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have this week thronged the Public Hall, Haslingden, to witness the production by the Cooperative Vocal Union of the opera "The Lily

The piece is well staged and mounted. The boasted a good deal of the bonuses received the leading part of the Colleen Bawn. The to Miss Whelen and Miss Jessie McCrombie, that of Sheelah to Miss Isobel Worsh, con-The accompaniments have been ably the subject" simply covers up individual supplied by an orchestrial band, with Mr. J. selfishness and indifference to the welfare of opening of other spheres, and shall not wish L. Byrne as conductor and Mr. J. Rishton as the whole community. leader, and Miss M. Collinge at the piane. The piece will be produced to-night (Satur-

SKETCHED BY QUEEN VICTORIA.

pleted good portraits of both. you can count fifty the ache and sense of day?"-Not I." "I can't understand how you

"No superstition about it. Saturday's my

Sunday Closing.

[Br "QUINTUS."]

One fully sympathises with the resolution of the Parks Committee that the Museum at Oak Hill Park shall be open to visitors on Sunday afternoons. There is no reason why Rev. J. MOFFAT LOGAN such an exhibition should be closed to those who stroll at leisure through the Park on Sundays, and one hopes that the Council will approve of the committee's recommenda-

The Tradesmen's Association have asked that the churches and religious organisations Hill Park, for a portion of each Sunday. should co-operate with them to suppress the Your judgment will, of course, be detergrowing evil of Sunday trading. Great efforts mined by your reasoning upon the question the question of the Sabbath. ferent places, but voluntary efforts are seldom successful. There is a feeling in the churches, as well as in our local tradesmen's associa- others whose experience may vary somewhat tion, that legislative action is the only remedy from your own. It is along the last line only not quite deplete our churches, nor make to education. It was thought that the to prohibit Sunday trading. If the tradesmen will back the efforts that the churches are making, there is no reason why some legislation should not be passed this year. But a paragraph in the papers this week is not promising. At Bury the secretary of the local Free Church Council addressed the annual meeting of the Trades Council on the question of the Sunday closing of shops, and solicited the signature of the president to a memorial, which is being extensively signed on the subject. After considerable discussion, the meeting declined to accede to the request, on the ground that it would be an interference with the liberty of the subject. Now, the ground alleged can scarcely have been the real ground of the refusal. sounds like deliberate dissimulation, for the main object of the Trades Council is to advocate such restriction of the liberty of individuals as militates against social welfare. Extreme individualists might make that excuse, but Socialists and labour reformers dorsed my answer by applause.

last July. It is being pressed strongly by the Imperial Sunday Alliance, the British Temperance League, the Church of England Temperance Society, and the Church of England Men's Society. Resolutions and petitions are being sent in from all parts of the country But it has not yet received adequate support Not all tradesmen are in favour, and, as it seems, not all Trades Councils, and the Labour Party (which should be concerned more than any other) seems suspicious of anything to do with Sunday, and unfortunately has not taken up very zealously as yet the cause of the overworked shopkeepers and shop assistants. Therefore as no party will be responsible for it, and the Government has not taken it up with vigour, the Bill may easily be dropped, as so many other good bills which are not energetically sup- our public halls, it was the theme most cer-

ported by the country. The Bill, as it stands, is not an extreme one. It is not a measure for enforcing strict Sabbatarian principles, or for directly restoring Sunday as a day of worship. It is an attempt to restore to the workers of this country a weekly rest day, and where possible to ensure that that day shall be Sunday, and to prevent further encroachments unjustifiable employment on that day. endeavours to limit business and labour on Sunday to such forms only as are required by the claims of necessity or mercy.

This principle is constantly violated among the workers of this country. Railway workers especially are in danger of losing their weekly rest day altogether, and I have often marvelled that trade unions and trades councils have not taken the matter up as peculiarly their own. It so vitally affects the workers' welfare.

