BATH TOWN COUNCIL.

[A] meeting of the Town Council, sitting as the [Sanitary] Authority, was held on Tuesday [at the] Guildhall. Present: The Mayor (Mr. Woodiwiss); Aldermen C. D. Brickmann, J. [Bar]trum, J. Clark, W. C. Jolly, J. Ricketts, J. Rubie, [Fe]rguson, A. Taylor, W. F. Tuckett; Councillors [R.] E. Bartrum, W. S. Bryner, F. G. Farwell, W. F. Gould, H. S. Henshaw, T. Hunt, F. G. Knight, B. John, W. Lewis, S. G. Mitchell, H. H. Moore, J. W. Morris, G. Pea[cock], Perkins, E. E. Phillips, W. Roadhouse, F. E. Silcock, C. H. Simpson, F. J. Stone, H. J. [Tow]nsend, A. P. Waldron, and F. Young.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT WORKS.

[Mr.] Sturges, as Chairman of the Electric Lighting [Committee], moved the adoption of the Committee's [report], which dealt at length with the recommendation [of the] Committee that they apply to the Local Govern[ment Board] for power to borrow a further sum of £3,750 [for the] purpose of carrying out the works mentioned in [Mr. Hammond's] report. This told them what was neces[sary] to be done in order to make the works an efficient [under]taking, and, in fact, in Mr. Hammond's own words, this sum (£3,750) will provide a first-class job [... the] necessity of spending any more money [for] many years. He admitted [that the] lighting up to the present had not been a [success] ... the lamps supplied in Queen [Square] ... for street lighting, prettier and lower, [and] ... 2,000 candle power instead of ...

[Mr. ...], who seconded, in the course of his re[marks] ... hoped that the Press would be al[lowed to attend] the meetings of that Committee eventually. [Mr.] Ricketts expressed very great surprise that [the] works ... in the Committee's hands [were] ... renovation of the buildings were carried [out by] contract by Messrs. Hayward and Wooster [and] ... Who was to blame? It must be the [Committee] ... Again, if they adopted this resolu[tion they would] have to pay according to schedule prices [... under] a system which was against the principle [adopted] some time ago. He considered that the amount [asked for] was far too large ... suggested that an amendment ... the position of the [Committee] and their works and to re[port] ... expenditure of any more [money].

[Mr. ...] seconded, believing that some such inquiry [was necessary] ...

[Mr. ...] in supporting the amendment, said al[though] £30,000 had not been granted yet, the Com[mittee] were spending part of the money. This was a [matter] ... Alderman Sturges ... the Chairman of six Committees and Sub[committees] ... He was not the man for the Electric [Lighting] ... (cries of "Order.")

[The Mayor]: That is outside the question.

[Mr. ...]: As long as he is Chairman of that Com[mittee] ... will the expenses go up by leaps and [bounds] ...

[Mr. ...] thought, considering Mr. Hammond's [report] ... would be necessary in a few years in order [to meet] the demand. That being so, it would be [well to] have some further investigation into the ques[tion].

[Alderman] Jolly said whatever defects there might have [been] ... What could a special Committee do? ... the Authority that they were not free in [the matter] ... Not only Mr. Hammond, but [the] ... works when transferred to [the] Corporation ... Mr. Vincent was a member of this [Committee] ... that there was no necessity at all for the [inquiry] ...

[The Mayor] ... the Electric Lighting Committee sat, asked [them to] report ...

[Mr. ...] said it was all very well to be wise after the [event] ... Mr. Taylor expressed sorrow for Alderman [Sturges] ...

[Alderman] Chaffin was rising to speak when ...

[Alderman] Taylor: I think they can speak.

[Mr. ...] objected to Alderman Sturges's opinion.

[The Mayor]: I shall be glad to hear you Alderman [Chaffin].

[Alderman] Chaffin asked if the Council wished to hear [him].

[Alderman] Sturges: I shall ask the Clerk if it is legal.

[Alderman] Chaffin: Legal or not, I speak to-day with [the] Mayor's ...

[Alderman] Sturges: We have a legal officer, and I ap[peal] to know if Alderman Chaffin has a right to [speak].

[The Mayor]: Mr. John Stone has already decided that ...

[Alderman] Chaffin's point was that the original scheme [for the] lighting of the city ...

[Mr.] Phillips: Admit the Press—then you will get it.

[Alderman] Sturges, replying, said Mr. Ricketts ...

[Mr. ...]: I rise to order. No gentleman [should use such] language as that.

[Alderman] Sturges said he was going to speak out. He [was] ... right to put an old committee [in the place] of a new committee ...

[Alderman] Jolly appealed to Alderman Sturges to [stick] closely to the business," and avoid the personal ...

[Alderman] Sturges said he had been insulted quite [enough] ... gentleman behind him (laughter), and he [was] ...

[Mr. ...]: I won't allow him to insult me.

[Alderman] Sturges continued, that the Electric Light [Committee] ...

[The] motion of "Vote" Alderman Sturges concluded [his speech] ... the amendment was then [put and lost] ...

[For the amendment]: ... Ricketts, Councillors Mitchell, Silcock, ...

[Against]: The Mayor, Aldermen Jolly, Sturges, Taylor, ... Bartrum, Farwell, Gould, John, ... Moore, Morris, Perkins, Phillips, Road[house], ... Stone, and Townsend ... remained neutral, Alderman Chaffin, ...

Councillors Waldron and Peacock declined to vote, with[out] giving reasons, and those intimating that they did not do so because they were gas shareholders included Councillors Bryner, Gould, and F. G. Isaacs. Mr. Moore, a trustee for Gas Company shares, though not personally interested, was informed that he could not vote.

