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"BANK HOLIDAY"

What a queer kind of day was August "Bank Holiday" 1916 !

What memories it recalled in Thanet !

Traders, boarding house and hotel keepers and residents had plenty of time at their disposal to indulge in reminiscent thoughts. They pondered over the good old pre-war days when their towns were filled to overflowing. They thought of the heavy days and nights they experienced when the thousands of visitors had to be attended to, food, accommodation, etc., provided for them. Few thought of indulging in a grumble. They recognised that it was all in the fortune of war, but the recollections were happy ones nevertheless. And after all, taking all circumstances into consideration, the number of visitors who came to enjoy a little recreation was not so minute as to be indistinguishable and despite the request of the Minister of Munitions there was a certain amount of "holiday atmosphere" apparent. But the creators of that atmosphere were of the gentle sex, sent down to Thanet, no doubt, by their self denying husbands to be refreshed by the sea breezes. When the time comes for the latter to take their "leave" from the turning out of materials of war we shall no doubt be invaded by big numbers, and although the harvest will be a short one, it should at any rate help those who have been hard hit to "carry on".

THE MILK QUESTION

A deal of controversy will no doubt result in regard to the letter which we publish today from a correspondent in regard to the price of milk. It is pointed out that the Thanet Dairymen's Association is raising the price of that commodity by one penny per quart and he suggests that the consumers would have something to say in the matter. Whether his proposal to form a "Consumers Defence League" will fructify remains to be seen. When prices in every direction have soared it appears dicult to discriminate as to the why and wherefore. Without doubt the question of inflated prices all round is a serious one, and the difficulty is to choose rightly in creating an agitation which will result in decreasing the cost of living. Why in particular a start should have been made in the direction of milk when the cost of other commodities have been so long increased we cannot say, but we credit our correspondent with no ulterior motives. Nevertheless, it will be interesting to our readers to note what action results, particularly in view of the recent attitude on the same question adopted in London.

THE USE OF GLASSES

In our issue of Wednesday last we drew attention to restrictions in the use of field glasses, telescopes etc, on the Kentish coast. The printed notices limit the use of the same to members of His Majesty's Forces and others with permits to within a four mile radius. That

the order applies to Thanet is without doubt, but it is apparently not generally realised that that is so. During the weekend there appeared to be no diminution of their use. Whether or not there is to be a certain amount of elasticity in the enforcement of the restrictions remains to be seen, but on the face of the order such does not appear to be probable. The difficulty of carrying out the order opens up a vista of possibilities. When visitors come to a seaside resort one of the principal attractions is to note the movements of craft on the sea and glasses play a prominent part in that curiosity – call it what you will. If they are restricted from peering seawards through their glasses actually from the front, will they not continue their look out from bedroom windows? Taking that for granted, the effect of the order will not be apparent, and the question of what exactly will be the action taken by the authorities is an interesting point for the future to show.

AN ANOMALY

The well known saying that no Act of Parliament was ever passed "but what a horse and cart could be driven through its clauses" is recalled in connection with the restrictions of the Liquor Control Board recently brought into operation in Thanet. An anomaly easily to be brought about in respect of those restrictions is apparent if we consider, for instance, the action which would become necessary assuming a certain amount of champagne was urgently required by one of the local hospitals to keep life in a patient after an operation. Viewing the assumption that the liquor was required by an officer at the Granville for one of his patients, the question of payment for immediate delivery would have to be considered. It is a well known fact that in military hospitals no cash payments are made except after being authorised from headquarters. In view of that the necessity involved would be either for the payment to be made out of the officers own pocket or the presenting of a cheque, payment of which could be cancelled pending authorisation from headquarters.

A CHANGE OF FRONT

Judging by the letters from the Rev E W **TAYLOR**, former curate of St Peters, which have been published from time to time in our columns, that gentleman in his capacity as chaplain to an infantry battalion appears to have had some varied experiences since leaving the vicinity of Broadstairs front for that Front where death is always so near. His letter today shows how near the grim spectre has approached him, but with the trait of the Britisher he makes light of what must have been a narrow escape. His details of the venue for religious services gives one some conception of the scene which must be presented on such occasions. If he cared he could no doubt give a most interesting pen picture of such a service – the fervour with which the men as they stand bare headed join in the service, the lustiness of their singing and the reverent bowing of heads during prayers; their immobile countenances as an enemy aviator hovers overhead or a shell bursts a short distance away. Such scenes are witnessed a hundred times over on a Sunday, but the originality disappears as one becomes accustomed to it, as so quickly happens. The creepy subject with which h he concludes his very interesting letter is far from being pleasant or one about which to joke. Just as German bullets and shrapnel are no respecters of persons, so also is the case with the "livestock" of which Rev E W **TAYLOR** relates he raised four or five different species. It is a standing joke among our soldiers that the "livestock" with which one becomes acquainted in France can be taught gymnastics, but although it may in many cases be an exaggeration when one hears of them "forming fours in the seams of my trousers" the pests thrive in and around the trenches – a solution to the query so often put as to why men back on leave always make for the bath as the most important consideration on arrival in "Blighty."

FATHER'S SEARCH – Futile Effort to find son's body

Remains of fog victims found many miles distant.

The remains of the two victims of the fog tragedy in Pegwell Bay last Sunday week were recovered many miles distant.

The body of the late Stephen **BOARD** was found four days afterwards, two miles from the assumed region of the tragedy, and that of Thomas William **COOPER** last Saturday morning near Deal.

It will be remembered that cries for help were heard during the early morning of the day in question by people on the West Cliff, and that police, navy men and soldiers spent close upon an hour in a futile endeavour, owing to the dense fog, to locate the cries, which were traced to the water.

Mr J H **ROBINSON** conducted the inquests in both cases.

That in regard to the boy was held at the Town Hall, Deal.

The father in giving evidence of identification told the jury that he heard the cries from the bay and that his son did not come home at the time expected. Subsequently he went to Pegwell Bay at low tide searching for the body of his boy. He endeavoured to find any soft place where he might have sunk, but was unsuccessful except in the River Stour, where the current ran very swiftly, and there were some bad spots.

Telling the jury that the tide would be low at 7.30 on the morning of the tragedy, he said that anyone shrimping would have been out of sight of the cliff under the conditions prevailing at the time. His boy, he said, never went out where it was deep. He generally went just along the rocks opposite the West Cliff Terrace and shrimped back to the harbour. Witness learned that on the morning in question his son had told a man named WIGLEY that it was his intention to go along the rocks homeward.

In the father's opinion the boy must have lost his direction in the fog and got into the river.

Clerk-Sergeant F **PRITCHARD** of the Ramsgate Police, testified to being awakened by cries from the boy at 6.20 and searching two fields in Pegwell and Norman Roads, thinking that the sound came from there. He ultimately proceeded to the shore, where he found a large party of searchers.

Henry **MARCH**, a lifeboatman, detailed finding the boy's body a hundred yards from the Deal coastguard station and towing it ashore.

Medical evidence was given by Dr A **MASON**, and the jury returned a verdict of "Suffocation by Drowning" (Accidental Death).

THE SECOND INQUEST

Mt T **TISDALE** was the foreman of the jury which enquired into the death of Mr BOARD.

The inquest was held at the Ramsgate Town Hall on Saturday evening.
The evidence tendered by Mr Stephen William **BOARD**, son of the deceased, showed that the victim in this case was able to swim.

After identifying the remains, the witness told the jury that the last time he saw his father alive was on the Saturday evening preceding the tragedy as he was going to bed. He was aware that it was his father's intention of going shrimping the following morning, and he left the house at 5.45 am. Witness did not learn that he was missing until 1.30 but his mother missed him on account of his non-arrival for breakfast.

Asked by the Coroner, Mr J H ROBINSON, as to whether his father had made a practise of going to the bay for the purpose of shrimping, witness replied in the affirmative, adding that he went for pleasure whenever the tide was suitable on Sunday mornings. He would have known the bay pretty well and was able to swim.

"The Sea and Fog All One"

A detailed story of the happenings on the morning of the tragedy was related by P.C. **SHEPHERD**, who was on duty on the West Cliff at 6.10. when he heard cries coming from the direction of the Western foreshore. Securing a lifebelt and line, he proceeded in company with Police Constables **GAMBRILL** and **THOMPSON**, to search the water's edge almost as far as Pegwell. They could not see more than ten yards distance at the outside, said witness, and the sea and the fog "appeared to be all as one." Others joined in the search, until there was a party of between forty and fifty. Replying to the Coroner, the witness said it would have been dangerous for anyone to have gone very far out from the shore as they themselves would have been quickly lost in the fog. The cries he heard were from an adult and a younger person – quite distinct. He heard the words, presumably in the tones of Mr **BOARD**, say, "Come here, " and then both he and the boy shouted together. At about 6.30 the latter became hysterical and started crying. That was the last he heard of him. The cries from Mr **BOARD**, however continued until seven o'clock. The toe of his voice was very strong until about five or ten minutes to seven when it became fainter, as though he were either being taken away by the tide or had become exhausted.

In witness' opinion everything possible was done to effect a rescue. The men who went out in the boats from the harbour had told him that they rested on their oars to try and get the direction from whence the shouts came.

Following a statement by the witness that he thought the tide was nearly down at the time, the Coroner said that at the inquest on the boy at Deal that afternoon the lad's father had stated that the tide would be low at 7.30.

Questioned as to whether there were any dangerous places in the bay, witness said there appeared to be some big patches of mud and there was always a danger of getting into the river. He volunteered the statement that other shrimpers were out in the bay on the morning of the tragedy.

The Foreman: Was it your impression that Mr **BOARD** was swimming?
Witness; I could not say. We tried to get him to say as to where he was by shouting "Where are you?" but all we could get out of him was Help! help!! help!""
The Coroner: If he was crying for fifty minutes, I do not think he could possibly have been swimming, even if he was an expert swimmer.
The Foreman: I was wondering whether he was walking about in the water.
The Coroner: Probably he was walking out to sea.
The Witness: Or he was possibly stuck in the mud.
The Foreman: I heard the cries myself, and spoke to him, and he answered me by saying "Here I am." The voice seemed to be from the direction of the West Pier and then it appeared to get further away.

Adding that when he first heard the cries he thought they came from some boys who were bathing, the witness expressed the opinion that had the deceased been floating in the water he would have become exhausted quickly and his voice would not have been so strong for such a length of time.

P.C. **BRIDGLAND** deposed to recovering the body on Thursday from Daniel **BROWN**, who stated he had towed it in from the place where he had found it floating in the water. Two miles out to sea off Pegwell Bay.

A PROBABLE SOLUTION

"The most reasonable theory," said the Coroner in summing up, "seems to be that Mr **BOARD** went to the assistance of the boy, who might have lost his way, and that he himself got out too far from land, and if he could only see a distance of ten yards at the outside, it is easy to imagine that he lost his direction."

He did not suppose that the exact particulars would ever be known, or the precise way in which they came to be drowned. The jury knew how extremely unfamiliar the most familiar places appeared to be in a fog. If the distance was shut out it was difficult to tell where one was even on land, but if there was nothing to guide one at all except the sea, the difficulty was increased tenfold. The tide did not appear to have been flowing strongly enough on the morning of the tragedy to give the victims any indication of the way to go against it which would have led to shore.

He had been told at the previous inquest by the father of the boy that he had been nearly all over the bay looking for his boy's body and that he did not find any dangerous or soft places where anyone would be engulfed. The only dangerous place, he thought was the river, and he said the tide there was extremely strong. I fact he sent his dog in to try and swim against it, but the animal was unable to do so. If anyone got into the river it would be most difficult to get out.

He suggested that the deceased ultimately got into the river and was drowned.

For everyone who had heard the cries it had been a most distressing affair and one which they were not likely to forget. He was sure everyone did everything in their power to render assistance..

He thought the jury would join with him in offering his deepest sympathy with the widow and the families.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally Drowned" and the foreman on their behalf, joined in the expression of sympathy, as did also Chief Constable S F BUTLER, on behalf of the members of the Ramsgate Police Force with whom he added: Mr BOARD, as a member of the Fire Brigade had been brought frequently into touch.

AN IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL

The remains of the late Mr **BOARD** were interred at the Ramsgate Cemetery on Monday afternoon with impressive solemnity and amid many manifestations of sympathy.

Along the route from the residence of the family, 2 Beresford Road to St George's Church, where the first portion of the burial service was held, many sympathisers assembled and as the cortege headed by the drum and fife band of the 44th Provisional Battery with muffled drums playing a funeral dirge passed slowly by, people stood in reverent silence.

The coffin, enshrouded with a Union Jack and covered with beautiful floral tributes, amongst which were placed the deceased fireman's helmet and belt, was borne on the motor fire-engine which bought up the rear of a party of the 44th Provisional Battery, carrying reversed rifles, a squad of bluejackets, many of whom took part in the futile search on the morning of the tragedy, and members of the Ramsgate Police Force.

Following were the two local manuals with headlamps shrouded with crepe and covered with wreaths from relatives, members of the local police force and the Thanet fire brigades all of whom were represented in the cortege.

The relatives attended in mourning coaches and as the solemn procession headed by the Vicar of Ramsgate and a party of six bearers carrying the coffin, proceeded up the gravel path to the church, lined by fireman in uniform, police, sailors and soldiers, tears stood in the eyes of many of those present.

Many tokens of sympathy were to be noted along the route to the cemetery, blinds being drawn in every house in the locality as the cortege passed and pedestrians along the footpaths doffing their hats and standing in sympathetic silence.

The service at the graveside was a most impressive one, and no more eloquent tribute could have been paid to the memory of the late Mr BOARD than the presence of so many residents.

Private A H **WATLER**, The Buffs, Broadstairs, wounded. *(picture available)*

Mr **PETTIMAN**, mate, of 39 Belmont Street, Ramsgate, who it is feared, lost his life by drowning at sea on Thursday last. *(picture available)*

Second – Engineer L **GIBSON**, of 7 Abbotts Hill, Ramsgate, who it is feared , has also lost his life at sea. *(picture available)*

AFTER SIXTEEN MONTHS

News is to hand that Private Percy **STONE**, of the Buffs, was wounded in action on July 21st 1916, in France. Private **STONE** who joined up on November 30th 1914, proceeded to the front in April 1915 and came home for eight days furlough in the following December.
His brother Private Sidney G **STONE**, died of wounds received in action in November 1915.

Before joining the army, Private **STONE** was in the employ of Mr F L **PETTMAN** of Margate. His wife resides at 2 Setterfield Road, Margate.

He still has another brother serving, Private Charles **STONE**, who is with the Royal Engineers. *(picture available)*

MISSING BUFF

Intimation has been received by Mrs F **STROUD**, of 5 Townley Street, Ramsgate, that her husband Private F **STROUD**, serving with a battalion of the Buffs, is reported missing since an engagement on July 3rd.

Private **STROUD**, who was 32 years of age enlisted last October. He was formerly employed by Mr **STROUD** at the Royal Oak Hotel, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate where he served for nine years. *(picture available)*

Captain Leslie **GORDON** of the K.R.R.C., has been in Ramsgate on leave for some time. Captain **GORDON** will be remembered by Ramsgate residents as a popular baritone with Mr **ROXBURGHE REELY'S** concert party, which formerly gave such excellent entertainments under the auspices of the Ramsgate Entertainments Association.

The engagement is announced between Private Alfred T **SEATON-DYER** of Edmonton, Canada, formerly Wood Green, London, and Miss Daisy S **NICHOLS**, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G J **NICHOLS**, West Cliff, Ramsgate.

RAMSGATE SAILORS' MASCOT

This interesting picture shows a group of Ramsgate sailors and their mascot, who are serving on H.M.S. "Royal Oak". Reading from left to right downwards are Messrs. HELLIER, JONES, BOLTON, BAILEY, NEAME, GIBBENS and RYAN.

(picture available)

MIDNIGHT FISHING – Ramsgate skipper fined

Tom **BUSH**, master of the motor trawler "Corphyne" Ramsgate was charged at Margate Police Court on Friday with fishing at midnight off Margate, contrary to the regulations of the Admiralty, which states that no fishing must take place after daylight in the estuary of the Thames, which extends as far as Foreness Point.

