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ARMY RE-ORGANIZATION.

Produce such military disasters as those at *Indrauh, Malvaid, and on the Ingogo*, have been very annoying and even humiliating to the people of this country; yet they have not been without their good effect, since they have probably been the cause of the fact that the Government has been able to overcome military catastrophes in some future great war which we may not be able to avoid. If all had gone smoothly in *Zululand, in Afghanistan, and again in the Transvaal*—If the enemy had in each case been less formidable than he was, the Government would have been successful in having had more of the kind of success which we might now be pluming ourselves on the efficiency of our present army organization and rejoicing in a fool's paradise. It seems to have required the two first great disasters, if not the third, to bring our military authorities to recognise the defects of the present organization, and to see that it had not included the *Majala* reserves, because at all events, must have happened after the Government had made up their minds to carry out a measure of army reform. But if there was anything more wanted to facilitate the acceptance by Parliament of such a measure, it had to be supplied in the form of a disaster, such as that of *Transvaal*. Of old, under the *Twenty-one and even the twelve years' service* with the colours, we could turn out the finest battalions of infantry men the world ever saw, because we then had soldiers who made a life's business of the military profession, and who were not liable to be sent to battle and company on service had become thoroughly versed in their trade. But we had then no reserve; and when our ranks became thinned in a great war, such as that in the Crimea, we had to fill them up with raw and hastily-drafted recruits. To obviate this defect, Mr. *Garraway* introduced the plan of six years' service, and the Government have adopted it. So anxious, indeed, were our army administrators then to form an adequate reserve, that they allowed, and even encouraged, men to pass into it without completing their six years with the colours. Consequently we have now a fairly adequate reserve; but our service battalions, besides being defective in number, contain as upon the whole, a large proportion of men who are not soldiers. Mr. *Garraway*, in his new plan of organization, does not propose to avoid the new evil by giving back to the old one; but he adopts, very discreetly as we think, a middle course. He leaves the term of enlistment at twelve years; but provides that in any case seven shall be passed with the colours, while on foreign service the term may, as in India, always be extended to eight years. The result of the enlistment age is raised from eighteen to nineteen; so that a large proportion of our soldiers will be twenty-seven, and all will be at least twenty-five, instead of twenty-four as now, when they pass into the reserve. This change is perhaps the most important proposed to improve personnel of our army; but there is another very important one announced as proposed reorganization. Our old system of single-battalion regiments, to have one or two battalions, and to have double-battalion regiments all through the *Liga*, while the combination, with these of two battalions of *Militia* will give us territorial regiments of four battalions, which for many purposes are to be treated as military integers. There are also provisions for improving the position or efficiency of commissioned non-commissioned officers and other ranks. The *Service* has not been forgotten in the scheme. Altogether, Mr. *Garraway* promises to effect some important and much-needed improvements, not by reversing the policy of Mr. *Garraway*, but by carrying it out more fully on the whole, while making some judicious modifications where circumstances require them. In fact, these changes are the natural result of experience which we must necessarily be purchased at a painful cost. This re-organization will probably be the more acceptable as the Government anticipate, that while providing for greater efficiency in our military service, they will also be saving a quarter of a million a year both to the *Home and Indian Treasuries*.

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Mr. Childen, long-deferred and eagerly expected, Maternal Union Army organization is looked upon as a step forward by all who are in favor of the present conscription or selective-service system. The Secretary of War was compelled to express a mild disapproval of Sir Garnet Wolseley's breach of military rule in publishing his views on the subject of conscription in a popular magazine. The Secretary of War has a long and short service. There can be no doubt that the *Nineteenth Century* Magazine has exercised an important influence in deciding public opinion in favor of conscription. Mr. Childen's return to London is a return of a return to London. Military men are naturally angry with Sir Garnet. He unequivocally expresses a part of their disaffection with the present system. It gives them something to talk about. It is a harder work. If Mr. Childen's scheme is workable, which is somewhat doubtful, it would keep us in the happy state of preparedness of having about the right number of men to be put into the ranks. It seems too good to be true.

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EXPERIMENT IN WORKHOUSE, MANAGE-
MENT IN NEWCASTLE

(From *Chambers's Journal*.)