Mr. Gould said two shareholders had voted—Captain Phillips and Councillor Mitchell.

Mr. Phillips: Me! I was a shareholder—but I sold out on purpose that I should be able to vote to-day (laughter).

Mr. Mitchell: I exercised my right as a ratepayer.

Mr. Phillips: Then you had better plank down your £50 (laughter).

Afterwards Mr. Mitchell's name was struck off the voting list, and Mr. Gould called attention to the fact that this was the third or fourth occasion the Council's time had been wasted over amendments, against which there were overwhelming majorities. It was, he said, a shameful waste of time. Mr. Ricketts was there for nothing else.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

A short discussion took place on the report of the Housing of the Working Classes Committee, the passing of which Mr. Silcock moved. It recommended, among other things, that the Authority advertise invi[tations] ... of land suitable for the erection of artisans' dwellings. Mr. Silcock hinted that, if such land were offered, the Committee might prepare a scheme to bring before the Council, recommending the erection of such dwellings, but Aldermen Ricketts and others objected to this being done, and eventually a resolution was moved, in the hurry framed scarcely in the way desired, by which the report was passed, omitting two clauses in the report—clauses however which did not exactly affect the point at issue.

THE RIVER WALL.

Alderman Ricketts moved the adoption of the report from the River Committee which ... the question of the Dolemeads Improvement, that they had not succeeded in getting the necessary sanction to borrow the money for it. The Local Government Board was inquiring with reference to the houses to be pulled down in connection with it—it not satisfied the Board would want them to bring up a scheme for providing working class dwellings in place of them.

Mr. Vincent called attention to the following recom[mendation]—"That the tender of Messrs. Jacob Long and Sons to construct a river wall from the end of Ferry Lane to Canal entrance, for £3,771, be accepted. Ten[ders] for this work, he said, were advertised for and copies of the advertisement were sent to different builders. The contract that Mr. Chancellor's tender, which was £190 odd less than Messrs. Long's, ought to have been accepted. He considered it unfair that the Committee did not recommend it, and moved that the matter be sent back for further consideration.

Mr. Phillips seconded the amendment, which evoked some discussion, but Alderman Ricketts pointed out that not only was the Streets Improvement Committee al[most] unanimous in recommending Messrs. Long's tender, but that the Surveying Committee were nearly unani[mous], and the City Surveyor (Mr. Fortune) was strongly in favour of the work going to that firm.

The amendment was lost, eight voting for and 12 against, and the report was afterwards carried.

OTHER MATTERS.

The minutes of the Finance, Rivers Pollution and Floods Prevention, and the Sanitary Committees were passed, with little or no comment, and this was also the case in regard to the motions standing in Mr. Alderman Ricketts's name, having reference to the completion by the Authority of streets known as Winchester-road, Canterbury-road, and Belgrave-road, the expenses in[curred] to be apportioned on the premises "fronting, ad[joining], or abutting on the said streets." It was also decided to accept the tender of Mr. Stephen Ambrose, for drainage work, costing £510, at Upper Hedgemead[-road], as also the tender of Messrs. Mariner, West, and Tyler, for iron fencing at the same road, at 4s. 9d. per yard.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee was held at the Guildhall on Monday, Alderman W. F. Tuckett presiding. There were also present: Alderman W. C. Jolly, J. Sturges; Councillors S. Bagot, W. Bryner, A. Cochrane, F. G. Farwell, E. Hunt, E. G. Peacock, E. E. Phillips, E. R. Simmons, F. J. Stone, W. Roadhouse, H. J. Thomas, T. Vincent, and A. P. Waldron.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. W. H. Symons (Medical Officer of Health) pre[sented] his fortnightly report, which was as follows:—

	May 22.	June 5.
Total births	...	19
Death from all causes	15·0	11
Crude death rate per thousand annually	14·9	13·9
Corrected for age and sex distribution	14·0	10·2
Crude death-rate for corres. week last year	9·9	21·5
Average of special quarters, 1891-95	15·6	15·6
From seven principal zymotic diseases	0	0

THE COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

The Medical Officer also reported that, accompanied by the Inspector, he had visited all the common lodging-houses. He found them in good order, mostly kept and clean. The upper sashes of many of the windows were fixed, but as the number of beds for which the rooms were registered reduced the breathing space to the minimum, he thought it most important that the win[dows] should be made to open. He made this request to the keepers last year and understood the necessary altera[tions] would be made. He had repeated his request, and had asked Mr. Montagu to serve the necessary notices.—The report was adopted.

ANALYSES.

It was reported that the City Analyst (Mr. J. W. Gatehouse) had analysed four samples of milk, one of butter, and one of pepper, all being genuine. Also a sample of genuine gooseberry jam, but containing more sugar than home-made jam which, he said, generally had about fifty per cent. The result of the analysis showed that there was 75 per cent. of "cane" and "invert" sugars and twenty-five per cent. of gooseberry. A por[tion] of the above-named invert sugar was derived from the fruit used in making the jam which for the appear[ance] of the skins, stalks and stems he judged was very ripe and neither unduly nor stewed.

ALDERMAN BRICKMANN COMPLAINS.

