

## BROUGHTON, 1911.

**AERIAL NAVIGATION.**—On Sunday morning a large aeroplane passed over the village.

**RARE BIRDS.**—Between Broughton and Horse-bridge Station a few evenings ago were seen two rare specimens of English birds, a jack heron and a kingfisher, the plumage of the latter being very beautiful.

**BAPTIST CHAPEL.**—On Sunday the services were taken by the Rev. Arthur Coombes, B.A., of Sale, Manchester, who preached two able sermons to very good congregations. The morning text was "And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis v. 24). The burden of the first part of the sermon was the soul's quest for God and the joy and privilege of walking with God, and the latter part was on the great reward at the end of the journey—eternal life in heaven. The sermon in the evening was founded on the words "But God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world;" (Galatians v. 14). The Rev. B. J. Wicks was preaching at Wallop.

**THE DROUGHT.**—The continued spell of hot dry weather is telling on the water supply in this village, several wells having given out and others are very low. The river is also very low, being practically dried up in places. The pastures are very brown, making sheep keep scarce and sheep very cheap. The roads in this district are in a very bad state in spite of the fact that the military traffic this summer has been practically nil. A good rain is needed to put the roads in their normal condition.

**AN IMPROVEMENT LONG OVERDUE.**—At the corner of the Square where the High Street joins Dog Lane a much needed improvement is about to be carried out. The house so long occupied by the late Miss Halsay (at whose death it came into the market) is being pulled down, and the new premises which Mr. Tom Fry (the owner) intends erecting on the old site will be set back several feet. The Stockbridge Rural District Council have compensated Mr. Fry for the land given up, and this will be a great boon to drivers of vehicles and will be an additional safeguard at this dangerous corner in these days of fast motor traffic.

**CHURCH SCHOOLS.**—The improvements rendered necessary to bring these schools up to the requirements of the Board of Education have been carried out during the summer holidays, and they now present a vastly improved appearance both internally and externally. Large new windows have been put in, and the front between the two lobbies has been carried forward, making extra floor space, and the playground levelled and gravelled. The dangerous slope has been done away with, and a high iron fence erected with steps at each side of the playground leading up to the school. Messrs. Gunstone and Sons have smartly and efficiently carried out the work.

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY.**—On Sunday the annual Hospital Sunday parade in aid of the funds of the Salisbury Infirmary (organised by the Broughton Brass Band) was held and passed off very successfully, the day being gloriously fine. The Broughton band assembled in the Square at 2 o'clock, and after parading the lower end of the village marched to the Pound, where an open air service had been arranged. There was a large attendance and excellent addresses were given by the Rev. J. H. Litten, Wesleyan minister of Salisbury, and Rev. Arthur Coombes, B.A., of Sale, Baptist minister, both of whom were preaching in the village on Sunday. Both are good preachers, and their addresses at the open air meeting were much appreciated. Well known hymns were played by the bands who acquitted themselves exceedingly well. After the service they paraded the upper part of the village, and after the services at the places of worship rendered a capital programme of music in the Square, there being a very large attendance. Collections were taken with boxes both on Saturday and Sunday, but the result has not yet been announced. The village of Broughton at various times received great benefit from Salisbury Infirmary, and it is only fitting that a special effort should be made to aid this admirable institution. Only a few months ago there were four patients in the infirmary from this village at one time.

**WEDDING.**—On Wednesday in last week a very pretty wedding took place in the new United Free Methodist Chapel at East Grimstead, the contracting parties being Mr. F. H. Hinwood, only son of Mr. J. F. Hinwood, of Hayters Farm, Broughton, and Miss A. M. Fry, youngest daughter of Mr. J. A. Fry, of East Grimstead. The bride who was given away by her brother, Mr. Victor Fry, was attired in a cream cashmere dress and cream crinoline hat with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Clara Fry (sister of the bride) and Miss Clare Hinwood (sister of the bridegroom), and they wore old rose coloured dresses with hats and gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. R. W. Gair, of Salisbury, acted as best man, and the Rev. R. W. Gair, of Salisbury, conducted the ceremony and gave a very suitable address. The hymn "Crown with Thy Benediction" was sung, Mr. C. Penn presiding at the organ. A party of relatives and friends met at the bride's home after the ceremony, where games and amusements were carried on till about 10 o'clock, when the happy pair left for their home at Broughton. The presents, numbering about 50, included a marble clock to the bride from the children of the Sunday school, where she had been teacher for several years. As this was the first wedding in the new chapel, the trustees are presenting Mr. and Mrs. Hinwood with a family bible in honour of the event. Both the families of the bride and bridegroom are well known in Nonconformist circles as active workers, Mr. Fred Hinwood being a very acceptable Wesleyan local preacher, and his father is society steward at the Broughton Wesleyan Chapel.

