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A considerable number of vessels have arrived in the Exmouth dock during the past week.

The Right Hon. Sir John and Lady Kennaway and Miss Kennaway will arrive at 1, Eaton-place, to-morrow, for the season.

The Earl and Countess of St. Germans and Earl and Countess Stanhope were among those present at Miss Balfour's reception.

"Hillsden," at the top of Pennsylvania, has been purchased by Madame Adele Schneider, who will reside in Exeter instead of Torquay, and "Hillsden" will from Midsummer be known as "Rokeby."

Sir Charles Scotter, chairman of the London and South-Western Railway Company, who has been suffering from a painful affection of the right eye, has undergone an operation in London, and is going on well.

The marriage was celebrated on Saturday at Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, of Mr. H. E. Holt, only son of the late Mr. J. Holt, of Ugbrooke Hall, and Lady Mary Brabazon, elder daughter of the Earl and Countess of Meath. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Preb. Ridgeway, the vicar, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scott, of Bray. The Earl of Meath gave his daughter away.

A portrait of Inspector Flewellen, of Newton Abbot, appears in the current number of the Great Western Railway magazine. It is remarked that Inspector Flewellen travelled with all the special mail trains which recently accomplished remarkable journeys on the Great Western Railway, and it is stated that "the greatest credit is due to him and to the drivers and firemen for the exceptional results achieved."

The Chairman (Mr. H. Gadd) at Saturday's Exeter Police-court announced that the Mayor had received £20 from the Rational Society in recognition of the welcome accorded the delegates at the quinquennial conference held in the city the week before last. The Mayor had decided to give £5 of the amount to the Mayor's poor-box, £5 to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, £5 to the Dental Hospital, and £5 to the West of England Blind Institution.

The London and South-Western Railway Company have provided an extremely liberal service of trains for the summer months on the new Salterton and Exmouth line, and the advantages will doubtless be much appreciated by the travelling public. There are now 12 trains daily each way, and on the down journey three extra trains have been put on, viz., an early morning train, leaving Salterton at 7.47; a train at 1.10 p.m., which reaches Exeter at 1.58, and takes nearly two hours on the previous service; and a late train, leaving at 9.40 p.m. On Sundays two trains leave Exeter for Salterton, at 6.55 p.m., 9 a.m., and a late train due at Salterton at 9.30 p.m.

The Navigation Committee will report to the Exeter City Council at its meeting on Wednesday evening that it had resolved that the dues on 600 ton consignments of rails, chairs, plates, etc., ex ship and ex rail St. Thomas and St David's, shipped to Exmouth or Topsham, should be reduced to 6d and 4d respectively. The old scale on rails of 1s per ton severely handicapped the canal route. As a result of an application from Messrs. Burt, Boulton, and Haywood, Limited, for a modification of the town dues in order to assist them in the importation of some 10,000 loads of 17 sleepers each, the Committee will report to the Council, provided 10,000 loads are imported during the present season, a rate of 2d per load will be accepted.

At the monthly meeting of the Wiveliscombe Urban Council there were present Messrs. P. Thorne (chairman), P. F. Hancock, F. Hepper, W. Cheek, J. G. Cox, F. Vickery, and P. Radford. A discussion took place about the provision of a fire hydrant. Mr. Cox suggested that three builders might be subsidised to have suitable ladders always ready in case of fire. The matter was postponed. The Surveyor (Mr. Smith) reported a decrease of 15,000 gallons per day in the Peace and Plenty reservoir, and the consequent use of Messrs. Hancock's reservoir. A communication was received from the London and South-Western Railway Company disclaiming any liability to maintain the roadway near Mellington Junction, of which the Council had complained. No further action was taken in the matter.

Residents in Wellington heard with sincere regret of the death of Mr. P. F. Munns, which took place yesterday morning at his residence in Waterloo-road. Mr. Munns, who for many years was Postmaster of Wellington and Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school, retired a few years ago from both offices, and was the recipient of tokens of appreciation of his work by the townspeople. On Saturday he was apparently in his usual health, and witnessed a cricket match on the Wellington ground, but early yesterday morning he had an attack of heart complaint, and died about 4 o'clock. The townspeople have also heard with regret of the death of Mr. James S. Haddon, who formerly was in business in Wellington, and who died on Wednesday. The funeral of Mr. Haddon takes place at Wellington to-day.

The total amount due in Tiverton from "passive resisters" is only 19s 6d.

The Committee of Lympstone Regatta have decided to hold this year's event on July 27th.

Yesterday, at the Gospel Hall, Axminster, the services were conducted by Mr. Marsom, of Exeter.

Exmouth Parade Chapel bazaar, on behalf of the renovation fund, resulted in about £50 being realised.

A site has been purchased from Mr. Redway at Exmouth for a generating station for the electric light.

Teignmouth Swimming Club had their opening dip yesterday, several members taking a header from the pier.

Last evening the Rev. F. E. W. Langdon, curate-in-charge of Membury, preached at St. Mary's Church, Axminster.

Reynard has again made his appearance at Uphay Farm, Axminster, and destroyed several prize fowls, the property of Miss Trenchard.