As to the closing of shore, voluntary efforts seldom succeed, especially over a large area. One or two shopkeepers will hold out, and gradually compel all their neighbours to open again in self-defence. A boycott of Sunday traders sometimes succeeds, bu irresponsible people study only their own convenience-"the liberty of the subject." There is no doubt that there is a good deal of hardship. Even with the partial Wednesday half-holiday, there are many shopkeepers who can scarcely ever leave their shops, Their hours are exceedingly long, and their and say that they have gained "the moral only respite is when they can get someone to mind the shop for a time. It is the small shopkeeper who suffers most.

providing they are well conducted, and

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"ST. JACOB'S OIL."

it well into your aching back, and by the time

think they are capable of doing a great deal

of good, socially and educationally. It is in

The question of the Sunday closing of shake a tree, and here and there public-houses is more complicated. There is branches, probably, were broken off and no doubt that a great many of the publicans would only be too glad if such an Act was passed. Their hours are altogether too long. KILLARNEY. and they find it very hard to be tied in so And, of course, it brought me the usual shoal much for other people's pleasure. But it would never do to have the public-houses closed and the working men's clubs open practically without restriction. There have been several clubs this week struck off the register, after a public enquiry before the magistrate, and others have been warned. In most of these cases excessive Sunday drink ing has been particularly mentioned, and in one case the evidence pointed to the suppression of public-house licences as having caused a great increase of club drinking. Now I know that the subject of clubs a very delicate one just now, and I have read the recent correspondence with great interest. But the police court revelations (not in Accrington, but this is a national

there was too little ground. question) cannot be ignored, and they point to the necessity of similar restraints being the public-house makes the evil greater of

kept under lock and key on Sun- whoam," serve to illustrate his ability as a as now the market-ground was used for a see the Act distinctly says "business," they may get at those through these opened "Nomination Day," which carries us back Rome, the lecturer said surgery, law, engidoors. Moreover, they are wise enough to to the days of the old hustings, neering and languages were effectively taught "business," and the toolshop men repairing see that, if they can get their opponents to Here the audience rocked with laughter, loud in the city, remarking that about a dozen and making the machinery in such "business, argue against these things, on their merits, applause greeting Mr. Whipp's tinal recital. languages were taught at the evening schools and the electricians attending to the motive they will be able to bring no little odium on An admirably conceived and engrossing for 5d. per hour every evening, which was a power of such "business," they had to dis their opponents. The men and women of lecture, happily illustrated in light and rate of payment they might endeavour to allow their claim. And yet if the mouldere this country have too much common sense shade, with new thoughts, old friends, merry emulate in Accrington if the students would to believe that their Fatherland would be jest and solemn moral, with much food for take up the subjects. Music was much cultiruined if all the museums, reading rooms, thoughtful consideration-such was Mr. vated in Rome, as well as throughout Italy, and art galleries therein were like the New Broughton's contribution to the enjoyment and it was customary for singers in the Jerusalem, whose gates remain open night of over a hundred hearers. A hearty vote of Eternal City to sing three, four, and some- that many of the moulders did put in a claim, and day. But not all of them perceive all at thanks, cordially received and enthusiasti- times five, six or seven songs in succession. once that the opening of these immensely cally applauded, testified to the appreciation. He was at a concert where one of the singers did not appear before the Insurance Officer. increases the chance of other institutions of a delighted audience. is quite ambiguous enough. You must not think, when the Sunday League is heard in the land, that her orators are passionately convinced that the opening of reading rooms,

art galleries, and museums will bring about the golden age. Nor must you fancy, when you hear the Lord's Day Protection Society opposing such innovations, that she fancies that such things would bring the Deluge in an hour. of both sides are upon the battlefields beyond. The L.D.P.S. says, "Keep these station where the lad's father was on duty. rest for the majority." The S.L. says, "Open which was due for going beyond his own Pantheon were shown, and also the weird thtse and then we shall shortly see to the station ourselves in Paris all the while." The insti-

tutions named are just the outworks, and the city lies not far away. Now I perceive to-day that the people who chosen title of HOBNIMAN'S ALMANAC for 1914. Mark, which was dear to the hearts of shopare most valued by the opponents of the It has been reproduced in colour from a ping ladies. The Rialto and other bridges, Christian Sabbath are the people who occupy famous original and is a decided work of art, the canals and other show features in the the point of view which I held twenty years has it occurred to you that NOW is a city, were shown. There wer not in Venice ago. I refused to be bound by the Mosaic Law. My recollections of the Scottish Sabbath were not entirely joyous. And I wanted the first day of the week to be a day of liberty. I knew, from experience, that the Ltd. Ask your grocer for a packet of the brim with Christian labour, for this I needed to be laboured for most, in a Christian an Almanac make a very acceptable 'Xmas painted, and he sent specimens to the Accway, cared only for the things represented by the publican's open door. And, as I Do not submit to being crippled by rheuma- could not shut that door entirely. I thought tism. This soothing, penetrating oil takes the that it would be good to open any other which

men up to the good from the worse, these rather tempted men down from the best to the good. So far as I could gather, from my observation, my reading, and my talks with THE ACCRINGTON others, the opening of museums, art galleries,

TOWN COUNCIL

from the

in connection with the cathedral premises:

was to be presided over by Dean Pigou, and

was, in short, to have for its aim the open-

ing of the Museum, the Art Gallery, and the

reading rooms of all the Bristol public

these objects were, severally, laudable, and I

not only gave the promise, but attended and

The outcome of that meeting was a vigorous

campaign. The defenders of the stricter

views of the Sabbath were not slow to accep

street, in the columns of the Press, and in

tain of a lively interest. Those who took

part therein will not be likely to forget the

closing meeting in the greater Colston Hall.

