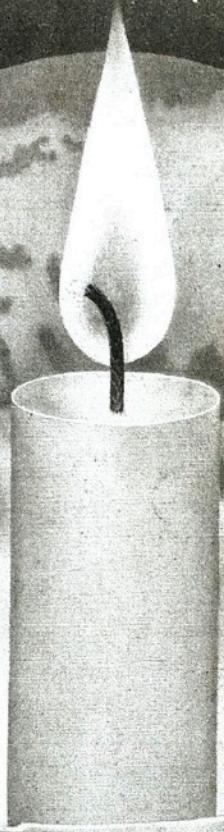


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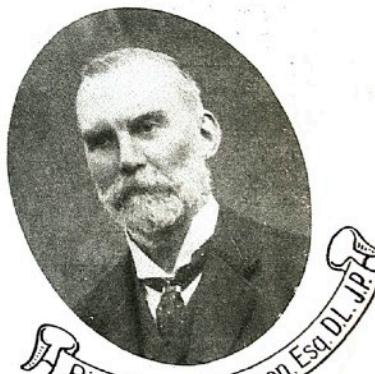
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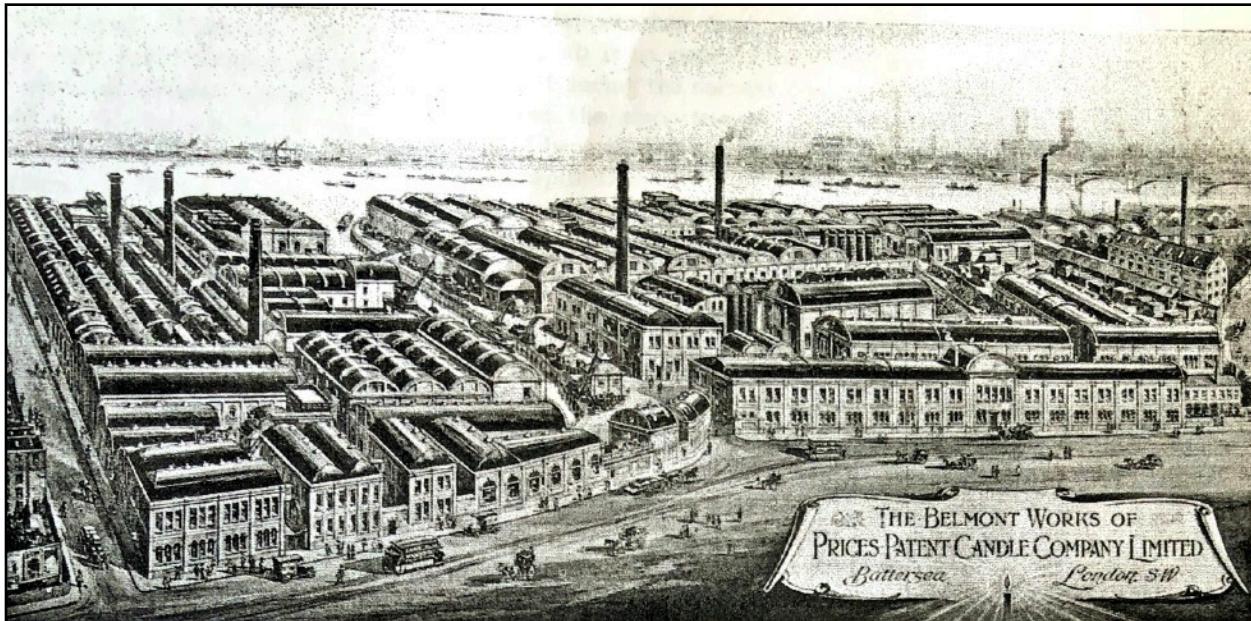


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Belmont Works - Clubs, Societies, etc.

	Number of Members	Founded	Secretary
Belmont Institution	430	1853	Mr. C. Hemstead
Do. Cricket Club	42	1853	Mr. J. Speer
Do. Swimming Club	38	1853	Mr. C. Hemstead
Do. Rifle Club	50	1905	Mr. C. Minter
Loyal Sherwood Lodge No. 8367 of Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows	526	1854	Mr. F. C. Hale
Belmont Provident Society	800	1854	Mr. C. Churchill
Do. Camera Club	37	1905	Mr. J. Parsons
Sherwood Cricket Club	34	1904	Mr. J. C. Knight
Do. Football Club	29	1907	Mr. J. S. Wilson
Do. Swimming Club	70	1911	Mr. F. C. Slater
Candle Room Penny Fund	62	1907	Mr. C. Minter

As Sherwood Friendly Society

The Institute has a Billiard Room with two full-sized Tables, and a Games Room with two smaller Billiard Tables, where Chess, Draughts, Dominoes, and Cards are also played. There is a fully equipped Library too, consisting of both Educational works and books of Fiction, to which additions are frequently made of recent publications. It is provided as well with a Reading Room, where current newspapers, magazines, etc., are available for the edification of its members. Early in the past year the Ambulance Class, held in connection with the members of the Institute, with the Company's Doctor (Dr. Sturdy) as lecturer, presented the Institute with an enlarged photograph of the deceased Secretary, Mr. H. Pridmore, in memory of his indefatigable services as Secretary for 20 years. This has been hung in a suitable position on the walls of the Games Room. The members of the Institute are very keen on Billiards and Card Games, etc. During last season they competed in three Billiard Matches and two Whist, etc., Tournaments. In the competition for the Shield in connection with the Battersea and Wandsworth Federated Working Men's Clubs, they were only just " beaten on the post," having secured second place, the Shield being won by St. Anne's Men's Club by 2 points. The introduction of Whist Drives was greatly appreciated, a large number of members spending enjoyable evenings together. At the Morgan Crucible Company's Athletic Meeting a team of the Institute men won the Invitation Tug of War. Mr. E. Burchell acted as coach, and the members of his team are deserving of praise for their doggedness.



BELMONT INSTITUTE CRICKET CLUB - This Club has had a most successful season. The A Eleven played 6 matches for the Battersea Park Cup, winning them all, and thus securing the coveted trophy, which they well deserved, having been the runners-up on no less than five previous occasions. The Battersea Park Cup Honours were also carried-off by two of the Club's members : F. Harding for batting, and J. Speer for bowling. The latter player also brought off the phenomenal performance of taking five wickets with five consecutive balls. Four friendly matches were played, resulting in two wins and two losses. W. Powell headed the

batting averages, and J. Speer had the best average for bowling. The B Eleven played 17 matches-8 wins, 8 losses, 1 draw. S. Ferris had the best averages, both for batting and bowling ; and also won first prize for bowling in the Wands-worth Borough League matches. • At the close of the season the successes of the Club were celebrated by a Dinner, which was well attended.