The annual business meeting of the subscribers to the Exeter Diocesan Mission will take place at the Church House to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

The Walrond Billiard Cup at the Tiverton Constitutional Club is now held by Mr. S. Thorn, who beat Mr. T. H. Ford after a keen contest.

Salmon and peel are plentiful in the Teign, but the buyers from the London markets have not found the fish a profitable speculation.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, M.P., will give an address in support of the Free Trade Union at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, on Thursday, at 8 p.m.

In connexion with the Devon and Cornwall Fine Art Society, the third annual exhibition will be opened at the Royal Albert Museum, Exeter, on June 13th.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Exeter City Council the Finance Committee will report that Bonds representing £4,000 of the general loan, 1904, have been sealed.

It is possible that the added portion of the Manor Grounds at Exmouth will be publicly opened by the Council. The work will be completed in about ten days.

At the Tiverton Police-court on Saturday Jane Smith, 56, charwoman, of Tiverton, was charged with being drunk and disorderly the previous night. Fined 7s 6d.

Exmouth shipping trade during the past week has been unusually brisk. A large number of steamers have brought various cargoes:—Straw, coal, sleepers, stone, timber, wine, etc.

At the Temperance Hall, Exmouth, yesterday, the anniversary services of the young people of the Salvation Army were conducted by "Staff-Captain" Japp, and were well attended.

About 25 members of the Civil Service, who are now on a cricket tour in Devon, under their usual title of the "Civil Service Wanderers," are making their headquarters at Exmouth.

Mr. J. Blair has sent a cheque for £12 3s 8½d, collected in the Bow district, to the Hon. Secretary of the Exeter and District Hospital Saturday Fund. The amount is 15s 10d in excess of last year.

The Exmouth Fire Brigade received a call on Saturday evening from Rolle-street, whither they proceeded with their appliances. It proved a false alarm, something having accidentally set the bells in motion.

Bass fishing in the river Teign is worth the sport just at present. Authorities on fishing, like Mr. Aflalo and others, say that bass scaling 14lb. 8oz. are worth the catching, and that was the weight of a fish caught last week.

A new Wesleyan Chapel is to be built at Withycombe. A spacious piece of land, centrally situate, has been purchased for the purpose. There is a Wesleyan Chapel already in the village, and that will probably be used as a Sunday school.

Yesterday afternoon a floral service took place at the Exmouth Wesleyan Chapel. The offertory will be devoted to the Dispensary and the Cottage Hospital. The Rev. E. A. Stead preached. The flowers are to be sent to the East London Mission.

At the Axminster Police-court on Saturday, before Mr. Cornish, Simon Pavey, a labourer, hailing from Stockland, was brought up in custody charged with sleeping in a linhay the previous night. Defendant was remanded in custody till to-morrow.

A complimentary benefit is to be given to Mr. P. M. Dunsford, the acting manager of the Exeter Theatre, on Wednesday. An attractive programme has been arranged, full of variety, and including a turn by Mr. Dunsford himself, the feature of which will be an original sketch "The Tramp Artist." Local amateurs will perform the comedietta "Mrs. Hilary Regrets."

Some of the nursemaids of Exmouth have offended certain persons. It is said these young ladies who preside over the nurseries occupy all the seats in the Manor Grounds and Plantation, to the exclusion of visitors and persons of mature age, who appreciate a rest during a tour of inspection of the beauties of the town. The complaints have reached the Urban Council, so the offending nursemaids may expect in the future to be "moved on."

The Electric Lighting Committee will report to the Exeter City Council on Wednesday that the Committee has conferred with the deputation from the Heavitree Urban District Council relative to the price at which the City Council would supply current at Heavitree. Terms were suggested, and the Heavitree deputation intimated that they desired to take the instructions of the Committee whose delegates they were. The Committee will also report that a sub-Committee has been appointed to make inquiries and report upon suitable premises to be used as an office and showroom.

A meeting of the Taunton and West Somerset Teachers' Association was held in the Art and Technical Schools, Wellington, on Saturday. Mr. Knight (president of the Association) was unable to be present owing to the illness of his wife, and Mr. J. Rowe (ex-president) was voted to the chair. Miss Bickell, of Sampford Arundell, was elected a member of the Association. A letter was read from Mr. Foxhall, of the Executive of the National Union of Teachers, stating that the attention of the Executive had been called to the practice which was apparently carried on of schools of unwieldly size being erected, and also to the practice of one teacher acting as the head of more than one department. The letter asked that the attention of the Committee might be called to any such practices. It was generally accepted that the question of big schools did not refer to Somerset, where there were only sparse populations, but referred rather to the large centres. It was further stated that there had only been one group of schools under one teacher known in the district. Mr. W. Sydney Price, of Wellington, gave an exceedingly instructive lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, entitled "Nature's Microscopic Marvels," and at the close he was heartily thanked for his able lecture. The members afterwards partook of tea together.

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ILLNESS OF LADY AUDREY BULLER.

LAST NIGHT'S REPORT.

BETTER NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN REPORTER.)

General Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller and their two daughters were present at the Royal military tournament at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Towards the close of the performance, which the party had watched with the keenest interest from the Royal box, Lady Audrey was taken seriously ill from the breaking of a blood vessel, and in a few minutes she had so completely collapsed, says an eye witness, that the entertainment was brought to an abrupt termination.