It had been called under the auspices of the

"Sabbatarians," and I, as the spokesman of

the "Reformers," had been appointed to

I had my work cut out to make any

move an amendment to the official resolu

breach at all upon a remarkably fine speech

turn of the debate was followed with in-

creasing heat. At one time it looked as

though the war of words would give place to

as its vocal representative a minister of reli

gion held in more than ordinary esteem.

conserve the Sabbath's sanctity stood Dr.

priest of the Most High God. And there at

Blatchford, the minister of the Lewin's

Mead Unitarian Church, than whom Bristo

tened to these veteran leaders with respect,

and promised a matured reply. In the issue

I stood, neither for the first nor the last

time, amongst those who have to try to smile

Sabbath's opportunities stood the Rev.

The climax of it all was reached in

something of a sterner kind.

delivered by James Inskip, Esq., and every

libraries. It seemed to me that

spoke in favour of the general aim.

Gentlemen

and reading rooms have drawn far more from the churches and the Sunday schools than they have drawn from the public houses and the streets. I also learned, as I have said, that very much of the apparent enthusiasm for the opening of these institutions was simply a mask for a crusade against the Christian Faith. And I felt rather sick as I remembered my crusade against the I learn that you will be called upon, defenders of the sacred day. Perhaps the next Monday, to express your judgment on only good thing that can be plucked from the question of opening our Museum, at Oak that experience is the proof that I am not speaking now as a professional advocate, but as one who has proved his willinghood to take some risks, even in connection with

a shelter in the time of rain. But does any believe that the sole object of education was A little less than twenty years ago a body think that this "removal of the land- to make men and women better moneymember of my Men's Discussion Class rose marks," if encouraged so, will cease just earning machines, but to enable them to and put to me this question: "Would it not there! You are requested "in the name of live fuller and better lives. It was the aim rooms of our district libraries were opened on in the Park on Sunday and object to the of activity. the working men residing there, I answered, other equally apparent blessings for our working folk? This meeting was to be held outwork is demolished. But the demolition quoted Lord Macauley with regard to the happening their growth should be restricted probable. And as outworks set around the Catholic Church. the challenge. And for some weeks, in the

> from many an evil thing. I am, your fellow citizen, J. MOFFAT LOGAN.

On Monday evening Mr. Richard Brough-Magistrates, lectured on the subject of "The chamber of the City Council. Both parties the Literary and Social Union at Higher

