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COVER PHOTOGRAPH AND PHOTOGRAPH BELOW

These two photographs show Malpas High Street on 21 June 1887, the day when the town celebrated Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee (see pages 15 and 16 of this issue. According to the 'Whitchurch Herald' for 2 July 1887 "the arches were eleven in number, three being in the High-street, four in Church-street, two in Old-Hall-street, and two in Well-street". The 'Herald' for the previous week had described the decorations in the town as "far and away in advance of anything ever attempted in Malpas before" (see page 16). The cover photograph shows the arch by Callcott's shop (now the Nationwide Building Society - see 'Malpas History' No. 7 page 11), looking down the High Street towards the Cross. That below shows the same arch from the opposite direction. We even know who took the pictures, since the 'Herald' adds "it transpired during the evening that Mr Fotherby had taken photographic views of the principal arches, which, when finished, would be mounted and sold at a moderate sum, and the profits accruing would be given to the Jubilee Fund". These are the earliest known photographs of Malpas and we are grateful to Mrs Norah Chesworth for loaning them and the photograph of Saint Oswald's Church Choir on the back cover.



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EDITORIAL

MALPAS.

FLOWER SHOW. — A Committee meeting of the Flower Show was held on Monday last, at which it was decided, owing to the low financial state of the Society, to hold no show for this year.

The above notice appeared in the 'Whitchurch Herald' just one hundred years ago. What a difference in 1987, when the well established Malpas Flower Club is all set to celebrate its Silver Jubilee, the centenary of the Victoria Jubilee Hall and the Golden Jubilee of the St Oswald's Mothers' Union with an ambitious Flower Festival and general junketings in the town! Once again Malpas will be decked with flowers and foliage as it was to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The greater part of this issue of 'Malpas History' consists of a 'Whitchurch Herald' scrapbook for 1887, to try to convey the atmosphere of the town in late Victorian times. Our sincere thanks to the present Editor of the 'Herald' and his predecessor for all the help they have given to local history researchers.

Much has changed in Malpas and the surrounding parishes during the past hundred years and this is underlined in our first two articles which are by Frank Wycherley, who left Malpas in the early years of this century, and Miss Ida Flack, who has lived all of her life in the shade of Cholmondeley Castle.

The remaining article concerns the Old Rectory, which finally ceased to serve as a rectory last year. Although it is now a private residence, and we trust that our readers will respect it as such, it is an important part of the town's history, not least as the birthplace of our own Bishop Reginald Heber. This underlines the fact that buildings are inseparable from the people who lived and live in them - "bricks and mortar, flesh and blood" - and perhaps that is the real reason that we feel saddened if any of our ancient landmarks have to be demolished. But let us not unnecessarily stand in the way of progress. Even Saint Oswald's was a new building at one time - I wonder how the fourteenth century Malpas folk felt about it!

David Hayns

MEMORIES OF A MASTER SADDLER'S SON

Frank Wycherley

Regular readers will remember Mr Wycherley's article on his childhood memories, published in Malpas History No. 5. These further reminiscences from the turn of the century cast interesting sidelights on the recorded history of the town. Mr Wycherley was born in Malpas in 1893, son of the local saddler John Whittingham Wycherley who was grandfather to our present Mr John Wycherley. John Whittingham Wycherley was very active in Malpas affairs as will be seen from the obituary notice reproduced here, which appeared in the local press in 1930.

Bangor-on-Dee Race Day had some relevance in Malpas before and after racing time, in that the village was stirred by the four-horse drawn gentlemen's coaches coming down Chester Road. From aloft at the coach rear was one of two footmen blowing a long horn heralding their approach, expecting clearance of road obstructions for a clear run through. At the coach front, also aloft, was the head driver controlling the four handsome steeds in their gleaming decorative harness. By the driver's side was the stand-by assistant for general help and cases of emergency.

Coaches were yellow or blue with large family crests observable on the sides and handsome candle-lit lamps in keeping with the general equipment. In fact the whole array was something worth seeing, short as the passages were.

Death of Mr. J. W. Wycherley.

GREAT LOSS TO THE TOWN AND DISTRICT OF MALPAS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. J. W. Wycherley, of High Street, Malpas, which took place yesterday (Thursday) morning at the age of 72 years. He had been in indifferent health for some time, but his end came unexpectedly and as a shock to his many friends throughout a wide area.

The late Mr. Wycherley was born at Stag Hall, being a son of Mr. T. G. Wycherley who was secretary of the Whitchurch Savings Bank. For many years, deceased had carried on business at Church St., Malpas, as a saddler, and he had an extensive connection with members of both the Cheshire and Wynn-stay Hunts. Latterly, he had taken into partnership his son, Mr. Lawrence Wycherley, who will carry on the business.

The late Mr. Wycherley was greatly respected in Malpas and district, and was a prominent man in the town. He held many public and other offices, having been secretary of the Malpas Gas Company for 20 years, member of the Malpas Rural District Council and Malpas Parish Council, treasurer of the Malpas Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-fellows, trustee of the Alport Schools, member of the Burial Joint Committee, churchwarden 1928-29 and other church offices, and secretary to the local auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society for 20 years. He was also formerly, for many years, a representative of Malpas on the old Whitchurch Board of Guardians, and served the town in many other ways. His death therefore represents a distinct loss to the district and will create a vacancy in connection with many local activities that it will be extremely difficult to fill.

The late Mr. Wycherley married a Miss Mullock of Malpas, and he is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters, to whom much sympathy is extended.

The funeral will take place at Malpas Parish Church on Monday, at 2 p.m.

In Malpas itself there was a Shand and Mason fire engine operated by five-a-side casual pumpers who were usually at hand to earn a few shillings, whether it be a ten hour chore or a twenty four hour operation. The writer's last fire visit was to a Chorlton Hall out-building, when the water jet height was very poor, indicating that maintenance service was a must.

In those early days acetylene lighting was superseding paraffin wick lamps. These new lamps gave a vastly improved light for motorcars, cycles and other devices. In almost all cases the operating principle was the same. There were two chambers, one above the other, the lower chamber being filled with water that was released in drips via a rotating slotted screw valve. A gas was formed and it was piped away to two ceramic jet burners that gave an intense piercing light when reflected from a lamp.

Although the recollection is vague, the re-casting of some of the Church bells took place about 1900, when the peal was disrupted for a time. While dwelling on church matters, there was a wide footpath in Malpas churchyard, not far away from the Castle hill boundary towards the present Bowling Green, the grave stones being undisturbed. To me there was a

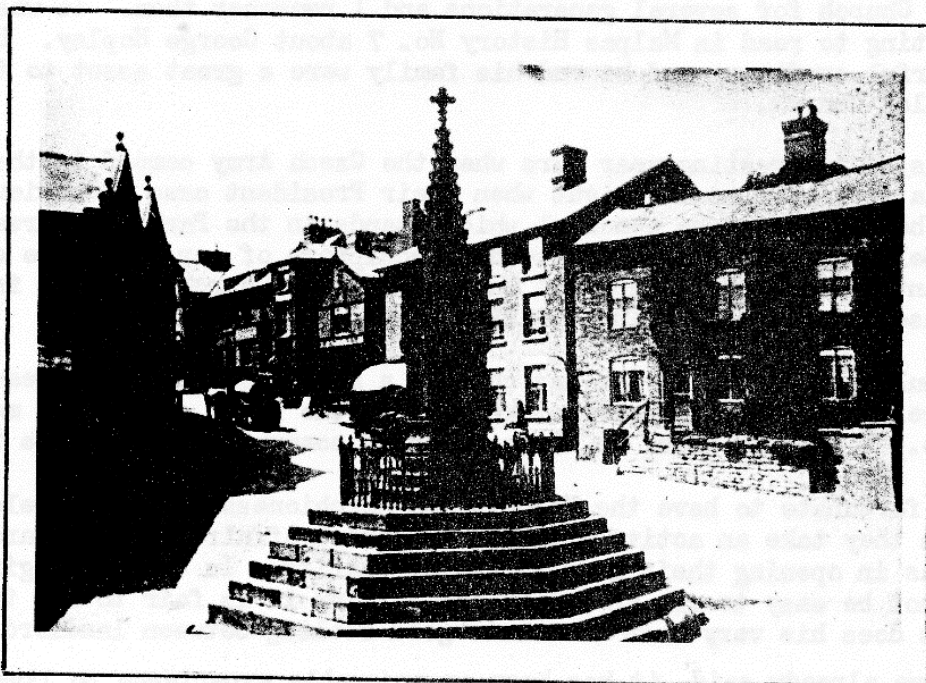
special stone, maybe in slate, that often impressed me. It was near the path and read, or reads:

Elizabeth Dean was my name
England was my nation
Larkton was my dwelling place
And Christ was my salvation

It is thought that this stone has been moved to near the wall on the Castle hill footings and maybe merits some interest.



A two-horse drawn carriage in Old Hall Street around the period to which this article refers. The cottages in the background, now demolished, stood where is now the entrance to the Red Lion car park.



Malpas Cross early this century. The horse-drawn tanker in the background is delivering 'Royal Daylight' paraffin to Wycherley's shop, on the right (now Evans' antique shop)

EIGHTY YEARS IN CHOLMONDELEY

Miss Ida Flack

How times have changed! It is interesting to look back on a life of over eighty years spent in Cholmondeley.

I was fortunate to spend a very happy childhood in a pleasant house in Cholmondeley Gardens as my father was head gardener there for fifty years. It was a scene of peace and tranquility and the gardens were beautiful. I remember particularly the herbaceous border which stretched the whole length of the garden which was a joy to behold from Spring to Autumn.

There was a wonderful range of greenhouses where exotic plants and fruits were grown, carnations, orchids, peaches, nectarines, figs, melons and three vineries. They were manned by young men doing a horticultural career. They usually stayed for two years and then passed on to another estate to continue their training. Many of them have been very successful in the world of horticulture.

The men who worked outside were the real country characters and I look back and remember them with great respect and affection. In 1935 when my father died there were five of them who had been with him for over forty years.

It is interesting that I remember them getting seventeen shillings (85 pence) per week and they were satisfied. I don't remember any dissatisfaction regarding the working conditions, they were happy and contented with their lot.

Old estate customs are interesting to look back upon. At one time the tenants had to take a turn in carting the coal from Malpas station to the Castle and they also carted the stone from Peckforton to build Bickley Church. When the tenants paid their rent they were entertained to lunch and my father carved the joint at these lunches for many years.

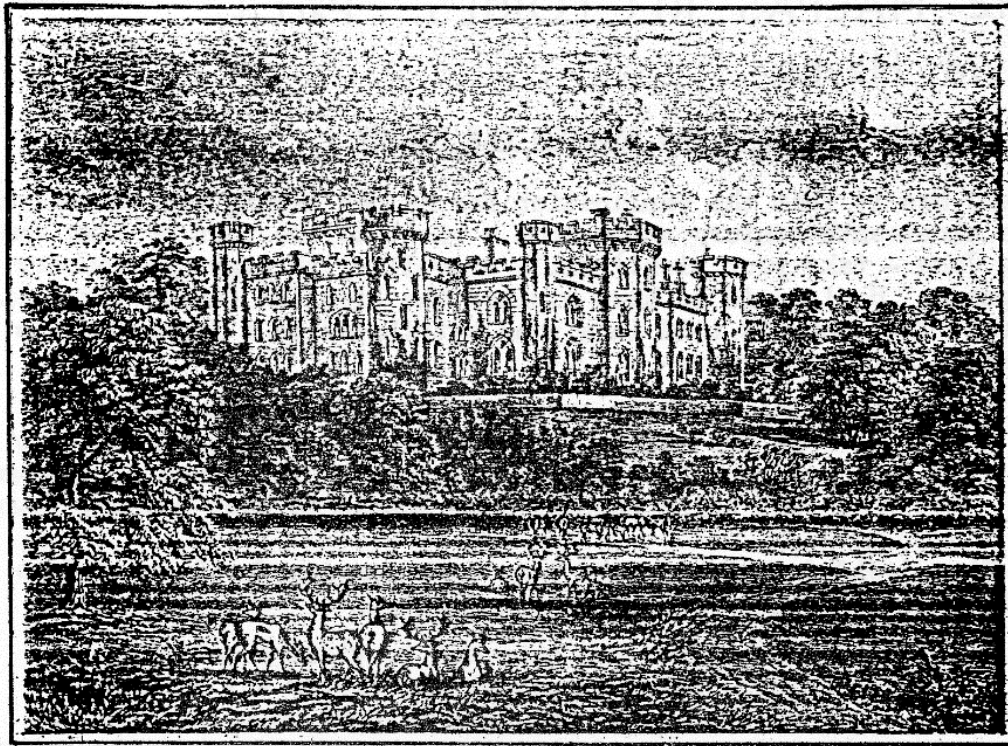
Two of the most interesting families in the parish have been the Mellors and the Hopleys. The Mellors were sextons at Cholmondeley Chapel and Bickley Church for several generations and I remember them. It was interesting to read in Malpas History No. 7 about George Hopley. He was a wonderful craftsman and he and his family were a great asset to the music in Bickley Church.