The mishap occurred after six o'clock, just as the last item on the programme, viz., the combined display by all arms of the Service, had commenced.

The large Hall had been packed all the afternoon, but the spectators dispersed without any knowledge of the reason why the skirmishing suddenly stopped at such an apparently indeterminate stage.

Lady Audrey was sitting in the front row of the Royal Pavilion, when she was suddenly seized with faintness, and she retired to the stairs at the back of the box to obtain more fresh air.

The temperature was very hot, and the blazing sunshine had rendered the atmosphere of the Hall exceedingly close.

On complaining of feeling unwell, Lady Audrey's family desired to obtain medical advice for her, but this her ladyship would not hear of.

So little was thought of the matter at first that General Buller remained to watch the performance while her ladyship sat outside on the steps.

One of the Royal attendants fetched a chair and a glass of water.

Lady Audrey had just made herself more comfortable on the chair and sipped a little of the water, when she fell over, helpless, against the partition at the side, and blood flowed out of her mouth.

Lady Audrey looked very ill, and the members of her family were hastily summoned to her aid, together with Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Brooke Lawless, the senior medical-officer of the Tournament.

Her ladyship was immediately conveyed to the open Courtyard at the back of the box on a military stretcher, and every possible attention was paid to the patient.

As she did not recover she was soon removed to more commodious surroundings in the officer's quarters, where she remained with the anxious General until 9 o'clock, when she was well enough to be taken home to Chesham-place in an ambulance.

She gradually regained consciousness, and when she left she was pronounced by the medical authorities to be out of immediate danger, although the seriousness of the attack could not be minimised.

The unfortunate incident produced profound sensation among those who witnessed it, and these included some 200 soldiers and sailors who had assembled outside the entrance to the Royal box to give the popular General and his equally beloved wife on leaving a cheering demonstration of the esteem in which they are held by both branches of the Service.

Under the circumstances, this rousing and spontaneous welcome was, of course, abandoned, and the men evinced the deepest sympathy for Sir Redvers Buller and Lady Audrey.

The General's carriage was in waiting in the Courtyard, but Lady Audrey was too prostrate to be removed in such a manner, and the St. John Ambulance Association supplied the necessary conveyance.

The general public knew nothing of the occurrence until they read the reports in yesterday's papers.

(SPECIAL FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

General Sir Redvers Buller and Lady Audrey Buller attended the Royal Military Tournament at the Agricultural Hall, London, on Saturday afternoon, occupying seats in the Royal box.

Her ladyship had thoroughly enjoyed the performance, but shortly before 6 o'clock, when the last item in the programme—the grand display of arms—was in progress, she was seized with a sudden illness of an apparently serious character.

Lady Audrey was immediately removed, in a fainting condition, to a retiring room, where she was attended by Surgeon-Lieut.-Col Crooke Lawless, Coldstream Guards.

He found her ladyship had broken a blood vessel internally, and several hours elapsed before she was sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the place.

Then Sir Redvers drove with Lady Audrey to their town house, 26, Chesham-place, S.W., where they arrived shortly after 10 o'clock.

At midnight it was stated, upon inquiry at Chesham-place, that Lady Audrey was rapidly improving, and that no serious results from the illness were to be anticipated.

The same satisfactory progress was continued throughout yesterday.

Last night her ladyship was declared to be much better.

The news of Lady Audrey's indisposition created the greatest concern among her friends, and both on Saturday night and yesterday there were many sympathetic inquiries as to her ladyship's condition, but anxiety was allayed by the medical report of her speedy progress towards recovery.

Among the visitors in the Royal box in the afternoon, besides Sir Redvers and Lady Buller, were the Earl of Pembroke and Count de Lalaing, Belgian Ambassador. In the patrons' box were the Duchess of Sutherland, the Countess of Shrewsbury, the Countess of Scarborough, Miss M. Wilson, Lord Crichton, the Hon. A. Hood, Colonel Blane, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomson.

(FROM OUR OWN REPORTER.)

The news of the distressing and sudden illness of Lady Audrey Buller created profound anxiety in Crediton. The first notification of the occurrence was received from the London Sunday papers, and the news spread like wildfire through the town and district. Knots of people stood eagerly discussing the news, and as no message had been received at Downes this only served to increase the anxiety.

The unwelcome intelligence was received just after some of the people had gone to church, and the first hint they had of something untoward having happened was the reading of the special prayer for those in trouble.

When church and chapel were over many people went in the direction of Downes, hoping that some message might have arrived from London, where Lady Audrey had gone the previous Monday for the season, Sir Redvers following on Tuesday.

The anxiety of the servants at Downes was touching. However, through the kindness of the stationmaster at Crediton, a message was dispatched to London asking for further particulars. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon the following reply was received from Chesham place:—

"Reports exaggerated. Lady Audrey as well as is possible, and in no danger."

This message greatly relieved the anxious waiters. But throughout the rest of the day there were constant inquiries for the lady who has endeared herself to everyone with whom she has come in contact by kindly thought and action.

ST. BONIFACE.

Commemorated at Crediton.