Alderman Brickmann, who appeared before the Com[mittee], said he did so with regard to the Statutory Hospi[tal]. He wanted to know if it was any use to keep up that expensive and well-staffed building if it could not receive any infectious cases which were sent there. On May 17th, he said, he gave an order for a poor woman at Larkhall to get attention at the Eastern Dispensary. The House Surgeon, thinking it was a case for hospital treatment, sent her to the Royal United Hospital, but there she was refused admittance and referred to the Poor Law authorities. She was suffering from erysipelas in the legs. At the Poor Law Offices it was said she ought to go to the Statutory Hospital, and at that in[stitution] her husband was told that, it being a malignant disease, she could not be admitted. Eventually she was taken into the Workhouse Infirmary, and he afterwards saw Mr. Montagu, who told him no such cases were re[ceived]. If infectious cases of any sort could not be re[ceived] what was the use of keeping up the establishment. —The Chairman reminded him that this erysipelas arose from an old ulcer of very long standing.—Mr. Montagu explained that this was not one of the cases they were authorised to receive at the Hospital.—Mr. Phillips said they would have to enlarge the Hospital two or three times over if they had to take in such cases. It was more of a contagious disease than an infectious one. They could only take scarlet fever, diphtheria and a few diseases of that sort.—Major Brickmann: Then all I can say is its a farce keeping up that institution (Mr. Vincent: No, no).—Alderman Sturges promised that the Statutory Hospital Committee, which was to meet that afternoon, should inquire into the matter.

CLEANING THE RIVER.

Mr. Cochrane called attention to the need of spending more money in cleaning out the river and cleansing its banks. That Committee only spent £68 last year. He thought they ought to spend £500 at least ("No.")

STATUTORY HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE.

Alderman Sturges, who presented the report of the Statutory Hospital Committee, mentioned that the accounts for the first three months of their financial year showed that the expenditure was £561, the receipts up-to-date totalled £50, and there was money owing them to the amount of £128. This left a balance against the Hospital of £350 for this period which, multiplied, meant £1,400 for the year, and the estimated expenditure was £1,200. However, the numbers in the Hospital, which had been very high, were now reduced, and he hoped during the ensuing three months they would keep below rather than above the estimate. That afternoon the Committee in[tended] considering minutely the expenditure in connec[tion] with the hospital, with a view to its reduction. The hospital was a vast institution, doing a great deal of good, and saving the city from many epidemics.

SETTLED.

At the Committee's last meeting Mr. Bryner brought forward a case in which it was alleged against a cabman that he had overcharged a lady fare, whom he drove from the Station to Gay-street, besides insulting her. He decided to request the attendance of the cabman, also of the lady who preferred the complaint, but Mr. Bryner now reported that the owner of the cab had since apologised, and the lady did not wish to take any further action in the matter.

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee was held on Thursday at the Guildhall. Alderman W. C. Jolly, Chairman, presided, and there were also present: Aldermen J. S. Bartrum, J. Rubie, A. Taylor; Councillors W. F. Gould, S. G. Mitchell, T. G. Peacock, E. E. Phillips, F. E. Skum, and T. Vincent.

THE RESERVOIR OPENING: THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Alderman Bartrum thought that at that, the first public occasion on which the Committee had met since the opening of the reservoir, it was but right they should return to their Chairman their best acknowledgments of the energy, good sense and success which had marked his labours. It was the greatest public pleasure to them to see the ability and good feeling with which he carried on the duties of his office. He had no doubt the Council would have something to say about it, but as a Com[mittee] they should recognise the courtesy and ability with which the Chairman presided over them. He moved that the Committee record their sense of their obligation to him, and asked that Mr. Watts put the resolution into proper form.—Alderman Taylor reminded Alderman Bartrum it was the usual practice that when such resolutions were usually passed, but evidently he meant some recognition of the event which took place on the previous Tuesday. He thought for that reason it was due, and he cordially seconded the proposition.—Mr. Vincent supported, and said when he joined the Com[mittee] he was astonished at the knowledge Alderman Jolly possessed of every detail of the Waterworks. He was quite struck with the time and patience he devoted to the work.—The vote having been carried by acclama[tion], the Chairman acknowledged the compliment. He wished they had had a little sunshine on Tuesday, but in spite of that they had a very favourable day. He felt there had been too much said about it; he had done nothing beyond what any business man would do. As to any remarkable knowledge or aptitude on his part, he deprecated the idea, although he admitted he was much interested in the waterworks, and he received a great deal of help from Mr. Gilbey and Mr. Mitchell.—Mr. Phillips: I wish the Chairmen of all our other Com[mittees] were as competent as you.—The Chairman: Compar[isons] are odious.—Mr. Gould: This is looked on as the model Committee of the Council.

SUPPLY AND CONSUMPTION.

Mr. Alfred Mitchell presented his return of the gaug[ings], showing the yield of the various springs to be as follows in gallons per minute:—

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3
Cold Ashton	754	652	631	593	580
Batheaston	274	252	254	267	280
Bath	179½	169½	173½	171½	167½
Charlcombe	75	71	68½	68	70
	1282½	1624½	1567½	1429½	1397½
Last year	1047½	1062½	941	905½	888½

Rainfall—

Cold Ashton	·28	·67	·00	·11	1·78
Batheaston	·31	·09	·00	·15	1·79
Charlcombe	·27	·06	·00	·19	1·63

The consumption per head per day in May was shown to average 21.35 gallons, in April it was 19.87, and in May, 1896, 21.18 gallons.

STREET WATERING CHARGES.

The Chairman said he mentioned the other day that the Waterworks paid in rates £1,500 a year, and they only received £150 a year for the water used on the roads. He believed that amount was arrived at in the old times, things were very different now, and he thought they must consider what would be a fair sum. Of course there would be no gain to the city, but he thought every Committee should stand on its own merits, and if they supplied £400 or £500 worth of water he did not quite see why they should not be given credit for the extra £350. He suggested that Mr. Gilby should bring up a report at the next meeting, then they could ap[proach] the Surveying Committee, and he had no doubt it could be mutually arranged. It was time the question was revived and considered.—Mr. Mitchell inquired whether any charge was made to the Sanitary Com[mittee] for the water used in the urinals?—Mr. Gilby: Not a penny.—Mr. Gould: It should be only going out of one pocket into another.—The Chairman: We should be fair and square.—Mr. Peacock: It would appreciate the profits of the Waterworks.—The Chair[man]: It would put it on a fair basis.—Alderman Taylor thought they should know the quantity of water used by each of the other Committees, even if they made no extra charge.—The Chairman's suggestion was adopted.