1939 was an interesting year here when the Czech Army camped in the Park. It was a very spectacular sight when their President came to review the troops here. The stone memorial which stands in the Park was carved by Frank Belski who is one of the leading sculptors of our time. He carved the Mountbatten Memorial and the bust of Winston Churchill which is in the House and recently Prince William.

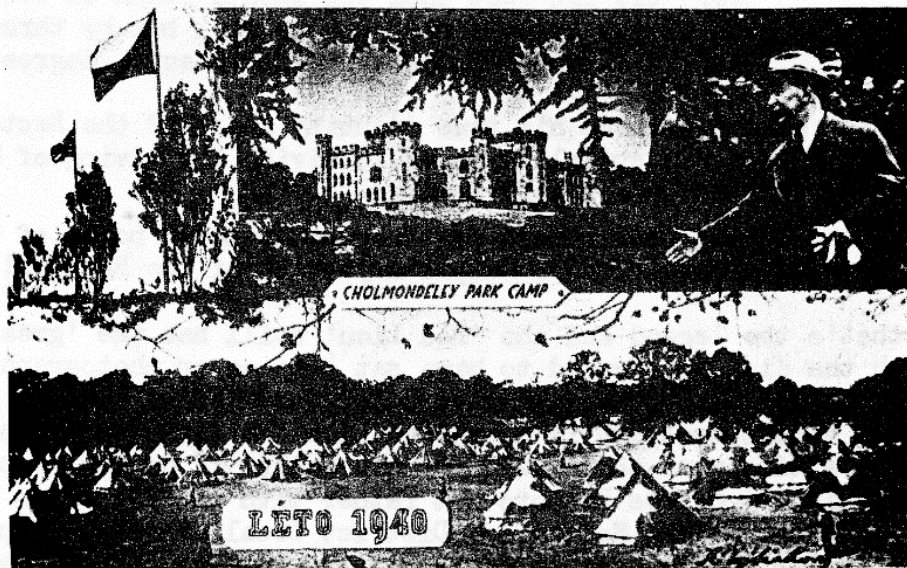
The population of the parish has changed a great deal over the years and it is very nice when newcomers take part in the local events, as many of them do. I like to think we are a friendly community and welcome them.

We are fortunate to have the Marquis and Marchioness of Cholmondeley living here as they take an active interest in parish affairs and they are very generous in opening their home in aid of charity. In these changing times it cannot be easy to run an estate and I think it is fair to say that the Marquis does his very best to create good feeling between landlord and tenant.

As I have already said, it has been an enjoyable experience to live on this estate. Long may the happy life here continue.



CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE FROM A NINETEENTH CENTURY ENGRAVING



A WARTIME POSTCARD SHOWING CHOLMONDELEY PARK CAMP

THE MALPAS RECTORIES Part I

David Hayns

"THE PARISH OF MALPAS TWO RECTORS CAN BOAST"

Legend has it that the explanation for Malpas having two rectors until the late nineteenth century stems from a visit to the town by King James (or King John - take your pick!) while travelling through the country in disguise. He is said to have visited the Lion Inn (today's Red Lion) for lunch. The story is told in a poem attributed to a former Malpas rector, Reverend Philip Egerton -

The landlady curtsied, the landlord he bowed
As the monarch, dismounting, advanced through the crowd,
For he looked just like one of those men of renown
Who bring samples from London to each country town.

The King decided that he would like some company for lunch and so the landlord cast around for suitable companions -

The doctor was gone out to visit a patient
The Curate was young, the Rector was ancient,
So the one to the Lion tripped down in a canter
And announced that the other would presently enter.

At the end of the meal the landlord presented his bill and the Curate suggested that they should treat the (still-disguised) King as their guest -

But the Rector exclaimed, I'll ne'er pay for such knaves
For 'tis fit that each tub should stand on its own staves,
So divide the account, not by two, but by three,
And we'll rub off the score in an equal degree.

At this the King disclosed his true identity and told the Rector that in return for his poor hospitality he would divide the living of Malpas into two, making the Curate a second Rector -

And thus though old Troy could ne'er boast of two Hectors,
The parish of Malpas may boast of two Rectors!

Well, that's the legend and the 'Red Lion' still has the 'great elbow chair' in which the King is reputed to have sat (see cover photograph, Malpas History No. 2). The true explanation for the divided rectory goes back into the early middle ages and is connected with the division of the Barony of Malpas at a time when there were no male heirs. I do not propose to deal with the history of the Rectors but rather with the Rectories in which they lived. Members of the Malpas and District Local History Group, with far more expertise than myself in dealing with medieval sources, are researching the subject thoroughly and it is hoped that they will eventually publish a detailed account of the divided living.

The two parts of the living were known as the 'Higher Mediety' and the 'Lower Mediety', the rectors being known as the 'Higher' and 'Lower' rectors respectively. This is an appropriate time to look at the history of the Rectory buildings themselves since the Higher Rectory ceased to be a rectory last year and the Lower Rectory (now 'The Bolling') in Church Street ceased to be a rectory just over a century ago. In 1885 the last Lower Rector, Reverend Charles Cox, died and the two livings became one under the Reverend the Hon. William Trevor Kenyon.

AN EARLY PARSONAGE HOUSE

The earliest record discovered to date relating to a Malpas Rectory building is in a bundle of Malpas church records in the Cheshire Record Office. It is quite a unique document in that it obviously relates to a timber framed building and written records for the actual construction, or re-construction, of smaller timber framed buildings are rare. The clues to the building being of timber framed construction are, of course, such items as:

- payd to mr Holford for xxx trees
- for the fallynge and squarynge of the same trees
- for drawyng of the trees out of the wood to the frame

The original document (Cheshire Record Office EDP 187/7) is reproduced as Figure 1. I am very grateful to Mrs C A Richards for assistance with the transcription, which reads as follows:

A byll of Coste & Charge Susteyned by Sir Arthur Dudley & his asseyne
yn Reparacon of hys portyon of the parsonage of malpas

Im primis payed for x trees fallynge and squarynge and for mite (meat) and drinke and for the caryage of vi of them to the waynway (cartway)	)	xxv ^s iv ^d
Itm to the wryghts for their wayges		xvi ^s iii ^d
Itm for ther fyrst weke table		vi ^s
Itm the seconde weke for iiii wryghte table		xi ^s
Itm the thyrd weke for the wryghte table		xi ^s
Itm for the wryghtes table before Symon & Jude Day (28 October) & payd to them for ther wages	)	xvii ^s iiii ^d
Itm payd to mr Holford for xxx trees		xxx ^s
Itm for the fallynge & squarynge of the same trees		xli ^s viii ^d
Itm for drawyng of the trees out of the wood to the frame		xxiiii ^s ii ^d
Itm payd to the wryght yn pte of payment of a gretter some before the xvi th of mrch Annis Regni Philippi et Marie Octo et tertio		liii ^s iiii ^d
Itm payd on good fryday to the wryght		xx ^s
Itm for mendyng the chancell wyndows		ii ^s vi ^d
Itm payd more syth the same tyme to the wryght		liiii ^s
Itm payd more to the wryght		xxvi ^s viii ^d
Itm payd for caryage of the tymber & Rearynge of the howse in all charge	)	xlvi ^s iiii ^d
Itm for nayles to the gable borde		viii ^d
Itm payde for caryge of borde to make dore & wyndows		xii ^d
Itm for drywinge of the plow (?) to the hall for meate drynke & wages to the wryght	)	viii ^s vi ^d
(Total cost) <u>xix^l xii^s ii^d</u> (£19.61)		

A bill of Coste & Charge Infringed by the diligence
 Andley & Job assigned and Reparation of Job parson
 of the parsonage of Malpas /
 In summe payed for 2 futes fallowys & squarows
 & for mite and drinke / & for the raryage of Job m^r
 of Job of Job to the mayntey — Job m^r
 Job to the mayntey for the mayntey — Job m^r
 Job for the first mite table — Job
 Job the seconde mite for my mayntey table — Job
 Job the thrid mite for the mayntey table — Job

Job for the mayntey table before Symon & Jude day Job m^r
 & payd to Job for the mayntey — Job m^r
 Job payd to Job for the fute — Job
 Job for the fallowys & squarows of the same fute — Job
 Job for draynyng of the fute out of the — Job
 wood to the frame — Job
 Job payd to the mayntey and Job of payment of Job m^r
 of a grettee summe — Job

before the J^r of m^r d^r d^r d^r
 psalppi et marie d^r et factis /

Job payd on good friday to the mayntey — Job
 Job for mendinge the rammell mayntey — Job
 Job payd more for the same summe to the mayntey — Job
 Job payd more to the mayntey — Job
 Job payd for raryage of the lumber & kermyng of Job m^r
 of the same and all rarye — Job
 Job for mayntey to the yable boorde — Job
 Job payde for raryage of boorde to make dore & mayntey — Job
 Job for draynyng of the place to the hall for mite of Job m^r
 drinke & mayntey to the mayntey — Job

Om Soluto — Job m^r

Et sic fuit per pedula roca ramiis gnali raryage Job m^r
 dit m^r d^r d^r d^r psalppi et marie d^r et factis et quare
 J. Job m^r d^r /

FIGURE 1: ACCOUNT FOR THE REPAIR OF THE PARSONAGE HOUSE AT MALPAS 1556/7

As suggested by the account, it was common for the timber frame of a house to be 'pre-fabricated' away from the actual site, perhaps in the wright's (i.e. carpenter's) yard. The sections were then numbered, the frame dismantled and the timbers transported to the site where they were raised (reared) into position. Evans Cottage, opposite Bunbury Church, still displays the carpenter's numerals chiselled into the exterior of the frame. The items for meat and drink ('table') for the wrights are usual in accounts of this period.

The date is given in Latin as the 'Regnal' year "Philippi et Marie annis tertio et quarto" which is 1556/7. This timber framed parsonage house was probably on the same site as the later brick built Lower Rectory (now 'The Bolling', built in the early eighteenth century). We know that Sir Arthur Dudley was Lower Rector at the time of the document (it was common to refer to clergymen as 'Sir' - the title does not necessarily imply a knighthood). A later article will deal with the surviving Lower Rectory building.

THE GEORGIAN HIGHER RECTORY

The last of the Higher Rectories, sold in 1986 as a private residence, was built in the 1770s by Reginald Heber, senior, after he had left London where he had spent five years as Rector of Chelsea to become the Higher Rector of Malpas. It is a splendid four-square building in the eighteenth century classical style, commanding extensive views across the Dee valley into Wales. Its greatest claim to fame is as the birthplace in 1783 of Reginald Heber, junior, who is remembered as one of the earliest Anglican hymnwriters and, in the last three years of his life, as the second Bishop of Calcutta. His story has been told elsewhere, notably in a modern biography by Derrick Hughes, published in 1986 (see book review in Malpas History No. 7). A plaque on the door of the room (Figure 2) records the event to which Reginald senior referred in a letter to his sister:

"... my dear Mary was, a little after three this morning, safely delivered of a fine little lad."

The date was 21 April 1783 and a day later the Malpas Parish Register recorded his baptism (Figure 3).

One striking feature of the drive leading to the Rectory is the magnificent avenue of lime trees, possibly planted soon after the building of the house. They were remembered by Rector Egerton of Whitchurch whose father (the 'poet' quoted at the beginning of this article) was Higher Rector of Malpas at the time of the victory at Waterloo. Notes for a lecture he gave many years later in Whitchurch tell us:

"1811 A.D. I was born on the 18th of November in the same room at Malpas in which the great and good Bishop Heber first saw the light of a world in which he was destined to shine, and to devote a noble life to the service of our Divine Master. That night (as I was told by my mother) was turned to the light of day by the blaze of the memorable comet of 1811...."

