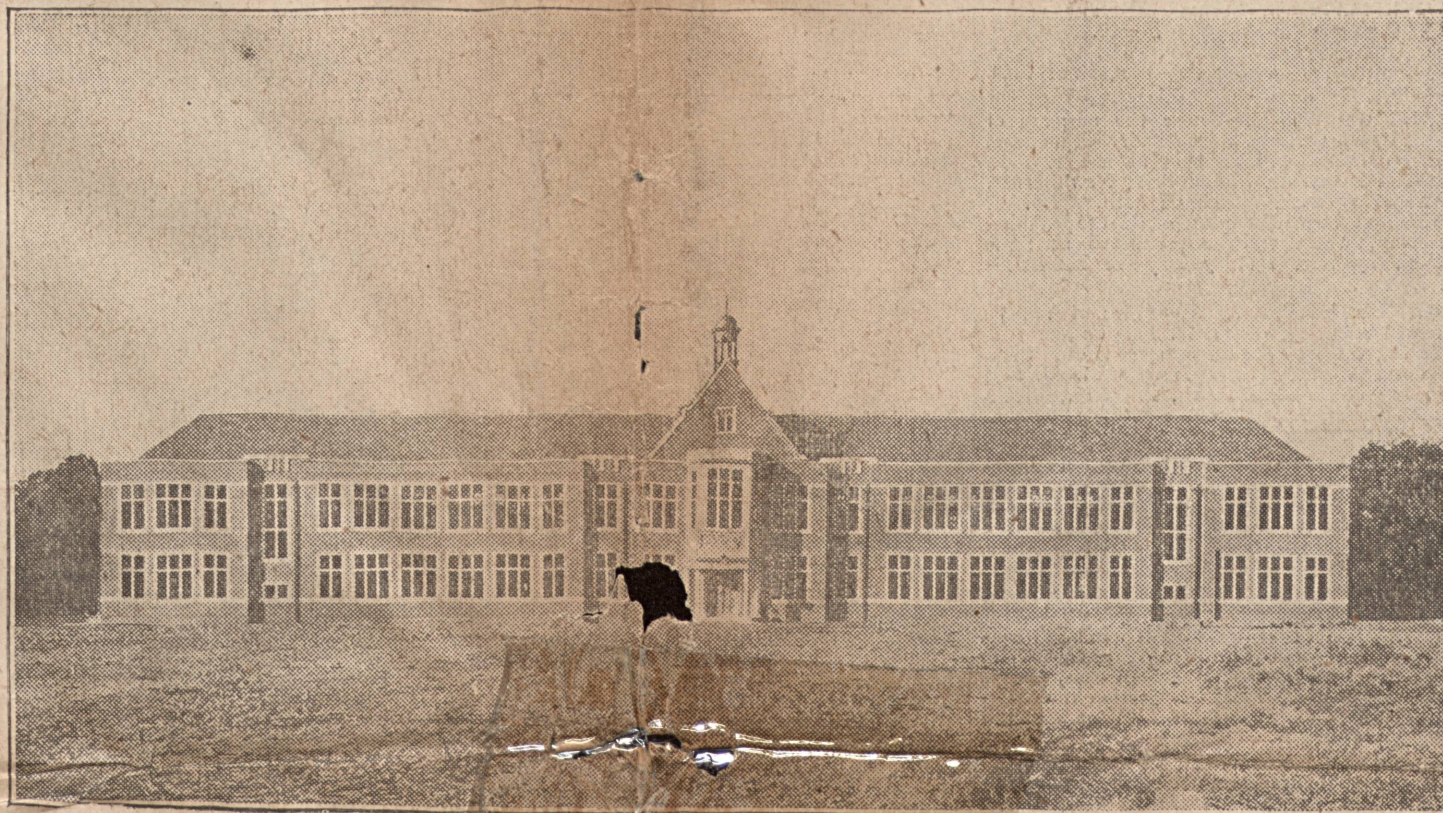
Barnet is one of the few schools which still possess their original Charter. It used to hang in the ancient hall, but has now been given an honourable position at the entrance of the new buildings. It bears a portrait of Queen Elizabeth, and, in cradled writing and legal phraseology, ordains that for the future there shall be one common grammar school in the said town of Barnet, or near the same, which shall be called the Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth, for the education, bringing up, and instruction of boys and youths, to be brought up in grammar and other learning, and the same to continue for ever, and the said school for one master and one usher for ever to continue and remain.

It is very doubtful whether Elizabeth provided any endowment for the school. Lysons, in his "Enquiries of London," and Cluttencher, in his "History of Hertfordshire," both assert that the Queen gave a house and garden for a free school, and Chaucer, in his "History of Herts," says that Elizabeth erected a free school, "a fair pile of building of brick for the master and usher, and endowed it with a house worth £7 per annum. But a later authority, the Rev. F. C. Cass, says that the school was erected by the aid of Church collections made in the City of London and its liberties, at the suit of Edward Underne, Rector of Barnet. Certainly no mention of any endowment is contained in the Charter, or in the earlier records of the school. The records of the Corporation of London contain many allusions to these collections, from which it appears that some £500 was raised. With this sum the old hall was built. At first it had an open roof, but an upper floor was made very shortly afterwards, and a portion of the east end was walled off for dwelling-rooms for the master. The block of buildings containing the kitchen and school library was added a few years later. Up to recent times the building was covered with ivy and presented a very picturesque appearance, but the ivy has now been stripped off, and the hall, although not so pretty to look at, presents to better advantage a good specimen of Elizabethan architecture.

