Sales by Auction.

CATTLE MARKET,
LION STREET, ABERGAVENNY.

MESSRS. STRAKER AND SON will SELL BY AUCTION in the CATTLE MARKET, on TUESDAY NEXT, Consignments of

FAT & STORE STOCK,
AND OTHER EFFECTS.

All Stock should be in the Pens by Nine o'clock.
Auctioneers Offices, Tverton-place, Abergavenny.

STOCK MARKET, ABERGAVENNY.

UNRESERVED SALE OF ENGLISH-GROWN ROSES.

MESSRS. STRAKER & SON have been favoured with instructions to SELL BY AUCTION, (without reserve)

IN THE STOCK MARKET, ABERGAVENNY,
On TUESDAY, the 8th day of FEBRUARY, 1898,
Commencing at Eleven o'clock precisely,

About 1,500 choice Standard, Dwarf & Climbing ROSES,

Comprising the following well-known Varieties, viz.:—

Alfred Colomb, A. K. Williams, Chas. Lefebore, Duke of Edinburgh, Mrs. John Laing, Gloire de Dijon, Catherine Mermet, Marie Van Houtte, The Bride, General Jacqueminot, La France, Duke of Wellington, Rubens, Celine Forestier, Madame Benamon, France Vernet, Marchioness of Londonderry, Merveille de Lyon, Mrs. Sharman Crawford, Marechal Niel, &c.

NOTE.—These Roses are designed direct from the Nurseries of a well-known Rose Grower, and every care will be taken to deliver them in the best possible Condition; they may be relied on as true to name, are in fine condition for transplanting, and are in every way a very superior lot of Plants.

Auctioneers' Offices: Tverton place Abergavenny.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD VILLA RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

MESSRS STRAKER AND SON will SELL BY AUCTION, at the GRYFFYDD HOTEL, ABERGAVENNY,

On TUESDAY the 22nd of FEBRUARY, 1898,
At Two for Three o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced, all that Valuable

Freehold Villa Residence,

known as "Western House," Chapel-road, Abergavenny, in the occupation of Henry Tippett, Esq.

Further particulars will appear in next week's advertisements; or may be obtained of the Auctioneers, Abergavenny; or of

MR. B. E. HODGENS,
Solicitor, Abergavenny.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

MONMOUTHSHIRE, PARISH OF LLANGATTOCK LINGOED.

MESSRS. STRAKER & SON will SELL BY AUCTION, at the GRYFFYDD HOTEL, ABERGAVENNY,

On TUESDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1898,
At Two for three o'clock in the Afternoon, (unless sold before) Conditions of Sale to be then produced, all that

Valuable FREEHOLD FARM

Known as
"LITTLE KETHLEX," or "QUARELLA,"
Situate in the Parish of Llangattock Lingoed, and containing 32 Acres, or thereabouts.

Further particulars will appear in next week's advertisements, or copies may be obtained of the Auctioneers at Abergavenny; or of

MR. B. E. HODGENS,
Solicitor, Abergavenny.

ABERGAVENNY.

MESSRS. STRAKER & SON will SELL BY AUCTION, at the GRYFFYDD HOTEL, ABERGAVENNY, at the end of FEBRUARY, 1898, a Quantity of Valuable

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

And OTHER EFFECTS.

To be removed from various private Residences in the neighbourhood and sold without reserve.

Particulars hereafter.

Auctioneers Offices: Tverton Place, Abergavenny

TO TIMBER MERCHANTS AND OTHERS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE, PARISH OF LLANELLEN, HEREFORDSHIRE, PARISH OF CLODOCK.

MESSRS. STRAKER & SON will SELL BY AUCTION, at the GRYFFYDD HOTEL, ABERGAVENNY, at the end of FEBRUARY, 1898, a Quantity of Valuable

Oak, Ash, & other Timber Trees,

Particulars of which will appear in next week's advertisements and catalogues, which may be obtained of the Auctioneers at Abergavenny.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

GROSMONT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD FARM FOR SALE.

MESSRS. STRAKER & SON will SELL BY AUCTION, at the GRYFFYDD HOTEL, ABERGAVENNY,

On TUESDAY, the 1st day of MARCH, 1898,
At Two for Three o'clock in the Afternoon (subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced), all that

Valuable Freehold Farm, Lands and Premises,

Called "GROSMONT WOOD FARM,"
Otherwise called "CHAPEL FARM," situate in the Parish of Grosmont, in the County of Monmouth, three miles from Pandy Station, GW.R., containing 28a ACRES 2 ROODS, 24 PERCHES, or thereabouts, of Meadow, Pasture, Arable, and Woodland, now in the occupation of Mr. W. T. Perkins.

