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"Martyrs and Duty" will be the topic this ev

The Rev. J. Stephen Barrass will preach at St. Lawrence serening at soven. Subject: "A Voice in the Wilderness."

The Great Northern Railway Company is running excurry Sanday and Thursday at 11.30 a.m. from King's Cross to Ske Vorcester Races are to be held on Thursday and Friday next ireat Western Railway Company has arranged to run a speci on from Paddington on Thursday at 9.10 a.m. for Worcester dday at 9.50 a.m.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS.

Oh, dear, no! See this Sunday's Re

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Oh, la, la, la la No wonder Modern Astrology informs its Royal Number that 'the Accession of King George shadows a complete revolution in national politics."

ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

To Asquish loadily Labour crise

"Your promise, not the compromise!"

The Conference is apparently the last milestry to the political millentum. The Opposition laws with the Government lion, and all is to be per

A Fool's Paradist.

But I cannot help having an uncomfortable feeling that the Unionists are likely to wake up one fine day and find that they have been eleverly pressed into the service of a Government anxious to carry on business for a time without the fear of the Nationalist Party were before them.

The longer the Conference continues the better it will be for the Government, the worse for the Opposition. Whishever way it ends the Unionist Fatty will have lost a great deal of the headway that it had made during the last General Ricotion. From the point of view of Farty testions the quick action of the Unionists in trying to help the Government out of the sliding log in which it would have periabed is likely to be disastrous.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Birthday d Rewards. We are especially proud of

The " Referee " Peerage,

which is that of our Mr. Richard Causton, for so many years solively associated with the REFEREE Children's Dinner Fund.

Heat in summer seems nowadays to have the same effect upon newspaper nerves as mow in winter. Perspiring Pressmen have been howing about

" Hottest Days "

ne though we wave going to be burnt up alive. And all because for once in a way flaming June has flamed.

* Will cil supplant coal as fuel? The question is being very seriously discussed in the Western Mail. At present the chief interest centres in ships. The advantages of cil as fuel for ships are that is is more easily handled than coal, couples less space, requires no trimming, and under certein conditions

se chief disadvantages are that it is expensive, and there few oil stations in existence. But coal has a black future

Sympathy on Practical Lines.

I think, therefore, that I shall not be misunderstood when I axpress a hope that in the new movement with regard to pauper children we shall not let our hearts get the bester of our heads and make the struggle of the poor parents who seek to maintain their own offspring more bitter than it is already. That we are bound to do directly we show them how much bester off their little ones would be if they were left to the

parentage of the State.

A week or so ago a boy committed a petty theft because he wanted to be a sailor, and he understood that his best chance of being put on a training skip was to be a bad boy. The magistrate who tried the case made some very severe remarks about the cruelty of the system which does nothing for good boys but everything for bad ones.

* In some of the "eastered homes" for pauper children that I have visited I have been impressed with the idea that the best thing a poor man and his wife who were under the weather could do was.

To Cliva Un the Standard To The Stand

To Give Up the Straggle of Pare

desert their children, and les them go to one of these happy homes provided by the ratepayers, where the children have not only every comfort but quite a number of luxuries that they could never hope to get in their own family circle.

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The danger is that we may make the honest worker who loves his children evious when he contrasts the lot of his own little ones with the lot of the own little ones with the lot of those children whose parents, transpead no ser-de-ownle, have retired from parental responsibility in favour of the parish.

I remember many years ago, when I used to "tramp" mysslf in search of copy and advanture, meeting two men in a "padding kan" on the Gress North road. One had a good sait of clothes on and money in his pooles; the other was badly dressed, and had only a few coppers left when he had paid for his bed. The tucky man had recently been discharged from gaol; the unlucky man was

An Honest Labeurer

tramping in search of work. The ex-prisoner made n secret of the fact that he had obtained his outfit and his case from a charitable society, anxious to give him "a fresh start. The working man inquired the name of the society, and we told that it was no good his applying as he hadn't jus "come out of quod."

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"It's a rum start, that h," said the working-man to me when we were talking together. "I can't get help because I've never been a thief. I suppose an honest chap out of work ain't hought as much of as a thief out of prison." The working-man was unable to appreciate the great human idea that makes the heart of modern charity ago out rather to the physically, morally, and mentally until not to the struggling fit. One of the great needs of the day is that we should get our humanitarianism back on to sound, common-sense, level-headed lines.

s scores of cases within my one scores of cases within my onbear out the maghateful consistion are
m is unwise. No system can be sound which
lo compete unfairly with the good. I remembed
frunken couple whose boy wouldn't take the
to school. They didn't argue with him, but
outwaity of bringing him before a magistrate.