THE MASTER ARRESTED. Although, thanks to the liberality of the citizens of London, the school was now built, no provision appears to have been made for its upkeep or for the payment of the salary of the master. Accordingly, we are not surprised

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THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

## Great Welcome to Royal Visitor.

## "Stout-hearted People of Barnet"—The Prince



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE GEORGE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE GEORGE, K.G., G.C.V.O., visited Barnet on Thursday to open the new Grammar School in Queen's-road, which takes the place of the Grammar School in Wood-street, founded in 1573 by Queen Elizabeth.

This was the first ceremonial visit of Royalty to Barnet, and the Prince had a most enthusiastic reception. Flags floated gaily from the principal buildings in the town, and the main streets formed a perfect panorama of decorative designs, all signifying a warm welcome to the Royal visitor.

Barnet and East Barnet districts, by the hands of the chairmen of the Barnet Urban District Council and the East Barnet Valley Urban District Council, presented addresses to His Royal Highness, bearing happily-phrased sentiments of patriotism and loyalty.

The formal proceedings at the opening ceremony took place in the main hall of the school, in the presence of a large company drawn from all parts of the county of Hertfordshire, and including the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Bishop of St. Albans, and other high county dignitaries.

Immediately after the opening of the school, the Prince visited the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Wood-street, Barnet, and was much impressed with the building and the provision made there for the treatment of the sick.

"Here comes the Prince" was the joyful message passed among the large concourse of people assembled in the grounds of the new Grammar School, when His Royal Highness, accompanied by his equey, Major John Aird, arrived at the Queen's-road entrance to the school.

Outside the grounds of the school in Queen's-road, as well as inside the school grounds, a large crowd of people assembled. The paths on both sides of Queen's-road were dense with people.

A large proportion of the crowd was made up of school children, who carried flags and waved them excitedly when the Prince passed by.

On alighting from his car the Prince was received by Viscount Hampden, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, with suitable words of welcome.

The Barnet Town Silver Prize Band, under Mr. J. D. Kenny, who had been providing an appropriate programme of music, in Queen's-road, prior to the arrival of the Prince, then played the National Anthem.

The anthem ended, the Lord Lieutenant conducted the Prince into a marquee, specially provided for the occasion, in the school grounds, a few yards from the entrance gates.

The Lord Lieutenant then introduced the following to His Royal Highness:—Major J. D. Harrison (High Sheriff of Hertfordshire), Sir Joseph Priestley, K.C. (chairman of the Hertfordshire Education Committee), the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, Alderman W. Graveson, J.P. (chairman of the Hertfordshire Education Committee), C. H. E. Fern, J.P., C.C. (chairman of the Governors of the Barnet Grammar School), Major Elton Longmore (Clerk to the Hertfordshire County Council), and Mr. J. P. Mays (Clerk to the East Barnet Valley Urban District Council).

Prince George accepted the addresses, and expressed his appreciation in a gracious smile.

Then, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Bishop of St. Albans, and the chairman of the Hertfordshire Education Committee, the Prince proceeded to the new building of the school.

Prince George's path to the school was well guarded. Platoons of boys and girls from the local schools, and nurses from the Victoria Cottage Hospital, held positions near the browns where the Prince was to alight. Further along the path were the Scouts, Girl Guides, Girls of the Boys' Brigade, and members of the British Legion. The Barnet branch of the organization was also present, and the parade at the entrance to the school was in the charge of Capt. J. D. Kenny.

After the introductions, loyal addresses, and texts of which appear elsewhere in this issue, were presented to the Prince by the Lord Lieutenant, J.P. (chairman of the Hertfordshire Education Committee), on behalf of the Hertfordshire Education Committee, and by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, on behalf of the East Barnet Valley Urban District Council.

The deputation from the nursing staff of the Wellhouse Hospital was headed by Nurse Redgers.

The guard of honour, under the command of Col. Cecil H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., performed their duties with becoming dignity, and the Prince appeared to be greatly impressed with the arrangements made for his reception.

His Royal Highness spent about five minutes inspecting the contingent from the British Legion and chatted with several of the men as he passed up and down the ranks.

On arrival at the main doorway to the school, the Prince, at the invitation of Cr. Fern, unlocked the door with a gold key, presented by the architect of the school. Without a moment's delay the Prince entered, and, followed by the reception party, proceeded to the main hall, where the opening ceremony took place.

## EAST BARNET'S LOYAL ADDRESS.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE GEORGE, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.

May it please your Royal Highness:—

WE, the Chairman and Councillors of the Urban District of East Barnet Valley, desire, on behalf of the loyal inhabitants of our district, to extend to your Royal Highness a most respectful and sincere welcome.

WE desire to express our continued devotion to your beloved Father His Gracious Majesty the King and our fealty and love for Her Majesty the Queen and for all the Members of the Royal Family.

WE warmly appreciate the active interest you are taking in the promotion of the peace and prosperity of our Country, and we sincerely appreciate your gracious presence to open the new buildings of the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School for Boys founded in Barnet in the year 1573.

WE especially welcome Your Royal Highness on this occasion in view of the pronounced Royal interest in all educational efforts.

WE tender our most respectful and humble thanks, together with our loyal heartfelt wishes for the future welfare, health, and happiness of Your Royal Highness.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the East Barnet Valley Urban District Council this third day of November, 1932.

H. A. JUDGE, Chairman, VIVIAN JOYCE, Clerk to the Council.

### THE OPENING CEREMONY. CONTINUED FROM COLUMN TWO.

#### ARTICLES OF GOVERNMENT PRESENTED.

After the Bishop of St. Albans had offered prayer for Divine blessing on the school, the chairman of the County Education Committee (Alderman Graveson) formally handed a copy of the Articles of Government of the school to the chairman of the Governors (Mr. H. E. Fern), with a request that the Governors will manage the school on behalf of the County Council in accordance with the Articles.