The first event of note which my memory can recall with distinctness was the celebration of peace after Wellington's great victory at Waterloo over Napoleon, the enemy and oppressor of the nations of Europe. The famous battle was fought on the 18th of June 1815. The peace was celebrated about a year afterwards. There was universal rejoicing and feasting throughout the land. At Malpas the tables were laid the full length of the noble avenue of lime

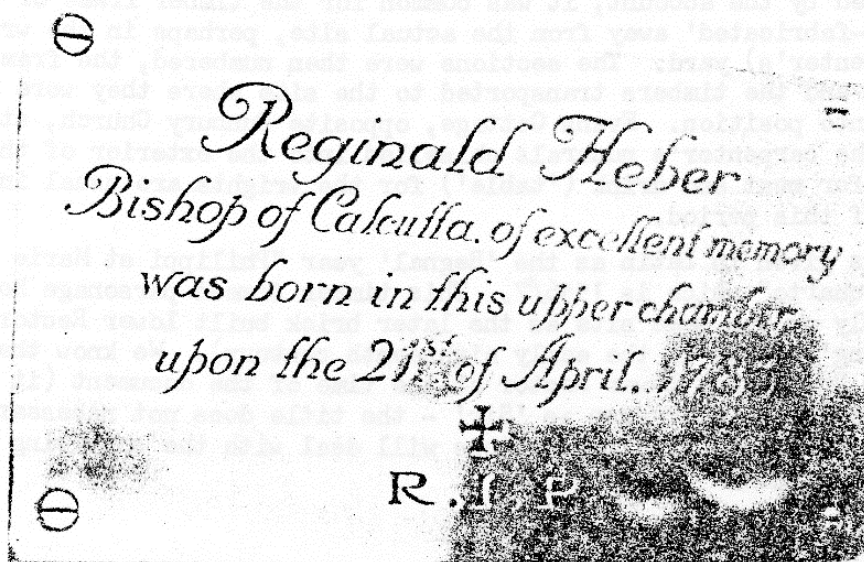


FIGURE 2: THE PLAQUE ON THE UPPER ROOM IN MALPAS HIGHER RECTORY WHERE BISHOP REGINALD HEBER WAS BORN

18th Sarah Jones daughter of Richard & Anne Nuckers of Malpas
 20th John son of John & Susannah Lee of Malpas
 20th John son of Richard & Elizabeth Bartlett of Malpas
 20th Egar son of Edward & Sarah Humphreys of Malpas
 22nd Reginald son of the Rev^d M^r Reginald Heber Rector
 of the Higher Rectory of Malpas & Mary his wife
 23rd Anne D^{ch} of Thomas & Susannah Whittingham of Malpas
 23rd Rebecca D^{ch} of James & Elizabeth Allen of Malpas
 27th George son of James & Margaret Jurel of Bickley
 27th Sophia daughter of James & Anne Jurel of Bickley
 27th Emma daughter of Hurst & Anne Griffith of Malpas

FIGURE 3: THE ENTRY FOR REGINALD HEBER'S BAPTISM IN MALPAS PARISH REGISTER

trees which extend from the Rectory to the Church gate. Possibly my vivid remembrance of the event is due more more to the good things which were given to the small boy as he was led around the table, than to the feelings of exultation and gratitude which echoed throughout the nation."

Such a substantial building as the Rectory, in the days before modern home improvements and domestic appliances, would require substantial numbers of servants for its upkeep. We can get a glimpse of the situation from the nineteenth century census returns, which list all the members of the household who were present on census night. In 1851, when Charles Augustus Thurlow was Higher Rector (Malpas Cross is a memorial to him), the household consisted of the Rector, his wife Frances, their children Edith (10), Fanny (9), Henry (7), Ernest (4) and twins Reginald and Hugh (3) together with servants Elizabeth Harrison (Governess), John Motram (Coachman), George Wright (Footman), Sarah Motram (Cook), Ann Roberts (Ladies' Maid), Ann Capper (Nurse), Maria Hughes (Housemaid) and Sarah Boughey (Kitchen Maid).

We can see what the Higher Rectory looked like originally because fortunately someone (possibly one of Thurlow's daughters) painted a watercolour of the frontage (Figure 4) before it was altered later in the century. Comparison of the painting with the present day photograph (Figure 5) shows that the main alterations to the facade were the addition of the gothic looking spire over the central front room on the third storey (the 'Heber' room) and the replacement on the bottom left hand side of the original Venetian window with a larger window in a later style.

By 1871 the household had been substantially reduced and the census returns for that year tell us that the Rector was now a widower, that all the children had probably left home and that the domestic staff was down to Michael O'Leary (Footman), Mary Street (Housekeeper), Hannah Gould (Housemaid) and Mary Greaves (Kitchen Maid).

Charles Thurlow died in 1783 and was succeeded by William Trevor Kenyon. When Kenyon arrived at the age of 26 he established a reasonably sized household and by the time of the 1881 census this comprised himself, his wife Lucy, his three children Gordon (7), Ruth (3) and Roger (9 months) together with Eleanor Jolivet (Governess), Frances Thomas (Tablemaid), Mary Griffiths (Housemaid), Elizabeth Mainwaring (Nurse) and Bertha Roberts (Nursemaid). There must have been a Cook/Housekeeper of some description and I suspect that either she was away at the time of the census or that she did not 'live in' - the former explanation would seem more likely.

It must have been Rector Kenyon who carried out the alterations to the Rectory, perhaps to accommodate the increased household and the many activities in which he was engaged. He was an energetic incumbent. Among his many achievements were the uniting of the two Rectories, restoration of the church, overseeing the formation of the first Parish Council, writing a history of the church and parish, and the re-organisation of the parish charities. Of him the newspaper obituary in 1930 said:

"Mr Kenyon's incumbency of the parish was during a period when old-established patterns died hard, and it was not without some considerable opposition that his far-seeing and desirable reforms came into being. But despite some resentment which at some times resulted, Mr Kenyon and his family were loved throughout the district."

Over the years the Rectory has been the focus for numerous parish activities - reminiscences about these might well form the subject for a further article. As with so many larger Rectories today, its upkeep has become too expensive and it has had to be sold. Probably for the first time in many centuries there is no Rector resident within the town. Fortunately the house, now a Grade II listed building, has been bought as a family home and the new owners are enthusiastic to maintain it as such - a far more appropriate fate than conversion to offices or a conference centre.

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FIGURE 5: THE HIGHER RECTORY TODAY

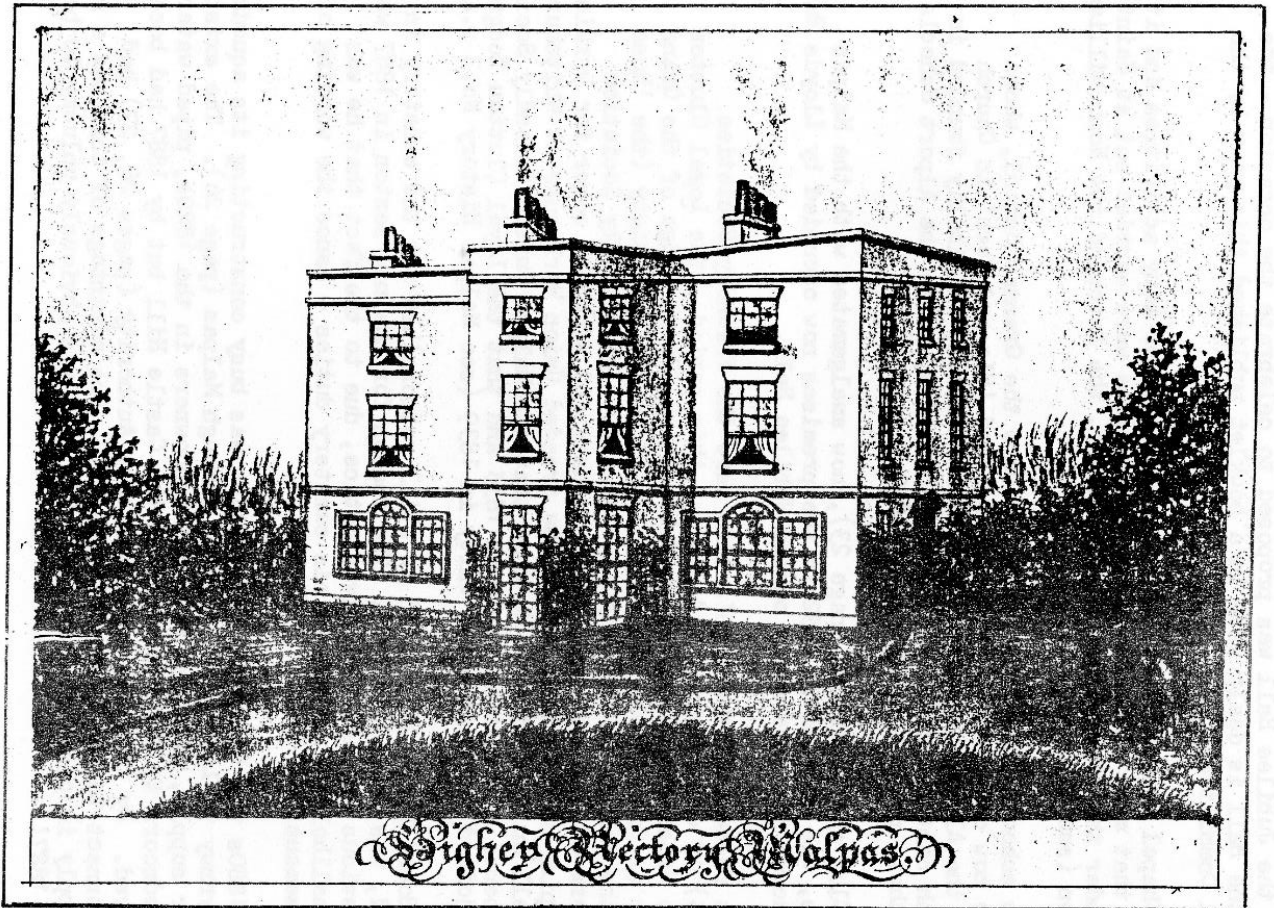


FIGURE 4: A WATERCOLOUR OF THE HIGHER RECTORY
PROBABLY PAINTED ROUND ABOUT MID 19TH CENTURY

MALPAS IN GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

A Scrapbook for 1887

Local newspapers are a fascinating source of local history, although searching through them can be a very time consuming process. By courtesy of the Editor of the 'Whitchurch Herald' we reproduce here selected extracts from the paper one hundred years ago, to illustrate various aspects of Malpas life during the year of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The town celebrated in style (pages 15, 16) as will be seen from the cover photograph to this issue. The erection of the Jubilee Hall was proposed to celebrate the occasion - the history of the Hall is dealt with in a booklet published this year by the Jubilee Hall Committee.

Church and Chapel (pages 17-21) were the centres for many activities and it was in 1887 that many alterations and renovations were carried out at Saint Oswald's, under the supervision of the Rector, the Reverend the Hon. William Trevor Kenyon (see also page 11).

The two main schools in Malpas (page 22) were the Grammar School, whose premises are now occupied by 'Pinningtons' and 'His and Hers' in Church Street, and the Alport Schools. The Grammar School, originally founded in the sixteenth century, finally closed around 1899, while the Alport Schools moved into their present buildings in 1890.

The Social Club and Institute (page 23), now amalgamated with the Malpas Bowling Club, was started in 1882 in the premises now occupied by Lloyds Bank. In 1882 it moved into the newly opened Jubilee Hall.

An important feature of the town's life were the Friendly Societies (pages 24,25) of which Malpas had four at this period - the Loyal Clutton Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, the Crown Lodge of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, the Malpas United Friendly Society (the 'Rose Club') and the Malpas Female Friendly Society. The Friendly Societies offered a form of low cost personal insurance and sickness cover for working people, helping to keep them out of the dreaded Union Workhouse at Whitchurch when they fell on hard times. We know that the Malpas United Friendly Society was in existence at least as early as 1835 and that the Loyal Clutton Lodge of Oddfellows joined the Manchester Unity in 1839 (see Malpas History No.3 p.4).

The Burial Board (page 25), which is still responsible for the cemetery in Chester Road, was formed in 1873. The reason for the new sexton in 1887 was that the previous one had been given notice, due to the fact that he was running a smallholding on top of his cemetery duties - hence the wording of the advertisement!

During the 1880s the Liverpool Corporation was busy constructing its aqueduct from Lake Vyrnwy to Liverpool, passing through Malpas (page 26). The existing Malpas water supply, financed by local landowners in the 1820s, piped water from the Goodmoors to the reservoir in the Castle Hill but by 1887 had become rather decayed. By 1890 the Rural Sanitary Authority (pages 26, 27) had agreed to connect to the Liverpool aqueduct. One advantage of this was a more reliable supply in cases of fire (page 27) - it was obviously unlucky to be a Huxley in 1887!

