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As the result of a dance held at Marloes, £5 7s 8d has been handed over to the Prince of Wales's Fund. Farmers and others generously provided refreshments, and during the winter months it is proposed to hold monthly dances in aid of the same Fund.

The Baptist churches in the county are doing exceptionally well for the Prince of Wales's Fund. So far, Jordanston Church, which has forwarded £50 to the fund, heads the list. May all churches

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evening on Monday. Competitors were arranged round the room and the first half hour was very pleasantly spent by the members endeavouring to find the solutions to the problems set forth. Miss Lily Rowlands then took the chair and, after extending a hearty welcome to all present, especially the gentlemen, called in the solutions to the competitions. The evening's programme then began. Miss Clara Owen gave a very humorous recitation about "Mother's Dinner." Four gentlemen were then requested to dress up in ladies' clothes provided for them. Needless to say, the awkward endeavours of the gentlemen to don these clothes and their quaint appearance when finally successful created vast amusement. The Misses Lena Phillips Florrie Rogers and Vera Llewellyn then produced a very humorous dialogue, following which several gentlemen were required to give their candid opinions on various subjects. Miss Lily Evans effectively rendered the well-known song "Keep the Home Fires Burning," the audience, heartily joining in the chorus. Tea was then handed round by the lady members. Six gentlemen were requested to sing a song or pay a penny fine. Only one turned up trumps, and sang a comical ditty, "A mother was chasing her boy round the room," the others preferring to pay the fine. Miss Alice Griffiths concluded the entertainment by reciting a poem on "The Gents of Hill Park Guild." Suitable prizes in accordance with the humour of the evening were awarded the winners of the competitions. The Rev. W. R. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their pleasant time there. Mr G. J. Griffiths seconded, promising the ladies a return Surprise Evening prepared by the gentlemen. The meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem. Next Monday the members are requested to meet together to solve the puzzle, "Find Where's Where!"

COTTESMORE HOSPITAL.

A CORRECTION.

In a paragraph in our last issue referring to the recent fire at Cottesmore Hospital we stated "that Cottesmore was to have no more patients from Pembroke Dock." The commandant, Miss Gladys Phillips, writes pointing out that this is not correct, and that all the patients they now receive come from Pembroke Dock. At the present time the hospital is quite full, and as our statement would, it is feared, have a deleterious effect on the gift list we hasten to make the correction and to emphasize the necessity for a continuation of the generous support which the public have so kindly given the hospital since its inauguration.

LAD CONCERT.

MUSICAL TREAT.

A ballad concert arranged by our West Mr White's spacious concert hall on Sunday last was an unparalleled success. It been booked, and before the curtain a fashionable audience filled the building. The artistes billed to appear are known nely popular with Haverfordwest both Miss Hatchard and Mr Tree have sung here before, when their splendid and beautiful renderings of various songs delighted everyone.

of butter immediately they would not mind, because they could do without this palatable commodity for a time, "and," added the Rev. Mr Pryse, "you must not forget that we have an alternative diet." We can dine to day off cockles and mussels, and to-morrow off mussels and cockles by way of variety." The rev. gentleman's sally was greeted with roars of laughter, which continued for some time.

THE BUTTER STRIKE.

BIG JUMP IN PRICES.

The butter market on Saturday was quiet and tame by comparison with the scenes which occurred the two previous weeks, and the organised strike of the Hook and Llangwm women proved quite ineffective to keep down prices which before the close of the market rose as high as 1s. 9d. and 1s. 10d. per lb., thus recording an increase of 3d. and 4d. upon the previous week.

The jump from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d. and 1s. 10d. was occasioned by the small supply of butter on sale, the result of large numbers of farmers' wives taking their products to the butter factory at North Gate. Here, we understand, nearly a ton of butter was purchased the price paid being 1s. 4d., so that those who were piqued at the action of the strikers a week ago beyond the satisfaction of feeling that they had frustrated the organised attempt to beat down prices did not reap any pecuniary advantage by the change.

In a few instances sales were effected in the Market at 1s. 6d. per lb., but these were cases of regular customers.

It is now generally admitted that the Hook and Llangwm people made a mistake in trying to beat down the prices below 1s 6d per lb. At this season of the year, and having regard to the exceptional conditions obtaining 1s 6d can hardly be considered excessive. On the other hand 1s 9d and 1s 10d, with the threat to increase the price still further finds little sympathy with the general public, and if the farmers are wise we think they would be studying their interests in fixing a reasonable minimum and adhering to it.

Many of the strikers and also numbers of the general public when they found that prices had jumped 3d and 4d from the previous week went down street, and purchased their supplies at the Star Stores where New Zealand butter described as the finest in the world was being sold at 1s 6d per lb.