BELMONT SWIMMING CLUB - It is some-what disappointing that the membership of this club is so poor in numbers, and we trust that during the current year many more will take the opportunity, by joining the Club, of becoming exponents of the natatory art. Despite this, however, the Club has had a successful year. The 200 yards Open Water Championship was won by F. Moore after a splendid race, being closely followed by Fl. J. Sauter, with G. Tompkins third. The ninth Annual Gala was held at Latch-mere Baths on September 6th last, and was a complete success, being well supported by both members and their friends. The Club Championship (400 yards race) was secured by A. Worrell ; and he is, therefore, the first holder of the Trophy in the shape of a Silver Cup, presented by the President of the Institute.

BELMONT INSTITUTE RIFLE CLUB -The Shooting Handicap in connection with this Club took place at Wraysbury on June 21st last. The entries were eminently satisfactory, there being no less than forty competitors. Eight prizes were presented by the Institute, to which Major Taylor, of the 1st Royal Fusiliers, generously added three. The conditions were seven rounds to be fired at 300 yards, National Rifle Association Rules. It is pleasing to note that the shooting, under the able captaincy of Mr. Joseph Burnham, showed a marked improvement upon that of previous years. The result of the Handicap was a surprise, it being won by a comparative novice in Mr. George Eden, whom we con-gratulate upon his success. Messrs. Breach, Fitzgerald, Gill, and Witton made very good scores. A Shooting Match between the Office and Works was held on November 1st last, when Major Taylor gave a prize for the highest score in each team. The result was a win for the 'Works —Messrs. Harding and Satchell being the prize-winners, with respective scores of 94 and 98 out of a possible 1100. The Club is much indebted to the Officer commanding the Battersea Detachment of the Royal Fusiliers for his kindness in allowing its members the use of the range at the Fusiliers' Headquarters at Battersea Square.

THE LOYAL SHERWOOD LODGE No. 8357 MANCHESTER UNITY OF ODD-FELLOWS.-- The Sherwood Friendly Society, in order to conform with the requirements of the much-discussed Insurance Act, amalgamated with the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows on June 8th, 1912, when the Lodge was opened by Grand Master Brother Alfred Johnson, in the Reading Room of the Belmont Institute. 200 members were present, and some good addresses by representatives of Lodges in the district were much appreciated by them. On November 15th, 1913, a Social Gather-ing and Concert was held at Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender Hill, and was eminently successful, the Chair being ably filled by Mr. T. Brogan, ex-Mayor of Battersea.

BELMONT CAMERA CLUB. The Annual Exhibition of Photographs and Photographic Views, etc., was held under the auspices of this Club in the Bel-mont Dining Club's Room on March 7th and 8th last. About ninety pictures were exhibited, and



Mr. J. McIntosh kindly judged them. The first prize for the best land-scape, awarded by Mr. P. Sidney Spokes, was secured by Mr. G. C. Hellyer, and a reproduction of his picture is given above. Other results were as follows :— Best Landscape (Club Prize) .. Mr. C. Hemstead. Figure Studies .. Mr. A. Wigner. Architecture .. Mr. J. Hodges. Flower and Fruit Study .. Mr. T. G. Pemberton. Ladies are specially invited to become members of this Club.

SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB. The past season was the most successful this Club has experienced since it was founded. Games played 20—won 12, lost 3, drawn 5. It is gratifying also to report that the members' aggregate scoring was considerably in excess of that of any previous season. The Batting prize presented by Mr. Radburn was won by E. W. Parker, with an average of 29.4 runs for 16 innings ; and the Bowling prize presented by Mr. Dalziel was secured by H. Fuller, whose average was 4.96 runs for 24 wickets.

SHERWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB. This Club has made satisfactory progress, both in the number of its members and the quality of their play. Last season it was the runner-up in the Second Division of the North Surrey League, and the Reserve Team was fourth in the Battersea League.

SHERWOOD SWIMMING CLUB. Held its third Annual Gala at Wandsworth Baths on October 16th last, which, we are glad to report, was again well patronized both by members and friends. The Club Championship (100 yards) for Silver Cup, a trophy presented by Mr. Radburn, resulted in somewhat of a surprise, being won by S. E. Clarke, one of the young members, after a splendid race. The 66 yards Junior Club Championship was won by H. Goode, and in the 33 yards Ladies Handicap Miss D. Pratt was successful. F. Torrens won the 33 yards Handicap, and the 33 yards Junior Club Handicap and the Club Obstacle Team Race were secured respectively by B. V. Parker and S. P. Walker.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES. The Annual Distribution of Prizes in connection with the Institute, and the various Clubs in connection with the Works and Office, was held on Saturday, November 22nd last, in the Large Hall at the Grove School, when Mrs. Studholme Brownrigg presented the prizes to the fortunate recipients. We were glad to see that T. Brogan, jun., still perseveres with his studies, and that he has earned successes at Battersea Polytechnic in both Machine Drawing and Practical Geometry. Our congratulations too are accorded to P. L. Millwood, who has secured Royal Society of Arts certificates for speed in Shorthand. In connection with the Girls' Sewing Class it was very gratifying to observe no less than twelve of its members receive prizes from the hands of our Chairman's wife for regular attendance.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mrs. Studholme Brownrigg for so kindly presenting the prizes ; and our Chairman, who, despite his suffering from a temporary eye

trouble, was again with us suitably responded on her behalf. The proceedings terminated With a Concert under the direction of Mr. George Salisbury, which was much appreciated.



GEORGE F. TOMPKINS. Although the subject of this short article, who is employed in our Household Soap Department, is only 16 years of age, he has saved three lives from drowning and has earned no less than three Royal Humane Society Certificates. On August 23rd, 1911, he jumped off a barge near Wandsworth Bridge and brought to shore a little boy aged 5 who was drowning. He further distinguished himself on September 12th, 1911, when he plunged into the Thames, again near Wandsworth Bridge, and rescued from drowning a boy years old. Again on July 14th, 1912, when he was in a boat near the Tower Bridge, where two boys who were bathing had got out of their depth, Tompkins dived from the boat and was successful in bringing one lad aged 15 safely to land, but although he returned to the water and dived several times in his endeavors to save the other youth, his efforts were in this instance unavailing. As a token of their appreciation of his bravery, his fellow-workers have presented Tompkins with a Watch and Chain, which the lad values quite as much as the three Royal Humane Society Certificates which he has so gallantly won.



Mayor of Battersea.

THE BELMONT FACTORY enjoyed the honor of having supplied the Borough of Battersea with its Chief Magistrate during the Mayoral year 1912-1913, in the person of Foreman Engineer Mr. Thomas Brogan, who filled the Chair with conspicuous success.

Mrs. Brogan, too, was a popular Mayoress, as she most ably and unassumingly discharged the duties which fell to her lot during her husband's year of office.

