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Though no longer a familiar figure in our nidst, the Accrington Division has stil Write Box 161, "Observer" Office, Accrington. happy memories of genial Sir Joseph Leese, its former representative in the House commons, and to many former supporters and admirers the news that Sir Joseph has resigned the office of Recorder of Manchester. which he has held since 1893, will bring back recollections of Sir Joseph's personal and political association with the Accrington Division. Of all the local Parliamentary ontests I can recall, none have been more keenly and fiercely fought than that December, 1395, when, following upon Sir loseph's appointment to the Recordership, by-election was necessitated. It was then plain Mr. Joseph Francis Leese, Q.C. Liberal, against plain Mr. Robert Trotter Hermon-Hodge, Conservative, and a keen, ding-dong fight it was, neither side sparing any effort that would be likely to influence votes in favour of their nominees. These two, good friends and great political rivals, made a couple of fine candidates, and fought the election for all they were worth. The result was a triumph for the Liberals and for the new Recorder, who was elected by majority of 258, though Mr. Hermon-Hodge had the satisfaction of knowing that he had reduced the Liberal majority by just about half as compared with the previous election in July, 1892. The two political opponents of that day have since had conferred upon them the honour and distinction baronetcy, and many old admirers in the Accrington Division will wish them health and long life to fill the positions they so well

That Sir Joseph Leese has, in the twentyone years he has held the Recordership of a great deal that was not required. To sup-Manchester, earned the admiration of very with the communal life of the city, is mani- to the production of fancies, whereas the Conservative journal, the "Manchester Courier," which is reproduced in another "I challenge them to prove," said the Mayor, part of to-day's paper. Sir Joseph has been wide experience of men and affairs, coupled Technical School have got any serious comlife and commerce, has stood him in good exceedingly disappointed if the Mayor's stead in presiding over the affairs of the challenge is not taken up. Surely the weaver far from being so vigorous as once it was, extra knowledge, and is likely to find his gests something like the ideal of what a well- quence of his studies. Nobody can know too preserved English gentleman ought to be on much about the work in which they are the border line of three score years and ten. engaged, even though some of the things EVERY TUESDAY & SATURDAY MORNING But that is only to be expected of the man they have learned may not come within their who was one of the biggest hitters the every-day experience. Lancashire County cricket team ever had in its ranks.

Church, Accrington, and the unveiling of the with at least £1,000 a year." Such is during the time the evening service was pro- town in these two departments. ceeding, and the organ loft at "Wesley" will know him no more. Music stood with him and spoke of him-as the one all-aside all political considerations where local absorbing interest of his life outside his own government is concerned, holding that "we selves to it so completely. He loved to be service." But experience the country over chester expresses and the drivers and guards | as Mr. Riley did, and not merely to sing

To Mr. David Longton, Accrington's senior school attendance officer, has fallen the honour of being elected president of the interesting suggestion he makes, namely, Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales that England should import Colonial girls Federation of the National Association of to settle the servant problem. After describ-School Attendance Officers. The Federation ing Ireland and Wales, and rhapsodising held a representative conference in Man-over the scenery to be found there, Mr. Jones, chester on Saturday, at which Mr. Longton's in his concluding remarks, observes, "I have appointment to the presidency was unani- discovered no signs of national decay in the mous and hearty.

The Mayor of Accrington certainly has the wrought the ruin of the Roman Empire, courage of his convictions, and even though ought not to be increased beyond their prehis views may be opposed to those of the majority, that does not prevent him from presenting matters from his own standpoint. On Saturday night Captain Harwood made a little speech at the annual dinner of the Accrington branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association which he introduced several controversial points, and even the premonition that he would "catch it" for saving such things when next he went to a meeting of the Town Council did not appear to trouble him at all. The Mayor holds strongly to the opinion that a good deal of the money spent on education is, under the existing eystem, absolutely wasted." His indictment is brought mainly against the County Council in regard to what he deems the spending of large sums of money upon impracticable and ill-devised educational projects. Sooner or later, he declared, the Town Council would have to jib at the dictation of the County Council, and stop what he considers to be the great waste of money. The sooner, he added, Accrington was a county borough and controlled the whole of their finances in this respect, the better it would be. And there I am quite in agreement with the Mayor.