had asked to be heard on the matter, and Antley Congregational School. permission had been given. Each had chosen antiquity of his subject, and pointed to the ment." There at the head of those who sought to Glover, of Baptist fame, looking to the life a the head of those who wished to liberalise the never had a finer citizen. The Council listhe national language. It is a link between to-day, observed the lecturer, nor was there this and past ages, and the way in which any compensation for compulsory purchase. shook my own church as the great winds have added lustre to the county's fame. ner with the history and derivation of the apparition, the Borghese gardens were shown, blown away. It made me "suspect" for dialect, demonstrating plearly his glosso- Mr. Beckett remarking that a descendant some years amongst my fellow evangelicals. logical knowledge. Such words as "gradely," of that famous patrician family was a "brast," "pike," "addle," "shrive," "flit," Socialist Parliamentary candidate at Rome of anonymous anathemas. Certainly, there "tay," proved apt illustrations. The lec- when he was there. The magnificent turer's audience, too, were kept interested by Fountain of Trevi, backed by the splendid humorous short stories and descriptions of palace, was thrown on the screen and fully attracting towards him certain types of men the points he wished to emphasise. "Lanca- described. That stupendous erection, who become, in time, his intensely loyal shire," said Mr. Broughton, "has a dialect Colosseum, a large part of which still stands, friends. It never occurred to me to "grudge literature second to none." The first great provided an interesting series of pictures. It agree with Mr. Holman as to its effectiveness the throe," so long as I was convinced in my writer of the dialect lived in the 18th century, was stated that the Colosseum held about and democratic working would be able to do own mind that I was fighting for a righteous and was named John Collier ("Tim 50,000 persons, and with packing 80,000. Concause. Alas! bitterness came to me in the Bobbin"). For various feasons his writings sidering that such an enormous crowd was growing conviction that, with the best inten- are very broad, and somewhat difficult to accommodated in one building, it compared over-rule and set at nought such findings, as tions in the world, I had championed a mis- follow. Of modern writers the palm must well with the big football crowds to-day, and taken policy. That conviction was first be awarded to Edwin Waugh, while Lay- showed that there had been games in ancient and until this power is taken out of one man' awakened in me, during the controversy cock's "Welcome, Bonny Brid" is, said the days even more popular than football, though itself, by much that I saw and heard on my lecturer, "worthy a place with Bobby the ancient sports were of a vastly different, a court. own side. And to-day I am fully convinced Burns." Ben Brierley, mainly a prose writer, character. When the Colosseum was inaugurthat I was led astray by imputing to others occupies a high place, while Mather, in his ated the feast extended over 100 days, during a somewhat difficult puzzle to many as to how wishes, motives, and aspirations for which "Lancashire Idyl's," shows a remarkable which 5,000 wild beasts perished in the arena, insight into the religious life of the county. Referring to the martyrdom of the early The sum of what I have found since then Mr. Whipp, the well-known elecutionist, Christians in the arena of the Colosseum, is this. In this country of ours there seems assisted in his own inimitable manner to lecturer said it had been stated that if the to be a class of men who have a decreasing illustrate Mr. Broughton's lecture. His first best souvenir of Rome was wanted it was to love for Christianity; and that, not least, recital was Laycock's "Bonny Brid," fol- be found in the dust of the Colosseum, which because of the so-called limitations which it lowed by the well-known "Come whoam to contained the blood of the martyrs. seems to set around their social life. These thi childer an' me," the able rendering of lecturer quoted the prophetic saying to the men are made more conscious of these limi- each of which brought forth the applause of effect that as long as the Colosseum stands tations on the Sabbath Day, until "the his audience. Cronshaw's sequel to "Come Rome will stand, and that when English Sunday" has become to them a whoam to thi childer an' me," entitled Colosseum falls Rome will fall, and hateful thing. And so they are out to wipe "Aw'm lonely an' weary an' sad," was, how- Rome falls the world will fall. Rome's are in any case carried on in separate departit from the calendar. Now, there seems no ever, Mr. Whirp's finest effort. Too much triumphal arches were shown, including the overt reason to believe that these men are praise cannot be given to the artiste for his arches of Titus and Constantine, and then specially fond of the things represented by rendering of the wonderful pathos of this Mr. Beckett brought the audience to the museums, art galleries, and reading rooms. poem. "The Dule's i' this bonnet o' mine," interesting features of the ancient Forum, But, so long as institutions like these are and "Gooin' off," with its sequel, "Comin' where orations were given to the people, just so long will the things that humorous reciter, "To a caged lark," with like purpose, even if the orators were not, "trade," and the court at Accrington decides desire be socially impossible, its lesson on how to bear adversity cheer- of the same stamp. and so they aim at opening these, so that fully, paved the way for Waugh's famous Referring to the educational institutions of the "business" of textile machinists, and the

HIS MARKET VALUE

A Welsh clergyman discovered a difference the other day between his own estimate of the value of his services and the estimate of his notable experimental school conducted by parishioners. A stationmaster had a son who Dr. Madam Montessori, Mr. Beckett said the was desirous of matriculating, and his father central idea of her system was the developasked the clergyman to coach the youth in a ment of the child mind along individual The task was willingly undertaken, and the

lad got through his examination. The clergyman had occasion one day to travel to the and he offered 13d, in payment of excess fare, "Oh," said the stationmaster, "keep it; you known Capuchin Monastery. have been very good to my son!"

"A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" is the well Campanile, and wonderful square of St. "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" for you to test the any motor cars, motor wagons, or motor strongest. When the play was produced at quality and value of HOBNIMAN'S PUBE TEA? cycles, gondolas being used for transit as the work of Henry Kistemaecker, and it was gardens in India, China, and Ceylon, imported direct by W. H. and F. J. Horniman and Co., HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA, and an almanac. You will be leased with both; BUT you must INSIST upon having Horniman's, and refuse substi- were buried under the lava and cinders were tutes. A packet or tin of Horniman's Tea and as fresh now as if they had been newly or New Year's gift. Note:-Horniman's Tea is rington Art School which had been much "FULL WEIGHT WITHOUT THE WRAPPER." "FULL VALUE FOR MONEY," and " Always Good |

"Edison declares that four him, and he only wished he could visit Rome hours' sleep per night is enough for any man." sciatics, and backache so promptly and surely. I had soon to learn that instead of helping baby thinks." Kidder: "By Jove! That is exactly what my

Holiday in Rome.

