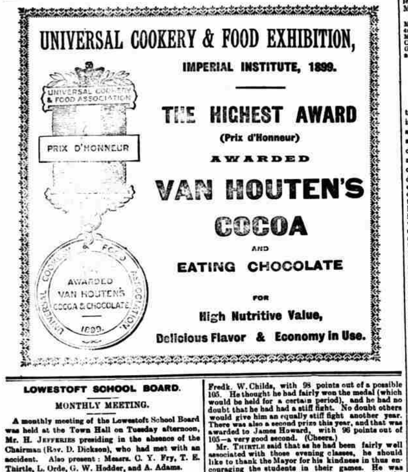

LOWESTOFT SCHOOL BOARD.

MONTHLY MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Lowestoft School Board was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. H. Jefferies presiding in the absence of the Chairman (Rev. D. Dickson), who had met with an accident. Also present: Messrs. C. Y. Fry, T. E. Thirtle, L. Orde, G. W. Hodder, and A. Adams.

FINANCES.

The Finance Committee presented the following:—

Accounts certified by the Attendance Committee—B Hanson, bill posting, 10s; hire of British School, 10s; Edgbaston Institution, maintenance account, £11 10s; Norwich Institution, ditto, £10 10s; Training Ship Formidable, ditto, £7 2s 6d; Leicester School Board, ditto, £6 13s 10d; North London Truant School, £19 5s 8d—£58 8s. Accounts certified by the General Purposes Committee—W Gwyn, books, £15 8s 6d; R Leech, cleaning material, £1 10s 8d; T Saul and Son, firewood, 18s 10d; J S Sterry and Co., coals and coke, £36 14s 9d; Waller and Smith, £2 11s 9d; Water and Gas Company, water and gas, £25 7s 8d—£83 6s 2d. Account certified by the Finance Committee—T Huke, printing, £1 8s 3d. Total, £138 10s 5d.

These accounts were passed, on the motion of Mr. Orde, seconded by Mr. T. E. Thirtle.

THE BONDS.

The common seal of the Board was affixed to the several mortgages for securing the loan £13,892 in respect of the Church Road and Morton Road Schools.

In reply to Mr. Hodder, Mr. Orde was sorry to say the bonds had not been taken up by the public, but Messrs. Barclay would endeavour to get rid of them as well as they could. That, of course, was their own affair. Only about £4,000 was at present in the hands of the public.

SALARIES.

Orders were passed on the treasurer for payment of salaries as follows:—

Teachers, Church Road Boys' School, £41 3s 4d; ditto Girls', £36 5s 10d; ditto Infants', £30 6s 8d; ditto Lovewell Road Boys', £35 15s 10d; ditto Girls', £32 15s; ditto Infants', £23 16s 8d. Morton Road Mixed, £39 16s 8d; ditto Infants', £23 10s; three caretakers (four weeks), £13 10s; two attendance officers, £16 1s 8d—£292 1s 8d.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

The Attendance Committee reported that the names of 77 children have been removed from the school registers, viz.:—Exempt 50, removals 15, under 5 years of age 5, illness 4, private school 2, death 1. The accommodation, number on books, and average attendance for the month of March are as follows:—

Fredk. W. Childs, with 98 points out of a possible 105. He thought he had fairly won the medal (which would be held for a certain period), and he had no doubt that he had had a stiff fight. No doubt others would give him an equally stiff fight another year. There was also a second prize this year, and that was awarded to James Howard, with 96 points out of 105—a very good second. (Cheers.)

Mr. Thirtle said that as he had been fairly well associated with those evening classes, he should like to thank the Mayor for his kindness in thus encouraging the students in their games. He was pleased to think that the numbers attending the school had been so well maintained, and was sure they were greatly indebted to Mr. F. J. Ratcliffe and Mr. Tillett, the head teachers. Last year they boasted about the manner in which they kept their numbers up, and this year, as they had been so successful, it might be asked, why have they not increased? Because this year they were not allowed, under the Code, to admit lads from the day school.

Mr. Adams and Mr. Hodder added a few words in similar strain.

Mrs. Dickson then distributed the prizes (tools, money, and books) according to the following list:—

PRIZE LIST.

