

APRIL TENTERDEN. 1914

DEATH OF MR. A. M. BENNETT.—With deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Ada Mary Bennett, the wife of Mr. Arthur Bennett, of West Cross, who passed away on Monday morning. Deceased, who was thirty-six years of age, had been suffering from consumption for over twelve months past. She was the elder daughter of the late Mr. J. F. Appleyard, of St. Michael's, and Mrs. Appleyard, of Beacon Oak Road, Tenterden. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon when as a mark of respect and sympathy, shops were closed and blinds drawn throughout the town. The first portion of the burial service was performed in the parish church. The interment taking place at St. Mildred's cemetery. The service was performed by the vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington). The chief mourners were Mr. A. Bennett (husband), Mrs. Appleyard (mother), Mr. J. W. Bennett (father-in-law), and Mr. J. Appleyard (brother). There were many beautiful floral offerings sent.

EASTER VESTRY.—The vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington) presided at the vestry meeting on Thursday afternoon. Mr. E. H. Hardcastle was re-elected vicar's warden, and Mr. J. S. Winer the people's warden. A discussion took place respecting the roof of the church, which is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and the question was raised whether the present shingle roof should be re-placed by a roof of old tiles, but no decision was come to regarding it.

OBITUARY.—The funeral of Wm. Christmas, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christmas, of Ashendon Lodge, Smallhythe, took place at St. John the Baptist, Smallhythe, on Saturday week. Deceased, who was only 15 years, died on the previous Tuesday after an illness of but a week's duration. The service was performed by the Rev. W. H. Noble, of Benenden. The chief mourners included Mr. and Mrs. C. Christmas (father and mother), Messrs. C. M. and Jack Christmas (brothers), Misses Annie, Alice, Emily and Florence Christmas (sisters). Many beautiful wreaths were sent.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—The annual meeting of the Tenterden Habitation was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The chair was taken by Major Beresford Johnson. After the business had been transacted a very stirring lantern lecture, dealing particularly with Ulster, was given by Mr. G. S. Woodie. Other speakers included Mr. Sandford (Rolvenden). The musical part of the programme comprised songs by Mrs. Sandford, Miss Hall and Mr. A. E. Bishop.

TERRITORIAL BALL.—The Tenterden Territorials held their last ball of the season in the Drill Hall on St. George's Day, when there were about 80 present. The hall was most brilliantly decorated for the occasion by Mr. E. R. Clifton, Colour-Sergt. A. Masters and Sergt. A. Millen once again acted as M.C.'s, the music being in the hands of Mrs. H. Field (piano) and Mr. W. Savage (violin).

FLOWER SERVICE.—The annual children's spring flower service was held at the parish church on Sunday afternoon. A very large number of offerings of wild flowers and garden flowers were brought by the children, which have since been forwarded to the East London and the Evelina Hospitals for children. An offertory was taken for the Coral League.

DEPARTURE.—Having disposed of his business, Councillor J. S. Jordan, of High-street, is shortly leaving the town. Seven years ago Mr. Jordan came to Tenterden, and during that period had become a very prominent citizen. He has been an indefatigable worker in many departments of the life of Tenterden, and quite a number of institutions, including the Working Men's Club, have to thank him for his untiring efforts on their behalf.

NEW DRAINAGE.—Mr. J. M. Vio, of Tunbridge Wells, whose tender of £8,889 18s. for the new drainage scheme for Tenterden, has been accepted by the Corporation, commencing operations on Monday.

PICTURE PALACE.—The proprietor, Mr. A. H. Pollard, entertained the members of the G Company 5th Buffs on Wednesday evening at the Palace, when the programme contained many very excellent pictures. Lieut.-Colonel Munn-Mace, commanding the Battalion, was present, and at the close thanked Mr. Pollard for his kindness.