Lines to Nature. THY Sun, who rose in Eastern splendor, Service vast elsewhere to render,
Has departed, and ere going Left the world without its knowing, In the radiance of His Queen :
Sun and Moon and Stars and Thunder, Storm above and Earthquake under, Tearing Sky and
Sea asunder, Leave thy Mantle green. Most gracious Hostess of a thousand throng,
Reception's arts to whom belong In boundless measure, Thy guests are many, but the list not
long Of those who fairly estimate thy treasure, Or ponder from a near exceeding distance
Upon the wonderful Divine persistence That keeps thy Mantle green. P. L. M.



Pensioners and Widows.

THE fifteenth Annual Tea and Entertainment, given by Directors, Officials, and Foremen to Pensioners and their wives, and to the widows of workers, took place on December 10th in the Works Recreation Room, when 120 were present. A substantial knife-and-fork tea was well accounted for by most of those present, and a flash-light photograph, as seen above, was taken before the tables were cleared. Two of the oldest, if not actually the oldest present, appear near the centre of the photo-graph, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Arm-strong, aged 89 and 92 respectively. Father Christmas, appropriately personated by Mr. J. Veitch Wilson, accompanied by his fur-clad chauffeur (Mr. G. W. Bris-tow), paid a visit and distributed gifts of Tea, Tobacco, and Edinburgh Rock, while an illuminated Christmas-tree shed its burden of bon-bons. An excellent Musical Entertainment arranged for by Mr. Rad-burn followed. The Chairman of the Company (Colonel M. Studholme Brownrigg) and Mrs. Brownrigg, together with their daughters, Mrs. George Price and Miss Brownrigg, were present as usual at the Entertainment, Mrs. Price being at the piano. At the conclusion of the Entertainment the

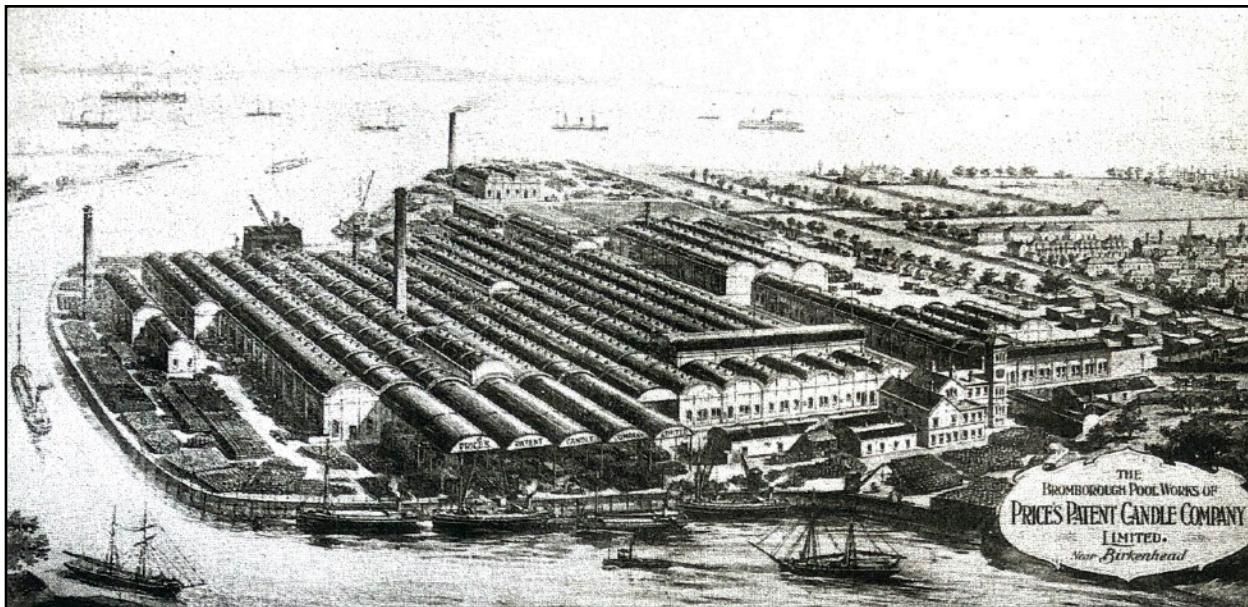
Chairman addressed a few appropriate and seasonable words to those present. Widows and other friends were pleased to meet again Mrs. Bohling, who has so well discharged the duties of " Deaconess " to the Widows for many years, and who is now recovering from a serious illness.

The ABCs of Success.

Attend carefully to details of your business.

Be prompt in all things.

Consider well, then decide positively.



Bromborough Pool Works—Clubs, Societies, etc.

	Number of Members	Founded	Secretary
Bromborough Pool Mutual Improvement Society	105	1854	Mr. J. M. Harris
Industrial and Provident Society, Limited	188	1854	Mr. B. E. Jones
Bromborough Pool Horticultural Society	175	1855	Mr. B. E. Jones
Do. Cricket Club	121	1855	Mr. J. F. Cutbill
Do. Football Club	161	1855	Mr. S. Boughey
Do. Child's Club	47	1867	Mr. H. L. Crate
Do. Sick and Funeral Society	390	1869	Mr. A. Baker
Do. Dramatic Society	16	1901	Mr. Thos. Evans
Do. Bowling Club	45	1897	Mr. A. J. Jones

THE INSTITUTE comprises a Reading Room, which is furnished with various London, Provincial and Illustrated Papers, Magazines, etc. also a Library which is up-to-date and meets the requirements of its members. There is also a Games Room, where Billiards, Chess, Draughts, Card Games, etc., are provided for. Billiard Handicaps and Whist Tournaments are arranged for periodically. These invariably receive good entries, and are the means of added enthusiasm to the members, and usually result in keen contests. So far this season, seven Billiard Matches and Whist Tournaments have been arranged with other Societies in the district. To date, three Billiard Matches have been contested, all of which were won; while two Whist Tournaments have been played, one resulting in a win and the other in a loss.

THE BROMBOROUGH POOL BRASS BAND is under the control of the Institute and consists of twenty-eight Instrumentalists. It has of late much improved in its equipment and general efficiency, and under Mrs. James Burleigh's painstaking tuition the class of music and rendering of the same have shown a marked improvement, especially during the past year. This doubtless accounts for the increased patronage which has been accorded to it. The Band has recently had the honor of gaining a success in an Open Contest, which is a great

encouragement to its members, who wish to embrace this opportunity of thanking those who, by their generous help, have enabled them to appear in a smart new uniform this year.

BROMBOROUGH POOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.-The Annual Shows in . connection with this Society were held in the Village Hall at Bromborough Pool on Saturday, July 19th, and Saturday, August 30th. There were prizes to be competed for in no less than thirty-one classes, ranging from Cut Flowers to Potatoes. A Brass Band Contest was a feature of the first show.

