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OLD TIME MEMORIES - The Broughton correspondent of the Andover Advertiser 33 years ago writes as follows of Dr.Luther Owen Fox, M.D. F.R.C.S., a clever practitioner, who practiced for 51 years in Broughton, and died in 1879. After dwelling on his professional qualities, which were of a high order, the writer says:- "As a parent Dr.Fox set an example to all, and did his utmost to give all the members of his large family a fair start in life. The eldest son, John, a young man of great promise, died at the Cape, whither he had gone for his health. Another son, Walter, has entered the Army. George has an appointment in a London Bank. Dr.Edward was beloved by all in Broughton, rich and poor, and the youngest son, Alfred, has, after a meritorious career at Oxford, entered the Church. Endowed by nature with a singularly handsome face, and figure, possessing a rich fund of humour, Dr.Fox was welcome at all gatherings, whether social or private. Had he been placed where his great natural gifts combined as they were with large social qualities, could have found full scope, the world at large would have profited by their exercise." Dr.Edward Fox, who was a Fellow of University College, London, Doctor of Medicine, Master in Surgery, University of London, died in 1872 at the early age of 36 years, and had one of the largest funerals ever seen in Broughton, the procession reaching from Dr.Fox's residence, St.Marys since purchased by W.Steele Tomkins, Esq. and pulled down to the church, and was representative of all classes.

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LIVING PICTURES. On Tuesday evening the Council School was crowded on the occasion of a cinematograph entertainment given by Mr.Law of Salisbury, the pictures being very interesting and many of them very amusing, which greatly delighted the juveniles who were present. The pictures were shown by the Canacian Pacific Picture Company's manager, Mr.R.Law, and included "Overland to Freemont," "Indian Drama," "Three Brothers" (comic), "Lucky Card Drama," "Cowboy Drama," "Was he a coward," "Snoggins goes in for Chemistry" (comic), etc.

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FIRE. On Tuesday morning about half-past 7 a fire broke out at Rectory Cottage, which was burned down and some of the furniture destroyed. How the fire originated is at present unknown, but it appears to have broken out at the woodhouse end of the house. The cottage, which was a very picturesque one, belonged to the Rector, and was let furnished. It was occupied by Mr. Browne Davies, organist at St. Mary's Church, and Mrs. Davies, and they were in bed at the time of the outbreak, which was discovered by the housekeeper, Mrs. Andrew Woodford. A large number of willing helpers were soon on the spot, and did all in their power to check the flames, but from the outset the place was doomed in the absence of a fire engine, being a thatched building and heavily timbered. The Stockbridge fire brigade were called at eight o'clock as soon as the Broughton telegraph office was opened but were too late to save the building, having to come 4 miles. Rev. Alfred Woodin was away in London at the time. It was very fortunate that the wind was quiet, or the other cottages near also the property of the Rector, would have gone. The property, which was insured, was situated at the back of the Rectory. Much sympathy has been felt with the Rector in the loss of a pretty rural cottage, and with Mr. and Mrs. Browne Davies. This fire again emphasised the importance of a fire engine for the village as with the exception of a few hand extinguishers there is no provision in case of fire in a village of nearly 900 inhabitants.

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