Detailed advertisement in next week's papers, and further particulars may be obtained from the Auctioneers, at Abergavenny; or of

MESSRS. MORGAN, FRANCIS, STANTON & PARKYN,
Solicitors,
Skinner Street Chambers,
Newport, Mon.

To Let.

HOUSE and Shop to Let, in good position in the main street of Abergavenny. Low rent. —Apply by letter to "Shop," *Chronicle* Office.

HOUSE and Shop to Let, Monk-street—Apply, Mr. Allfrey, Ironmonger, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Abergavenny.

TO LET, Furnished Apartments; comfortable bedroom and sitting-room.—Apply Mrs. Watkins, Maesyfelin, Hereford-road.

FURNISHED or Unfurnished Apartments to Let, Pleasantly situated.—Apply, "S," *Chronicle* Office.

TO LET, unfurnished Villa, "Riverdale," Brecon-road. Apply to E. A. Johnson, Architect.

TO LET, No. 2, Hafod-terrace, pleasantly situated, and within a minute of town and G.W. Station.—Apply, D. Maddy.

COTTAGES to Let, in Pontypound-road, Lion-street, and Tyle House-lane.—Apply, Thomas Young, Monk-street.

FLAT FOR SALE, or to Let, on the Llanelleu-road, a Cottage and Garden. Apply, Miss Harris, 3, Hereford-terrace, Hereford-road, Abergavenny.

TO BE LET, from 25th March next, Western House, Castle-street, Abergavenny, now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Tipper. Apply to Mr. B. E. Hodgens, Solicitor, Abergavenny.

LODGINGS.—Apartments for Lodgers, Gentlemen preferred. Apply, Mrs. Rogers, Tyle Mill, Tredegar-road, Abergavenny.

TO LET, Lower Flat, Castle-street, Abergavenny. Apply, Mr. Hughes, Castle-street, Abergavenny.

TO LET, Lower Flat, Castle-street, Abergavenny. Apply, Mr. Hughes, Castle-street, Abergavenny.

TO LET, a commodious Dwelling-house, with Yard, Stable, Garden, &c., in the Market-place, Abergavenny. Apply, Mr. Jones, Tailor, Market-place, Abergavenny.

TO LET, a convenient Cottage, with excellent Garden, most healthily situated in Tredilliton Park, Abergavenny. For further particulars and order to view apply, Messrs. J. and C. Nesbitt, Solicitors, 26, Mount-street, Abergavenny.

Sales by Auction.

ABERGAVENNY CATTLE MARKET.
TUESDAY NEXT.

MESSRS. BLENNERHASSETT & HILL will SELL BY AUCTION in the CATTLE MARKET Consignments of

FAT & STORE STOCK,
AND OTHER EFFECTS.

Commencing at 9.30 a.m. prompt.
Offices:—12, Cross-street, Abergavenny; Crickhowell, and Pontypool.

GLAMORGANSHIRE, AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY AT DOWLAIS, BY BLENNERHASSETT AND HILL, WITH TEN SHARES IN THE DOWLAIS GAS AND COKE COMPANY, LTD.

MR. IRVINE BLENNERHASSETT (of the Firm of Messrs. Blennerhassett and Hill) has been favoured with instructions to SELL BY AUCTION, at the BUSH HOTEL, DOWLAIS,

On WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 1898,
At Three o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced, the undermentioned

PROPERTIES,

Viz.:—

Lot 1.—All that VALUABLE LEASEHOLD MESSUAGE, TENEMENT, SHOP, WAREHOUSE and PREMISES, known as

"THE GWALIA,"

being No. 119, High-street, Dowlais, together with the Yard, Premises, Piece of Ground, and Cottage adjoining held therewith. Also the right of a Piece of Ground adjoining thereto as a Yard for the same during the remainder of a term of 21 years for which one Thomas Jones was Lessee thereof under the Dowlais Iron Co.

The above-mentioned Property occupies one of the best positions in High-street Dowlais, and comprises: On the ground floor, a Double-fronted Shop, 20ft. square with Dwelling-house adjoining, having a total frontage of 37 feet 6 inches to the main thoroughfare, with a Private Entrance to the Dwelling-house, containing a Parlour, Kitchen, Wat-house, Coalhouse and w.c. On the first floor: a large Landing, 3 Commodious Bedrooms and 2 Small ditto. At the back of the same premises is a Cottage, comprising a Kitchen and Back Kitchen and Bedroom over, the whole being also approached through the Dwelling-house Passage, very useful for warehouse purposes, and being in the occupation of Mr. W. D. Thomas, General Confectioner and Grocer, at the yearly annual rental of £45. The Property is held on a Lease dated 30th October, 1866, for the term of 99 years from Michaelmas, 1864, at a ground rent of £1 18s. 6d. per annum. The whole is sub-leased to John Williams, of Morgan Town, Merthyr Tydfil, Builder, and Samuel Davies, of Cae-harris, Dowlais, Grocer, for the term of 31 years from the 29th September, 1874, at a yearly rent of £44 6s. 0d., subject to a covenant to keep the whole of the said premises in repair.

