Latest Telegrams

CYCLONE.

New York, Friday.—A cyclone yesterday wrecked a number of villages of Oconnee in Middle Georgia. Thirty-two persons were killed and forty injured.

M.P.'s RESIGNATION.

Sir Halliwell Rogers, Coalition Member for Mosely Division of Birmingham, is applying for the Chiltern Hundreds owing to claims of private business.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Showery; cold.

RAILWAYMEN.

The Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen to-day, while demanding enquiry into the Mallow shootings, are not expected to support the strike policy. The threatened strike of the locomotive men is not expected to be put into effect before Friday.

STOP PRESS.

LOCAL ITEMS

FARINGDON COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—Weekending February 11th. Admitted 1; discharged 0; remaining in Hospital 2. — The Committee acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gift: —Eggs and toys, Major A. T. West.

FURNISH YOUR HOUSE FOR £100 OR £1,000 with first-class Furniture and Carpets from GILBERT'S Manufacturers, Old Swindon free delivery to Faringdon and district. First class value. First-class stock. First-class quality. Telephone, No. 41, Swindon. Telegrams Gilbert Swindon. BEST VALUE

CONFIRMATION.—A Confirmation Service was held at the Parish Church on Thursday, by the Right Rev. E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, late Bishop of Buckingham. There were 62 Candidates, of whom 38 were from Faringdon—16 boys and 22 girls. The Bishop gave a very appropriate and helpful address, based on the strength and stability of Faringdon Church, which he used to illustrate his teaching. The hymns sung during the service were:—"Our Blest Redeemer," "Come, Holy Ghost," and "Fight the good fight."

CONCERT AND SOCIAL.—Under the auspices of Men's and Women's Branches of the Faringdon Unionist Associations a concert and social evening will be held at the Corn Exchange, Faringdon, on Tuesday evening next. We understand that, for the entertainment of the company, the ladies have arranged an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music, and also that both the Member, Brigadier-Gen. J. T. Wigan, and the prospective candidate for the Division, Mr A. T. Loyd, will be present.

THE CINEMA.—Mac Murray, the Star of "The delicious little devil," which will be shown again to-day (Saturday), before entering pictures was one of the best-known dancers in Broadway. No-one should miss seeing her in her role of "Cabaret Dancer," in which she excels herself The Star for next week, "Thoroughbreds all," is an interesting picture of English, Irish, and Jewish Churchmen, all made human by a common love of sport. The thrilling scenes on the racecourse are particularly well produced. Laughter is the chief element in the picture, and for an enjoyable evening no one could do better than see this fine racing story.

SMOKING CONCERT. — A very successfully smoking concert was held at the Faringdon Institute and Services Club on Tuesday evening last, when a large number of members were present, the General Room being filled to overflow. Songs were contributed by Messrs S. M. Cadel, P. H. Caulfield, Hammond, S. Swan, T. Woods and W. Hunt, and recitations were given by Messrs E. Haines, and W. Hunt, whilst Mr Bert Walker gave some capital selections on the concertina. Mr W. H. Cook presided at the piano. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the Amusement Committee are to be congratulated on this, their first effort.

FARINGDON CRICKET CLUB. — The annual general meeting in connection with the Cricket Club was held at the Bell Hotel on Thursday evening, when Mr J. P. Lockwood presided over a fair attendance of members. The accounts, which were submitted by the hon. sec., Mr P. H. Caulfield, showed a considerable adverse balance on the year's working. This was accounted for by the increased cost of materials and the necessary expenditure on renovating the ground, which has now been brought to a state of excellence, and for its future upkeep and maintenance it was decided to open a special ground fund. The fund was well supported by those present, and it is hoped that others will assist financially in this effort of maintaining for Faringdon what is now acknowledged to be the best cricket field in the district. It was decided to raise the members' subscription from 15s to £1. The officers for the year were elected as follows—President, the Right Hon. Lord Faringdon, Vice-Presidents, re-elected with additions, Chairman Mr J. P. Lockwood, Hon. Sec. Mr P. H. Caulfield, Captain Mr S. Adams, Vice-Captain, Mr V. Arkell, Treasurer Mr E. W Belcher, together with a large working committee. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr Wadley Adams for the able way he had captained the team for the past two seasons and to Mr Caulfield for the energetic way he had discharged the secretarial duties. A good list of matches has been arranged and the coming season is looked forward to with enthusiasm.

