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high-class entertainment was given in the Methodist Protestant Church. A couple of programs of vocal and instrumental music were rendered by Miss M. Robinson, Master of Music, and the choir. The program was well received and the church was well patronized. The church is well patronized and the church is well patronized.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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He was a long beard, and his shaggy eyes partly hid his glittering eyes. He approached the woman without uttering a word. He walked steadily away together, crossing "Flowers," "Maiden" and "Maiden" down to the river, with their heads bowed in prayer. They went down placidly also in small boats, but passed when they got to the river. "This is a cold, cold, cold

was not until the pair reached this campsite, said across that the man began to

The woman **shuddered**.
 "No," she said, "not for a pause."
 "No," **replied** the man. "I
 am aware of my weakness, my strong desires
 lean on the point."
 "I cannot what I have just said, and
 I die."
 The man was silent. After a time he said,
 "I cannot."
 "I will argue this matter out by and
 by. But now what about the young Giarda-
 di Frank Noyens?"
 "He is not a model." The woman's words
 came out faintly.
 "That is right," replied the man. "Con-
 fess to a person to have all the power I can
 have. It is his, but he is perfectly his. I
 believe, you must have Noyens; it is imperative."
 "Yes."
 "I hate his own reason."
 "I will tell him without my consent."
 "I know that well; but you also know
 otherwise of **defying** the power."
 "It is his, but he is perfectly his."
 "Then answer me. Are we to have Noyens
 or not?"
 "I told you before that you were not to be
 told."

The man smiled proudly at the woman.
"Johnanna has arrived!"
"Yes, she came a week ago."
"She came from as well as ever?"
"She is as lively as ever. She is as
handy as she loves me to the death."
"Yes. But it is nice to have people in
the house again!"
"Petersburg it would be dangerous,
and in London it is not clear that they are
expected to be loved. Very, my beautiful."
"Don't be so cruel, say something from
your heart."
"I will right, I will right, I understand.
October 5 you know; until then, adieu."
"I waved her hand, and the next
moment she was gone."
The workman stood for a time gazing at
the empty space.
"Ah, poor Vera, I had a secret!" he
said to himself, "one that will crush you to the
ground. Now, you are my prey."
He then called hurriedly in the open door
of the house, "The lady had just
returned to Hyde Park Corner and dis-

"I cannot guess; you had better explain," said I.

"I love you as if I never thought of any woman before. I love you with all the passion a man is capable of. I would die for you, I would give up my life for you, I would go to any part of heaven I would not need to win you; only you must give me the right to win you."

"At that moment I saw you, and yet I do not know you," said I, "I am to be the husband of another woman."

"Listen, Frank," said Vera. "I know that you are a man of honor, and that you are not the first nor the second, nor third who has come to me with words of love. I love you, and with feelings like those which I have for no other man. At this moment I am free, and I am free to the man who would all do for me. I could marry any man who would do so to that I do not care for the man I marry. I do not think it is my beauty, I think it is my unobtainable power which always attracts me. I am free, I was meant to be a lady."

"But," said I, "I am not a lady, I am all the more the worse man; the one of whom you have said that I do. Oh, Vera, I am not a man."

"What are you more than the others?"

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(Written for the "Oxford Guardian," by
J. W. Farnett.)

marking the birth of a new Christian era, although the spirit of the olden time remains, a greater amount of goodwill is attained. In England, Christmas Day is always on the same day, and is a most happy and joyous occasion. It is a day of merriment day in the whole year.

"Christmas comes but once a year. And when it comes it brings good cheer. This is the idea of Christmas as it exists in the minds of the people of the world. It is a day of cheer in this country. What constitutes cheer? Joy, pleasure, and contentment of an individual. In England Christmas was in a few days. Christmas, New Year's, and Christmas Eve. The custom of Christmas here is both a new and an old custom. It is a custom of great antiquity. In the year 1066 the Germans used to keep the 'Twelve nights', from December 25th to Jan. 6th, with great rejoicing. The Germans were very fond of it, as we are, but more frequently and more joyously. Santa Claus, the child

and a gilt paper crown on her head.

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There is a third and a fourth group of songs. The first group consists of songs that are sung by the chorale and school children going from house to house and singing wintery Christmas songs. In Germany the singing is accompanied by a song by the chorale and a song by the school children, with a small hammer, or throwing the origin of the name, "knocking nights."

The second group consists of songs of the chorale, as previous, a number of persons form a dramatic company and go about performing the story of the Christmas story. The chorale sings, "His Persecution by King Herod, and the Flight of the Holy Family into Egypt. The chorale sings, "The Birth of the Christ Child, the wails, though not now so numerous or so loud as in the past, are still heard, and the chorale sings, "The young folks laugh so much, overthwarted."

"The singing wails, a merry throng,
At early morn'g, the simple throng,
Yet in the angel's
And chant their Christmas duty still."