MR. J. BECKETT'S LECTURE.

Wonders of the Eternal City.

Mr. J. Beckett, Borough Treasurer, gave a lantern lecture on Wednesday evening, at the Mechanics' Institution, in connection with Workers' Educational Association, descriptive of a holiday in Rome, Pompeli, Venice, sided, and there was a large attendance. in the abstract; by your own experience of It would be too absurd, of course, to say The Chairman explained that the Workers' things analogous, and by the testimony of that the whole fate of our Accrington Sunday Educational Association was a democratic will be settled by next Monday's vote. Even organisation with the object of ascertaining the opening of Oak Hill Park Museum would the wishes of the working classes with regard that I am venturing to address you, and I void our Sunday schools. Probably, after the demand for education must come from the do it with all diffidence, asking you to first few weeks, that admirable institution workers themselves, if it was to be effective. remember that this is the only way in which would be used as a shade from the sun and The promoters of the Association did not

be a good thing, think you, if the reading logic" to say how you can defend the music of the Accrington branch to widen their field the Sunday afternoons and evenings, so that opening on Sunday of the Park Museum? Mr. Beckett, after expressing his willingness slanderous misrepresentations and cheap working men might be able to spend their And the same logician, at different times, to assist the Workers' Educational Associaleisure there in a profitable way?" Knowing would ply you with such sentiments as these: tion in every way possible, commenced the some of the neighbourhoods specified, and "Why should the Carnegie Library, with its art interesting description of his tour, which was having thought a little about the welfare of gallery and reading room, be left in silence illustrated with a large number of fine picwhile the Museum echoes to the tread of tures, the first one being a general view of "Yes, I think that it would. But I should eager feet?" "If people may read novels and Rome. His route was via Paris and Genoa, like to see the labour involved discharged by revel in pictures under municipal auspices, called "The superb," where a stay was made voluntary workers, and also some specially why should they not also have their way in and the Campo Santo visited, and the suitable Sunday reading added to the present the municipal bowling greens?" "If the journey thence passes the leaning tower of secular supply." The questioner resumed Fathers of the borough are so free with their Pisa and then on to Rome. The historic his seat, well pleased with the result of his trusteeship, in the way of pleasure, why Castle of St. Angelo and St. Peter's, the interrogation, and the men, as a whole, en- should they restrict the ways of private enter- largest and most imposing edifice ever built, prise and say to the cinema, etc., 'Thus far were shown, the lecturer remarking that he add that I quite admire his brave and earnest Some weeks afterwards I was waited upon shalt thou come and no further'?" "And if and two companions could together barely efforts to defend the church, and its profound The "Weekly Rest Day Bill," supported by a deputation of estimable persons, who private enterprise may make a profit of our span one of the massive columns in front of silence respecting all social questions, with the reminded me of the answer referred to pleasures why should not other forms of the cathedral, which had cost ten million exception of those that affect its own welfare House of Commons, received its first reading above, and asked if I was willing to attend a private enterprise make profit of our various sterling up to the end of the 17th century, a meeting to be convened for the purpose of desires?" Until, at last, under the driving sum which would build a whole town like securing a realisation of that answer and power of a remorseless logic, Sunday would Accrington. St. Peter's was consecrated 120 affording me this useful opportunity of voicing become as Saturday, and Saturday like any years after the foundation stone was laid. day of ordinary toil. However, you are When he was at St. Peter's elaborations were held by thousands of my own class. I must Englishmen, and life to you is more than still being made, but the masons were on any logic of the kind. To you intuitions are strike. St. Peter's covered 18,000 square and fairness you have shown on all occasions more valuable than reasons, and your in- yards, and St. Paul's, London, covered only tuitions tell you that that great heritage- 9,350 square yards. The interior decorations the Christian Sabbath-ought not to be frit- were exquisite. To some the effect of a visit tered away to gratify an anti-Christian preju- to St. Peter's was to make them feel how dice. You will, I am sure, refuse to unlock small man was, but to him the most impresone door until you see that liberty to do sive sight was the immensity and solemnity cillor Swan, with his practical experience of month. good rather than licence to do evil will ensue. of the firmament on a starlight night. There the working of clubs, admits that it is a logi-

