FORTHCOMING PIC-NIC AT PUTTERIDGE PARK.—We have great pleasure in informing our readers that a pic-nic will be held in Putteridge Park next Tuesday. Any ladies, or gentlemen desirous of joining the party should at once make application to Mr Alderman Cotchin, or to Mr W. Boutwood. The following letter has been received:—"Putteridge Park, Luton, Beds., Colonel Sowerby has much pleasure in granting Mr Cotchin's request to have a pic-nic in the Hoo, and should the party care to see the gardens and farm, or roads, he will be pleased if they will do so. July 5th, 1876."

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—The first administrative battalion of Bedfordshire Volunteers were present at the review in Hyde Park by the Prince of Wales last Saturday. About 30,000 volunteers were present. The Beds. then were in the 12th brigade, under Colonel Chapman, with the Herts. Essex, and Norfolk Volunteers, and the *Standard* says that for physique they would bear comparison with any, and with the 11th brigade, very in all respects the finest of those present. There was an inspection, march past, and advance in review order.

CHURCH SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—This event took place on Tuesday. The children and teachers with the vicar (Rev. W. T. Harrison) and the curate (Rev. E. H. Lowe), assembled at 12 o'clock, and had a short service in the church before starting, with an address from Rev. E. Lowe. They then made their way to the Great Northern Station, preceded by the drum and fife band, and were conveyed to the Bury, where they spent a pleasant afternoon in the usual manner. A good many parents and friends joined the happy party.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—The annual treat of the Sunday scholars in connection with the Union Chapel and its branches took place last Monday. The young people mustered at the schools to the number of about 700, and walked in procession, headed by the Rev. J. Tuckwell and the Superintendent (Mr Strange), to the Midland Station, where they proceeded by special train to East Hyde, the Rev. J. Tuckwell being present. During the afternoon they participated in the usual games, had tea, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The weather could not most suitable.

HIGH TOWN CHURCH BUILDING.—It has been stated that £500 has been offered to the High Town Church Building Committee on condition that the new church shall be at once completed. The contract for the chancel and transepts will be £3,000. There will be a deficit upon the nave and aisles of about £1,000. The Committee have determined to make an effort to meet this expenditure, and complete the building, and thus secure the conditional offer of the £500. They propose therefore to have a bazaar in the Town Hall next Easter, and they earnestly hope all classes of Churchmen, and all friends of the Church in Luton, will warmly support and aid the movement.

FUNERAL OF MR HILLMAN.—On Monday afternoon the funeral of the late Mr. John Hillman, borough surveyor, took place at the Church Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of persons. The sad procession left Stuart-street, the residence of deceased at two o'clock. The hearse was followed by two mourning coaches in which were—1st, Mrs Hillman, Mr Joseph Hillman, Mr W. Crawley, Mr and Mrs Wingrave, Mr Charles Hillman, 2nd, Mrs Sturgeon, Mr Baisley, Master Hillman, Mr Rankin. The officers and men of the Fire Brigade followed in which Mr Hillman was the acting captain, Mr Councillor E. Taylor being the honorary captain, and Mr.G. Sell, Messrs. R. Bailey, C. Haydon, W. Dunham, T. Benson, H. Pudloe, G. Pates, J. Wood, W. Carrington, G. Pilkington, W. Pike, W. Cooper. Also present were Councillors Drewett, Dawson, & Parr; Messrs Gibson, Burnett, White, Maffey, Pettit, C. Hill, C. Barton, and a funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Clarke. All the arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr Matthew on behalf of Mr T. Taylor, undertaker, Luton.

THE BUNYAN MEMORIAL.—The ceremony of unveiling the bronze doors, presented to the Bunyan Meeting House by his Grace the Duke of Bedford, took place on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, in the presence of a large assembly, including the Mayor and Corporation. Letters of apology were read from the Dean of Westminster, Lord Shaftesbury, and a number of members. After singing a hymn, the gates were unveiled by the Mayoress. A short address was given by the pastor of the chapel, and the singing of another hymn terminated the proceedings. The gates were designed and executed by Mr Frederick Trip, and were purchased by his Grace for about £800. A portico and posts have been erected for their reception. Both contain five panels, each representing an episode in "The Pilgrim's Progress." In some the figures are numerous; the attitudes are good, the expression is said by competent judges to hold a high rank in this branch of art. In the evening the Rev. Dr. Stoughton delivered an historical lecture in the chapel to a crowded congregation; and a resolution of thanks to his Grace the Duke of Bedford was unanimously passed.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL ALBERT ROAD LUTON.