CHARLCOMBE RESERVOIR.

Mr. Mitchell reported that the rent in the paving of the small tank at Charlcombe had been thoroughly re[paired], and the reservoir made watertight again.

FREE BATHING PLACE.

Mr. Phillips said the Sub-Committee had considered the question of having a toe-free bathing place near the present baths. He had seen Mr. Farwell, and though he could promise nothing he believed he was favourable to the proposal, provided the Corporation put up a proper screen.

TROUT.

Mr. Phillips inquired whether it would not be desir[able] to put some trout into the Monkswood Reservoir?—The Chairman remarked that the winter time was the best season for that.

MARKETS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee was held at the Guild[hall] on Friday, Alderman A. Taylor presiding. There were also present: Alderman Brickmann; Councillors W. F. Gould, W. Lewis, W. Tonkin, and F. Young.

GAME LICENSES.

It being the time for the issue of game licenses several applicants appeared before the Committee and had their licenses renewed.—Mr. C. Glover appeared on behalf of Mrs. Amelia S. Ogburn for the transfer to her of the license formerly held by Mr. Newman, of the Balus[trade], Grosvenor. Mrs. Ogburn, he said, had the lease of the premises and the business.—The application was granted.

PROPOSED FIRE BRIGADE QUARTERS.

Mr. Gould asked if there was any report with respect to the question of giving to the Fire Brigade the South Avenue for their headquarters?—The Chairman said Col. Perkins promised to call a meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee to go into the matter shortly.—Mr. Gould said he supposed consideration of the question would be delayed until next time.—The Chairman observed that it was very inconvenient to the Markets Committee that it should be so delayed.

SALE OF SWINE.

It was agreed, in answer to an application from Messrs. Fry and Asprey, to grant them a license to sell swine at the Cross Keys, Combe Down, on the 16th inst.

JUBILEE DAY.

It being understood that they would be consulting the wishes of the tenants if the Markets were closed on Jubilee Day, it was decided to adopt this course.

THE COMMITTEE AND THE PRESS.

Mr. Lewis urged that the Committee should be made a closed Committee. He spoke feelingly. There were three gentlemen there wasting their skill, time and talents and not a single matter of public interest had been discussed.—Mr. Tonkin suggested that the object of throwing open the Committee was to admit the ratepayers. The Press were not bound to send representatives.—Mr. Lewis said so far as he was con[cerned] he should not have his reporters there. It was a waste of time unless the Committee subsidised them.—The matter dropped, no resolution being submitted.

THE CITY ACCOUNTS.

The annual abstract of the city's accounts has just been issued from the office of the City Treasurer. From the figures dealing with the City Fund it appears that the net rental derived from Corporate property in the year 1896-7 was £7,686 1s. 11d. While the Markets around the Guildhall brought in £436 8s. 9d., the expenses were £405 3s. 11d.; the Corn and Cattle Market yielded £189 16s. 6d., and the outgoings were £69 18s. 3d.; the Sawclose weighing produced a profit of £36 15s. 11d. Including under the heading of expenses of the Baths, £84 13s. 2d. for excavations, £450 on account of drainage works, £700 on account of the Pump Room renovation, £133 12s. for rebuilding the engine house chimney, £35 interest on mortgage debt, and £1,685 sinking fund, the total is £10,800 6s. 7d., while the receipts were £7,794 6s. 4d. The police force cost £7,069 15s. 9d. towards which the grant from the Imperial Exchequer was £3,122 18s. 10d. Lighting the streets cost £4,450 on account of the Baths, the balance having to be raised by watch rate. Adminis[tration] of Justice, took about £2,600, including expenses of Coroner's inquests, prosecutions at Assizes and Sessions, maintenance of children in reformatories, &c.

It appears that the total cost of the new Municipal Buildings has been £58,115 12s. 5d., of which the fur[nishing] took £1,577 17s. 4d.

Already the city has paid £16,538 6s. 5d. towards the building of the new Asylum, near Taunton.

Despite an expenditure of £447 on new mains, £866 on lowering mains, and £450 on covering the Charlcombe tank, the Waterworks paid to the City Fund account a surplus of £1,329 19s. 3d.

Coming to the accounts of the Urban Sanitary Authority we find that the city lighting for the year took £7,004, but in this amount is included £1,600 16s. 9d., the cost of obtaining the Electric Light Provi[sional] Order. Scavenging, including the expenses of the Destructor, cost £6,735 15s. 1d. The Statutory Hos[pital] incurred an outlay of £2,203 1s. 11d., towards which £346 5s. 10d. was received for patients' maintenance.

From the summary at the conclusion of the book it appears that whereas on the 25th March, 1896, the debt of the city amounted to £288,760, on 25th March, 1897, it stood at £292,110, for while during the year £15,850 was raised £12,600 was extinguished.

