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REGISTRARS' CERTIFICATES AND THEIR COST.

To the Editor of the *Consett Gazette*.

DEAR Sir.—For a considerable period now the members of the Friends of the Friends of the district have been seriously complaining of the obtaining registrars' certificates of death for their relatives. It is a well known fact that there is an enormous amount of money being paid for the registration going on throughout the country, even the cost of the certificates themselves. If such be the case, I think even they have a right to complain—how many of them have I have known of plain—how many of them have I have known of Friends Society in this neighbourhood to complain about to obtain cost of the certificate, we have no doubt but the trustees of the Friends of the Friends of the district would be glad to contribute to obtain what we say is quite unnecessary for a certificate to be issued.

Yours faithfully,
The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows and Ancient Mariners, 1851-1876 years—1876 to 1881 inclusive—they have deaths of 94,152, which at an shilling each (the minimum cost of a certificate) gives a total of £9,415 2s. 6d. The trustees of 1881 years should, I think, show some valuable results.

- 1st. From what source has this large sum of money been obtained?
- 2nd. Who have been the recipients of this and other like payments?
- 3rd. What special advantages does these certificates confer upon the friends of the deceased; or are they

The following replies will suggest themselves to a very large number of our readers:—

1st The money is not paid from the funds of the society, but is extracted (ofttimes) from the hard-earned

2nd. It is said to certain Government officials who

have done nothing for either the member or the society, and who, probably up to the time of the application for the certificate, never even knew of any right or title whereby any claim could be made on behalf of the deceased.

3rd. None whatever. The society has always paid all legitimate claims, and it is still necessary to take all

and. None whatever. The society has always paid all legitimate expenses from its own funds, and will take proper precautions to protect the interest of both the insured and insurers.

The annual cost \$3,207.16 for the Massachusetts Unity alone, what must be the enormous amount paid by the numerous societies that are in existence? Therefore it is only reasonable to ask that protection be given to the policy holder as soon as secured by this enormous payment. If it cannot be shown, then let our officials, aided by their members, and the public at large, see that no pain has been inflicted upon them by the removal of this obligation. Friendly Societies' Acts and the rules of all fraternal orders require that such insurance be taken during the life of a member; surely, therefore, the payments at death need no exception.

W. S. D. L. B. Secy.
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STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the Consistat Guardian.
Sir,—I regret having to ask you again for a small

amount of space for the purpose of settling one or two matters right. The words "cannot observe any good" are not meant to be taken as a slur on the system; are not meant to say that the system is not in itself a good one. I stated that it was my view that "Rambler" is not in the right. How it has been revised I do not know. I had no intention whatever of imputing any impure motive to "Rambler" as I considered (and do still think) he criticized fairly. He cannot see how the subscriptions for £37 6s. should be a burden on the Society, and in proof of my statement (which was founded upon the history of nearly 20 years) and vouched for by the balance sheets of the older societies (for where the Society's indebtedness to members on subscription account is, say £20,000, the value of property raised for the same purpose is £100,000) he says that the Society here which has only been on for a few months in existence, we made the first advance about

a year ago. We have advanced in all £1,225 up to the present and have had £47 10s repaid, which is being relent and repaid rapidly without any stagnation, so that we see how the purposes are fulfilled, and the same proved as a result of experience. 'Rambler' is wrong in saying that Starr-Bowkett Societies are not managed in accordance with the laws of political economy, when the very principle which brought forth his objections is

in strict keeping with the same. For example, several persons wish to borrow £100. A. has his name drawn

na use of the money for its own benefit, and presents a cash premium for it at once to the Board by an order on behalf of the society, and offer it among the members, King and D., and each will be likely to tender so much as it is worth to him, and thus the demand for the £100 and its value in use decide by a just law *its value in use* to the real purchaser. I cannot see why my offer of £100 for use of any number of sums of £100 each is *outside* the market; for if £100 be a fair premium to pay the unsuccessful member of a State-Royalty Society for the

up his right to use \$100 free of interest, I fail to see how what fair grounds \$10 would not be sufficient for an inducement to an ordinary capitalist to lend his money free of interest. The main advantage of the Starr-Bowditch system is that each member does get the use of \$100 for each share, he holds *free of interest*, and as the Society lends the full commercial value of property any member may, on obtaining his appropriation, at once purchase a house, whereas in other societies he must pay one-fourth of the value in hard cash, and to save

the amount of one-fourth the value of a house at the same rate as our members subscribe it would take as long, or even a longer time than it takes our *last* member to get his appropriation. Therefore to the wage-earning classes we offer a decided advantage—a system of *co-operation*, *co-operative*, and distributing its benefits in the fairest possible way, and only securing one class of interests—viz., that of the member as an individual, and the general body of members as a whole. Apologizing for trespassing so fully on your valuable space,—I am, yours truly,

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MARRIAGES.

LANCASTER—At the Register Office, 15th inst., Mr. M. Gordon to Miss S. Waggott, both infants of Hamsterley Colliery.—22nd inst, Mr. W. Westhrop, Leadgate, to Miss J. C. Brown, Medonsley.—Same day, Mr. J. Bewslan, Stoney Hopp, to Miss J. Bland, Iredale.

TANFIELD—At the Parish Church, 20th inst., by the Rev T. Hewan Archdall, M.A. assisted by the Rev A. Currie, Thomas, son of Mr Thomas Hope, of Cernavay, to Adelaide Mary, second daughter of Mr J. W. Hinkley, of Quebeck.

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LANCHESTER—24th inst, aged 66, Miss Ann Robinson.
LANGLEY MOON—16th inst, Stephen, infant son of
Mr N. Lockwood, 19th inst, aged 18, Francis
Ogilvie.—20th inst, Mr Gauthier Richie, aged 79.
LINTZ COLLIERY—24th inst, aged 64, Robert Fall,
formerly of Hopperton, Northumberland.
WHITE-IR-HEAD—33rd inst, aged 70, Jane Marshall.
CLOUGH DENN—25th, aged 17, Isabella, wife of James
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