BROMBOROUGH POOL CRICKET CLUB. This Club can boast of a good membership and a long record, it having been formed fifty-nine years ago. Its playing field is beautifully situated on the banks of the River Mersey, where an uninterrupted view for miles up and down the river and of the City of Liverpool on the opposite shore can be enjoyed. The First Eleven played 18 matches last season—won 6, lost 6, drawn 6. The Captain, F. Pugh, finished at the top of the batting averages, with the fine average score of 51.2 runs to his credit. He is to be complimented too on having the best bowling average, having taken 34 wickets at an average cost of 11.56 runs. It is very pleasing to record that members of the Club who have gone abroad still remember the old Club and send along their subscriptions annually.



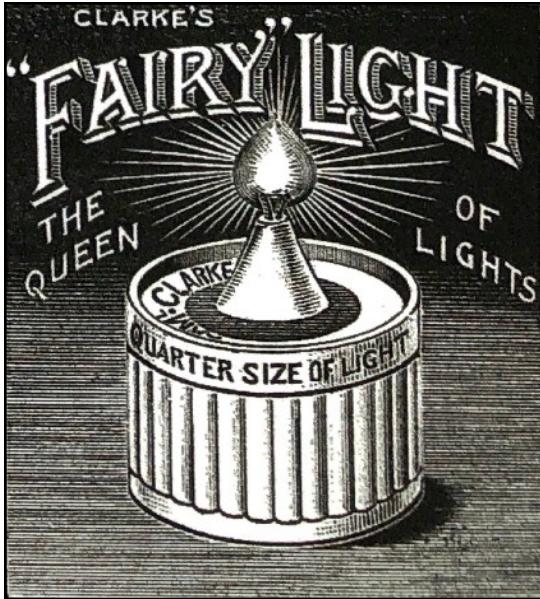
BROMBOROUGH POOL FOOTBALL CLUB.- During the season 1912-1913 the First Team of this Club played 26 matches 15 won, 10 lost, 1 draw ; with goals scored for 102 and against 48. The Reserve Team, however, were not so successful, as they played the same number of games as the First Team—winning 6, losing 15, and drawing 5 ; with 54 goals scored by the team and 73 against them. The Reserve Team are going " great guns " this year. They are members of I Zingari combination, and hope that they will manage to secure its Trophy. Their record for the first eleven matches played this season is an excellent one, they having won 9 games and drawn the other 2.

BROMBOROUGH POOL AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY. This Society's aim is to give, say, three Entertainments during the winter months. With the exception of two, one at Rock Ferry and one at Bromborough, all the Entertainments have been given in the Village Hall, Bromborough Pool,- They have always been well attended and are much appreciated. The profits on practically the whole of the performances have been given to the funds of some of the other Societies in the Village.

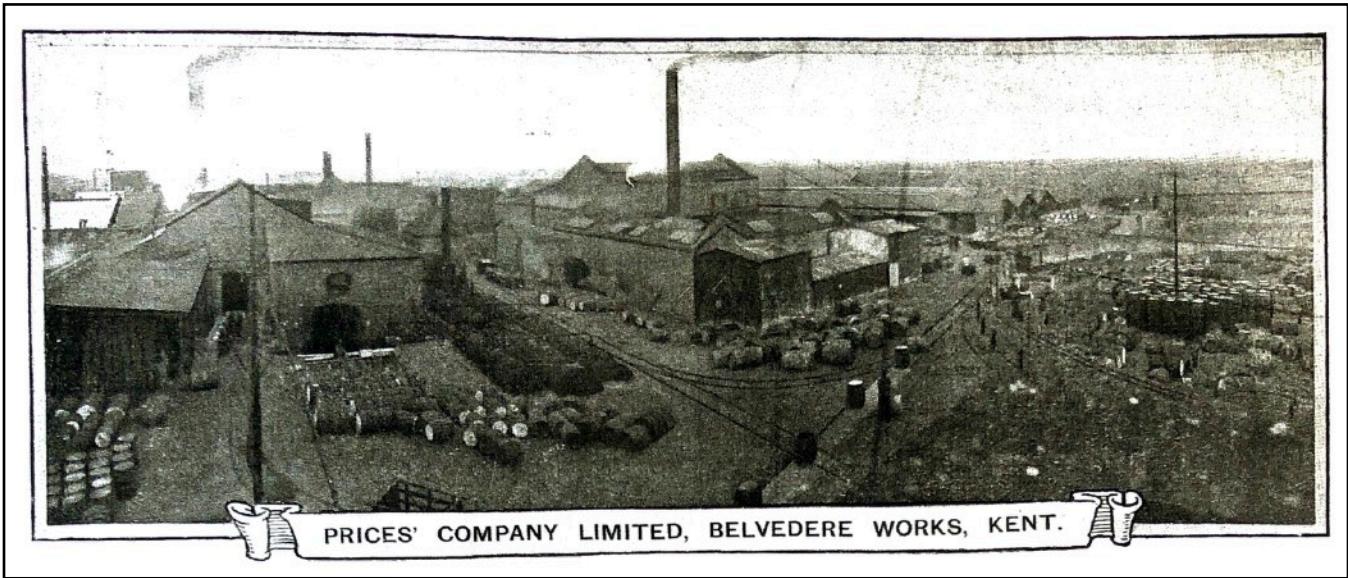
Directors' Visit to Bromborough Pool. ON September 16th last the Directors paid their customary annual visit to Bromborough Pool. Starting from the Liverpool Landing Stage, they proceeded in the Company's new steamer John Calderwood to Bromborough Pool, arriving there at 1a.m.. A Board Meeting was then held, and an inspection made of the various Departments of the Factory. On the completion of this, they had lunch in the Village Hall; the various members of the Staff, 'including Mr. Stark, Manager at Bromborough Pool, Rev. Mr. Ti evict, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Findlater, Mr. A. D. Thomas and Mr. Gee, having been invited to join them. Mr. K. G. Woodham, who recently retired from active work after the exceptionally long period of 63 years' service, was also present. During lunch the Village Band played a well-chosen and admirably performed selection. The various Village Institutions were then visited, and the return to Liverpool was made by motor car via Bromborough, Eastham, Willaston, Raby, Thornton Hough, Store-ton, and Woodside Ferry, Birkenhead. The Directors present were W. W. Corner, Esq., Deputy Chairman, and Messrs. Robinson, Spokes, Tapply and Wright. They were accompanied by the General Manager, Mr. Dalziel the Commercial Manager, Mr. Radburn ; and the Secretary, Mr. Salisbury. The Chairman had hoped to be present at Bromborough Pool and had come to Liverpool for that purpose, but was unfortunately, by an accident, sub-sequently prevented from carrying out his intention.

Strike of Workers at Bromborough Pool Works. OUR record of passing events during the year 1913 necessarily calls for a note regarding an occurrence almost unprecedented for Price's Patent Candle Company, viz., a Strike of some of the Bromborough Pool workers, which took place on October 1st, when, without any warning, a number of men and boys absented themselves from work. As was to be expected, the great bulk of workers remained at duty, and with the utmost willingness enabled the Company to carry on its business almost uninterruptedly during the month the Strike lasted. Happily no untoward event occurred during its continuance to cause strained relations between the two sections of workers, and arrangements having been made for the return of the Strikers, operations at the Factory had, by the end of the month, resumed their wonted activity.