It was a very poor year for farming (page 28), so much so that farmers were hard pressed to pay their tithes to the Church (there were riots about this just over the border in Wales during 1887). However, Mr Lloyd still managed to carry on a brisk trade at the Malpas Station Smithfield, opened in the 1870s when the railway was constructed.

Finally 'back page sport' (inside back cover). Mr Vincent Bradbury's grandfather Walter was obviously a bowler to be reckoned with!

CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE.—PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting was held in the Infant Schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon, to take into consideration what form the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee should take for the town and neighbourhood of Malpas. There were present—Hon. Ed Kenyon, Hon and Hon. W. T. Kenyon, Revs. J. Jacob, C. Wolley-Dod, E. A. Bagot, T. H. Sparshott, Messrs S. H. Sandbach, St. John Charlton, B. L. Vawdrey, U. V. Corbet, H. Lewis, T. Brassey, H. Barnes, F. Battarbee, E. F. Oswald, G. S. Morgan, R. Forshaw, M. H. Danily, T. Huxley, J. Eaton, J. Fletcher, G. White, J. W. Wycherley, T. G. Wycherley, A. D. Callcott, J. Kinsey, Lloyd Jones, Willing Jones, John Roberts, C. Potterby, E. Jones, P. Clutton, John Huxley, Adam H. Gordon, H. Edwards, J. Mallock, R. S. Deane, Mrs Edw. Kenyon, Misses Brittain, Mrs Edwards, and Miss Danbury.

Upon the proposition of the Rev. W. T. KENYON the Hon. Ed Kenyon occupied the chair, who said he hoped to have had a larger meeting, but he, however, trusted it would prove a representative one. He read a letter from Mr J. H. Hind, who expressed his regret at not being able to attend, and stating that he had been called away to Liverpool.

The CHAIRMAN then remarked that what they were about to do was being done all over the country, that was to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty, who stood forth to the whole world a bulwark against Socialism and Anarchy. He did not exactly know what they wanted, but thought it was a public room, if so he would urge them to ascertain the exact cost in any undertaking they should decide upon, and in conclusion quoted several verses expressive of the Queen's noble career.

Rev. C. W. DODD was then called upon, who proposed a resolution, "That it is desirable in the town and neighbourhood of Malpas to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty." In so doing he referred to the position of England 30 years ago, when we had only 30 miles of railway and letters were an expensive to send and electric telegraph was little thought of, and the first patent was only just taken out. No nation had made such progress in the meantime. He thought they could not celebrate the Jubilee in any better way than by doing something to promote the welfare of the working classes.

Mr MORGAN seconded the resolution, and expressed a hope that in carrying out the same all party differences would be laid on one side, and that all would work hand-in-hand for the general well-being, and that their celebration would be an historic fact, recording the wisdom and munificence of one who had done so much for us all.

Mr SANDBACH, who was then called upon, proposed that the auspicious event be celebrated by the erection of a Town Hall, to be called the "Victoria Jubilee Hall," but before taking it in hand he would make it a *sine qua non* that the money be provided. He had ascertained that the Town Hall at Tarporley cost £450, and would hold 300 people, and last year made £49. He did not know the requirements of Malpas, not having been long amongst them, but whatever was done he hoped it would be something permanent to be handed down to their children in future years.

Mr DEANE said providing the money could be found he would second the resolution.

Mr DANILY afterwards proposed that a fete be held at Malpas on 20th June, and that the working classes be specially invited on the occasion. By so doing he thought they may increase their loyalty and attachment to one of the best of monarchs.

This was seconded by Mr T. G. WYCHERLEY.

Mr ST. JOHN CHARLTON then rose and proposed that a committee be appointed to collect money and to take steps to celebrate the event, and thought, after the thorough ventilation of the matter, the majority of the subscribers should pronounce their opinion upon it.

Mr G. LEWIS seconded, and said that if the Committee met with a hearty response the subscribers would then be able to decide.

The appointment of a committee was then made, and was constituted as follows:—Hon E Kenyon, Hon and Rev W T Kenyon, Revs Morris Jones, J Jacob, T H G Puleston, J M Hall, C W Dod, Colonel Barnston, Dr Parker, Dr Jordison, and Messrs S H Sandbach, Willing Jones, U V Corbet, J H Hind, T L M Vernon, T Brassey, B L Vawdrey, H Barnes, E Langley, G Lewis, T G Wycherley, A W Dod, St John Charlton, R Howard, T Huxley, J Needham, A D Callcott, R S Deane, R Forshaw, M H Danily, J Deane, Warburton Lee, P W Godeal, J Lowe, T Lowe, C R Dod, John Jones, R Brassey, R P Brassey, J Cooke, J H Cooke, J Seddons, O Chesworth, H Bourne, G Hewitt, John Roberts, G White, Mrs E Kenyon, Mrs Edwards, Miss Hind, Miss Brittain, Mrs Menzies, Mrs Reabotham, and Mrs Hay Gordon.

Rev. W. T. KENTON suggested that Mr Sandbach be appointed hon. secretary, Mr Corbet treasurer, and Mr Callcott assistant secretary, all of whom were elected.

5 FEBRUARY

Mr HUXLEY was asked to give his opinion as to the cost, and said presumably that they should decide upon a Public Room with an Institute, speaking at random, he thought it would cost about £800. Such a room would provide sitting for 350 people. As to the success of the undertaking he did not think that it had ever been tested in Malpas by any properly organized effort. Speaking of the temperance meetings, which in Malpas were held in the Congregational Schoolroom (which gave them a sectarian character), he said this was not what they wished, but if they had anywhere else to hold their meetings upon neutral ground where Church people and Dissenters could meet it would be very much better.

Mr MORGAN said he would like to see a few working-men on the committee, and spoke of the good that would accrue therefrom, mentioning one case which he had met with where a working-man spoke of his fellow-labourers as most enthusiastic in the movement, and that he could easily collect £5 amongst his class. This he thought was a strong recommendation.

This suggestion was adopted, and several working-men were added to the committee.

Mr SPARSHOTT asked that the movement should embrace with the Jubilee celebration the extension of the day of rest to postmen; but upon Mr DANILY explaining that all rural messengers in the Malpas district had the Sunday, though this was not the case in all country towns, the Chairman did not think it necessary to take up Mr Sparshott's suggestion.

Mr SANDBACH, hon. sec., asked when he should call a committee meeting, and it was decided to hold one at the close of the proceedings, which terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his kindness in presiding.

The Committee meeting was then held. During the proceedings Mr Charlton mentioned that he had been requested to say by Lord Cholmondeley that if they wanted land and any could be found which would be suitable (without house property upon it which was inhabited) so far as he could he would assist them in the movement.

18 JUNE

JUBILEE COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the above committee was held in the Infant Schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon, Mr St. John Charlton in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. Jordison reported that he had received additional promises of subscriptions towards the deficit on the Hall Fund, to the amount of £26 15s. 6d., which included £3 collected by Mr Barnes. It was also announced that Sir Philip Egerton had promised £25 to the Hall Fund. It was proposed by Mr G. Lewis and seconded by Mr Shone, that as the funds promised had nearly reached the amount required. Mr Webb, the architect, be requested to invite tenders from six or eight competent builders for the erection of the hall, to include Messrs. Huxley, Biggins, Corfield and Pickard (Whitchurch), and Fleet (Bulkeley), the committee not binding themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. It was resolved that Dr. Jordison, Messrs. Barnes, Danily, and Callcott act as a committee to arrange for the decoration of the town with a view to a uniform system, and to make arrangements for the bonfire which was to be held on the high point near the Liverpool Waterworks operations, but the site was not approved of by the above authorities as being too near their works. Upon this explanation Miss Brittain proffered her field next to the Tilston road for the purpose, which was accepted, and a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Brittain for her kind offer. The committee undertook to see that no damage should be done to the hedges or other property in the field. It was resolved that Messrs Barnes, Langley, and Shone be appointed to marshal the procession on the Jubilee Day, which will be formed at the Cross at a quarter past two o'clock, and proceed to the Parish Church for divine service. The procession to sing on their way the National Anthem, each being supplied with a leaflet of the words. The order of the procession will be first the band then the several choirs, next the school children, committee, ladies and gentlemen last. The committee trust that as the procession will be a large one, strict punctuality will be observed by all those who intend joining in it. The list of collectors was gone through and tickets for the free repast were handed to them for distribution to those entitled. It was proposed and carried that the Malpas distribution committee meet to concert joint action in distributing the tickets.

MALPAS.

JUBILEE REJOICINGS:

The grand festival of the Queen's Jubilee was held at Malpas on Tuesday last. The event was favoured with truly Queen's weather and was heralded by a peal upon the church bells. The inhabitants had been engaged from day-break in putting the finishing touches to the embellishments, which were of no mean order, and reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned. About noon visitors and those interested in the day's proceedings began to arrive in large numbers, and at two o'clock those taking part in the procession began to assemble at their several points according to the programme. The schools assembled in the endowed school play-ground were eight in number, and in the following order:—Malpas Boys' Endowed School, Mr Danily's Boys', Macfen, Bickerton, Malpas Infant School, Mr Danily's Girls' School, Endowed School (girls) Malpas and Cholmondeley, and forming into procession marched to the Cross, where there had assembled the choirs of Cholmondeley (18), Hanley (13), Bickerton (10), Tilston (20), and Malpas (33), total 94 voices. The different bodies being in the places assigned to them, the National Anthem was sung with raised hats, under the conductorship of Mr H. Edwardes, (organist). The procession was then re-formed in the following order, and proceeded to the church for divine service:—The band, choirs, school children, committee, ladies and gentlemen. The special form of service, as appointed by authority, of thanksgiving and prayer was used, the first part of the service being intoned by the Rev H. Stevens, Hanley, and the latter by the Rev Morris Jones, Tilston, the anthem was taken from "Behold, O God, our Defender" composed by Dr. Sparkle, it was most effectively rendered by the combined choirs, the service throughout was devout and impressive. The processional hymn at the church was "Brightly gleams our banner," which was played by Mr Martindale, Cholmondeley. Mr H. Edwardes conducted the singing, and afterwards presided at the organ for the remainder of the service. After the service the procession marched to the grounds set apart for the day, kindly lent by the Rector (the Hon. and Rev W. T. Kenyon and the Cricket Club) where the tents were arranged for the tea for the children and feasting for the parish. The children partook of tea first in a special tent set apart for them, and afterwards the poor were entertained to a knife and fork tea in the adjoining tent, the whole being catered for by Mrs Williams, Church-street, who provided two most excellent spreads. Everyone was bountifully supplied, and

all were thoroughly satisfied. The assistance rendered at the tables in carving, tea making, &c., was wholly undertaken by the ladies and gentlemen of the various districts. The children who were entertained to the free repast numbered 1100. During the afternoon races were held for the children, the winners obtaining fancy baskets, tops, skipping ropes, toys, &c., and in the evening a number of sports were gone through, the programme of which was as follows:—

120 yards Flat Race for youths under 16—1, W Eaton; 2, C Beech; 3, L Fletcher.

Donkey Race, half-a-mile, catch weights—1, Mr C Fotherley's Ormonde; 2, Mr Nixon's Fanny.

220 yards Flat Race for men over 30—1, C Parker; R Hyde; 3, J Dutton.

220 yards Flat Race for men under 30—1, A Vaughan; 2, T Penlington; 3, A Fletcher.

50 yards Race for women under 20—1, E Mauley; 2, W Moulson.

Climbing the greased pole—Many attempts were made at this, but none were successful.

220 yards Hurdle Race for men—1, A Vaughan; 2, T Penlington; 3, C Clutton.

Half-mile Steeplechase for Donkeys—1, Mr Nixon's Fanny.

50 yards Race for Girls under 14—1, M Boughey; 2, Hinton; 3, R Harrison.

Tug-of-War, for youths under 16, ten each side—Winners Captain Eaton's team.

Tug-of-War for men, ten each side—Winners Captain Davies's team.

Pig Race, for women—Won by Mrs Allman, Broxton. The prize was given by Mr C. Fotherley.

This concluded the programme, the events being witnessed by a large number of people. The donkey and pig races created a deal of amusement, although the poor pig was in no racing form, probably due to his over-training.

Dancing was indulged in by a large assembly, and was kept up with interest from about five o'clock until 9-30 to the strains of the Weaver Band, which had been in attendance during the day. The grounds were literally covered with people, and it was judged that from four to five thousand people were on the field at one time. A large trade was done by Mr Collins with his steam hobby horses, swinging boats, shooting galleries, &c., which were located on the field.

