

by the society, to be worn there were it

The ump is valued at £0, 20s, 10s, and 5s were also

the winner of the first prize and cup was J. H. Hollibop; last year the cup was secured by W. H. Smith, of Plymouth, and the previous year by G. Allen, of Stanhope.

L. Egglestone.

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upon Rev Moore Ede's (rector of Gates-
er, entitled, "Obstacles to Thrift." That

was of opinion that our present treatment of the poor was an obstacle to thrift. Here people 65 years of age had managed by some to lay some money by, which might have been used to make a small income of 2s 6d a week, he was in favour of the Guardians making a weekly allowance of 5s, and let them live on that, and use the money they had saved. (Hear.) In cases where people of 65 and upwards had subsist upon, he would enforce the workhouse. He also recommended in his paper that voluntary societies should be used much more than they were for relieving the cases of the poor. He would like to see a law passed that would oblige every person to put away with him the

utions were entirely reserved for paupers
for instance, when any person suffering from

us disease could not be properly treated at home, and that each individual should be referred to the Union Hospital, he attempted to show that the law was intended to do this. There was also an admirable Dr Pearce, medical officer for South Australia, who said that sanitary authorities ought to be given the power to prevent the spread of all cases of infectious disease, and that in favour of that plan was passed by the House of Commons.

Mr Johnson supplemented with a few observations that the Rev Moore Edle mentioned us as one of the great obstacles to thrift, and that Mr Bulman, a "publican and sundry goods" shop, warmly agreed with him. He did not demoralise the people; it was we who demoralised the public-house," he said.

Mr Johnson then spoke of the advantages to be derived from the Guardians—especially newly-arrived—by these annual conferences, and

in future the Board would see its way
and one or more of its officials. The Board
already presented a memorial to Berlin.

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that Board rather encouraged thrift than

D. HODGE: Does this hospital between

AMAN: Yes. The hospital near Consett
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ment as the largest centre. The hospital and properly equipped at a cost of \$100,000 and is always in use.

So you see we are in this Union a little of Mr. Lodge. (Laughter.)

It is found that it was the custom of some guardians to send the clerk, Masters, permanent official to represent them at the one which he considered was a very wise procedure. I strongly recommended that they their own clerk to the Post-Law Conference.

(Hear, hear.)

MR. HODGE said Mr. Hodge had given a very of the Gileland Conference, and it certainly was desirable it was that all Boards representatives to it. With respect to rest on of Mr. Hodge, he thought that he attend the Conference next year. (Hear,

has now ended.

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