**SCHOOLS RE-OPENED.**—Both the Council School and the Church School re-opened this week after five weeks holiday.

**THE FRUIT CROP.**—There is an excellent crop of apples in this neighbourhood, some of the trees presenting a lovely picture. There is also a good crop of plums. The wasp pest has, however, done considerable damage, the insects being very numerous.



ominous looking clouds darkened the horizon. A procession was formed at the School, and paraded through the village to the Recreation Ground in this order: Girl Guides and Brownies (in charge of Miss Hunt), a group of small children carrying baskets of wild flowers, some had spades and buckets, older children carrying garlands, and Broughton Band (Bandmaster A. Maidment). The children were in the charge of Mr. C. W. Hoare (headmaster), Miss Sutherland (head mistress), Miss Yarnold, and Miss Robinson.

No sooner had the procession started than the rain began and one felt sorry for the children, who had put their best clothes on for the occasion. On arriving at the Recreation Ground, all the children formed up in the enclosure facing the platform; the large attendance of adults gathered round the ropes, and the actual ceremony of the day began. From then on the rain poured down relentlessly, and halfway through the programme there was a hurried scamper to the large tea marquee, where the proceedings were concluded.

Mr. G. E. Hunt, vice-chairman of the Parish Council, presided over the gathering, who at the outset received a letter from Father Rawles. In it he found a message worded: "We, the Children of Broughton, request that the following message be sent to their Majesties the King and Queen." This is the telegram which the Clerk of the Parish Council (Mr. Fred Hinwood) was asked to forward:—"The King and Queen, H.M. Yacht Victoria and Albert, Cowes, Isle of Wight. Our love and duty to our dear King and Queen, from the children of Broughton, Hampshire, at the opening of their new playground on Fripp's Acre."

All joined fervently in the singing of two verses of the National Anthem, to the accompaniment of the Band.

The CHAIRMAN said they were met to celebrate the opening of a playground for the children of Broughton, which had been provided through the kindness of their very worthy friend, Mr. Fripp, who had generously presented it to the Parish Council for the use of the village for all time. All would agree that it was extremely kind of Mr. Fripp to come forward in that public-spirited way. Not only would the children of the village benefit, and be thankful for the playground, but the parents would have great cause to thank him when they remembered that the children had somewhere in which they could play in safety, for there was danger in playing in the streets in view of the ever increasing traffic on their thoroughfares. They all felt immensely grateful to Mr. Fripp for his great kindness, and on behalf of the Parish Council he thanked him very sincerely for the generous gift (applause).

Lady Fripp was to have presented the deeds to the Parish Council, but it will be remembered with very great regret that not so long ago she lost her husband, Sir Alfred Fripp, who, like his cousin, did so much for little children. In her letter of apology for being absent, Lady Fripp wrote: "I found the programme of the opening of the new playground awaiting me, and in spite of being billed, my courage fails me. I am going to ask you to excuse my not coming. You can feel assured that I am with you in sympathy, heart and soul, but I just don't feel that I can face the publicity. I am sure too that your friends would rather that you handed over the deeds, and you are so ably supported that I feel sure you can dispense with my presence. I am sure you will appreciate my reluctance. All sympathised with Lady Fripp in her time of sorrow for nearly all present had keen recollections of his visit in October, 1926, when he handed the deeds conveying the well and well-house to the Chairman of the Parish Council and Lady Fripp unveiled the memorial tablet.