In accepting the Articles of Government, Mr. Fern said the Governors recognised the importance of the trust placed in their hands by the County Council, and were fully sensible of the responsibility involved.

"This is a notable day in the history of the school," Mr. Fern proceeded. "For many years the work and activities of the school have been cramped because they have had to be conducted in buildings unsuited for modern educational requirements; the new buildings, of which we take possession to-day, will enable us not only to expand our numbers, as is so urgently required by the growth of population in this part of Hertfordshire, but to increase our educational facilities and better fit our boys physically, mentally, and morally—to face the battle of life."

"Money values" (said Mr. Fern) "still play too important a part in the minds of the majority of people; in this school I hope we shall always stress the importance of character, the right use of leisure, and the need of service for others. Throughout the ceremony I want our boys to remember the words of the founder of the modern Olympic Games: The main issue in life is not the victory, but the fight; the essential is not to have won, but to have fought well."

Cr. Fern went on to express his profound satisfaction that adequate playing fields had been provided for the school by the County Council. Stressing the importance of the physical training of the young, he said he recently attended a conference at Los Angeles, California, where the importance of the physical training of the young was being stressed in the youth of a nation, and he was much impressed with the evidence of what was being done in this direction in America, Japan, and some of the leading European countries. He hoped the day would soon come when the education authorities of England would more fully realise their opportunities and responsibilities in this matter.

#### SENTIMENT AND UTILITY.

"These proceedings to-day" (Mr. Fern proceeded) "are tinged with sadness for a number of the Old Boys of the school, so many of whom I am glad to see present this afternoon. They have happy recollections of their old school—especially of the old school hall—and this feeling of sentiment must be to them a sore wrench. Sentiment has had to give way to utility, but I hope the change will not lessen the regard of the Old Boys for their school."

"This is a school with great traditions, and it is a fine thing for a school to have traditions—honourable and worthy—to live up to. New buildings do not mean a new school, and we, as Governors, hope and believe that the spirit of the old school will be fully maintained in its new home."

In conclusion, and on behalf of the school, I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to His Royal Highness the Prince George for coming here to-day to perform the opening ceremony; the school has most graciously been honoured by his presence, and to-day will always, as a consequence, be regarded as a red-letter day in the annals of the school."

After the hymn "These things shall be: a loftier race," three hearty cheers were given for the Prince, and the ceremony was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

#### THE PRINCE'S INSPECTION.

Prince George, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Joseph Priestley, Alderman Graveson, Mr. Fern, the headmaster, and the architect, then made a tour of inspection of the new building. The Prince displayed a keen interest in the various departments, and a great admiration for the general planning and equipment of the school. He was specially interested in the ancient charter and in some old minute books of the school which were displayed for inspection.

After the Prince had left, the company in the hall inspected the school, and were provided with refreshments from buffets installed in the dining hall and gymnasium.

From 5 p.m. onwards the school was opened to the public for inspection, and large numbers of people took the opportunity of going over the magnificent building.

### BARNET'S GREAT WELCOME.

Barnet welcomed its Royal visitor loyally and royally. The whole town was gay with flags and bunting, and shops and private houses were bristling with fluttering pennants of red, white, and blue.

The Barnet Chamber of Commerce took a leading part in the decoration of the High-street. In the interest of economy, very little money was expended on materials. Practically the whole of the expense incurred was for labour. Even the aged tenants of the local almshouses did their part nobly. Palmer's Almshouse, at the corner of Elmfield-road, surpassed itself in decorations with every flag that could be borrowed. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence made their corner most gay, and Mrs. Davis had prepared a large bed of red paper and cut-out letters, reading: "A welcome to Prince G."—a work of art that had nearly sapped her strength. Thousands of people, old, young, and exceedingly young, assembled in the streets long before the time scheduled for the arrival of the Prince. At every vantage point along the route crowds thronged the pavements and overflowed into the roadway.

Nearly three hundred of the younger pupils of the Girls' Grammar School assembled on the pavement outside the school, and a thousand children, dressed in their best, were massed in Wood-street, near Ravenscroft Park. When the Prince's car drove slowly over the crest of Barnet Hill and along Wood-street, preceded by a motorcade of police on a motor cycle, a lusty cheer was raised, and all along the serried ranks of people handkerchiefs and flags fluttered out their welcome. As soon as the car had passed a huge crowd assembled outside the gates of the Victoria Cottage Hospital to await the Prince's return an hour later.

When the Prince visited the hospital, he was greeted with another roar of welcome. His car was stopped just inside the gates, and, after alighting, he smiled and waved to the assembled crowd and walked up the drive to the door of the hospital.

His departure from the hospital was the signal for another demonstration, and the car then drove at almost a walking pace past cheering crowds, along Alston-road, New-road, and the High-street.

There was a remarkable incident outside the Dental Manufacturing Company's factory in Alston-road. About 300 of the employees had assembled there, and so determined were the cheering factory girls to get a "close-up" glimpse of the Prince that his car had to stop until police could clear the way through the crowd. In the High-street, too, the crowd left the pavement and pressed into the roadway, leaving just enough room for the car to pass. Barnet's last glimpse of the Prince was a smiling figure waving back his acknowledgment of the remarkable demonstration of affection.

The traffic arrangements on the streets, in every way most complete, were a tribute to the foresight and efficiency of the police and the Special Constables, bodies of men of whom Barnet has good cause to be proud. Sub-Dir. Insp. Humphrey was in charge of the police, and the Special Constables were in the charge of Asst.-commander A. E. Dolton.