On Monday afternoon last a public tea was held in the Waller-street school-room, in aid of trust fund for this chapel. About 300 sat down to tea, there being about 200 members of the congregation and their friends present. A public meeting was held, in the same place, in the evening. The Rev. J. Ryan occupied the chair and commenced the proceedings with a little reading and prayer. There were also on the platform Messrs. Cox, Mr Stratford Mr Joseph Hawkes, and Mr Jordan.

The Rev. J. Ryan said that as in a family the weakly child was always nursed and cherished by the stronger members, so should it be in the community of churches. The Albert-road chapel was the weakly one among the Wesleyans, and they must all try and help to strengthen it. Every one could do a little and some more than they had hitherto done. They should bear it in their prayers for the Lord regarded the cry of a sincere heart, and by so acting their interest would be enlarged. Albert-road Chapel needed most in all that was done, as a true manifestation of their sympathy that evening it would raise a feeling of sympathy which would grow. He would call on Mr Dimmock to tell them something of Albert-road Chapel, as he had laboured there.

Mr Dimmock observed that it was sad that Albert-road chapel had have to be solely for cottage property, but as there were between 200 and 300 persons at the Sunday evening service, he could not think it right to dispose of the building; for if there 200 or 300 people were present with the Spirit, it would be wrong to stir the whole masses in Luton. When visiting at the houses of the people he was generally very well received, and as he could not ask them to put aside their work while he read a chapter to them he persevered with them, he generally talked with them and endeavoured to lead them to think about their soul's salvation. In that way he trusted a useful work was being carried on.

Mr Cox, one of the trustees of the building said they had a beautiful chapel, and it looked most pleasing when most full, and he hoped all the friends would use their influence to get it well attended; then they should have God's blessing upon them. They felt discouraged sometimes at the slight attendances. A debt had accumulated, one person leaving it to another for fear of seeming too assuming or hurting another's feelings, but now they had resolved to hold this meeting as a first step towards clearing off the debt.

Mr Ryan then called upon some volunteers from Albert-road, and

Mr W. Dunham hoped and believed in better times for Albert-road chapel. They found great expense attached to the chapel, repairs of windows from stone throwing by boys, and now they were going to have the windows protected by wire. They wanted more labourers in the Sunday school, for there were more scholars than could be taught for want of teachers, and they were consequently obliged to loose them.

Mr Joseph Hawkes, being called on by Mr Ryan, said he attended just to show his sympathy with them. He believed the cause had been a great blessing in times past, and he was glad to find others taking steps to forward the work.

Mr Cherry remarked that several speeches had been made but nothing definite had been done about reducing the debt. Sometimes great talkers were little workers, and he was thinking it was time they did a little. As after laying in a foundation a first brick must be laid, so he would then offer to lay the first brick towards reducing the debt.

Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Stratford, Godfrey, Jordan, and the Rev. W. Millican.

A collection was made and the proceedings terminated in the customary manner.

LUTON TOWN COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held on Tuesday evening last, at six o'clock, in the Council-chamber at the Town Hall, when there were present his Worship the Mayor (Mr W. Briggs), Aldermen C. Mees, J. Cotchin, J. Higgins, J. Cumberland, W. Clarke, and H. Gunn; Councillors, T. Huckle, G. E. Gilder, Wm. Drewett, W. Shepheard, F. Conisbee, T. Smith, H. Parkstreet, W. Parr, J. Dawson, T. Puddephatt, S. Oliver, T. Smith of Castle-street, P. Wootton, A. T. Webster, G. C. A. Lockhart, W. H. Wright, E. Taylor, W. Walsh, and Mr. G. Bailey (Town Clerk).

THE MINUTES.

The Town Clerk read the minutes of last meeting, and the Mayor asked if there were any objection to them before he signed them.

Mr. Higgins said it appeared to him that the last meeting was an adjourned one, and at that meeting the minutes were not read, and now they had two lots of minutes read. It would be well if the minutes were not adjourned from time to time.