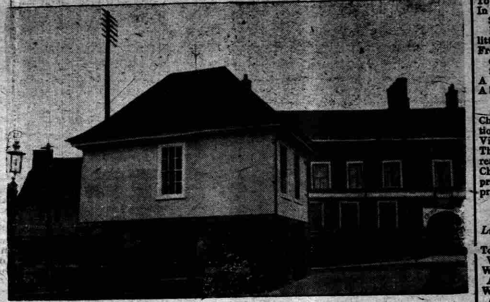
FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL.

THE DEDICATION AND UNVEILING.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

ADDRESS BY LORD FARINGDON.

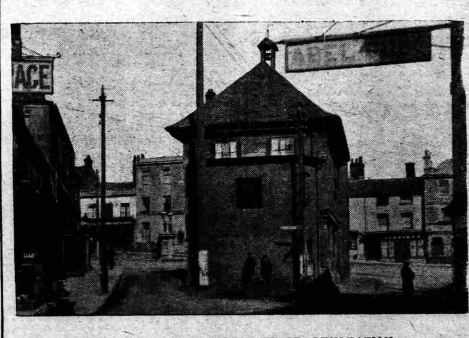
THE OLD TOWN HALL—(BEFORE RENOVATION).



THE OLD TOWN HALL—(SHOWING MEMORIAL TABLET).

The Faringdon War Memorial has now been completed, and the unveiling ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon last.

It will be remembered that at a public meeting of the parishioners held two years ago it was decided that the Faringdon War Memorial should be the renovation and re-decoration of the Old Town Hall in the Market Place, and a tablet placed thereon containing the names of the fallen The architectural improvement effected is illustrated by the photographs here produced, showing the *before* and *after* effects to the ancient building. A Committee was appointed, with Mr J. P. Lockwood as Chairman, subscriptions were obtained to an amount which it was thought would cover the cost of the work to be done, and the Committee did their best to push the matter forward. But it was not plain sailing, and many difficulties were met with, and very slow progress was made. In this, as in many other schemes, labour was one of the chief difficulties, then the cost of materials rose by leaps and bounds as did the wages of those engaged in the building and kindred trades, and the original estimate was far below what the actual cost was, as will be seen when the financial statement is published. The work, however, has at last been completed, and the restored old building and tablet will be a lasting memorial in honoured memory of those of the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of Faringdon, Little Coxwell, Littleworth and Thrupp, who lost their lives in fighting for King and Country in the Great War. The tablet, which is of English oak, and contains in three panels the names of 87 men, the words above being "To our glorious dead 1914—1919," is placed in a specially prepared niche at the south-east corner of the old building, facing Southampton Street, and abutting the lower end of London Street, and is, in fact, in the most conspicuous place in the town. The Old Town Hall, a place of great antiquity, and therefore of great interest to many of the inhabitants and to visitors to the town, has been restored. The old unsightly staircase at the lower end has been removed, and another staircase erected on the side facing the Market Place, immediately behind the Memorial tablet. tablet. The building has stood for hundreds of years, and its "life" has now undoubtedly been doubled, so that the Faringdon War Memorial may be said to be lasting and durable.



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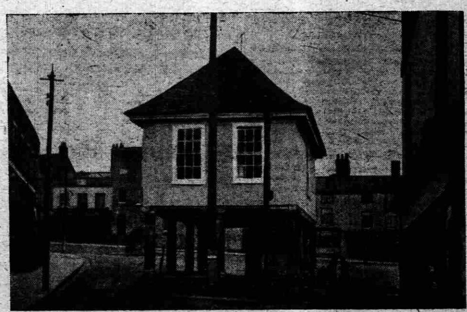

THE OLD TOWN HALL—(AFTER RENOVATION).

Lord Faringdon very kindly consented to unveil the memorial tablet, and at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon a large concourse of people assembled in the Market Place to take part in the unveiling ceremony, amongst whom were about 50 ex-Service men, who formed up two deep, in command of Major Wilbraham Taylor, who was accompanied by Mr H. C. Rose, who served as an officer during the war, and ex-Col.-Sergt. Hanna (Marines). There were also present, Lady Violet Henderson, Mr and Mrs W. Crosland, Major A. T. and Mrs West, Colonel and Mrs Ward Bennitt, Mrs C W. Banbury, Mr Louis Paine, Captain Battye, Colonel and Mrs Beedon, Captain and Mrs Clifton Brown.