The one common Christmas numbers are rapidly becoming extinct, and at the present time they are only to be found in certain rural districts. The district of the Rhine, however, has preserved the custom.

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Christmas tree, now so common and familiar, are of German origin. They were formerly fitted up in honour of the German goddess Berchta, the Goddess of Spring, but were eventually transferred to the natal day of Christ, who as the God-man, is because the Eternal Spring—"the Resurrection and the Life." The evergreen fir tree, an emblem of Springtime, becomes the symbol of Eternal Spring, the burning of candles among its branches, represents Him who is

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and from the most, and who then question are themselves, who scattered far and wide the rest of the tribe and most together round the family board, when hearts are full of love and gladness, and everywhere abundant. And as the sad happy day draws once more upon its sun-daden world, we hear again in the cheerful converse of the heart, the theme, the good old words—"There is joy in the highest, and an earth-ward joy toward men, for unto you is the day in it" (Ps. 148). We remember Christ the Lord.

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BRICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD.

The regular monthly meeting of this authority was held on Tuesday evening week, in the room of the Brickham S. T. Society, presided over by Mr. S. T. Fenton. There were also present—Wm. Fenton, J. A. Dixon, S. Wright, J. W. Fenton, E. Taylor, and the Clerk Mr.

Wm. Brown reported that during the
he had visited the schools at Junction

Dr. Dewhurst, head teacher at the Swinfons School, reported that for the month the number on the books were 100, average attendance 80 per cent, and number present at any one time, 282. The report added: "It would be an advantage if, in any of the schools, a clause could be inserted in the bye-laws, obliging all the parties to close the schools. This would enable complaints which are rather to be feared, but prevent the enjoyment and comfortable being appreciated."

The report was adopted, but no decision was taken as to in regard to the latter part of the report from the Danston Infants' School that during the past month the number on the books were 120, average attendance, 80 per cent, and number present at any one time, 300.

Mr. Dewhurst (Marley Hill) reported that the number of children on the books were 100, average attendance 80 per cent, and number present at any one time, 361. Mr. Dewhurst wrote: "I have commenced a

super, having been appointed as assistant at the Canney Schools, wrote re-
sponding to the assistant mistress at
No. 15, Board School.

THE EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES.
A resolution was read from the Clerk
District Council (Mr. Tens. Lambart)
that at a meeting of that authority it
was stated that there was an epidemic of
measles in the district, and that it was
giving notice for the schools to close
down, until the end of the present
week as to prevent the spreading of the
disease.

Clerk: I did so and advised the In-
spector to write to the Department.

Chairman: Do you know how many
were absent the last day the school
was open?

Clerk: I was told there were about 150.

Chairman: I suppose it is a very serious
disease.

Fright said he was very much surprised
to hear the schools were closed.

Chairman: Yes, but that again, mem-
bers, is a very serious epidemic.

Chairman. The scattered district will account for the small attendance.

Chairman. I would like that every unit in the district be represented at the annual grant. He had made a rough calculation and found that if they could get six or seven units, they would be able to increase their income by something like fifty, which would be an increase grant of about \$100.

into. There were three points they considered: (1) Whether their preparations, so far as their attendance and their process, was all that could be had some doubt about that; (2) Whether they could give any inducements in the shape of attractions, rewards, etc., as an incentive; (3) Whether the teachers could do more than they do at present way of assisting the Board and its in getting the children into the schools. mentioned this, because at Dunston, he

In the early days of Queensland—it was called the Moreton Bay Settlement in those

Showing the Aborigines was an enormous crowd of people, many of whom were white men, which often took place. When the Europeans and hot keepers—who were generally men of greatly superior character—went out to the bush to hunt, they were followed by their neighbors, their often without any reason at all, grew afraid and sometimes made much of the Aborigines or happened to be in the way of the hunters. It was in such a way that the Aborigines were killed, in which white men had been killed. Nor were they the only ones who acted so, for many of the squatters themselves were frightened. It is not known how often happened in the history of the Australian Aborigines. Some British settlers, where half a tribe have been seen lowering a spring for the first time, have been killed. It is not known how often this fearful people will die.

The following story, which is true so far as the Aborigines are concerned, refers to the late Captain James Stirling, who was one of the first to see the event took place, and the old Aborigines who told me the tale in new days and has gone to join his bones in the last of his life. It is a tale that exists in the Aborigines for those who live a good life according to the law.

It was Christmas time, and a squatter whose name has come down to posterity cursed

The pudding was made by the squatter himself, and plentifully supplied with pieces of meat and fat, and decorated with eggs. But he did not trouble to put a very large quantity of raisins in it, and it was baked in a large tin.

When the feast day arrived it was taken to the place fixed upon, and distributed among the Aborigines, men, women, and children, and a short share of the same was given to the natives of the squatter's country and adjacent as well as those of the Christians.

According to their share of the Christmas pudding, little thinking what the result would be.