### PRINCE AT THE HOSPITAL.

When Prince George arrived at the Victoria Cottage Hospital he was received at the main entrance by Sir Ernest Glover, Bart. (chairman), Mr. T. A. Garner (vice-chairman), and Mr. J. B. Reeves (hon. treasurer).

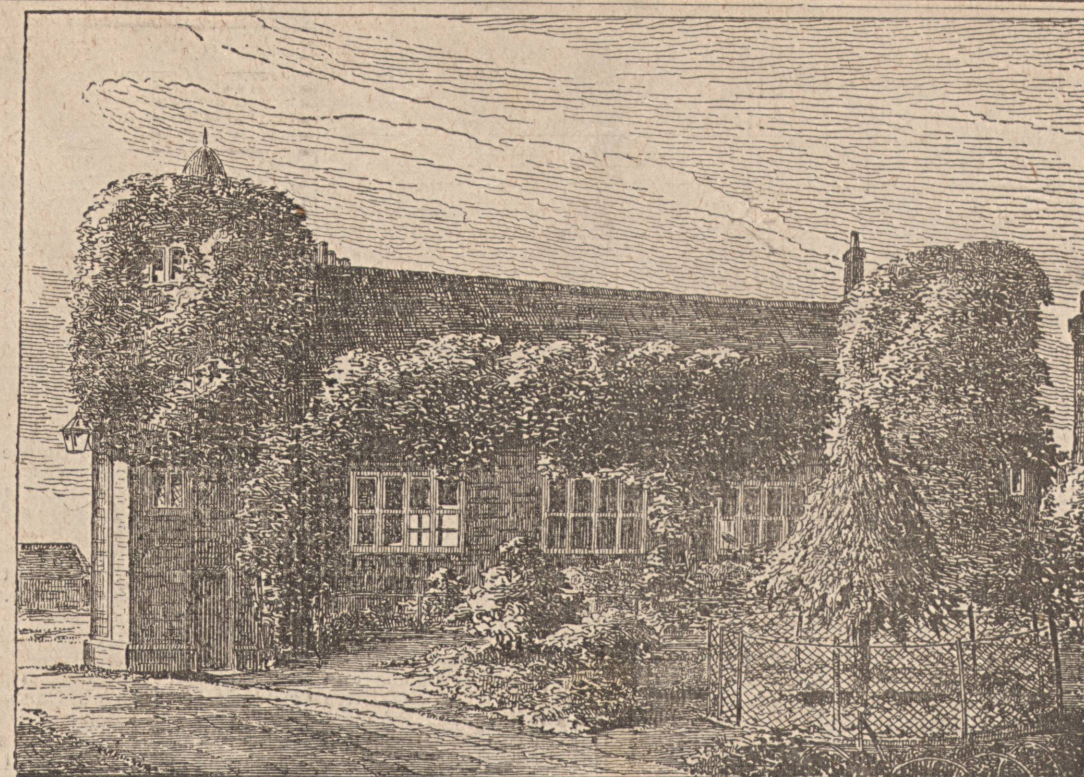
The following were afterwards presented to His Royal Highness: Miss Baker (matron), Miss Henderson (secretary), Mrs. Everard (vice-president), Lady Glover (president of the Patients' League), Miss Tudor, Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. C. D. Hatrick, C. F. Hardie, W. G. Harrett, G. R. Hughes, E. Wardlaw Milne, A. Rose, and N. Gray Thompson, Ald. Amos Ford, and Messrs. B. T. Balding, A. Coulson, L. J. Cowing, H. De Beck, Potter, A. H. Laid, G. Marchand, and J. W. Pearson (all members of the hospital committee), Mr. J. S. M. Puzey (honorary masseur), Mrs. Marchand (organiser of the New Barnet Guild collection), Mrs. Staff (honorary secretary of the Patients' League), and Mrs. Gellibrand (chairman of the Linen League).

The Prince then made a tour of the men's, women's, and children's wards, and also the private wards, and chatted with several of the patients, enquiring about their ailments and expressing his sympathy with them. He was greatly interested in the lighting of the operating theatre.

Before leaving he signed the visitors' book and took tea in the matron's room. He paused for a photograph of him to be taken on the steps as he went out to his car.



CLASSROOMS OF THE OLD SCHOOL.



AN OLD WOODCUT OF THE ELIZABETHAN HALL.



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## UNEMPLOYMENT—WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Some Barnet citizens met last week to talk over the question of unemployment and to see whether they could not hammer out some helpful ideas. A brief report of the meeting appears in another column. Local conditions are not nearly so serious as in some industrial centres in the north and west of England, but they are bad enough to deserve thoughtful and immediate consideration. In the area served by the Barnet Labour Exchange, the meeting was told, there were some 200 on the "live" register of unemployed, and, in addition, there were about another 200 who, having exhausted the period they were entitled to on the "live" register, were being dealt with by the Public Assistance Committee as applicants for "transitional benefit." The 200 on the "live" register are not permanent "out-of-workers." The names on this list were not the same from day to day, and the whole list turned over about every six weeks. The majority of them were in the category of general labourers.

Suggestions made at the meeting were divisible into two main groups. Firstly, there were those dealing with provision of occupation, either directly productive (though temporary) or merely recreational, for folk who, without some such provision, would tend to drop into apathy and hopelessness. Secondly, there were suggestions which were intended to go deeper and strike at the root of the trouble—the lack of demand for work. The possibilities of action with regard to the first group included the opening of premises to which the unemployed might resort for games or for such manual work as did not require elaborate tools, or even for fellowship and conversation only. Assistance towards securing and working allotments was also mentioned, but it appeared that recent offers on these lines had met with a very meagre response.