Lot 2.—All those TWO VALUABLE LEASEHOLD MESSUAGES, TENEMENTS or COTTAGES, Nos. 15 and 16, Church-street, Rhymney, in the County of Monmouth, each containing on the ground floor, Kitchen, Parlour, Pantry, w.c., with Two Bedrooms over, and Large Garden at back, in the several occupations of Messrs. George Curtis and Thomas Davies, at the annual rents of £13 13s. 0d. each, payable quarterly. This Property is held under a Lease from the Rhymney Iron Co., for a term of 99 years from 25th December, 1847.

Lot 3.—TWO £4 SHARES (Fully paid) in the Dowlais Gas and Coke Co.

Lot 4.—TWO £10 SHARES (Fully paid) in the Dowlais Gas and Coke Co., Ltd.

Lot 5.—FOUR £8 SHARES (Fully paid) in the Dowlais Gas and Coke Co., Ltd.

Lot 6.—TWO £8 SHARES (Fully paid) in the Dowlais Gas and Coke Co., Ltd.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Standard-street, Crickhowell; or 12, Cross-street, Abergavenny; or to

MR. R. H. A. DAVIES,
Solicitor, Crickhowell; or
MESSRS. WALKER & BATTISCOMBE,
Solicitors,
26, Basinghall-street, London, E.C.

PARISHES OF LLANTILLIO PERTHOLEY, LLANFIHANGEL CRUCORNEY, AND LLANTHEWY, MONMOUTHSHIRE; AND HAMLET OF FWTHOG, HEREFORDSHIRE.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

VALUABLE FREEHOLDS FOR SALE, attractive to small Capitalists, Dairymen, and Market Gardeners, and others.

MESSRS. BLENNERHASSETT & HILL have been instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, at the ANGEL HOTEL, ABERGAVENNY,

On TUESDAY, the 15th of FEBRUARY, 1898,
At 2 for 3 o'clock in the Afternoon (subject to the Common Form Conditions of Sale of the Monmouthshire Incumbered Estates Act, 1850, and such special Conditions as shall be then read) the undermentioned

Valuable Freehold Messuages, Pieces or Parcels of Land, viz.:—

Lot 1.—All that Freehold Messuage or Tenement, called "Tee Nant Thee," or "Upper Cwm," together with the buildings, garden, orchard, and land pieces or parcels of Pasture or Meadow Land and Brake thereto adjoining, and belonging or near thereto, contained in the whole according to the recent Ordnance Survey 2a. 3r. 8p. (more or less), the whole being distinguished on the Ordnance Map by the Nos. 613, 608, 606, and 605. The building contains four bedrooms with toilet over, detached wash-house, and the house contains sitting-room, kitchen, and two bedrooms, and usual domestic offices.

Lot 1 is situate at Cwmcoedycerrig, partly in the Hamlet of Fwthog, in the County of Hereford, and partly in the Parish of Llantillio Pertholey, in the County of Monmouth; and is now in the occupation of Mrs. Sarah Ann Jones, as tenant thereof, at the rent of £7 per annum.

Lot 2.—All that Cottage, Garden and Out-Buildings and Eight Pieces or Parcels of Arable, Pasture or Meadow Land, occupied therewith, situate near to Lot 1, containing in the whole, according to the said survey, 3a. 2r. 32p. (more or less), the whole being distinguished on the said Map by the Nos. 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163 and 153. The Cottage is substantially built, and contains two rooms on the ground floor and 2 bedrooms above, and usual domestic offices.

Lot 2 is situate at Cwmcoedycerrig, partly in the Parish of Llantillio Pertholey and partly in the Parish of Llanvihangel Crucorney, in the County of Monmouth, and is now in the occupation of Mrs. Sarah Ann Jones, as tenant thereof, at the rent of £10 per annum.

A Right of Pasturage upon the adjacent Coal-pit, or Hynarw Mountain, has hitherto been enjoyed by the owners of each Lot.

There is an ample supply of water.

A Chief Rent of about one shilling per annum is payable to the Lord of the Manor in respect of one or both Lots, and there is also a small liability in respect of Rectorial and Vicarial Tithe Rent Charge.