Lieut. **CREE** R.N.V.R. said he first saw defendant fishing about four p.m. on the 3rd inst. And kept a lookout on his doings. About midnight he heard a motor going and it was apparent that someone was fishing during the hours of darkness. He called out to the man, who gave no trouble, but obeyed all the orders given to him. Defendant was extremely polite, and did everything he was told. He took him into custody and communicated at once with the Naval Authorities. He was afterwards taken to Margate Police Station and formally charged.

In reply to the Bench, Lieut. **CREE**, stated that in bad weather when he was unable to get into port, a fisherman should anchor but cease fishing. This was a particularly calm and beautiful night, so that no difficulty was experienced about landing.

Chief Engineer **MOREWOOD** said shortly after midnight on the 3rd inst. He sighted a fishing boat. The matter was reported to the Captain, and instructions were given to take command of the boat. When he went on board the trawl was down.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the offence. He said he had experienced a bad day's fishing and he wanted to make up for it, but was caught. He wished to thank the naval officers for their courtesy throughout.

A fine of £10 was imposed, the Chairman pointing out that in future no fine would be imposed, but the offender or offenders would have to go to prison.

A NAVAL VISITOR AND UNOBSCURED LIGHT

Time allowed for payment of five shillings costs.

A wireless operator holding the rank of sub-lieutenant who was charged at the Ramsgate Police Court on Monday with an offence in regard to the lighting restrictions, told the Bench that they were not so particular in Middlesex and when he was ordered to pay the costs of 5s. on dismissal of the case asked for time in which to settle up.

The defendant was Alan **WINNY**, who presented a juvenile appearance as he stood in the dock.

His home address was given as 138, Southwark Park Road, Bermondsey, London, but the offence with which he was charged and to which he pleaded guilty took place at "Rock View", 17 Albion Place, Ramsgate at 10.5pm on the 29th July.

P.C.**Richardson** proved the charge, stating that the lights were shining from an unshaded open window in the direction of Pegwell Bay. When he knocked at the door and saw defendant he told him he had been reading and had forgotten all about the light. The light should have been shaded at 9.21.pm.

The defendant who stated he had been staying for the weekend at "Rock View" when the offence was committed, told the Bench that he arrived at the house on the night in question at 9.55. He was speaking to the landlady for a few minutes during which time several ladies entered the house and one young woman went upstairs ostensibly to draw blinds. When he proceeded to his room it was very dark and he did not give a thought to the blinds when he turned on the light. He heard someone coming towards his room and immediately afterwards a policeman knocked at the door. He had not previously been responsible for pulling down the blinds.

In dismissing the case on payment of costs, the Chairman said the offence was an unfortunate one but serious nevertheless. The defendant ought to have been aware of the lighting order.

RAMSGATE ITEMS

Special Thanksgiving Service.

Northwood Church was crowded on Sunday evening, when a special thanksgiving service was conducted by Mr Ernest E **PERRY**, licensed lay reader of St Luke's. Mr **PERRY** preached a forcible sermon from Numbers 23-23. "What hath God wrought"

St Paul's Church

On Sunday the preacher at St Paul's Church will be the Rev. F **MILLS**, MA (Vicar of St Thomas' Finsbury Park, London). Mr **MILLS** who is well known in Thanet, was formerly Rector of Holy Trinity, Broadstairs.

Quiet Afternoon

In preparation for the coming National Mission, a series of Services were conducted by the Rev **STOCKS**, Vicar of Herne Bay, at St Luke's on Thursday afternoon last. Tea was afterwards provided at the Vicarage. A very forceful appeal was made by the Vicar of St Luke's in an address to the workers.

Rainfall

The rainfall registered during nine days in July at the Southwood Waterworks was as follows:- 5th, .14ins.; 6th, .04ins.; 7th, .30 ins.; 10th, .02ins.; 12th, .02ins.; 13th, .82ins.; 14th, .20ins.; 16th, .07ins.; 17th, .03ins. Total 1.64 ins. The rainfall for the corresponding month last year was 1.97 ins.

Coal for Schools

At a meeting of the Ramsgate Education Committee the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the purchase of thirty tons of coal at 29s 6d per ton for use in schools was approved. Messrs **RICKETT**, **COCKERELL** and Co. who were the tenderers are to deliver the coal at Ramsgate Station.

Restriction Result

An application by the licensee of the Rose Inn, St Lawrence for an extension of an hour on the 14th inst., when a concert was in progress to be held for the benefit of Ramsgate men interred in Germany, was refused by the local justices on Monday morning. The Mayor who was in the chair, pointed out to the applicant that the Bench had no power under the new restrictions order to grant the application.

Orchard Raid

The parents of four Ramsgate boys were each ordered to pay costs amounting to 2s 9d by the Ramsgate Bench on Thursday morning, when the boys appeared to answer a charge of stealing apples, valued at sixpence, belonging to Mr George **BURBRIDGE**, of 125 Hereson Road. The lads were William **TAYLOR** (12) and Arthur **TAYLOR** (10) of 32 Rosebery Avenue, Edward **LONG** of 12 Muir Road and Percy **BACK** of 6 St Andrews Road.

"Forget-me-Not" Flags

An appeal by the Ramsgate General Hospital this year bears the simple message of the forget-me-not, which in the form of a flag will be offered by the ladies on Saturday August 12th. This flag day collection will be in place of the annual appeal so ably engineered by Mr W **WOODRUFF**. In the year of many appeals, the ready sale of the forget-me-not flag will still show that the townspeople are not forgetting the needs of the necessitous sick.

V.A.D. Anniversary

To celebrate the first anniversary of the work done at the Nethercourt V.A.D., the staff and patients will hold an at-home on Monday 14th inst. Visitors will be welcomed and there will be no charge for admission. An Excellent sports programme is being arranged for the patients and a concert party will entertain the guests. During the afternoon a collection will be made on behalf of the hospital. Further particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

Undecided Age

Edward **FASSAM** of 30 Central Road, who was charged at the Ramsgate Police Court on Monday with keeping a dog without a licence on July 28th, appeared to be undecided in regard to its age. According to evidence of P.C. **STANNER** he said the animal was just over nine months old and in Court he told the Bench that he thought it was about eight months old. He added that he was under the impression that a licence was not needed unless a dog was a year old. Fined 7s. 6d. with the option of six days imprisonment.

A Popular Officer

An indication of the popularity of Lieut. H. O. **DIXON**, that the officer commanding "C" Company of the 3/4th Buffs was indicated last week, when practically the whole of the men forming the Company turned out to give him a hearty send-ff as he left for the firing-line. Lt. **DIXON,** who is a resident of Ramsgate, returned wounded after being in action whilst serving with the 1/4th Buffs with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force and took charge of "C" Coy. Of the 3/4th Battalion on being posted to a camp in England on recovery. All of the men of the Company, who, while deeply regretting his departure, wish him the very best of good luck.

A Treat for Wounded.

Few of the many entertainments given for the benefit of the patients at the Granville Special Hospitals have been so heartily enjoyed as the series of concerts rendered during the weekend by the Rosselli Orchestra of London. The party was augmented by the Granville Hospital Orchestra and members of the Honourable Artillery Company. The first concert was given in the Granville Recreation Room on Saturday evening, a second on Chatham House lawn on Sunday afternoon and others at the Granville on Sunday evening and Monday, both in the afternoon and evening. That the audience appreciate the efforts of the artistes was apparent by the loud applause which followed each item. The artistes included Mr **ROSSELLI**, Mr Roland **MERRY**, a comedian of great entertaining abilities; Miss Annie **BARTLE** and Miss Maud **FYFIELD**, sopranos; and Miss Dori **GOY**, whose songs were rendered in a delightful manner.
Kelsey's best farm-house bread delivered.

SERIOUS CHARGES

AGAINST SAPPER OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS

SIX MONTHS HARD LABOUR

OFFENCES AT MINSTER

Two charges of a serious nature were preferred against Pte. Frank **MCKIGHE** of the Royal Engineers, when he appeared before the County Magistrates at the Ramsgate Police Court on Monday.

The first was that of exposing his person in view of a fourteen year old girl living at Ebbsfleet and the second that of indecently assaulting a nine year old girl whose parents reside at Minster.

The first offence was alleged to have been committed on August 4th and the other a day later.

The defendant who was a man of apparently over forty years of age totally denied the charges.

On account of supposed deafness he was allowed to stand near the witness box during the hearing of the cases.

Following the evidence of the first witness he took no notice when spoken to by the clerk and the chairman and when he ultimately affected to hear the query on the part of the former in regard to asking questions of the witness and put a question to the child concerned, his hearing apparently suddenly improved, inasmuch as he heard perfectly well the quietly spoken reply and put further questions the answers to which he appeared to hear without difficulty.

The girl concerned in the first charge detailed that on the afternoon of the 4th inst. she was walking along the Minster Lane at 4 o'clock when in the direction of Miss **TUBB**'s cottage when she saw defendant leaning against a hedge. On her return he asked her a question in reference to a woman selling papers and when she answered him he committed the offence alleged, laughing at the time. The witness subsequently identified him from amongst a row of about a dozen other soldiers at the Saltpans. Following the incident in regard to the supposed deafness of the defendant the girl continued that when she first saw the man on the previous Wednesday afternoon he said to her "You come along the road tomorrow night and will tell you or show you something."

Evidence was given by Miss Kate **TUBB**, of Ebbsfleet House, Ebbsfleet to the effect that on the day of the alleged offence she saw the accused walking to and fro in Minster Lane. She noticed him particularly on account of having been on the watch for some person who had been pilfering from her garden. She first saw him at about 4 o'clock and again between 4.30 and 5 pm. She identified him from amongst eight other soldiers at the Ramsgate Police office. She had no difficulty in so doing on account of a peculiarity in the accused's eyes – they were bloodshot.

Further reference was made to his eyes during evidence given by Sergt. **BARTY** of the K.C.C. who said that the little girl concerned had mentioned that feature in describing the accused to him. He ultimately took the little girl to the camp where accused was identified and arrested and when charged at Sandwich he made no reply.

Inspector G F **FORD** of the K.C.C., Broadstairs, told the Bench that that morning he had had the accused placed with eight other soldiers, all minus object which would assist identification. There was no hesitation on the part of the witnesses in pointing out the accused.

The defendant said that he had been in the habit of going along the Minster Road for three weeks and remarked that Miss **TUBB** would certainly have no difficulty in identifying him, inasmuch as he had been in her house on many occasions to buy mineral waters. He totally denied the charge.

The Chairman said the Bench had decided to convict him but would await hearing of the second charge before deciding their course.

THE SECOND CHARGE

The child concerned in the second case was a bright-faced flaxen-haired girl of nine years, who gave her evidence in a clear way.

The particulars were of a revolting nature.

The child told the Bench that at about five o'clock on Saturday afternoon she went for a ride on a cart as far as Mr **CHAPMAN**'s house, when she began to walk back to her home at Minster passing en route the cottage where Miss **TUBB** lived. Along the Minster Lane she saw the accused by the roadside near a cornfield. She was on the opposite side, but as she was passing he came across and drew her into the field amongst the corn, where he threw her up and down, catching her in his arms two or three times. In the course of committing the offence, he tore her clothing. At the outset her gave her two halfpence and later sixpence, which he ultimately took from her and gave and gave her instead a shilling piece, which, he said "do not show your father or else they will murder you" adding that he would beat her if she told either of her parents what had happened..

The Chairman and Inspector **FORD** assured the child, who cast scared glances at the accused, that they would see that he did not do that.

The child added that on arrival at her home she gave the money to her mother, telling her what had happened.

Questioned as to her means of identifying the accused, she said she knew him by his bloodshot eyes and his voice when he spoke.

The child's mother, whose husband is a head cowman said that when her daughter came home at about 5.30 on Saturday she said "Look mama, what a soldier has given me" and showed her the money. When witness saw the shilling she thought it had been given the child in mistake for a halfpenny and asked if it was one of "our soldiers" meaning one of the men who occasionally had tea at the house, who had given it to her. When she replied in the negative and witness questioned her the child "went white". Subsequent questioning revealed the story of what had happened, and the child described that man as "a soldier with bloodshot eyes."

Evidence was given by Miss **TUBB** to the effect that she saw the accused going in the direction where the offence was alleged to have taken place, and testimony was also give by Dr H W **HUNT** of Minster to whom the child was taken for examination by her parents.

Sergt. BARTY, K.C.C. spoke to examining the spot where the offence was alleged to have taken place and finding the corn trampled down.

On being asked whether he desired to have the case dealt with by the Bench or wished to be tried by jury at the County Assizes, the accused remarked that he preferred the former, adding, "I am innocent of the charge."

He went on to say that he had five or six, or could bring as many as ten or twenty witnesses to prove he was in bed between 2.30 and 5.30 on the afternoon of the alleged offence. He added that he was unable to give the names of his witnesses, but said that they were men who slept at the same barracks.

Inspector **FORD** told the Bench that the accused had had every opportunity given to him by the Superintendent to secure the attendance of his witnesses, but he said, "I do not know anything about it."

An officer from the accused Corps was present in Court and undertook to secure the attendance of any witnesses, named or indicated by **MCKIGHE**, who said that he did his duty as a garrison policeman by night and slept by day.

An adjournment of the case was ordered until Tuesday, the Chairman remarking that it would then be proceeded with even in the absence of witnesses.

TUESDAY HEARING

At the adjourned hearing on Tuesday morning four soldier witnesses were present.

The first was Sapper W **MCCORMACK**, a garrison policeman at the camp, who at first stated that he relieved accused at the gate at 2.pm on the day of the alleged offence and that he saw **MCKIGHE** pass out of the gate between three and four o'clock in the afternoon and go in the direction of Ramsgate. Accused relived witness at 9.40 that night.

Following questions by the accused, the witness subsequently amended his statement in regard to his relief saying that **MCKIGHE** relieved him at 9.40 at night and not a 2.pm. He adhered to his statement, however, that accused left the camp between three and four o'clock. He did not see him return as he paraded a distance of 25 yards from the gate, but in reply to Inspector **FORD**, he affirmed that it was most probable that he would have noticed him had he entered the gate while he was on duty.

Prior to Sapper W J **WILLIAMS**, R.E., entering the box, Inspector **FORD** told the Bench that that man had volunteered to give testimony and had not been called by the accused.

The witness told the Bench that he saw the accused outside the gate of the camp at 12.50, again at 4.15 on the barrack barge on the river at Saltpans, and afterwards near the gate at 5.50. On the second occasion witness' attention was attracted from the writing upon which he was engaged by hearing brisk footsteps on the lower deck of the barge and saw the accused either put something in his kit bag or take something out.

Questioned by Inspector **FORD** as to whether accused could leave the barge at any time he liked while off duty, witness replied that that was so.

Sapper Albert **EDWARDS**, R.E., testified to seeing accused aboard the barge at 2.30. Witness went to Stonar, and on return at 4.30 saw **MCKIGHE** leaving the vessel.

Questioned by the accused, witness denied that **MCKIGHE** called him for tea or that he was kicked on the head. He denied accused went to tea with him or that he was asleep in his bunk between 4.30pm and 5.30 pm. He would certainly have seen **MCKIGHE** had he been in bed.

That evidence was substantiated by Sapper Thomas **CUNNAH**, who was with the previous witness during the afternoon.

MARRIED AND SIX CHILDREN

The accused submitted a written statement to the Bench, in which he protested his innocence.. He said he was a married man with six children, four of whom were girls and that he would rather lay down his life than do anything to an innocent girl. Suggesting the assault had been committed by some other person unknown, he said he could not afford a solicitor and hoped the bench would deal fairly with him. He added that he had previously been discharged for the Army and was at present serving with the Engineers on the sea.

"I lay myself at the mercy of the Bench and I swear before God or man that I have not insulted any woman in my life" he said and concluded with a protestation that he was in bed on the barge from 2.30 until tea-time at 5.40 on the day of the offence.

After a short retirement the Chairman announced that the Bench had decided to convict, and after being informed by Inspector FORD and an officer of the Royal Engineers that the accused records were not to hand, remarked that the Magistrates had given him every opportunity and had given the case serious attention. The unanimous conclusion arrived at was that it was a most serious offence. They regretted very much indeed that they were not in a position to punish the accused more severely. They would like to send him for trial but it would be bad for the children to have to give their evidence again.