The Mayor signed the minute book, as the proceedings were confirmed by all present.

THE TIME OF MEETING.

The Mayor said the first business which he had to place before them that evening was to decide as to the time of their ordinary meetings. It would be recollected that at their last meeting the reason why the minutes were not read was that they had adjourned to meet for a special purpose. The present meeting was an adjourned ordinary meeting for ordinary purposes. He thought it was desirable that the Council should settle the question that night if they could.

Mr. Gunn asked whether or not it was the intention of the Council to delegate their powers to the various committees that were elected; for if they intended to do so there would be no necessity for the Corporation to meet above once a month, but if they did not intend to do so it would be necessary to meet once a fortnight.

Mr Cumberland remarked that it was usual for the Committees to do all the ordinary work of the Council, but for important matters to be brought before the Council and in that case once a month was sufficient.

Mr Huckle thought that as far as practicable the various Committees would do the work. It it were seen that the work was not being efficiently done then he should think that once a month would be sufficient.

The Mayor remarked that it would be of advantage to the Council to have the report of the Luton Board of Health laid before the Council in this particular.

Mr Mees said the question arose in his mind whether the Committees were delegated to act and to give orders? Under this circumstances he thought they ought, at all events at present, to meet once a fortnight until they got into working order.

Mr Higgins remarked that was quite his impression. They should meet once a fortnight; for a very large amount of business must necessary come before them and therefore he thought they ought to, or should meet once a fortnight at present at any rate.

Mr Dawson said he would second it. They would recollect that the whole Council was the Watch Committee, and therefore it was necessary that these should really meet once a fortnight.

Mr Lockhart coincided in the views expressed that the Council should meet for business once a fortnight.

Mr Cumberland said he was satisfied that they would make work which they might avoid, if the different Committees did as work it would be much better than if the Council met too often; therefore, in order to test the opinion of the Council he would propose that their regular meeting should be held monthly.

Mr Webster said he was going to suggest that in some measure it would depend upon the duties which were performed. If they knew what should be referred to the various Committees it would make a difference; because that might amount to nothing. If it meant that they could not do anything but what the General Committee would do, so far as the preliminary Wednesday matters went that would be useless. It would be much better, he thought, for them to meet once a fortnight.

The Mayor said it appeared that with the exception of the Watch Committee which consisted of the whole house, the Committees were first to submit to the Council anything they did. He thought it was not worth while discussing any longer on the subject because whatever course they adopted it would be equally convenient. It was not of very great importance. He did not know whether Mr Cumberland's amendment had been seconded. He would put to them the original motion proposed by Mr Higgins and seconded by Mr Dawson that the ordinary proceedings of the Council should be held fortnightly.

The motion was carried.

The Mayor said they would recollect that the hour and the day would be the same as previously fixed; namely every other Tuesday, at five in the evening. It appeared that according to form it was necessary to decide upon their quarterly meetings.

The Town Clerk, in reply to a Councillor, said their duties at their quarterly meetings would be to dispose of all duties undisposed of and to consider all business appertaining to the borough.

The Mayor said it had been suggested by the Town Clerk that their first quarterly meeting should be held a fortnight that day, that was to say that their first ordinary meeting would be a quarterly one.

Mr Wright suggested whether it would not be desirable to alter the time. By the present time it was 4th of August instead of the 1st which would not be in Luton. That was usually what occurred at that time of the year.

Mr Gunn suggested May, August, and the 9th of November which were generally regular quarterly meetings throughout the country.

Mr Higgins said the custom was to hold the quarterly meeting on the 9th of November and at such other times as the Council might then decide.

The Mayor said it had been suggested that first of all it should be the first Tuesday in August.

Mr Clarke seconded the motion which the Mayor put to the meeting and it was carried unanimously.

OFFICIAL SURETIES.

The Mayor said the next business was the amount of security to be given by the various officers for their fidelity. The first was the treasurer.

It was moved by Mr Higgins and seconded by Mr Leggett that the bond should be £4,000 and that the gentlemen named by Mr Seebohm should be accepted as sureties.

