

ITEMS OF NEWS

The growth of St. Matthew's Church of England Sunday school during the past year has been so marked that the Sunday school authorities are at present perplexed as to how to provide additional accommodation. The average attendance during the past term has increased by about 100 scholars. At the meeting of St. Matthew's Parish Council on Monday evening the superintendent, Mr. A. D. Vivian, referred to the inadequate accommodation and urged that steps be taken to provide the much needed room. During the discussion that followed it was pointed out that the room occupied by the young men's club would probably be requisitioned, but there was a reluctance to disturb the existing arrangements, seeing that the young men were engaged in such good work. Mr. T. Greenfield said that he would like to see a young men's hall erected on the land at a cost of about £100. Mr. W. D. James favored the erection of a hall where young men of the town could assemble for mutual improvement. No definite decision, however was arrived at, but the question will engage the attention of the parochial council at an early date.

It has been felt for some time in Anglican circles that the formation of a men's society, acting as an auxiliary to the church, would prove of incalculable benefit in arousing a deeper interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the church at large. The Rev. H. H. Crigan, at the meeting of the parochial council of St. Matthew's Church of England, on Monday evening emphasised this need when he urged that a branch of the Church of England Men's Society should be established in Albury. The speaker dwelt on the many advantages accruing from such a society. Dr. W. Cleaver Woods heartily commended the suggestion and said that he would aid such a society, both financially and otherwise. (Applause). He had been somewhat prejudiced against such societies in the past, but he was sanguine that much good would result, particularly seeing that there were such numbers of young men attached to the church. He moved that a branch be formed. Mr. W. E. Elliott seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A meeting of the boot manufacturers was held at the Melbourne Chamber of Manufacturers rooms, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That owing to the considerable advance in the

owing to the considerable advance in the price of leather, as notified by the tanners, and the increased cost of production, it is necessary that the price of boots be immediately advanced." This will be exceedingly unweelcome news to parents of large families. Nowadays it is nothing but increases in the prices of all commodities—scarcely a week passes without an advance in the price of something.

Pursuant to a recent decision of the Government, electric light is being installed in Brisbane Gaol. Similar steps will probably be taken at St. Helena. It is the intention of the Government to allow prisoners with good records to have artificial light in their cells until 9 o'clock in the evening. They will be allowed to read until that hour, and a further instalment of comfort will be the furnishing of their quarters with more articles than they at present possess. In short, gaols are being made such pleasant places people worried by the cares of business will soon be glad to retire to such establishments for a holiday. They will be saved the troubles and expense of housekeeping, and what with the good libraries and healthy recreation and other luxuries provided, the time will come when half the population will be taxed to keep the other half in what is vulgarly known as "quod!"

Yesterday at the Albury Police Court, before Mr. H. F. Roberts, P.M., P. W. Blake for riding a bicycle on the footpath in Dean street on June 17 (second offence) was fined 5/ with 6/ costs. James Jennings for allowing a horse to stray on June 18, was fined 5/ with 6/ costs. For allowing three cows to stray in Kiewa street on June 19, Simon Mansfield was fined 5/ with 6/ costs. The foregoing prosecutions were instituted by Mr. Jos. Seymour, Municipal inspector of nuisances. Charles Marshall was charged with allowing a horse to stray on 18th inst., and the case was postponed till this morning.

The delivery of letters is getting later in Albury, if anything. On a recent evening one at least of the letter carriers, on his so-called "afternoon round," had to strike matches at each house so he could decipher the addresses on the letters! It is not fair of the Government to inflict the additional expense of supplying matches to overworked mailmen. Surely the huge department overlorded by Josiah T. will buy a few boxes of lucifers for the men, if it will not put on extra hands to enable

buy a few boxes of letters for the men, it will not put on extra hands to enable the letters to be delivered within a reasonable time!

Quite a stir in the traffic was caused in Olive street about 12 o'clock yesterday, when a waggon, drawn by four horses, bolted down Olive street, at a rapid pace. One of the horses in the shafts was dragged for some distance on its side. The lamp post in the centre of Dean and Olive streets brought the runaways to a standstill. The only result luckily of the bolt was in the horse being slightly knocked about.

A middle-aged man named Henry Poppleton, a resident of Albury, was carrying bricks on a hod on to a scaffold at a new building at Howlong on Monday when he slipped and fell 14 feet. In falling it is surmised the man struck part of the scaffold, as he injured his side. The injured man was brought into the Albury Hospital the same evening. Besides his injury he is suffering from shock.

What was generally considered a capital programme was presented by West's Pictures to a fairly large audience at the Albury Mechanics' Institute last evening. The interest evinced in the thrilling picture, *Convict 796*, was as keen as when the film was originally screened in Albury. This splendid picture will be shown to-night for the last time. Other pictures greatly appreciated were—*Cast Up By the Deep*, *Market Scenes in Algiers*, *Indian Pete's Gratitude*, *Scenes in Madeira*, *Industries of Sardinia*, *The Land of the Brahmins*, and *The Writing on the Blotter*. With the exception of *Convict 796*, there will be a new programme again this evening.

The Albury Skating Rink was well patronised yesterday and last night. The arrangements for the three daily sessions are advertised in this issue.

St. Patrick's Tennis ball is to be held in the Albury Mechanics' Institute tomorrow evening. The music will be supplied by Mr. Pogson. Double tickets are 5/-; extra lady, 2/6.

Mr. P. S. Kelly, butcher, Dean street, Albury, advertises a reduction in the prices of meat. Quotations are given in the advertisement.

The Bowna Rifle Club annual meeting will be held at the Bowna Hall next Friday evening.

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in the estate of the late Thomas Oatley, of Albury, are required to send full particulars to Messrs. Emerson and Tietjens, solicitors, Albury, who are proctors for the executrix and executor of the will, before August 14.

Tenders will be received by the A. and B. P. A. and H. Society for publicans' booth at the horse parade at the show grounds on August 11. Tenders close at noon on July 1.

Persons having claims against the estate of the late Henry Thompson, of Bungo-wannah, are required to at once send detailed particulars to Colonel Wilkinson, Albury, proctor for the executor.

A good, solid business, which has been established for 25 years, is advertised for sale in this issue. The stock comprises groceries, tinware, brushware, etc., and shows a good turnover. The place is in a good stand, with easy rent. Mr. Alf. Michell, Albury, is agent.