Our correspondent furnishes us with a most voluminous description of the decorations and illuminations in detail, which owing to press of matter we are reluctantly compelled to omit. There is no doubt, however, that on this occasion the outward demonstrations of loyalty, as expressed by triumphal arches (of which there were no less than eleven) and mottoes, and bunting, and floral decorations, were far and away in advance of anything ever attempted in Malpas before. The spectacle was truly brilliant, manifesting the good taste and skill of all concerned, no less than their enthusiastic loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

25 JUNE

JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS

CONCERT.—An amateur concert was held in the Infant Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Church choir fund. There was a large attendance, and the programme, which we append, was most satisfactorily carried out, most of the pieces set down eliciting an encore. The accompanists were Miss Cox, Miss F. Evans, and Mr H. Edwardes. Programme:—

Jubilee National Anthem The Company
 Overture—Tancredi Mrs Morris, Miss F. Evans, and Mr Edwardes
 Song—Daddy Mrs Jones
 Song—The maid of the mill Mr Dutton
 Song—Pictures in the fire Miss Woolley
 Song—Trusty as steel Mr Asterley
 Solo (violin)—The blue bells of Scotland Mr Callcott
 Song—Never again Miss Bertha Evans
 Song—Queen of the earth Mr Dutton
 Duet (vocal) Mrs Morris and Miss B. Evans
 Song—The storm Mr Asterley
 Song—The miller and the maid Mrs Jones
 Song—Punchinella Miss B. Evans
 Song—Let me dream again Miss Woolley
 Duet (vocal)—A. B. C. Messrs Hubbard and Ankers
 Song—Emeralda Miss B. Evans
 Song Mr Eaton Jones

12 MARCH

MALPAS.

CHOIR TREAT.—The adult portion of the members of the Church choir had their annual trip on Monday, accompanied by the Curate, Rev. M. J. Ransome, a few friends, and the organist and choirmaster, Mr H. Edwardes, who conducted the party, which journeyed to and spent the day at the Manchester Exhibition, and all were highly pleased with their day's outing. It certainly is a sight that should not be missed, with its extensive collection of works of art and machinery, and also the treat of hearing the beautiful organ and bands which are daily to be heard. Owing to there being no special trains from Malpas to the Exhibition the party were obliged to leave before the illuminations in order to catch the last train for Malpas.

13 AUGUST

MALPAS.

SCHOOL TREAT.—The annual outing of the Church Sunday scholars was observed on Thursday last, the school being taken this year to Cholmondeley, where the park was very kindly placed at their disposal by Lord Cholmondeley for their day's enjoyment. The scholars with their teachers were conveyed in lorries and waggons kindly lent by Mr Lewis (Bank Farm), Mr Broad (Chorlton Hall), Mr Huxley (Malpas), Mr Dyson (Malpas), Mr Biggins (Edge), and Mr Robinson (Ebnal). The excursion was favoured with propitious weather, although at intervals during the day the appearance was threatening. There was a variety of games indulged in, besides some good fishing in the picturesque lake hard by. During the afternoon Lady Cholmondeley visited the grounds and took great interest in the young children, and was very kind in regaling them with sweetmeats and money. A number of races was arranged for the older ones, the prizes for which were given away in money by Lady Letitia. Before the departure for home the Rector, The Hon. and Rev. W. T. Kenyon, thanked Lady Cholmondeley for the kindness shown in allowing the Sunday School to enjoy their annual treat in the park. Lady Cholmondeley responded, and said she should be very pleased to see them again another year. The children reached home a little before nine o'clock.

30 JULY

CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The annual harvest thanksgiving service was held in the Parish Church, on Thursday evening last. The sacred edifice was most profusely and extensively adorned with golden corn, fruit, flowers, and vegetables, all of which had been kindly contributed by the ladies, gentlemen, farmers, and cottagers of the neighbourhood, most of whom had also taken a most active and practical interest in the work of decoration, and had vied with one another to attain that perfection of arrangement which was so apparent in each of the several portions of the work. The sermon, which was most appropriate, was preached by the Rev. George Edward Hignett, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Blackburn, and was listened to with marked attention. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. Morris Jones, Tilston. The offertory made at the close of the service will be devoted in equal parts between the Diocesan Jubilee Clergy Pension Fund and the fund for cleaning and reseating the church. There was a large congregation, and a most impressive service. The offertory amounted to £7 14s. 2d.

8 OCTOBER

MALPAS.

FESTIVAL.—The Annual Choral Festival of the Malpas Deanery Association of Church Choirs, which embraces the parishes of Tattenhall, Tilston, Handley, Bickerton, Coddington, Farndon, White-well, Harthill, and Malpas, was held at Malpas, in the Parish Church, on Wednesday evening last, when the choirs from the above churches took part in the service; the combined choirs numbering 150 voices, under the conductorship of the Rev. H. Grantham, Rector of St. Mary's, Chester. The attending clergy were the Reverends A. P. Holmes (Tattenhall), T. P. Owen (Farndon), J. M. Hall (Bickerton), H. Stephens (Handley), W. Lutener (Harthill), P. H. Lee (Liverpool), and M. J. Ransome, Curate (Malpas). The order of service was hymn 292 (processional), "Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him"; Psalm 104, by "Smart"; cantata, "Gladstone"; Deus Misereatur, "Barnby." The anthem was "O give thanks unto the Lord," &c., composed by Dr. Bridge, Chester. The prayers were said by the Rev. Morris Jones, of Tilston; the lessons being read by Rev. A. Royds (Rector of Coddington) and Rev. W. Lutener (Rector of Harthill) respectively. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. The Dean of St. Asaph, who selected for his text the 13th verse, 5th chapter of St. James: "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing Psalms," and from which a practical and earnest discourse was delivered. At the conclusion hymn 378 was sung, during which time a collection was made towards defraying the expenses connected with the festival. The collection having been made the concluding hymn was sung, "Sweet Saviour, bless us ere we go," the benediction being afterwards pronounced by the Hon. and Rev. W. T. Kenyon, Rector of Malpas. There was a good congregation, though not quite so large as we have seen at the festival when held at Malpas on previous occasions.

23 JULY

MEMORIAL WINDOW.

On Sunday last (Easter) the new memorial window to Bishop Heber, which has been erected in the chancel of the Church, was unveiled. It consists of five openings, with tracery lights above, the design being doubly interesting from the fact of its not only containing Biblical subjects, representing, symbolically, his work, but actual scenes from his life and mission have been introduced with the object of emphasizing those of a typical character. Bishop Heber was born in this parish on April 21st, 1783, his father being then Rector of the Higher Mediety. The work of Heber, the Bishop of Calcutta, is too well known to need recapitulation. He died at Trichinopoly in the year 1826, at the early age of forty-three. A beautiful memorial window, by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of London, adorns the Church at Trichinopoly; but in the town or county of Chester, where this Christian hero was born, nothing has been done to perpetuate his memory until the present occasion. The design, which divides the window into two parts, contains in the upper or principal compartments the following subjects, viz: 1, "King David in the Temple composing Psalms" (hymns); 2, "The Magi arriving at Bethlehem" (call of Gentiles); 3, "Descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost" (the influence of the Holy Spirit, by which he worked and

in whom he trusted); 4, "St. Paul preaching at Mars Hill" (preaching the gospel to the people of India); 5, "St. John writing the Epistles" (sermons and writings). In the small predella subjects underneath there are depicted the following: 1, "The Bishop composing his famous hymns;" 2, "Confirmation of native;" 3, "His consecration as Bishop of Calcutta at Lambeth Palace, June 1st, 1823;" 4, "Preaching to the natives outside the Cathedral at Calcutta;" 5, "His last sermon in England" (preached before the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, St. Paul's Cathedral, June 8th, 1823). The likeness of the Bishop in the five predella subjects is taken from a portrait of Bishop Heber, lent by some of the family who are much pleased with the result. The subject of the tracery is that of "Our Lord enthroned in Majesty," surrounded by Cherubim, Seraphim, and angels, holding shields, on which are depicted emblems of the Passion. Our Blessed Lord, crowned as King, and wearing stole as Priest, is seated on a golden throne, His feet resting on a rainbow, and seven stars around his head. This has a background of Seraphs (typical of love and knowledge). Before Him, on a book sealed with seven seals, stands the Lamb with the banner of victory, and from the base of the throne issue four rivers, "which watered Paradise." The whole are suitably framed in rich architectural canopy work of the 15th century style of Gothic art.

16 APRIL

19 FEBRUARY

CHURCH

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MALPAS.

CHURCH SCREEN.—The screen which has been in contemplation for some time past is now erected and stands complete in its entirety. The structure, as was originally intended, is erected in the Belfry, thus hiding the bare walls of the tower, and is at the same time most useful in preventing the draught which formerly was very considerable from the western doors, besides being an ornament to the Church. The screen is made of English oak, the head being elaborately carved, and the lower portion paneled. The centre section is entirely filled up with family heraldic carvings taken from the doors of the old pews of the Church, and these represent, so far as can be ascertained, the following families:—Cholmondeley, Drake, Edgerton, Oulton, Dod (Edge Hall), Gregson (Overton Hall), Johnson (Agden), Congreve (Iscoyd Hall), Simpson (Cherry Hill) and Curzon (Hampton and Overton). The side sections include the two doors, the top portions of the panneling in these being filled in with tinted glass, and the principle upon which they are adjusted renders them noiseless in their action. The cost of the whole is little short of one hundred pounds, but by the energetic exertions of the members of the Church the amount is covered to within some three or four pounds. The order for its construction was given during the Wardenship of Messrs J. H. Cooke and A. D. Callcott, who at the close of their year of office volunteered to complete the undertaking. The latter gentleman, we believe, is now endeavouring to effect a settlement, and for that object he will be pleased to receive any contributions. The work has been executed by Mr. Thos. Huxley, builder, Malpas.

MALPAS.

MISSIONS.—The annual sermons on behalf of the London Missionary Society were preached in the Congregational Chapel, on Sunday last, by the Rev. William Jones, of Chester, who delivered two excellent sermons, afternoon and evening. At the close of each service collections were made on behalf of the society, which amounted to £2 5s. 3d. On Wednesday evening a public meeting was held in the chapel, when the Rev. Mr Lee, from Nagucoil, India, attended as the deputation from the London Missionary Society, and gave an interesting account of mission work in India. The Rev. J. H. Brown presided, and the amounts collected by the box holders were—Miss Ada Lanceley, 13s. 1d.; Mast. Sydney Morgan, 4s. 11d. The attendance was very good, and the collection made at the close of the meeting realized 19s. 10d., which will be added to the other amounts to be devoted to the Parent Society.

29 OCTOBER

SERVICE OF SONG.—On Tuesday evening, the sacred cantata, "Esther the beautiful Queen," was again repeated here; this time in the Congregational Church, by the Wesleyan choir, Whitechurch, who had very kindly given their services in aid of the "Special effort fund" of the above church, which is a fund for clearing off a debt of about £150 remaining upon the chapel. There was a large attendance, and although this is the second visit to Malpas there appeared to be no lack of appreciation of the rendering of the cantata, which throughout was most rapturously applauded. The principals represented were as follows: "Esther, the Queen," Miss Lillie Wood (soprano); Ahasuerus, the King, Mr J. H. Pickard (bass); Haman, Overseer of the Realm, Mr W. Marshall (baritone); Zeresh, Haman's wife, Mrs J. H. Pickard (contralto); Mordecai, Mr J. H. Carter (tenor); Queen's first maid of honour, Miss Read (soprano); High Priest and Hegai, Mr R. T. Smith, junr. (baritone); Prophetess, Miss Clara Bass; Mrs J. H. Pickard also acted as accompanist. The connective readings were given by Rev. J. H. Brown, pastor of the church, who at the close of the cantata proposed to the singers a hearty vote of thanks for their very able services on behalf of the church. The choir were afterwards entertained with a substantial repast in the lecture-room at the rear of the chapel.

MALPAS.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Monday last the Sunday scholars of the above school were entertained to tea in the Schoolroom. The teachers, Miss J. A. Jones, Miss Lanceley, Miss S. Lanceley, and Miss L. Smith, presided at the tea tables. There were about 90 scholars present, and the gathering was largely augmented by friends and parents of the scholars. After the repast a magic lantern was exhibited by Master W. Bevin, which was described by Master G. Huxley, and a very interesting and enjoyable evening was spent. Before the scholars returned to their homes they were liberally supplied with nuts and oranges, and each was the recipient of a suitable New Year's card.