A suggestion was made that Mr Baisley's sureties as tollcollector should be £200 and two gentlemen were named.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr Poulter, rate collector, of the Borough running as follows:—"Having that the salary the Council attached to the office was insufficient from the difficulties connected therewith. It was a responsible position, and with his knowledge of work he felt bound to say that it was honestly worth £150 per annum. The area of the Borough was a wide one, and outlying portions were to be included in it, and the rates would take considerably more time and attention than heretofore. There were also the Sanitary rates. He spent fifteen years with the late Board without a jar, or one single complaint of any sort, and previous to the dissolution of the Board he had decided to apply for an increase of salary.

The Mayor observed he did not know what the Collector's salary was.

Mr Webster replied £100 per year.

Mr Mees asked who made the rates, the Collector or the Town Clerk?

The Town Clerk was understood to say that the Collector did.

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The Mayor replied that Mr Poulter did not put it in that form.

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Mr Gunn asked if the Council thought the sum too small? He believed the Collector paid the money into the bank every day, or every other day. He would move that the sum be £400 instead of £300.

Mr Drewett seconded it.

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Mr Puddephatt said he would second that it should be £500: for when they had one officer at three or four times the amount of others it did not seem fair.

Mr Conisbee asked whether the money was paid into the bank as stated.

This led to a discussion from which it appeared that no definite time was positively fixed for the payment of the money into the Bank.

Mr Mayor put to the meeting Mr Gunn's motion, seconded by Mr Drewett that the sureties mentioned by Mr Poulter be accepted and that the amount of the bond be £400. He also put to the meeting Mr Lockhart's amendment which was seconded by Mr Puddephatt that the sureties be £500.

The amendment was lost.

Mr Higgins said he would ask at this stage of proceedings that all of the account books should be laid on the table at their customary fortnightly meeting; because it was a means of keeping the accounts satisfactory and correct.

The Mayor replied if it were understood it need not be put as a distant resolution.

Mr Higgins thought it would be best to have it fixed so that the books would show the different amounts collected by the several officers of the Board, the book should be laid on the table at their fortnightly meeting.

Mr Huckle seconded the suggestion and also that a balance sheet should be placed before them.

The motion was carried.

THE LOCAL BOARD ACCOUNTS.

The Mayor said the next business was in regard to the publication of the Local Board of Health. Mr G. Gibson the district auditor, had concluded the audit of the accounts 1876 and he found that they had been well kept, and were accompanied by the requisite vouchers.

A CONVERSION.

WRITTEN AGREEMENTS WITH OFFICIALS.

Mr Gilder proposed that the Council should have a written agreement with all their officers and that it should be a condition of the agreement with the officers that their duties should be terminable by three months' notice on either side. The Medical Officer of Health was subjected to the authority of the Local Government Board, and in Inspector of Nuisances Mr Webster's hands.

Mr Gilder had much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Several gentlemen seconded the motion on the ground of its reasonableness and it was unanimously passed.

SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK.

This subject was proposed by Messrs. Cumberland, Wright, Lockhart, Cotchin, Gilder, Smith, Huckle, Wootton, Mees and Gunn, but was not of sufficient public interest to report fully.

The Council adjourned at 8 o'clock. It decided the preliminary question of whether the subject should be considered in the open meeting.

Mr Cumberland proposed that the Town Clerk should have a salary of £200 per year to cover everything.

A question was asked by Mr Lockhart whether Mr Bailey would make any claim for loss of services over the late Local Board of Health; to which the Town Clerk replied certainly not if they passed the resolution.

The Mayor suggested the most convenient way would be to refer the matter to the Finance Committee, with which Mr Cotchin coincided.

Mr Gilder moved an amendment that the Town Clerk should have £250 per year salary and for the Clerkship of the Sanitary Authority £50.

Mr Smith seconded the amendment.

Mr Lockhart said they were on the horns of a dilemma; if Mr Bailey recovered £250 salary he would claim compensation, but if they gave him £200 he would not.

Mr Huckle said it seemed child's play to him. If they did that the Town Clerk would not do that, but if they did not he would fix them somewhere.

Mr Mees suggested and it was seconded that the matter should be referred back to the Finance Committee to consider and report at the next meeting.

Mr Gunn proposed an amendment and it was seconded by Mr Wootton that the subject should be adjourned until this day fortnight as it would be for the interest of all the parties concerned.

Mr Drewett placed before the meeting some figures relating to the population of various Corporate towns, and the relative salaries of Town Clerks from which he endeavoured to gather what proportion the Town Clerk of Luton ought to be paid. The Council passed the amendment proposed by Mr Gunn.