But Captain Harwood carried his indica ment further, and expressed the opinion that there was in the Accrington Technical School port his view he instanced the teaching of many of those most intimately associated weaving which, he stated, is largely devoted fest from the high tribute paid him by a vast majority of the looms of the town are engaged in the manufacture of plain goods. "that those living in Accrington and disa good, a humane, and a just judge, and his trict who have learnt fancy weaving at the with his intimate knowledge of Lancashire mercial benefit from it." Frankly, I shall be Manchester City Sessions. Sir Joseph has who knows how to make fancies as well as now reached the age of 69, and his health is plain cloths is all the better weaver for his though he still in personal appearance sug- position and prospects improving in conse-

I was giad to see that the Mayor paid a splendid tribute to the services rendered to Mr. Bradshaw Riley, known to everybody the Accrington Corporation by Alderman in local musical circles as a man whose Higham, and particularly where electricity bration of his jubilee as organist at "Wesley" Alderman Higham was equal to an official tablet in the church commemorative of that opinion of the Mayor, and it will be endorsed event. Mr. Riley passed quietly away on by all who realise the worth of Alderman Sunday night at his home near the church, Higham's devotion to the interests of the

In another matter I do not quite agree with Brad "- that was how all his friends knew the Mayor. He would have us entirely set

stations. The experiments have been to test | place have been sufficient, at all events, to ing last year.

that are about level. As most Observerites estimated cost of £351,000. know, the length of line between Baxenden and Accrington forms one of the steepest These figures may appear small, ridic : choirmaster, and a well-known local musician a steep incline.

with a train of empty coaches, and being regarded as the severest test possible for such any definite plan are stift propositions in physically weaker, although his mental a practice, a good deal of interest was mani- deed. Far easier is it to mould the new power was sustained, as was shown by his fested in the trials. I understand that the centres of industrial and domestic life into humorous remarks. Mr. Riley was in bed tests proved satisfactory in every way, and as a consequence the system was adopted in a practical manner on Friday afternoon with the slipping of coaches off the express which leaves Salford for Accrington, Burnley and Colne at 4-5. That particular train is generally well loaded, and the passengers took not a little interest in the "slipping" process on on an incline such as that leading into Accrington station from Baxenden it shows that the braking arrangements on trains are about as perfect as it is possible to make them. The slipping arrangement is worked by the guard in the front portion of an express train. At a distance of 40 or 50 yards from the station where it is desired to leave the rear coaches, the latter are slipped off the front portion, and then a guard in the rear of the unattached coaches brings them to standstill at the desired place by means of the band vacuum brake in the guard's van.

Councillor A. Hargreaves, chairman of vision." He was very glad for that descrip-Oswaldtwistle District Council, during the tion. The Liberals accused the Conservatives recent gatherings to celebrate the Wesleyan of talking a lot about the Liberal policy and missionary centenary, entertained Mr. H. nothing about the Conservative policy. But Dal, Jones, a young man from British Guiana, they wanted, said Mr. Hacking, to show the who preached at Antley and Oswaldtwistle people what a poor policy the Liberals poschurches. This young gentleman, on returning home, wrote a special article, which ap- Liberals were destructive. The Insurance Act peared in "The British Argosy," published in Demerara, in which he gives his impressions of England and the English people. Welsh Disestablishment Bill was to destroy Mr. Jones, after modestly pointing out that the work done by the Church in Wales. When many impressions obtained by the first flash must of necessity be incorrect, says, "Great bonconformists. But since then the Welsh Britain has long enjoyed the reputation of being a great country. In my opinion this remarkable country exceeds the highest anticipations." He characterises the traffic of London as the eighth wonder of the world, and the London policeman as the ninth. impressions of Britons was, of course, jargely from becoming one of a single school of drawn from those with whom he came in thought, and opposed any form of narrowcontact, and in whose homes he was a guest. These include professors, directors of educawrites in terms of unstinted praise, com mending their humility, generosity, desire to make the guest comfortable. social organisation of the Britons, although luxury and pleasure, the elements that sent colossal proportions."

The annual visit of Father Cortie, of Stonyhurst College, to Accrington Discussion Class has come to be regarded as a sort of "Discussion Class anniversary eermons The officials ask for a silver collection, and on Sunday evening well over £3 was received. Father Cortie has the happy facility of making himself at home at the "Dowry, and he possesses in an emineral degree quality of adaptability. descriptive of a visit to Bonn, and the impressions he left behind was that the lot of a leading astronomer is an enviable one. Certainly Father Cortie has, according to his descriptions of his trip to Bonn and previous tours to foreign parts, had many pleasant jaunts whilst engaged in his astronomical studies. Incidentally ne told had given no fewer than five lectures in connection with the Gilchrist Trust. He also dispelled the idea that astronomy was one of the special subjects taught at Stonyhurst, used for research work.