Cricklewood Branch. (Clarke's Pyramid and Fairy Light Works.) IT has occurred to us it may be of some interest to our Co-Workers at home and across the seas to be informed of the location of this Branch and the kind of work carried on here. These works are situated in the Parish of Hendon, within four and a quarter miles from Charing Cross, between Willesden on the West, and Hampstead on the East A large number of Workers, principally girls, are engaged in the various processes entailed in the manufacture of "Pyramid," "Fairy," "Fairy Pyramid" and "Cricklite" lights, the latter being largely used for domestic lighting, dinner-tables, drawing-rooms, and in hot countries where the conditions prevailing for burning wax candles are not always favorable. There is also a good trade done in "Cricklite" Lamps, "Pyramid" Nursery Lamp Food-warmers, and lamps for out-door and in-door decorative purposes. The ground



occupies over two acres, a portion of which is set apart during the summer months for the Workers' recreation such as tennis, bowls, and a well supported rifle club, an ideal out-door rifle twenty-five yards range being provided by the Company. The membership comprises all classes of workers, and many very enjoyable Saturday afternoons are spent under ideal conditions usually obtainable only in country districts.



Prices' Athletic Club. Founded in 1900 by amalgamation of then existing Cricket and Football Clubs. Secretary—MR. F. WARNER. THE FOOTBALL SECTION has had a distinguished career, being known as the "Set 'em Alights," but later years have seen a regrettable falling off in interest. The present season, however, has opened with better prospects ; and, so far, out of 16 games played, have been won and only 2 lost.

THE CRICKET SECTION has always been very successfully run. Although rich in bowlers it has never been well off for bats-men. The season of 1913 opened auspiciously, but the final results were rather disappointing, only 11 games having been won out of 21 played—the number of runs being 1,77 for, with 1,615 against. Return matches between Belvedere and Sherwood Club (Belmont Office) were played on their respective grounds, the members enjoying greatly the hospitality and entertainment provided after the matches.

INDOOR GAMES. Owing to the distance of the Factory from the homes of workers at Belvedere, the opportunity of engaging in these during the evening is not much availed of. The idea of securing more convenient premises as a Club House has been mentioned and is being considered.

ANNUAL DINNER. This event took place at Belvedere Hotel on Saturday evening, November 22nd, when members and friends to the number of sixty partook of an excel-lent dinner, and afterwards also enjoyed a Musical Entertainment, arranged, as in previous years, by Mr. George Halsey, who was called upon to accept a Dressing Case as a tangible expression of the members' appreciation of his services. The gathering was honored by the presence of its President, Mr. A. J. Dodd, and Mr. J. Veitch Wilson, the latter of whom, it is reported, caused his audience to laugh too boisterously.

Belvedere Fire Brigade.

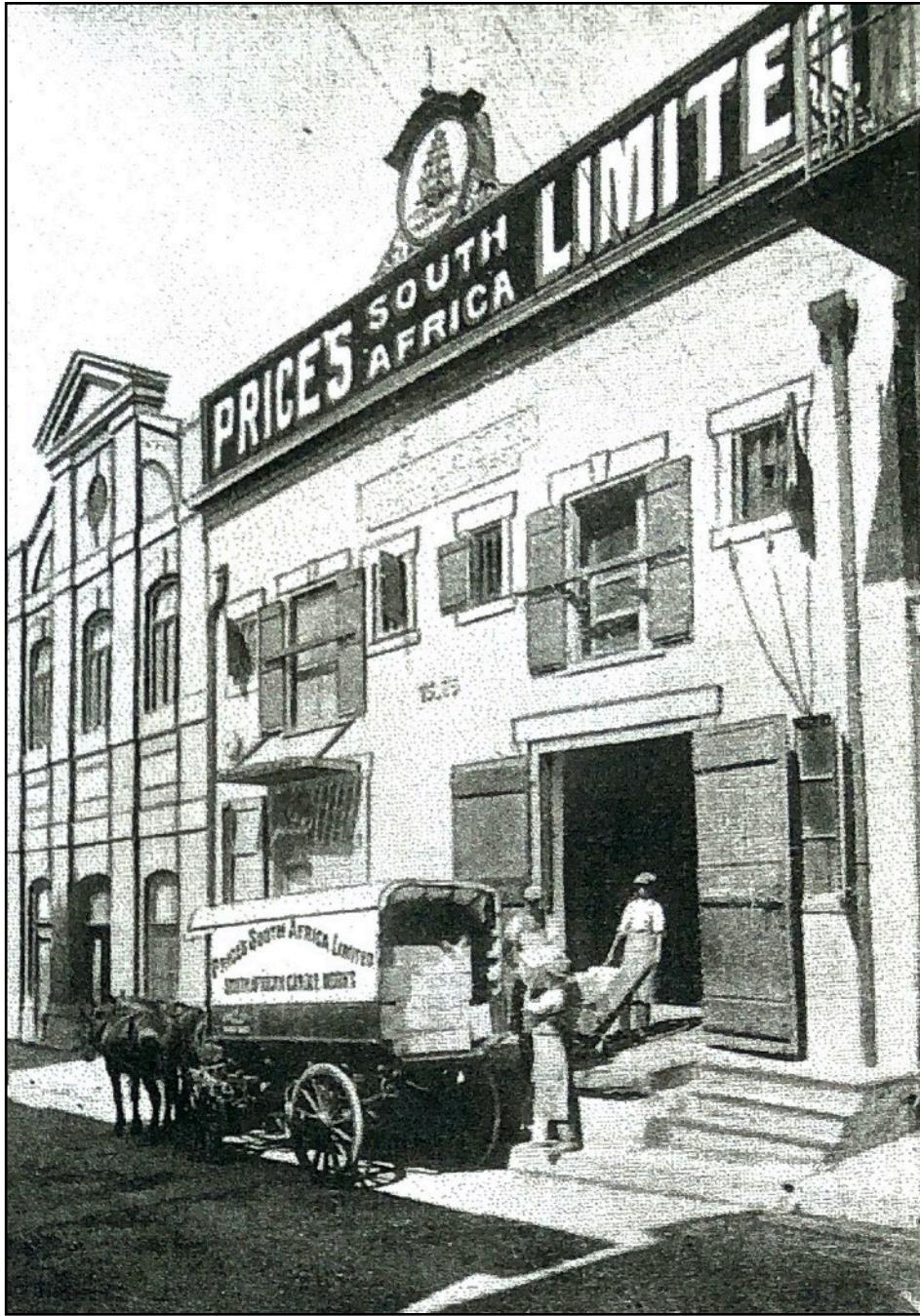
THE FIRE BRIGADE is an important institution at Belvedere Works, not merely as a necessary adjunct to the Factory, but as a means of giving enjoyment through its spectacular displays, as on the occasion of the Annual Inspection and Tournament, which in 1913 took place on November 22nd on the ground of the Athletic Club. It is satisfactory to be able to state that the Fire Brigade has had only one real opportunity of showing its mettle--that is, at a real fire--the occasion being an outbreak at our neighbors, the adjOining Works of Messrs. Callender's Cable Company, when the members of the Brigade were highly complimented for their promptitude and success on that occasion.