THE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COUNTY JUSTICES.

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Mr Walsh asked whether it would be necessary to appoint a Surveyor *pro tem.*?

Mr Shepheard said it would be absolutely necessary to have some one. He believed Mr Leete well qualified for the office.

Mr Higgins said there was another application from Mr Middlemiss, who would be willing to hold the position temporarily and give the salary to the new of the Surveyor.

This being put to the meeting Mr Middlemiss's offer was negatived and the Town Clerk was requested to write to Mr Middlemiss and to thank him on behalf of the Council for his very kind offer.

On the motion of Mr Taylor the subject of the vacant post was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Mr Wright gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that they should appoint Mr Wm. Henry Leete the Borough Surveyor.

Mr Webster said he did not think it was necessary at all to say much on this subject. Mr Cotchin and himself did the duty as they were deputed to do and they had a corrected seal from the engravers sent down and the Mayor had it in his possession for the inspection of the Council and which the engravers were prepared at once to commence when they received their orders for it. As the Mayor had observed they told them it would take some two months to engrave it, but still, whether or not it could be hastened he did not know, but perhaps it might be. In reference to the rose, shamrock and thistle, which Alderman Higgins suggested should be introduced Sir Albert Woods said it was a very high honour as it was a national one and could not be introduced, but the rose and the thistle were introduced. Mr Cotchin was quite able to give them any information they might require him.

The Mayor read a letter which had been received from Sir Albert Woods stating that in respect to the design for the seal of the Borough of Luton, he had written to the Herald's College requesting them to say how soon they would be able to deliver the seal for use which the Royal Marshall had sanctioned, and therefore, he proceeded to ask them to pay him have a cheque for £76 10s. 0d. (laughter).

Mr Oliver did not think they ought to have gone to the College at all, for, he thought they might have had the shamrock or the thistle, or almost anything else. The Council would much better have paid the College to have kept away from them.

Mr Huckle remarked on economy and said it was a great pity that in such a number of members there was not better counsel.

Mr Webster said it was better from the Town Clerk of Gravesend, who recommended a firm of engravers, but did not say whether the Corporation went to the Herald's College for their seal.

In reply to a Councillor the Mayor said he did not think it would be convenient to dwell on the statements in any newspaper, especially when they were made by newspaper reporters. They were not enter into a debate with writers in newspapers. If gentlemen thought it unnecessary to incur this large expense, it was very important that the Council should not do so if it could be avoided.

Mr Oliver said all the mischief was done in his opinion.

Mr Cotchin said their Charter expressly said that they should have a proper seal, and if they wrote to a firm to get the thing done, the firm would simply be actuaries, and would go to the Herald's College. He put the question to Sir Albert Woods, whether if the Council went to the engraver's it would make any difference, and he said not a farthing. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Webster did not think that the fees and the stamp duties could be altered for Luton, but were fixed as all those legal charges were. He did not appreciate the observations made by them. They had not only the sealbefore them but the Borough Arms were to be obtained. He and others Jon the Committee got the designs and submitted them to the Council. He declined further to take the responsibility, but they still instructed him to proceed.

After some further remarks,

Mr Oliver said they should be clear on the point whether, or not they were going wrong.

In reply to Mr Conisbee, Mr Webster said it could not be an error to go to the chief source for information on important matters.

The Mayor said he was sorry to say that it would be some time before the Council would get the seal.

There being no further resolution the subject dropped.

(Since the above was written we have been informed by Mr Webster that the Luton Borough seal is promised in three weeks.)

NOTICE OF A MOTION.

Mr Wright said, the Charity Commissioners having published a proposed scheme for the establishment of a Grammar School at Dunstable, and also an Elementary School for boys and an Elementary School for girls out of the funds belonging to Ashton's trustees, and as a large amount of property belonging to the Charity was situate in the Borough, he would not be required for the building and founding of the above schools in Dunstable, and as the whole or part of this property might, I think, be required for the ratepayers of this Borough, I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of this Council I will move that a memorial be forwarded to the Charity Commissioners on this subject, and that a deputation should wait upon them for the same purpose.

Mr Drewett said the Local Board took some steps in the matter a couple of years ago.

