UNVEILING OF UPPER NORWOOD WAR MONUMENT.

District's Memorial to the Men Who Died in the War.

OBELISK AND ENDOWMENT FOR THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

For their country they died.
In its memory they live.

These were the brief but expressive words fittingly engraved on the Upper Norwood War Memorial, which was unveiled on Saturday by Sir William Treloar, Bart, in the name of, and on behalf of, the Duke of York.

MESSAGE FROM THE DUKE.

£2,400 ALTOGETHER RAISED FOR MEMORIAL.

The memorial takes the form of a simple obelisk, 16 feet high, in Portland stone, and is situate at the junction of Westow-street and Church-road.

It was designed by Mr. W. B. Fagan, R.B.S., a well-known sculptor. There is a little ornamentation at the top, including a combination of pagan and Christian emblems—honeysuckle and cross.

There was wide interest in the unveiling ceremony, and throngs of people assembled, representative of every class of the community.

An enclosure was formed, and a small platform erected for those engaged in the opening proceedings.

Excellent order was kept by the regular police under Inspector Graham, and a number of special constables were on duty under Chief-Inspector W. J. Wood.

Boy Scouts from the 9th Croydon Company under S.M. Magrove; 2nd Croydon Company (All Saints, Norwood); 37th Croydon Company (Upper Norwood Wesleyan), under S.M. F. W. Lawrence; and 50th Croydon Company, under S.M. Hill, took part, as well as the following Girl Guides—1st, 2nd and 3rd Companies, Gipsy Hill; and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Companies Upper Norwood. Miss Ford was in entire charge of them, acting for the district secretary.

Mr. T. W. Manley, ambulance officer of the 19th Division of the Prince of Wales's Corps, had control of the 23rd Division St. John Ambulance and 5th Division of Nursing Sisters.

Supt. Manser represented the postal authorities in the regretted absence of Major Black, O.B.E.

The A.O.F. were present under Mr. C. Dunscliff, and the Upper Norwood Prize Band and the band of the Salvation Army were in attendance.

Representative Gathering.

Around the platform were clergy, ministers, aldermen, councillors and representative men and women.

On the platform were Sir Wm. Treloar, his niece (Miss Treloar), the Mayor of Croydon (Coun. T. Wood Roberts), in official robes, and wearing his chain of office, the Town Clerk (Mr. J. M. Newnham), with gown and wig, Ald. T. Betteridge, Ald. J. A. Hancock, Canon Taylor (surplice), the Rev. W. A. L. Taylor, and Coun. W. E. Roberts.

The proceedings opened with the favourite hymn, "O God, Our Help," after which Mr. Frank Martin (co-secretary with Mr. F. L. Richardson) made a brief statement.

In this he stated that at a public meeting it was decided to inaugurate a fund to provide a war memorial for Upper Norwood, and Sir William Treloar consented to act as president.

The meeting resolved that the greater part of the funds raised should be devoted to the Norwood Cottage Hospital, and that the balance be applied to the erection of a monument in a suitable place in the neighbourhood, recording what had been done for the hospital, and in honour of the men of Upper Norwood who had given their lives for their country.

Church's £500.

The members of the church and congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church contributed £500 to the fund, and with this sum a bed at the hospital was endowed in the name of St. Andrew's Church.

Altogether £2,400 was raised, and a cheque for £1,500 was paid to the treasurer of the Norwood Cottage Hospital. A further substantial sum will be paid to the hospital in due course.

The freehold site on which the monument stands originally belonged to the City of London Brewery Company, who generously gave the land for the erection of the memorial. The Borough of Croydon undertook to take over the monument and be responsible for its preservation.

Sir William P. Treloar then left the dais, and proceeded to the memorial, releasing the Union Jack, which fell, disclosing the inscription.

On the obelisk are the words:—

To the memory of the men from Upper Norwood who gave their lives in the great war, 1914—1918.

On the base the wording is:—

As a lasting memorial an endowment for the Norwood Cottage Hospital was provided, and this monument erected.
For their country they died.
In its memory they live.

"Last Post."

Canon W. B. Taylor, vicar of All Saints', offered the dedicatory prayers, after which buglers and drummers of the Welsh Guards sounded the "Last Post," the vast audience standing in respectful silence meanwhile.

Sir William read a letter from Mr. Louis Greig, controller for the Duke of York, as follows:—

The Duke of York asks me to say that he will be very glad if Sir William Treloar will unveil the war memorial at Upper Norwood in the name, and on behalf of, His Royal Highness, and the Duke of York will be pleased if Sir William Treloar will state this fact at the unveiling ceremony.

