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St. MARY'S.—A new club and reading-room for this end of the parish was successfully started on Friday. Invitations had been sent out to the workmen living in the immediate neighbourhood to come at seven o'clock to the club-room for the house-warming, and, in response, a goodly number assembled. Coffee and other refreshments having been served by the Misses Maylam, and pipes having been lighted, the Rev. J. L. Cook, curate of Pluckley, took the chair. He explained the purpose for which the club was intended, viz., as a common purpose-room and reading-room for the workmen around, where they could smoke and chat and play games and read the newspapers and be refreshed with coffee and the like at their pleasure. He also announced that the Rector had promised to come to give an anecdotal lecture on "Travels in Syria;" and that he himself would be pleased to talk to the men on popular and amusing subjects at convenient times. After this statement, the Chairman asked those present if they wished to become members, and the whole number, without exception, gave in their names. The meeting then resumed as the first general meeting of the club, when the following rules were unanimously decided upon:—1. The governing committee of the club to be Miss Alice Maylam, Mr. Moody Smith, Mr. Joseph Glover, Mr. George Glover, and the Rev. J. L. Cook. 2. The subscription to be one-halfpenny per week. 3. No one to be admitted to membership under the age of eighteen years. 4. Members misconducting themselves to be liable to expulsion. 5. The following to be curators in weekly rotation:—Mr. Robert Miles, Mr. James Blackman, Mr. John Bassett. (6) Mr. Joseph Glover to be financial secretary. The following programme was then gone through, all the items being very well received:—Song, "Please give me a penny," Miss Maylam; recitation, "In the workhouse! Christmas Day," Rev. J. L. Cook; solo on the pipes, Mr. G. Glover; recitation, "Women's rights," Miss Alice Maylam; song, "The two orphans," Mr. J. Pentecost; song, "Darby and Joan," Miss Maylam; story-telling, "Anecdotes of doctors," Rev. J. L. Cook; trio, Misses Hawthorne, Norfolk, and Chamberlain; recitation, "Read and believe," Miss Maylam; song, "The farmer's boy," Mr. J. Bassett; solo on the pipes, "Popular airs," Miss Chamberlain; recitation, "The quack doctor," Rev. J. L. Cook; song and chorus, "Auld lang syne," Mr. James Blackman. At the close cheers were given for the ladies, the chairman, Mr. Moody Smith, the secretary, and the new club. The mothers of the district had been entertained to tea on the previous Tuesday by the Misses Maylam and the Rev. J. L. Cook.— It may be stated that the premises occupied by the new club are 6, Dering-terrace, which house has been kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr. Moody Smith, the manager of the brick works close by. Mr. Smith has also promised a gift of coal for an indefinite time. The room has been furnished with chairs, kindly lent by the Rector, and other furniture has been provided by the Misses Maylam, of Malmains. Mr. Eveuden, the local manager for Messrs. Lewis, Hyland, and Co., has also been good enough to lend crockery-ware and lamps, and to make a gift of oil to the room. The decorations have been undertaken by Miss Alice Maylam, organist of St. Mary's Church, and the Rev. J. L. Cook, to whose joint exertions the starting of this useful institution is mainly due.

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