He would be committed to prison with hard labour for two months on the first charge and four months on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

Prior to the witnesses leaving the Court, the Chairman commended them on the straightforward manner in which they had given their evidence.

HOSPITAL CONCERT

An enjoyable entertainment took place on Saturday on behalf of a fund to provide a spinal chair for Wanstead V.A.D. Hospital Margate. It was held in the garden at 4 Harold Road, Margate by kind permission of Miss **MANT**. The weather was very favourable and a good audience assembled by 3.15 pm. The programme arranged by Mrs **BOYLE** and Mrs **BOSWELL**, consisted of vocal and instrumental music and recitations, followed by a pretty one act fairy play entitled “The Heart of Gold” written and arranged by Miss Constance C **BOSWELL**.

The musical and other items were excellently rendered and all encored. They were as follows: songs by Mrs **PEILE**, “Wise Folly” and by Sergeant **HUTCHINSON**, “Friend o’ Mine” and “Songs of Araby”, flute solos by the clever little child flautist Miss Nellie **ORGELIST**, whose faultless and expressive playing, simple and unassuming appearance and manner were most engaging; musical monologue by Lance Corporal **DENNIS**, “Spotty, “ an Army experience which was most realistically depicted and “Devil May Care” recitation by Miss C **BOSWELL**, “The House with the Open Door” another graphic and tragic but sublime war scene; a concerted item by Mrs **BOYLE** and company, “The Dream-man” the company consisting of four little people dressed ready for dreamland and provided with candles to light them thither, and as encore a teddy bear song; violin solo by Mr John **PAYNE**, whom several of those present were pleased to welcome again to Margate, where he had formerly been known and appreciated as a violinist, and Mr Daniel **SPRINCK**, a young composer of 16, in one of his own pianoforte solos, interesting and melodious in quality and produced with expressiveness and fine execution. The encore was also well rendered.

In the “Heart of Gold” the heroine, Red Riding Hood (Misome **PEILE**), lost in a wood in the course of a journey of mercy subsequent to her historic one , meets the Fairy Coldness (Nancy **HARDY**), who is longing for a heart of gold and demands of Red Riding Hood to find it for her. Red Riding Hood who says she knows her mother has one, goes in search. She returns with the news that she has such a “Vision” (Daisy **BURTON**) who holds the treasure but that the fairy cannot have it unless she changes her name. This she refuses to do, but these is still a chance, as a sub. Is to be provided. This soon appears in the form of a “beggar child” (Phyllis **BOYLE**), whom the fairy spurns, but Red Riding Hood comforts and feeds. The Vision thereupon appears and presents the heart of gold to Red Riding Hood, warning the Fairy Coldness and all who hear that to refuse to do an act of mercy is unknowingly to cast out an angel.

The playlet was well acted and well received and formed a very pleasing completion to an occasion which had been able to provide the spinal chair, a sum of over £14 being realised.

RACING AND BOMBS

AN EXCITING FILM

At the popular cinema, The King's Theatre, this week the great all British romance of the turf and stage "White Star" is being screened. The story is full of thrills and stands head and shoulders above all other sporting dramas seen in the town. The blending of humour, pathos and laughter is entrancing in effect. One scene alone is worth going a long way to see. It is woven round an attempt made by an aviator to bomb the favourite of a big race, perhaps the most exciting incident ever seen on the screen. Showing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, no one can afford to miss this thrilling drama.

The film that has proved a great draw during the early part of the week "Mr Lyndon at Liberty" features those two fine cinema stars Charles ROCK and Edna FLUGRATH and is screened for the last time tonight (Wednesday). It is well up to King's standard. What more needs to be said.

The young British ladies who drive motor ambulances in France and Belgium now wear pith sun helmets, which give them quite a soldierly appearance.

Art the wedding of Sergeant C E **HUDSON**, of the Islington Special Constabulary, the "Specials" of Upper Street Police Station with raised truncheons formed an archway under which the Sergeant and his bride passed.

Mr **KIDMAN**, the Australian millionaire stockowner, has presented the Imperial Government with an armoured battleplane, costing £2,700.

The story of a plucky though unsuccessful attempt at rescue by a boy of 13, named **PAULISKI**, was told at Wandsworth on Tuesday at the inquest on Florence Margaret **CHAPMAN**, of Jews Road, who was drowned in the Thames on Friday. **PAULISKI** said he heard someone cry out for help and taking off his cap and jacket he dived in and got hold of the girls hair. But a very strong tide was running and to save himself getting sucked under a barge he had to let go. He dived in again, but was unsuccessful in finding the girl. Other witnesses said that the boy was in considerable danger and a lighterman said "It is not the first time he has jumped in for little 'uns."

RAMSGATE MYSTERY

WIFE DISAPPEARS DURING TRAIN JOURNEY

SOLDIER HUSBAND MISSING AFTER ATTACK

Considerable mystery surrounds the disappearance of a young married Ramsgate woman.

The anxiety of the relatives concerning her whereabouts is increased by official information from the War Office that her soldier husband is also reported missing after an engagement last month.

The couple concerned are Pte. S **BERRY** of the Buffs and his wife, nee Florence **MERRALL** of Monkton Place.

Pte **BERRY**'s parents live at 21 Alma Road and it was from there that his wife departed last month with the intention of visiting her mother, who was then staying at Lower Edmonton, London, and of spending a fortnight with her.

She did not arrive at her destination, although the fact that she reached London is made clear by enquiries which show that she deposited a parcel in the cloak room at Victoria and afterwards claimed it.

When she left the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs **BERRY** at 21 Alma Road, she was attired in a blue costume and was wearing a blue and white velvet hat.

In the parcel left at the Victoria cloak room was another costume and hat.

The local police have made enquiries but up to the present have been unable to locate the missing woman.

She left Ramsgate on the 7th ult., and four days previously her husband according to intimation received last weekend took part in an attack on the German line and was afterwards reported missing.

The young soldier who was only 22 years of age, responded to the call for men on August 10th 1914 and trained with the first of the new army battalions of the Buffs, with which he went to the Front on the first day of June 1915.

In the attack on October 13th of that year he was rather severely wounded and lay in hospital at Northampton until March of this year.

During his ten days hospital leave on discharge he was married and a week later was once more drafted to the firing line.

He will be remembered by many of the employees of the brickfields, where he was engaged for close upon eight years.

(picture available)

AT THE TRIBUNAL

CONDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS TO RURAL APPLICANTS

There were fourteen appeals for exemption at a sitting of the Thanet Rural Tribunal held at the Board Room, Minster on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr G **MARSH** presided.

Before the ordinary business of the Tribunal commenced, Mr **SOLLY**, one of the members tendered his resignation. He stated he had been appointed the local agricultural representative and therefore could not sit on the Tribunal.

It was decided to accept his resignation, and the Chairman remarked that the Tribunal would be sorry to lose the services of Mr **SOLLY**.

The first case was that of a horseman, aged 19, who applied through his employer, for temporary exemption until October 11th, and this was granted.

A Westgate schoolmaster (38) applied on the grounds that he was indispensable to the school. He was in partnership with another gentleman, but on account of ill health it would be impossible for his partner to carry on if applicant had to go. Appellant stated that all their assistant masters had joined up, and as far as he know every old boy who was eligible was serving with His Majesty's Forces. Exemption until December 31st was granted, the Chairman stating that applicant could then apply again.

Exemption until October 11th was granted to a Minster ploughman, aged 23.

On condition that he joined the Volunteers, a shepherd (29) was granted conditional exemption.

Conditional exemptions were also allowed to a milk carrier (40) a local bailiff and stockman, Minster market gardener (33), two market gardeners (36 and 33), a Minster Road foreman in the employ of the Rural Council.

The proprietors of a Minster laundry asked for exemption for their engine driver whom it was stated, was indispensable to the business. The employer said that he employed over a hundred hands and if the man had to go, the laundry would have to close. At the present time they were doing work for the Canadian Hospitals in the district.

The Tribunal decided to grant conditional exemption, subject to the man becoming a member of the Volunteers.

On of the members of the Tribunal asked if a man preferred could he not join the Ambulance or become a Special Constable and the Chairman informed him that he was given the option of joining either of the three.

Three ploughman in the employ of a local farmer were allowed until October 11th. All the men were over 25years of age.

MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA

The more frequently the Ramsgate Municipal Orchestra is heard, the more the impression grows that the town is singularly fortunate in having such excellent musicians.

Large audiences have gathered on the cliff at the Concert Hall and in the park, during the week.

Mr J B **HASTINGS** has men "under his baton" who are all soloists on their own instruments and he sees that their abilities are placed to full advantage before the public. Mr **JACKSON** is a corner player of wide repute and his solos are greatly appreciated. The principal violinist Mr E J **STRATFORD**, gave a solo on Sunday evening. He is a gifted musician, possessing a very sweet pure tone. In the Spanish Dance (Saraste) the harmonics were clear and smooth, while the clarity of the passages with double stopping was exceptional. Mr **STRATFORD** is the late deputy leading (first) violin from Sir Henry **WOOD**'s Orchestra, Queens Hall, London.

A trio for piano, violin and cello was a musical treat to many who were present on Sunday evening and evoked enthusiastic applause.

It is a pleasure to note the return of Miss Katie **LIDBETTER**. She is a favourite singer to many in the town and had a warm welcome. Since her last appearance her violin seems to have gained in volume, but neither enunciation or expression has suffered in consequence.

Water polo has become a popular sport with our soldiers who are stationed near river, lake or sea in France.

Negotiations have begun for the reception in Holland of 30,000 German and Belgium children who are suffering from insufficient nourishment in their respective countries. Schools and other public buildings will be used to lodge the children.

The miners at Burnhope Colliery, Durham, not only decided to work during the Bank Holiday period, but to devote their bonus money from such work to the benefit of their soldier friends in the district on their return from war.

Wheat advanced sharply 5s per quarter at Sheffield Corn Market on Tuesday, reaching 65s. There was a rise of 2s to 62s at Hull; and of 2s to 61s at Spalding. Foreign wheat was a shilling cheaper at Newcastle.

HER MISFORTUNE

RAMSGATE DEFENDANT REGRETS GERMAN NATIONALITY

STORY OF A STREET QUARREL

A smartly dressed woman named Marie **LANGE**, who appeared in the dock at the Ramsgate Police Court on Monday to answer a charge of assault, told the Bench that she was unfortunately of German birth.

The defendant who was stated to reside in 9 Hardres Street, Ramsgate was charged by Margaret J **BARNETT** of Coburg Cottages, Plains of Waterloo.

The offence was alleged to have occurred on July 28th near the plaintiff's home. Plaintiff stated that the defendant shook her by the shoulder and hit her in the eye, using at the same time certain language, a copy of which was handed to the Bench. The defendant, on oath, said she did not retaliate, but on the advice of a policeman who was called took out the summons which resulted in the Police Court proceedings.

She called a witness in the person of Mrs Minny Maria **HILLS**, of 3 Coburg Cottages in substantiation of her allegation.

The witness said she was in her house, when she heard a "turn out" at the top of the alley and going on out saw Mrs **BARNETT**'s mother-in-law and the defendant "carrying on

dreadful." Miss **LANGE**, she said caught hold of plaintiff and after shaking her gave a smack on the face.

On being asked if she had any questions to put to the witness, the defendant replied, "No, I don't know her."

Robert HILLS, a youth, who appeared in a butchers smock, was next called, and substantiated the former witness' evidence.

"I don't know him" emphasised the defendant on being asked if she had any questions.

Mrs Catherine BARNETT, of 96 Hardres Street, was called on behalf of the defendant. In a detailed statement she said she was proceeding along a thoroughfare when she saw her daughter-in-law with a butcher lad who was "playing about with her in a most disrespectful way." Witness went to him and said he should desist as the lady was a married woman and her son's wife at that. Witness' daughter-in-law, the plaintiff commenced swearing and she said she would give the witness in charge. A woman who said she was the lad's mother came upon the scene and asked what was the matter. Witness told her, and asked her "would you like one of my sons to handle your daughter as he has been handling my daughter-in-law?" She answered that she would not mind as they "often fooled about." The whole affair, witness concluded, had nothing to do with the defendant, who nothing at all to the plaintiff.

The defendant, addressing the Bench, emphasised the latter statement, adding that the plaintiff insulted her by calling her a German, which she said, "I unfortunately am at birth." Defendant continued that she went up to the plaintiff and called her a liar and thief, and concluded to the effect that she was insulted by the plaintiff and her chums every time she went along the street.

The Chief Constable said there was no record against the defendant.

A fine of 10s, with the option of seven days imprisonment was imposed.

FINE DERTERMINATION

OF FALLEN RAMSGATE OFFICER

It is with much regret that we record the death of Lieutenant Geoffrey Walter Melvin **BURTON**, 3rd Buffs, aged nineteen years, and the only child of Mr and Mrs Oliver Edward **BURTON** of Clare Lodge, Montefiore Avenue, Ramsgate. He was killed in action, gallantly leading his men on July 3rd at the storming of a village and reported missing, but his body was afterwards recovered on July 29th and buried where he fell, close to the enemy's wire entanglement.

He was seen with his coat off binding up his arm between the German trenches, but yet went on and reached the second German line – their objective. His captain and two brother officers of the same company were previously killed and his servant wounded.

He was educated at Dumpton House, Broadstairs and was Senior Classical Scholar at Kings School, Canterbury, where he was a keen member of the O.T.C., Captain of the School House, Captain of the cricket team, having been in the eleven for three years and Joint-Editor of the "Canturian."

He was gazetted a second Lieutenant in the 9th Buffs (Kitcheners Army) in Oct. 1914 at the early age of seventeen. He was transferred to the Regular Army in September 1915 and went to the Front two months later.

The colonel of the regiment writes: “We are now back in the same bit of line from which your son made his most gallant attack on the village, which is now in our hands. I went out yesterday to search for your son, but only succeeded in finding one of his brother officers, Second Lieutenant **BALSON**.

“Another of his brother officers has just come in to tell me that he has succeeded in finding him and has brought back his stick, which I am forwarding to you. This is the only personal thing left on him, as evidently the enemy had rifled his pockets, he being close to their barbed wire when he fell.

“I am having him buried close to Second Lieutenant **BALSON**, at the spot where he fell and a cross put up to mark the spot. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your terrible bereavement.”

His captain and adjutant writes: “Your son is a great loss to the battalion. He was a splendid officer and a great friend of mine, both at school and in the regiment. I cannot tell you how very sorry I am. You can be proud of your son in every way – a gallant officer and a true gentleman. His death must have been instantaneous.”

The Captain of the 2nd Entrenching Battalion writes: “Before I had know your son many days he had won both my respect and affection. When he left here to join his battalion he caused a gap which has never been filled. He was a splendid young officer, brave, honourable and reliable in every duty he was entrusted with. He was loved and respected by all who came under his command, delightful company, and a valued fried. May God send our beloved country many more sons like him.”

THE CINEMA, BROADSTAIRS

“Caste” is the special film showing at the Cinema, Broadstairs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, featuring Sir John **HARE**. This popular comedy has a good many years of public favour behind it. It is the most delightful and appealing blend of humour and pathos that ever fascinated theatre audiences and is always given a big welcome whenever revived.

The official war pictures and the Gaumont Graphic of current events are always a distinct feature. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in next week a modern drama by Henry **BERNSTEIN** (the great French dramatist) entitles “Samson” will be shown featuring William **FARNUM**. The film reaches the high water mark of perfection in the three essential factors of a picture – the story, the acting and photographic quality. Among the many remarkable dramatic situations may be mentioned the scenes portraying the sensation and excitement of a sudden panic on ‘Change. The producer grasped the opportunity with fine skill and gives us a faithful and convincing picture of the feverish anxiety with which every stockholder regards the fluctuations in the price of stock. The picture ranks as one of the greatest achievements in motion picture art and should be a great draw to this popular picture house.

The smallest V.C. is said to be Private George CHAFER, East Yorkshire Regiment, who is barely five feet high.