The eve of the feast of St. Boniface, the Apostle of Germany, who was born at Crediton in or about the year 680, was specially commemorated on Saturday afternoon at Crediton by the assembling of Sunday school children from the various parishes in the Deanery of Cadbury, while the Church Sunday scholars had their outdoor sports, which had been postponed from Whit-Tuesday in consequence of the inclement weather. A special form of prayer was prepared for a children's service held in the Crediton parish church in connexion with the S.P.G. in Foreign Parts. Among the parishes in the Deanery represented were Cheriton Fitzpaine, with 32 children; Sandford, 22; Down St. Mary, 10; Stockleigh, 10; Yeoford and Knowle, 12; and Shobrooke, 24; a total of 110. These, at the conclusion of the special service, sat down to tea laid in front of the Vicarage, the Vicar, the Rev. W. M. Smith-Dorrien, having thrown his grounds open for the purpose. The Vicar and Miss Smith-Dorrien were also "At Home," and their visitors included the Rev. Worthington Jukes (Rural Dean, Shobrooke), the Rev. T. Flavell, the Rev. A. Hillyard (Upton Pyne), the Rev. W. H. Arundell and Mrs. Pridham (Cheriton Fitzpaine), the Rev. F. J. Coleridge (Cadbury) and Mrs. Coleridge, the Rev. F. L. and Mrs. Bazeley (Thorverton), the Rev. G. Davis (Posbury), the Rev. T. Woodman (Down St. Mary), the Rev. J. Erskine Risk (Stockleigh), the Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Philpott (Stockleigh Pomeroy), the Rev. H. Wringfield (curate at Yeoford), the Rev. Mr. Wells (locum tenens at Sandford), the Rev. R. Knight (chaplain), Mr. John Mortimer and Mrs. Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelland, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horrell (churchwardens and overseers). The grounds were gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the Crediton Town Band, under the leadership of Mr. W. Benneliick, were engaged for the occasion. Several selections of hymns were played on the church bells, and the flag of St. George's Cross was hoisted on the tower. The Sunday school children of Crediton, after attending the service in church, wended their way to the pleasant grounds at Newcombes, kindly granted by Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hill, where sports of all kinds were enjoyed. The Dean-street Fife and Drum Band (conductor, Mr. J. Perkins) was present to enliven the proceedings.

EXETER CORPORATION WATER UNDERTAKING.

At the meeting of the Exeter City Council on Wednesday the City Water Committee will present the annual statement of accounts for the year ended March 25th, 1904.

The income of the undertaking again shows a steady increase. The income for the year from water rent, meter rents, and water for buildings amounts to £14,256, as compared with £13,962 14s 11d in the previous year, being an increase of £273 16s 3d.

On the expenditure side there is a great decrease in the cost of coal. This is attributable to the improvements and extensions effected at Pynes, and through the pumping station at St. Thomas and the local station at Danes Castle being abolished.

The amount spent on coal in the last four years is as follows:—Year ended 25th March, 1901, £2,131 3s 8d; 1902, £1,339 9s 11d; 1903, £845 19s 5d; 1904, £186 9s 11d.

The full amount of interest and sinking fund in respect of the whole debt on the water undertaking has been charged, and after deducting the amount thereof, the balance of profit remaining is £1,476 7s 6d.

£200 was inserted in the estimate for the current general district-rate as the estimate of the surplus profit to be derived from the water undertaking, and the Committee recommend that of the profit of £1,476 7s 6d shown on the Treasurer's statement the sum of £1,000 be transferred to capital account in liquidation of so much of the capital expenditure over and above the £49,000 sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and that the balance, £476 7s 6d, be carried to the credit of the district income account.

INQUESTS AT EXETER.

The inquest on the body of Tarstin Mikael Edstran, the young Swede who met his death at Exeter Basin on Friday, was adjourned on Saturday by the City Coroner (Mr. W. L. Brown) till to-morrow for the attendance of the Inspector of Factories.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr. Arthur Isakssen, captain of the Vikingin, who stated that the deceased was the son of a Post-office employe at Oraust Nasund, in Sweden.

Oscar Gustofson, the steward, stated that he saw deceased just before the accident with his head in front of the buffer of the moving truck.

Dr. Toombs attributed death to concussion of the brain.

The circumstances attending the death of Agnes Janie Taverner, the three-year-old daughter of a labourer employed by the National Telephone Company, was also inquired into by Mr. W. L. Brown at the Guildhall, Exeter, on Saturday.

The mother of the deceased stated that the child had been stopping with her grandmother at Cheeke-street. She was usually a healthy child, but last Thursday week she complained of having the toothache, and witness applied camphorated oil to the deceased's neck. The girl had swellings in the neck, which witness considered were glands. Witness had no idea that the girl was suffering from diphtheria. She died on Friday. Deceased was insured in the Prudential Office. She did not consider deceased to have been sufficiently unwell to call in a doctor.

Julia Mitchell corroborated, adding that a doctor was summoned on Friday.

Dr. Pollock, who was called by Mr. Taverner, said that, as the result of a post-mortem examination, he found a large cavity in the neck extending internally and opening into the windpipe. The abscess had discharged into the windpipe, and then into the lungs, causing heart failure.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and expressed the opinion that the parents ought to have summoned medical aid.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

A Sandford Farmer's Bad Luck.