> Sabbath are the institutions placed within The Vatican, the biggest palace in the had arrived when the Temperance party your care. Guard them and they will guard world, was shown. It covers an area of 134 should see that this logical inference should it, and it, well guarded, will guard our town acres, or a little more than Oak Hill Park. The Vatican contained, it was said, 11,000 chambers of different sizes. Treasures in excess over requirements, and I am quite conthe Vatican picture gallery were put on the tent to await for the sifting process to comscreen, including Raphael's "Transfigura- mence, and see whether my contention re the The lecturer described the great drink question is correct or not-notwithstand-THE LANCASHIRE DIALECT. pleasure it gave him in going through the ing Councillor Swan's experience and invisible splendid Vatican library, the contents of statistics. which were priceless and of immense Mr. Richard Broughton's Lecture. interest, including the love letters which He was favoured by having Dr. Ehrle, the cating liquors are to be obtained at the rate ton, solicitor, and clerk to the Borough Chief Librarian, who has now a nephew at of one for every eighty-two inhabitants; that the Lancashire Dialect" before the members of rooms and explain the most important presented to the Chamber signed by 222,072 museum and the collection of magnificent statuary. A slide of the Sistine Chapel was At the outset Mr. Broughton dealt with the shown with Michael Angelo's "Last Judg- is a reduction which will leave the rate about

vulgar, it is no exaggeration to say that hills of Rome, and the magnificent ancient when dealing with alcoholic liquors. Yours, "dialect is a mighty force in English litera- baths, remarking that it had been stated ture." As the lecturer stated, modern Eng- that the inertia caused by the luxury of the lish is the outcome of the Northern, Southern baths and the general luxurious living of the MR. JESSE HOLMAN AND UNEMPLOYMENT and Midland dialects, the latter, to which wealthier classes led to the downfall of what we term the Lancashire dialect belongs, ancient Rome and the great Roman Empire. having become the dominant language of the The baths of Diocletian alone contained 3,200 Empire. Mr. Broughton stated that the separate marble baths, and they covered an chief objection which might be adduced to area of about 90 acres. There must not have the dialect is, not so much that it is vulgar, been much ground rent to pay in those days, but rather that it has not kept pace with or land must have been much cheaper than a view of the famous Appian Way, and after perfect gentleman. Mr. Broughton dealt in a most able man- describing the miraculous "Quo Vadis'

sang five songs running, and when encored The firms in dispute at Burnley are engaged gave two more, and then the lecturer thought in "business" as loom-makers, textile machinit was time to go home. The opera was ists, etc. Surely Mr. Holman will agree it is much cultivated, and there was a great love of art, but the art schools in Rome were inferior to those of Paris. Referring to a ines. This school he visited. Famous picures, statuary, monuments (including that of Marcus Aurelius, which was preserved because it was thought to represent the first Christian Emperor), and the incomparable t exhibition of skulls and bones at the well-

Then the audience were taken to Venice and shown St. Mark's, with the celebrated Mr. Beckett showed pictures of Pompei

eruption of Vesuvius, remarking that the beautiful frescoes found in the houses which vote of thanks to the lecturer, said

lecture had been intensely interesting to

Mr. Jesse Holman, J.P., in seconding, said

to see the interesting features.

during the lecture he had been impressed with the great things that had been accomplished in the old days.

Mr. Beckett, in reply, said the Italians were a nation of excellent physique. He remarked that it was surprising that Accrington could not conduct a series of public lectures during the winter months, and as they could not have Gilchrist lectures he was glad that the Workers' Educational Association was promoting lectures on various subjects. The working classes had everything to gain by intellectual attainments. It was pitiable that their efforts in connection with the continuation schools were not better appreciated. the Accrington and district branch of the Referring to the Mayor's allusion to the great amount of money spent in Accrington on education, Mr. Beckett said education might be made too cheap and easy, and observed and other places. Mr. W. R. Hindle pre- that in this matter the race would not be won by the swiftest, but the palm would belong to him who persevered.

Letters to the Editor.

THE EARLY-CLOSING MOVEMENT.

Sir.-If your correspondent "Freedom" w cast aside his natural modesty, and come out into the open like a man, I, as one of those so grandiloquently referred to as Mr. Croft's "Ministers and attendants" will guarantee him a reply which shall be free from any "Freedom," I can only treat him with the contempt that his remarkable effusion he justly earned for him. Yours, G. H. SYLVESTER.