First Class (age 17 and upwards) in order of merit—John Spoor, Jasper Keeler, Henry Clarke, Edward Hall, John Nunn Edward Crisp, Wm. Chapman, Frederick Childs, Walter Ratcliffe, George Foster, Frederick Batley, Frederick Sterry, Arthur Beckett, Samuel Butcher, Robert Stevenson, William Golder, Daniel Cockle.

Second Class (aged 15 and 16, in order of merit)—George J Brooks, John Crisp, Frank W Burroughes, Frederick Clarke, Mason, Ayers, Edward Butler, Alec. Read, Edward Simpson, Frederick Ayres, Robert Blowers, Frederick Hall, Frederick Stannard, Robert Spear, Wm Dowsing, Wm Farman, Wm Hall, Geo Wright, Louis P Golding, Thomas Claxton, Edward C Cox, James Garner, Frank Osborne, Charles Sewell.

Third Class (ages 14 and 15, in order of merit)—William Stannard, William Harper, William Hitter, Reuben Knights, Samuel White, Leon Golding, Thomas Belton, Harry Bates, Chas Sussans, Chas Lumsden, Walter Knights, Wm George, George Freeman, Ernest Proudfoot, Chas George, Samuel Ling, James Welch, Ernest Beamish, William Brown, Archie Clarke.

Fourth Class (ages 13 and 14, in order of merit)—G J Greene, Chas Skippens, Bertie Ayers, John Stone, Albert Capps, Gordon Riches, Frank Andrews, John W Emery, James Gallant, Alfred Ayers, Bertie Cook, Bertie Day, John Capps, Edward Peak, Henry Ratcliffe, Ernest Curtis, Fredk Crisp.

KIRKLEY'S NEW MISSION CHURCH.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

THE BISHOP ON THE CHURCH.

The new Mission Church of St. Matthew, at Colville Road, Kirkley, which has been built to meet the spiritual needs of the parishioners living in that particular district, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop on Monday afternoon, when there was a very large congregation. The church has a very pleasing appearance both externally and internally. The site has been generously given by that good friend of Lowestoft, Mr. E. K. Harvey. It has been erected from designs by Messrs. Bottle and Olley, architects, Yarmouth, who have superintended the work, which has been admirably carried out by the contractor, Mr. George Elsey. The sub-contractors for the woodwork (which is such a feature of the building) were Messrs. Brady and Todd, of Kirkley; Mr. George Versey, South Lowestoft, was responsible for the plumbing and decorating; Messrs. Waller and Smith carried out the gas installation, and Mr. W. Whitehead did the stonework.

The church is of half timber construction on a brick base, and is Perpendicular in style. ...

... ledges the following additional contributions to the Mission Church Building Fund:—

Mr A Lloyd, £10; London and Provincial Bank, £5 5s; Mr T W Etheredge, £2 2s; Mrs Etheredge, £2 2s; G.M.P., 4s; Anon 1s; Box in Church, 15s 10d. Collecting Cards—Mrs Wood, £3 1s 6d; Mrs Cornish, £1 6s 6d; Miss Mary Cockayne, £1; Miss Monk, 15s; Mrs. Pearson, 10s; Miss Good, 5s 6d; Mrs Grace, 5s. Amount previously acknowledged, £879 14s 8d; amount still required, £593.

THE G.E.R. RESTAURANT "TRAIN."

A SPLENDID INNOVATION.

The Great Eastern Railway is moving with the times—and moving very quickly too. Of that there is no manner of doubt. It is not so many years since the service of this company was a bye-word and a reproach; and more than that, it was food for the comic papers. The joke in *Punch* of the young man who grew grey white on a short journey over the line is well-known, and sundry and divers other sarcastic references were made at the expense of the company. But all this has been changed. The Great Eastern service is, considering the district it has to traverse, one of the best in the kingdom. Its trains hold the record for punctuality, its station at Liverpool Street is one of the most wonderful places of its kind in the world, its suburban traffic is something to marvel at, its seaside expresses convey the fagged City worker to the edge of the briny in the shortest possible space of time consistent with safety; and its Continental steamers have achieved a reputation, which at their inception was not dreamed of, much less hoped for. All these things go to show that the G.E.R. are enterprising, and this notwithstanding the great difficulties they have had to contend with. Remote from the great manufacturing centres, and serving a district purely agricultural, so far as the main line is concerned, matters were not at one period very rosy. But the directors were not disheartened. They had to advise their officials who knew their work, and who also saw, with a prescience that showed their ability, the possibilities of the line. Chief of these is the General Manager, Sir Wm. Birt, a keen and far-seeing railway man, whose experience has been perfected by the course of time. To him is due many of