Annual Excursion of Belvedere Employees.

This took place on Saturday, July 12th, 1913, when, at an early hour (7 a.m.), the party embarked upon Steam Launches at Belle Pier, North Woolwich, bound for Hampton Court. The weather being ideal throughout, the large party enjoyed to the full the voyage through London and the Reaches beyond, giving a hearty cheer on passing the Works of the Parent Company at Battersea. On arriving at Hampton Court the few short hours on shore were all too insufficient for the dining and sight-seeing which all were so anxious to indulge in. Some went for drives, others for walks, and a row on the river, and, yes ! some had a paddle and no doubt fancied they were at Margate. A start for home was made about four o'clock, and as evening came on the return journey was made in the beautiful moonlight. - Woolwich was reached soon after nine p.m., and all were unanimous in declaring that the day had been one of the most delightful ones imaginable. (Note.—The Editor regrets he cannot find space- for a full account of this Outing in the present issue of - LIGHT WAVES.")



Obituary. MR. CHAS. H. FRY, Works Manager at Belvedere. ALTHOUGH Mr. Fry had been in the employment of Prices' Company and Messrs. Charles Price and Co. the short period of four years, he had earned the high es-teem of all who knew him. He had been ill, more or less, for eight months, suffering from an internal complaint. He died October 22nd, aged 42, and was buried in Erith Cemetery.



South African Candle Works, Cape Town.

Price's (South Africa) Ltd. MR. C. BOHLING, who is the Chief of our Cape Town Office, returned to the old country at the end of July last, after an absence of four years. We were all pleased to see him looking so well. He took his departure on October 11th, duly arriving safely at Cape Town. During Mr. Bohling's absence, Mr. Cooper, the Head of Johannesburg Office, was transferred to Cape Town to act as his *locum tenens*, and Mr. Price was likewise transferred from Cape Town Office to Johannesburg. Messrs. H. E. Fuller and E. J. Clarke have vacated their posts at Belmont to take up positions in South Africa. The former left us in

January last, Johannesburg being his destination; and the latter left us in August, his goal being Cape Town.

Dare to do right, fear to do wrong. Endure trials patiently.



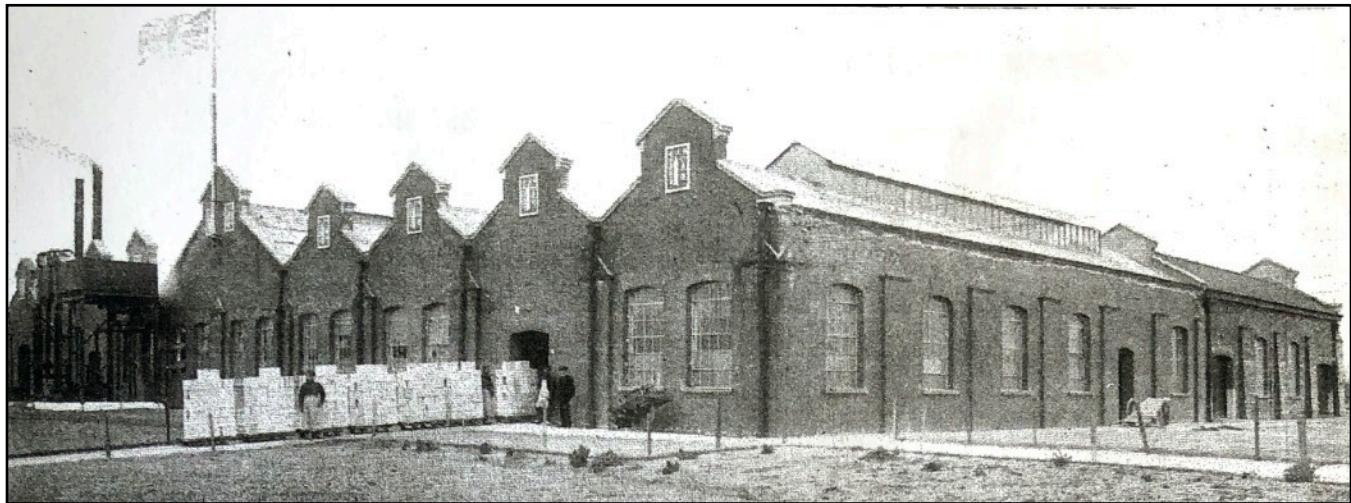
Johannesburg Factory.

Commotions. The year 1913, in the beginning of July, was marked at Johannesburg, as at many other places nearer home, by local troubles arising from strikes of workers. The Transvaal variety appears to have then been much more uncompromising than those in the Old Country, although the determination exhibited by the strikers to plunge Johannesburg in darkness is a trait not unknown elsewhere. It is, however, an ill wind that doesn't do some good, and this particular work of darkness occasioned a great demand for humbler illuminants than electricity—that for candles exhausted the supply. Less pleasant experiences were in store for some of the Company's Staff—our Local Manager, Mr. August Burmeister, and Messrs. Fuller and Lockwood, who, while in town about midnight, found themselves, in the words of Mr. Burmeister, " suddenly set on by a body of strikers and had revolvers and rifles pushed into our faces. I expected our car would be demolished, as we were hemmed in. However, a few judicious words and a rapid retreat, accompanied by a shower of missiles, ended the matter ; but I am afraid the speed of the car was very unkindly criticized by my passengers." Happily this incident marked the nearest approach, in that anxious time, to injury to the person of the Company's employees or its property.

Robbery in Johannesburg. Wednesday, December 24th, 1913. IF the following fails to interest your readers, I hope you will pardon me ; for my part it is more than interesting. My bedroom companion and myself have had the burglars in, and they've had us. They arrived about 4.50 a.m., and left, I should say, about 4.50%, a.m. At the first glance it seemed to be a very serious thing for me, as it seemed as if I should have to stay in bed for the Christmas holidays, or else borrow a suit from some kind friend ; but that I was none too keen upon doing, seeing that my present proportions are hardly likely to fit stock sizes. However, one of the " un-invited " took fright and dropped his bundle, with the result that one suit, and a pair of trousers from a suit which I only received from the tailors last Saturday, were recovered in the garden this morning. Unfortunately they managed to get off with a new coat and vest of mine, with one or

two articles that I prized, including my watch and two silver cigarette cases, one of which was a presentation to me only last Thursday. It was rather fortunate that they took the case this morning, for I was to take it back tonight to have it inscribed upon. Fortunately the burglars saved the members the cost. My friend lost two pairs of boots: they were kind enough to leave him a pair of shoes with the soles out, and as he cut his foot rather badly on the pieces from the broken wash-basin and jug, which by the way was smashed in the rush after them, you may imagine that he was also disinclined to "salute the happy morn." Of course they managed to get away, for neither of us was able to go far in our scanty attire. At the present time it is very hot here, and neither of us happened to be sleeping in a suit of clothes. Of course we had a policeman upon the scene after it was all over, and about an hour after him a detective arrived (no bloodhounds), who in turn passed the case on to another detective, as it happened to be his breakfast hour. E. F. L.