The Mayor thought the proposal very judicious.

SANITARY.

Mr Dawson said complaints had been made to him that neither scavengers nor water cart visited Brewers Hill.

The Mayor said no doubt they would under the direction of the committee.

Mr Dawson said he was one of them and would see to it.

THE BATHS.

The statistics showed that there had been 1,007 bathers in the last 14 days.

The proceedings terminated after sitting three hours and a quarter.

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DUNSTABLE PETTY SESSIONS, JULY 5.

Before Mr Edward Lockhart, mayor; Mr J. H. Limbrey, and Mr C. Lockhart.

Ellen O'Brien, an Irish tramp, was charged with wandering abroad to gather alms in the Highstreet, Dunstable, on Tuesday last.—Committed for seven days.

Theophilus Coole, White Hart Yard, Dunstable, was summoned for permitting a ferocious dog to be at large, contrary to the Town's Police Clauses Act, and to the annoyance of the Mayor and all of the residents and passengers.—In reply to the Bench, the defendant said he was going into Oxfordshire on Monday, and he would take the dog with him and keep it there. The Mayor and the Bench would mitigate the penalty. He must pay 2s. 6d. fine and 10s. costs, and take the dog away by noon on Monday next, keeping it muzzled and up in the meantime. If found at large after this, they should order the dog to be destroyed.

William Lines, carpenter, Manchester Place, Dunstable, said he was the owner of a house in Edward-street, in Mr Walton's occupation. He let it to Mr Walton in Michaelmas 1873, at £1 a month. No other agreement was made. Witness asked afterwards another £1 a year. Defendant would not pay it. He put up a notice to quit, served by J. Goddard, who has gone away. Mr Wilton sent him a notice that he would quit on the 29th of September. Ultimately an order by arrangement was made, for Mr Walton to give up possession on the 29th of September, 1876, and to pay £3 5s. for the quarter's rent.

CHARGE OF RAPE AT STEWKLEY.

On Saturday last, at the Bucks Assizes, held at Aylesbury, *William Beasley*, of Stewkley, was indicted for having committed a rape upon the person of Sarah Thorne, of Wing, on the 8th April last. The prosecutrix was returning to her home, at about eight o'clock in the evening, having been engaged as a charwoman during the day at the house of Mr Woodman, farmer, when she was met upon the road by the prisoner, who criminally assaulted her, and notwithstanding resistance, succeeded in his design. He was sentenced to five years penal servitude.

MESSRS HAYWARD TYLEER AND HOWARDS' FOUNDRY.

The anniversary of the opening of the Chapel in connection with this firm was celebrated on Monday evening last. A tea-meeting was held and was presided over by Mr E. Howard, the junior partner. Tables were arranged in several departments of the works for the accommodation of the guests. There were present among others the Revs. J. Wood, W. T. Harrison, R. Berry, and J. Tuckwell. Messrs Clark, Briggs, H. W. Dowell, Stratford, David, Spencer, and Cousins. After the 1st chapter of Proverbs was read by the Chairman,

The Rev. W. T. Harrison, Vicar of Christ Church, engaged in prayer. He thanked he had often thought he should like to have a look inside the foundry, but was afraid that he never should have an opportunity, he therefore accepted the invitation that evening with pleasure. Often when he had passed the gate of the foundry he had read the notice "No admission here except on business," and had thought he should like to see inside very much, but he feared he should never be able, for there was no chance of his wanting to purchase a pump (a laugh). When Mr Clarke did him the kindness of inviting him that evening he accepted it with pleasure, and he would not have stayed away on any account. He purposed opening his night school again in October. He should have to make a few more rules, and perhaps to charge a little more, but he should be glad to welcome all who would come. For the more intelligent they became the more they would prosper in the very intelligent labour in which they were engaged. To him the engine and boiler had not been looking at was nothing but an inexplicable riddle, and it must need good heads as well as strong hands to work at it. Then Albert Hall was a very high place to maintain, which he hoped would never be lost. Mr Brassey, the great contractor, who had employed many men of all nations, said there were no workmen came into his employ so intelligent as those they were from time to time, or more highly educated, but that they had a decisiveness about them which was not shown by others. If they ever got into difficulties they had a friend in Albert Hall.

A letter was read from the Mayor (Mr W. Biggs), intimating that his public engagements precluded him from accepting the invitation to the meeting.