\* \* \* the Boy Scout movement. There will be little to spare, but the cause is one which will make a very wide appeal. The Boy Scout movement has become part of our most remarkable achievements organisation and enthusiasm working hand-in-hand have been able to claim. At first there were fears of militarism, but they were quickly and sensibly swept aside by the Chief Scout's scenes are constantly changing. One minute intended, and would not be allowed, to have or nuns, and the next the gutteral laugh and any sort of militarist tendency. He has kept have done a national service in the promotion of health, happiness, discipline, and splendid vocalist, her singing being delightrecreation among the youngsters of the day. ful.

\* \* \* opinion in matters of music was one to be and tramways are concerned. "I have always later on is to spread the Scout movement and she displayed marked talent. As the Besides his carnest efforts in a musical respected, has not long survived the cele- said, ever since I went on the Council, that among the slums of the North. He is conthe Northern and Midland towns are not getting Clyndes, and Miss Patricia Bostock contrifor them. It is a worthy object. Even from the worst slum areas in the country boys can self-reliant, and honourable men, and the and attraction. Boy Scout movement should be able to achieve great things in its new sphere,

The work of applying the Housing and home, and few men have devoted them- should be better in every way, and get better Town Planning Act of 1909 to the improvement and beautification of our crowded at the organ, and he delighted in good sing- makes it plain that, whether designedly or centres of population and to the problem of ing, not by choir alone but by the whole not, political issues will obtrude in local as housing reform is necessarily slow of achievecongregation also. Not many men would in national affairs, and certainly from my ment, but it is satisfactory to observe from have undertaken to train Sunday school own point of view a good Town Council is the report of the Local Government Board scholars who knew nothing of music to sing none the worse, but something the better, for for the last complete year that considerably heavy rains having made the turf so soft that brisker progress has been made than during Unfortunately a horse ridden by Mr. Pollard the preceding twelve months. Under the stumbled after it had mounted one of the During the past week the officials of the section which empowers local authorities to fences, its rider being thrown several yards. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company notify landlords to make houses fit for habichoir in contests some years ago were due, have, I understand, been conducting some tation the number of councils exercising onsiness people who use the trains. The and nobody rejoiced in those successes more interesting experiments at Accrington on the those powers has increased substantially, and Nelson in a motor-car. This is the second amount collected on this occasion realised the record sum of £68 4s. The fund was started than he did, "Wesley" has suffered a great line between Baxenden and Accrington the actual improvements which have taken

the desirability, or should I say the possi- demonstrate the immense possibilities for bility, of "slipping" coaches off express good which the Act provides. A great intrains as they enter Accrington station on crease, too, is recorded in the number of their way from Manchester to Burnley and closing and demolition orders, while-what beyond. The practice or "slipping" the is equally important—the number of working rear coaches of express trains, in order that class houses to be erected and the amount of the front portion may continue on its journey the loans sanctioned for this purpose have so at full speed, has long been in operation at increased that at the moment there are under WELL - KNOWN ORGANIST many stations on the Lancashire and York- the consideration of the Department schemes shire system, but only on stretches of line for the construction of 1,358 houses, at an

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gradients on the Company's system, with lously small, to the enthusiastic reformer, of marked ability, Mr. Bradshaw Riley died Accrington station at the foot of the incline, but at least they represent actual accomplish- at his residence, Grange Villa, Grange-lane, The experiments have been conducted to ment, and since the coming into operation Accrington, on Sunday evening, in his 68th ascertain if the "slipping" practice could be of the Act close on a million and a half has | year. He had been in declining health for safely adopted at stations lying at the foot of been spent in the erection of 6,355 houses. about two years, and a few weeks ago when In the wider sphere of town planning, also, he was the recipient of a cheque for £100 advance is necessarily steady. Great schemes and an address in celebration of his jubilee The experiments were, of course, conducted for altering the whole arrangements of a city as organist and choirmaster at "Wesley which has been allowed to develop without Church, it was seen that he was getting some semblance of form and comeliness, and only a week, and he played the organ for with due regard to the health and the happi- the last time the Sunday before Christmas ness of the community. In this connection schemes finally approved cover nearly four thousand acres, while schemes involving 107,000 acres are in an advanced stage. On the whole, therefore, it appears that progress is being made, and if festina lente be the order of its accomplishment there is the consolation that no ill-considered or wasteful projects are being embarked upon. SCRIBBLER.