Ad boy to es within my own personal and present system is unwish
helps the bad to compete
a case of a drunken cot
trouble to go to school.

The boy rumained in the school till he was sixteen, came or with a trade which had been taught him, and is now far best off than many of the boys who lived in the same court at behaved well but whose parents were too poor to have the taught a trade

only last week a case was reported in which a young fallow stole a barrow in order, to use his own expression, "to be put away and insults something." "I did it," maid the prizoner, "so se I might item something useful. As I am now I'm only a nuisance to myself and everybody else."

The young represent the future, and it is the duty of colety to see that they grow up into useful citizens Instead of Malefactors.

we have no right to compel parents to be that their children may be made useful oit

THE COLOURED CROWD.

Though blackly still the grand monde goes, And blurs the summer's garden way, The little world forgets its woes In colours gay.

smiling maiden's hat is bright With summer flowers of every he seeks the sunshine sheathed in Or pink, or blue.

The dirge of mournful May is o'er.
Their hearts to life and hope att
The people gaily garb once more
For jound June.

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The story of the woman Marie Le Boy, who passed as Harry Lloyd all her life, is not new, but in the latest instance the deception was as successfully carried out that one's thoughts wander round possibilities. Suppose the heroine of the latest romanes had, as a man, gone in for Parliamentary honours, been elested, and risen in time to Cabinest rank? The secret would only have been discovered at her death, and then—well, of course, her every official act as a Cabinest Minister would have been illegal.

The rumours that the interesting story have give been numerous. One is to the effect that

A Well-known Member of Parliament

is really—but the story is so absurd that I hasitate to put if into cold print. The Suffragettee are clever and have brough off many wonderful coups, but I don't think that even they could successfully have carried out such a gigantic plot to make the opponents of female suffrage look fooliah at the finish

FROM BROOKLANDS.

"You were very soon hurled out of your throne," they said to the charming lady who was the highest bidder for these in the airship. "Oh, no," replied the lady; "I was no hurled out, I Abdy-cated."

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All the stars of the theatrical firmament will appreciate in the Botanic Gardens at the Fête in aid of

The Actors' Orphanage.

-[Stare! They are comets, and all of the they will have long queues.—EDITOR.]

for they will have long queues.—EDTOR.]

The proper pitch of the voice for the telephone has not yet been acquired by a fourth of the people who ring you up or reply to your 'Hullo, are you there?' There are voices on the telephone that make a noise in your ear and nothing more. But there is, it seems, a voice which is specially suited to the modern instrument of torture. This is called

The Telephone Voice

and young ladies possessing it are now said to be at a premium in commercial offices. This is understandable. When you are called up half a dozen times a day to receive a noise in your ear, and nothing but a noise, and you eventually manage to discover that you are "a wrong number," you may be accused if you refuse to include the telephone among the blessings of modern civilisation.

THE TELEPHONE TERROR

of resumes in the tabloid form of — .

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Of course I never use such a word on the telephone—or nywhere else. But the absence of "the telephone voice" in the ordinary user of the instrument causes an enormous rates of time at the Exchanges and leads to a great deal of ritation among subscribers.

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Not a day passes that I am not rung up three or for nos to be told that I am a "wrong number" and I am ting off "-and the request is

Not Always Politely Conveyed.

The other day a young gentleman in an office rang me up and began to abuse me for not having forwarded a zinc-lined packing case. In my kindliest voice! Easid, "To whom do withink you are talking?" "A — fool!" was the ruply. People ring up a wrong number and then invect the unhappy viotim for not being the right one.

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On Friday afternoon I motored by Uzbridge and Gerra
Cross to Desconsfield and by lovely leafy ways into Windo
Just as I got near the Castle a policeman in a straw halt
held up his hand, and I noticed a little crowd of people ast
ing upon the pawement, and one or two groups chatting in

The Confirmation of the Prince of Wates.