The Property is situated about two miles from the Llanvihangel Station (G.W.R.) on the Hereford and Abergavenny Line, and about five miles from Abergavenny and Crickhowell.

A road leading to Llanvihangel on the one hand, and Abergavenny and Crickhowell on the other, runs between the two Lots.

The Property is eminently adapted as an investment for a small capitalist or for a dairyman or market gardener.

For further particulars, and inspection of plan of property, apply to the Auctioneers, Standard-street, Abergavenny; or Standard-street, Crickhowell; or to

MESSRS. J. & C. NESBITT,
Solicitors, Abergavenny.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

MR. T. H. TOMKINS has been instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, at the ROYAL HOTEL, CARDIFF,

THURSDAY, the 24th of FEBRUARY, 1898,
Punctually at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to the Common Form Conditions of the Monmouthshire Incorporated Law Society, and to such Special Conditions as shall be then read, the absolute

Reversion to One Sixth Share of a Trust Estate,

Particulars whereof are stated in the Schedule hereunder. Reversible on the decease of a Lady, now aged 75.

Schedule descriptive of Trust Estate:—

1.—LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

1.—"Hermon Villa," No. 15, Longcross-street, Roath, Cardiff. Unexpired term, 26 years; Ground Rent, £6 12s. 6d. per annum.

2.—Two Villas, "Glenalla" and "Tremont," Talbot-street, Cardiff. Unexpired term, 26 years; Ground Rent, £10 8s. 0d. per annum.

3.—Two Dwelling Houses, 25 and 27, Amherst-street, Grangetown, Cardiff. Unexpired term, 76 years; Ground Rent, £1 1s. 0d. per annum.

4.—One Dwelling House, 29, Amherst-street, Grangetown, Cardiff. Unexpired term, 76 years; Ground Rent, £1 1s. 0d. per annum.

5.—Two Dwelling Houses, 31 and 32, Kent-street, Grangetown, Cardiff. Unexpired term, 75 years; Ground Rent, £6 6s. 0d. per annum.

6.—One Dwelling House, 36, Kent-street, Grangetown, Cardiff. Unexpired term, 76 years; Ground Rent, £2 2s. 0d. per annum.

Gross Rental of the above estimated at £214 9s. 0d. per annum.

II.—FURNITURE, estimated at £100.

I.—SECURITIES, in the hands of Two Trustees, of a total sum of £1,900.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to the Auctioneer, Fromore Chambers, Abergavenny; or to

MESSRS. J. & C. NESBITT,
Solicitors, Abergavenny.

Sales by Auction.

T. H. TOMKINS,
Auctioneer,
Accountant and Auditor,
HOTEL, PROBATE & GENERAL VALUER,
House, Land, and Estate Agent,
MORTGAGE, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS BROKER,
FINANCE, EMIGRATION AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY AND UNDER DEEDS OF ARRANGEMENT.

OFFICES:
FROGMORE CHAMBERS, ABERGAVENNY;
INSTITUTE CHAMBERS, BLAENAVON.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—a bargain—Cottage Pianoforte by "Ward," London. Good condition. £10 cash, cost £30.—Apply, by letter, "X," *Chronicle* Office.

TWO Shares in the Second Abergavenny Starr-Bowkett Building Society for Sale.—Apply, 48, Stanhope-street, Abergavenny.

LAUNDRY GLAZING. — Cuffs, Collars, and Fronts like white China; not used in the Starch; no polishing; particulars free.—Laundry, 200, Liscard, Birkenhead.

Wanted.

WANTED, a Small Country Inn, with a few Acres of Land attached; or a Small Farm, of from 20 to 40 Acres.—Apply, "M," *Chronicle* Office.

WANTED, General Servant.—Apply, Mrs. Taylor, The Lamb, Merthyr-Road, Abergavenny.

LAUNDRY Work wanted; short distance from town; good drying ground and water.—Laundress, *Chronicle* Office.

AGENTS wanted to push first-class Machinery Oils. Liberal Commission. Box 81, Post Office, Liverpool.

WANTED, experienced General; plain cooking. —Apply, Mrs. Blennerhassett, Crickhowell.

WANTED, Re-Engagement as Working Housekeeper.—Apply, 48, Stanhope-street.

WANTED, good General Servant.—Apply, Mrs. Sayce, Café Victoria, High-street, Abergavenny.

FEW good Carpenters wanted, at Buckland, Hewish, Breconshire.—Apply on the Job; or to Turner and Sons, Cardiff.

WANTED, by Young Lady, Situation as Useful Help, where servant is kept. Could Teach if required.—Address, "B," *Chronicle* Office.

WANTED, a Young Man, (indoors,) with a knowledge of Gardening, and to assist generally on a Farm.—Apply, Morgan, Cwm, Govilon.