## HACKING LIBERAL POLICY.

Mr. Douglas Hacking, of Rishton, prospec-

noticed that at the Liberal meeting at Chorley last Wednesday he had been referred to as the "prospective member for the Chorley Disessed. The Conservatives had been charged with a destructive policy; but surely the was meant to destroy the friendly societies. Day. He was the son of Councillor John the Home Rule Bill designed to destroy the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and the the Home Rule Bill was first introduced, it was Disestablishment Bill had been introduced the Liberals in passing the Home Rule Bill. church as a whole. It prevented that church mindedness. The Liberals would never have mentioned the disestablishment of the church had they not meant to disendow it also. It endowment. (Applause.) If a church had wealth and misapplied it, or paid exorbitant stipends to men who were not doing their duty, there might be some excuse to say, "you must no longer have this money." But that Hacking, they proposed to leave the Church 6s. 8d. in the pound, and if it was just to take ! away 13s. 4d. it was not unjust to take away

confidence in Sir Henry Hibbert. seconded by Mr. Hacking, and was carried with acclamation

#### THE MIRACLE" GRAND.

This week "The Miracle," a play founded a Continental legend, is presented at the Grand Theatre, Accrington. and is a strange blending of mysticism, Treachery occurs, and Henri is frustrated in Wesley Church. story of her lover's death is false, and she General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, it is yearns to escape. Whilst on duty she dreams that her lover beats upon the door, that she quarter of a million for the development of escapes with him, and that thereupon is per- alay singer. His ability not only as figures in the play. The spielman is a mysterious personage, appearing and dis-

undoubtedly interesting. The play is a spectacular one, and the is to be heard the chanting of a church choir Laughter" with unusual skill. She is a

Last night's performance, considering stage It is satisfactory to know from Sir Robert effects being obtained. The chief roles are bers of the choir and scholars and they in Baden-Powell that his object in raising the convincingly represented. The acting of Miss, him. Being quite a model of punctuality fund for which a public appeal is to be made | Muriel Dean, as Marie, was very convincing, | be exacted it from those under his tuition. spielman, Mr. Alfred Denville was very realistic. He has a big part, and makes vinced that thousands of boys in the great excellent use of it. Mr. B. Crosby, Mr. J. H. a fair chance, and it is his aim to secure it bute materially to the success of the product and Mutual Improvement Society. Mr. charming manner. "The Miracle" possesses be rescued in time to become resourceful, many novel features, and is full of interest half of the church for the appointment of

RILEY. - At Grange Villa, Accrington, on Interment Accrington Cemetery, ] Thursday.

THE RIBBLESDALE HUNT.

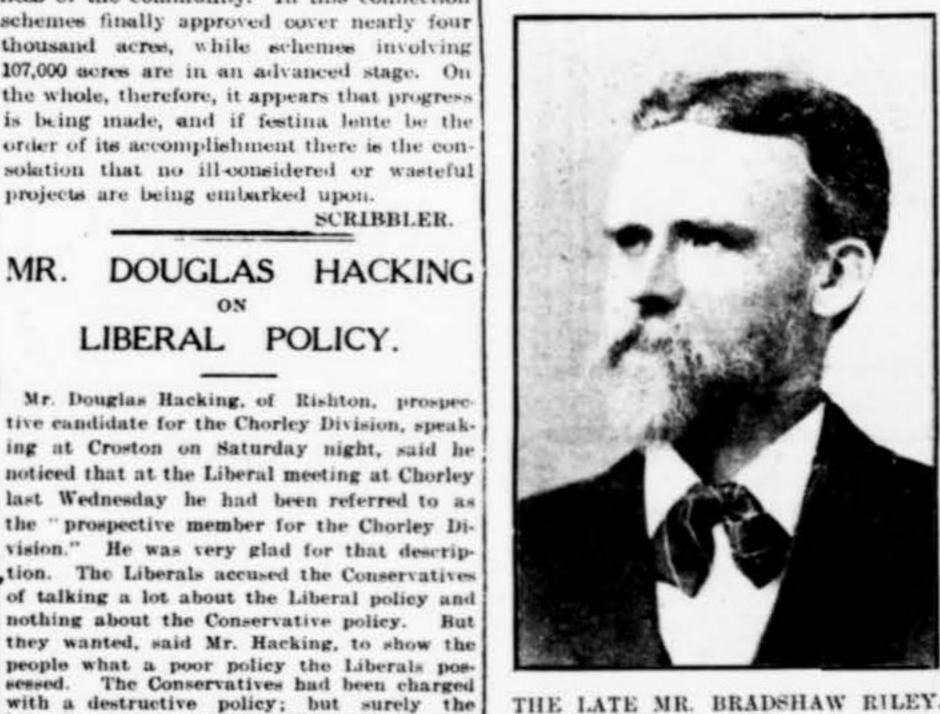
Deaths.