Serious loss has been occasioned to Mr. George Greenslade, of Land Farm, Sandford, by the death of several valuable cows from anthrax within a very short time. His friends and neighbours, realising the effect of so serious a misfortune, determined to show their sympathy in a practical manner, and a Committee, of which Mr. E. C. Norrish was chairman, Messrs. W. Daw, jun., Walter Wright, L. W. Wright, J. Sharland, and W. H. Tucker (hon. secretary), was constituted to collect contributions towards covering his loss. Through their efforts a substantial sum was handed to Mr. Greenslade at the Ship Hotel, Crediton, on Saturday afternoon, which is in addition to a generous gift from his landlord (Sir John Ferguson-Davie), of Creedy Park.

Mr. E. C. Norrish, in handing Mr. Greenslade a cheque, remarked that the Committee had no difficulty in obtaining subscriptions, for everyone sympathised with him in the loss he had sustained.

Mr. W. H. Davie, Mr. J. Sharland, Mr. W. H. Rowe, and others also referred to the loss, and hoped the disease had been checked in the district.

Mr. Greenslade, in accepting, said he was most grateful for the timely help they had given him and for their kind expressions of sympathy.

Among those who contributed to the fund were Sir John Shelley, General Sir R. H. Buller, V.C., Mr. R. A. Moore-Stevens, Mr. Augustus Ferguson-Davie, Mr. Henry F. Davie, Major Ferguson-Davie, Mr. B. H. Hill, Mr. A. C. Ireland, Mr. W. C. Cleave, Mr. G. Lambert, M.P., Mr. E. C. Norrish, the Rev. W. H. Arundell, and the Rev. G. T. Llewellyn.

THE SIDMOUTH VOLUNTEERS.

MAJOR ORCHARD'S FAREWELL.

GENEROUS GIFT BY MR. R. H. WOOD.

On Saturday afternoon, at the Drill Hall, Sidmouth, surrounded by a wide circle of officers and friends, Major Orchard, until recently in command of the Sidmouth Company of Volunteers, with which he has been actively associated for over 20 years, bade farewell to the members.

The gathering was presided over by the Right Hon. Sir J. H. Kennaway, Bart., C.B., M.P., honorary colonel of the 3rd V.B.D.R. Accompanying him on the platform were Miss Kennaway, Lieut.-Colonel Whitaker, Major Hastings, Major and Mrs. Gratwicke, Captain Potbury, Lieut. Vallance, Lieut. Orchard, the Rev. W. V. Vickers, Dr. and Mrs. Pullin, Mr. R. H. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Kennet-Were, Mr. J. Y. Anderson Morshead, Mr. and Mrs. Michelmore, Messrs. F. H. H. Orchard, J. A. Orchard, and J. Beal (Exeter), Mr. Tuxford, Mr. Rosenstock, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Stanford, and many others.

The body of the hall was filled with a large number of invited guests, while the members of B Company, under Captain Potbury, and the Coastguards, under Chief-officer Pearce, were assembled on either wing.

Sir John Kennaway, M.P., warmly received, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on an occasion when they were assembled to do honour to an officer who had done such good service for the Volunteer cause at Sidmouth. It was now more than 20 years since the day when, finding the town without defenders, Major Orchard came forward and appealed to the patriotism of the residents of the neighbourhood and asked them to take their share in the defence of their country and their homes. During those 20 years it had been his (Sir John's) good fortune to be intimately associated with Major Orchard in the various duties connected with the life of a Volunteer officer. And he was pleased to bear testimony to the energy with which he had devoted himself to the Company. The result was that the Sidmouth Volunteers now numbered between 90 and 100. They had in their ranks the man who won the blue ribbon at the County Meeting a few days since; the Company brought home the Battalion Cup and Lieut. Vallance the "Abid" trophy. That was a record of which any body of men might be proud, and it reflected the greatest credit upon the commanding officer. He (Sir John) had always experienced great pleasure in commanding them, and he had always found them alive to their duties and ready to carry out the promise of service they made. He hoped that in Sidmouth, as in other places, this Volunteer spirit, which had done so much for England, which had given a sense of security to the country, and which had brought out in those who had joined the ranks the qualities of discipline, self-restraint, and energy, would be maintained, because it was that which formed the English character. He hoped that in the defence of the country reliance would still be placed upon the voluntary services of Englishmen. The Government now called upon them, in view of the severe nature of warfare in the present day and the necessity of becoming scientific soldiers in the best sense of the word, to be thoroughly and efficiently trained, and the demand was for officers to train them. The country, for their part, must recognise that the Volunteers were a cheap defensive force, and they must not grudge what was necessary to enable them to perfect themselves in the art of war. If this was done he believed the Volunteer system would serve the purposes of the country in his time and theirs. (Hear, hear.) It was a very pleasant thing for them to meet on that occasion in the Hall which they owed to the efforts of Major Orchard. They must not forget that it was to the late Mr. Radford that they were indebted for the freehold of the ground on which the Hall stood. Since then about £1,650 had been subscribed—a goodly portion of which had come from their old friend Mr. Wood, who had since helped them with a further gift of the windows which now opened out on the roof, which so immensely added to the convenience of the building and completed the lighting of it. The Hall itself would be a memorial to the efforts of Major Orchard on behalf of the Volunteer cause. (Applause).