These temporary palliatives are no doubt helpful, and their possibilities might well be further explored, but it is the second group of suggestions, those dealing with the call for goods or service, that will help to set going again the wheels of industry. These suggestions again may be placed in two categories—one which would look to the rates to provide payment, and the other which would seek to encourage every citizen to contribute voluntarily his little bit.

Examine first the rate-provided jobs. It is advanced in support of this procedure that we all have to pay towards this. True; but our contributions are by no means assessed on our ability to pay. The man with a family is driven to occupy more room than the bachelor or spinster, but he is not therefore better able to pay his higher assessment—indeed, other things being equal, his family responsibilities will make it harder for him than for his unmarried fellow-citizen. Again, an addition of sixpence to the rates of the poor person will inflict more hardship than an addition of pounds to the rates of a well-to-do person. Further, and to our mind, a vital point as touching our human relations one to another, one rarely realises, when faced with a demand for the payment of rates, that the payment is, in part, a contribution towards the wellbeing of others. The drawing of the cheque is devoid of all sympathy. The powers of compulsion do not function through the rate collector.

The temptation to raise money through the rates is strong—it seems so easy. That is a fallacy. There are hundreds of ratepayers who are hard put to it to find the money to meet the demand, even when the rate-raising authority confines its activities to its primary functions, such as road maintenance, sewage disposal, scavenging, public lighting, poor relief, or similar services. Every addition to its outgoings is an extra hardship on its less well-to-do inhabitants, and also takes out of the pockets of these better off money which might be put to better use by each one of them. If the lack of work is seasonal or temporary, public authorities may help by timing their programme of work which really has to be done in such a way that their call on the labour market is greatest when the seasonal or temporary slackness arrives. If they go beyond this, they may be increasing the hardship on the many poorer ratepayers for the benefit of the few whom they may set to work.

Is there a more admirable way of finding and paying for work than for public authorities to start works which are not real necessities? One such was referred to by a speaker at the gathering of citizens last week. He cited a scheme which is being tried out at Bristol, a scheme which is based on arousing the interest and co-operation of the individual. Granted that the first duty of a citizen is to his family, there is a large number of people who, after ensuring the wellbeing of their families and a reserve sufficient to contribute their share of the capital that will be needed when good trade returns, have, to-day, available some margin, small or large. If every one of us were to see what margin we have, and were to go out and spend it, our action would have a result akin to that of a good rain on a parched land. Life would be quickened, and all living things would be refreshed.

During the Great War we were told that it was the duty of every man, woman, and child in the land so to order his life as to make the least possible call on the services of others. Though that was sound advice then, when the whole energy of the nation had to be concentrated on one object, it does not apply to the conditions troubling us to-day. Each one can do something to help, those with a wide margin much, and those with a small margin a little. As we spend our margin we shall know that someone somewhere is being paid for doing work which he would not have had without our spending. Bristol has compiled a list of things on which to spend; it includes such widely different objects as redecorating a room and that permanent wave you are putting off; renewing garden paths and overhauling golf kit; dyeing window curtains and extending factory premises. All spending of money implies giving employment to somebody, and everybody would rather earn money than have it patronisingly given them.

There is to be a public meeting in the Even Hall, Barnet, next Tuesday, to consider the matter, and we wholeheartedly commend the lines of this Bristol experiment to the attention of the meeting.

Fellow citizens, if you have had patience to read as far as this, give it your thoughtful attention, and, having pondered it, come to Tuesday's meeting screwed up to the pitch of understanding to do what is in your power to help the gnat out of its troubles.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES TREATMENT.

It would be wrong to infer from the proceedings at the South Mimms Rural Council meeting last week that the Rural Council were the first to discover that resort to isolation hospitals for the treatment of infectious disease is sometimes made when there is no need for hospital treatment. As a matter of fact, Friern-Barnet Urban Council made the discovery nearly twelve months before South Mimms. Both Councils have satisfied themselves that a system of indiscriminate admission to the hospitals is extremely costly from a ratepayers' point of view, and the Friern-Barnet authority have decided to urge the medical practitioners in the urban area to recommend the treatment of infectious disease at home in cases where suitable accommodation is available, and no danger exists of the infection spreading. South Mimms Rural Council have adopted a much more drastic resolution. No patients from the rural district are to be admitted to the hospital until the medical officer of health has satisfied himself that there is no accommodation for the isolation of the patients at home. What has been happening in some districts is this—A doctor finds that one of his patients is suffering from infectious disease, and immediately packs him off to hospital without consulting the public health authority. The first the local authority hear of the case is when they receive the bill of costs. In the future, the South Mimms Rural Council intend to deny liability for any charges that may be made by the hospital for the treatment of patients whose admissions have not been sanctioned by the medical officer of health. The ratepayers ungrudgingly meet the costs of patients for whom there is no suitable accommodation for isolation in their own homes, but they naturally resent being called upon to pay for treatment in costly hospitals, of patients who could be equally well cared for at home.

## NATIONAL RAT WEEK.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, who have fixed national rat week to begin on 7th November, and the Hertfordshire County Council, to whom the powers of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act are delegated, are again asking for public support. Rats leave the fields at the time of the year and make for shelter nearer human habitation, or where attainable in dwelling-houses, themselves. It is obvious that prevention is better than cure. Every endeavour should be made to locate the source or, at any rate, the means of access of the rats, and, where possible, carry out measures to rat-proof the building. Careful inspection should be made for broken air bricks, spaces round service and drain pipes, defects near foundations, etc. It is also advisable to prevent accumulation of rubbish and to turn over stored goods from time to time, and so reduce opportunities for nesting. Rats are clever climbers, and overgrown creepers are frequently used to enter buildings.