A verdict of “Suicide whilst of unsound mind”, was returned at a Westminster inquest on Tuesday on the wife of Charles Herbert BARBER, Covent Garden salesman, of Aldwych Buildings. The woman’s body was found on the pavement early on Monday morning, and evidence showed that she had jumped from a window and had fallen a distance of 31 feet on to railings, sustaining terrible injuries. The husband stated that his wife has been in ill health for some time and had been worrying about him being called up. He had obtained a period of exemption but that time had nearly expired. On the back of an old letter the deceased had written; “Dear Charlie – Forgive me. My rings are for my Patsy.” Patsy was the name of her friend.

MARGATE ITEMS

Belgian Relief Fund

The sum of £7 has been forwarded to the Belgian Relief Fund as the proceeds from the concert recently given in St Austen’s Catholic Schools for that object.

Church Insurance

The churchwardens of St Paul’s Church, Cliftonville, have decided to allocate the collections on Sunday next to the meeting of the heavy charges to which the parish is put to on account of necessary insurance of church property against damages from hostile raids.

Successful Sale of Work

The sale of work organised by the members of the St Paul’s Young Women’s Bible Class, on behalf of the work of the Church in Western Canada, resulted in their being able to send the sum of £14 to headquarters, after the deductions of expenses and a small amount towards the work of next year.

A Boys Outing

A visit to Margate, where he went to cinemas and chartered a boat and its attendant for a short sea trip, was stated to have partially accounted for the expenditure of the sum of £6 18s 6d., alleged to have been stolen by a London errand boy. The lad was remanded at Guildhall during the weekend.

Soldiers at Tea

A party of thirty wounded soldiers who are patients at Wanstead V.A.D. Hospital were entertained to tea at the Bungalow last week. Miss **SAXTON** undertook the arrangements, and carried them out very successfully. The guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After deducting expenses a sum amounting to £1 0s 3½d was handed to Miss **INNES** for the benefit of the patients.

Soldier Delinquent

At the Cinque Ports Police Court, held at Margate on Monday before Colonel **HILL**, Private Stephen **WICKHAM**, of the Buffs was charged by P.C. **BUDD** with being an absentee. He was arrested at St Peters. The constable stated that some little while back he had been previously charged in that Court with being an absentee. In reply to the Bench defendant said he had nothing to say. He was handed over to a military escort.

Wesleyan School Anniversary

The Margate Wesleyan Sunday School holds its anniversary on Sunday next, when there will be special singing by the children. The sermons will be preached by the Rev. H.V.T. **ANGEL**, Circuit Superintendent. At three p.m. there will be a mass meeting at Hawley Square, Buckingham Road and Garlinge Schools, presided over by the Mayor (Alderman W.B. **REEVE**, J.B.), when an address will be given by Mr Major **DUNGEY** of London (but a loyal Margatonian). At These meetings there will be presentations of fruit, flowers and eggs for distribution to local hospitals and parcels for the Margate prisoners of war in Germany.

Echo of the Guns

Gunner Sidney John **TOON**, R.G.A., in a recent letter to his mother, who resides at 11 Cecil Street, Margate, says: “I have not been able to write a letter lately as we have been too bury, but we are having better times this week and more rest. I suppose you can hear our guns sometimes at Margate, as they make noise enough, although it is not strange to me. If the people in England saw some of the towns and villages here they would feel very thankful that they have a home and are safe and sound. Thanks to our Navy, I trust I shall be spared to see you all again, and am glad to know you have had Bert safely at home after all he has gone through.

LOCAL CASUALTIES

Local casualties reported during the week are as follows:-

Previously reported Missing Now Reported Killed

Lieutenant G.W.M. **BURTON**, The Buffs

Killed

Pte A.E.. **BATLEY** (45530), R.A.M.C., Margate

Wounded

Pte B. **GLANCEY**, (11788), Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, Ramsgate
Pte E. **BURROUGHS** (6624), Royal West Kent Regiment, Ramsgate
Acting Coy. Sergt.Major R.S.**DIXON** (8613), The Buffs, Ramsgate
Pte H. **ROBINSON** (9125), The Buffs, Broadstairs
Pte S. **TAYLOR** (10452), The Buffs, Ramsgate
Pte E. **TURK** (8392), The Buffs, Ramsgate
Lance-Corporal J **WEYBELL** (9256), The Buffs, Ramsgate
Sergt J.R. **PARKER** (14441), Suffolk Regiment, Ramsgate

THE RESULT

OF LONDON VISITORS’ OUTING

A the Margate Borough Police Court on Tuesday, before Alderman **EVANS** and others magistrates, Florrie **HENDERSON** of Olive Road, Dulwich and Louisa **SHAW** of Robertson

Road, West Norwood, were charged with being drunk and incapable in the yard of the West Station, Margate, on the previous evening at 11.30 p.m.

Defendants first pleaded guilty and then denied that they were intoxicated.

The police evidence went to show that they were so drunk that they had to be conveyed from the West Station to the Police Station in a taxi. One of the defendants had a large bottle of whiskey in her possession, half of the contents of which had been consumed.

A fine of 10s was imposed in each case.

One of the defendants asked the permission of the Court to go and pledge a ring as they had not sufficient money on them to pay the fines.

RESULT OF APPEAL

Miss Lucy **WHITING** hon. Secretary of the Ramsgate and St Lawrence District Nursing Association, writes us as follows:- "In response to the appeal made for the Ramsgate and St Lawrence District Nursing Association, a short time ago, the following donations have already been received. Though the full sum needed has not been obtained, they have gone a long way towards providing what was required, and the Committee wishes me to tender you its grateful thanks for inserting the appeal in your columns as well as to those who so kindly responded."

The donations are appended:-

Mrs **COOK**, 5s.; Miss A **COURT**, 10s.; Miss **STANCOMB WILLS**, £5; Miss **SAVAGE**, 2s. 6d.; Mr J **WRIGHT**, 10s.; Total, £6. 7s. 6d.

LIEUTENANTS DISTINCTION

His Majesty the King conferred the Distinguished Service Cross on Lieutenant Delves **BROUGHTON**, R.N.R. at Buckingham Palace on Saturday.

Lieutenant **BROUGHTON** is engaged on a patrol boat, and is well known in Ramsgate.

MARGATE POLICE COURT

LIGHTING OFFENCES

Four defendants were charges at the Margate Police Court this (Wednesday) morning with offences under the lighting regulations.

Lance-Corporal G **DOUST**, 3rd Reserve Regiment, 9 Gordon Square, Birchington, who was the owner of a motor cycle carrying a brilliant light which was left standing outside the Sands Station, was fines 10s.

Pte. Norman **REVIS**, Motor Machine Gun Corps, 45th Provisional Battalion, who rode his cycle without lights on the 31st ult., in order to get back to camp, thinking he might be called out was fines 2s. 6d.

Charles Henry **SAUNDERS**, staying at 19 Clarendon Road, Margate, a visitor, who thought he was not responsible for the obscuring of lights and allowed one to show from a window, was fines 10s.

James **PRYOR** of "The Bungalow", Birchington who was staying at the Ship Hotel, Margate, on the 31st ult. was fined £1 for a similar offence. He said that hearing firing he moved the blind and peeped out.

When grouse shooting begins on Saturday next our wounded soldiers are to be supplied liberally from the King's preserves.

"AWFUL DISGRACE"

PLEA OF DOG DEALER

WITH EXTRAORDINARY RECORD

At the Sandwich Quarter Sessions on Friday, Dudley Frederick WEST, 47, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment for obtaining by false pretences a cheque of the value of £3 3s from George Gordon **VAUDIN**, rector of Witherley, Athelston, Warwickshire.

The case was referred from the Ramsgate Police Court after a long hearing reported in our columns.

The defendant pleaded "not guilty" and defended himself.

The prosecuting counsel, instructed by Messrs. Robinson and Allfree, Ramsgate was Mr Cecil W **LILLEY**.

Mr **LILLEY**, addressing the jury, outlined the case and said that it was most important that they should follow him closely in the facts and dates which he submitted to them, and he read the letters which have appeared in our columns as sent by the defendant to the rector of Witherley, near Athelston, Warwickshire, relative to a black spaniel.

The correspondence was so sent that the assumption would naturally be formed that the writer was a member of a well-known London club.

Mr Chas. George Gordon **VAUDIN**, rector of Witherley, repeated the evidence which was given at the hearing at Ramsgate, and in answer to counsel said he thought by the description given in the letter that it was a genuine pedigree and he believed the prisoner to be a member of the Oriental Club. Witness did not know the club, but he looked it up in a Whittaker, from which he found the entrance fee and other particulars and he knew that it was a respectable club. In consequence of this information he sent a cheque foe £3 3s.

Witness never received the dog or the money.

Defendant asked the witness if he did not ask him in the letter to come and see the dog or send some expert witness and offering a trial before the purchase. Witness replied in the affirmative. Witness said his suspicions had been confirmed by the police. He admitted that defendant offered to refund the money, and asked him to still have the dog, but he refused to answer his letters and took out a warrant for the arrest of the defendant.

Two further letters were put in and read by the Recorder and defendant said that he offered the return of the money, or the dog three times, but received no reply.

The evidence of Mr Edward William **JAQUETT**, the secretary of the Kennel Club, London, was again taken in reference to the registration of dogs under Kennel Club rules.

Defendant asked if dogs could not win prizes at local shows without being registered and witness replied that they could not be big winners without that registration. Witness explained fully the conditions which prevailed in connection with his club.

Detective-Sergt **DUFF**'s evidence was repeated in which he said he met the defendant in the Elms, and told him he was making enquiries about the dog he sold at Athelston.

Witness had seen the letters relative to the case when he approached the defendant in the matter. Witness received a warrant on July 5th, the next day he saw the defendant and asked him to come to the station. He said "What, about a dog?". Witness replied "Yes, " and defendant said he would next day. Witness then told him he held a warrant for his arrest and that he would have to come at once. Defendant was charged at the station and totally denied the statement. He said "I have the dog in my possession."

In answer to the defendant, witness said when defendant said " I have the dog here – or rather in my possession, " witness understood the defendant meant he had it in Ramsgate.

In answer to counsel, Sergt **DUFF** said he no particulars of the dog from the defendant.

The evidence of Pte. Wm. Thomas **ROBINSON**, of Guernsey was again heard, and counsel pointed out the similarity in the phraseology of the correspondence which was forwarded by the defendant to the witness.

Witness thought the card bearing "Oriental Club" on it was a reference and he accordingly sent the money.

He considered that the defendant was a gentleman of standing, by being a member of the Club. Witness did not get the dog or the money back. He did not ask for money back.

In answer to defendant, witness said he could not say who subpoened him to attend the court. Witness was still under the impression, that he should have, by now, either the dog or the money.

The Recorder: Which have you got?
The Witness: Neither.

Sergt. **DUFF** recalled, said when he saw the defendant on the other matter he mentioned the Guernsey transaction.

In reply to the defendant, witness said he was sure the defendant said "Don't be hard on me."

Henry Andrew **COWIE**, of Maesygollen, Merthyr Tydvil, who advertised for a savage dog, was the next witness. Correspondence which passed between the parties was again put in.

Witness said he was induced by the letter and by the fact of the club membership to send the money. He wrote asking for it back.

Counsel: Did you get the £2?
Witness: No.

Counsel: Did you get the money?
Witness: NO.

The prisoner made a long and involved statement in which he described his experiences as a buyer and seller of dogs, ponies and other animals. He had sold and exported animals to all parts of the world. He asked to be allowed to put in letters from satisfied clients.
Counsel objected, and the Recorder pointed out that the defendant might reopen the case by so doing.

The recorder, however, received and read the letters while the prisoner went on with his statement.

He referred to the overwhelming shame which had been the result of the prosecution, dwelt on the break up of his home, and felt that death itself could not wipe out the awful disgrace inflicted on him, He showed many signs of emotion.

Dealing with the incidents in the case for the prosecution, he explained his position in connection with the use of the words “Oriental Club” and told of a meeting with an Anglo-Indian at Brighton two seasons ago, who was indebted to him for £30 and who in return suggested his introduction to that club and paying the entrance fee of £30 for him as a offset. The next day he was presented with the cards bearing the words but he did not see the gentleman afterwards. That was how he came to make use of the cards in question. Having been in custody, he had not been able to help himself as much as he could have done, and he denied most emphatically Sergt. **DUFF**’s statement, that he has said “Don’t be hard on me.” The stereotyped phraseology of his letters, he pointed out was no more remarkable than stereotyped letters of other business men.

“Before God and yourself I am not guilty of the charge of fraud” he concluded.

The Recorder, having summed up, the jury considered their verdict without retiring and announced their verdict of “Guilty”.

In reply to the question as to whether there was anything known against the prisoner, Detective Sergt. **DUFF** produced an extraordinary record of the prisoner’s dealings.

The prisoner was born in Bengal and in riotous living squandered money left him by his father. In 1910 he was residing at Ashurst, Lyndhurst, Hants in the name of F W O’Brien **WEST**. During his residence the police had several complaints regarding his dealings similar to the present charge. In 1910-11 four cases were recorded. Three of these cases were abroad. Two cases were taken before the Kennel Club Committee, who suspended the prisoner for life, from taking part in any show held under the Kennel Club rules.

He left Lyndhurst and lived in furnished houses at Herne Bay and Margate. Witness first made enquiries about him at the end of 1914 at 46 Dundonald Road, Ramsgate, which house he occupied furnished. He then removed with his wife and family into 110 Grange Road, where he had resided until his arrest in July last. From 1914 onward, witness had been continually making enquiries of him respecting complaints of receiving cheques from persons, and his failure to send dogs or return the money. In several cases when witness had called on him regarding his conduct he had returned the money to the persons from whom he had received it. In only one instance could witness find that a dog had been supplied and that was in December 1911, when the gentleman stated that the dog had been falsely described, very old and unsound.

There were 16 cases where money had been obtained, and no dog, pony or money, received in addition to those in the principal charge. The total amount obtained was known to be over £225.

In 1910 he obtained £18 from Baron Von **LOO**, of Belgium.
In 1911 he obtained £14 10s from Dr Alexis **TULPANOW**, of Zarskoye, Seels.
In 1911 he obtained £8 from Baron Paul de **THOISEY** of Dijon.
In the same year he obtained £10 from Mr **EVERITT**, Camborne, Cornwall.
In 1914, £20 from H **TOURNEY**, Seway, Brussels.
In 1915, £20 from Prouce **DROUET**, France.
In 1916, £30 from **HARTAGEL**, Canada.
In 1915, £3 from Baroness de **BROSQUEVILE**, Belgium.
In 1915, £10 13s from Mdme. de **LAFARGE**, Ozelles, France.
In 1915, £6 6s from Mr **BERRIDGE**, Ballinahinck, Galway.
In 1916, £9 from Mdme. **DOUGET**, Languet, Paris.
In 1916, 15 dollars from J T **SAVAGE**, Springdale Kennels, Illinois, giving in this case a bankers reference.

This was in January and in March he obtained £4 from Mr **HANBURY**, Chigwell, Essex; in April £4 4s from Mr **BEDDINGTON**, Balleyhoolly, Cork; in May £6 from Mr **STAFFORD**, Birmingham; in June £2 10s from Mr **DORMER**, Chesham (cheque stopped); in March he obtained boots value 5s from Mr **LINDSEY**, 30 Cuthbert Road, Brighton, but failed to send the money.

The Recorder addressing the prisoner, said he had read the letters handed up to him and found by them that the prisoner had conducted a respectable business in some of his dealings and had gone straight. He had also taken into consideration that he had been in prison a month, but he would not be doing his duty if he did not make the punishment fitting the crime. He sentenced him to nine calendar months imprisonment with hard labour, less one month for the period which he had been in jail.

The prisoner appealed to the Recorder, to be placed in the second division, on account of his health, but the Recorder said he could not alter his sentence. If however the prisoner's statement of his health was true, the prisoner would have the prison doctor's attention and would in that event probably be placed in the second division if the doctor thought it necessary.

The prisoner then asked to be allowed an interview with his wife and it was understood that this would be granted.

The death in action is reported of a former pupil of St Lawrence College, Ramsgate. Lieut. Daziel Crompton **PRING**, of the Machine Gun Corps. He was 27 years of age.

A CHEERFUL DRIVER

WHO HAS LOST "BITS" OF HIS HAND

Driver George **GOODBOURN**, who, as recorded in our columns, has had the distinction of serving under three Allied flags in the war, has been wounded.