THE IMPROVEMENTS

which the public travelling by the G.E.R. now enjoy. He had as a worthy coadjutor the late Mr. Nettleship, who as superintendent of the line had full faith in its future. Less than three years ago we heard him express his unbounded confidence in G.E.R. stock as an investment; it was the occasion of a trial spin of one of the G.E.R. sea-tripping steamers—the Essex—a most enjoyable outing, which those who participated in it even now look back to with delight. It was just after this that G.E.R. stock took an upward bound, and some of us wished we had had a few thousands "on" the tip which the then genial superintendent gave, for the shares went up rapidly to their present position, which is in strong contrast with the low prices of a few years since. Mr. Nettleship has passed to his rest, and his place has been worthily filled by Mr. H. G. Drury ...

... of folks had mustered to see it arrive. Needless to say, they were immensely impressed with the make-up of the express.

A brief stay was made at the Queen of Eastern watering places, and then a very pleasant trip was taken to Yarmouth by road, in carriages supplied by Messrs. W. Gage and Sons, of the Crown Stables, Lowestoft. The route was practically that which will be traversed by the new line from Yarmouth to Lowestoft—through Corton, Gunton, and Hopton to Gorleston, and thence to Southtown Station, a short stay having been made at the Cliff Hotel, Gorleston, for refreshments. The return train left Southtown at 3.50. A splendid dinner was served on the way up, and in this the capabilities of the culinary department were effectively shown. Liverpool Street was reached at 6.55, but before the company detrained hearty thanks were given to Mr. H. G. Drury, for the kindness shown, and warm encomiums were passed on the working of the new restaurant train.

THE LOWESTOFT ELOPEMENT.

THE COUPLE IN COURT.

At Lowestoft Police Court on Monday, before the Mayor (C. Y. Fry, Esq.), W. Mobbs, H. J. Eastaugh, W. R. Jones, and W. Stringfield, Esqs, Maria Minister, married woman, and Walter J. Clarke, labourer, of Lowestoft, were charged with stealing a quantity of furniture, value 24s., at Lowestoft, on April 17th, the property of the woman's husband, Joseph G. Minister, a fish packer. The cases had been adjourned from Thursday last.

Mr. Kent (Messrs. Kent and Son, Lowestoft) now appeared for the prosecution; Mr. W. B. King, of Lowestoft, was for the defence.

Mr. Kent explained that Mr. and Mrs. Minister has been married 12 years, and had resided next door to Clarke for some four years, and had been on friendly terms. Arrangements, he said, were made a short time since by Clarke to go away with Mrs. Minister, and he proceeded to pack a bed and boxes. After dinner on that day he spoke with Mrs. Minister for about an hour. The boxes were taken by cab to Oulton Broad, and the party and their luggage booked to Norwich. They went on to Ely, where they stayed on Sunday, and left on the Monday for Peterborough, where Mrs. Minister was arrested on April 21st, living in lodgings with Clarke, and the property alleged to have been stolen was found in the two rooms which they had hired. As to the larceny of the articles, there could not be much doubt that Mrs. Minister had a hand in it, but with regard to Clarke the case might not be quite so clear, but there were cases in which a person acting as Clarke was alleged to have done could be prosecuted for larceny, for in this case he helped to load the goods upon the cab.

The Magistrate's Clerk pointed out that the decision Mr. Kent was quoting from was given before the Married Women's Property Act.

The prosecutor, Joseph George Minister, then went into the box. He said he lived at Mill Cottages, Church Road, and was a fish packer. On Saturday, 15th April, he went home to breakfast, and found his ...

... live when she had sold the things?—Defendant—I thought she would lodge with her mother.

Who was going to maintain her?—I don't know.

The Mayor—You didn't trouble and didn't care.

The Magistrates' Clerk—Did you send your wife any money while you were away?—No.

Have you now made any arrangements to provide for your wife?—No.

By Mr. King—His wife had been there many times when he had spoken to Minister through the wall.

Mr. Morley Beckett, of Crown Street, said Mrs. Clarke sold him a bicycle, which belonged to her husband for 12s. 6d.