The Ribblesdale Buckhounds hunted under difficult conditions on Saturday, the recent at several jumps the horses sank to their bocks. When he attempted to rise he found that his leg was fractured. Assistance was immediately forthcoming, and he was conveyed to had the misfortune to break a leg whilst bunt-

# Death of Mr.

AND CHOIRMASTER.

For more than fifty years organist and



Riley, joiner and builder, a Wesleyan, who was one of the first members of the Accrington Town Council (all Liberals) when the town was incorporated in 1878, and previously At the close several questions were put to e had been a member of the Local Board

A native of Accrington, and carrying on the and the Welsh Nonconformists now supported business of a joiner and builder up to a few years ago, Mr. Riley was prominently con-Referring to the Welsh Church Bill, Mr. Hack- nected, especially in a musical point of view ing said the chief effect of the establishment with the inception of "Wesley" Church, of a church, as distinct to disestablishment, which sprung from services held in the old was a more broadening influence upon that Madder Room, pear Broad Oak Works. When quite young, Mr. Riley, who developed musical ability in his tender years, took up the position as harmoniumist at the old Madder Room, where Veslevan services were held before "Wesley" Church was built in 1866. tion, and captains of industry. Of these he was not diestablishment which gained the sup- | Previously Mr. T. T. Kenyon, then cashier at port of Liberals throughout the constituency the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank, and cheers in the House of Commons, but dis- Accrington, and Mr. Fred Eltoft, of Black burn-road, had jointly discharged the duties on alternate Sundays when not engaged at the old Baptist Church in Blackburn-road Upon the appointment of Mr. Eltoft as could not be said of the English Church in organist at Oak street Congregational Church Wales, because it was a great living body, Mr. Kenyon's duties were restricted to the and its members consisted of one-third of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Bradshaw Riley long enough" As a matter of fact, said Mr. | opened on Good Friday, 1867, and ever since till prevented by a break up in health he performed the duties with commendable regularity and with the utmost credit to himself

Mr. Ricey in recognition of his muchappreciated services by members of the choir and church, a fine group photograph presented by the choir to Mr. Riley after 25 years' service, recalls those who were members at that time: Miss Maggie Ingham (Mrs Tom Harwood), Miss Lizzie Barnes (Mrs. Waddington), Miss Pollio Hargreaves (Mrs. Adamson), Mies Fanny Walker (Mrs. Whit-It differs in taker), Miss Annie Haworth (Mrs. Graham), every respect from the general run of plays, i Miss Polly Heap, Miss Lilian Richardson (Mrs. H. K. Gill), Miss Minnie Priestiev (Mrs. Priestley), Mrs. Bradshaw Riley, Mr. Bradshaw Ruey, Mr. J. W. Barlow, Mr. Alfred Shorrock, Mrs. Shorrock, Miss J. A. Barnes interior of a Continental church, an Austrian LiMrs, James Priestley), Miss Turner, Mr. village, and a convent. A village maiden John Rydeheard, Mr. W. S. Walker torganist has two lovers, one favoured by her step- at 1 mon-street and conductor of Accrington father, whose suit she refuses in favour of Choral Society), Mr. John Wo.stenholme, Mr. his a young Frenchman. The rejected lover and Tom Priestley, Mr. W B. Walker, Mr. John audience on Sunday that during the week he the stepfather beguile the young Frenchman | Lancaster, Mr. Tom Lancaster, Mr. James to join the Austrian army, on promise that Priestley, and Mr. W. Frew Chambers. on his return after a year's service no obstacle | photograph of himself was also presented to | S. A. Astley (Blackburn); 2nd (cigarette holder shall be placed to his marriage with Marie. Mr. Ruey after thirty years' association with and case) Mr. J. Spiers; booby, Mr. E. Martin