Among items of information to be gained from the abstract may be mentioned the following:—There are 21 superannuated police officers drawing pensions which amounted last year to £1,479 11s. 10d., but of this amount only £423 2s. 4d. had to be taken from the City Fund, deductions from the pay of the force bringing in £161 12s. 9d.; fees and earnings of the police, £153 12s. 4d., and the Government and Excise Duties Grant, £681 3s. 5d. The fees of the City Coroner in the year only amounted to £73. In 1896-7 the Guildhall Library cost £34 6s. 6d. £20 5s. 6d. was paid for ringing the Abbey bells on loyal occasions. It is also rather astonishing to learn that up to the present as large a sum as £11,257 has been expended on Prevention of River Pollution and Floods Mitigation. The amount of interest taken in the finances in the city by those outside the Council may be said to be gauged by the number of copies of the Trea[surer's] Abstract purchased, as last year only a crown was received, which represents five copies sold.

BROTHER AND SISTER.

The other day, says a correspondent of the "Yorkshire Gazette," I was introduced to a Miss Bale, residing in the outskirts of York. It transpired that she had some time ago been very ill, and the circumstances of her recovery were so interesting that I asked and obtained consent to give publicity to them.

"I had two serious illnesses," she said, "and for long after suffered from weariness, languor, and ex[haustion]. My life was a burden. Some three years ago, I had a victim of the ailments just described, I was re[commended] by my brother-in-law to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which, he said, had done him a great deal of good, and I tried them, with the happiest results. After half a box of those Pills I was relieved, and have been considerably better ever since. They made me alert, active, bright, and cheerful, con[ditions] exactly opposite to those before I had taken them.

Miss Bale's account of her brother-in-law's case was even more interesting. She had already stated that she took to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills on his recommendation. "No words he could use," she added, "could adequately describe the good effects which he derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He had had something wrong with the spine, and was so ill ... being a trouble, so fatigued ... Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, was as ... to get up and return from business ... did not know what it was to be tired, languid ... Walk; even to go to business and be ... is very different now. He always says that no one could believe the benefit he derived from taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

The words of Miss Bale when her interviewer took leave of her were: "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have really strengthened me. I consider them excellent. Whatever occupation I follow, so far from being a trouble, as formerly, it comes as a pleasure." These Pills are not like other medicine, and their effects are permanent. They act directly on the blood, and cure anæmia and rheumatism, weak heart, scrofula, consump[tion], chronic erysipelas, and restore pale and sallow complexions to the glow of health. They are also a specific for nerves and spinal tonic, and thus have cured many cases of paralysis, locomotor ataxy, neuralgia, St. Vitus' dance, and nervous headache. They are sold by chemists, and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, at 2s. 9d. a box, or six for 13s. 9d., but only with full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The genuine pills are never sold loose or from glass jars; pills thus offered are worthless.

BATH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of this Council was held on Saturday at the Poor Law Offices. Mr. T. Carr, Chairman, presided, and there were also present:—Captain Sadler, Bathamp[ton]; Mr. H. D. Inman and Mr. G. Matthews, Bathea[ston]; Mr. H. W. Dunn, Charlcombe; Mr. H. Smart, Claverton; Mr. T. Stride, Combehay; Colonel Morrison, Monkton Combe; Mr. R. Skeckell, Swainswick; Mr. M. Keepence and Mr. M. Wheeler, Twerton; Mr. W. Stuart, Wellow; Mr. H. Trickey, Mr. I. Sumsion, Mr. E. H. Morgan and Mr. G. Biggs, Weston.

SHOSCOMBE WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board with regard to the scheme for supplying Shoscombe with water, asking for a copy of the resolution authorising application to be made for a loan of £1,080. It also stated that the usual inquiry would be held when the engagements of the Board's Inspectors permitted, and the Board required to know the most convenient place for holding the inquiry.—It was decided to inform the Local Government Board that St. Julian's School, Shos[combe], would be the best place for the inquiry.

FRESHFORD DRAINAGE.

The Clerk said there was a letter from the Local Gov[ernment] Board on the subject of the Freshford drainage. —The Chairman: Another old friend (laughter).—In the letter the Board stated that they had not yet re[ceived] an answer to their questions asked on the 24th November last with regard to this question.—The Chair[man]: Tell them we are awfully sorry, but we've been so busy (laughter).—The letter continued that the Board required an answer with as little delay as possible.—It was decided to inform the Local Government Board that the District Council were awaiting the result of the Gov[ernment] inquiry regarding the septic system at Exeter.

WELLOW FAIR.

A correspondent wrote calling the Council's attention to the fact that at the forthcoming sale by auction of the George Inn, Wellow, it was intended to sell with the houses the right of penning sheep on the roadway adjoin[ing] at Wellow Fair, and asking whether the Council ought not to interfere.—The Chairman took it that this right had come down from time immemorial, and that the owners were perfectly within their rights in selling it. Fairs were curious things to deal with—a question having been raised as to whether it was an obstruction or not, Mr. Smart said on fair days, the only time at which the pens were placed there, the road was not obstructed.—The Chairman said if it were on their deeds the owners had as much right to sell it as the house itself.—It was decided to reply that the Council con[sidered] they had no power to interfere.

FAIRFIELD-PARK DRAINAGE.

The question whether the Council would have to take steps for draining new houses being erected in Fairfield-park, Charlcombe, again came forward.—The Surveyor thought if that authority could get rid of the surface water coming from their district the city authority would be ready to take the sewage into their drain provided a yearly rent were paid by the owners of the property so drained.—It was agreed that Mr. Sheppard should confer with Mr. Bolwell, the highway surveyor, on the question of the surface water, and that the parties submitting plans should be informed that they could not be ap[proved] unless drainage or efficient cesspits were pro[vided].