Rats can be destroyed by the use of traps, snares, ferrets, gas, and poison. The two latter methods should, however, be used with caution. Dogs and cats are also useful. The public are reminded that occupiers of any land or premises are responsible, under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, for the prevention and destruction of rats thereon.

## DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE INFORMATION.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that estate agents have been called upon by the Inland Revenue authorities acting under Section 105, Income Tax Act, 1918, to give particulars of information in their professional possession with reference to furnished lettings made on behalf of their clients. We learn that, following a protest, the authorities have conceded that estate agents were not under obligation to give such information, and that the matter in dispute has been satisfactorily settled. It is not, of course, our desire to advise readers to resist the performance of any legal obligation, but it is very desirable that professional men should know precisely what are their obligations. If an estate agent or any other professional or business man gives away confidential information about a client's affairs to an extent beyond his legal authority, he may find himself in an unpleasant position.

## Social and Personal.

The engagement is announced between Dr. James William Bowden, eldest son of the late Deputy Inspector-General Walter Bowden, D.S.O., R.N., and Mrs. Bowden, of 6, Windsor Road, Church End Finchley, and the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nicholas, of Chillingham Court, Bracknell, Berks.

Mr. Wm. A. Harris, well known in connection with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Choral Society, and lately assistant organist at St. Luke's Church, Finchley, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of St. Martin's Parish Church, Kentish Town.

The will of Mrs. G. I. Bird, of North Finchley, has been sworn for probate with gross estate of £10,548, and net personalty £10,499.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have permitted the retirement, on the ground of ill-health, of their official solicitor, Mr. H. De Bock Porter, LL.B., who entered their office in February, 1927. He is the elder son of the late Sir Alfred De Bock Porter, K.C.B., who was secretary to the Commissioners until his death in 1908, having begun his service in 1864.

Mr. F. M. Martin-Smith has been appointed a representative trustee for the Barnet Urban District Council, of the Valentine Poole Charity, in place of Mr. J. W. Pearson, who has been elected a co-operative trustee.

Mr. G. A. Hayden, of Mays Lane, Barnet, has been appointed a representative trustee for the Council for the Arkley Ward on the body of trustees of Henry Smith and Chaudes Enclosure Charities. The Council have reappointed Messrs. E. H. Neal, J. W. Pearson, and S. H. Widdicombe (present trustees) as trustees for the Barnet Ward.

Mr. J. W. Pearson has been appointed co-operative trustee of the Barnet Chancel Estate, in place of the late Mr. S. Huggins.

## BARNET.

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**GIRL CRUSADERS.**—The New Barnet Girl Crusaders held a successful sale of work in Plantagenet Hall, New Barnet, last Saturday, and £4-6 was raised for the fund.

**DEATH OF MRS. KATE SHILLITO.**—The death occurred on 28th October, at Craig-y-don, Holy-lane, Margate, at the age of 76, of Mrs. Kate Shillito, widow of Mr. William Henry Shillito, formerly of New Barnet. The cremation took place at Golders Green, on Tuesday.

**COUNCIL HOUSE PURCHASE OFFER.**—The Barnet Urban District Council have received a letter from Sir Charles Kitchin and Co., containing proposals for the purchase of the Council's housing estate, known as the Council House, at 23, High-street, Barnet. The Council have decided to take no action in the matter.

**THE RAINFALL.**—The rainfall recorded at the sewage disposal works, Mays Lane, Barnet, during the week ended 3 a.m., on Thursday, is as follows:—Friday, .35 ins.; Saturday, .14 ins.; Sunday, .29 ins.; Monday, .04 ins.; Tuesday, nil; Wednesday, .05 ins.; Thursday, .06 ins.

**FIRE AT BELMONT KENNELS.**—A fire that occurred at the kennels, Belmont Farm, New Barnet, on Monday, was extinguished before any considerable damage was done. There were seven valuable greyhounds in the kennels at the time, and they were speedily removed from the danger zone. The New Barnet fire brigade promptly attended.

**OUR GAS SUPPLY.**—The East Barnet Valley Ratepayers' Association invite ratepayers to attend a meeting at St. James's Church Hall, East Barnet, on Thursday next, when Mr. J. F. Haseldine, the engineer and manager of the Barnet District Gas and Water Company will speak on "Our gas supply." The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. by Mr. J. T. Harris, J.P.

**TRAM-CAR IN COLLISION.**—A collision occurred in High-street, Barnet, on Thursday evening, between a six-wheeled lorry, driven by Mr. A. E. Dumville, of Beckenham, Kent, and an M.E.T. tramcar, driven by Mr. E. Brown, of Grange-road, North Finchley. Three large windows of the lower saloon, on the off-side of the tram, were smashed, fortunately without personal injury.

**NEW PICTURE THEATRE.**—During the first three days, Joan Bennett will be seen in "The trial of Alice White," an absorbing story of a girl who is tried for the murder of her former lover. "While Paris sleeps," also, on features Victor McLaglen. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Joe E. Brown will again be seen, in his latest comedy, "Fireman, save my child." Striking contrast will be afforded in "Illegal," a dramatic picture.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**—The 25th anniversary of the Barnet Congregational Church, and also the first anniversary of the commencement of the present minister's (the Rev. R. E. Thomas's) pastorate, will be celebrated on Sunday next and continued on Monday, when there will be a musical service by the church choir, augmented by members of the East Finchley Congregational Church, and on the following Wednesday, when there will be a service in the Even Hall, at 6.45 p.m., followed by a public meeting.