Writing home to his father, Mr A E **GOODBOURN**, of 36 Effingham Street, he sends a characteristically cheery letter.

Driver **GOODBOURN**, who was formerly of the Ambulance, was of late attached to a Howitzer Brigade as driver, and he is now in a base hospital.

In his own words he is " having a holiday in hospital."

"I have been unfortunately wounded on both hands," writes Driver **GOODBOURN**, "by a grenade. On my left hand I have lost the first two joints of two fingers and the first joint of the thumb on my right, and a few nails are coming off. Of course, it is nothing really, and will not prevent my "carrying on" when they are healed up."

He adds a message to his mother: "Do not imagine to yourself that I am dead, dying, or buries. I am a particularly lively individual and very cheerful and I expect in a few weeks, I shall come to "Blighty" when I shall be allowed some leave. However at present, I am quite well, except for the missing bits."

He concludes an interesting letter with a note of optimism: "Keep your peckers up – the war is nearly over."

(picture available)

A FALLEN SON

YOUNGEST OF FAMILY KILLED IN ACTION

Mr and Mrs **WILMAN** of "Windemere" Rawden Road, Ramsgate, have received information of the death of their youngest son, Pte. Cecil Leonard **WILMAN** , of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers (London Batt.) who was killed in action in July.

Pte. **WILMAN**, who enlisted in November 1914, was only 21 years of age.

He was formerly employed as an apprentice by Mr **WRIGHT** of High Street, Ramsgate.

(picture available)

RAMSGATE WIDOWS

FEARED LOSS OF THREE LOCAL SAILORS

It is feared that three Ramsgate sailors lost their lives by drowning at sea on Thursday last.

Details are not yet available, but we understand that intimation has been conveyed to the wives, one of whom has five children, and another three.

The names of the men are:

Mr **PETTIMAN**, mate, of 39 Belmont Street, Ramsgate, who leaves a widow and five children, the eldest of whom is 16 years of age. Mr **PETTIMAN** has been well known in Ramsgate fishing circles for many years.

The second victim is Mr G **DARKINS**, engine, man, of 11 Denmark Road, who leaves a widow, and three children. Had he lived a day longer he would have celebrated his 34th birthday.

Second Engineer, L **GIBSON**, of 7 Abbott's Hill, Ramsgate, is the third man. He was thirty years of age, and has been married nine years. He had no children.

SIDE BY SIDE

OFFICER WHO WAS PROUD TO FIGHT WITH FALLEN RAMSGATE SOLDIER

Many Ramsgate residents will regret to learn of the death of Pte. James **WOOD**, of the Hampshire Regiment, whose death from wounds received in action was reported last week.

Pte. **WOOD** was the son of Skipper J **WOOD**, who was employed on one of the fishing smacks owned by Mr T W **CHAPMAN**, a well known fish salesman and smack owner.

Joining the Army eight years ago, the deceased soldier saw service in India prior to the outbreak of war.

He went with his battalion to Gallipoli, where he was twice wounded.

Ultimately he was moved to Malta and afterwards served with the Mounted Police in Egypt prior to being drafted to the Western Front.

He was hit early in the morning by splinters of a bursting shrapnel shell which caused many wounds on the upper and lower extremities and lower jaw.

He died, after lingering for nine days, in one of the General Hospitals behind the lines.

Writing to Pte. **WOOD**'s parents on the day on which he was wounded, a lieutenant in his company says: " A braver and more fearless man I could never wish to have under me. I only wish I had a few more like him. He was a soldier and a man, every inch of him, and I am proud to have had the honour of fighting side by side with him".

(picture available)

BACK FROM INDIA

YOUNG MARGATE GUNNER KILLED

It is with deepest regret we have to report the death of Gunner W H **GARNER**, who was killed in action on July 5th 1916.

Gunner **GARNER**, who was 21 years of age, joined the Royal Field Artillery some years ago, and proceeded to India on the outbreak of war. He was drafted to the Front.

The deceased soldier had not seen his parents since joining the colours.

He was the only son of Private Edward **GARNER** (who has been on active service with the Army Service Corps for the last fourteen months) and Mrs **GARNER**, of 69 Milton Road, Margate, with who much sympathy is felt.

BOUND OVER

RAMSGATE RESTAURANT KEEPER'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Sandwich Quarter Sessions were held on Friday in the Guildhall, before the Recorder, Mr Patrick **ROSE-INNES**. There were present the Mayor of Sandwich (Alderman W J **HUGHES**), Alderman J A **JACOBS**, the Mayor of Ramsgate (councillor T S **CHAYNEY**), Councillor G G **COOK** and Mr H H **GREEN**.

There were two cases from Ramsgate.

Horace Edwin **BROCKMAN**, appearing on a charge of attempted suicide; and Dudley Frederick **WEST**, on a charge of false pretences.

True bills were returned in both cases.

A report of the latter will be found elsewhere.

Mr **BROCKMAN** looked much stronger than on his appearance before Ramsgate justices.

Formally charges, the defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr J W W **WEIGALL**, barrister appeared for the prosecution.

Addressing the defendant, the Recorder referred to the statement submitted by the defendant , which he read, and in which the defendant told of his business worries - there was no business doing in premises on which he had spent some £3,000 in development. These were the reasons which had attributed for his rash act. Pointing out that this furnished no grounds for taking such a course, the Recorder said, from the statement, he felt sure the defendant would not again attempt to take his life. He had received, added the Recorder, a certificate from the medical officer of the jail which showed that the defendant showed no signs of mental aberration.

Taking into consideration that he had been in prison since, the defendant would be bound over in his own recognizance in the sum of £20 to come up for judgement if called upon.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

AN INTERESTING WESTGATE WEDDING

A large congregation was present at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, on Thursday afternoon, when the marriage of the Hon. Mountjoy **UPTON**, East Kent Mounted Rifles, younger son of Viscount and Viscountess **TEMPLETOWN**, with Miss Alleyne **CONRAN**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **CONRAN**, of "Coorabelle", Westgate on Sea and 10 Egerton Gardens, London, SW., took place.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A W **GOUGH**, the Rev. M **JENOURE** and Father **CONRAN**.

The bride wore white satin veiled with chiffon and had a veil which formed a long square train of tulle, hemmed all around with large pearls.

The train bearer was Lady Cynthia **NORTH**, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Guildford and there was also four bridesmaids – Miss Nancy **CONRAN** (sister of bride), the Hon. Margaret **UPTON** (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Essex **GUNNING** (cousin of the bridegroom, and Miss Betty **ASH** – all in white Georgette with pale pink ribbon waistbands, their hats being of Parma violet straw and velvet with bands studded with pink and white blossoms.

The best man was Captain **WIGHTWICK**, East Kent Mounted Rifles, and a detachment of non-commissioned officers of the corps attended.

Among those present were Mrs **CONRAN**, Lord and Lady **TEMPLETOWN**, the Earl and Countess of Winchelsea, the Earl and Countess of Guildford, the Hon. And Mrs John **BOYLE**, Sir Edward **PAGET**, Sir Simeon **STUART**, Sir George and Lady **EARDLEY-WILMOT**, Lady Kitty **VINCENT**, Lieut-Col. and Mrs Henry **WARDE**, Col. and Mrs **WARDE**, the Marquis and Marchioness of **SARZANO**, Lady **WHITE** and Miss **WHITE**, Miss Alexander, the Misses **WARDE**, Sir G **HEYTON**, and Lady **CHUBB**, Lord Frances **HARVEY**, Miss **BEVAN**, Mrs G **MARSHALL** and Mrs Wakefield **SAUNDERS**, Mrs **DENSIES**, Sir Thomas and Lady **ROBINSON**, Sir Claude and Lady de **CRESPIGNE**, Countess de **POURTALES**, Sir John and Lady **SMYLEY**, Major and Mrs Claude **ROME**, Col. and Mrs **GRANT**, Mrs **LUGARD**, Mrs N **ARMYTAGE**, Capt. and Miss **FAIRBAIRN**, Comr. **GIBBS** RN, Admiral and Mrs **DAVIS**, Sir Chas. and Lady **WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM**, Miss **FAWCETT**, General and Mrs Simpson **BAIKIE**, Col. and Mrs C **LEE**.

A reception was afterwards held at 10 Egerton Gardens.

(picture available of the bride)

APPEAL ALLOWED

ECHO OF RAMSGATE CONVICTION

This appeal of William Henry STROUD, the licensee of the Royal Oak Hotel, came before the Recorder (Mr Patrick **ROSE-INNES**) at Sandwich Quarter Sessions on Friday.

The appellant was fines 40s., it will be remembered, by the Ramsgate magistrates for the alleged offence of supplying whisky during a period in which the sale of such liquor was suspended by the Justices Order.

At Sandwich, Mr A H **BODKIN**, instructed by the Town Clerk (Mr A **BLASDALE_CLARKE**) was the counsel for the police, while Mr G Thorn **DRURY**, K.C., and Mr Cecil W **LILLEY** instructed by Messrs. **ROBINSON** and **ALLFREE**, Ramsgate, were for the appellant.

The prosecuting counsel outlined the order under which the prosecution was taken; and handed a copy of the order to the Recorder. He referred to the grounds on which the appellant based his appeal, and dealt with the circumstances, which were fully reported in our columns. He entered largely into the legal points of the case, making a comparison between the temporary Act with the 1910 Consolidation Act.

Detective-Sergt. **DUFF** repeated the evidence given at the Ramsgate Court, and told how he saw a Margate man sitting on a stool at the corner of the bar, the appellant being behind the counter. This gentleman had in front of him two glasses, one containing some water and the other a yellow liquid. Appellant claimed the whiskey, which was in one of the glasses as his own drink. The other glass was claimed by the other gentleman.

Cross-examined by Mr G Thorn **DRURY**, witness explained the position of the two glasses and the two men.

Counsel went on to submit that there was no case to answer, and said the matter was of the simplest. His submission was that there was no evidence of any sale at all.

Counsel for each side entered fully into the points of the order as interpreted or inferred.

The Recorder, dealing with the facts of the case referring to the evidence of Detective-Sergt. **DUFF**, said the question was whether that officer was entitled to infer what he did and whether the magistrates were entitled to convict on that inference.

He also entered fully into the points of the law as interpreted in the order and other Acts.

Eventually the Recorder said that the appeal would be allowed.

The question of the costs was then considered and Mr G Thorn **DRURY**, strongly opposed the idea of a man in the position of his client, whose solicitor had put forward a contention which was held to be a sound one, being mulcted in costs.

Ultimately it was ordered that each side should pay their own costs.

STATION TRAGEDY

MARGATE LADY'S DEATH IN LONDON

Last week, Dr **WALDO** (coroner) held an inquest at the Southwark Coroner's Court on the body of Mrs Henrietta **CLARKSON**, aged 59 years, a widow of independent means, lately residing at The Cottage, 16 Victoria Avenue, Northdown, Margate.

Phoebe **THURLING**, a sister living at 27 Ethelbert Road, Margate, identified the body, and said that deceased suffered from heart trouble and had been terrified since the air raid in the early part of the year, and was afraid to go to bed at night. She would sit up till the early hours of the morning; she was very much upset. Witness last saw her alive three weeks ago, when deceased told her that she was going up to London to stay with some friends at Streatham.

The Coroner: I suppose she had been under a medical man.
Witness: Oh yes; she was under Dr **PINNEGAR**, of Margate.

Alfred Edward **TREE**, of 71 Thornton Avenue, Streatham, stated that the deceased, who was a distant relative, came up to stay with him on Saturday July 14th, when she arrived she appeared greatly agitated – in fact in almost a collapsed state which he attributed to the heat of the journey from Margate. She was much troubled about bombs, but got much better and was able to sleep at night. Shortly after 4.30 last Saturday afternoon she left the witness's house to go and spend a short time with some friends at Dartford. Witness saw her off at

Streatham Hill Station to go to London Bridge. Later in the day he was informed by police of her death.

Anne **PERKS**, a cleaner at London Bridge Station, stated that at 5.40. on Saturday night she saw deceased standing at No.7 platform with a travelling basket in her hand. She asked her to carry it for her as she suffered from heart disease. Witness walked her as far as the barrier on the S.E. and C. Railway side of the station, and took her ticket for Dartford. Upon turning round she saw that deceased, whom she had left standing with her back to the wall in the booking office, had slid down and was sitting on the floor. Witness raised her up and found that she was in an unconscious state. A glass of water was procured, but deceased was unable to take it.

The Coroner: I suppose you gave her plenty of air.
Witness: Yes, and all her clothing was unfastened at the neck.
The Coroner: Why did you not get some brandy.
Witness: The refreshment bar was closed and you could not procure it unless you called a police constable. It was then too late.

Arthur **DUCKETT**, a letter carrier at London Bridge Station, stated that he conveyed deceased to Guy's Hospital on an ambulance. Upon arriving there life was pronounced extinct.

Dr J **DRYDEN**, who made a post-mortem examination, stated that the cause of death was syncope from heart disease.

The Coroner: Would it be accelerated by shock? We are told that she was dreadfully afraid.
Witness: It is probable.

The jury returned a verdict according to the medical evidence.

A BURIED BUFF

RAMSGATE N.C.O.'s NARROW ESCAPE

A Ramsgate N.C.O., in the person Lance-Corporal W **BOWYER**, of the Buffs, had a narrow escape, in the trenches a short time ago.

He is now in the 4th London Hospital, Camberwell, recovering from shell shock as the result.

Seen by his father, Mr **BOWYER**, of 121 High Street, Ramsgate, he detailed that whilst he was in the trenches a shell burst close to him, wrecking a portion of the parapet and burying him.

Fortunately a trench support fell across his body, supported by the sides of the trench, and prevented the full weight of the earth pressing upon him.

His comrades set to work to dig him out, but a considerable period had elapsed before they were successful.

When at last he was freed, he found that a piece of the shell had cut through his clothing but deflected by the buckle of his braces, left him uninjured.

Lance-Corporal **BOWYER**, who is making a good recovery, was formerly employed at a Thanet Branch of the International Stores.

VISIT OF POPULAR COMEDIAN

The visit of George **MOZART** (London's famous comedian) to the West Cliff Concert Hall, on Saturday August 12th, should prove a very popular engagement.

This clever comedian is specially renowned in this thumbnail sketches from everyday life. There will be two performances at 3 and 8 p.m., and Mrs George **MOZART** will be assisted by Miss Katie **LIDBETTER** and the Ramsgate Municipal Orchestra.

Solomon, the marvellous boy pianist, who has been the rage of musical London for the past few seasons, will appear on the evening of Thursday August 17th, at the West Cliff Concert Hall.

For a boy of thirteen years of age, Solomon has a wonderful repertoire, which includes nearly all the great pianoforte concertos and solo pieces. He has appeared frequently in London and throughout the provinces.

Mr O **HELL**, of West Virginia, was rejected for the United States Army at Wichita, Kansas, a few days ago.

The Port of London Authority have made a grant of £250 towards the fund for providing food and clothing for members of their staff who are prisoners of war in Germany.

Darwin's ideas of evolution as interpreted by German minds were responsible for the war, according to the Rev. Dr. John A **EATON**, of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, of New York.

The Royal Patriotic Fund has distributed £3,300 at Portsmouth to 470 widows, 680 orphans, and 109 mothers distressed by the Jutland battle bereavements.

THANET CHUMS

KILLED BY SAME SHELL

No more poignant story of the tragedies caused by the war is recorded than that surrounding the death in action of two Ramsgate lads, aged respectively 19 and 21 years.

They were Graham Lewis **FOREMAN** and Reginald **BINGHAM**, who for some years lived together. The home of the former was at Dumpton, his father being well known as a master baker and confectioner with premises in King Street.

Private **BINGHAM**'s mother lives at Manston.

They were inseparable pals in play during their boyhood and when they attained the age when it was time to begin the battle of life both entered the postal service as telegraph

messengers and although for a time unable to work from the same office, they spent their leisure hours in each others company.

The former was employed at the Broadstairs Post Office, whilst the other worked from the Ramsgate “General”.

Ultimately both rose to the position of postmen and succeeded in being appointed at the Broadstairs Office together, where **FOREMAN** covered the Kingsgate round and his friend the town.

As soon as was possible after the outbreak of war they secured their release from duty and together enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, in which they were posted to the same company.