A MERCHANT'S VIEWS.

A "Telegraph" representative had the privilege of a chat with Mr Edward Williams, who formerly owned the North Gate Factory, and who, until he retired, was probably the biggest buyer of butter in the county.

Asked what he thought of the matter, Mr Williams said he considered 1s 6d a very fair price, and it was a pity the Llangwm women were not satisfied when they were able to buy at this rate.

"Is 4d at a wholesale merchant's," continued Mr Williams, "is, in my opinion, quite equal to 1s 6d on the market, as there is the saving of labour in making the butter into pounds, to say nothing of standing for hours on the market. The public do not seem to realise the fact that the increase in the cost of cake and other milk producing stuffs have gone up enormously, and unless cattle are fed with

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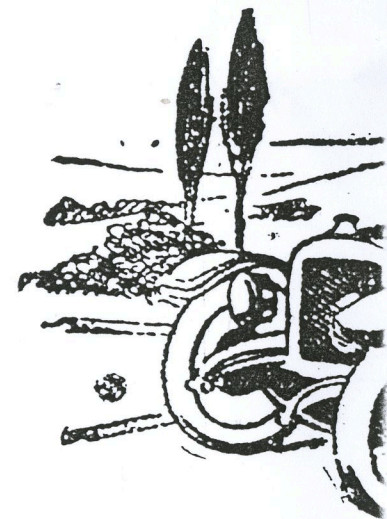
Long lists of single young men of military age are being received daily at the Haverfordwest Recruiting Office from the recruiting agents who have been appointed in the various rural districts. Most of these are farmers' sons, and the reasons given by the persons themselves for not enlisting are "Rather not," and "Will not go until I am pressed."

Although recruiting has distinctly improved since the sinking of the Lusitania—22 recruits have been accepted at the Haverfordwest office during the month of May, the numbers enlisting are still unsatisfactory. Mr. John Cole, the chief clerk in the recruiting office, is working indefatigably with the object of bringing in eligible young men, and never misses an opportunity of doing a little missionary work. The other evening he met four cyclists from the rural districts at the bottom of Prendergast, and asked if they were going to the Recruiting Office. They jeered at him, and said they were doing indispensable work at home in growing food for the population. Mr. Cole reasoned with them, and pointed out how

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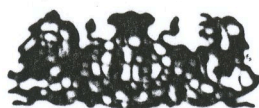


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increased expenditure estimated amounted to £61, and after deducting from revenues, gas and water the net increase demanded out of us to £59 10s. So far as any extra-ordinary expenditure was concerned he thought ought to go steadily under present and be content with keeping in order. They ought not to em- extraordinary expenditure that be avoided, because those who trouble to examine the estimates whereas new estimates last year an increase of £100 in the rates assessments this year were estimated only £40, so that the building idently at a standstill in the town. circumstances they could not ry much increase in the assess- sometime to come, and therefore to be very careful about the ex-

explained that the £150 referred to was included by standing order and consisted of half the making up the accommodation road by the Council. It might have been in the estimate presented to the Council. The amount to be expended accommodation roads for the ensuing year, and half of that would fall on

He said the explanation did not do the fact that it ought to have been the Highway Committee's estimate. The estimate was not included how was to know of it? It might have been any other figure.

He said his explanation did away with the want of knowledge on the part of the Council. It was well known that half the accommodation roads fell on

He quite agreed with that, but contended the Council did not know the any particular expenditure unless told. It might be £5 or £500, so far as

He said the omission was due to an oversight. It came before the Finance

Committee, referring to the proposed expenditure of the Fire Brigade, said there was extra-ordinary expenditure now for the Fire Brigade, so that the drills were fortnightly in- stead of monthly.

He said: I don't consider we are getting any more money, but if you are satisfied with the present arrangement

It was then adopted.

SANITARY AUTHORITY.

An order was received from the Local Board amending the Milford Port and direction of giving to the Borough Council and the Urban District of Milford a representative on the Port Sanitary Committee and including Neyland as a con-

BATTLE OF NEUVE CHAPELLE.

LANCE-CORPL. GIBBON'S THRILLING NARRATIVE.

An Experience Never to be Forgotten.

WONDERFUL HEROISM.