The Vicar of Faringdon, the Rev. E. B. Lock, (who conducted the service) was accompanied by the Rev. G. T. Bent (Vicar of Littleworth), the Rev. E. Legg (Congregational Minister), and the Rev. Seymour-King (Baptist Minister). The Faringdon Church Choir, together with the mixed Choirs from the Nonconformist Churches in the town, were present and led the singing. Mr W. Foard presided at the organ.

The service commenced with the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past." The Lesson, Revelation VII, 9—17, was read by the Rev. E. Legg.

ADDRESS BY LORD FARINGDON.

Lord Faringdon, addressing those assembled, said:—So quickly, ladies and gentlemen, does the time pass that it is difficult for me to realise that more than five years have passed since we, at a meeting in this Market Place, called attention to the fact that the Huns were ravishing Europe, and that a stand would have to be made against the onslaught. But when we first recognised the reality of the situation there could not have been in any of our minds the great, the tremendous efforts that this country would have to make. None of us would have then believed it possible that there would be a mobilised British force of no less than 5,700,000 men, and from those days, and immediately after we addressed you, we had reason for believing that we were in for a titanic struggle with the greatest armed force that the world had ever known. We were from time to time buoyed up with successes; we were from time to time in the depths of despair at the reverses which our arms met with; but from first to last there was a confidence in the minds of the people of this country — a confidence from the highest to the lowest — that we should eventually succeed in stemming the tide, the torrent, that had been brought up against us. I do not know whether you have ever thought of the greatness of the struggle from which we have so recently emerged. I was taught, and I have no doubt that the majority here were also taught, that there were 15 decisive battles of the world. The first of these, I think, was some 500 years before Christ and was known as the battle of Marathon, when a few thousand Greeks defeated the greatest force that had ever been brought into the field. The latest of those fifteen great events was the battle of Waterloo. That was a great struggle, but what did it represent? The total British force on the field of Waterloo, including officers and men, was 24,000. In some of the recent battles in France the opposing forces numbered upwards of two millions, and these figures will enable you to understand the difference between the wars of the past and the war through which we have recently come. I recollect studying with great interest a book that had the title of "The Hand of God in History," and the writer attempted—and I think succeeded in showing that throughout all the great events there was a guiding and inspiring hand. The passions of men may from time to time be allowed full range, but there was an Omniscience at the back of their actions, and eventually those evil deeds tended to the improvement and welfare of humanity.

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will."

Now I do not know that we have any reason for believing in what are known as "The Angels of Mons," but in the early part of the war there seemed to many of us a period when we must inevitably fail to stem the tide of the German invasion of France. The road to Paris was open to the Germans: the small forces that we had been able to bring, and the then unprepared forces of France were unable to arrest disaster; but just at the moment when it seemed that Paris might fall, that the Channel ports might pass into the hands of our enemies, there was some super-human force that came to the aid of the Allies. I think we can trace many similar instances where it was not man alone that stemmed the tide of the invasion, but there was an Almighty power fighting on behalf of our own country and those who were associated with us. How great the struggle through which we have passed has been is hardly realised. Time alone will show, when facts are presented in proper prospective, what we have passed through. In connection with duties which fell to my lot, I, on several occasions, had to cross the North Sea, and I know this, that those were not pleasant journeys. Upon more than one occasion I have been turned back because the submarines were about, and it was only to know, to see, the activity, the ever-living activity of the naval forces to appreciate all that we in this country owe to that magnificent force. The Navy deserves all the honour, all the gratitude that it is possible for this nation to give it. As to our Army, it is difficult for us to appreciate all that they went through. There was a tremendous call upon the people of this country. Not only did the men come forward nobly, willingly, spontaneously, but the women showed that they could assist, and right nobly they did the work that was allotted to them. You have desired, as has been the case in almost every town and in almost every village of this country, to raise some memorial to record your appreciation of the victory that has been vouchsafed to us. If it had not been for the effort, the great effort that was made, we might not to-day be in the enjoyment of the blessings of freedom that we in England have been accustomed to; we might to-day be vassals of the German State, but God, in His infinite goodness, vouchsafed us the victory, and it is a memorial of that victory that we have to-day to deal with. A happy form of memorial was chosen by your committee, the restoration and renovation of a building which has to us many pleasant associations. I think I am right in saying that this old Town Hall was erected about 1680, very near the spot where King Edward the Elder, the son and successor of King Alfred, died; and many of us on looking at the old building, recognised that it was high time that its restoration should be thought of. That restoration has been carried out effectually, and I think that this monument, as it will be considered in the future, is worthy of the old Market Place in which it stands, and we hope that for many years to come it will endure as a lasting memorial to the greatest war that the world has ever known. Sound and strong, it will stand foursquare to the winds of heaven