WANTED, by Young Lady, Situation as Improver in Dressmaking; or any light business. —Apply, "W," *Chronicle* Office.

BLACKSMITHS and Wheelwrights wanted. Constant employment and good wages given to experienced men. (no improvers wanted).—Apply, Stones' Steam Wheelwright Works, Exeter, Mon.

EVENING Employment (out-door) of a remunerative and respectable character can be secured without outlay, by active man.—Address, "Box," Office of this Journal.

LADY and Gentleman (newly married) require Well-Furnished Sitting-room and Bedroom, together with use of Kitchen, in Abergavenny or neighbourhood. Rent, £12 per annum. We gratefully acknowledge these useful and beautiful gifts, and beg to say that if any kind friends, having more potatoes than they require, would give some to the Cottage Hospital, it would be a most useful gift just now.

Miscellaneous.

Election of County Councillors,

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ABERGAVENNY NORTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

Having learned, with regret, that Dr. S. H. Steel does not intend to offer himself for re-election upon the County Council, I beg to offer you my services in that capacity. Although I am sorry to sever the connection between Dr. Steel and the North Electoral Division, yet, as a fitting occasion now arises for offering my services to the Electors of the North Ward, I feel that I can leave my principal interests, & feel that the change will be opportune.

Since I have been a member of the Council I have done my best to attend to the duties, and am pleased to see that (according to the official schedule) my attendances have been above the average.

Your interests are the same as mine, and should you elect me I promise to the best of my ability to fairly represent all my constituents, without question of party or creed, and while serving the interests of the county in general to be especially careful that those of the ward are not neglected.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN OWEN MARSH.

St. Renans, Abergavenny,
February 4th, 1898.

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION, 1898.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ABERGAVENNY SOUTH ELECTORAL DIVISION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Mr. J. O. Marsh having signified his intention of standing for the North Electoral Division, I beg to offer you my services in his stead.

As you all know, I have very large interests in your Division, and, consequently, my own interests are and will be the same as my own.

I believe that the practical experience which I have gained during an active life in business occupations, and nearly Thirty years residence amongst you, will be found useful both to you and the county, and I promise, if elected, to devote my best energies to the service of my constituents without fear or favour, and to do my best to do justice to all, no matter whatever their religious or political opinions may be.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN GEARING THOMAS.

Abergavenny Chronicle,
and Monmouthshire Advertiser,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1898.

St. Mary's Parochial Tea at Abergavenny.

A parochial tea and entertainments were given at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 27th ult., when the following ladies presided at the various tables:—Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. A. E. Williams, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. J. O. Marsh, Miss Marsh, Miss Allen, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. D. E. Thomas, Mrs. Heins, Mrs. Corbishley, Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. Whitfield, Miss Cotton. The tables were prettily decorated with flowering plants, and a large number of people partook of the very excellent tea provided for the occasion by the different ladies. After tea the hall was cleared and arranged for the purpose of a concert, when the following was the programme:—Part 1.—Quartet, "Thy Beauty," Messrs. Grey, R. Carr, Lewis Morgan, E. J. Price, and J. Wilson; song, "Queen of the earth," Rev. A. H. Grey; Edwards; violin solo, "Fairy Dance," Mr. W. Williams; recitation, "Bonawarn's story," Mr. Lewis Morgan; part-song (ladies voices), "The snow," violin obligato—Miss W. Daniel, Mr. W. Williams; song, "Arnan well," Mr. Norton; song, "Killarney," St Mary's Choir Boys; plantation song, "De ole banjo," Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Mr. W. E. Cox, Mr. L. Morgan, and Mr. J. Wilson. Part II.—Maypole dance by girls; quartett, "There is beauty on the mountain," Miss Patton, Miss B. Jones, Mr. W. R. Carr, and Mr. E. J. Price; song, "Beauty's eyes," Mr. E. J. Price, violin obligato Miss W. Daniel; song, "Loves sweet spell," Mr. A. Best; song, "Ivy mower a'i laughing," Rev. A. H. Grey-Edwards; song, "Mr. Speaker," Messrs. A. Best, W. R. Carr, and L. Morgan; violin solo, "Intermezzo," Mr. W. Williams, plantation song, "Dr. Rinaldi di Cova," Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Messrs. W. R. Carr, L. Morgan, and J. Wilson.