Another Johannesburg correspondent writes — December 24th, 1913. An amusing incident occurred to me some little while ago which may interest your readers. I had a bilious attack one morning, so I called our Kaffir boy Jim, and, handing him a paper containing a prescription, sent him out for a Seidlitz Powder. When he came back he presented me with a half-pound packet of tea, explaining in his crude English :— "I be solly, baas, the Missis no read, so I be tell her what you want." H. E. F.



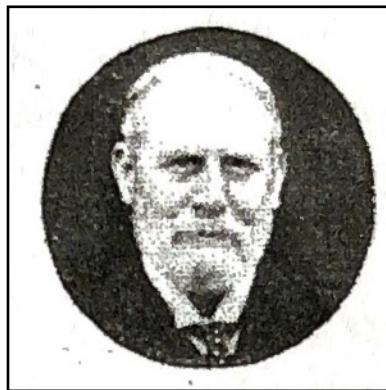
Price's Candle Factory, Shanghai

Price's (China) Ltd. STAFF. MR. W. M. CALDERWOOD, our local Manager in China, paid us a visit in March last, after an absence from home of three and a-half years. He left us to return to his duties at Shanghai early in September last, and arrived safely at his destination. While on his holiday here he entered into the bonds of Holy Matrimony, and we feel sure that all our readers will join with us in wishing his wife and himself long life and happiness. Mr. G. S. Scott, of the Belmont Office Staff, left London to take up a new sphere of duties at our China branch in August last year, and arrived safely at Shanghai in the early days of September. Mr. W. J. Humphreys, who is in charge of our Candle-making Department at the Shanghai factory, also spent a holiday in London last year, having been absent from home since we commenced operations on the spot in China. He left us again in August last, accompanied by Messrs. Peckett and Cranfield, who are augmenting our Factory Staff there.

China — Conflagration. FIRES are happily of rare occurrence in the history of Price's Company, but 1913 witnessed probably the largest in which it has been concerned. On March 29th a general warehouse in Shanghai, some miles from our Factory, got on fire, and a large stock of Paraffin Wax belonging to the Company was, along with other people's goods, destroyed. The Company did not sustain any loss or serious inconvenience from this occurrence.

Chinese Revolution. THE Chinese Revolution, which started at Kiukiang on the Yangtsze in the early days of July last year, quickly spread to various parts of China including Shanghai. At one period the rebels were encamped on the other side of the Soochow Creek opposite to our Factory, but fortunately there were no casualties to our Staff or any damage to the Company's property through the fighting. At night our people had the protection of the American Marines, who were stationed close to our premises. A more serious position, however, presented itself in the town of Shanghai, where some-thing approaching a panic was witnessed when shells were falling into the Public Gardens and also bursting over the Settlement. The result of a shell bursting in a Shanghai office is shown at foot of opposite page. Much anxiety was felt during the whole time the fighting lasted, for the firing of both the Rebels and Government troops was most erratic.

Obituary. TRAVELING STAFF LOSSES. WE have to deplore the loss in 1913 of three members of our traveling staff, upon each of whom the hand of death descended unexpectedly.



MR. M. F. WESTMACOTT died in May, aged 66. Before his appointment to the travel-ling staff in 1890 he was for 19 years attached to the Brom-boro' Pool Works. In all, he spent 42 years in the Company's service. He was formerly an enthusiastic member of the Volunteers, in which he held a commission, and on his retirement from the Corps was in the proud possession of an Honorary Majority.



We lost MR. H. DRAKE in November, at the age of 61. Though he did not come to the Company until 1894 he had spent all his life in the Candle trade, having previously been connected with Messrs. Ogleby and Co., of London.



Then followed MR. WALTER BEAN. His tale of years (56) was, we had hoped, far from complete ; but he succumbed to heart trouble in December. He was with the Company during the whole of his business career, being admitted a member of the office staff in February, 1874. He spent 28 years on the " road."

The loss of three representatives in this way in one short year is a melancholy experience. To dilate upon their good qualities is as unnecessary as it would be unsatisfying, for however exhaustive the account of their merits might be in the opinion of the writer, it is certain that their intimates would miss some touches without which they would consider the portraits incomplete. Suffice it to say here, that each of the three gentlemen was imbued with that enthusiasm and loyalty which we are happy to think is characteristic of every member of the Company's traveling staff.



MR. EDWIN RAYNER.-Among the old servants who have recently crossed the border must be included, with deep regret, the name of Mr. Edwin Rayner, our late Accountant. He entered the Company's service in 1870 and ceased work in April of last year, thus completing forty-three years' service—a long term even with a Company where long service is the rule rather than the exception. Mr. Rayner's decease at the comparatively early age of 54 was received with something of a shock to many, despite the fact of his having been ill for some little while

previously. A man with a clean record, of a mild and amiable disposition, his sympathetic nature and sense of duty earned both regard and respect from all with whom he came into contact.



MR. GEO. H. FIRMIN.-Another old servant who has paid the last penalty, after only a short period of retirement, is Mr. G. H. Firmin, who died in August last at Brighton, where he had taken up his residence. He had been on the active service list of our Office Staff for no less than forty-nine years.



MISS CAFFARATE.-On the Works side Miss Caffarate, who was the Overseer of the Girls in our Night-light Department, succumbed last November to heart disease, from which she had long been a patient sufferer. She was 46 years of age, and had the good thirty-three years' service to her credit. Her demise at such a comparatively early age is much regretted by her many friends.



PENSIONERS. - During the past year the following of our Pensioners from Belmont Works have gone over to the majority :—

Years' Aged	Active Service
James Breach	82 51
Samuel Tyler	83..... 45
George B. Burrows	71..... 42
Joseph Towersey	52..... 37

They were all most popular with their numerous friends and acquaintances, and leave many pleasant memories behind them.

In our chronicle of events which have happened during the past year we much regret to have to record two fatal accidents, which; strange to relate, occurred on consecutive evenings.

CARMAN C. W. WEEKS on December 2nd was proceeding home with his pair-horse team when one of the animals stumbled. In trying to right it poor Weeks was jerked off his " dickey " into the roadway, which resulted in instantaneous death. Unfortunately he had neglected to use a " dickey " strap, one of which is provided for each of our Carmen. An Inquest was held; when a verdict of " Accidental Death " was returned. Weeks was 41 years of age, had been with us for 28 years, and was an excellent worker.