THE RECENT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Sheppard reported that the Weston magistrates had made an order upon Mr. Skinner, of Alta-Vista to set back the fence of his garden as required by the Council. A letter was read from Mr. Skinner asking if he put up a new fence on the line laid down could he allow the old boundary to remain until the crop in the ground was cleared so that he might not lose it.—It was decided to reply that the magistrates' order had been made and that the Council could not interfere with it.—As to the costs of the proceedings, Mr. Sheppard said no order was made, the Bench waiting to see whether the order was complied with, and he asked the Council to give him some instructions upon the point.—In answer to the Chairman, Mr. Sheppard said he had not yet received Mr. Dyer's bill for acting for the Council.—Mr. Shackell moved, and Mr. Smart seconded, that the magistrates be asked to direct the defendant to pay three guineas towards the Council's costs.—Mr. Sumsion thought they need not do that until they knew what their costs were, and moved that the matter be left to the Bench.—Mr. Morgan seconded.—Mr. Shackell remarked that Mr. Skinner was a poor man.—The Chairman: He is a poor man and a foolish one. However he could not blame him so much as the Land Company.—Mr. Wheeler questioned whether Mr. Skinner was the only party to the proceedings.—The Chairman: We cannot deal with anybody else.—Mr. Sumsion's amendment was carried by 6 to 5.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE VICAR OF COMBE DOWN.

An interesting gathering took place at the Vicarage, Combe Down, last week, to bid farewell to the Rev. R. N. Howard, who has resigned in consequence of ill-health, and to welcome the Rev. S. R. Benson, the new Vicar. Among those present were Canon and Mrs. Quirk, the Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Moor[house], the Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Riches, the Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Bryan, the Rev. J. C. Knott and Miss Knott, the Rev. A. and Mrs. Howard, the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Kearns, the Rev. W. S. H. and Mrs. Samler, the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Smart, the Rev. E. S. Field, the Rev. F. L. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Dolling, Mrs. Danbeny, Miss Leathart, Miss La[y]ard, Mr. G. R. and Mrs. Thomas, Miss Mead, Mrs. Stanley Howard, Miss Hiron, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. C. Nash, Mr. Bernard, Miss Quinton, Mr. and Mrs. Le Feuvre, Mr. and Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Pitt, Miss Stone, &c. The opportunity was taken to present the Rev. R. N. and Mrs. Howard with a carriage clock and a gold watch, which, with several other articles, have been contributed by parishioners and other friends. The presentation was made by the Rev. R. G. Bryan in a short and sympathetic address. He alluded to the faithful work of Mr. and Mrs. Howard during the four and a half years that Mr. Howard had been Vicar, and expressed regret at his illness, and thankfulness at the measure of convalescence now apparent, and the hope that a contemplated voy[age] may be the means of completing his recovery.—Mr. Howard, in a few touching words, acknowledged the gifts, and a brief prayer, offered by Mr. Bryan, concluded the proceedings.—Mr. Howard intends to leave England with his family for Australia very shortly.

THE NEW VICAR OF COMBE DOWN.

The church at Combe Down was fairly well filled on Sunday morning when the Vicar-designate, the Rev. S. B. Benson, preached for the first time in his new sphere of work. His theme for his text the opening words of the verses St. Luke xi. 2, and St. Matthew vi. 9. Ad[dressing] the congregation as "my friends" he said it was a great privilege and at the same time a great responsibility to speak to them from that place for the first time as the minister of Christ amongst them. He knew he already owed a great deal to their prayers. He had had already quite enough in the parish of warm, hearty friendship to assure him that he had and would have their forbearance and their support. He asked them to continue their prayers for him, and felt sure that they would also continue their forbearance and their support; and he believed he knew that by God's blessing the new relations in which they stood would be richly blessed to both congregation and vicar by God Himself, the Author and Giver of all good things. The late Vicar (the Rev. R. N. Howard), in his sickness and weakness, in his retirement from his ministry, in his prospective departure from the parish, and in his hope of recovery in a distant land, valued their prayers, was touched by their sympathy, and as he told them in his farewell letter, prayed for them. Whether, there[fore], they looked at the change of minister in the parish in the light of a tried friend, whom they were losing, or of an untried friend, the keynote for their consideration was prayer. After dwelling on the importance of private and public prayer the preacher urged that there were three great principles underlying the Lord's Prayer. They were to pray with filial confidence; they were to draw nigh in prayer with reverence as well as filial confidence, and they were to pray with love in their hearts one to[wards] another and God would hear and answer prayer.

In the evening Mr. Benson again occupied the pulpit and preached from Isaiah xliii. 2. He spoke about the sympathy of God the Saviour. His constant presence, His redeeming love and how He sustains and succours those who call upon Him. There was no better wish for a minister to express on the first Sunday evening of his work than that they should know the Saviour in the fulness of His love, and that they might be conscious of His sympathy, His presence and His love. They could not wish each other less, they could not wish each other more than that, from each heart prayer should rise in filial con[fidence] and fear and love, and that God would bless their relations together that day forward. After the service the Vicar-designate thanked the choir and the church wardens for what they had done that day and addressed a few words to them. During the morning and after[noon] he visited the various Sunday School classes.

BATH HUMANE SOCIETY.

At the monthly meeting on Thursday of the Committee Crowford Beer and Fred Sainsbury were suitably re[warded] for their successful efforts on the 28th May last, when they courageously rescued George Teale, aged 8, from drowning in the Canal lock, near Abbey-view. The Committee sanctioned the placing of life saving apparatus, asked for on behalf of the Waterworks Committee, at the fence bathing place on the Canal, where a life buoy, rope and reel, and pole and hook are located, and a couple of instruction boards were also ordered to be placed there for the guidance of bathers.

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BATH CYCLING CLUB.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.