In her stead, Mrs. SAMUEL TRUDE FRIPP handed the deeds (which had been prepared by Mr. P. E. J. Talbot, solicitor, of Andover, but who could not be present on account of ill-health) to the Chairman. She said how delighted Mr. Fripp was to be able to make the gift, and she hoped the children would take advantage of using it.

The CLERK to the Parish Council read aloud the wording of the deeds.

Although the rain was pelting down and everybody obviously was wet through, the ardour of the audience was in no way damped, and the applause which from time to time punctuated the speeches showed how real was their gratitude.

Mr. W. RAY said in his lifetime he had proposed many votes of thanks, but never had he

as they liked, get as dirty as they liked, and make as much noise as they liked, for there was nobody to say them nay (hear, hear).

Mr. BALDWIN seconded the vote of thanks, and read a letter of apology from Col. Sir Arthur Holbrook, who was to have performed that task. Col. Holbrook wrote that it was a great disappointment to him not to be able to attend, but when he got back from a yachting cruise he hoped to make a journey to Broughton to personally convey his regret and to see the playground in full swing.

A move was then made to the shelter of the marquee, where Sir CHARLES PINKHAM, High Sheriff of Middlesex, declared the ground open. The speaker said it was an untold pleasure to him to accept Mr. Fripp's invitation, but it was with sincere regret that on his arrival he found his friend in a bad state of health. They all hoped he would soon be restored to his normal health and strength (hear, hear). That was not a flash in the pan on the part of Mr. Fripp. He had been associated with Mr. Fripp for more than half-a-century. Thirty years ago when he was chairman of the Willesdon Council, Mr. Fripp was one of his colleagues, and he started the idea of buying a plot of land, in all about 100 acres—for a Recreation Ground. There was bitter opposition, but after a two days Government enquiry they secured the sanction to borrow the money and buy the park. Those opposed to him pointed the finger of scorn at Mr. Fripp and said it would be his burial ground. In 1907 there was an election, when Mr. Fripp and two or three of his stalwarts were not returned, simply because they fought hard to get the park. When Lord Aberdeen opened that park, Mr. Fripp asked who could wish for a better burial ground than in a 100-acre park. That day Mr. Fripp had given them a park, and it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he declared the ground open for all time, for all people (applause).

Mr. A. TEBBUTT, who is the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Hampshire County Council, said he was very interested in that day's doings in Broughton, because he was connected with the Playing Fields Association for Hampshire. There was a proverb "Handsome is as handsome does." Mr. Fripp, on that account, was the handsomest man in Broughton that day (hear, hear). His memory would remain with them for many years, and his name would be a household word with them. The gift of love had its own reward in love. Mr. Fripp had given a gift of love, and his reward was in the love in the hearts of the children as they enjoyed themselves in the sunshine. The pouring rain did not prevent them having warm hearts for what was happening that day. They had had a field presented to them for their own. He felt perfectly certain that whenever the children had anything which was their own they generally took great care of it. That field, to be known as Fripp's Acre, belonged to them, and he hoped very sincerely that the children now, and as they grew up, would always be willing to try and do something to help keep the field in the right and proper state, in order to get the fullest enjoyment out of it. There was nothing more distressing to him than to go about the countryside and see how lovely places were being spoiled with litter, strewn about by careless people. He wanted the principle inculcated in the minds of the children that to leave litter and rubbish about was spoiling places for other people. If there was one thing more than another which they wanted to instil it was that not only should they enjoy themselves, but that they should do all they could to help other people enjoy themselves. That was the spirit which had animated Mr. Fripp in presenting them with that Recreation Ground. He concluded by asking his hearers to try and keep that same spirit for they would find that by helping others they gave themselves the greatest pleasure (applause).

Mr. SAMUEL TRUDE FRIPP spoke of the pleasant memories his father had of the village of Broughton, and the pleasure he had in making the gift. He (the speaker) felt honoured in being able to be associated with other members of the family in trying to embellish the gift by the provision of seats and swings. Each of those gifts represented the affection of someone connected with the family, so that although it was an individual gift they would realise that many of them had their sentiments at the back of it. Much of the hard work connected with that day's proceedings had fallen on the shoulders of Mr. Hoare, and they wished to thank him for all he had done for them (applause).

Mr. HOARE, replying, read a telegram