Together they went to the Front, and in the trenches through various engagements fought alongside each other.

The commencement of the great offensive just over a month ago saw them both still alive and well.

They were together when a shell burst close by. Private **FOREMAN** was killed outright and his chum was so severely wounded that he died shortly after arrival in hospital.

FOREMAN who was educated at St George’s School, was for some time a choirboy at St George’s Church.

By a strange coincidence a Ramsgate man, Private **LAMBERT**, of the R.A.M.C., was engaged at the hospital where **BINGHAM** succumbed and he writes to tell the late soldiers relatives that he passed peacefully away.

The ***** intimation which Private **FOREMAN**s relatives have received of his demise is from one of the young fellows comrades in the Gordon Highlanders, who adds that the chums were two of the finest chaps he knew.

(**** paper worn away so unreadable)

(pictures available)

PRICE OF MILK

A CONSUMERS’ DEFENCE LEAGUE ?

We have received the following letter from a correspondent who signs himself “Consumer”. The letter is headed “Excessive Prices of Milk” and reads :- “As a consumer with many others, I have received a printed form from the Isle of Thanet Dairymen’s Association demanding 1d per quart more for milk. Remembering that it is not many months ago since the same demand was made, and upon the same plea, I am strongly of an opinion that it is high time the consumers formed what might be called “A Consumer’s Defence League”, and thus show to these associations who meet and fix the prices that the public shall pay, that the consumers after all have something to say in the matter. “Every householder should join, and then drastic action could be decided by those who have to pay. These associations are not so far removed from trusts, and include practically all food supplies that are used.

"For my own part, I have refused to pay the price, and would suggest that others follow, and at once give the Milk Association a rest for a month, practice a little self denial and as a substitute use condensed milk. The treatment should be meted out to others and it would soon alter matters.

"When the Soap Trust a few years ago endeavoured to dictate prices to the public, they soon woke up, and the Trust, as such, fell to pieces.

"The same would occur now if the public will bestir themselves. The continued, and in many instances, undue inflation of prices is having a serious effect in many homes, where with all of the increased piling up, the expenditure is not met on the other hand by increased wages. If the public would arouse themselves and take the matter up all round against the ever-increasing prices, and above all, refuse to purchase, things would soon be vastly different – all that is required is serious self-denial. Give milk a rest, then bacon, butter, meat and fruit and vegetables, and when necessary, anything else.

"All the time we, as consumers, stand these associations dictating what we must pay, it will continue".

KENT VOLUNTEER REGIMENT

"C" CO. (BROADSTAIRS & S. PETER'S)
ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

Officer on duty: Platoon-Commander **SMITH**
Orderly sergeant: Sergt **BENNETT**
Orderly corporal: Corpl. **WARREN**

TUESDAY – Drill at The Banks. 8 p.m.
THURSDAY – Battalion parade: fall in at Orlehar at 7.15 p.m.
SUNDAY - Parade at The Banks. 3 p.m.

NOTE. – The Band will attend on Thursday

CHAS. S **REED**, Coy Commander.

A FOOLISH BATHER

An unknown bather who disregarded the warnings given him by a Ramsgate bathing station attendant, owes his life to the promptitude with which Edward GISBY, the attendant in question, entered the water and hauled him out.

The incident, which occurred at the Corporation bathing station while the tide was rising at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, was witnessed by many other bathers and people on the sands.

"MUSIC MAD"

PRACTICALLY DEAD TO THE WORLD

MAN WHO HAS NOT READ A PAPER FOR TWO YEARS

Walter **YELLIN** – who previously had given the name of Harold **CLAVER** – was brought up on remand before Captain **HIGGINS**, R.N., and other magistrates, at the Cinque Ports Police Court, Margate, on Saturday, on the charge of being an alien, under circumstances which were reported in our last issue.

Mr W James **VARCOE**, solicitor, of London, appeared on behalf of the defendant.

Mr **VARCOE** said that the defendant had been personally known to him for a long time. For some time now he had been in a state of very delicate health. Some time back he offered to join the Army but had been rejected for medical reasons. He was blind in his right eye, which also affected the sight of the other eye. By profession he was a music composer, and was a member of the Incorporated Association of Composers. Practically he had no knowledge of what was going on in the outside world, being so obsessed with matters musical. For the last two years he had not so much as even read a newspaper. In fact, he took no interest in anything except music. As everyone was aware, the condition of professions of all kinds were nothing near as flourishing as they were before the war. At the present he had secured a contract with a London firm to provide the music for new drama, to be staged at no distant date. The moral of the piece was the downfall of the enemies of the Allies.

As his health was anything but good, he thought he would select a quiet spot where he could do his composing undisturbed. For this reason he selected Broadstairs. The night before he left Broadstairs he came to see him, but it never occurred to him to ask if he had got his identification papers all right. He had taken that for granted.

It was quite true what defendant had stated at previous Court that he had been born in Manchester. His father was of Russian nationality, but his mother was an Englishwoman. To all intents and purposes the defendant was an Englishman. He was in his twenty-second year.

Frequently he had suffered from memory lapses, and sometimes was wrong in his facts. Both his parents were alive and his father was a naturalised British subject.

Respectfully he asked the Bench to allow him to take the defendant back to London. He would be entirely responsible for him and would see on his arrival there that he was placed with friends under suitable conditions.

Inspector **FORD** said no documentary evidence as to these statement had been forthcoming, although he had every reason to believe that they were true. Defendant since he had been in custody had rendered him every facility that was possible. All the same, however, he thought the wisest course would be to remand him on bail.

Mr **VARCOE** further pointed out that defendant was a member of the Academy of Music, to which only British born subjects were eligible for membership. Before the admission of anyone into the membership of the Academy most delicate investigations were made into the previous life of a candidate.

He suggested that if he was again remanded for proof of the statements made by documentary evidence that his own bail should be accepted.

Inspector **FORD** said he was quite agreeable to that course.

Defendant was then remanded till Thursday August 12th, and was bound over to appear on that date in his own recognisance.

A YEARS ILLNESS

DEATH OF A YOUNG TRAMWAY EMPLOYEE

The announcement of the death of Mr Reginald Arthur **HIGHT**, son of Mrs **RAYNER**, of Northdown Road, Margate and the late Mr Arthur **HIGHT**, at the early age of eighteen years, will be received with deep regret by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The deceased was apprenticed to the Isle of Thanet Electric Lighting and Tramway Company, and was making most promising progress in the profession of his choice until stricken with illness just a year ago.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon last at Margate Cemetery, the burial service being conducted by the Rev. Canon **PRYOR**. The following mourners and friends were present at the graveside:

Mrs **RAYNER** (mother)
Mr **RAYNER** (step father)
Mr J **HIGHT** and Mr **MARSH** (grandfathers)
Mr **GIBBONS** (uncle)
Mr W H **SMITH**, Mrs **FISHER**, Mrs **MILES**, Nurse **SCOTT**, Mrs **WHEELER**, Mrs **WOODWARD**, Mrs **GIBBS**, and Minsr. **BECU**.

The following floral tributes were sent:-

The Company and staff of the Electric Light and Tramway Co. – wreath
Mother and Dad – harp with broken string
Little Bernie – wreath
Grandpa and Grandma **HIGHT** – wreath
Uncle Will and Aunt Jessie – wreath
Uncle Ernie and Aunt Beckie – wreath
Uncle Moss and Auntie May – cross
Uncle Will and Auntie Min – wreath
Grandma **MARSH** – cross
Mr W **SMITH** – wreath
Mrs **FISHER** – wreath
Mr and Mrs H B **SMITH** – wreath
Mr and Mrs C **LEWIS** – wreath
Mr and Mrs **MILSOME** and Elsie – wreath
Mrs **SOMERTON** and Bert – floral token
From his old pal Jack - anchor
Mr and Mrs Ted **GIBBONS** – wreath
Mr and Mrs **MILLER** – wreath
Mr and Mrs **STEDMAN** and family – crown
Mr and Mrs **COWEL** – wreath
Nurse **SCOTT** – wreath
Mrs **WOODWARD**, Kathy, Mr and Mrs **HEWETT**
Mrs **GIBBS**
Miss **VAUGHAN** – heart shaped cushion bearing the word “Reg”.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr A **WOODWARD**, of Zion Place.

HEARTFELT THANKS

TO LOCAL BRANCH OF RELIEF FUND

Judging by a statement made at a meeting of the Ramsgate branch of the Prince of Wale's Fund Committee, it is apparent that there are a number of local residents who are unaware of the existence of the local branch.

In view of the fact it might be mentioned that the sub-committee meets at Charlotte Cottage of York Street, every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 11 o'clock to deal with all applications for relief.

Mr T J **GROOM** states: " Since the last report issued by my Committee they have again had a number of new applicants seeking relief. The greater proportion of those who are in receipt of help are dependent upon letting apartments and the continued lack of visitors has in many instances seriously reduced their resources.

"My Committee propose to still continue to assist this class of applicant as they consider the fund was specially created to help those whose means of livelihood was injured by the war, and my Committee also recognise there are other sufferers whose income had been greatly diminished by the present conditions whose cases receive careful consideration and assistance.

"It is highly gratifying to record the numerous letters of heartfelt thanks that my Committee have in their possession, received from those who have had assistance. We have dealt with 650 cases and disbursed £2,178."

DAUGHTER OF DARKNESS

PICTURES AT THE STAR CINEMA

A picture which should be assured of a ready appreciation is that which is booked to tomorrow (Thursday) Friday and Saturday at the "Star" Cinema. This is "Little Lord Fauntleroy", the charming story by Mrs Francis Hodgson **BURNETT**.

The picture for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be "The Daughter of Darkness" an extraordinary story of a variety actress who craved excitement and found it in crime.

Success attended her efforts. She became the "daughter of darkness". It became notable that when Emilie, the quick change artiste visited a town coincidentally crimes took place.

This led a smart detective on to the trail, and it is in the chase that much of the excitement is occasioned. The daring work of the girl and her amazing impudence and effrontery, make up a series of escapades and adventures that mark her down as a criminal personality fully entitled to her unpleasant designation.

THANET ITEMS

WESTGATE

Guild Service

The Guild Service in connection with St Saviours Church, will be held on August 25th commencing at 7.p.m.

Drum Head Service

The usual drumhead service attended by the military was held in the grounds of the Wellington House School on Sunday morning. The address was delivered by the Rev. **EVANS**.

For the Lifeboat Institution

It is that as a result of the Lifeboat Flag Day, held at Westgate last week, the sum of £13 3s 6d was collected for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Helping the Farmer

The Vicar of St Saviours (the Rev. C P BANKS), has been on a short holiday, and has spent his time on the land making hay, picking fruit and milking cows for the good of the country and greatly to the benefit of his health.

Mackintosh Bathing.

The fine weather which has prevailed during the past week has brought a good number of visitors to Westgate. Although of course, there are not nearly as many as in normal times, there are more visitors to this charming little seaside resort than were expected. Bathing has been more feely indulged in many resorting to the practice of “mackintosh bathing”.

Parcels for Jack and Tommy.

The Westgate committee for sending parcels to local men on active service still continue in their good work – a work which is greatly appreciated by the men as is exemplified by the numerous letters of thanks which have been received. Recently parcels were sent to the following:- Pte. A **EADE**, Pte. A E **HUCKSTEP**, Lce-Cpl. Victor **SANDWELL**, Pte. G F **WINSON**, Sgt. R **JARMAN**, Ptes. F **BING**, A **MORRIS**, A **MEDHURST**, H **MEDHURST**, P **MEDHURST**, F **POTTER**, A **REEVES**, E S **LARKIN**, A L **BRADLEY**, Herbert **MEDHURST**, R **REEVES**, G A **ACOTT**, Gunner A E **MOCKFORD**, Trooper George **MARTIN**, Gunner S **MARTIN**, Corporal Fred **PARRIS**, Sapper B **TIBBLE**, Gunner A **HALSEY** and Sergt. F D **HIAMS**.

Billiard Champion’s Visit.

An interesting billiard match of 600 up was played at the Westgate Club last week between the English billiard champion, Mr M **INMAM**, and Second-Lieut. **WALKER**, of the Scots Rifles. **INMAN** conceded his opponents 400 points. Both cueists were in good form and some fine shots were witnessed. Although Sec-Lieut **WALKER** put up a good fight, the champion proved too much for him, and succeeded in winning by 103 points, the final scores being 600 – 497. At the close of the game, Mr **INMAN** gave an exhibition of fancy shots. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr **INMAN** and Sec-Lieut **WALKER** on the motion of the Chairman of the Club (Mr **SETTERFIELD**). Proceeds were in aid of the funds of the British Sportsmen’s Ambulance and to help the wounded soldiers in Westgate.

At the Bandstand.

The military concerts at Westgate continue to be well supported. On Saturday there was a large attendance at the Coronation Bandstand, when the band of the 41st Provisional Batt.

submitted another enjoyable programme. Piper **MCEWAN** again delighted his audience with his excellent bagpipe selections. Ptes. **LISTER** and **WOODS** have become very popular with local audiences, and the items are invariably successful. Pte. **O'HALLORAN** – a dancer of unusual ability – was accorded a hearty reception and his contributions were greatly appreciated. Miss **SUTLER**, of Birchington, possesses a sweet voice, and she well merited the warm applause which rewarded her efforts. The programme was as follows: March "Action Front," Rimmer; bagpipe selection, Boy **MCEWAN**; duet, Ptes. **LISTER** and **WOODS**; selection, "Something Doing" Pethes; song, Miss **SALTER**; valse, "Tomorrow", **ANDERSON**; acrobatic dance, Pte. **O'HALLORAN**; selection "Classical Favoritte" Rimmer; song, Pte **WOODS**; bagpipe selection, Boy **MCEWAN**; song, Pte **LISTER**; intermezzo, "Firefly," Rimmer; song, Miss **SALTER**; acrobatic display, Pte. **O'HALLORAN**; march, "Steadfast and True", **DOUGLAS**.

In Memory of Fallen Heroes

A Service of an unusual character was held at Westgate on Sunday afternoon. The first portion of the service was held in St Saviours Church, when there was a large attendance of children with their parents and friends. The children brought gifts of eggs, fruit, flowers and vegetables, which were afterwards distributed to the wounded soldiers in the local hospitals. The Vicar gave an interesting and helpful address on "Duty". During the singing of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers", a procession was formed, headed by a member of the choir carrying the cross, the choir, the congregation and a boy carrying the Union Jack. The procession proceeded to the seashore, where a picturesque and touching service was held in honour of all those who had fallen in naval battles or otherwise died at sea. The service opened with the singing of the hymn "Eternal Father" after which the Vicar (Rev. C P **BANKS**), commended the souls of our sailors who had made the supreme sacrifice to God and offered thanks for the protection of our homes and land by the Navy. The hymn "Abide with Me", was feelingly sung by the choir and congregation. After the National Anthem the Vicar gave the Benediction and all of the children scattered flowers on the sea in memory of the departed men. The service, which was a deeply solemn and impressive one, was marked by a spirit of devotion by all of those who took part in it. At the close of the service the children and their parents proceeded to the local hospital and distributed their gifts to the wounded "Tommies", who greatly appreciated their kindness.

BIRCHINGTON

Lonely Soldier

Private S **PUFFETT** (5198), of the Buffs, a wounded inmate of Quex Park Hospital, Birchington would like to hear from any of his English friends, as he has unfortunately lost their addresses. Private **PUFFETT** hails from Sydney.

War Service.

The second anniversary of the declaration of war was observed by the holding of a special united intercessory service in the sports field of Woodford House at 12 o'clock noon. Business was suspended for an hour and the civilian population attended in large numbers. Unavoidable delays prevented the military and naval men from coming. Public bodied and friendly societies were represented, some wearing uniform and regalia. The Vicar (Rev H A **SERRES**, MA.), presided, and after a statement for reasons of holding the service, read the Russian Litany, the congregation responding. Scripture was read by Mr A **HODGES**, extempore prayer offered by Rev. E P **PERRY**, (Congregationalist) and the address given by Rev. E S **WICKS** (Wesleyan). A Combined choir, juvenile and adult, trained by Mrs **HOLLAND**, Miss **DAVIES** and Mr **LAMING**, led the singing, conducted by Mr **LAMING** and accompanied on the organ by Miss **WILES** and on the cornet by Pte. **COLYER**, R.A.M.C. A

collection, which amounted to £6. 13s. was taken in aid of the funds of the War Hospitals Depot and of the Parochial Nursing and Good Samaritan Work. A resolution in favour of the prosecution of this righteous war was unanimously passed.