There was a largely attended gathering of the Bath Cycling Club at the Full Moon Hotel on Monday evening, when a magnificent trophy was presented to the Club by Mr. Tempest Tempest, who for several years has been a Vice-President and generous friend of the Bath C.C. Some weeks ago it was mentioned in the "Chronicle" that a gift of challenge plate was to be made to the Club, but the beauty and costliness of the presents completely exceeded all anticipations.

The present consists of a massive salver with fluted border, richly chased, and weighing 170oz. About, and 25 inches in diameter, and also a magnificent flagon, standing 15 inches high, a copy of one captured from the Spanish Armada, and which is at Hampton Court. Both of the ornaments are of the best silver gilt, and look like solid gold; the design of the flagon has been altered to the extent that a crown has been placed on the cover, and this is surmounted with diamonds, emeralds, and rubies. Both bear the Bath arms, and the following in[scriptions]:—

Presented to the Bath Cycling Club by T. Tempest Tempest, Esq., in commemoration of the Sixtieth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, 1897. They stand on a crimson plush pedestal and a substantial chest has been made for their reception.

The conditions under which the trophy is to be ridden for are to be framed by the Committee. This year at all events the competition will be restricted to members of the Club, and, though not exhibited on Monday, Mr. Tempest will present this year's winner with a valuable gold medal bearing a figure of victory on one side and on the other the city coat of arms, with the inscription "The Jubilee Plate."

The salver and flagon were supplied by Messrs. Mallet and Son, of Milsom-street.

The President (the Rev. J. Dunn) having opened the proceedings,

Mr. Tempest Tempest, who was loudly applauded on rising, said that was the first time he had had the pleasure of speaking at any of the Club meetings, and he did so that night with particular pleasure, because it afforded him the opportunity he desired of making a present to the Club in order to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty (applause). The gold plate they saw before them he hoped would tend to create a still more lively interest among future competi[tors], and perhaps they might bear in mind the object of this gift and value it therefore. He felt highly grati[fied] in supporting those who had honoured him with the post he held among them. He presented this Jubilee Gold Plate to the Bath Cycling Club to be their pro[perty] for ever, and he had much pleasure in handing to the Trustees—Mr. Dunn, Mr. Frampton, and Mr. Ellis—the key of the box (cheers).

The President said though the duty which devolved to him was pleasant it was not easy, for he had to be the spokesman of the Club in returning to Mr. Tempest Tempest the thanks of the Club for that magnificent and beautiful gift (applause). The Club felt very much honoured and very highly gratified at being the recipient of such a present, given in such a manner and on such an occasion (applause). They recognised in that pre[sentation] Mr. Tempest Tempest's sense of the great event they were all celebrating this year, his desire to do honour in an adequate way to so great an event as the accomplishment of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee (applause). They recognised the public spirit which had moved Mr. Tempest Tempest to commemorate Her Majesty's Record Reign in this way, and also his true sportsmanlike spirit in giving the present to a cycling club for the promotion of sport amongst the members (applause). Of the beauty of the gift itself he scarcely felt qualified to speak, it was one of the most handsome and beautiful pieces of plate he had ever seen anywhere (applause). He did not suppose there was any Club in England that possessed anything half so beautiful or a quarter so valuable, but he thought that which they valued most of all was the kindly spirit towards the Club that Mr. Tempest Tempest had so often evinced before, and which he showed in such a very marked manner in making them the recipients of his Jubilee gift (cheers). The Club incurred great responsibility in accepting that gift, now they should take adequate care of it. He did not know, but he had no doubt they would devise means to guard it, and it would be their pride to bring it forth on various occasions. A gift like that seemed life to a Club in a way which nothing else would. Probably a hundred years hence there would be a Club in Bath who would possess that gift and say it was presented to the Bath Cycling Club in commemoration of Queen Vic[toria]'s Record Reign by Mr. Tempest Tempest, and they would wish that any Club at that time had so good a friend as he, and as they rode away on their electric motor cars—for he supposed by that time people would have lost the use of their legs (laughter)—they would sigh for the good old times (applause). He moved the following resolution:—That the best thanks of the Bath Cycling Club be offered to Mr. Tempest Tempest for his generous gift to the Club—a gift which in its artistic beauty and intrinsic value is unique in the annals of cycling, and therefore a worthy memorial of the record reign of our beloved Queen (cheers).

Mr. Frampton, the hon. secretary, seconded, and said he could not add to the able and happy remarks of their President, who however had questioned where they could find a safe place for the keeping of the gift. They all knew an Art Gallery was being promoted for Bath, and he thought they would all be very glad to see that splen[did] plate there (applause).

Mr. F. G. Isaacs, junr., as one of the oldest members of the Club, supported the resolution, saying Mr. Tempest had not only shown his generosity on that occa[sion] but on many previous instances (applause). He thought the fact that they prompted sport for sport alone was one of the reasons why Mr. Tempest had taken such a generous interest in the Club.

Mr. Bright Jones regretted that he had not been born 10 years later so that he could have had a chance of competing for the trophy (laughter). There was no Club in England that held the same value at the present time in challenge plate as the Bath Cycling Club. He con[gratulated] the Club on its prosperous state, comparing it with the days when year after year the Committee had to make up a loss on the sports. They had a President as staunch and true as his predecessor (the Rev. H. Hope Robinson), an excellent secretary, and a true sporting feeling amongst the members.

Mr. F. Mills and Mr. J. T. Webb also expressed the thanks of the Club to Mr. Tempest, and were followed by Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gunston, and Mr. Cocks (on behalf of the racing members).

The resolution having been carried by loud cheers and musical honours,

Mr. Tempest Tempest thanked the members for their enthusiastic reception of his present. He thanked them one and all for their hearty and cordial welcome. If at any future time he was called upon he should be happy to support them (cheers).