Mr Berry said that he very much regretted the absence of Mr Howard, more especially as he was away on account of his ill health, which he hoped would speedily be restored. He strongly advised all to pay particular attention to the outward and inward form of their heads—got knowledge of all kinds, gather it everywhere, for abundant opportunities were always to be found for the use of knowledge. He said all were looking for true happiness and true joy, but it was only found in the heart—that which the New Testament called perfect peace, and it were found it would prove a lasting and abiding comfort in the darkest night of sorrow. It was not the world that provided this peace, although wealth must be possessed with this peace, and speaking to the younger portion of the audience he said that perseverance was strongly recommended because their progress was slow, for it took 20,000 silk worms to make silk enough for a ladies' dress, and the summer swallows had to catch 4,000 flies a day for their young, and feed their young birds. This was the work of perseverance.

Rev. J. Wood remarked, he was very pleased to see such a united feeling exist between man and master as was manifested that evening. He was sorry that not always apparent in such large firms. In this case it was evident that men were not merely looked upon as implements of labour, but they looked upon them as men, and as men, have the holding of morning service (Hear, hear and applause.) In speaking of equality he said he could never believe in equality as regarded the possession of wealth. He was very sorry that in gathering of riches there will always be some richer than others; but there was an equality that was the highest and best equality and that was to be found in the religion of the Bible. He was glad to see a little upon the blessings of temperance, remarking that it would not be a bad thing if *British Workmen Hotels* were in use in Luton, where men could go to spend their leisure hours away from any intoxicating drinks (hear, hear) he should like to see this question stirred up a great deal more by the working men; there had been a great improvement in the habits of the working men, higher circles of society (Hear, hear and applause).

The Chairman then said, he much regretted the absence of both Mr Howard and Mr Thorburn, who would have filled the chair very ably, and also in not having the presence of the Rev. W. T. Gunders. Speaking of the character of Englishmen he said the honest steadfast religion which was in Englishmen was shown in his purpose was always commendable both at home and abroad and so long as the religion of the Bible was the religion of the people, Luton would be the same (applause). The wisest of men began by declaring "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and at the close he said, "the conclusion of the whole matter is, fear God and keep his commandments." His father, and grandfather, and great grandfather found a religious life did work well for them, and though and also an Elementary School for boys and an Elementary School for girls out of the funds belonging to Ashton's trustees, and as a large amount of property belonging to the Charity was situate in the Borough, I will not be required for the building and founding of the above schools in Dunstable, and as the whole or part of this property might, I think, be required for the ratepayers of this Borough, I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of this Council I will move that a memorial be forwarded to the Charity Commissioners on this subject, and that a deputation should wait upon them for the same purpose.

Mr Drewett said the Local Board took some steps in the matter a couple of years ago.

The Mayor thought the proposal very judicious.

SANITARY.

Mr Dawson said complaints had been made to him that neither scavengers nor water cart visited Brewers Hill.

The Mayor said no doubt they would under the direction of the committee.

Mr Dawson said he was one of them and would see to it.

THE BATHS.

The statistics showed that there had been 1,007 bathers in the last 14 days.

The proceedings terminated after sitting three hours and a quarter.

Cricket.

NORTH BEDS v SOUTH BEDS.

A match between these two teams came of at Bedford, on Thursday, June 29th, resulting in a victory for the North Beds, as the subjoined score will show:—

NORTH BEDS.

W. J. Hill c and b Goodyear	46
Capt. Filleul c Goodyear b Pakes	3
W. T. Mitchell b Goodyear	4
W. F. Bullock b Goodyear	10
H. G. Tylecote l b w b Goodyear	16
W. E. Holland b Goodyear	20
A. Ryn b Gutteridge	3
E. R. Tylecote c Gutteridge b Goodyear	3
W. Vyse b Goodyear	15
Capt. Josslyn b Gutteridge	2
C. Hitchman not out	0
Byes 6, leg byes 3; Wides 3	12
	135

SOUTH BEDS.