Mrs. Kennet-Were then presented the Volunteer Officers' Decoration to Major Orchard, after which

Sir John Kennaway said that he had, on a previous occasion, experienced the pleasure of presenting Major Orchard to his Sovereign, and he hoped he (the Major) would let his Majesty see him wearing the decoration on some future occasion.

Mrs. Kennet-Were also pinned upon the breasts of Quartermaster-Sergeant Dare, Sergeant Purchase, and Private Bellamy the Volunteer long service medal.

Captain Potbury said the Volunteers of the town could not let Major Orchard leave them without giving him some slight mark of their appreciation of the services which he had rendered B Company. For ten years Major Orchard had never missed a drill, and he was always a regular attendant at camp—he had been present for 18 or 17 years in succession. It was rather curious that Sir John Kennaway and Lieutenant-Colonel Whitaker could beat that record, but it showed what a practical interest the officers took in volunteering. (Applause.) He asked Major Orchard to accept from the corps a clock as a small token of their regard and personal esteem. They had the Hall to remind them of him. He hoped that as time went by Major Orchard would be reminded by the clock of his old comrades. (Cheers.)

At the request of Sir John Kennaway, Mrs. Kennet-Were then asked Major Orchard to accept as a gift from the town of Sidmouth a coffee service as a small recognition of his kindness and courtesy in any matter affecting the welfare of Sidmouth. (Applause.)

As a memento of his association with the Coastguards, Chief-officer Pearce asked Major Orchard to accept a pipe and cigarette holder encased, which had been subscribed for by them. He mentioned that no matter what event was taking place in which the Volunteers were concerned, Major Orchard always invited the men in the sister service to co-operate. They greatly appreciated his kindness. People might search the country over and would fail to find the two branches of his Majesty's service united as at Sidmouth. (Applause.)

Upon rising to acknowledge the gifts Major Orchard received a most cordial reception. He said he was sorry the time had arrived when he had to give over the command of the Company to younger and better hands. In leaving them he was retiring from a place which he truly loved. For the men he had the warmest regard. Their conduct had been such as to induce any man to do his utmost to make the Company efficiently equipped. (Applause.) He felt his efforts had been over-estimated both by the Volunteers and the public. (No, no.) He was grateful to them for wishing him good-bye in such a handsome way. He had received the greatest help from the inhabitants of Sidmouth. To Mrs. Kennet-Were they were especially grateful. The first encouragement he received in the building of the Hall was the sum of £250 handed him as the result of a bazaar which she had generously organised. Then there was a second gift of £200 raised in a similar way. He asked Mrs. Kennet-Were to believe that they were truly grateful to her. (Applause.) A handsome contribution by Mr. Wood brought the £1,600, for which he was responsible, down to £600, and this Mr. Wood had lent them at a small rate of interest. When he announced his intention of retiring his only regret was that he would have to leave the Hall with a small burden upon it. They could imagine the pleasure he felt when Mr. Wood informed him that he wished to present to the Company the remaining £600. He desired to thank the people of Sidmouth for the 20 years' kindness which they had shown him, and the Volunteers for their never-failing goodwill. In Captain Potbury they had a worthy officer, who excelled not only as a Volunteer, but as a shot. Under his tuition the interest in rifle shooting, which had always characterised the Company, would be fully maintained. He hoped they would get on together as well as he (Major Orchard) had got on with them. B Company was now one of the best Volunteer detachments in the county, and he hoped they would always uphold their reputation. (Applause.) He then asked Mr. Wood to accept as a token of affection a photograph of himself (Mr. Wood), and to beg that he would permit them to hang it upon the walls of the Drill Hall as a reminder of a dear benefactor. He hoped it would be many years before anyone would think of removing it from the building, for the possession of which they were so largely indebted to him.

Mr. Wood, who was greeted with loud cheers, acknowledged the gift. He declared that his patriotism had not yet flagged, in spite of his age. If the time ever came that the country required his services—(laughter)—he should be prepared to respond, provided they would give him a rifle and put him under cover. (Loud laughter.) He came there that day little thinking they were going to make him such a prominent figure in their celebrations. He asked them to accept his best thanks for the very handsome appreciation they had shown of what he declared to be the little he had done for the Company. (Applause.) The County of Devon had always been noted for its great soldiers and sailors. The light of the spirit of patriotism had never burned brighter in any county than in Devon. (Hear, hear.) He hoped this would always be so. The Company had lost a great deal by the resignation of Major Orchard, Sir John Kennaway, and Lieut.-Col. Whitaker. They would have to replace these officers. He hoped that in another 12 months the strength of the Company would be doubled. He trusted they would always bear in mind that grand motto: "Dulce et decorum est propatria mori"—"It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country," and remain for ever infused with the great spirit of patriotism. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Wood then presented Captain Potbury, as commanding-officer, with the title deeds of the Hall, which is now free from debt and unencumbered.

Sir John Kennaway expressed his appreciation of the manner in which Capt. Potbury had taken over the duties of commanding-officer, and mentioned that he was one of the best officers in the 3rd Devons.