So I joined one of the little chatting groups, and saw the various members of the Royal Family pass along the roadway without the slightest interruption being made in the traffic, except that a policeman held up his hand now and then to warr an oncoming cart to stop a moment and allow a Royal

There was not a redcoat in sight, and the two policemen, one at the gentrance to the station yard and the other opposite the Castle gates, did all that was necessary. The scene was impressive in its simplicity, and I know that it made a great impression upon two German tourists who were standing near has where I theseved in the readway. I heard what they said.

I have had several letters from motorists endo approciation of the pictures quantum of the Hypring Fo to Southend. The road that runs through the Force

I was at Southend just after Buchanan Day had beer breated in the sunny churchyard where the poet sloog dreamless sleep. When I visited the grave I found it or with beautiful wreaths freahly laid there by friend admirers who charished the poet's memory.

Robert Buchanas
lived for some time at Southend at Hamlet Court, which was at one time the residence of Edwin Arnold, who gave us "The Light of Asia." In the years gone by I spent more than one pleasant week-end with Bobert Buchanan at Southend. We wrote a portion of "The English Rose" there, and it was be who first showed me the beauties of the Essent country.

Last week, when I was at the Palace Hotel, I had planned two atoursions—one across the sunny stretch of water and by the estuary of the Medway to Dickans land, and the other to Canvay Island, of which Buchanan was never tired of salking. But the Fates willed it otherwise, and I had to return to lown, But I am going to make another motor trip to the Essert show directly, and this time I mean to get to Charvay Island.

directly, and this time I mean to get to Canvey. Instance.

If I don't do it this summer I must do it this wrinter.

Southend and Westellff are at their very best as health resorts in the winter, and are rapidly acquiring fame in that direction. The railway companies, recognizing the enterprise which the local authorities and the local capitalists are displaying in laying out the superb Riviera and

Saunterland-by-the-Son

that now stretches from Westcliff to Shoeburyness, will, I understand, presently put on a Pallman service and make London's nearest-to-the-sea a fifty minutes voyage de luze.

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Bui "to return to our motors." While I am on the subject I should like to say a word about those special terrors to the motorist, the small boys who hang on behind carts and wagons, 'buses and tramears, and suddenly drop off and

Dart Into the Middle of the Road.

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That boy who hangs on behind is everywhere. You come upon him in the towns and in the villages, and you see nothing of him till you get level with him, and he cannot see you when you are coming in an opposite direction. The wonder to me is that half a dozen a day do not get run over.

The lads are risk **

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The many the risk thought of the chauffeur is to avoid killing them, and he may easily in his swift endeavour bring his car and its occupants to grief.

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The matter is a serious one, and I am sure I shall have

The Support of All Motorists

in urging the schoolmasters and mistresses who have to children in their care to impress the peril upon their yout minds lest it be impressed on their youthful bodies.

ACROSS THE RIVER.

All day you hear the traffic rosting,
Where work and unemployment me
While newsboys shouting in the str
Show bills ablaze with "Surrey scoring

Limp mothers pass with babies squalling, Unshod the ragged children stray, While all the staring sheets display In giant type "Kent's wickets falling."

Where leafs Despair's unkempt and wan son,
The sponge thrown up, the battle lest,
From earts piled high the quires are test,
Filled with the latest "Jeffries-Johnson."

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Where rags are clothes, and seraps are dinners,
Where fiares the naphths of the stalls,
O'er recking streets, as darkness falls,
Miss Minty Lamb has arrived at Opposite-the-Ducks,
London, from Tinker Bell Yills, Bexhill, for the remainder
of the season. Here is her latest addition to Table Table.
'Annile, you needn't worry a bit shout being dead. I will
always see that uncle has his hot water and his toast crust
for dinner."

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Votes for Women being now, in spite of prudent protestams from Mr. Asquith,

A Weapon in the Govern

and the Opposition recognising the unvision from a Party point of view of having the Suffragettes against them at elections, we may safely prophesy that the petitions is about to take its place in Parliament.

That the near future will see the lady M.P. is pra-riain. Directly we give

The Franchise to the Pair

we admit the right of women to choose their own representa-tives. If ear ceases to be a disqualification as the poil, it can-not logically be held to be a disqualification in the House. Who will be the first lady M.P.? I think I know the name of the lady who at the present moment would have the best chance. But you may have your own idea.

A LADIES' COMPETITION.

THE WOMAN FOR WESTMINSTER.

end me on a postcard the name of the lady whom you der most deserving of the honour of being The First Lady

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