A few years ago the author of John Halifax, gentleman, introduced to the public a poor "hedge-side poet" named Withers. Among his verses were a description of life inside a workhouse drawn, unfortunately, from experience. The occupations of the inmates, it appears, were singularly monotonous. He poet says:

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As all the adult inmates of the house are kept at their work, the children are not idle. The girls are made thoroughly acquainted with the various departments of household work, and are thus made measure qualified for the position of domestic servants. The boys spend half a day at school and half a day in the workshops, half the time in the garden. When they leave the workshop, instead of strolling in idleness at the factory gates, they are employed in the garden, or in the various departments of household work, which they have to do, which they had been put, in fact, to do, in the world with a much better preparation.

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the existing system of pauper labour, that the inmates of the workhouse might be immediately transferred elsewhere. Probably in some instances farming and gardening will be made to play a much greater part than they do even there, it being calculated that a quarter of an acre of land to every inmate of over ten years of age would make a workhouse absolutely self-supporting. The country workhouses are abundant opportunities of trying the experiments, though of course they will always have to meet the usual objections to the utilisation of pauper labour. Even tried on such a scale as that to which I allude, the Newland scheme has limited scope, and, if the small country unions were to combine with each other, be such a saving as would reduce the rates to two-thirds or one-half of their present amount. We consider the question to be one of national importance.

A NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT

Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P., presided over a meeting held on Saturday at the Westminster Palace Hotel for the purpose of discussing the question of the re-organization of the kingdom in a movement having for its object the promotion and settlement of the various pressing social and political questions of the day. The following were among the working men present: Messrs. H. H. Crumpton (barrier-steward), Mr. Butler-Johnson, and members or delegates from many of the following societies: the National Union of Labourers, the Nationalisation Society, London Society of Compositors, Tower Hamlets Radical Club, King's Cross Radical Club, Social Democratic Club, Stroudham Radical Club, the Buffing Club, the Chobsey Radical Club, Lambeth Democratic Association, and the Battersea Liberal Club.

The meeting was called by circular, and one of the speakers, Mr. EDWIN DUKES, explained, at the request of the

Chairman, what was the general wish of the representatives of the working class? The overwhelming majority of the working classes were practically unrepresented in the House of Commons, the existing electoral system was based on the franchise, the platform, that questions such as manhood suffrage, universal electoral franchise, and payment of members of Parliament, could not be raised in the House of Commons, and that the only way in which these questions could be raised was by direct action with the people.

It was pointed out that had the proposed union existed amongst the organisations which were now almost entirely unrepresented in the House of Commons, the proposed union, rather the Irish Coercion Bill could have passed, and the Government would have been forced to consider or could the Transvaal War have proceeded to the satisfaction of the people.

Mr. LEWIS Jones, as an instance of that feeling, referred to the fact that in the last election, in the County of Kerry, he had been elected, and that, immediately afterwards, he saw only about 100 voters in favour of the Coercion policy. Referring to a suggestion that the proposed union should be a purely political one, he did not attach much importance to it, as the representatives of labour in Parliament had no political power, and that the only way in which they could be represented was by direct action.

Mr. HENNESSY urged that the working classes had no political power, and that the only way in which they could be represented was by direct action.

It would not have been so had they a centre of organisation.

CLARK said they intended to form an organisation.

Mr. BUTLER-JOHNSON suggested that they should submit to the democratic classes that an organisation and a programme were desirable. He moved a resolution to the effect that the meeting was of opinion that a central organisation was desirable, and that the co-operation of the Radical clubs and other democratic organisations should be asked to agitate for the settlement of pressing social and political questions of the day.

In the decision which followed, the CHAIRMAN strongly condemned the caucus system, which had been the cause of the meeting being called to order. He never knew. The caucuses all acted in support of the Government, no matter what principle was at stake.

Professor BREWSTER would not support an organization simply to promote Radicalism; but let them be a "National Association for the Advancement of the Cause of Justice to the Deaf-mute" and he should support it. The resolution was then carried, as was also another, postponing the meeting into a preliminary session. The sub-committee was then asked to report, and the resolution should be formed, which could draft a skeleton programme, to be laid before a future conference.