his intention to return on the appointed day. Mr. R.ley was practically a self-taught pointing out that the observatory there was Thereupon Marie enters a convent, and is organist and manist, having had but a new placed on guard of the Madonna. After lessons in organ playing by Mr. Thomas entering into extle Marie learns that the Hargreaves, a well known musician in his day. Thus it will be seen that Mr Ruley's younger days he was also a vocalist, commencing in the old Madder Room as an formed the legendary miracle of the Madonna organist but in training a choir, was full descending from the throne and taking the recognised by competent musicians and the general wishes for his success. It is a big place of the escaped Marie. The dream is many distinctions gained by "Wesley" task in these days of many demands upon depicted as a reality, and how in the end choir at contests and musical festivals, at the purses alike of those who have much or Marie and her lover become united is finally tested his skill and patience in handling shown. Marie, her lover, and a spielman the choir and bringing them up to a remark with supernatural evil powers are the central able degree of perfection. For instance, at a musical concert at Blackburn about twenty national life during the past few years, and appearing in various guises, exercising his out of 150 were awarded first prize for part its success in every direction is one of the evil influence. Only in the case of Marie's singing and Mr. Wilson, a competent judge rejected lover does he succeed; the rest resist declared it was the finest part singing that his offers of worldly gain in exchange for he had heard. Perhaps Mr. Riley's greatest their souls, and several of the episodes are triumphs were associated with the training of the scholars of "Wesley" Sunday school. Elijah" was amply rewarded, the result being an unqualified success, eliciting the a musician of great ability who flute of the spielman. Evil and good are tounded the well known orchestra which ever at war, and the latter prevails in the bears his name. Mr. Cunliffe described it his promise admirably, and it may fairly be end. Several fine musical numbers are also as a marvellous performance considering claimed by those who have worked so hard to introduced, and Miss Hilda Playfair, as the tender years of the singers. Then Mr. make the Scout movement a success that they Lucette, a waiting maid, renders "Lo! Hear! Riley carried through a successful performthe gentle lark" and "The Valley of ance of Gaul's "Holy City" in connection with "Wesley." In his training of the choir while Mr. Riley was a strict diciplinarian and ofter stimulated the singers by piquant expressions, he had wonderfud patience, and the fact that he never used a baton inlimitations, was a capital one, several fine dicated the confidence he had in the memservice in other departments of church and school work and it was mainly through the stand he made that the new lecture-room was allowed to be used by the Sunday school From Mrs. Tedds, 29, New Town-road. Hedtion, and Miss Hilda Playfair, in addition to J. E. Lightfoot, first Mayor of Accrington, her singing, filled the role of Lucette in and Messrs, Bernard Stuttard and James Grimshaw made the arrangements on be-Mr. Riley as organist, Mr. Lightfoot paying | which curatics principles can reach the for a hydraulic engine for the organ. The presentation of a cheque for £100 and an illuminated address in celebration of his jubilee as organist was made at "Wesley" | Veno's Lightning Cough Cure. Doctors school on October 28th last year when the recognise this fact. They do not prescribe Sunday, Jan. 11th, Bradshaw Riley; aged 68 artistes included Mr. W. S. Walker, formerly lozenges for serious brone, but a member of Mr. Riley's choir. The other Hignid medicines always. artistes were Madame Amy Kidd, Mrs. W.

> large attendance. The address was as TO MR. BRADSHAW RILEY. We, the trustees, choir, congregation, and

> friends of the Wesley Church, Abbey-street, tender our sincere congratulations on the completion of fifty years unbroken service as organist and choirmaster. We wish to record our appreciation of the constant and conspicuous ability you have displayed in leading the musical portion of our worship

Seddon, Mr. Bridge Peters, Mr. H. Rigby

(violin), and Mr. F. Anderson Tyrer (piano-

forte). The presentation was made by Mr.

"Wesley" pastor) presided. There was

We ask you to accept this testimony of our regard and esteem with the accompanyng cheque, and the hope that our heavenly Father will grant you continuance of His presence so that your future may be one of unvarying happiness and peace. Signed on behalf of the above, Ernest Jones (Minister), John W. Barlow, Rd. W. Bartram, Frank Brearley, Wm. H Heap, Enoch Priestley, Jas. Priestley, John Wm. Sidgreaves, James Townson, J. T. Waite, W. B. Walker, W. S.

Mr. Riley leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place on Thursday.