COUNCIL SCHOOL.—We are glad to hear that this very useful society is in a flourishing condition, there being over 100 members. As was been before pointed out in our columns, the society is entirely unsectarian, and it deserves support. Such a society as this we think have no opportunity of hearing the works of the great masters. The work to be given on the 11th inst. is Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," and in order to meet the expressed wishes of a large section of the music-loving public there will a miscellaneous vocal and instrumental second part, which will include selections from "The Geisha" and two movements from a string quartette by Tschaikowsky. The spirited way in which the various choruses have been rendered at the rehearsals has been most encouraging to the conductor, Mr. Carr, and an excellent performance of the work is promised.

Abergavenny Board of Guardians.

The fortnightly meeting was held last Friday. Present:—Mr. J. M. Jones, chairman; Mr. H. C. Steel, vice-chairman; Rev. S. R. Young, Rev. F. C. Lewis, Rev. W. Rees, Rev. D. Felix and Messrs. S. Barwell, H. M. Davies, J. P., H. R. Marfell, W. Williams, Llantheney, D. Phillips, W. Jones, J. G. Thomas, W. Williams, Cwmyoy; Joshua Lewis, Hy. Williams, W. S. H. Pain, Jas. Knight, W. L. Dodd, Jno. Evans, A. Edwards and C. White.

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

A letter was read from the Registrar-General saying that he was a loud supporter of the opinion that the appointing of Relieving Officers as Registrars of Births and Deaths for their Relief Districts, was conducive both to economy and public convenience; still in deference to the strongly expressed belief of the Guardians that the present arrangements as regarded the Llanthony district would best serve the interests of the public, he would consent to a registrar being appointed in the place of the late Mr. Lewis.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Williams, Llanthewy; seconded by Mr. Henry Williams, it was unanimously resolved that Mrs. Lewis, widow of the late registrar be appointed.

CONSUMPTION OF GAS.

The Workhouse master submitted, a statement showing that according to the register of the meter the consumption of gas at the Workhouse was increasing at a remarkable rate. In the quarter just ended the meter indicated 136,000 feet, whereas during the corresponding quarter of the previous year it was only 95,400, and if it proceeded at the present rate of registration they would have to pay about double for gas.

After some discussion it was decided that the meter should be sent away to be tested.

Abergavenny School Attendance Committee.

The monthly meeting was held at the Clerk's Office on Friday last. Present: Rev. S. R. Young (chairman), Rev. D. Felix, Rev. P. C. Lewis, and Messrs. J. E. Jenkins, J. G. Thomas, A. Edwards, B. Price and R. W. Marfell.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

There were 42 applications, and the meeting discussed, for some time before reading them, whether they should be given preference to age, and

Mr. Marfell proposed, Mr. J. G. Thomas seconded, and it was resolved unanimously to fix the age at not exceeding 45.

A discussion was raised by the Rev. Daniel Felix as to the meaning of the officer's "giving the whole of his time to the discharge of his duties" as stated in the advertisement, and the general opinion was that the Guardians, in prescribing these conditions, intended that the officer should not be engaged in any other office, occupation, or employment for emolument or reward, and that he should attend solely to the duties of his office.

Mr. B. Price proposed, and Mr. J. G. Thomas seconded, that Mr. Jestyn Evans be appointed.

Mr. A. Edwards proposed, and the Rev. P. C. Lewis seconded, that Mr. D. L. Davies be appointed.

Mr. Edwards and the Rev. P. C. Lewis voted for Mr. Dodd, the rest of the members—excepting the chairman, who did not vote—voting for Mr. Jestyn Evans, who was declared to have been elected.

THE LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—At the recent examination, held in London, Miss Dorothy Vallance Young (pupil of Mrs. Angle) was awarded the bronze medal for pianoforte.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—Month of January. Lady visitors for month, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Evans. Number of patients, 2; discharged, 2; in hospital, 5. Gifts, plum pudding, mincepies, rabbits, fruit, vegetables, salad, oil linen, old curtains, magazines, illustrated papers, books, flowers, and newspapers. We gratefully acknowledge these useful and beautiful gifts, and beg to say that if any kind friends, having more potatoes than they require, would give some to the Cottage Hospital, it would be a most useful gift just now.

LAWN TENNIS.—A smoking concert in connection with the lawn tennis club, was held at the Great Western Hotel the other evening, when in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Paton, the chair was taken by Dr. Howison; Mr. Rhys Hill, the hon. secretary of the club, occupying the hon. vice-chair. A most pleasant evening was spent, and an excellent programme was carried out, including:—Banjo duets by Messrs. H. O. Way and H. Lyons, some glee songs, comic and sentimental by the Misses Morse, Winney, Chaplow, Shackleton, Swinnerton, A. Davenport, Hooper, A. Jenkins, Rhys Hill, W. Denner, Paul, Smith, Jones, Bath, and pianoforte by Mr. Reg. Rosser.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.—A committee meeting was held at the Institute on Monday evening, when there were present Messrs. Barrett, Edwards, Cale, Wingrave, Knight, B. Deverell, Maxwell, J. Swinnerton, G. Sketchley (librarian), Rawlins (treasurer), and J. Green (hon. secretary). The secretary said that he had great pleasure in submitting the statement of accounts of the recent dance held at the Drill-hall, and after defraying all expenses there was a balance in hand of £2 9s. 8d. A vote of thanks was tendered to the committee, and Messrs. H. Griffiths, Townsend, J. Swinnerton, Wingrave, Gower, H. Shackleton, Nelson Lewis, and J. A. Davies were those to whose efforts the success of the dance was due.