Lieut.-Col. Whitaker moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Kennet-Were for the graceful manner in which she had made the presentations, and expressed the hope that Mrs. Kennet-Were would continue to take the great interest in the Company which she had shown hitherto. (Applause.)

In acknowledging, on behalf of his wife, Mr. T. Kennet-Were said he thought the old motto, "Defence, not defiance," should be altered to "Defence with defiance." The old ideas and ideals had now passed away, and he, as a civilian, believed that the party which adopted offensive tactics was the one which always succeeded in the end. The day had passed when battles were fought from behind hedges, and the duty of every Volunteer was to become expert in the use of modern weapons and in the art of modern warfare.

Mr. Wood called on the men to remember the advice of a famous Emperor and a famous General—Napoleon—who, when appealed to for advice by the British Government in 1844, said, "Aim and defend yourselves." That was the commencement of the Volunteer force; that was the inception of the great movement which now assumed such great proportions. He hoped they would always be prepared to "Aim and defend themselves," and that their numbers would continue undiminished.

The proceedings concluded with the National anthem and cheers for the King, Sir J. Kennaway, Mrs. Kennet-Were, Mr. Wood, and Major Orchard.

Major Orchard entertained at dinner the Volunteers and Coastguards, together with numerous friends, among whom were Mr. Kennet-Were, Colonel Whitaker, Mr. B. G. Pullin, Mr. G. H. Vallance, Mr. De Vigue, Mr. J. W. Orchard, and Mr. P. H. Michelmore. About 120 persons sat down to a capital dinner, which was served in the Drill Hall by Mr. James Skinner, of the Anchor Hotel, Sidmouth, who is an old colour-sergeant of B Company. The dinner was enlivened and the speeches interspersed with selections from the gramophone kindly lent for the occasion and presided at by Sergeant Mackie, a veteran soldier and enthusiastic supporter of the Volunteers of Sidmouth.

After the loyal toast of "The King" had been drunk with musical honours,

Major Orchard proposed "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," which was responded to by Chief-officer Pearce, of the Coastguards, who referred to the war now going on in the Far East, and to our gallant little ally Japan. (Cheers.) He remarked that he well remembered the Japanese Navy, and it had been part of his duty to assist in training it, when it only possessed two small gunboats. That was nearly 30 years ago. Things had altered very much since then. They were now as efficient as ourselves, having received similar training.

Major Whitaker submitted the toast of "Success to B Company." After hearing that afternoon how well the Company had done under Major Orchard—(loud cheers)—everyone would join with him in hoping that it would do equally well under Captain Potbury's command. (Hear, hear.) Captain Potbury was starting in a very fortunate position, as he had a Company over 80 strong, which was well equipped, possessed a very good range, a Drill Hall, considering the size of the town, second to none in Devonshire, and last, but not least, the Company possessed in him an officer full of zeal and ability to carry out the duties lying before him. Captain Potbury had won the esteem of his brother officers and men, and would, he knew, do everything he could to merit a continuance of it. He considered that the Company possessed the best lot of non-commissioned officers of any in the Battalion, and, speaking with the experience of over 20 years in the Volunteers, he said that this meant a great deal, for much depended on them. He wished the Company a further term of success, and assured them that they could depend on the continuance of the very ample support they had hitherto received from the residents and employers in the district, in happy augury of which he was pleased to say that Mr. Wood had called on him that morning and stated his desire to do something to supplement the funds applied for the purchase of ammunition in order to cheapen the cost to those wishing to practice shooting, and had instructed him to pay over on his behalf the sum of £10 for that purpose, and intimated that the Company might consider this an annual subscription. (Applause.)

Captain Potbury, in reply, expressed his pleasure at seeing the many friends who had gathered round them that day, and hoped that the desire expressed by Mr. Wood to see the Company increased to over 100 strong would be taken to heart by the men. If each would endeavour to get one recruit they could quickly go to Mr. Wood and tell him that his desire was fulfilled. He (Captain Potbury) was very pleased at what the Company had done at the County Meeting. He considered that shooting was a first desideratum for a soldier, and trusted all members would take an interest in it.

"The Donors and Subscribers" was proposed by Major Orchard, who commented on the fact that without them they would not have been sitting there that evening. The Hall was started about seven or eight years ago, and had been built with the idea that it might be used for other purposes than a Drill Hall. With the additional lighting arrangements recently added by Mr. Wood he believed it would become more and more useful. The Hall cost about £1,650—that was the debt for which he was first responsible. Mrs. Kennet-Were at once came to his aid, and he owed her a debt of gratitude for organising the bazaars whereby £450 was raised. It is the first aid that was always most useful. He felt more comfortable after this help, particularly as by means of various entertainments got up by friends from time to time the debt was still further reduced to £800. Then, on the occasion of a dinner in that Hall on a birthday of her late Majesty, Mr. Wood announced his intention to give £100 towards the reduction of the balance. Subsequently, he intimated his willingness to give a further £50 for the purpose if another £50 could be raised. This was done, and the debt reduced to £600, which amount Mr. Wood kindly agreed to lend the Company at a very low rate of interest. When he (Major Orchard) announced his pending retirement and regret at not leaving the Company with the Drill Hall free from debt, he received a letter from Mr. Wood which expressed very flattering sentiments with regard to himself, and the writer's intention to present the Company on his retirement with the £600 mortgage as a mark of his appreciation of his (Major Orchard's) services to the Company. He did not think that any letter had ever given him so much pleasure as that. From the time the land was given by the late Mr. Radford, which first enabled them to commence building—big things coming out of little—the sympathy and help of the donors and subscribers had always been a great deal to him. On behalf of the Company he heartily desired to thank them for all their kindness. Cheers followed the drinking of the toast, particularly for Mrs. Kennet-Were and Mr. Wood.