It was then proposed that the Association should assume the character of a Labour League; but Mr. LEWIS JONES thought if they agitated their members, they would be liable to arrest, and that would be the destruction of the ancient liberties of Parliament, and they would have the people with them.

Mr. JONES and Mr. JONES then rose to draw up the programme, and were given of thanks to the chairman.

the proceedings closed.

STRANGE ROBBERY CASE

At Marylebone Police Court, London, on Saturday, Alfred Peepier, 17, carman, and Frank Hunt, 26, a labourer, were charged on remand with being concerned together in stealing from the person of Elizabeth Cook, a widow, of 10, St. Mark's Road, of England, a note for £10, a savings bank book for £100, £100 in gold, a watch and guard value £4, and silver property belonging to her. The prosecutor stated that she lived at 8, Ransleigh Road, Harrow Road, and on the evening of the 26th February Peepier took her home for protection, and said his mother would see her right for the night. She had a cheque for £40, a £10 note, and in gold, and a bank book for £100, at the time, and when she woke up at three o'clock she missed them, as well as a watch and guard. In answer to Mr. Cooke (who had some difficulty in obtaining replies) the witness said about

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THE SEVERE SNOW STORM

A snowstorm of great severity passed over this district on Friday and Saturday last. In the streets of Concord the snow had drifted to a considerable depth. Further West the snow accumulated to a great depth, and prohibitive traffic altogether suspended. Immense drifts were formed between Concord and Leadgate, and between Leadgate and Depot Pike, which is something like 1,200 feet above the sea level, the road was covered with snow to a great thickness. Between Tow Law and Benfieldside the snow lay on the railway to a depth of twelve or fourteen feet consequently there was no communication between Benfieldside and Bishop Auckland, etc Tow Law for several days.

On Friday afternoon, passengers travelling by the 8.0 p.m. train from Durham were obliged to walk over several hundred yards of snow at Consett. The train was delayed by the heavy snow, and the station master at Benfieldside, Mr. Harker, had to direct them to the latter place. The whole of the engines of the Consett Iron Company became fast in the snow, and work was almost entirely suspended several days.

Mr. Corcoran Graham, who held an inquest at Low Wollerton Farm on Friday afternoon, on the body of a woman named Ellen Barron, who had been dropped down dead while in the act of lighting a fire, had to ride his horse up to the girls in snow order to hold the inquiry.

Mr. Harker, who did not reach Consett until 10.15 p.m., was obliged to direct the passengers to the station at Benfieldside.

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Joseph Robinson, another favourite, gave universal satisfaction by his singing of the ever popular "The Anchor's Weighed," and with his last part "A.B.C.," fairly took all before him, and brought down the house in round upon round of applause. The trio, "A Little Farm," by Messrs. J. Green, M. Ridley, and the Rev. R. T. Tuxton, of the quartette, "The Chaffers," by Messrs. Robinson, Green, Ridley, and the Rev. R. T. Tuxton, little could the audience, and each had to be posted. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the performers, the proceedings being brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Bridge. Temperance movements were started at Shootley Bridge, and if religious services required to be conducted in the district they had to go from Shootley Bridge. Therefore, an independent chapel was the gratitude community in the district. As he had already said, and it was an important point—when their insufficient accommodation the inhabitants forward and invented their capital in the building and to seek to remove the source of interest capital expended was most unjust. (Applause) then urged that they should manfully oppose removal of the court.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Geo. Renton) reports that since last meeting scarlet fever had re-appeared in the district and had shown itself on both sides of the village. Fourteen cases in all had been under his observation, one of which had proved fatal. The Inspector had been furnished with a list of the cases, and the necessary precautions had been observed. Diarrhoea had also prevailed extensively but without any fatal result. The condition of the district was generally satisfactory. The CHAIRMAN thought the report satisfactory. Mr. BROWN: No measles this time!

she possesses a sweet voice, naturally strong good compass. Mr. Smealwell, officiated as conductor while Mr. W. T. Daglish presided at the organ. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Joshua T. Too much praise cannot be given to the choir. It is the second of a series of concerts to be given in the neighbourhood, arrangements having been made at Lanchester and other places, the proceeds of which will be given towards the liquidation of the debt of Dipton chapel. Votes of thanks were given to the choir, chairman, chapel trustees, and helpers, brought a well spent evening to a close.

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