8 JANUARY

30 APRIL

SERVICE OF SONG.—On Thursday evening a service of song, entitled "His father's image," was given by the members of the Malpas Band of Hope Society in the Congregational Schoolroom, which was crowded. Mr G. S. Morgan presided and read the connective readings, and the whole piece was well rendered. The soloists were Mrs Askew, Miss S. Lanceley, Miss S. Smith and Mast. Allen. At the conclusion Mr Morgan moved a vote of thanks to Mr Medlin and the choir, to which Mr Huxley responded.

24 DECEMBER

CHAPELS

MALPAS.

SCHOOL TREAT.—On Monday last, under the most auspicious circumstances, the annual treat to the Congregational Sunday scholars was observed, the trying place this year being Mr Cartwright's, Park Farm, Cholmondeley, who very kindly placed his grounds and fields at the disposal of the teachers, scholars, and friends. The party was conveyed in lorries and wagons, kindly lent by Mr Dyson and Mr Huxley, the horses being generously supplied by Mrs Bevin, Mrs Young, Mr J. Rigby, and Mr Huxley. Mr P. Dodd, of Hampton, also kindly conveyed a good number in his large brake gratis. Besides these there were several traps in attendance, all being well filled. The teachers and scholars assembled about eleven o'clock opposite Mr Huxley's, where the vehicles bedecked with evergreens and flowers, were loaded. The journey both ways was accomplished without any mishap to mar the success of the day, which throughout was most enjoyable. Before the return home again, which commenced about eight o'clock, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Cartwright for his kindness and accommodation, which was supported by the children with lusty cheering for Mr and Miss Cartwright. The former, in acknowledging the compliment, said he was very pleased to see them, and hoped all had enjoyed themselves.

16 JULY

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—A thanksgiving service for the ingathering of the bountiful harvest was held in the Congregational Church on Sunday evening last. The interior was tastefully adorned with choice fruits, corn, flowers, and vegetables. The latter were arranged upon two tables, one each side the pulpit, presenting a striking illustration of the abundance of the present harvest. The pastor, the Rev. J. H. Brown, appropriately discoursed upon "harvest joy," the words being chosen from Isaiah ix., 3rd verse. A voluntary thank-offering was collected at the conclusion, which will be devoted to the church expenses.

CAMP MEETINGS.—On Sunday last the Primitive Methodists held their annual camp meetings. In the afternoon an open air service was held by kind permission in the Well Meadow, in close proximity to the roadway. There was a large attendance of Primitives as well as of the other denominations of the town, who had closed their places of worship during the afternoon for the occasion, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. Jones and W. Edge (Fallern Green), and the Rev. J. Taylor (Whitchurch). In the evening a service was held at the Cross, which was also largely attended. A "Love feast" was afterwards observed in the Primitive Chapel.

8 OCTOBER

20 JULY

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The anniversary services, together with the re-opening of the Congregational Church after cleaning and painting, was held on Sunday last when two sermons were preached, afternoon and evening, by Mr Thomas Rigby of Frodsham. The services were both well attended, and a liberal response was made to the appeal in aid of the church fund, amounting to £6. On Monday a public tea meeting was held in the Schoolroom adjoining at which about 160 were present. The tables were presided over by Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs T. Huxley, Mrs. W. P. Huxley, Mrs T. Bevin, Mrs. Askew, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs Wooley, Mrs Lanceley, Miss J. A. Jones, Miss Dodd, Hampton, Miss Lanceley and Miss Rigby, Edge. In the evening a public meeting was held which was addressed by the Revs. F. Haines, and E. Tongue, Whitchurch, Rev Mr Sturt of Dewsbury, Rev. J. H. Brown, Pastor, and Mr Thomas Huxley (who presided). The meeting, which was largely attended, was much enjoyed. During the evening the choir rendered a choice selection, Miss Ince presiding at the harmonium.

CHAPELS

24 SEPTEMBER

LECTURE.—A lecture, entitled the "Queen's Jubilee," was delivered in the Congregational Chapel, on behalf of the Primitive Methodist Chapel Fund, by the Rev. James Travis, of Chester. The subject was a review of Her Majesty's reign from its commencement to the present time, showing the great strides that had been made in various directions by the British Empire. There was a large attendance, and the chair was taken by Mr. S. G. Morgan, who at the conclusion of the lecture proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer for the able manner in which he had dealt with the subject. This was duly seconded, and carried with acclamation. Mr. Morgan was also accorded a vote of thanks for presiding, and the kindness of the Congregationalists, in placing the chapel at the disposal of their Primitive brethren, was fittingly acknowledged.

20 MARCH

TEA MEETING.—On Good Friday the Primitive Methodists held their annual tea meeting in their chapel, when about one hundred and thirty sat down to the tea, which was ably catered for by Mr. Willet, of Tilston. In the evening a public meeting was held, and was addressed by Mr. Jones, of Threapwood; Mr. C. Chesworth, Mr. Willett, and Mr. Morris who also presided. The proceedings were enlivened with several songs and glees very kindly given by the glee party from the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitechurch.—On Sunday two excellent sermons were preached in the same chapel by the Rev. Thos. Bateman, of Chorley. At the close of each service a collection was made in aid of the chapel, and the amount realized was £5 10s., which was considered most satisfactory.

16 APRIL

SPECIAL SERVICES — During the last fortnight special mission services have been held at the Primitive Chapel, the first week's services being conducted by the Rev. A. Taylor, of Whitechurch. Last week they were lead by several local preachers of the neighbourhood. The meetings have been well attended, and have not been without success. This week and also next the Wesleyans are having the same kind of services. Meeting at the Cross each evening, a few familiar hymns are then sung and prayer offered, when the following adjourn to the chapel, where the meetings are continued. Mr. E. Hutchinson, the special evangelist, is conducting during the fortnight's mission.

19 NOVEMBER

ALPORT SCHOOLS.—A largely attended public meeting of the ratepayers and subscribers to the Alport Endowed Schools was held in the Boys' Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. S. H. Sandbach, Esq., one of the trustees, presided, who, in his opening remarks, said he was very pleased to note that the inhabitants of the district had subscribed so liberally, which had thereby enabled the trustees to pay all the salaries, leaving a balance in hand of £55 9s. 1d. to carry to next year's account. There would consequently be no further call made upon the subscribers again until the spring, when he hoped the subscriptions would again meet the requirements, and thereby prevent recourse to Board Schools, which were always so very heavy upon the rates where they were adopted. With regard to the schools, he stated that since their last meeting the trustees had adopted a sliding scale, which had

reduced the fees of those children whose parent only received 15s. per week from 2d. to 1d. per week. The Chairman then invited the opinion of the meeting upon the statement which had been extensively circulated, saying that any suggestions made or resolutions passed would be brought before the trustees. The Chairman then enquired if it was thought the trustees would be able to obtain the usual subscriptions another time, when it was the general feeling that such would not be the case, unless some reduction was made in the large items of the schools' account, it being the universal opinion outside that the salaries were too high, and that if these could be reduced there would then be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary funds to carry on the schools under the present system. It transpired that in these schools there were 100 boys and 84 girls, the total cost of which amounted to £367 or £2 per head throughout the schools. After mature consideration it was unanimously passed that the meeting was of opinion that the salaries of the master and mistress should be further reduced, but that the resolution should be understood not to be any reflection upon the master or mistress, both of whom had obtained excellent government reports, but only because of the insufficiency of funds. It was afterwards passed that in fixing the amount of salaries the trustees should be guided by similar neighbouring schools consistent with economy, and that the schools should not deteriorate from their present state of efficiency. The proceedings then terminated, a vote of thanks being accorded to the chairman for presiding.

24 DECEMBER

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZE DAY AND ENTERTAINMENT.

On Tuesday last, Mr M. H. Danily's Grammar School, together with his young ladies' seminary gave an entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, to a large audience, consisting of their parents and a few friends, invited by Mr Danily. The Rev. M. J. Ransome presided, and the lengthy programme, which we append, will speak for itself, as to the excellent tuition received in the school. The music, which was a prominent feature during the entertainment was specially commendable, and reflects high credit upon Miss Bailey as a teacher. The dialogues were also well carried out, and so were the nigger performances by Mr Harry Johnson and Master E. Johnson, whose capers created much laughter. At the conclusion of the programme, the Chairman read over the prize list, at the same time reading the reports upon the several subjects, which we append below. At the conclusion of the above, the Rev. J. Jacob moved a vote of thanks to the staff of Mr Danily's schools, who, from what he had personally seen of the school, well merited their confidence and support. This was seconded by Mr J. W. Wycherley, and carried with applause. Mr Danily responded in able terms, thanking those present for their presence and appreciation. Mr Morgau afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, for presiding over their social entertainment that evening. This was received with applause. Mr Ransome responded. The meeting then concluded with the Doxology.

A dance was afterwards held in the schoolroom, for the enjoyment of the senior scholars, and was much enjoyed. Programme:—

Overture—Fra Diavolo Miss May Huxley
 Glee—Milk time Miss Clara Dutton
 Pianoforte solo—Mikalo Miss Clara Dutton
 Song—Will o' the Wisp Miss Emily Baddeley
 Duet—Qui vive Misses Harris and Brown
 Trio—Faust's Waltz Misses Dutton, Barnes, and Welsh
 Solo—Out in the snow Miss Emily Baddeley
 Pianoforte Duet—The Globe Quadrille .. Misses Gosnel and Cooper
 Trio—La Traviata Misses Harris, A. Houlbrooke, and Brown
 Dialogue—Wanted, a confidential Clerk
 Pianoforte Solo—Grand march Miss Welsh
 Violin solo—March Master Richardson
 Pianoforte Duet—Duet in D Misses May Huxley and Baddeley
 Pianoforte solo—Killarney Miss Barnes
 Duet—Village bells Misses Dutton and Annie Huxley
 Pianoforte solo—Good night Polka Miss Lizzie Huxley
 Duet—La Priere d'une Vierge Misses May Huxley and Welsh
 Stump speech Master H. Johnson
 Pianoforte solo—Ariadne Waltz Miss Stokes
 Duet—Faithful Love Misses Latham and Barnes
 Solo—Gavotte Masquerade Miss Beatrice Kinsey

1 OCTOBER

12 FEBRUARY

CONCERT.—A successful concert was held on Wednesday evening, in the Infant Schoolroom, the proceeds of which will be given to the fund for clearing off the debt upon the same. There was a large and fashionable attendance. The programme was varied with comic and sentimental songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The occasion was favoured with beautifully fine weather, accompanied by a bracing atmosphere. At the conclusion of the programme, which we append, Mr. A. S. Wolley-Dod moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Rasbotham for her kindness in undertaking the practical work of getting up the concert, which was carried with enthusiastic applause. Programme:—

Pianoforte duet Mrs. Jordison and Miss Cox
 Song—A creole love song Miss C. Robin
 Song—Vicar of Bray Mr. Medlin
 Song—Good-bye Miss Brown
 Reading—Joseph Sprouts Mr. U. B. Corbet
 Song—We will go hunting Mr. A. G. Wolley-Dod
 Song—Waiting Mr. W. McKay
 Pianoforte solo Mrs. Jordison
 Duet—My boat is waiting The Misses Robins
 Song—You can't bamboozle me Mr. Medlin
 Song—I'll meet her when the sun goes down. Mr. W. McKay
 Reading—A night with a baby Mr. A. S. Wolley-Dod
 Song—My mother bids me bind my hair Miss C. Robin
 Song—Like a dream Mr. E. Ince
 Song—His very black eye Mr. U. B. Corbet
 God save the Queen.

MALPAS SOIREE,

MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST 22ND.