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THE LATE MISS E. TAYLOR.—The funeral of Miss Emma Taylor, who died at Smallhythe Vicarage on Thursday week, at the great age of 83 years, took place at the Tenterden cemetery on Monday afternoon, a service having first been held at the parish church of St. Mildred's, by the Rev. J. A. Babington, who also performed the committal portion of the service at the graveside. The chief mourners were the Rev. W. Raven and Mrs. Raven. There were some beautiful wreaths sent.

TEMPERANCE.—Another most successful meeting of the Tenterden Branch of the C.E.T.S. was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, when an address was given by Mr. Kilford, one of the Police-court Missionaries. A very fine recitation was given by Miss Babington and Mr. F. Chalk sang several excellent songs.

RAT, SPARROW AND WASP CLUB.—The monthly meeting was held at the Eight Bells Hotel on Monday evening. The results for the month were exceedingly satisfactory, there being accounted for 239 rats, 163 sparrows and 145 queen wasps.

HOOK'S BUSES.—Tenterden and Ashford daily at 8.15 a.m., returning after arrival of 3.25 p.m. up train. Town Buses meets all trains Kent and East Sussex Railway. Horses 4 APRIL 1914

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NAMUR AND TENTERDEN.

The Rev. J. A. Babington, vicar of Tenterden, the church associated with the Goodwin Sands, was born at Namur, and loves the country of his birth, wherein his parents were strangers. He is doing all he can at Tenterden to help Belgium in her sufferings, says "The Church Family Newspaper," and he probably realises more than most of our peaceful people at home that Namur's fate in August might be Tenterden's ere long if recruiting had not been brisk. Tenterden is in the Weald of Kent, which was in pre-historic days an arm of the sea, and if an enemy once landed in Romney Marsh it would be one of the first inland towns to suffer devastation. The beautiful church of St. Mildred, the cathedral of the Weald, might then suffer the fate of Louvain and Rheims.

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By order of the Executors of the late Mr. Henry Boorman.

TENTERDEN.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS PROPERTY, RICH MEADOW AND FRUIT LAND,
 In or close to this charming old Country Town.
ACTUAL & ESTIMATED RENTAL, £223 PER ANNUM.
 Divided into Lots, as follows:
Lot 1.—The Delightful EARLY GEORGIAN RESIDENCE, "WESTFIELD,"
 Occupying an unrivalled position opposite the entrance to the beautiful Heronend Hall Park; with the Gardens, productive Orchard in full bearing, and Rich Meadows, embracing an area of 15 ACRES.
 Together with the Attractive Small Residence adjoining, occupied by Mr. A. B. Boorman, and known as "WEST CROSS HOUSE."
 Early possession can be had.

Lot 2.—12 ACRES PASTURE LAND, adjoining the North side of the railway, having 277 FEET FRONTAGE to the Cranbrook Road.
 Nicely timbered, commanding fine views, and forming an excellent Site for a Residence, in addition is well adapted for conversion into a Desirable Small Holding.

Lot 3.—The Substantially-erected DOUBLE-FRONTED RESIDENCE, "WESTBOURNE HOUSE,"
 On the South side of the High Street, in the occupation of F. L. Denys, Esq.

Lot 4.—The Very VALUABLE BUSINESS PREMISES, in the centre of the town, consisting of the **POST OFFICE, STATIONER'S SHOP AND DWELLING HOUSE,**
 Occupied by Mrs. Morris, and the adjoining **HOUSE WITH GREENGROCEER'S SHOP,**
 Let to Mr. E. J. Mercer.

Mr. HARRY JUDGE
 HAS BEEN FAVOURED WITH INSTRUCTIONS to OFFER the above exceptionally choice PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, at the **WHITE LION HOTEL, TENTERDEN,** on **FRIDAY, JULY 10th, 1914,** at Three o'clock in the Afternoon.
 Particulars and Conditions of Sale, with Plan and Orders to View, may be obtained of the Auctioneer, Tenterden; or of
Messrs. W. G. MACE & SONS, Solicitors, Tenterden and Ashford.