Considerable legal argument ensued upon the point whether Clarke actually left his wife in such circumstances that she should become chargeable, Mr. Wiltshire contending that it was obvious that Clarke, by packing up and going away with Mrs. Minister, did not intend to contribute to his wife's maintenance.

The Bench adjourned the case for a fortnight, the Mayor stating that the magistrates hoped that the defendant would in the meantime provide his wife with a home. The consideration of a summons for a separation order was also adjourned for a like period.

LOWESTOFT METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY.

Monthly Summary, April, 1899.

Mean height of the barometer (reduced to sea level)	29.792 ins.
Highest point attained in the month, on 22nd	30.338 ..
Lowest reading on 14th	28.978 ..
Mean temperature of air in the shade	46.3 degs.
Local average of temperature of month for 20 years (1879-98)	44.2 ..
Highest temperature in shade on 1st	61.0 ..
Lowest on 19th	33.4 ..
Mean daily range of temperature in shade	11.4 ..
Highest reading of thermometer in sun's rays on 20th	112.0 ..
Mean of readings ditto	102.0 ..
Lowest reading of thermometer on grass on 21st	30.0 ..
Mean of readings ditto	38.9 ..
Mean surface temperature of sea at Pier-head	45.8 ..
Mean humidity of the air, scale (0—100)	81 pr ct
Mean amount of cloud, scale (0—10)	6.9
Mean amount of ozone, scale (0—10)	5.6
Duration of bright unclouded sunshine, 134 hrs. 7 min.	
Greatest amount on one day, 11 hrs. 15 mins.	
Total rainfall in month	3.134 ins.
Number of days on which any rain fell, 17.	

Direction of the Wind (True bearings).

Days at	N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	CALM.
9 a.m.	1	4	—	1	3	10	3	7	1
9 p.m.	0	1	—	5	2	13	2	7	

Note.—It is probable that the greatest amount of sunshine occurred on the coldest day of the month, the 19th (the clear sky favouring terrestrial radiation), and the wind was N.N.W. in the morning and N.W. at 9 p.m. There was no frost with N.E. wind. The mean temperature of the month was nearly 2 degs. above the local average. The thermometer in the shade did not fall below the freezing point, but the thermometer on the grass fell below 32 degs. on 12, 17th, 18, 19th. Then, on 20th, the greatest intensity of solar heat was recorded, the day being calm. The middle of the month was the coldest period, i.e. from 12th to 19th. The rainfall was just twice the local average, or 1½in. in excess.

(Signed) S. H. Miller, F.R. Met. S.

YARMOUTH FACTORY FATALITY.

FOOTBALL NOTES AND NOTIONS,

By "CROSSBAR."

THE SEASON'S WIND UP.

The curtain rang down on the football season of 1898-9 on Saturday, and it is safe to say that in no previous season has the excitement and interest been so well sustained as in the season just passed away. For instance, the meeting of those great teams, Aston Villa and Liverpool, decided the championship of the English League at the eleventh hour; and coming nearer home, the chief interest is centred in the Suffolk Junior Cup final at Saxmundham, where matters were left in a very unsatisfactory condition, thanks to the eccentric ruling of the Suffolk County Football Association in the matter of a recent protest by the Lowestoft Reserves, who are really entitled to the trophy.

The game started in sensational fashion, there being three goals scored ere the game had been in progress 15 minutes. When half-time was announced Lowestoft had the advantage by two goals to one, but Brantham succeeding in equalising the game being left drawn at two all, even though extra time was played. The referee actually whistled the players together for another half-hour, but the men were all more or less exhausted, and rightly refused to go on. As matters now stand it seems that the teams will hold the trophy jointly, a course which I hear has been agreed to by the respective captains. On the Lowestoft side Neave and Brinston kept up a merry pace, and Baker again proved exceedingly clever in the centre position. Lowestoft were not so strong as Brantham in the half-backs, but what they lacked in this direction they made up in backs, Holman and Reynolds being as safe as houses, and defending in a highly creditable manner.

At the Crown Meadow, Lowestoft Town entertained a strong eleven from the "Cathedral City," for the benefit of the widow and eight children of Charley Morley. There was a good crowd, who were provided with some excellent sport, and I learn that the object for which the match was played will be greatly benefited. There were several other matches played on Saturday, amongst them being the Lynn Charity Final, in which the Lynnites conquered Wisbech Town by five goals to nil.