20 AUGUST

TEA from Three to Five. DANCING at Four p.m.
Trains run conveniently to and from Malpas Station.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESTER, MALPAS, WHITCHURCH, SHREWSBURY, HEREFORD, &c.												
	WEEK DAYS.				SUN.	WEEK DAYS.				SUN.		
	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.		Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.			
Llandudno Junction	6 50	9 44	2 3	4 11 5 15		7 30	9 20	12 25	3 40	8 0	10 30	
Rhyl	7 10	10 24	2 45	5 56		8 29	10 15	1 25	4 29	8 51	11 24	
Birkenhead	8 20	10 20	3 45	4 15 7 30		8 52	10 32	1 43	4 46	9 5	11 46	
Chester	8 50	11 0	4 15	5 0 8 20		9 13	10 49	2 15	5 1	9 23	12 6	
Liverpool (Lime-st.) by						9 47	11 15	2 15	5 25	9 47	12 40	
Runcorn & Frodsham	7 40	8 45	...	6 50 7 20		7 30	10 0	11 25	11 40	2 23	5 35	
Chester	8 32	9 45	...	4 45 8 30		8 10	10 31	11 53	12 20	3 2	6 6	
Chester dep.	7 25	8 55	...	4 25	5 35 8 45 9 40	7 35	8 15	10 31	12 0	12 30	3 5	
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Broxton	9 15	11 31	1 2	4 46	5 55 9 10	8 2	8 39	8 12 25	...	3 30	6 38	
Malpas	9 22	11 38	1 9	4 54	6 3 39 18	8 12	M	...	
Whitchurch	9 15	9 34	11 50	1 21	5 6	6 15	9 30	12 4	4	5	8 25	
Whitchurch dep.	9 15	9 34	11 50	1 30	5 8	6 25	9 40	12 4	4	5	8 25	
Shrewsbury	9 55	10 12	12 32	2 5	5 37	7 15	10 20	12 50	...	4 30	7 30	
Shrewsbury dep.	10 5	10 35	12 50	2 15	5 55	7 20	...	...	...	...	...
Church Stretton	10 34	K	1 27	L	L	7 54	5 28	...	...	3 50	7 35
Craven Arms	10 45	11 12	1 50	2 50	6 35	8 12	5 45	...	...	4 40	8 40
Ladlow	11 12	11 32	2 10	3 5	6 50	8 32	6 8	...	...	5 54	8 30
Hereford	12 25	3 15	3 45	7 40	9 40	7 5	...	...	...	8 28	9 10

L—Slip Coach attached for Church Stretton.
 K—Calls to set down from stations beyond Shrewsbury.
 M—Calls at Waverton when required to set down.
 O—Calls at Waverton when required to pick up.
 R—Stops when required.
 S—Saturdays only.

1 JANUARY

MALPAS WAKES.

This time-honoured festival has been duly observed here this week, its real significance meaning the anniversary of the dedication of the church, but this now seems to be lost sight of by the inhabitants generally, and is instead set apart as a time when their friends and acquaintances pay their annual visits. This week the observance has been no exception to the usual custom. A large number of people visited the town, and at the services held on Sunday at the various places of public worship a large influx of visitors was apparent in the congregations.

SOIREE.

On Monday the annual soiree of the Malpas Social Club and Institute was held. Tea was, as usual, provided in a tent in the croft adjoining the Wyvern Hotel, and afterwards dancing took place on the romantic Castle Mound, which is in close proximity. A large number were present to tea, and they were afterwards greatly augmented at the dancing, the latter being kept up with vigour to the strains of the Nantwich Brass Band. Among those present were Mr J. H. and Miss Hinde and party, The Lodge; Mrs J Lewis, Miss Lewis, Miss Miriam Lewis, and Master Lewis, The Beeches; Mr G. Lewis and Miss Lewis, The Bank; Mr R. S. Deane, Malpas; Mr H. Bithell, Mr R. Bithell, Bickley; Misses Clutton, Bowen's Hall; Miss Whittle, Manchester; Mr and Mrs Astbury, London; Miss Ruth Kenyon and Master Roger Kenyon, Mr J. Atherton and Mr N. Atherton, Kichial; Mr and Miss Broad, Chorlton; Mr Danily, Mr E. Durant, Liverpool; Mr J. Mullock, Pits; Miss and Master Wilson, London; Dr Smyth, Mr Thos Brassey, &c.

27 AUGUST

SOCIAL CLUB
AND INSTITUTE

MALPAS.

ODDFELLOWS' FETE.—We have great pleasure in calling the attention of our numerous readers to the grand promenade concert and dance, to be held by kind permission of Jos. Lewis, Esq., at The Beeches, on Wednesday next. The programme, as will be seen from the advertisement on our front page, is of high-class merit. The Committee, we learn, have received most encouraging support from the nobility and aristocracy of the district, and they are working most energetically to make the occasion a grand success. In consequence of the lateness of the season the grounds will be profusely illuminated with coloured lamps so that dancing may be continued until nine o'clock upon the lawn.

3 SEPTEMBER

27 AUGUST

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, M.U.

In aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the "Loyal Clutton" Lodge, Malpas.

A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT & DANCE

Will be held at

THE BEECHES, MALPAS,

By the kind permission of Joseph Lewis, Esq.,

ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 7th, 1887.

THE SPLENDID BAND OF THE 2nd SHROPSHIRE RIFLES

Is engaged for the occasion, and will play a selection of High-class Music from 2.30 to 4 p.m.

PROGRAMME:—

PART I.		PART II.	
Grand March.....	"Marche Animes" .....G. Rogers (As performed by the Bands of the Grenadier and Royal Horse Guards.)	Song.....	"The Village Blacksmith" (Euphonium Solo, Mr Blagg.)
Selection.....	"The Bohemian Girl" .....Balfé	A Descriptive Piece..	"A Hunting Scene" .....Buccalosi
Waltz.....	"The Grand Lodge".....C. Godfrey (Dedicated to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.)	Waltz.....	"Unter den Linden" (first time)....G. Rogers (Composed and arranged expressly for this Concert.)
Song.....	"The Lost Chord" ....Sir A. Sullivan	Cornet Solo.....	"Les Folies Polka" .....Waldteufel (Mr Jones).
Selection.....	"The Mikado" .....Sir A. Sullivan (With solos for the Principal Performers.)	Grand Fantasia on Scotch Airs	G. Rogers
Descriptive Polka..	"The Jolly Blacksmiths" ....S. Suckley	Finale.....	"The Post Horn Galop" .....Koenig (Post Horn, Mr Rogers.)

DANCING to commence at 4 p.m., which will be continued until 9 p.m. by illumination.
TEA and other REFRESHMENTS on the Grounds.

Grounds open at Two o'clock p.m.

Trains run conveniently to and from Malpas Station.

ADMISSION ONE SHILLING EACH. Tickets may be obtained from Members of the Society.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

LADIES' CLUB.—The anniversary of the Malpas Female Friendly Society was held on Thursday, under the auspices of a most charming day, the rendezvous for the occasion being the Rectory grounds, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the society. At three o'clock the members assembled, and forming into procession, lead by the Hon. and Rev. W. T. Kenyon, Rev. M. J. Ransome, and Rev. Jos. Jacob, marched to the Parish Church for divine service. The sermon was preached by the Vicar of Weishampton, from the words contained in 13 chap. of Hebrews, 2nd verse, and from which a most appropriate sermon was delivered. After the service a return was made to the Rectory, where tea was provided in a spacious tent. The number of members joining in the procession was about eighty, the honorary members being well represented as follows:—Mrs Wolley-Dod, lady stewardess; Mrs Clutton, stewardess; Miss Brittain, secretary; Mrs Corbett, Mrs Jordison, Mrs Parker, Mrs Vernon, Mrs Penk, Mrs Edwards, Miss Wolley-Dod, Miss Macaulay, The Misses Vernon, Miss Moyle, Miss Broad, Miss E. Taylor, Miss Hallmark, Miss Jordison, Miss Barnes, and Miss Bevin. After the tea there was on view an exhibition of children's needlework, &c., from the various schools in the Parish of Malpas, which excited much interest and was very creditable to the children concerned. The exhibition was under the superintendance of Mrs Wolley-Dod, assisted by the mistresses of the different schools. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing on the Rectory lawn, to the strains of the band in attendance. There was a large gathering, among whom were Mrs St. John Charlton, Mrs Corbet, Mrs Barnston, Mrs Jordison, Mrs Parker, Mrs Hallmark, Mrs Bithell, Mrs T. Blantern, Miss Phillips, Miss Lewis, Misses Wilson, Misses Jordison, Misses Vernon, Misses Cooke, Misses Hallmark, Miss Bithell, Miss Macaulay, Miss Moyle, Miss Broad, Mr and Mrs Barnes, Mr Johnson, Mr T. Blantern, Mr G. Blantern, Mr T. Lowe, Mr and Mrs E. Lewis, Mr H. Bevin, Mr Danily, Mr G. Lewis, The Hon. and Rev. W. T. Kenyon, Rev. J. Ransome, Rev. Jos. Jacob, &c., &c.

UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The 63rd anniversary of the above society was held on Wednesday last. The weather was beautifully fine, and consequently a large number of people visited the town during the day. The greater portion of the morning was occupied with the preliminary arrangements necessary to the success of the day's proceedings, and to the enrolment of new members by the officers of the society, at the Lion Hotel. At noon the mem-

bers mustered and formed into procession, headed by the Nantwich Band, and paraded the streets on their way to the Parish Church, where divine service was held, the sermon being preached by the Rev. F. Blackburn, rector of Nantwich. Service being over a return was made to the Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Host Kinsey, to which ample justice was done. The Rector the Hon. and Rev. W. T. Kenyon presided, and was supported by the Rev. M. J. Ransome, Col. Barnston, Messrs G. Lewis, E. Langley, J. Done, T. Blantern, T. Stephenson, T. Parsonage, and T. Davies (Hough). Letters of apology were read from Rev. C. Wolley-Dod and Wilding Jones, Esq., who were unable to be present. After the repast the usual loyal and patriotic toast list was gone through, and was as follows: "The Queen and Constitution" by the Chairman, responded to by the band with the "National Anthem." Colonel Barnston next gave the "Prince and Princess of Wales," response by band. "God bless the Prince of Wales." Afterwards the toast of "The Army and Navy" was given by the Rev. M. J. Ransome, which was responded to in speeches of a characteristic bearing by Colonel Barnston and Mr E. Langley. "Success to the Malpas United Friendly Society" was then given by the Chairman, which was responded to by Mr R. Moyle on behalf of the stewards, Mr Geo. Lewis for the auditors, Mr E. Jones for the committee, Mr T. Nixon for the members, and Mr M. H. Danily (secretary). Mr J. Done then gave the "Medical Officers of the Society," and there being none present Mr Danily responded on their behalf. The "Pail and Flail" was next given by Colonel Barnston, being responded to by Mr Parsonage. The "Host and Hostess" by Mr Langley, and "Mr Danily" by the Chairman concluded the toast list, directly after which the chair was vacated, a very pleasant and interesting afternoon having been spent. The numerical strength of this society is 460 members, and the amount of new membership during the year is fifteen. The amount of stock of the society is £3 640 4s., with an increase during the year of £20 3s. 3d. Amount paid out to sick and superannuated members £482 7s. The juvenile branch is progressing favourably, 70 of whom attended the procession. In the evening dancing took place on the Lion Green until the shades of nightfall, the younger people regaling themselves at Mr Collin's steam hobby horses, swing boats, and other amusements which were centred in a field at the edge of the town.

18 JUNE

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

MALPAS BURIAL BOARD.

WANTED, a **SEXTON** and **CARETAKER** for Malpas Cemetery. He must be a married man, must devote his whole time to the service of the Board, and must be prepared to enter upon his duties on May 1st next; wages 15s. a week and cottage rent free.—Written application, with satisfactory references as to character and ability, to be made on or before March 12th to **EDWARD TOMLINSON**, Clerk to the Burial Board, Malpas, Cheshire.

19 FEBRUARY

BURIAL BOARD—A special meeting of the Burial Board was held on Wednesday evening in the vestry, to consider the vacancy in their clerkship caused by the death of Mr Edward Tomlinson. Mr Charles Tomlinson, son of the deceased, who has undertaken the duties for his father for some little time, was unanimously elected to the vacancy.

24 DECEMBER

MALPAS.