Since the beginning of the war 615 past and present students of University College Hospital and Medical School have joined the Navy and Army. Of these, eleven have died in the service of the country. The honours gained include on K.C.M.G., seven C.M.G.s, five C.B.s, one V.C. (and clasp), six D.S.O.s, one Legion of Honour, while fifty-three have been mentioned in despatches – seven of these twice.

SUMMER FETE

A DAY OF ENJOYMENT AT RAMSGATE

The gala and fete on Thursday, arranged in aid of the Canadian entertainment funds, must be credited as one of the successes of the season's entertainments. Glorious sunshine prevailed.

Ellington Park looked charming in its mid-summer dress. The Canadians and other visitors gratified the residents by their expressions of appreciation at this beauty spot of the town.

Arranged on popular lines, at a popular price, the gala went right merrily. The informal character of the arrangements made for general enjoyment. As a Canadian remarked, there was "no starch but plenty of nice people". Wounded soldiers in hospital garb and service men in blue and khaki were present in large numbers.

The Panotettes Concert Party gave a smart programme. Their numbers included many popular successes, and left no room for a man with a grievance or a gloomy outlook. The artistes were supplemented by some exceptionally able entertainers, Capt. **PEQUENAT** being of the number.

Ramsgate Municipal Orchestra, under Mr J B **HASTINGS**, was augmented by the Granville Canadians.

Mr Lorne **WALLETT**, an eminent singer, delighted the audience by his Scotch contributions, while later he recounted some Scotch stories which were worth preserving.

The Canadian Military Band, 90th Batt. (Winnipeg) under Bandmaster **BARRACLOUGH**, rendered selections of music which by their gaiety and popularity delighted the large crowd, and made a big appeal to the passers-by.

UNDER THE TREES

Under the fine old trees of Ellington Park (now in heavy foliage) there was a bowling alley, at which great deeds were done. "three balls a penny, and a prize for the highest scorer during the day!"

One really must get in a word of praise for the band of clowns whose antics provided so much merriment. They would take the "shine" from many of the funny men of the ring who were wont to tell stories to the fairies on horseback.

Perhaps the tit-bit of the gala was the dancing. Mr J W **TWIGG**, an experienced man on the dancing lawn, was assisted by service men, and a merry throng of dancers came under their control. Mr H C **CHILD** worked with wonderful energy in the same direction.

And what dances! Military two-steps, lancers, and waltzes. And what hot faces; and what mopping with handkerchiefs; and what comments from the crowd. Everybody was enjoying the show.

And when it was all over and everybody had left in good time, what words of praise for the management, Mr Rupert J **COSTERTON** deserves thanks for the cheap entertainment on approved lines.

There was a big run on the tea tent (or kiosk) for teas and ices and a late arrival who inquired for a programme found that thousands had anticipated him. Everything was sold out.

The offertories at the Westgate Parish Church on Sunday amounted to £8 3s.

In the Sunderland recruiting area there is still a rush of men into the munition shops. The men secure exemption from the tribunals and either before or at the expiration of the term of exemption they become badged men.

WITH THE "BUFFS"

"WAR DRAGON" REMINISENCES

We are in receipt of a copy of the 2nd edition (July issue) of "The War Dragon", the regimental gazette of "The Buffs" (East Kent Regiment).

Many matters of interest to members of the various battalions are published therein. The news from the battalions draws a deal of attention, for in addition to giving current details of the work carried on, photographs of striking clearness and more than usual interest are included.

Among the "Records of the Battalion" is an article signed by "A.W.E." – most of the boys will recognise the initials – in reference to the many trials of the sixth Battalion prior to proceeding abroad on that memorably hot day, the first of June 1915.

The article will probably be read by every member of the remnants of the Battalion, and it will conjure up many memories, some of strenuous times, some of a very tender character.

Recalling one particular incident in the annals of the Battalion – the visit to Canterbury Cathedral prior to the departure for Aldershot – when there was not a single man of the "Sixth" who was not eager to get amongst the fighting, it is interesting to reproduce the following extract received by the writer (I almost used the word "Colonel") from an old Buff officer:- "I cannot say how delighted I was with the appearance of your regiment. It was simply magnificent. Candidly, I do not think I ever saw a finer body of men in any battalion since I joined the 1st Battalion in Cawnpore in '78. They were a fine lot, averaging thirteen years service, but I think your lot even topped them".

Few are left to remember the care and attention that was devoted to appearances on that occasion, or to remember the sweltering heat, as proud in the knowledge that their regiment

was privileged to parade the City of Canterbury with fixed bayonets, they marched past the admiring crowds that lined every thoroughfare.

The battalion was then practically in its infancy as regards training and as “W.A.E.” remarks £whatever were the impressions gained by us in later days in the trenches abroad, never shall we forget the Hartford Bridge sample, and the second “E” of EvErsley is indelibly stamped on the memories of one and all”.

We trust that in the next issue “W.A.E.” will let us have something from life overseas, when doubtlessly he will have something to say in remembrance of “MOTOR CAR CORNER” and the various other points of assembly which became familiar to the “Sixth”.

In the article dealing with the exploits of the 8th Battalion during training, a very amusing story of the first work of formation is recalled, dealing with the “lack of clobber, in the Quarter blokes stores”.

Including as it does various other articles of topical interest “The War Dragon”, which is published monthly at a subscription rate of 5s. per year for officers and 2s 6d. for N.C.O.’s and men, should soon become a publication to be eagerly awaited and we compliment the Editor and those concerned in its inauguration on its excellence.

At the meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters at Cheltenham on Monday, the president said that 100,000 members had responded to the call for men, and that 92,400 were now serving with the colours.

LARGE CROWD

AT SUCCESSFUL MILITARY SWIMMIMG GALA

It was a happy idea of the officers and men of the 41st Provisional Battalion to have a regimental swimming gala at Westgate, and Saturday proved an ideal afternoon on which to hold it.

Large numbers of residents and visitors were attracted to the West Bay, and long before the commencement of the events the promenades were crowded with interested spectators, among whom were a large number of ladies.

The excellent programme which had been arranged was much appreciated and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. There were a large number of entries for the events, all of which were keenly contested.

The boys in Khaki showed that they were equally at home in the water as on the land, and some fine swimming and diving was witnessed.

The chief race of the afternoon was the 220 yards. There were four entrants for this event, and an exceedingly close and interesting swim resulted.

In arranging the programme, the promoters of the gala did not forget the humorous element. The duck hunt evoked much laughter. For this event a live duck was let loose on the water and the competitors were set the task of catching it. This did not prove as easy as it looked. The bird entered fully into the fun, and it was some little time before one of the soldiers succeeded in “netting” it.

Another item which caused much hilarity was the greasy pole. To walk across a well-greased pole is no easy task, and not one of the entrants succeeded in doing so. Pte. **METCALFE**, however managed to get half way along before he slipped, and he was awarded the prize.

Appended is the complete list of heat and prizewinners.

25 yards (Novices):- 1. Pte. **SHEPHERD**; 2 Lieut **DOUGHAM**; 3 Pte. J C **COWARD**.

25 yards (open):- Heat 1, Drummer **WOOD**; heat 2, Pte. S **TAYLOR**; heat 3, Pte. **MOUNT**; heat 4, Lieut **JONES**; heat 5, Pte. **MEREDITH**. Final – 1 Pte. **TAYLOR**; 2 Drummer **WOOD**; 3 Lieut **JONES**.

Diving:- Pte. **HOWSON**.

Team Race:- 1 "A" Coy.; 2 "D" Coy.

Greasy Pole:- Pte. **METCALFE**.

50 yards (open):- 1 Pte. **TAYLOR**; 2 Pte **WADE**; 3 Drummer **WOOD**.

Egg and Spoon Race:- 1 Pte. **HAYES**; 2 V S **GRAY** (R.N.A.S.).

220 yards:- 1 C.S.M. **HORNE**; 2 Pte. **WADE**; 3 Pte. **LORD**.

Duck Hunt:- Pte. S TAYLOR.

Major J H **KEEN** kindly acted as umpire, and the other officials were: Judges, Lieut. **BRADLEY**, C.Q.M.S. **MORTIMER**, C.S.M. **SIMMONDS**; starters, C.S.M. **NESBITT**, Sergt. **DONNELLY**, Pte. **FARRIMOND**, Pte. W **JACKSON**; stewards, Sergt. **LONGHORN**, Sergt. **MASIITER**, C.Q.M.S.**OWEN**; megaphone, R.Q.M.S. **BENSON**, R.L.; timekeeper, 2 Lieut. **NIVEN**.

The prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Colonel W **COMPTON HALL**, V.D., at the evening Band concert.

"Mother Day", which was inaugurated by Mr J A **WHITEHEAD**, was a big success. In every part of the country it has been taken up by the mayors of various towns, and the proceedings at Mr **WHITEHEAD**'s home, near Richmond, were marked by charming scenes. Wounded soldiers, officers and privates enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Many mothers came from London in motorcars.

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Ministerial.

During the absence from the parish of the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs (the Rev. L L **EDWARDS**), for the month of August, the Rev. R E C **ROOMDLE-COCQ** is officiating at the services of the church.

Organ Recital

The first organ recital, as arranged for the month of August at St Peter's Church by Mr Harold **OSMOND**, F.R.C.O., will take place today at 5.30 p.m. The offertories at these recitals will be given to the funds of the local V.A.D. Hospitals.

Reminders from Home

Parcels were dispatched last week to the following St Peter's men serving with the colours: Sapper **WHITE**, Pte. **MORGAN**, Sergt. **MACDONALD**, Bandsman **MACDONOUGH**, Pte N **FASHAM**, Sergt. **SMITH**, Sergt **ARDRAY**, Corpl. **BRETT**, Pte **FISHER**, Pte R H **MILLER**, Sergt. **ROBINSON**, Pte G **STRINGER**, Pte G **BRYDEN**, Lance-Corpl. **CROZIER**, Gunner **HEWITT**, Pte **JORDAN**, Pte W S **JORDAN**, Pte J **HOUST**, Pte F **BAKER**, Pte J **SILK**, Sapper **HEPTON**.

Khaki Service

At the Wesleyan Church, St Peter's on Sunday evening the service was conducted by men serving in his Majesty's Forces. The preacher was Private **WILLIS**, who gave an excellent discourse on "The Eternal God is our refuge or home." Vocal solos were given by Private **HETHERALL**, whilst Private **SMITH** presided at the organ. There was a good civilian congregation present, in addition to many lads serving with the colours.

"In Dear Old England Again"

In our columns last week we recorded that Private Frank **HACKETT**, of the Royal Fusiliers, whose home is at Trinity Square, Reading Street, had been wounded in action whilst serving with the Expeditionary Force on the Western Front. Since then his mother has received a letter in which he says: "I am glad to be able to tell you that I have arrived in dear old England. I was wounded in the head, but don't worry as I am going on well. The fighting has been terrible. I have to keep to my bed, but the kindness of the doctor's and nurses is great." Private **HACKETT** is under treatment at the Racecourse Hospital, Cheltenham.

Forthcoming Flag Day

Another flag day has been promised for Broadstairs, during this month, the proceeds of which will be in aid of a fund for providing the necessitous poor of Broadstairs and St Peter's with coal during the winter months. Both residents and visitors have shown a benevolent spirit at various times during the war when flag days have been held for raising funds for various good causes, and the forthcoming effort will no doubt attain the same high standard of support. We have been asked to mention by Dr F **BRIGHTMAN** (as chairman of the Urban District Council) that a meeting will be held at the Council Offices tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock to make arrangements for the coal flag day, when the attendance of ladies who would be willing to assist in the work of collection etc., is particularly requested.

Twenty-two Years' Service

This week the Rev. John T **CASTLE** completes his twenty-second year's ministry at St Peter's Baptist Church. Since his connection with this historic church which dates back to the closing years of the seventeenth century, when its first home was in the chalk pit at the Shallows, he has enjoyed the full confidence of his congregation by his earnest and

enthusiastic work. For the past ten years he has acted as hon. minister secretary of the Kent and Sussex Baptist Association, and for thirteen years the hon. secretary of the Canterbury District of that association. At present he is a member of the local War Emergency Committee and also doing duty with the special constables, being one of the first to be sworn in on the formation of this force. On Sunday special anniversary services will be held at the church, when the Rev. **CASTLE** will be the preacher. Madame Annie **RYALL** is also summoned to render some vocal solos.

Reported Missing.

News has just reached Broadstairs that Private R **TURNER**, of the Buffs, has been officially reported missing after an engagement of July 13th. Private TURNER was a native of Lydd, but for three years was employed by Mr G **FOORD**, hairdresser of Harbour Street, Broadstairs, and was familiarly known amongst the boatmen and residents as "Curly". He joined the colours in September 1914, and in 1915 was wounded in action and sent to Cheltenham. On being discharged from hospital he paid a flying visit to the town of his adoption prior to proceeding to the Front for the second time, in June of this year. In a letter to Mr **FOORD**, his mother at Lydd asks: "Do you know of any friends of his in the same regiment, so that I could try and get any further news? I should be glad to hear that he is safe." We are sure that appeal will not be in vain. There are many local lads serving in the same regiment as Private **TURNER**, and a letter from them would be most welcomed.

Entertained the Wounded.

A concert was given on Thursday by the Les Chansonnier Jayeux Concert Party (composed of local ladies and gentlemen) to the wounded soldiers now undergoing treatment at Fairfield V.A.D. Hospital. The programme submitted was much enjoyed, and each artist received hearty applause. While the last concerted item was being given the ladies of the company threw cigarettes and flowers to the patients. The following was the programme submitted: Opening chorus, "Songsters gay are we," the Party; song, "Had I but known," Mr E S **ROLAND** (Encore "Friend of Mine"); comedy song, "Kentucky Home" Miss N **HARMAN** (encore "Michigan"); song, "There's only one England," Miss G **HOOKING** (encore "Until"); humorous song, "History," Mr R **SPALDING-WRAY** (encore, "Ring o' Roses"); song "Laddie in Khaki," Miss M **MAY** (encore "When you come home"); concerted item, "Follow the crowd along," the Party; pianoforte solo, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Miss **BANHAM**; song, "Tommy Lad, " Mr E S **ROLAND** (encore "Mountain Lovers"); comedy duet, "Marie Louise," Miss M **MAY** and Mr R **SPALDING-WRAY**; song, "Life's garden of roses," Miss G **HOOKING** (encore "Sympathy"); comedy song "Pack up your Troubles, " Miss N **HARMAN**; song, "there's a long long trail," Miss M **MAY**; humorous song, " I feel so lonely," Mr R **SPALDING-WRAY**; concerted, "Its Tulip time in Holland," the Party.

Growing Medicinal Herbs

Some weeks ago a paragraph appeared in this journal recommending cottagers and allotment holders to grow medicinal herbs, which are greatly needed owing to the supply from Hungary and Serbia being cut off by war. Our contributor had had many inquiries about growing and drying these herbs, and among others from those holding allotments in Broadstairs. Through the kindness of Mr A **FOSTER**, architect, High Street, Broadstairs, our contributor intends to grow many of the herbs required on a plot of land on the Vale Garden Estate and will be able to distribute them to those who are willing to try their culture. As some of these plants are wild in the district, their culture is easy, and the drying process is very simple. Many of these seeds can be sown at the end of this month or the beginning of next, and the plants will be full-grown next summer. The Board of Agriculture London will send their leaflet No. 288 on "The Cultivation and Collection of Medicinal Plants in England." Post-free on application. This mentions the herbs chiefly required, and also their growth, value and

method of preparation. The seeds of Blessed Thistle, Foxglove or Digitalis, Balm, Chamomile, Dill, Fennel, Horehound, Pennyroyal, Rue, Wormwood, Tansy, Dandelion can be obtained in penny packets. Some of the more poisonous plants, such as Deadly Nightshade, Henbane, Thornapple would have to be protected against children. Chamomile is especially recommended as it takes up but little space and can be used as a border plant. The value of the dried flowers is even now 3s. a pound, so it would pay well to grow them. Our contributor would be pleased to answer questions and give fuller information on the subject on receipt of a halfpenny postage stamp. His address is, Rev. H J **FRY**, Humara, Valle Road, Broadstairs.