Sir William went on to say that this letter from the Duke of York was further evidence, if this was wanted, of the solicitude by which members of the Royal Family in this country joined in the woes and the joys of their people.

The Duke of York had much to do, but he could have been there himself, but he thought it must have been very gratifying those in that neighbourhood to have heard such a letter on this subject. He (Sir Wm.) did not propose to detain them for long. They had heard the secretary's report and the result of the committee's labours.

[illegible] had itself very difficult [illegible] a proper situation for the [illegible], and one could begin to [illegible] the work finished. [illegible] was, and there they [illegible] the proposition [illegible] who subscribed to [illegible] could be gratified at [illegible] the committee's work.

It was replaced in a position where everyone in the neighbourhood could frequently see it, and it was well that it should be so. All of them remembered on August, 1914, when this terrible war started, but none of them thought it would be as terrible as it had been.

He thought this country had lost more men and spent more money than any other country.

More than one million young men fell; they fought, and they saved their country.

They should always remember this, and they should remember that word "service." They should try to rise to do something in the way of service, to do something to help other people, to make other people happy.

A memorial of that sort, which they would pass frequently and see often, should help them in this direction—make them think of what they could do to make a better and brighter world.

HELP OTHERS.

They must help others and do all they could for them.

It was for this reason that the memorial was wanted, not only as a memorial of those fallen, but to tell the living what their duty was in this world.

He believed they would all be the better for this war some day; some of them were considerably the worse off at present.

They could only hope that somehow this country would be the better off, because he did not think any other nation had tried more than had this nation to bring to a right conclusion the disastrous times through which the world had passed.

He offered the thanks of the committee and of the inhabitants of the City of London Brewers Company for giving the committee the freehold site, and he would like to thank the Mayor and Corporation of Croydon and the Town Clerk (Mr. Newnham) for the kind way in which the committee had been assisted in its many difficulties in getting the memorial set up. He formally moved this vote of thanks to the Mayor, Corporation and Town Clerk, and was sure it required no seconding.

MAYOR'S SPEECH.

The Mayor then addressed the huge gathering. He said:—

The act of unveiling a war memorial was a privilege accorded to few, and one of great difficulty and responsibility—responsibility inasmuch as it afforded an opportunity of dedication of themselves to the work of ensuring that those who had made the supreme sacrifice did not die in vain. The ceremony, in many ways, would appear to be more suitably honoured by a reverent silence than by any attempt at a speech.

It had, however, been the custom, not only in this country, but among other civilised communities, when some memorial had been erected which would always remind those who came after, that something should be said in sympathy and admiration by those who survived.

If in time of peace they could only keep alive some of that spirit which inspired the fallen, if they could remember all the ideals that they had before them and realise that the necessity for patriotism did not cease when war was over, then indeed they would do honour to those who had died, and would be right in saying that their spirit still animated them.

GLORIOUS EXAMPLE.

"There are many present who are the parents and relatives of those who have gone," proceeded the Mayor. "To them it is not possible that one should address any words of consolation.

"I do not, indeed, attempt it, but I am bold enough to hope that as the months and years go by they may perhaps draw some comfort from the reflection that no one through the generations which follow will pass this place without their mind being instantly brought to the glorious example and death of those to whom this memorial has been erected for all time.

To the relatives of those who have fallen I would say that we salute them, and we respect and reverence their grief, and hope that time will soothe the intensity of that grief, whilst it adds to the glory of those whom they have lost.

TRUST GLADLY TAKEN.

It is fitting that you should have handed over to me, as the chief citizen of this borough, on behalf of the inhabitants of the town, this magnificent memorial, erected to the memory of the glorious dead who made us free.

You have asked me and my successors to take all possible care of it. I, for my part, promise you most faithfully that what I can do to keep this memorial sacred during my term of office I will gladly do, and I am certain that I can speak for those who follow me when I say that I know they will do the same. You have raised a magnificent memorial to our glorious dead, and their names will live for evermore.

Every visitor who comes here will look with admiration upon this noble structure, and I express my gratitude to you in the name of the town for what you have done.

NOT COUNTING THE COST.

A memorial such as this inspires solemn and noble feelings. It commemorates the flower of our youth, who at the call responded, not counting the cost:—

"As many hope or yes
Shall bring us to our goal,
But iron sacrifice
Of body, will and soul.
There is but one task for all,
One life for each to give;
What stands if Freedom fall?
Who dies if England live?