Lance-Corpl. E. F. Gibbon, formerly sanitary inspector to the Haverfordwest Rural District Council, writes under date March 17:—

"You will be interested to know that I played a small part in the great battle of the last few days, and will give you a short account of my experiences. On Wednesday, the 10th, ten of us were told off to act as police in the battle area. We were the biggest men in our section, and the most pleased, as we were about to witness a sight which I shall never forget. We marched off at 6 a.m., and reached our point at 7 a.m. We were then distributed over different points of the local battle area, and our duties included looking after stragglers and assisting the wounded to the dressing station. When we are out here, any work might be allotted to us, and it is carried out cheerfully.

"At 7.30 a.m. a heavy battery behind us sent over six rounds, which I suppose was a signal, for directly afterwards hundreds of guns were at it, and they made the most awful din imaginable. The firing eased a little in half-an-hour's time, and our brave boys charged the front line of German trenches, to find that our shell-fire had levelled the trench and killed every German in it. At 9 a.m. the wounded began coming in, limping, groaning, and some evidently dying; but the brave English spirit in them kept them on their feet. I went up to one Scottie and said, 'Why have you left your company?' His answer was, 'I am wounded'—the bullet had gone through his body just under the heart and come out at the back—yet he walked.

"Before another hour had passed, the town had been taken, and the first batch of German prisoners were marched past us—they were all pale, the majority wounded, and all had the peculiar yellow on their faces and clothes which lyddite causes. They looked a poor lot, and an average Tommy would manage two of them with bare fists. Some were mere boys, but all had the pluck of men—no one can deny their bravery. One German boy not more than sixteen years old had seven wounds in him, and nobody heard him utter even a groan dur-

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SANITARY AUTHORITY.

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SCHOOL FOR BELGIANS.

A statutory notice was received from the Education Committee of the School for Belgians at Milford.

A German asked if there was sufficiency at the Wesleyan School.

Davies said there was.

AGED BELGIAN REFUGEE.

The Committee reported that they had the fees payable on the burial of Doknuyt, an aged Belgian residing at 15, Albion Street. The committee was approved.

ENOUGH PRAYER.

OF ST. DAVIDS LAMENT.

At a confirmation service at the All Saints, Ammanford, on Sunday, the Bishop of St. Davids said nothing tremendously wrong about religion in Wales, so much preaching, singing, and not enough prayer. The Jewish way and not the Christian way, and people got up feeling God was very far from them. They would find it easier and if they prayed in the way Christ "to pray in My name."

Think of the time spent in reading the Bible and the little time spent in prayer. There was something very wrong. People read the Bible in the way they should not read it like any other book. It was not the word of man, but the word of God. But the thing most wrong was that many religious people who loved their Saviour and sing about Him altogether that the greatest sin of unbelief was that they should be unbelief with all men was Christ's sin.

peculiar yellow on their faces and clothes which is the cause of typhoid. They looked a poor lot, and an average Tommy would manage two of them with bare fists. Some were mere boys, but all had the pluck of men—no one can deny their bravery. One German boy not more than sixteen years old had seven wounds in him, and nobody heard him utter even a groan during his stay in our hospital. I gave him a cigarette which pleased him immensely.

"Well, the battle raged all day, chiefly hand-to-hand encounters, and this I did not witness, as it took place behind the town, but the enemy fought gamely. At midnight we began our march homewards in pitch darkness with a number of slightly wounded and dazed men. It was over a road, famous in this war, and we were passed by galloping horses drawing ammunition—field-kitchens which emitted glorious aromas—and many men going up as reinforcements. I have lost a few friends whom I had come to know well, and these were good boys. One limped along and hailed me, "Hallo, Corporal, I've got a souvenir!" He was hit in the head, lost his left hand, and yet was cheery—it is marvellous. I gave him a cigarette, and his only worry was that he was incapacitated for life. Surely, these men must not suffer when the war is over; they are saving you at home from worse than death, and are doing it with smiling faces.

"We were afterwards employed in carrying the wounded to hospital trains, and this was a pitiful sight, but the boys were eager to know, first, if we were advancing, and secondly if they were right for 'Blitey'—(England). I said, "To the best of my belief, yes." This pleased them immensely, as they are longing for a short respite from the strain of trench warfare. I saw them well supplied with drinking water, and shall not forget their 'Thanks, mate.' I only wished it were possible to see them on feather beds, as they suffered much pain. I could tell you heaps of stories of their bravery. One chap I had on my back was telling me that he was to have the D.C.M. 'or some such thing' for saving his wounded officer under terrible fire, but this poor fellow got hit badly.

"We have got the Germans out of what the fellows thought an impregnable position, and I believe this is only a foretaste for the Germans of what to expect when Kitchener's men arrive in force. In conclusion, I am glad to say that in spite of long and trying working hours my health and spirits are excellent, but it is my one hope that I shall soon be able to come back and think over the experiences we are now going through."

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