**WEDDING OF LOCAL RESIDENT.**—Mr. J. W. Shillan, of Meadowbank Lodge, Arkley, the motorboat expert, was married to Miss Ann Blackmore, of 10, Elm-street, Hendon, by Mrs. Robert Rennie, Pollockshields, Glasgow, at the Royal Chapel of the Savoy, on Saturday last. A reception was held afterwards at the Waldorf Hotel, a farewell party was given, and the occasion was that the 150 guests were received by the bride and bridegroom, under a canopy composed of one of the bridegroom's record-breaking hydroplanes, decorated with flowers. The top of the wedding cake was adorned by a model of a speed-boat, and the bride cut the first piece of the wedding cake with a silver popper.

**EAST BARNET CHURCH SCHOOL.**—Crowded audiences filled the East Barnet Church Hall on the occasion of the two entertainments given last week-end by the Church school children. The performances were exceedingly clever, and raised the greatest credit on the scholars and their teachers. The young people entered into the spirit of the shows with tremendous enthusiasm, and again and again the demands for encores were made. Variety was a prominent feature of the shows. The dresses also formed an important feature. They were beautifully made and eminently suitable. The school choir, under the direction of Mr. H. Griffiths, further added to the singing with "Gargo," and "One little one more," two yoked numbers which were well received. Leslie Sutton, comedian, was responsible for continual laughter, and his monologues on "London night life" were loudly applauded. Miss F. Johnson, at the piano, and the remaining members of the party helped to complete the evening's programme. At the close, Mr. Frost, on behalf of the patients and staff at the hospital, expressed appreciation and thanks.

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**EVENING CLASSES.**—At the monthly meeting of the Barnet Urban Education S.B. Committee, last Friday, it was reported that the winter session of the evening classes had opened with the following numbers of students: Bookkeeping 35, advanced shorthand 22, advanced typewriting 20, elementary shorthand 25 (Tuesdays) and 22 (Fridays), elementary typewriting 36 (Tuesdays) and 35 (Fridays), mathematics 23, electricity and magnetism 22, cookery 12 (Tuesdays) and 20 (Wednesdays), cabinet making 24 (two classes), art 6, building construction 6. Owing to the poor attendance the building construction class has been discontinued.

**BARNET CINEMA.**—Jackie Cooper, most popular of all juvenile screen characters, will be seen with "Chic," at 8 p.m. in "When a fellow meets a friend," on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next. Jackie gives a really outstanding performance in this production, and "Chic" Sale, as an old horse-train driver, adds to his reputation. The film will be shown in conjunction with "Alias Mr. Smith." For the remainder of the week, "The Doomed Battalion," which has been hailed as one of the best films of recent times, will be featured. There also will be shown "The companions," a thrilling romance set in picturesque California.—The cinema has added to the attraction of the High-street by erecting an additional neon sign. The colour scheme is in blue and red, and this new sign forms an additional feature to this popular house of entertainment.

**WISE SPENDING.**—On Monday, the New Barnet Literary and Debating Society held their first group discussion on the general heading of "Wise spending." The following topical issues were submitted for discussion by the individual groups, who later gave a summary of their findings to the general assembly:—

(a) How could a gift of £20,000 be best expended in the interests of this neighbourhood? (b) Draw up six rules for the use of a newly married couple's first £100. (c) What should a young clerk faced with a month's notice, and possessing a wife, baby, house, and £200? (d) What careers are open to the son and daughter of ordinary ability, who are training the sum of £500 a week? The arrangements for the evening were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

**BRITISH LEGION.**—The annual Remembrance Sunday service will be held next Sunday, November 6th, at 11 a.m. at Hadley Green, 2.30. Service in 3.15.—Friday, November 11th, service at the local War Memorial at 10.45 a.m. The Barnet service at Council Offices, 10.40 a.m.—Friday, November 11th, is Poppy Day. Please help.—Slate club re-opens on November 7th, at 8 p.m. Join now, and ensure gaining £250 in early. All information from the secretary, Mr. C. A. Russell.—Next Branch Meeting, Wednesday, November 9th, at 8.15 p.m.—Dance-Song at Goldilocks Hall, Saturday, November 12th, 8 p.m.; admission, 1s.—Grand Carnival Dance, Assembly Hall, Wednesday, November 23rd, 7.30 to 11.30; admission, 1s. 3d.—Adjourned Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7.30, to be followed by discussion "The future of the Legion."—Branch Headquarters and Club, 17, High-street, Barnet. Tel.: Barnet 2332.—Women's Section: Secy., Miss B. Pearson, 24, Station-road, Barnet; Hon. Financial Secy., Miss Myers, 6, Mays-lane, Barnet.—Adv.

## BARNET FATALITY RECALLED.

A Motorist and the Boys' Brigade.

ACCIDENT AFTER SCHOOL OPENING.

A fatal accident in Manor-road, Barnet, on Saturday, October 17th, was recalled in a case at Barnet Petty Sessions on Wednesday, in which James Atkin Booth, of 79, Manor-road, Barnet, was summoned for driving a motor-car without due care and attention.

Booth was driving a motor-car past a number of members of the Barnet Boys' Brigade, who had just been dismissed in Manor-road, after having attended the opening ceremony of the new Underhill school, when Warwick Offerman, aged 5, of Cedar Lawn-avenue, Barnet, was knocked down by the car and sustained injuries from which he died in the Wellesley Hospital, on the following day.

Mr. Ernest Waite for the defendant, and Mr. Melville said the death of the boy was a most tragic incident, but it was purely an accident so far as this case was concerned. The case for the prosecution was that the driver of the car, seeing the boys in the road, was not driving with due care and attention, and was guilty of driving at 15 miles an hour without giving necessary warning.