On the evening of December 3rd, George F. Thomas, aged 28, was engaged in emptying barrels of Paraffin Scale, when, in some inexplicable manner, he fell into the hole in which the material is melted. He was extricated by two of his fellow-workers, but was found to be quite dead. Inquest was held, and the Jury returned a verdict that death resulted from asphyxiation and was accidental. The Coroner in summing up remarked that every precaution was taken by the Company to prevent accidents, and the Home Office Inspector, who was present, reported that, after inspection, he was unable to suggest any additional safeguards. Thomas was a hard and conscientious worker and had been in the Company's employment for 17 years.

Retirements.



MR. JAMES B. GRIFFITHS. 1913 witnessed the retirement from the ranks of the Company's workers, of Mr. James B. Griffiths, whose health broke down in December, 1912, and a temporary suspension of his activities, as hoped for, unhappily proved to be permanent and final. Mr. Griffiths ("J. G.") possessed an inordinate appetite for work, and had, in intimate conversation, expressed his earnest hope that he might remain in harness till the end : but this was not to be. The ruthless guillotine of physical disability brought to a sudden conclusion a career marked throughout by a versatility verging upon genius. He entered the Company's service in 1865, and occupied an important position in the Belmont Counting-house as far back as the early days of the Calderwood regime. His was a well-known figure in the Candle and Soap trades of the Kingdom, and it must be a gratifying reflection to him that, competing commercial interests notwithstanding, his association with many gentlemen engaged in those trades developed into a personal friendship. We are sure that all who knew him in business will join in wishing him such a measure of restored health as will enable him to extract enjoyment from the pursuit of the hobbies and studies, with which, to the amazement of those who knew his busy life, he from time to time exhibited a close acquaintance.



Mr. G. A WITFIALL, who was in our service for the long period of fifty-five years, left us at the end of March last to enjoy a well-earned retirement. His colleagues at the Belmont Offices

presented him with a gold watch as a mark of their esteem and with their best wishes for his future.

Travel.

GEYSER LAND, In imagination we convey ourselves some 13,000 miles hence, and hurriedly visit one of the most wonderful places of the world-- the Wairakei Valley, New Zealand.

Passing through the gate to the Valley, we descend a narrow path, and immediately all our senses are affected—eyes dimmed by clouds of enveloping steam, ears deafened by the "shooting " of numerous geysers and " flip-flop " of pools of boiling oil and mud, nostrils filled with sulphur fumes, so strong that we taste them, feet scorched by under-ground heat.

Follow the guide closely through the labyrinth of geysers, live volcanos, pools of scalding water, oil and mud. Miss your footing or step aside, and you meet a horrible death.

We reach a rocky platform overhanging an impenetrably deep cavern. Listen ! Water runs into Nature's kettle below. We with-draw to safety and wait six minutes. Then up comes the boiling water, seethes, and rushes into the air rocket-like. Beware of the scalding spray of the Great Wairakei shooting unfailingly every eight minutes.

Next to the Champion Cauldron, 70 feet in diameter, constantly boiling and shooting water like champagne.

Cross the valley for the next " turn," the Dragon's Mouth, a huge petrified tree, shaped like dragons' teeth, overhanging a geyser. Without a time-table do not walk through the Dragon's Mouth. The geyser below shoots scalding water through it every five minutes.

Returning to the other side we reach the Eagle's West Geyser to see its half-hourly shoot of hot water. We then visit the Fairy Baths, three pools of colored boiling water—blue, yellow, white surrounded by trees and ferns with leaves 15 feet long, the sides of the pools being covered with moss 12 inches deep.

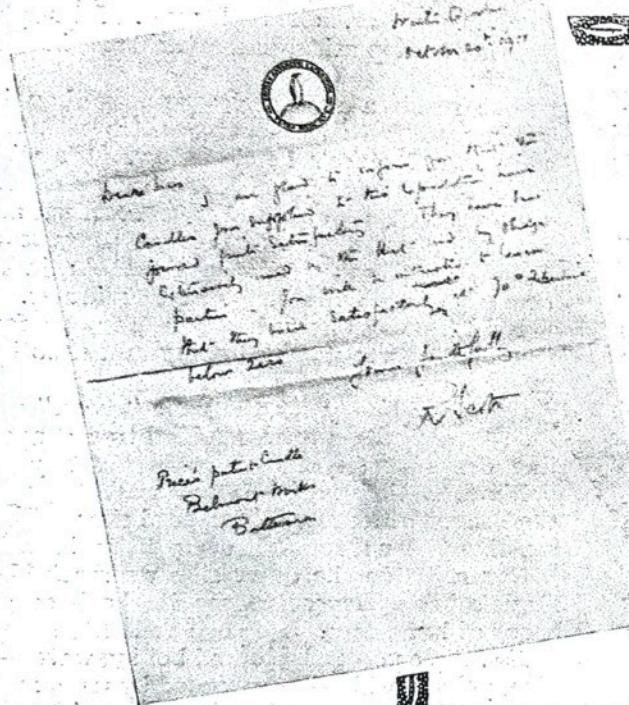
Proceed to the Lightning Geyser, a pool of boiling water with blue bubbles floating below its surface. At the side is a pole with a flat bottom. Plunge the bottom under a bubble ; the magnetic elements in the bubble impart an electric shock.

Next comes the Little Wairakei Geyser, which is forming a beautiful colored terrace—red, blue, green, yellow, brown, black, white.

Finally to the Twins Geysers, only a few feet apart—one shooting boiling water every four and a half minutes, the other every six-teen minutes. Here we can sit in a shady dell, time the shooting of these geysers, and reflect on Nature's wonders. W. W. W.



An interesting letter from The late Captain Scott



Winter Quarters,
October 20th, 1911.

Dear Sirs,

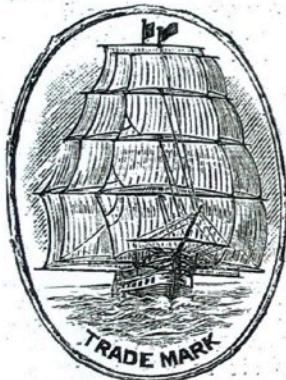
I am glad to inform you that the Candles you supplied to this expedition have proved quite satisfactory. They have been extensively used in the Hut and by sledge parties. You will be interested to learn that they burn satisfactorily at 70° Fahrenheit below zero.

Yours faithfully,
R. SCOTT.

Price's Patent Candle,
Belmont Works,
Battersea.

THE equipment of the "Terra Nova" included 2,300 lb. of Price's Candles. The Brands supplied would have burned satisfactorily at a temperature or 102° F. below zero.

No less than 2,000 sorts and sizes of Price's Candles are produced to meet the varying demands of the World, which, of course, include Candles to burn in the hottest and all intermediate climates as well as in the extreme cold of the frigid zones.



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