In conclusion, let me add the immortal words of Rupert Brooke:

If I should die, think only this of me;
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by the suns of home.

DUKE OF YORK'S TRIBUTE.

Sir William Treloar then placed the first floral tribute on the memorial, a beautiful floral cross from the Duke of York.

It bore the following inscription:—

"To the honour of the men from Upper Norwood who died for King and country. —The Duke of York."

Other floral tributes were sent by local churches, public bodies, clubs, etc., and included the following:—

From the War Memorial Committee, 1914-1918, "In grateful and loving memory of the men of Upper Norwood who gave their lives in the Great War, and in sympathy with those who mourn their loss."

From the Norwood and District Cottage Hospital. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget."

From the Upper Norwood Ratepayers' Association—"A very humble tribute."

"A tribute to those who fell in the Great War," from the Crystal Palace Trustees.

The Upper Norwood Club.

"In lasting memory," from the parishioners of All Saints', St. Margaret's and Queen's-road Mission.

"In proud and thankful memory of the men of Christ Church, Gipsy-hill, who gave their lives in the Great War. Their glory shall not be blotted out. Their name liveth for evermore."

St. Aubyn's Congregational Church, "In memory of the men who gave their lives in the Great War. Faithful unto death."

St. Andrew's Church, "In proud memory."

LIVE IN HONOUR FOR EVER.

"With ever-grateful remembrance of those who died for us, and who live in honour for ever," from the Upper Norwood Wesleyan Church.

The Salvation Army.

"Remembrance," from the police of Upper Norwood (bearers, P.C.'s Arnold and Slade, each wearing seven medals).

"In remembrance of Special Constables from Upper Norwood, Gipsy-hill Station (late 'F' Division), who made the great sacrifice."

Special Constabulary, "Z" Division (Gipsy-hill).

"To the everlasting memory of our fallen comrades," from the Norwood Post Office staff (Supt. Mansell).

"In memory of those who died that we might live," from the Scouts and Cubs of Norwood.

"A token of remembrance and gratitude," from the Girl Guides of Upper Norwood.

The Vanguard (Norwood branch), "In memory of the gallant men who fell, 1914-1918. They died that we might live" Officers, Sparks and Mr. H. S. King.

The daughters of Empire Club, Upper Norwood, "In memory of those who went from this club."

"In memory of our glorious dead," T. May and family.

They followed a number of private offerings.

Coun. J. H. Heighton rendered the joint hon. secretaries, Mr. Frank Martin and Mr. F. L. Richardson, valuable assistance prior to and during the actual ceremony.

Mr. T. H. Everitt, of Anerley-road, and Mr. W. J. Wright, photographer, Church-road, Upper Norwood, took a number of excellent photographs of different scenes of the afternoon's ceremony; also of the memorial itself, copies of which may be obtained at their studios.

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62 Anerley Rd.

PRETTY WEDDINGS.

MISS E. D. PETERS AND MR. C. F. STACEY.

There was a representative gathering on Saturday at the West Croydon Congregational Church, including the Mayor and Mayoress, to witness the marriage of Miss Evelyn Doris Peters, daughter of Coun. and Mrs. A. Peters, of Pollards Hill West, Norbury, to Mr. Cyril Fells Stacey, of the Grove, Clapham, son of the late Mr. J. S. Stacey, formerly secretary of the Early Closing Association. The Rev. E. R. Weeks officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory satin and georgette, cream lace and sprays of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of roses and carnations.

Miss K. C. Lisenne, of Horsforth, Miss N. F. Lowe, of Leicester (cousins), Miss M. A. Forrester, of Croydon, and Miss Evans, of Streatham, were the bridesmaids, and were attired in pale lemon satin, ribbon motifs to match, silver lace caps and shoes, bouquets of mauve iris. Mr. Lawrence Doyle, of Leeds, was best man.

A reception held in the hall of the church was influentially attended. There were many presents

MISS BISCOE—MR. STANWELL.

Very quietly, the marriage took place on Tuesday morning at St. Paul's Church, Hamlet-road, of Miss Hilda M. Biscoe, younger daughter of Coun. and Mrs. H. Biscoe, 48 Belvedere-road, Upper Norwood, to Mr. Noel Edward Stanwell, of Purley.

The Rev. W. R. Musselwhite (vicar) officiated, and gave an inspiring and appropriate address, while Mr. W. T. Stuart, the organist, played a selection of bridal music.