I have so far dealt only with the question that arises in the form of thanksgiving for mercies received, but now I would desire to gratefully recognise the splendid spirit of devotion that pervaded the whole country during the time of her trial. The drains upon our manhood were immense, and the response immediate and spontaneous, and in no part of the country was this more marked than in this town and neighbourhood. Hundreds flocked to the colours, full of eagerness to fight for their country's cause. The Royal Berks Regiment and the Berks Yeomanry did deeds of valour of the most conspicuous order, and were noted for their bravery in France, in Egypt, in Palestine, in Gallipoli, where their prowess was known and recognised, and we are proud to-day that our own kindred and neighbours so well acquitted themselves in the cause of their country, but alas! the toll taken was a heavy one, and many a household hereabouts has to deplore the loss of those who were near and dear to them. No memorial that we can raise to them can adequately express what we feel. Love, gratitude, honour, we give them, and we have placed to their immortal memory upon the tablet that I now expose to your view, the names of the 87 men who gave their lives for their country.

Lord Faringdon then unveiled the tablet by drawing aside the Union Jack with which it was covered.

THE FALLEN.

Engraved on the tablet are the words:—
"To our Glorious Dead, 1914—1919."
the names engraved being as follows:—

C. W. Banbury	W. Higgs	P. Richings
H. W. Blake	T. J. Horne	R. Robins
G. E. Bull	H. W. Hunter	W. V. Rogers
F. Burchall	W. C. Indge	G. E. Russ
G. G. Burge	H. Kibble	G. E. Ryman
H. D. Burgess	A. E. King	W. J. Sell
W. H. Carey	T. R. Lardner	R.H. Shimmon
E. Chambers	J. T. Legg	S. Sims
J. Clements	T. F. Lewis	H. Stallard
F. P. Cobden	G. H. Lovelock	G. Stepp
A. E. Counsell	G. McDonald	W. J. Talbot
R. Davis	S. Merchant	B. Thomas
W. Dixey	F. A. Mobey	H. Toon
E. W. Dodd	G. Mulcock-	A. E Turnbull
A. Ford	Panting	E. J. Walker
S. H. Ford	B. Mulford	H. Walker
A. J. Fuller	F. Nash	P. J. Whiting
J. Godwin	A. V. Page	E. C. Wiggins
W. J. Gorton	F. Parsons	C. G. Willis
W. G. Grand	J. Pauling	G. J. Willis
A. C. Grey	R. Pawling	J. Wiltshire
C. H. Gosling	F. G. Pearcey	G. W. Winney
O. O. Goswell	R. H. Perry	A Woods
J. H. Habgood	A. R. Platt	J. Wornham
F. Haines	M. Powell	A. E. Wright
G. B. Hamblin	T. Powell	P. Yates
J. H. Hanna	J. Preston	T. Yates
W. G. Harris	J. Proctor	W. Young
G. W. Haynes	R. Richens	
O. M. Haynes	F. Richings	

The Rev. E. B. Lock read the Dedication Prayer, and then followed silence for a space as a memorial of the dead. Special prayers were offered by the Rev. Seymour-King and the Rev. G. T. Bent, after which the hymn, "For all the Saints, who from their labours rest," was sung. After the Benediction had been pronounced by the Rev. E. B. Lock, the "Last Post" was sounded by two buglers from the Royal Berks Regiment Depot at Reading.

Before and after the Unveiling and Dedication Service muffled peals were rung on the Church bells.

FLORAL TRIBUTES.