## FATHER CORTIE'S

LECTURE. At the Discussion Class.

Two sessions of musical entertainments at the Accrington Discussion Class were followed on Sunday by a travel lecture by Father Cortie, the well-known astronomer, from Stonyhurst College. There was a large attendance, presided over by Mr. J. R.

The lecture was descriptive of Father

Cortie's visit to Bonn, Germany, to a confer-

ence of astronomers drawn from every quarter of the globe. In discoursive fashion

the lecturer took the audience along with

him over the land traversed. He commenced

at Brussels, and displayed lantern slide illustrations of the principal buildings to be seen there, including the Hotel de Ville, erected in the 16th century, Maison du Rot, and the Guild houses. The Grand Plas of Brussels, he observed, was the finest medieval square in the whole of Europe. Several slides of the Cathedral of Brussels were shown, a magnificent Gothic building, containing an ornate carved oak pulpit representing the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The Courts of Justice were exhibited, a mixture of Roman and Grecian architecture which, said Father Cortie, cost £2,700,000, and was the greatest building erected during the last century. After showing pictures of the Roman Catholic colleges of Brussels, Father Cortie proceeded to Bonn, and after exhibiting a number of pictures of public buildings he proceeded to describe a sail down the Rhine, calling at several towns en route. Incidentally he showed pictures of the Beethoven Museum and a statue of Schumann. Also one of the famous Cathedral of Cologne, which took 600 years to build. The Hague, Amsterdam were amongst the towns visited. He expressed the opinion that the prettiest section of the sail along the Rhine was between Bonn and Bingen, and incidentally remarked that he had seen several colleges, but not one so fine as Stonyhurst. He also said that wherever he travelled he had found old Stonyhurst loys, and was always kindly received by

Father Cortie. In reply to one, after explainsing that he did not make a study of the social condition of the people of Germany or Holland, he said that in no town he had ever visited abroad had he found the same abject poverty or the same slums as were to be found in the big dries of England. At the same time, from cursory observation only, he was inclined to the opinion that the German working man was no better off than the Eng-

Another member expressed the opinion that, judging from the grandeur of the buildings shown, England was behind the Continental towns in civilisation. Father Cortie replied that the cathedrals of England were as fine as anything to be seen abroad, and instanced Ely and Lincoln.

### A COMING OF AGE PARTY.

At the Don Cafe, Accrington, on Friday total population of Wales. Still the Liberals commenced his long and temarkably success. night, the coming of age was celebrated of Miss came down and said: "We must have the ful career as organist and choirmaster for Clarice Overend, eldest daughter of Mr. S. E. money, but they could give no valid reason, the Wesleyans. Mr. Ricy took his place at P. Overend, of Blackburn-road, Accrington, for such an action except, "you have had it the organ in . Wesley" Church, which was Mr. Overend has been with Mosses, E. J. Riley, Ltd. for nearly twenty years; in fact, he constructed the first billiard table turned out by the firm, and has seen the business grow from employing one man (himself), to over 300. At The Bishop of Whalley proposed a vote of and the church. He completed fifty years as Friday night's gathering Mr. F. Heyes presided, Of quite a number of presentations made to Hilton, of Radeliffe, his rendering of "Romance et Bolero" and Fantasia Caprice" being much appreciated Mrs. S. Sutcliffe played the accompaniments in excellent style, Miss H. Mitchell, of Radcliffe, sang admirably "The Rosary" and Summer night," and Mr. S. heard to great advantage in a couple of songe

Mr. H. Walsh greatly pleased his hearers with submitted by Mr. T. A. Ward, Caldwell supporting, and of the guests to Mr. and Mrs. Overend and Miss responded, expressing the hope that everyone end proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman

graved), Mrs. A. Nowell; 2nd (silver mounter neck-band) Mrs. T. Dent; booby Mrs. W A | Birtwistle. Gent's :-- 1st (pipe and case) Mr The affair was greatly enjoyed. Miss Overend was the recipiont of many handsome

Worcester, might "follow in his footsteps, was expressed by the Duke of Beaufort at market dinner at Tstbury, Gloucester, His Grace added, however, that he was afraid the



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Awarded Grand Prix and Gold Medal, International Health Exhibition, Paris, 1910. J. W. Barlow who made some interesting reminiscent remarks, and the Rev E. Jones ("Wesley" pastor) presided. There was a For Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Influenza, Catarrh. and all Chest and Lung

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