SANITARY AUTHORITY.—A special meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority was held in the Vestry on Wednesday afternoon. There were present Messrs E. Langley, G. Lewis, J. Cooke, J. Needham, F. Battarbee, T. Parsonage, T. Huxley, J. Done, T. M. L. Vernon, Dr. Parker, and W. Berry (engineer). Mr E. Langley was voted to the chair. In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairman asked the Engineer if he had anything to bring before the Committee; who said that the meeting had been convened to take into consideration the defective state of the rising mains, as within two months the pipes had burst four times, and there were now no less than seven connections in about 100 yards in one part of the mains; that each connection had to be made with a two inch pipe instead of four (which was the size of the mains) through the great amount of corrosive substance in them; and the connections being so much smaller necessitated a great deal more pressure from the engine, which was in a bad state and all to pieces. After some discussion the Sub-Committee, Messrs T. Huxley, H. Barnes, and F. Battarbee, were requested to ascertain the cost of a new main, to inspect the engine, and report on the same at the next meeting, which will be held on the 16th of March.—The Engineer stated that the overflow embankment had not yet been seen to.—This was also referred to the Sub-Committee.—Dr. Parker mentioned the circumstance of the late fire in Church-street, in which case it had been rumoured that there was no water in the reservoir at the time when it was wanted; yet there was plenty next morning at six o'clock, and continued so all the day afterwards.—The Engineer immediately came forward and explained that the fire happened at midnight following the day the pipes had been repaired, and they were only completed ready for use just before dark. The reservoir being drawn empty during the day, the interval was too short to get any quantity pumped up; but he went to the fire and found that there was plenty of water, so that he did not think it necessary to turn any on, although he most certainly should have done so had there been a scarcity, or if anyone had asked him to do so. He had worked the engine all night, which accounted for the plentiful supply next day.—The Chairman enquired whether, if the water had been on, there was any hose to use.—The Engineer replied in the negative, stating that the water would only have been obtainable from the taps in the immediate surroundings, the fire plugs being one at the Cross and the other for Church-street by Mrs Hay-Gordon's. There was only one in High-street, which was opposite Mr Barnes's.—It was therefore proposed by Mr Lewis, seconded by Mr Vernon, and carried, that the Sub-Committee be empowered to fix in the necessary fire plugs, and to obtain hose for use at the same, the quantity and quality to be left to their judgment. There being no other business the meeting then adjourned.

WANTED, 600 yards of Cast-iron, **RISING MAIN PIPES,** as per specification, now open for inspection at Mr W. M. BERRY'S, Malpas. Tenders to be sent in not later than the 23rd of June, 1887.

4 JUNE

MALPAS.

A HORSE KILLED.—On Tuesday morning last a horse belonging to Mr Austin, of Belle View, while grazing in the Oathill fields, through which the line of pipes belonging to the Liverpool Waterworks are being laid, fell into the pipe track, some 14 feet in depth, and was so injured as to cause its death.

27 AUGUST

WATER SUPPLY.

SANITARY AUTHORITY.—A meeting of the Malpas Rural Sanitary Authority was held in the Vestry, on Wednesday last, to consider the best means to carry out the resolution of the last Committee meeting, which was to supply the town with the water in sections, Mr Huxley then undertaking to ascertain how this could best be done and report at this meeting. There were present—Dr. Jordison, Dr. Parker, Messrs. E. Langley (chairman), H. Barnes, T. Huxley, and J. Done. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.—Mr Huxley reported that he had ascertained that the best means to carry out the supply in sections would be that a connection should be made at the top end of the tank to the new valve, and that a 3in. pipe be connected and carried to the level in the croft, and that from there the pipe should branch off, one across the croft to supply the upper part of the town, the other across the Churchyard to supply Church-street.—The Committee, after due consideration, unanimously decided that the above suggestions be adopted, permission having been obtained from the Rector to convey the pipes through the Churchyard.—It was also decided to extend the pipes from the terminus in Church-street to Mr J. H. Hind's, The Lodge, he consenting to pay half the expense. The mains to the lower house to be laid with 1½in. pipes, and the remainder to the Lodge to be layed with 1in. pipes.—The specifications for the whole work were ordered to be drawn up, and tenders to be advertised for doing the same.—This concluded the business.

29 OCTOBER

FIRE.—A fire broke out in the workshops of Mr John Huxley, tailor, Church-street, on Thursday night, which was not discovered until midnight, and at that time a mass of flames completely enveloped the structure, which is entirely of wood, with an iron roof. It was the cracking of the latter through the extreme heat that awoke Mr Huxley, who fortunately was soon able, with willing assistance, to prevent the fire spreading to the adjoining building, in which were a horse and cow belonging to the same owner. The wind was in the same direction, and blew the flames right upon the structure, of which the fire was just taking hold when it was discovered. The water being turned off, as is usual every night, it was only through the kindness of the neighbours in offering their supply of rain water, which was plentiful, and was obtained without delay, that the further spread was prevented. The building and its contents were uninsured. Of the latter there was a quantity of wearing apparel destroyed, as were the fixtures, together with a sewing machine just new.

29 JANUARY

MALPAS.

AN ALARM OF FIRE.—On Tuesday afternoon a quantity of Timber in the drying house of Mr. Huxley, contractor, in Old Hall-street, was discovered by Mrs Huxley to be on fire, when the men hastened to the spot, and by energetic efforts the fire was put out. Owing, we understand, to one of the men having put some boards on the drying flue instead of on the stays the fire originated, and but for the timely discovery might have proved very disastrous, as there was, a large quantity of timber in the room, and in the yard there is always a good deal of combustible stock. As it was, ever so much flooring timber was charred and rendered useless for its purpose, and the building somewhat injured.

30 APRIL

WATER SUPPLY
FIRES

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Auction Sales.

TUESDAY NEXT, June 14th, at One o'clock.
MALPAS STATION SMITHFIELD.
(TOLLS FREE).

"JUBILEE BEEF AND MUTTON SALE."

MR. LLOYD

Has large Entries for next TUESDAY'S Sale, viz. :—
96 Fat BEASTS, Dairy COWS, BAKRENS,
BULLS, and YEARLINGS,
120 Fat SHEEP and Fat LAMBS,
80 Fat CALVES,
500 Fat, Pork, and Store PIGS.

In the above entries are included 6 Ripe Fat Beasts
and Fat Pigs from Lord Kenyon's Home Farm, at
Gredington; 6 grand Fat Beasts from R. W. Burgess,
Esq.; 6 Ripe Fat Beasts from J. H. Cooke, Esq.; 2
Fat Beasts from Bickerton Hall; 4 grand Dairy Cows
from Caldecott Hall; 4 grand Heifers and Fat Sheep
from Cuddington Hall, &c., &c.

Further entries invited.
Cash settlements as soon as sold.
Offices: Eyton House, Wrexham.

11 JUNE

MALPAS.

THE WEATHER.—The weather broke here on Wednesday, and early on Thursday morning there was an unusually heavy downfall. In the evening a heavy thunderstorm, accompanied with several flashes of lightning, passed over Malpas. A marked change is now apparent in the temperature which is much colder since the weather broke, and there is now every appearance of a termination of the long continued drought.

20 AUGUST

FAILURE OF THE POTATO CROP IN CHESHIRE.—At Chester, on Wednesday, there was an enormous falling-off in the supply of potatoes at the weekly market. The quantity, indeed, was not one-half that offered during the corresponding week of last year. The limited supplies are attributed to the drought. There will not be more than half a crop. As a consequence farmers are steadily holding back for higher prices, which are regarded as inevitable. Sales were effected at 4s per hamper.

27 AUGUST

20 AUGUST

CHESHIRE DAIRY FARMERS AND THEIR LOSSES.—Mr Joseph Aston, of Tarporley, a well-known judge and maker of Cheshire cheese, says that, as a consequence of the protracted drought, Cheshire dairy farmers will make less cheese this year by 1,000 tons than last. At 60s. per cwt., which is a low average, this represents a loss of £50,000.

19 NOVEMBER

MALPAS.

RENT AUDIT.—The half-yearly rent audit of Mr Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake was held on Monday at the estate offices, High-street, for the Malpas district. There was the usual muster of tenants, who dined together at the Wyvern Hotel, where an excellent repast was served by Mrs H. Cooke, the landlady.

FARMING

MALPAS.

LIBERALITY OF A CHESHIRE LANDLORD.—The farmers on the estate of Mr Uvedale Corbett, J.P., Ashfield Hall, Neston, received a circular a few days since stating that in consequence of the unexampled agricultural depression the landlord had decided to pay the tithes for his tenants. It was at the same time intimated that on the advent of better days a new arrangement would be entered into. The concession, which was quite unsolicited, has given the utmost satisfaction to the farmers, between whom and Mr Corbett the most amicable relations have always existed.

5 FEBRUARY

CRICKET.—MALPAS v. MALPAS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
 —On Friday afternoon a match was played on the Malpas ground between 24 past and present scholars of the Grammar School v. 12 members of the Malpas Cricket Club. The toss having been won by the school, they decided to go in, and after an innings of about three hours' duration they totalled 84 runs, which was not reached by the opposing team, whose innings closed with 60 runs. The cricketers, together with the whole of the present scholars, were entertained to tea by the master, Mr Danily, in the school-room, which was prettily decorated with ferns and flowers for the occasion by Mrs Needham, who had also furnished the tables with an excellent assortment of good things. Between 70 and 80 sat down. Scores:

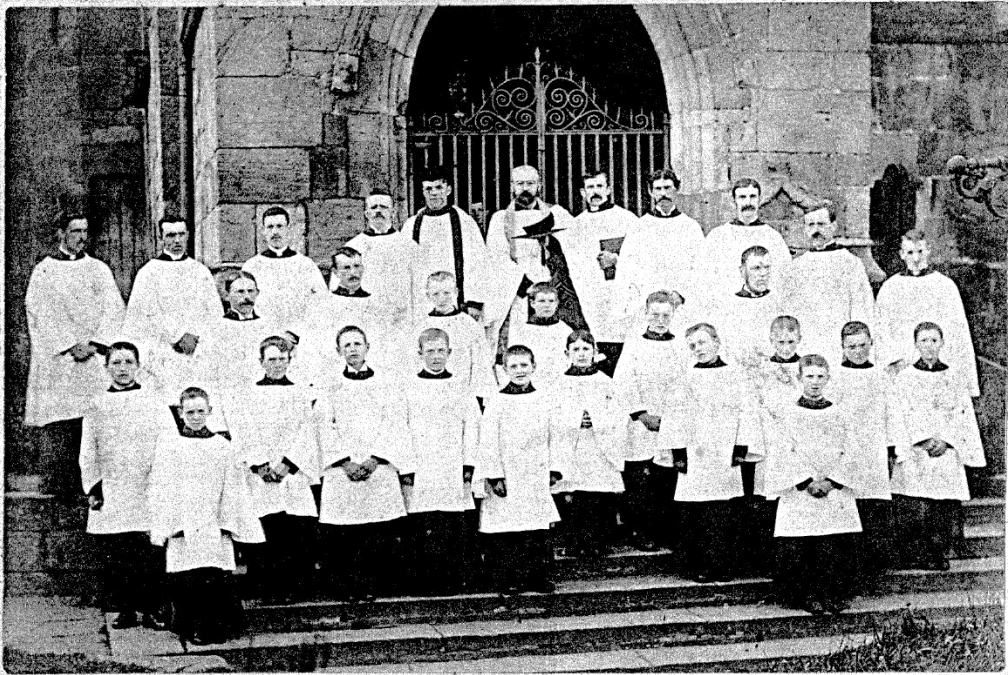
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
M H Danily b Bradbury	5
J F Dutton b Bradbury	16
J W Wycherley c H Baker b Bradbury	5
A Fletcher c Reeves b Battarbee	10
E Langley c Forshaw b Bradbury.....	6
A Eaton b Bradbury	0
L Fletcher b Bradbury.....	1
W Askew b Bradbury	6
J Walloy b Bradbury.....	0
E Johnson b Bradbury.....	0
W Dodd c H Baker b Bradbury	8
T Richardson c Battarbee b Reeves	8
E Williams c H Baker b Bradbury	3
P Askew c and b Reeves.....	0
F Beech c and b Bradbury	0
T Latham not out	5
W Weaver b Bradbury	0
F Welch b Bradbury.....	0
T Eaton b Bradbury	1
E Shaw b Bradbury	0
G Huxley b Bradbury	1
S Williams b Bradbury.....	0
C Stoke c and b Bradbury.....	0
E Mercer c Bradbury b Hartshorn	0
Extras.....	14
	84

MALPAS.	
H Baker b Danily	8
F Battarbee b Danily.....	4
J McCaffry run out	0
T Baker run out	2
J Reeves c Dutton b Fletcher	6
W Fletcher b Fletcher	0
T Hartshorn c Wycherley b Fletcher.....	11
C Tomlinson c Dutton b Medlin	3
W Bradbury b Fletcher	6
T Boughey b Danily	0
F Baker not out	1
A Pearson b Danily	0
Extras.....	19
	60

6 AUGUST

FOOTBALL.—A football match was played on Saturday last, between the Malpas club and Tarporley Moss Rangers, on the ground of the latter. The teams were almost evenly matched, although Malpas claimed the honour of winning by two goals to one. For Malpas we especially mention Mr W. Forshaw, who played in capital form, and for whom we venture to predict a dashing career. The umpire was Mr. T. Goulding, Tarporley; Mr W. Wilkinson, acting as referee.

19 NOVEMBER



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