A large number of beautiful floral tributes were placed at the foot of the tablet, the inscriptions on the cards attached being as follows:—

In loving memory of Jack, from his Father, Mother and sister Nell.

To dear Uncle Frank, from Lila, Molly and Margaret.

In affectionate remembrance of my dear husband, L.-Cpl. A. E. Wright, from his loving Wife and Children.

In ever loving memory of a dear son, from Mother.

In loving memory of our dear son, Thomas James Horne, from Father, Mother, and Aunt Emma.

In affectionate remembrance of Oliver Owen Goswell, killed in action, 30th April, 1918, with love from Bobs and all at Eastfield.

In loving memory of dear Willie, from his Mother, M. Dixey.

From the Faringdon Institute and Services Club.

In proud and loving memory of our dear Harold, who laid down his life for King and Country in the immortal defence of Ypres, October 1917, with love from all at home.

In loving memory of our dear son Jack, from his loving Mother and Dad, Mr and Mrs A, Talbot, still sadly missed.

In loving and grateful memory. "These died that we might live." Mrs George Habgood

From a loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters, Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in law, in fond and loving memory of a dear son and brother who was brutally murdered by the guards at a Gottengen prison camp, Germany, Pte. G. E. Russ, 2nd Wilts Regiment. "Gone but not forgotten."

In loving memory of our dear boy, Frederick George Pearcey, from Dad and Mother. "Three years have passed and still we miss you."

To Gil, in memory, from Ruth.

In fondest memory of W. J. Gorton, from his Brothers and Sisters, Coxwell Street. R.I.P.

To L.-Cpl. Thomas F. Lewis, Royal Berks Regt., in affectionate remembrance from his Wife and little Daughter. and Marjorie and Mr and Mrs Elliott (father and mother-in-law, Reading.)

In affectionate remembrance and loving thoughts of our dear on, from Mum and Dad—Tommy Lardner.

In loving memory of Percy John Whiting, from his sorrowing Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

R.A.O.B.—In honoured memory of our fallen brethren, from the members of the White Heather Lodge, Faringdon.

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Alfred Woods, who was killed in action, Oct. 21st, 1916.

In loving memory of our dear boy, James Proctor, who sacrificed his life for England's honour, at Gallipoli, August 21st, 1915.—Our only consolation is our Christian belief that we shall meet again.

In remembrance.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Walter Vincent Rogers, from his loving Sisters and Brothers, killed in action February 4th, 1917.

In kind remembrance of our dear one, Harry Kibble, killed in action 8/10/18, from his Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

To the honoured memory of L.-Cpl. F. Pearcey from Major and Mrs Wilbraham Taylor.

In loving memory of Arthur Platt, from his dear Wife and Children.

In ever loving memory of dear Will (Pte. W. G. Grand), from Mother, George and Esther.

In ever loving memory of my dear husband, T. Yates, who died in Egypt on November 10th, 1918, from his loving Wife and Children. "Gone but not forgotten."

In ever loving memory of Pte. Albert E. King, from his loving Father and Sisters, Nellie and Louie.

In honour of all, particularly Jack, from Mr and Mrs Walter Tucker.

In loving memory of T. Yates, who died in Egypt, November 10th, 1918. "Thy will be done."

In ever loving memory of my dear husband, from his sorrowing Wife and Children. To Pte. W. G. Grand,

To our dear Frank, from all at home.

In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Sydney Harold Ford, who died in France, March 3rd, 1919. To dear Daddy, from little Syd.

From J. Goddard and Sons and Staff, in memory of Pte. George Panting. "Gone but not forgotten."

A wreath without a card.

A bunch of violets without a card.

A united service was then held in the Parish Church, and there was a very large congregation. The service which was conducted by the Vicar, was appropriate as a memorial service. There was no sermon. Special prayers were read, and the hymns sung were:—"The Church's one foundation," "Oh for a heart to praise my God," and "The God of Abra'am praise."

In Memory of the Men of Faringdon and Little Coxwell who fell in the Great War.

To those who nobly fought, and fighting died,
Who trod the blood-stained way of right alone,
Who gained a victory greater than a crown,
And honour far more glorious than a throne,
We raise, with fingers tender in their touch,
And hearts where wounds of war are bleeding yet,
Memorial in the names of those we loved,
That we may not forget.