43. Hodder-street, Accrington.

THE CHURCH & THE SOCIAL QUESTIONS Sir.-If my friend "Quintus" has nothing more to say respecting this question, of course I must forgo further discussion. I can only siding. many, but as a labouring man I thank him for views which, I know (rightly or wrongly) are NEW THEOLOGIAN.

WORKING MEN'S CLUBS.

Gentlemen! A city does not fall when an were 409 churches in Rome. The lecturer cal inference to suggest that in certain events of an outwork makes the city's fall more greatness and endurance of the Roman I, with the knowledge gained outside the clubs be turned into practical effect. there is now, and has been for some time, this

passed between Ann Boleyn and Henry VIII. that in France they have cafes where intoxifact that, as Mr. Hall Caine had said, instead The lecturer went on to describe the that the French people are awakening to the will be £35. of considering dialect as barbarious and features of the public squares and the seven fact that repressive measures are necessary

INSURANCE.

Sir.-Reading the report of the address given District Committees being extended to the carried through they had not had a single in by Mr. Jesse Holman of the Discussion Class 14th April next, and extending the proon Sunday last, in the "Observer" of Tuesday. and having taken a somewhat deep interest in the Act and its workings, I should like,

workshop, or other premises at which he was employed, shall be disqualified for receiving

"business" as any of the others. And again, I am etrongly of the opinion derous thing." Yours.

"His House in Order," "The Thief," "The

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THE TURNING POINT AT THE GRAND THEATRE.

Witness for the Defence,"-all these plays have been presented in Accrington following their And now comes "The Turning Point," said to be perhaps the best of the series, certainly the and described the city destroyed by an one of his greatest successes with this admirseen on Monday next at the Grand Theatre. Accrington, and in the character of Lieut. Colonel Felt, gives a vivid performance of the soldier-patriot. Playgoers who have witnessed The Rev. A. J. Humphreys, in moving a his performance of the exacting role are of opinion that it excels his excellent work in The Thief" and "The Witness for the Defence." In the part of the sorely-tried wife Monique Felt, Miss Cecile Barelay has great opportunities of which she takes the fullest



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Committee.

SANATORIUM BENEFITS APPROVED.

A meeting of the District No. 8 Insurance Committee was held at Accrington Town Hall on Thursday evening, Mr. J. C. Parker pre-

SANATORIUM BENEFITS.

ions for sanatorium benefit, one from Acc. mended for payment. His answer to all that has been urged rington, one from Rishton, and two from against this may, no doubt, be satisfactory to Clayton-le-Moors, the decision in each case being based upon the report and recommen dation of the Tuberculesis Officer. In each case domiciliary treatment was granted, with special nourishment of milk, cream and eggs, 1 with the exception of one case. In three cases | City and Midland Bank, Limited, was held a sanatorium treatment was recommended for the Cannon-street Hotel, London, E.C. St three months, and in the other case domi- Edward Holden, Bart. (Chairman) presided. months, with special nourishment for one Edward reviewed the value of money in 1913

ADMISSION TO SANATORIA. The Clerk reported receipt of notification from the County Medical Officer of the admission of three cases to sanatoria, each from Accrington, Church and Huncoat, EXPENDITURE AND REMUNERATION

OF CLERKS.

report of the Finance and General Purposes | Among other things, he stated that the total Committee which had been adopted by the deposits of the Government Savings Bank nor County Insurance Committee, fixing the amounted to about 185 millions sterling, and mittees for the current half-year, the lows: Remuneration of Clerk, £17 10s.; care- able, had a Departmental Committee appointe is fixed in accordance with the following no further balance-sheet would be published Globe Works, to show him round the various on the 18th November, 1913, a petition was scale; Where the number of insured persons There was practically no reserve held against exceed 20,000, £25 per annum; exceeds 20,000 but is under 40,000, £30; exceeds 40,000 but is under 50,000, £35; exceeds 50,000, £40, The number of insured persons in District Banks which it held. There was a debt of I No. 8 area being 45,956, the annual salary millions sterling due by the

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

to the Lancashire Insurance Committee, liabilities visional appointment of the Clerks up to that date. Before the date named the Clerk Commissioners with regard to the continua- lar assets had been written down by the

closing copy of letter from the Commis referees. This court, I believe, is constituted sioners with reference to the disputes be as follows: One representative of the em- tween insured persons and their approved vene in disputes between insured persons liabilities, and he believed this would meet and their approved societies proved society and not the Insurance Com- demand. Their profits for the year amount

orium benefit received prior to December had given to their staff as a

vacancies for a period of three months un less some shorter period was stated in the paid up. The amount uncalled would then A letter was read from the Clerk to the Whinney.