Mr. Kennet-Were, in reply, said his wife had always been pleased to do what she could to assist the Company. He congratulated Lance-Corporal Baron and Lieut. Vallance on their achievements at the County Meeting. He said that the donors and subscribers had played their happy part with regard to the Drill Hall, but he thought the Hall might more properly be called the Orchard House, because if it had not been for Major Orchard it would not have been erected. Major Orchard had always loaned the Hall without charge for any public purpose, and this he considered a great advantage. All were very grateful to him for having undertaken the erection and maintenance of the building, and thanked him for his great and signal success.

Lieut. Vallance, in submitting the toast of "The Visitors," said it was gentlemen like Mr. de Vigue and Mr. A. P. Holden who did so much towards making B Company such a good shooting Company. He referred to the great success of Lance-Corpl. Baron in winning the silver medal at the County Meeting. He coupled with the toast the names of two past officers of the Company—Mr. B. G. Pullin and his brother, Mr. G. H. Vallance.

Mr. B. G. Pullin, in response, expressed his and the other visitors appreciation of Major Orchard's invitation, and their pleasure at being present, and referred to the days when he and Major Orchard were lieutenants together in the Company. He heartily wished the Major long life and health in his retirement.

Mr. G. H. Vallance, who also responded, said that those who had followed the course of events in South Africa and the Far East must know that the two essentials of a soldier were brains and a capacity for shooting straight. He thought the Company fortunate in having a Commanding-officer who took so keen an interest in shooting as Capt. Potbury did, and hoped sincerely with him that Mr. Wood's words would be taken to heart and the Company quickly become 100 strong.

Mr. Kennet-Were proposed "The Health of Major Orchard." He thought that the promotion of efficiency in a Company depended greatly on the personal ability of the Commanding-officer, and he was sure the success of B Company was due to the personal ability of Major Orchard. He had promoted a feeling of respect for the Volunteers in the town. He trusted that the Volunteers would in future receive more generous treatment from the Government, and particularly that more attention be given to transport and mobilisation facilities. He reiterated his sense of Major Orchard's efficient maintenance of the Company, and trusted that although he must feel the wrench of parting very bitterly, yet he would remember that all must go through it, and that its only palliative was the thought that all unanimously wished that he might carry into his retirement the thoughts of many happy times spent with the Company.

Major Orchard, in response, said that it was with mixed feelings that he was with them that evening for the last time under present conditions. It had always been a great pleasure with him to do his duty. The men had served under him with loyalty. He could not say no unpleasantness had arisen in the course of the 20 years he had been connected with the Company, but he trusted that if anyone felt any soreness as to any incident which had arisen, he would remember that what he had done or said had always been for the interests of the Company. He would be willing to give what assistance or advice he could to the Company, and in saying "Good-bye" he desired to express his deep sense of the kind co-operation which he had always received from the sister Service, i.e., Coastguards. And not the least pleasure to him that day was the receipt of the pipe with which he had been presented, and which was exactly according to his taste. The Coastguards were always exceedingly kind in assisting him in decorating or in any other way, and he was delighted at the good feeling existing between the two Services in Sidmouth. In conclusion, he asked those present to each accept a photograph of himself as a memento of the occasion, and in order to replace the Shelley Cup which had been finally won by Captain Potbury, he would present the Company with a teapot which he had purchased. (Cheers.) He wished one and all every blessing, and trusted they would take to heart Mr. Wood's and Captain Potbury's remarks as to increasing the membership of the Company, as it was an honour to wear the King's uniform.

Captain Potbury having thanked Major Orchard for the teapot, and Mr. W. Wattley having sung a song, which was much appreciated, called "The Captain of the Lifeboat," the proceedings terminated with the National anthem.

An exceptionally large catch of herrings was made at Peel, Isle of Man, and they were selling in the market at 50 for a shilling.

A Norwich man named Kiddell, who poisoned himself, left a letter for his mother, in which he wrote, "Good-bye; I have prescribed for myself one dose of carbolic acid before bedtime."

The Finance Committee of the Stepney Borough Council have agreed, subject to the approval of the Council, to accept part payment of the rates, for the time being, from passive resisters in the borough.

Ezekiel Sala Abraham Cohen, who has posed as an "Indian merchant prince," was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour at the Clerkenwell Sessions for incurring liabilities under false pretences.

A man named Honauschka cut a neatly-executed drawing of a gravestone, with a cross, his name, and the date, on the back of a tree in the forest just outside Vienna. He then hanged himself on the tree.

Dr. John Horsfall, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, living in Euston-square, injected cocaine into his jaw to deaden the pain of toothache. The dose was too large, and he died twelve hours afterwards.

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