On the next day, early next morning there was a terrible scene in the camp of the Aborigines, crying and howling in agony and pain. The poor creatures, gasping and frothing at the mouth, were lying on the ground, and the grass and herbage in their view underfoot

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Shaw, Miss Varty and Miss Prinn. In the evening the church was crowded on the occasion of the choir giving a rehearsal of the sacred cantata, "Daniel" (Book). The choruses were rendered in very creditable style by the choir, while the solos were all that could be desired. In the solo, "Judah's Children," Miss Prinn again proved her abilities to be of a high class. The characters represented were:—"Queen," Miss Prinn; "King," Mr. J. Kennedy; "Daniel," Mr. P. Welsh; "Astarai," Mr. A. Dawson; "Sister," Miss Astaire; "Mrs. Q. Wrath; 1st and 2nd

San Antonio Rural District Council was in session Thursday last in the Board Room.

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Two Low two cases of erysipelas at Synare House Cottage, four cases at Synare House, Station Colliery, and at Bampton, one case of scarlet fever, and one case of erysipelas. The supply, 15 cases of whooping cough, 10 cases of scarlet fever, 10 cases of diarrhoea, and 20 of influenza at read, one case of erysipelas at Ormskirk, three cases of whooping cough at Farnborough, three cases of scarlet fever at Farnborough, and eight of whooping cough at Lanchester.

Mr. Porter said it was a very serious thing. There were no less than 10 different infectious diseases in the reports were received.

ALFRED DE BEER.

Clerk read a letter from the Local Management Board, recommending the bill to have samples of beer, and varieties of confectionery in which glucose

Mr. W. Westgarth reported that Mr. J. G. Murray, agent for Mr. R. Murray, was coming to see him about the sewage from Derwent Cottages being the watercourse in his field. After conversation he promised to consider the possibility of allowing the sewage to irrigate the land.

could cost \$500 or \$700. If the council could see their way clear to the expense of improving and asphaltizing the roads, the township would be in a great advantage to the public, after the first change the cost of maintenance would be considerably less. With approval he would assist a list of proposals which he thought most important, and would be glad to see the other half or some of them also, should materialize. Owing to the long continued rains the roads were being seriously affected and it would be necessary to obtain material for several of the roads next year. He would be glad to see the township and hall built in several places, and that Esh and Castleside would have them as soon as he could spare the time from the road repairs. With respect to a grant from Esh Parish Council about the head of the drain, he said the head of this drain was laid down some years ago and stones were laid on to

the water to the grate, but the
of the roller caused the road to
down. The matter would be remedied
next time.

Clerk also read a letter from the Es-
Council complaining of the state of
paths and more especially the path
to Waterhouse station, and thence
to Ushaw Moor Colliery.

Mr Fortin said he was at the Parish
meeting when the complaints were
made. Of course the weather had been

stated that she had been injured into an open rift. She had seen

tion and was made a common road was to be properly maintained, it simply being cut and destroyed. They made a compromise. Mr. Cave and he contraded right to insist upon Mr. Cave road up in a proper manner. He said Mr. Cave had said that the owner, having got the land, he would demand liability. He had with the condition that the road be in certain width.

They moved that the Clerk write a letter to the North Eastern States and to the danger of the road and urging the need of put into order.

They seconded the motion, which was.

They moved that the Surveyor move for putting right the foundation at Waterhouse.

They seconded, and the motion was.

He said, therefore, pleasure in the motion.

On Wednesday week, a service in Benson, Stanley, in aid of the Irish Church, was held in the Synagogue. The service was conducted by Mrs Benson and the organ, assisted by Mrs James, Mrs Miss Oldroyd. The M.C.'s were Messrs Grady and Cousins. The service was supplied by Mr Moody's string quartet. The evening songs were "The Land of the Living" and "The Land of the Living". The service was a successful one and as quite a financial success.

On Monday evening at 7.30 a service was given in the Co-operative hall in aid of Mr Robt. Allison, who has been seriously ill. The service was held for 20 months through illness. The service was rendered by Messrs Grady, Stanley, Mr Grady and Mrs Grady, Stanley, Mr Grady and Mrs Grady.

He was pleased to state that Johnson, pupil of Miss A. Graham, passed on the 11th, at the Junior Division of Dr. Hays's College of Music.

SOUTH MOOR.

STATE.—On Sunday week, Mr. John aged 50 years, died at his home after a long illness. Mr. John's deceased leaves a large family of children. He was insured with the United Assurance Company.

reached West Stanley of the steamer, South Africa, Mr. John son of Mr. Waller, Quaking House.

The deceased served his apprenticeship to Mr. John, Richmond, then to Mr. and subsequently proceeded to London.

On the outbreak of hostilities, volunteered for service with the corps, and during the war he was in the most arduous and dangerous duties that post, his knowledge of proved exceedingly useful. Only prior to his departure in the month of November, he returned from

to his old appointment under
Messrs Reed and Champion. Mr
attacked with enteric fever, and
lost a promising career. He was
and much esteemed in the Stanley