Lord Kitchener Memorial Fund

It will interest our readers to know that under the auspices of the local War Relief Committee subscriptions will be gladly received by Lloyd's Bank.

Joined at Thirteen

Among the letters we have received in connection with our Souvenir Supplement "Roll of Honour" published on Saturday last, is one from a relative of Private Herbert **TAPPENDEN**, of Broadstairs, who related that he joined the Buffs when only thirteen years and six months old, and has been wounded. We congratulate the lad on his pluck and tender our compliments to his relatives at Broadstairs and Ramsgate.

Parishioners' Conference

At St Peters Vicarage on Monday evening a parishioners' conference in connection with the forthcoming National Mission was held. There was a fair attendance. The subject taken for consideration was "What we may expect of God," which was dealt with by the Vicar (the Rev C H S **MATTHEWS**). An interesting discussion followed. The next conference is fixed for August 28th, when the subject will be "The Christian Gospel".

Handsome Donation

During the past week fruit and vegetables for the minesweepers who came ashore at Broadstairs have been contributed by the following: Miss **CLARKE**, Mrs **SHERRED**, Mrs **MERRICK**, Mrs H **COOPER**, Miss **SEERS**, Mr **MASON**, Dr F **BRIGHTMAN**, Mrs **TOMLIN**, Miss **BEVAN**, Miss **DAWSON**, Mrs **WOODIN** and Mr **RICHARDSON**, besides several anonymous gifts. A cheque for £4 12s, has been sent by the congregation of Christ Church, Osborne Road and a donation kindly given by Miss **EVELING** which will be used to purchase fruit and vegetables on lean days. Contributions towards the collections will be gratefully received at Barfield House, Albion Street, Broadstairs and The Coves, St Peter's.

At Bohemia

During the past week the first rate entertainments given twice nightly by Mr Will **EDWARD's** Concert Party at Bohemia have been well patronised. All the members of the party acquit themselves in splendid fashion. The burlesques are a popular feature of the varied programmes. The humour of Mr Will **EDWARD**'s is of a refined and laughter provoking character, whilst the fine songs rendered by Mr Robt. **DENNANT** have met – as they always do – with notable success. The contributions from Maude **DAVIDSON** and Marian **RUTH** are effectively rendered, both artistes being accorded hearty applause. The sings by Miss Grace **EDWARDs**, a popular light comedienne of capably abilities, prove popular items, while Mr Alan **STAINER**, with his fried "Billy Buttons" is always looked forward to. At the piano is Mr Alfred **HALES**, a musician of the first order.

Mounted Police

An appeal has been made for men to join the East Kent Mounted Constabulary, into which the East Kent Mounted Scouts, V.T.C., has been organised by Colonel **WARDE**, Chief Constable of Kent. The force is under the Central Association and each member takes the special constable oath. The corps is to be armed and drilled as a mounted unit. Men who are able to ride a horse, motorcycle, or an ordinary bicycle are urgently needed, but the call is particularly for the former. Up to the present about thirty have joined up in Thanet. They attend drill and do patrol duty for four hours each night, besides having firing practice. Broadstairs can boast of having two local gentlemen answering the call, Mr E L **HARRISON** and Mr John **CLARKE**, whose first public appearance in uniform was made on Friday at the commemoration of the war service in Pierremont Park. Their smart military appearance was favourably commented upon. Further particulars can be obtained of the Inspector of Police, at the local Police Station.

Tommies' Thanks

Parcels were sent to the following local lads serving in the senior service last week; Stoker **HOLLANDS**, A W **TAYLOR**, G **BUGDEN**, W J **BUGDEN**, L S **LOVE**, R **MERRICK**, S **MAITLAND**, H **TOMLIN**, A W **HOLLANDS**, W **MILLER**, W R **GILLETT**, F T **MAY**, A **DACK**, C **DACK**, H G **EBBETT**, E A **CHAMPS**, E **COTTER**, M **COTTER**, H **DUNBAR**, T E **WESTCOTT**, H C **BEAK**, F **DAY**, E **BRENCHLEY**, H **FAGG**, W **TOMLIN**, W B **CLEMENTS**, W **ROBINSON**, the name of Mrs **HAMERTON** has been added to the list of subscribers. The Little League have received letters this week from Private A G **HARVEY** and S J **SHERRED**, testifying their thanks for the parcels sent them Private **HARVEY** writes : "I thank all the people from Broadstairs for what they are doing for our lads out here. Have heard that two lads from Broadstairs got wounded in our advance and hope they will succeed in getting home to Blighty. It is enough to drive anybody silly out here with the guns, which keep up a continuous fire all day". Private **SHERRED** says: "Thank everyone for welcomed parcel, which arrived safe and sound. We have been getting ready for our holiday, being given seven days at a change of air camp near ----. I have met quite a lot of Broadstairs men. namely **AYRES**, **ATTWELL**, **ISITT**, Mr **BOWDEN** (from the school), two Broadstairs postmen and Sergeant **DURSTAN**. We all had a jolly good day together, but unfortunately have again been parted, and hope to meet again soon, even if it is in dear old England".

Third Anniversary

The special services in connection with the third ministerial anniversary of the Rev. Chas. **COLE** at Queens Road, Baptist Church , Broadstairs were held on Sunday. Large congregations gathered morning and evening, including many visitors. Both sermons were listened to with rapt attention and the congregational singing was bright and hearty. Mrs **MCTAGGART** presided at the organ. At the evening service Mr **COLE** in the course of his sermon, drew attention to the happy relationship existing between the church and himself remarking that the three years in Broadstairs had been the happiest in his life. The finances received special attention during the day . Mr **COLE** announced that a friend of the church had offered £1 if nine others would do the same. To this the response was so hearty that £12 was accounted for, and when the cash collections were also added it was found that the day's offerings amounted to the generous sum of £17 11s 1d. There was, as we understand, the further sum of the evening Communion Service to be added. It was a very strenuous day for the minister who in addition to the two church services ,superintended the Sunday School and took a class of boys in the afternoon, in addition to singing a very beautiful solo at the evening service, entitled " Show me Thy Face". As the day coincided with the anniversary of his wedding, both he and Mrs **COLE** were the recipients of many hearty congratulations and good wishes.

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VARIED SPECIES

FORMER CURATES SEARCH FOR ”LIVE STOCK”

NARROW ESACAPE AT THE FRONT

Since the writing of his last letter to a friend at Broadstairs, which appeared in our issue of last week, the Rev. E W **TREVOR**, former curate of St Peter’s and now chaplain to a battalion of the Rifle Brigade with the British Expeditionary Force, has undergone more exciting experiences.

The chateau in which he was billeted was, on the day following his departure, plugged by a German shell and while proceeding to the trenches no less than five big shells hit the road fifty yards ahead of him.

In addition, he has gained the experience of bivouacing near the line and has learned how to “raise” livestock from his under clothing in the early morning and to distinguish the variation of the species of the same.

His very interesting letter reads:- “We are now in the thick of things again. On Sunday we were resting some miles away, and had quite good services. I celebrated at 7.30 in a cornfield. Pert of the crop had been cut, but most of it was still standing beautifully yellow with a scarlet poppy here and there. It was an ideal morning, the guns only rumbling faintly I the distance. About 120 men turned out and we had quite a good service. The men had to stand

during most of the service, as the cut corn was very uncomfortable, not to say painful, to kneel on. We sang two communion hymns – “We pray Thee, Heavenly Father,” and another one unaccompanied. Later in the morning I took a parade service and a voluntary one, and then we had to move off. We returned to the town where we had billeted before. We had an extraordinarily quiet night. I was billeted in a fine house which contained a lot of beautiful statuary and large mirrors. Books were lying about, apparently just as the inhabitants had left them. WE moved out the next day and curiously enough the Boches began almost at once to strafe the town again and put a shell through the house which had served as our headquarters. I am now lying on my “tummy” in a field which is a few miles from the lines. There is generally a great noise at night. A few shells have fallen in the neighbourhood, but none actually on our ridge.

“Yesterday I rode up to the lines with a man to see our fellows. Just as we were reaching our destination five big shells fell 500 yards from us straight in the middle of the road along which we were going. It was no good waiting about, so we put our horses into a canter and made a dash for it. We had reached the place where the shells had fallen, when in response to a whistle, we had to return some 100 yards and surrender our horses to a French soldier, who said the road was not safe for them. We continued on foot and reached our destination in safety. The Boches shelled this ridge intermittently all day, and later on hit a water cart in this place. I am sharing a little bivouac which consists of a large waterproof sheet, with two other men. It is quite interesting in the morning to discover what kind of “live-stock” our shirts etc., contain. I raised four or five different species today. In off moments I read Rupert **BROOKE**, but I have not much spare time for this.”

Second-Lieut. H C **MARCH** a Broadstairs officer serving with a Battalion of the London Regiment, who has had a narrow escape from death at the Front.

(picture available)

The Rev. C **COWLAND COOPER** who is leaving St Peter’s to take up a chaplaincy in the Army

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The Rev. E **SPENCER JONES**, who is leaving Broadstairs.

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That from the pen of Sir Benjamin S. Johnson on "Recuperative Possibilities after the War" indicates the deep interest which the writer has given to the question. Following a retrospect of the social anomalies in the country, he sums up his views of the future by the words: ". . . in the coming years the greater need of humanity will lie in the realm of spiritual and moral recuperation."

Naturally in a war number one expects to find the majority of the articles dealing with various phases of the conflict, but the mind of the reader is carried above the more sordid and every-day details to a higher sphere of thought, particularly by the article from the pen of Clara M. Codd, "The Birth of a New Age," which is very finely illustrated by photogravures from old paintings.

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Cannon Inn	,,	9 6	10 36	2 41	4 0	6 36	8 6	1d.
Chilton Arms	,,	9 12	10 42	2 47	4 12	6 42	8 12	2d.
St. Augustine's Golf Links	,,	9 18	10 48	2 53	4 18	6 48	8 18	4d.
Minster (Bell Inn)	,,	9 30	11 0	3 5	4 30	7 0	8 30	5d.
Monkton (New Inn) ...	,,	9 40	11 10	3 15		7 10		6d.
Sarre (King's Head) ...	,,	9 45	11 15	3 20		7 15		8d
Upstreet (Ship Hotel) ...	,,	9 55	11 25	3 30		7 25		10d.
Westbere Butts	,,	10 5	11 35	3 40		7 35		1/1
Sturry (Welsh Harp) ...	,,	10 10	11 40	3 45		7 40		1/2
Canterbury	arr	10 20	11 50	3 55		7 50		1/4
Canterbury (Westg'e T'rs)	dep	11 0	12 0	5 0		8 30		From
Boughton (Post Office) ...	dep	11 30	12 30	5 30		9 0		6d.
Faversham	arr	11 45	12 45	5 45		9 15		9d
,, Town Hall ...	dep	1 15	2 15	6 15				From
Sittingbourne	arr	2 0	3 0	7 0				6d.
Chatham	,,	2 55	3 55	7 55				1/5
Maidstone	,,	—	3 55	7 55				1/7

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LEAVING		Week-Days and Sundays.							Fare.
Maidstone	dep				2 0	4 0			
Chatham	,,		10 s o 0		2 0	4 0			From
Sittingbourne	,,		11 s o 0		3 0	5 0			1/-
Faversham	arr		11 s 0 45		3 45	5 45			1/7
,, Town Hall ...	dep	8 45	12 0		4 30	5 45			From
Boughton (Post Office) ...	dep	9 0	12 15		4 45	6 0			3d.
Canterbury	arr	9 30	12 45		5 15	6 30			9d.
Canterbury (Westg'e T'rs)	dep	10 45	2 0		5 15	8 5			From
Sturry (Welsh Harp) ...	,,	10 55	2 10		5 25	8 15			2½d.
Westbere Butts	,,	11 0	2 15		5 30	8 20			4d.
Upstreet (Ship Hotel) ...	,,	11 10	2 25		5 40	8 30			7d.
Sarre (Crown Inn)	,,	11 20	2 35		5 50	8 40			9d.
Monkton (New Inn) ...	,,	11 25	2 40		5 55	8 45			10d.
Minster (Bell Inn)	,,	11 35	2 50	5 15	6 5	8 55		9 40	1/-
St. Augustine's Golf Links	,,	11 46	3 1	5 21	6 11	9 1		9 46	1/1
Chilton Arms	,,	11 53	3 8	5 28	6 18	9 8		9 53	1/2
Cannon Inn	,,	11 59	3 14	5 34	6 24	9 14		9 59	1/3
Ramsgate Harbour ...	arr	12 5	3 20	5 40	6 30	9 20		10 5	1/4

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

Note.—We are pleased to insert bona fide announcements of births, marriages or deaths, but such announcements must in each case be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, otherwise they will not be inserted. Any person forwarding bogus announcements will be proceeded against.

BIRTHS.

STOCKDALE.—On August 6th, the wife of Dudley Bond Stockdale, of H.M.S. Loyal Star, of a a son.

MARRIAGES.

SCOTT—MILLS.—On August 3rd, at St. Lawrence Parish Church, Arthur T. Scott, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of Ramsgate, to Marjery M. Mills, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, of Ramsgate.

WENHAM—MANUEL.—On August 7th, at St. Peter's Parish Church, by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. S. Matthews), Thomas William Wenham, of Dover-road, Canterbury, to Minnie Bertha Manuel, daughter of Mrs. Stevens, of Shanklin-terrace, Broadstairs. 42

PERRY—JOHNSON.—On August 3rd, at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, by the Rev. T. Williams, Eustace Joslin Perry, son of Mrs. John Perry, Eldad House, Ramsgate, to Jessie Helen Johnson, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Johnson, of Harton Turham.

FOSTER—CONCONI.—On July 30th, at St. George's Church, Canterbury, by Col. Rev. C. Witt, Samuel Foster, of Canterbury, to Mary, only daughter of F. W. Conconi, of Ramsgate.

REYNOLDS—LAURENCE.—At St. John's Church, Margate, on July 22nd, William Henry Reynolds, of Whitstable, to Margaret (Maggie) Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Laurence, of Ramsgate.

SAVAGE—ATTRIDE.—On July 22nd, at Emmanuel Church, Margate, Joseph Alexander Savage, R.N.A.S., of Ramsgate, to Mabel Alice Attride, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Attride, formerly of Westgate-on-Sea.

DEATHS.

KNIGHT.—Killed in action, in France, on [illegible] Fort Garr, Horse, Alberta, Canada, eldest and dearly loved son of Mrs. and Alderman Woodhall, Canon-road, Ramsgate.

STROUD.—Private F. Stroud, of the 6th Buffs, aged 32, of 5, Townley-street, Ramsgate, been missing since July 3th. Joined up beginning of last October. Was previously employed by Mr. Stroud, of Royal Oak Hotel, for nine years.

HODGE.—On July 30th, at "Ingleton," Westgate-on-Sea, Hubert Hooper Hodge, aged 74 years.

PEEK.—Killed in action on July 14th, Herbert Thain Peek, Lieutenant, Durham Light Infantry, dearly loved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peek, West Green, London, and loving grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thain, Ramsgate.
"Out of the stress of the doing into the peace of the done."

WILMAN.—On July 10th, Cecil Leonard, aged 21 years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilman, "Windermere," Rawden-road, Ramsgate, 15th Royal Welsh Fusiliers (first London Welsh battalion), who was killed in action.
"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

GARNER.—Killed in action on July 5th, in Mesopotamia, Gunner W. H. Garner, R.F.A., in his 21st year.

Brave and beloved by mother, father sisters,
Brave and beloved by friends and comrades too;
Passed from the field of war to join the others:
Hail and farewell we utter now to you.

MR. and MRS. RAYNER, of Northdown-road, Margate, desire to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown to them in their bereavement: also for lovely floral tributes.

MR. W. COOPER and MRS. MANNING and FAMILY wish to thank all friends for messages of sympathy and flowers sent in their sudden and sad bereavement; also to acknowledge the kindness shown by the neighbours.

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