Coun. Biscoe gave the bride away, and Mr. H. B. Stanwell (brother of the bridegroom) carried out the duties of best man. There were no bridesmaids.

A reception followed the service at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, where the health of the bride and bridegroom was enthusiastically drunk, and later, when leaving for the honeymoon, there was a demonstration of good wishes for future happiness.

The honeymoon is to be spent in an extended motoring tour through Surrey and Sussex.

Owing to an unfortunate mishap at the printing works just before going to press, we have been reluctantly compelled to reduce the size of the *News* from 10 to 8 pages.

Advertisements held over will be inserted in the next issue unless countermanded.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

WOMAN UNDER ENGINE AT LOW LEVEL STATION.

As a train came into the Low Level station on Wednesday morning at 8.17 from Coulsdon it was noticed that a woman, afterwards ascertained to be Miss Lilian Harden, aged 35, of 33 Weighton-road, Anerley, was between the metals in front of the engine.

The train was brought to a standstill, and Porter Stanley, the station-master, and others, on going to Miss Harden's assistance, were surprised to find that although half the engine had passed over her, she was unhurt. She was extricated.

Later in the day she was taken home by a brother.

A slight sprain of the right ankle was attended to by a local doctor.

Oil Lamp Overturned.—The South Norwood Fire Brigade were called on Friday, Apl 28, to 17 Penge-road, occupied by Mr. H. Whibley. An oil lamp had been overturned, and altogether damage to the extent of £3 was done.

NOTABLE MISSIONARY.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF REV. ARTHUR ELWIN.

The Church Missionary Society and the cause of foreign missions has lost, by the death of the Rev. Arthur Elwin, a man who devoted his life to the cause, and may be said to have lived for it.

For a long time Mr. Elwin lived in Anerley-park, and he had ever been ready to assist in local church services. Following the death of the Rev. J. Worthington Atkin, vicar of Holy Trinity, Anerley, Mr. Elwin had charge of the parish until the arrival of the new vicar.

He was a familiar figure in the district, and was generally to be found assisting at a missionary stall where one was arranged in connection with bazaars. He was most interesting in conversation, had travelled widely, and though his facial expression suggested gravity, he was really of a genial disposition.

The Rev. Arthur Elwin, who was 76 years of age, died on Monday, after about three weeks' illness.

He was ordained deacon and priest in 1869, and went out as a missionary for the C.M.S. to Hanchow, China, in 1870, remaining there till 1895.

In 1895 he was appointed secretary C.M.S. in mid-China, and held that position till 1902.

Then he came back to this country, and did much to further the work of the C.M.S. as a speaker and representative at conferences and other gatherings.

For a short period he was curate at Holy Trinity, Anerley, and later at St. Paul's, Hamlet-road. Since then he had ever been available to help in church services.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place on Thursday morning at Elmers End Cemetery, after a service at Holy Trinity, Anerley, attended by many old friends and acquaintances.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. Ll. Lloyd (C.M.S.), Canon Smyly (vicar of Penge), Revs. H. J. Carpenter (vicar of Holy Trinity), Rev. W. R. Musselwhite (vicar of St. Paul's), A. W. W. Bowman (vicar of Christ Church), Harold Taylor, H. C. Sturges, J. E. Padfield, B.D., Mr. J. H. Kerton, scripture reader.

Among those in the body of the church were Mr. Finch Perrott, chairman of the Council of the Church Association, and Col. Shortland.

The numerous wreaths of the burial office were said by the Rev. A. W. W. Bowman, the Rev. H. J. Carpenter took the prayers, Canon Smyly read the appointed lesson, and the Rev. W. R. Musselwhite concluded the service prior to going to the cemetery. The selected hymns were "Jesus, the very thought of Thee," and "There is a land."

Mr. Hastings Kirby, the organist, played with expression, "O Rest in the Lord," as the cortege left.

The Rev. Ll. Lloyd delivered an address as an old friend and co-worker of Mr. Elwin. The first word, he said, he wanted to say to them that morning was how very glad he was that they had sung such a beautiful, bright hymn as "Jesus, the very thought of Thee," rather than one of the hymns usually chosen on such an occasion as that.

He wanted to base the few remarks he had to make that morning on the wonderful words of their Saviour to the penitent thief on the cross, "To-day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." He spoke of the appropriateness of passing away at Easter time, and went on to speak of the consolation given to bereaved in these words.