ABERGAVENNY WORKMEN'S HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.—The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, Mr. Alfred Price in the chair. There was a large attendance, and satisfaction was expressed at the progress of the Fund. The annual demonstration was freely discussed, the month of June being preferred to the 11th of July. Owing to the rules stating it shall be held in May, a special meeting of all members will be held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday, February 12th, at 6 o'clock p.m., to discuss the advisability of altering the rule. It is hoped a good number will be present, as the committee wish to make the demonstration a success. Anyone interested in the movement are cordially invited to attend.

ABERGAVENNY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—As will be seen in another column the annual meeting of the supporters of this highly useful institution will be held on Friday the 11th inst., at 3 p.m., in the Corn Exchange. It is to be hoped that the meeting will be well attended, in proof that the general public takes an interest in the work done. Funds are very much needed for the carrying on of the useful work which is steadily on the increase, as it appears there were 25 new patients in 1897, than in 1896, the number of patients being 67, viz., 38 males, 29 females. Of these, 39 were cured, 24 relieved, and two died. There are still five remaining in Hospital. The Hospital is open on Friday next, and cannot pail to be highly interesting.

Llantillio Pertholey Diamond Jubilee Fund.

A meeting of the General Committee was held at the National Schools, Llantillio Pertholey, on Monday evening, Major Morgan, chairman of the Parish Council, presided, and there were also present Mrs. Morgan (Brooklands), Mr. J. B. Walford, Rev. A. F. Hogan, Rev. L. Davies, Messrs. W. L. Rogers, T. Richards, Thos. Reynolds, H. Cheese, J. Evans, L. T. Paxton, and the honorary secretaries, G. Jackson and T. J. Williams. The sub-committee, appointed in connection with the scheme of devoting the surplus to the erection of a drinking fountain on the Mardy, reported as to the result of their efforts in sinking for water.

After discussion it was unanimously resolved, upon the proposition of the Rev. A. F. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Walford, "That the sub-committee be requested to make further trials by sinking as well, or otherwise, for supplying the proposed fountain with water, and report thereon within the next three months."

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £29 7s.

DEATHS.

HARRIS.—On the 30th ult., at Dolman's Farm, near Abergavenny, Thomas Harris, the dearly beloved husband of Francis Harris, aged 45 years. Deeply mourned.

DAVIES.—On the 1st inst., at Well Cottages, Gros Mont, William Davies, aged 76.

WIDDOWSON.—On the 29th ult., at 4, Eastgate-terrace, Pontypool, Abergavenny, Emma, widow of William Widdowson, spirit dealer, aged 76.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE CEFN FOREST FOXHOUNDS

Will meet, by permission of the Master of the Monmouthshire Hounds, Cliff Herbert, Esq., at 10.30 each day, on

Wednesday, February 9th—At Llanellen Bridge.
Friday, February 11th—At Pentre Lodge.

A FAIR BEAUTIFUL SKIN.—Sulpholine Soap gives the natural tint and peach-like Bloom of a perfect complexion, makes the Skin smooth, supple, healthy, comfortable—6d. Tablets. Everywhere.

Dog Poisoning at Clytha Park.

Last Monday fortnight the first attempt was made to poison the Great Dane, "Morro," winner of many prizes, and Mr. Herbert's constant companion. Two bitches had already been poisoned, and one had died. Instant remedies were applied and Morro was saved. He had completely recovered. Every means were employed to prevent such a thing happening again, but on Saturday last, during the temporary absence of Mr. Herbert, the miscreants succeeded, by some means or other, in getting at him. He was taken ill about 7.30 p.m. when in the sitting-room at Clytha, and instantly gave vent to a loud and enormous cry. All remedies were useless, and after suffering terrible agony, he died about 3.30 on Sunday morning. Mr. Williams, veterinary surgeon, was in attendance, and administered morphia as the last. "Morro" was the finest specimen of the Great Dane breed in England—quite an unique specimen. So far the poisoning dreadfulness, have escaped detection, but no efforts will be spared to discover them. Needless to say, Mr. Reginald Herbert feels the greatest anxiety at this outrage so close to the Kennels of the Monmouthshire Foxhounds. He feels that these miserable wretches may next attack the Kennels, in fact, a favourite terrier at the Kennels has already died under very suspicious circumstances. The police are making every effort to clear the matter up, and Mr. G. Thompson, the county analyst, is engaged in discovering the nature of the poison.