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The licensing sessions for the borough were held on Monday, before the Mayor (Admiral Sir Charles Drury) chairman, Messrs. E. H. Hardcastle, E. Howard, J. E. Mace, Jabez Chacksfield, E. G. Bennett and Mr. J. Munn-Mace (clerk).—Additional interest was attached to this year's sessions, the justices having previously visited the licensed premises throughout the borough, and called the owners' attention, regarding several houses, to various details which they regarded as unsatisfactory.—Superintendent Fowle, in his annual report, stated that during the past year seven persons were convicted of drunkenness, six males and one female, all of whom were non-residents. This was an increase of three over the previous year. All of the houses were satisfactorily conducted.—The Chairman said that they had decided to renew all the licenses with the exception of the Gardeners' Arms and the New Inn, which would be adjourned for discussion to Thursday, Feb. 26th.

With regard to the Eight Bells objection was taken to the state of the old Market Hall, now called the club room, which was now used for dances, etc., which the justices considered unsafe, both as to its stability and also in case of fire.—Mr. Poole, architect, of Maidstone, who appeared on behalf of the owners, Messrs. Isherwood, Foster and Stacey, Ltd., said that immediately the owners received the letter from the clerk (Mr. Munn-Mace) he was instructed to inspect the premises, which he had done. With regard to the floor of the club room the springy nature of it, which was very noticeable, gave the impression that it was unsafe. This vibration had been noticed by local people for the past sixty years. This vibration was of itself no danger, but was due to the room being built separately from the other part of the premises. They proposed to stiffen up underneath by intermediate bearers as auxiliaries, and to erect timber stanchions under the old bearers. There was nothing seriously wrong with the brickwork, but it should be re-pointed. With regard to the safety of the public in case of fire, the room was seldom used by more than sixty people. It had one main exit and a second exit leading down into the yard. He (Mr. Frost) was of opinion that it was advisable to put an emergency exit by turning the large window at the end of the room into folding doors opening outwards on to a staircase. The doors of the existing entrance also being made to move outwards in two folding doors. This would give easy exits at both ends of the room.—The Chairman said, as they were probably all aware, the justices had visited the various licensed houses, and although they did not find quite a perfect state of things, they felt sure that the owners of the houses were all prepared to put them in a satisfactory and sanitary state. In one or two of them the sanitary arrangements were not up to date. The justices would leave these things with the owners to deal with and they were pleased to find that the owners of the Eight Bells had lost no time in dealing with the matter.—The representative of Messrs. Isherwood, Foster and Stacey, Ltd., said on behalf of his firm, that the justices could fully rely on any of their suggestions being carried out.

With regard to the White Lion Hotel, of which the Ashford Breweries are the owners, the justices considered the sanitary arrangements imperfect, and the arrangements of the bedrooms dangerous in case of fire.—Mr. Frost, representing the owners, said he had not yet had the opportunity of going over the house, but he was going over it with the tenant, and he could say that anything the magistrates suggested required doing should be done.

Mr. F. Edwards, a member of the firm of Messrs. O. Edwards and Sons, appeared respecting the Black Horse, The Vine and the Plough. With regard to the Black Horse attention was drawn to the club room.—Mr. Edwards said he could not see that the egress of the room was unsatisfactory. It went direct to the yard by a staircase, and there was another exit at the other end of the room. Perhaps 40 to 50 people occasionally used the room.—The Chairman: We don't suggest any alterations that should be made; we leave it to you to do whatever you think ought to be done for the safety of the public, but I personally think exit should be painted on the door in case of fire.—Mr. Howard: When visiting the house, all of the magistrates felt that the exit from it was inadequate.—With regard to the Vine the justices considered the sanitary arrangements inadequate, and with regard to the Plough that the sanitary arrangements were too public. Mr. Edwards undertook to alter the present arrangements.