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Mr. J. B. Duke's rental of Crewe House  
may result in his purchase outright of that  
famous Mayfair mansion, the Earl of Crewe  
having decided years ago to part with it if a  
suitable offer was forthcoming, says a corre-  
spondent. Only a very wealthy man can  
afford to occupy the place, as its upkeep is  
so expensive. The property was offered for  
sale in 1903, when it was designated "the  
choicest site in Mayfair," but the bidding  
only reached £82,000, and the auctioneer  
bought in at £100,000.

The Earl of Crewe has owned the house  
for eleven years, Lord Wharfedale having  
sold it to him for £80,000. As Wharfedale  
House, it had been the home of the Stuart-  
Wortley family for generations. In the  
middle of the eighteenth century it was  
more or less a "country house," standing  
in its own grounds and quite isolated; and  
even now it strikes the pedestrian in  
Curzon-street as a piece of rustic quietude  
in the middle of London. Many literary  
and political notabilities gathered here in  
the nineteenth century, when Lord Wharfedale  
cliff was the host; and Lord and Lady  
Crewe have also used the mansion exten-  
sively for political and non-political parties.

Lord Crewe's new tenant, Mr. Duke, has  
been styled the Napoleon of the tobacco  
trade. He is several times a millionaire, and  
is said to receive some £20,000 a year from  
the American Tobacco Trust alone. He al-  
ready owns a palace in New York, and a  
wonderful New Jersey residence, with a  
5,000-acre park (nearly five times as large as  
Hyde Park), on which he is reported to have  
spent £5,000,000. The park contains thirty-  
two miles of drives through beautiful groves  
and lawns dotted with costly statuary.

There are few more interesting romances  
in the Irish Peerage, says the "Queen,"  
than the story of Lord de Freyne, who has  
just returned to take up his residence at the  
old family place, Frenchpark, Co. Roscom-  
mon, for the first time since he came into the  
title and property through the death of his  
father last September. He is the only  
child of the late Lord de Freyne's first wife,  
who was a sister of the Marquess of Zel-  
land. He served for a short time in the  
English Army, and then mysteriously dis-  
appeared, and he ultimately turned up  
again as a private in the American Army,  
where he served for some years, his identity  
being never suspected by his comrades. He  
was immensely popular with all ranks, and  
many stories are told of his generosity and  
kindheartedness.

On the death of his father last autumn he  
was still abroad, and it was rumoured that  
he did not intend to return to take up the  
family inheritance. These rumours have  
now, however, been got at naught by his  
recent arrival home, and he was warmly  
welcomed by the tenants and by the towns-  
people of Castlereagh, who are all delighted at  
the idea of his settling down among them.  
Frenchpark is a charming old place, though  
the house is of unpretentious build, but very  
comfortable. The late Lord de Freyne sold  
a great part of his estate under the Land  
Act, retaining the portion surrounding the  
demesne and the beautiful well-wooded  
park.

The students of the New Testament  
Saturday marked a date of extraordinary in-  
terest. It was 400 years on that day, says  
a writer of the "Times," since the printing  
of the first New Testament in Greek was  
completed. The edition, at the end of  
Tom V. of the Complutensian Polyglot, con-  
taining the New Testament in parallel  
columns of Latin and Greek, states that it  
was finished on January 10th 1516. The  
printer was Arnold William de Brocario.  
The work was not published until 1522 (or,  
according to some, 1529), by which time the  
Erasmus edition had outstripped it and be-  
came the first edition of the Greek New  
Testament in use. But it is just to Cardinal  
Ximenes to record the fourth centenary of  
the accomplishment of this part of his great  
task. Tom V. was the first printed of the  
six volumes of the whole.

**HOCKEY.**

ACCRINGTON OLYMPIC GENTS V.  
LOWER DARWEN GENTS.

[BY "THE SPECTATOR."]

With great hopes of victory the Accrington  
Gents' team journeyed to Lower Darwen on  
Saturday to fulfil their engagement with  
Lower Darwen Gents. Their hopes were raised,  
for they came away victors by four goals  
to three. From the outset, the game was hard  
and keen, the teams being evenly matched.  
Lower Darwen were the first to open the ac-  
count, but their lead, however, was short-lived,  
as the Accrington forwards, backed up by the  
halves, forced the game to their opponents' goal  
and from a pass from the left, Haworth  
scored. For a time the game was a close  
thing, the 25 lines, then several attempts were  
made by both teams to score, but the attackers  
were given off side. From a free hit, Hatfield re-  
ceived, and Pickup, on taking a pass and at-  
tempting to score, lofted the ball and some  
degrees across as to whether the ball had gone  
over or under the bar. The umpire gave the  
defenders the benefit of the doubt and the 25  
bully was taken. From this Haworth broke  
through and scored. Half time score:—Accrington  
2, Lower Darwen 1.

Resuming, a hard game was seen, and after  
a short time Lower Darwen equalised in a close  
contest, and the game was a close thing. Ex-  
citement grew when the Accrington forwards  
drew near their opponents' goal and twice in  
succession scored, the goals resulting from two  
brilliant shots by Pickup. From a corner  
against Accrington Lower Darwen scored as a  
second attempt just as the whistle blew for  
full time. Full time score:—Accrington 4,  
Lower Darwen 3.

The Accrington team, taken as a whole,  
played a good game, being well served in every  
department, especially the defence. Their play-  
ers were:—Goal, Tom Porter; full backs, F. For-  
rest (left), H. Cunliffe (right); half backs, T.  
Rawcliffe (left), F. Raper (centre half), and H.  
Elliott (right); forwards, F. Dewhurst and F.  
Walsh (left), E. H. Haworth (centre), C. Pickup  
and C. Hatfield (right).

ACCRINGTON OLYMPIC LADIES V.  
DARWEN CORINTHIAN LADIES.  
This match took place on the Accrington  
Cricket ground on Saturday, the Accrington  
ladies winning in decisive fashion by nine  
goals to none. Immediately after the opening  
bully the Accrington forwards were present,  
and through some good passing, A. Elliott  
scored. Shortly afterwards she registered  
another. As a result the Accrington ladies  
—who were playing with only ten players—did  
some very good passing; particularly good  
were the outside left and the full backs. But  
they had eleven such players, and they might  
have been staved off. As it was, they lacked  
uniformity in keeping their positions, which  
naturally led to poor combination. Through-  
out a scrum, A. Entwistle scored again for  
Accrington, and immediately after, by some  
clever passing and judgment by the home  
team, added another. Half time score:—Accrington  
5, Darwen 0.

After the resumption the Darwen team played  
in a determined fashion, but in face of such an  
a defence as that the Accrington ladies pos-  
sessed it was almost an impossibility to score.  
Accrington's score steadily mounted up, and  
during the last 15 minutes Darwen were com-  
pletely overwhelmed. Full time score:—Accrington  
9, Darwen 0.

The superb defence of the Accrington team  
was solely responsible for the clean goal sheet.  
The goal scorers were:—Miss A. Elliott four,  
Miss A. Entwistle four, Miss A. Kay one. The  
Accrington team comprised the following:—  
Goal, F. Entwistle; full backs, L. Croft and J.  
Cunliffe; half backs, G. Whittaker, E. Whit-  
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