TIMBER SALE AT ABERGAVENNY.

At the Greyhound Hotel, on Thursday last, Messrs. Straker and Son, held one of the most successful timber sales of the season. The spacious assembly-room of the hotel exhibited quite an animated scene. Mr. James Stanley, who officiated, had before him a large gathering of gentlemen well known in the timber trade, and the competition was very spirited. Lot 1, comprising 55 acres of coppice wood, 220 oak trees, 31 larch poles, and 3,623 stores, started at £1 of 1000. Lot 2, comprising 246 ash, which sum it was knocked down to the Clarence Wharf Saw Mills Co., of Newport. Lot 2, comprising 9 acres of coppice wood, 50 oak trees and 386 stores, commenced at £100, and found a ready purchaser in Mr. M. P. Jones, Llangynidr, at £200. Lot 3, consisting of 15 acres coppice wood, 47 oak, 22 ash, 9 poplar and 6 larch trees and 560 stores, started at £100, and ultimately reached £185, at which figure the lot was secured by the Clarence Wharf Saw Mills Co. Lot 4, comprising 140 oak, 160 ash, and 2 elm, 2 acres of land, and 1 cottage and petition, and Mr. Whitlock, Silverstone, Towcester, was ultimately declared the purchaser at £1,000. Lot 5, consisting of 1,000 Spike poles, was purchased by Mr. Linney, Glasbury, at £26. All the foregoing lots stand on the Great Upper Goytrey Farms, Pandy. The vendor, Mr. Gwilym Jones, of Merthyr, was represented by Mr. Lewis Lewis, the tenant of Great Goytrey Farm, who had marked the timber. The auctioneer also sold two lots of timber on Little Cross Farm, near Raglan, the competition for which was spirited, and Mr. Edwin Davies, Abergavenny, became purchaser of both lots, viz., Lot 1, £167 10s., Lot 2, £235. The amount realised by the sales was £1,963 10s., and the auctioneer was congratulated on all hands at the successful result of the auction.

Primrose League, Hendre Habitation.

The annual Primrose dance and general meeting of the Hendre Habitation, 842, was held at the Town-hall, Abergavenny, on Thursday evening, when there was a large attendance of members of the Habitation and their visitors. Everybody regretted the absence of Lord Llangattock, who was suffering from an attack of influenza. Lady Llangattock took the chair about eight o'clock, supported by Mr. Rolls.

The Secretary, Mr. Ityd Gardner, delivered his report, which was to the effect that the Habitation was in a flourishing condition, and notwithstanding the heavy drafts made on it by forming new Habitations on its borders. Its numbers had gone up as high as ever. It was satisfactory to know the funds were and had a few pounds in the Bank; but the expenditure was something slightly in excess of the income, and he hoped that those members, and their associates, and could well afford to pay subscriptions of Knights and Dames would take the higher rank, and thereby assist the funds. The most important event of the year had of course been the immense gathering of over 3,000 Primrose Leaguers at The Hendre, where they had been so splendidly entertained and cared for in every way. (Cheers.)

Lady Llangattock, in returning thanks for her re-election as ruling councillor of the Hendre Habitation, said it was an honour which she greatly appreciated. When she came to Abergavenny she felt the truth of the old adage, "When friends meet, hearts warm." (Applause.) She was sure they would all regret the absence of Lord Llangattock, who, after an attack of influenza, had been advised not to leave the house during the present uncertain weather. (Hear, hear.) Her Lordship wished to convey his best wishes for a successful meeting and dance. (Applause.) Her Ladyship considered it fortunate in the past that well supported by her son, who took a great interest in everything touching the welfare of the country. (Applause.) It was most gratifying to hear such a good report of the progress made in the Habitation, thanks to the energy of the wardens, office bearers and sec., Mr. Ityd Gardner and Mr. Rolls. Lady Mr. Frederick Gardner, helped not only this Habitation, but several others in the district, thereby giving up much time to the cause, and she believed that the Habitation were due to these gentlemen. (App.) In the course of her remarks Her Ladyship said, "You will remember that we in Monmouthshire were not behindhand in showing our loyalty, and Her Lordship wished to convey his best wishes for a successful meeting and dance. (Applause.) Her Ladyship considered it fortunate in the past that well supported by her son, who took a great