The moment they crossed the border, that moment they set forth for the wonderful port. Paradise meant rest, but it meant incessant work, but it would be work of a peculiarly genial sort. "His servants shall serve him," and those who serve Him on earth would rejoice in the wider service of Paradise.

Referring to the Rev. Arthur Elwin's work, he said he was with him side by side in China; yet in China, side by side meant thousands of miles apart.

No name connected with China was better known than was that of Mr. Elwin. Mr. Elwin gave his children gladly for the land he loved so well. His name was fragrant in the Chinese mission field.

The immediate mourners were:—

The widow, son, two daughters, brother, and Mr. Jacobs.

Messrs. Cullen and Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

LADY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

A feature of the annual meeting of the Penge Education Committee was the election of Miss Fannie Moore as vice-chairman, which forshadows her appointment to the chairmanship next year.

The meeting was held on Thursday, April 29.

CRITICAL DAYS FOR PLOTHOLDERS.

BILL TO GIVE FIXITY OF TENURE.

DEMONSTRATION AT CROYDON.

Arising out of the unanimous recommendations of a Government departmental committee, a Bill has been introduced into the House of Lords to give power to local authorities to purchase ground for allotments, and in this way to secure to plotholders absolute fixity of tenure and freedom from eviction on the plea that the ground is needed for building.

The contention is that as local authorities may spend public money in providing open spaces for recreation grounds—cricket, football and tennis—may erect and maintain public libraries, so local authorities should be able to buy land for allotments, and charge any deficiency over the rents received to the rates.

ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT.

A mass meeting of plotholders, called by the Croydon Federation of Allotment Holders, in which the Penge and Anerley, the Beckenham, and the West Norwood societies united, was held in the Horniman Hall, Croydon, on Monday night, and was well attended.

Mr. F. Noble, chairman of the Croydon Federation of Allotment Societies, presided, and on the platform were Couns. G. Robinson, V. Boys, H. T. Muggeridge, Mr. J. Russell and Mr. J. M. Thurgood.

In the body of the hall was a good sprinkling of Norwood men.

Mr. Noble expressed thanks to the Penge and Anerley and the Beckenham and District Allotment Societies, and the West Norwood Association, for joining in that mass meeting. He also thanked the members of the Croydon Council present for showing their sympathy, and he thanked the speakers of the evening, especially those from the National Union of Allotment Holders.

WAKE M.P.s UP.

In his address Mr. H. Cree said M.Ps required waking up to a sense of their duty to give loyal support to the new Allotment Bill when presented to Parliament.

He had called on Major Borwick, M.P. for Croydon North, and found he was wholly in sympathy with the allotment movement, but sincerely regretted he could not be at that meeting, owing to it being Budget night.

Major Borwick said he felt if people wanted land, off the Income Tax then it was his duty on this occasion to be in the House of Commons. Major Borwick promised his wholehearted support to the new Allotment Bill, and said he would try to persuade members in the House with whom he was acquainted to support the measure.

Mr. Cree acknowledged the assistance of Coun. Oliver, and said allotment holders recognised in Coun. Oliver a friend of the movement.

PLOTS TO LET.

Miss E. L. Hudson, secretary of the Vacant Lands Society, wrote explaining her absence, and said the society had plots to let in Croydon.

Mr. H. Berry, president and treasurer of the N.U.A.H., dealt with the subject of the Allotment Holders Bill before Parliament.

Plotholders in Croydon, he said, were fortunate in having three members on the Allotment Committee of the Borough Council.

In many places, notwithstanding two or three years' fighting, Councils allowed no such representation of plotholders.

There was the possibility of the eviction next March of 120,000 war time allotment holders.

The National Union came to the conclusion that such evictions could only be avoided by the change of the law. The codification of legislation on allotments was asked for. The Government set up a representative Departmental Committee, and a Bill was drafted as a result of the recommendations of that Departmental Committee.

LONGER BORROWING PERIODS.

Its chief clause was better provision for local authorities borrowing money for land for allotments, the period of repayment to be spread over 60 to 80 years, which would mean reduced rents for plots.

He moved a resolution—

That this meeting of the Croydon Federation of the National Union of Allotment Holders welcomes the report and recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Allotments as a substantial contribution towards solution of the allotment problem; it has learned with satisfaction of the introduction of a new Allotment Bill in Parliament, and expresses the earnest hope that this Bill will pass without delay; and respectfully urges local Members of Parliament to give their fullest support to any measure which is designed to make land more easily available for allotments and to improve the security of tenure of occupiers of allotments.