THE TRACK QUESTION: AGITATION DECIDED ON.

During the preceding speeches reference had been made to the long felt want of a cycle track in Bath, and

The President said the Mayor was talking to him on the subject on the Whit-Monday Sports. He (Mr. Dunn) expressed regret that there was no proper track in the city for athletic racing cycles. His Worship said "You have only got to agitate, and you'll get a track." He hoped that was true, and if it only rested with them to agitate he thought they would do it (hear, hear). He hoped they would do it as quickly and forcibly as possible (applause). He did not think such a remark as that should be allowed to pass without their taking some notice of it (applause).

Mr. Jones complained of the treatment the Club re[ceived] on the Recreation Ground. They paid £30 for the two meetings, and he thought they were entitled to decent treatment. They were promised that the football enclosure should be taken down, it had to be removed if any county cricket were played on the ground, but it was not. The grass also ought to have been mown. The ground was one of the finest in England for a track, sheltered as it was from all winds.

Mr. Welch said no member of the Club had tried harder than he had to obtain a track in the city. He believed Mr. Oliver, the architect and surveyor of the company, would give them every help in the matter.

Other remarks having been made, Mr. Frampton re[minded] the meeting that two years ago he canvassed the residents in the vicinity of the ground, and only one lady objected to a track, and upon reporting that to Captain Forestier, he said he had no objection to the proposal. He informed the Company that cycling people would take up three-quarters of the capital necessary for construct[ing] a track or would run it themselves, and asked the Company to receive a deputation on the subject, but all he received in reply was a refusal to meet a deputation of cyclists.

It was resolved that a public meeting should be called to consider the provision of a cycle track in Bath which was an absolute necessity.

Mr. Smith pointed out that there was another ground in the city where they could lay out a four lap to the mile track. It was decided that the other Cycling Clubs in Bath be asked to co-operate in the movement, and the President promised to ask the Mayor for the use of the Guildhall for the meeting.

Hearty thanks to the President and Mr. Tempest Tempest concluded the meeting.

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EXTENSION OF HOURS TO PUBLIC HOUSES.

At the City Police Court this morning Mr. Wall made an application on behalf of the Licensed Victuallers Association. He asked for an extension for the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of June until 1 o'clock each night, and understood that he was following the precedent of 1887, when there was no abuse of the privilege. Col. Gwyn, the Chief of the Police, said he had no objection.—The Bench granted the application, but refused to remit the fees.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

MR. CLAUD NEVILLE AND MISS F. FRANKLAND.

The marriage of Mr. Claud Neville, son of the late Mr. Neville-Grenville, of Butleigh Court, Glastonbury, and Miss Frances Frankland, second daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Frankland, Bart., R.E., and of Lady Frankland, Thirkleby House, Ascot, took place on Saturday at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. The Rev. R. D. Astley, cousin of the bridegroom, and the Rev. H. Montagu Villiers, Vicar of St. Paul's, offi[ciated]. The bride was attired in a dress of rich white satin, with chemisette and sleeves of Point lace, and her long Court train of lisse, bordered with silver, was carried by two pages, sons of Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. H. and Mrs. Needham, and the two little daughters of the Hon. R. W. and Mrs. Chetwynd, all dressed in early Victorian costumes of white satin. They were followed by five bridesmaids, all children—Miss Molly Frankland (cousin of the bride), Miss Marjorie Maitland, Miss Audrey Stapleton, Miss Daisy Biggs (nieces and cousin of the bridegroom), and Miss Cynthia Carteret. The bride wore a coronet of real orange blossom under an old lace veil, which was fastened with a diamond spray, and, with her bouquet of choice white flowers, was the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids' frocks were of white muslin over turquoise blue silk, blue sashes, and hats of white chiffon. They wore turquoise brooches of Florentine lilies, and carried posies of red roses, the gifts of the bridegroom. In the absence of her brother, Sir Frederick Frankland, the bride was given away by her uncle, Colonel Colville Frankland. The bridegroom's best man was his brother, Mr. Hugh Neville. Lady Frankland afterwards held a reception at 41, Wilton-crescent (kindly lent by the Hon. Mrs. Chetwynd) for the ceremony, which was numerously at[tended]. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Claud Neville left for Witley Manor, Godalming, lent by Mr. and Mrs. Maitland.

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THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS.

Mr. Bryce makes a suggestion for a new Government Department. He says:—A department of the State should be constituted with the duty of protecting three classes of objects—buildings or sites of great historical interest, ancient buildings of exceptional beauty, and striking and remarkable pieces of natural scenery. How far protection should be exercised was, of course, a diffi[cult] matter; but the principle had been recognised in the Act for the protection of Ancient Monuments, and he should like to see that excellent principle very much ex[tended]. Meantime they ought to have societies every[where] for the preservation of all these things in which the public had an interest, and also for protection of rights of way. Things have certainly gone very far in the opposite direction; for instance, the Giants' Causeway can be enclosed as private property after a public user of several centuries.

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ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT FAURE.

An attempt was made on Sunday afternoon to assas[sinate] President Faure while he was on his way to the racecourse at Longchamps to witness the race for the Grand Prix. An infernal machine was exploded from a thicket near the course as the President, accompanied by Madame Faure, drove by in his carriage. Nobody, fortunately, was injured by the explosion, and the President was cordially cheered on his arrival at the grand stand, and subsequently on his return to the Elysée. Two persons are detained in custody by the police on suspicion of being concerned in the outrage. One is a lad of 18, and the other, who does not appear to be much older, refuses to give any name or address. The outrage is supposed to be the work of some kind of Revolutionist, and the matter is in the hands of the political police.

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