Lancashire Insurance Committee cancelling the use of certain forms hitherto in use and intimating that Form Med. 50 must be sup plied in future to all persons who had no selected a doctor or who had removed from some other area.

HEALTH VISITOR CO-OPTED. On the suggestion of the Clerk it was re solved that the Health Visitor and School Nunse, Miss W. Brodie, employed by the Accrington Corperation, be co-opted as member of the After Care Sub-Committee SPECIAL NOURISHMENT.

The Clerk submitted schedules of bills to and the same were recommended for pay bursements for postages since the last meet

The Committee dealt with four applica- ing amounting to 6s. 11d., which were recom LONDON CITY AND

> MIDLAND BANK. The annual general meeting of the London

> In moving the adoption of the report, Si

Extracte were read from a supplementary for the appointment of a Royal Commission

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Operatic Performances at the The large and appreciative audiences which

of Killarney" have been testimony for the enterprise of the Education Department of the Hashingden Co-operation Society. The opera, es is fairly well known, is a musical version of Colleen Bawn, an Irish drama which has Cregan, an Irish squire, is, with his mother, faced with ruin. A rich marriage by the former with the heiress Ann Chute, or a union put on clubs (both of working men and the by the latter with the grasping creditor, Cor- wealthier classes) to those on public-houses, rigan, seem the only methods to retrieve their | The club bars, at any rate, should be closed fortunes. Hardress, however, has contracted at the same hours as those of licensed houses a secret marriage with Eily O'Connor, the Otherwise every restriction of the hours o raged, departs. His servent, Danny Mann, is the unrestrained club. The Sunday closing stermined to remove the obstacle, though re- of public-houses would. I am afraid, lead to pulsed by his master in his suggestion to a greater evil unless clubs were dealt with murder the girl. Danny asks for his master's at the same time. giove as a pledge the girl shall disappear, and While on the subject of working men' eter receiving this from Mrs. Cregan believes clubs, I must protest against the plea of he is acting with his master's connivence. many of their defenders that they should Danny beguiles the Colleen Bawn to a lonely be immune from the criticism of "outsiders. her busband. He has already threatened Eily In the proceedings I have mentioned we get

that she must choose between ceding the well-authenticated facts, and it is just as marriage lines or taking them with her to the easy for an "insider" to be prejudiced as nottom of the lake when he is shot by Myles an "outsider," perhaps easier. I have no Na Coppeleen, a peacent follower of the Col- objection against working men's clubs at all at the moment of young Oregan's marriage by the production of the Colleen Bawn and eleven men, all members of working men's the confession of Mrs. Cregan that her action clubs in Accrington and district. They in giving the glove was done without her son's openly talked of the gambling in the clubs

evidently considered the best club was where tunities of dramatic production than of vocal they could get the most and best drinks. rendition would account for the greater pro From their point of view the club was far being opened whose influence, on other days, ficiency in one art than the other. The prin- better than a public-house, because the cipal characters have been duplicated. Miss facilities for these things were so much Hilton and Miss Holden have taken with credit better. Some of the clubs are evidently, in the view of the working men themselves. contracto part of Mrs. Cregan has been allotted nothing other than drinking places. tralto, and of Ann Chute to Miss Susannah | promoting stronger regulations; let there be Haworth and Miss Bessie Heap, soprance. The more opportunity for "the moral and intelleading male roles have been filled by Mr. lectual development" of the members and James Steet as Hardress Cregan, tenor, Mr. Y. for innocent social recreation, and the Greenwood and Mr. H. Barnes as Myles Na grounds of complaint will be done away with. But these regulations are necessary Denny Menn and Mr. J. B. Barritt as Hyland, and the mere parrot-cry of "the liberty of

day) for the fourth successive night.

The death has occurred at Newport, Isle of Wight, of Mrs. Alexander Mearman, aged 7who, when a girl, had the distinction, with her eister, of being sketched by Queen Vicorie. The children were playing in the highway near Osborne, when their handsome Majesty, who, on driving past, sent an equerry sketched by her. The delighted youngsters

ache and pain right out of your back, and conducted men to better things. In my ends the misery. It is magical, and does not optimism I believed that men would rise to burn the skin. Nothing else stops lumbago, better things when they perceived the way.

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