1st innings		2nd innings.	
F. Salford c Green b Tylecot	3	b Tylecote	42
H. Fetch b Tylecote	9	not out	9
J. Spurling b Tylecote	0	not out	7
T. W. Richards b Tylecote	6		
S. Pakes b Tylecote	4		
W. G. Gilder c Josslyn b Higgins	1		
C. Burnett c Hill b Higgins	13	c Higgins b Vyse	27
E. Goodyear l b w b Tylecote	7	c Green b Tylecote	34
F. C. Scargill c & b Tylecote	0		
R. Gutteridge c Higgins	7		
S. Barford not out	0	c & b Josslyn b Tylecote	5
Bye	1	Byes &c	11
	56		135

LUTON v. PECKHAM RYE.

This match was played at Peckham Rye, on Monday last. Scores:—

PECKHAM RYE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
G. Hearsum, b J. Long	43	not out	18
Corbett, b Barford	1		
Atkinson, l b w, b Barford	11		
Nelson, b Wyatt	10	b Pakes	0
J. Hearsum, b Wyatt	11	b Barford	18
Turner, c & b Pakes	3	not out	0
Body, run out	1	b Barford	1
Greenwood, c & b Pakes	8		
Swain, b Barford	6		
Coupland, not out	0		
Crowhurst, not out	1		
Byes 3, leg-byes 1, wides 4	8	No ball	1
	121		45

LUTON.

Spratley, c Atkinson, b G. Hearsum	45		
Fetch, b J. Hearsum	8		
J. Long, run out	0		
Wyatt, b J. Hearsum	0		
Gilder, c G. Hearsum, b J. Hearsum	11		
Pakes, b Turner	9		
Barford, b J. Hearsum	0		
A. Smart, c Corbett, b J. Hearsum	25		
Horn, b J. Hearsum	0		
T. Rosson, b Nelson	0		
Eyles, b J. Hearsum	0		
Byes 11, leg-byes 4, wides 5, no ball	21		
	120		

Gardening.

KITCHEN GARDEN.

Cucumbers under hand-lights, and vegetable marrows, should have a little long litter spread over the soil before the shoots are pegged out to their full extent, which will keep the fruit clean, save watering, and bring up the mushrooms quicker than spawn was introduced when the ridges were made. Celery—the main crop might now be planted out, and the rows formerly planted should have a little earth drawn to them. The principal sowings of cabbages should soon be over for this season, and as the nights lengthen a more vigorous growth will commence. Everything lately planted out ought to be watered occasionally till the plants begin to grow freely. Parsley—make a sowing, so as to have strong plants by the winter.

FLOWER GARDEN.

Ranunculuses may be taken up as soon as the foliage has turned yellow; for should wet weather set in they might probably emit fresh fibres. Plants growing in baskets or vases should now have a final stirring at the roots, likewise put a layer of moss to prevent evaporation, and thus save some labour in watering. Fuchsias in vases must be attended to daily as regards watering; it is instructive to see how the roots fill the pots, drop, and in course of time renders the plant unsightly. Remove suckers from roses, and clear the stems of wild shoots.

A BACCHUS OF EXCISE PROSECUTIONS AT ST. ALBANS.

Samuel Eglen Wade, Redbourn, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence, on the 8th April.

Mr Anzesley defended.

George Russell Munday, Inland Revenue officer, proved the case against the defendant, and fined in the penalty of £1 5s., which was recommended by the bench for further reduction on the ground that the offence was committed through a misunderstanding.

Alfred Halsey, Redbourn, was convicted of a similar offence committed on the 22nd March, and fined the minimum penalty of £1 5s.

Thomas Wade, Redbourn, *William Thorn*, Harpenden, *John Bailey*, Harpenden, *Charles W. Gordon*, and *W. Bangs*, Gustard Wood, were also fined similar penalties for like offences, and the Bench unanimously was recommended for further reduction.

In the case of *George W. Cansen Smith*, Redbourn, also a dog case, the minimum fine of £1 5s. was imposed, but recommended for total remission.

Benjamin George, Redbourn, *Charles Sibley*, Wheathampstead, *Henry Lines*, Harpenden, *Thomas Piper*, jun., Redbourn, *James Large*, Redbourn, *Reuben Scrivener*, Harpenden, *Thomas Joseph Wells*, Harpenden, and *William Linsell*, Redbourn, were severally charged with keeping dogs without licences, and the five first-named were respectively ordered to pay a penalty of £1 5s. Linsell's case being dismissed.

*Charles Wo