This being my last week it may, perhaps, be interesting for me to show where some trophies and championships have gone during the past season:—

English League Champions, Aston Villa.
English Cup (holders), Sheffield United.
Amateur Cup (holders), Stockton.
Suffolk Senior Cup, Beccles Caxton.
Suffolk Junior Cup { Lowestoft Reserves. Brantham.
Norfolk and Suffolk League, Lowestoft Town.
North Suffolk League, Div. I., Lowestoft Town.
North Suffolk League, Div. II., Lowestoft Reserves.
Lowestoft Charity Cup, Kirkley.
Yarmouth Charity Cup, Kirkley.
Norfolk Charity Cup, Kirkley.
Lowestoft Junior Shield, Lowestoft Casuals.
Ipswich Charity Cup, Ipswich.

... Smith added a second point with a neat shot, which Ayres had no chance of saving. The visitors played a sound game, and Ayres was twice knocked over in his efforts at clearing. Burleigh was ... but at half-time the score stood—Norwich 2, Lowestoft 0.

On restarting, Sutherland ... pressure by the visitors, but Balls robbed and returned the ball. Lemmon secured, and after one of two attempts succeeded in tricking Mewse, and scored with an easy shot. Timoney and Mewse now changed places. The homesters forced a futile corner, and shortly after Cole got through ... but was robbed by Jeffery. After more pressure by the Norwich men, Sutherland obtained possession and passed to Cole, who scored with a swift low shot. Better combination was now shown by the Lowestoft forwards, and they bombarded the visitors' citadel. Mewse put in a good shot, which Burleigh caught and threw away. Another corner was conceded to the Town, but was not improved upon. Lemmon got away, and failed when he had the goal at his mercy. Davidson played well, and fast and even play ensued. From midfield Mason secured, and passed Balls, who had been dodging him along. Cole received his pass, and, rushing up, beat Burleigh with a hard shot. Davidson tried a shot, which missed by inches only. The game ended—

Norwich	3
Lowestoft	2

PRESENTATION OF THE STERRY AND MUMMERY CUPS.

At the conclusion of the charity match the Sterry and Mummery Cups were presented to the Lowestoft Town team, they being the Norfolk and Suffolk and North Suffolk League champions.

The Mayor (Mr. C. Y. Fry) said he had a pleasing and he believed a popular function to perform, at the invitation of the committee, viz., to present the Mummery Cup to the successful team in the North Suffolk League. (Applause.) Before he did so, however, he would like to express the hope that the proceeds of the match that day would be very considerable, as he was inclined to think they would be. He thought they could not have ended their football season better than by playing that match for the benefit of those who had been so terribly bereaved. (Hear, hear.) Those who arranged the match ought to be congratulated upon the happy thought which occurred to them. He had now to present to the Lowestoft Town team the Mummery Cup, and he need hardly allude to its beauty, for the club, he was glad to know, had already had it in their possession for a year. (Applause.) He congratulated them very cordially upon having won it a second year in succession, and he had no doubt that having won it twice, they would make strenuous efforts to keep it in their possession altogether. (Hear, hear.) The captain of the team, he understood, was not present, owing to indisposition, so he would present it to Mr. J. Cole, the vice-captain, who was present. (Applause.) He congratulated him upon the success of the team. Of course some credit was due to the captain, for he thought that when a team won such a cup, it must speak well of the ability of him who captained the team. The vice-captain, of course, had some share in the honour; in any case the captain and vice-captain must have a good team around them. Therefore the whole team were to be congratulated.

Mr. J. Cole responded on behalf of the team, and said he considered that they had done very well this season, considering that they had lost three or four good men, whose places could not be filled in a moment.

Colonel H Seppings, J.P., said he was pleased to accept an invitation, for the second year in succession, to present the handsome Sterry Cup to the Lowestoft Town team, and would like to express on their behalf and his own, and indeed of the whole town, their sincere and heartfelt condolences and sympathy with Mr J S Sterry (the kind donor of that cup) and his family on their recent bereavement. The winning of the Mummery Cup was comparatively easy, but to win the other required a stiffer contest. Colonel Seppings then handed the cup to Mr Cole, and hoped the club would retain possession of it for many years. He was sure the whole town congratulated the club.

Mr T E Thirtle, a member of the committee, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor and to Colonel Seppings, and also thanked the Norwich team for coming to Lowestoft ...

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