Mr. D. P. Collins, a member of the Executive Committee of the N.U.A.H., seconded the resolution.

He described the allotment movement as "the cradle of the back-to-the-land movement."

The country spent annually £100,000,000 in purchasing food outside the country which could be grown in the country. There was, therefore, plenty of reason for getting back to the land, and it was up to them all to encourage their own food growing. This new Bill was a step in the right direction.

THOUSANDS WANT PLOTS.

Mr. J. Parkes, general secretary of the National Union, said it was entirely due to the union that the Government Departmental Committee was set up, resulting in this Bill.

At one time there were two millions of allotment-holders; to-day the figures were a million and a half.

They wanted many more, and there were thousands of men and women who wanted plots to-day who could not get them.

All districts had not had the sympathy and help that the Croydon Council had given the movement. The allotment movement was world-wide, it was something in the nature of an economical League of Nations.

The Vacant Lands Society and the Allotment Holders Bill before Parliament.

The Bill was a step in the right direction.

It was possible now for the local authorities to purchase land for bowling, tennis, football and cricket purposes.

The National Union said in all fairness land should be purchased in the same way for allotments.

It was impossible to secure fixity of tenure without purchase.

WHOLESALE EVICTION FEARED.

The next few months would be critical ones for allotment holders. There was something like a quarter of a million liable to be removed from their holdings by March next year.

It was the duty of all to see that everything possible was done for the plotholders by this Bill, as they might not get another Bill for some years. It was true that the Bill had been introduced into the House of Lords, but all Bills did not get on the Statute Book.

He trusted that the M.Ps for Croydon and of the whole metropolitan area would give their earnest support to the Bill.

The Bill was an advance on anything they had at the present time, and he hoped would be improved by an adjournment.

Coun. H. T. Muggeridge vigorously supported the resolution.

He pointed out that 180 years was given in which to purchase the land, the land would still be there at the end of that period.

The resolution was enthusiastically accepted.

Mr. J. Russell, of South Norwood, moved the second resolution, which urged the "Small Holdings and Allotment Committee to continue their good work by endeavouring to secure for all Croydon plotholders the utmost benefits attainable under existing legislation, and to give every possible support to the new Allotments Bill."

PROMISES OF SUPPORT.

He spoke of an interview he had had with Major Borwick, and was convinced of his sincerity in supporting the allotment movement. He also related what happened at an interview with Lieut.-Col. Mason, who admitted that there was greatly in favour of allotments, and that when at any time he could do anything it would be done, and he was in all sincerity. He spoke enthusiastically of the help the Corporation and the Town Clerk had always given to plotholders. In Croydon the co-opted allotment members on the Corporation Committee were allowed to vote. This was not allowed in some boroughs. The Corporation had treated them well.

Mr. Goodall, secretary of the Addiscombe and Woodside Association, seconded the resolution, which was also carried.

A highly successful meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the chairman.

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50 YEARS' RECORD.

CLAIMS OF SOUTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL.

The South-Eastern Hospital for Children was founded as the Sydenham Children's Hospital, by Miss Elsee, fifty years ago.

Since then developments have been continuous, and enlargements frequent.

The institution is no longer a local one, but as a children's hospital, caters for the South-Eastern district of London.

It has a distinct claim on the generosity of this district, for the statistics in the last annual report show in-patients treated coming from the following centres:—

Catford	53	Lewisham	27
Penge	47	Dulwich	19
Forest Hill	61	Brixton	7
Anerley	27	Croydon	21
Norwood	29	Streatham	6
Brockley	17	Tulse Hill	7
Beckenham	18	Herne Hill	3

In the Penge district of late years considerable interest has been aroused in the work, and last year the substantial sum of £55 10s. 10d. was raised by the local committee, of which Mrs. J. Sidney Turner is president, and Miss Normandy, "Hillsboro," hon. secretary.

Quite recently Miss Fannie Moore, of "Bryn Alyn," Anerley, a member of the Penge and Anerley Committee, has been elected on the Central Committee, the first woman member besides the founder, Miss Elwes.

As an example to others the Melrinroad School, Penge, infants' department, raise quite a big sum each year.

The task before the committee is now a heavy one. A new out-patients' department must be built to meet the position today, and this will involve an outlay of £8,000.

To assist in this effort a concert of a special character will be held at the Sydenham Rink Cinema on Friday, May 19. The arrangements are in the hands of Mr. Walter Hedgcock, of the Crystal Palace.

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