All those who sleep beyond revielle's call,
In foreign soil or under surging waves—
Of whom 'tis written, "Greater love hath none,"
Who took their lives within their hands, and gladly gave,
Their names are golden landmarks on the road of time,
And, as Calais upon a royal heart was set,
So are they printed ineffaceably on ours,
So we shall not forget.

Forget! Ah, let the seasons lose their place,
And let the golden sun forget to shine,
For in each broken heart that's loved and lost
There is a hallowed place, a secret shrine,
Where memory is like flowers most wondrous sweet
Kept fair by love and watered with our tears,
A shrine that still endures when those of stone decay,
And holds its memories to the end of years.

K.G.M.H.
Little Coxwell.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The monthly meeting of the Faringdon Board of Guardians was held at the Board Room on Tuesday, when there were present:—Mr J. A. Fereman (in the chair), Mr W. Maidment (vice chair), Mr E. Heavens, Mr J. P. Lockwood, Mr W. Tucker, Mr Brereton, Mr T. Frere Meade, Mr H. C. Chandler, Mr V. Day, Mr W. Hedges, Mr J. W. Puzey, Mr J. E. Wheeler Mr R. G. Adams, and Mr W. H. Cook.

RELIEVING OFFICER'S COMPLAINT.

Mr D. L. Stevenson, relieving officer for the Faringdon and Buckland District, sent a letter to the Board, which was read by the Clerk. The following are extracts:—Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg to submit the following matter for your consideration, and respectfully ask for your support. On Saturday, Jan. 15th, I was coming down Marlborough Street when I saw a one armed man of the tramp class walk straight into my house. I asked him what he wanted, and his answer was "An order for the house." I told him the casual wards were closed, and he replied, "I don't want a casual ticket, I want an order for the house." I replied, "That takes thinking about," and told him to get out on to my door step and I would talk to him there. He immediately said, as he stepped out, "If you don't give me an order I'll smash every window in your house." I answered, "All right, if that's your game, get on with it; you won't bully me; I daresay I can get protection." A Sergeant of Police advised me to report to the Superintendent. I walked back to my house with a constable, who went on up the street. Shortly afterwards the man came back and smashed my windows with three stones, which I produce. Two came through, one of them almost striking my youngest child on the head. The stones were thrown with the greatest force, and had my child been struck on the head she would probably have been killed. I helped the policeman take the man to the Police Station, informed the Superintendent of the whole of the circumstances and told him that I wished to charge the man with smashing my windows. He sent him away and told me that if I charged him I should only lose the case as I had incited him to do it by telling him to get on with it, and that he didn't consider he had any right to detain him Later I was told that the man had been arrested on the charge of begging. I was requested to attend the Court on Monday morning, bring the stones and give evidence as to the man's conduct. I attended and was told that the man was only charged with begging. I consider that this leaves me entirely open to abuse and assault from any man of this class who happens to come through the town, and I respectfully ask the Guardians to take such steps as they may see fit to protect me.

The Chairman said he thought it was rather extraordinary that when a man had done malicious damage he should not have been brought before the Magistrates for them to give their decision, as it was more a matter for the Police than the Guardians. There was no doubt the Relieving Officer was perfectly right in refusing to give an order, and the only thing that occurred to him now was that the Guardians should pay for the damage done to his windows, as he was acting conscientiously in refusing the order. He thought they might do that. As to going any further, his idea was to let it drop.

The Board unanimously agreed to the Chairman's suggestion, and Mr Stevenson was instructed to send in his bill for the damage done.

IN THE HOUSE.

The Matron reported that there are 113 inmates in the House, as against 105 in the corresponding period last year; in the Children's Home, 42 against 34.

THE STEAM ROLLER.

The Chairman stated that the steam roller had broken down, and he suggested that a roller be hired for the time being. He also stated that an 8-ton steam roller (Aveling and Porter's make) which had been in use in France, and was still there, had been offered to the Rural District Council for the sum of £675, delivered. He understood that the roller was almost as good as new, and that a condition could be obtained that the roller would be sent over and if the Council were not satisfied with it, after a fair trial, it could be returned.

After a short discussion it was decided, on the proposition of Mr W. Maidment, seconded by Mr T. Frere Meade, that on the condition as mentioned by the Chairman being obtained, steps be taken to have the roller delivered.

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