"HEARD A SHOUT."—Kenneth John Miles, solicitor, of Haworth, Manor-road, Barnet, said he was in charge of the Boys' Brigade, and had observed the car turning into Cedar Lawn-avenue. He was speaking to some of the boys, when he heard a shout and saw a motor-car coming towards the boys. He did not hear the car coming, or noticed any horn. He saw the little boy appear from the front of the car. The boy was caught by the wing and dragged some distance before being thrown clear.

Defendant, in evidence, said he was going home to tea. When he saw the boys he slowed down from a speed of between 35 and 20 miles an hour to 10 to 15 miles an hour, and sounded his horn. The boys made a clear passage for him to go through. He did not see the child Offerman till the car struck him.

Arthur Rogers, of 61, Manor-road, Barnet, who was standing at his gate and saw the car momentarily before the accident. The boy dashed into the road at that moment, from behind the members of the Boys' Brigade. He did not think the driver could have seen the child to avoid it.

Defendant was fined £5 and costs. The Chairman said the Bench were not concerned with the child's death. This was a pure accident. The careless driving consisted of proceeding through a body of young boys at 10 to 15 miles an hour.

## MRS. E. JACKSON.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, of St. Wilfrid's-road, New Barnet, who died on Wednesday last week, was buried in the East Barnet churchyard on Saturday. The funeral was conducted by a service in the service of the Methodist Church. The Rev. E. J. W. Harvey, superintendent of the Barnet Methodist circuit, officiated, and, in his panguishy remarks, paying tribute to the life of the deceased, said that the church and hall are built made by the late Mr. Wm. Jackson. He spoke of the influence of the late Mr. Jackson on the church and hall.

The chief mourners were Mrs. E. Jackson (daughter), Mr. W. S. Jackson, Florence Marr (daughter), Mr. George Jackson, and Miss Maud Quinlan. Mr. (brother) Jackson, and Miss Maud Quinlan. Mr. (brother) Jackson, and Miss Maud Quinlan.

The inscriptions on the grave were as follows:—To dear Mother, from her sorrowing "Dutiful." In loving memory, from Sister, Anne and Irene.

With deepest sympathy, from Brother Harry. With loving remembrance, from Aunt Janet, from Flo. In loving remembrance, from Aunt Edith and Uncle Fred.

With sympathy, from George and Miss Edith. In affectionate remembrance, from George, Connie, and the girls. In loving memory of Mrs. Jackson, and in sympathy, from "Little Bee."

In loving memory of a long and faithful friend, from Mollie and the girls. In loving memory of an old friend, from Mrs. J. H. Ironmonger.

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## PRESENTATION TO SERGEANT-MAJOR BROWNE.

Sergeant-major E. J. W. Browne, who has been chief clerk at the Royal Tank Corps depot and day clerk at Barnet Barracks, since October, 1927, was, on Friday night, the recipient of a handsome present on his retirement after 67 years' army service. The gift consisted of a silver tankard suitably inscribed, and it was from members of the sergeants' mess. Major E. J. Carter, officer commanding the Record and Pay Office, presided, and others present included Major H. J. B. Duck, and Sergeant-major Aine (Sergeant-major Browne's successor). In making the presentation, Col. Carter alluded to Sergeant-major Browne's long and distinguished army career, and Major H. J. B. Duck spoke of Sergeant-major Browne's service, and wished him long years of well-earned retirement.

## PARISH CHURCH EASTERN BAZAAR.

Opened by Sir Francis Fremantle.

LT. Col. Sir Francis Fremantle, M.P., opened the first day's proceedings of the Barnet Parish Church Eastern Bazaar, in aid of parish funds, in the Church House, on Thursday.

Sir Francis Fremantle, who was supported on the platform by the Rev. R. E. Priestly (curate), Rev. J. A. Gibbons (St. Stephen's), Mrs. Priestly, and Mr. E. P. Richardson, said that it was always a pleasure to him, as a member of the parish, to take part in any Church function, in order to associate the Church and State together, and associate himself personally with the common work of the Church, of which they were so proud.

The Rev. R. E. Priestly, proposing a vote of thanks to Sir Francis, seconded. The ladies working at the stalls and in the sale of refreshments were suitably attired in Eastern dresses. Miss Joan Saunders, in Egyptian costume, sold buttonhole Union Jacks in aid of two new flags for the church.

There were plays and entertainments by the Barnet Arts Club, "The Quakers," Miss Gladys Maude's pupils, and "Pot Luck," and there were also quite a number of side-shows and games. The stalls and those in charge were:—

Parish Church stall.—Mrs. Case, Mrs. Raison, and helpers.

St. Stephen's Church stall.—Miss Boyce, Mrs. Sowersby, Miss Clapp, Mrs. Barber, and helpers.

Girls' Friendly Society.—Miss Wynne, Miss Woodger, and helpers.

Handicrafts.—Mrs. Robertson, Church working party.—Mrs. Puzey, Miss Fort, and helpers.

Fellowship of Youth stall.—Miss England, Mr. H. Puleman, Miss E. Chappell, Miss M. Dean, and helpers.

Buffet.—Miss Joan Stevens and Miss Phyllis Boyes.

Refreshments, teas, and suppers.—Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Priestly, Mrs. Meeking, and helpers.

Fortune teller.—"Mirza Hashish."

Flag fund stall.—Mr. E. J. Saunders.

## POTTERS BAR.

**PARISH SOCIAL.**—Many parishioners attended the parochial social in connection with St. Mary's Church, Potters Bar. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Phillips, Mr. P. Elliott, and Mr. Hawes, and recitations by Miss Harris, and a humorous sketch was performed by members of the Northward Dramatic Society. Mr. Phillips was accompanist. The social was arranged by Miss Forbes and the Church entertainment committee.

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