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**To the Editor of the *Guardian*.**

Sir,—In your last issue you made some remarks about the population of Bournemouth, in reference to the clause of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, which enacts that no new borough shall have a separate police force unless the population at the census next preceding the date of Incorporation amounted to 20,000, and tending to show that the population of the district under the Government of the Bournemouth Commissioners in 1881, together with that of the district now proposed to be added would amount to the required 20,000; but this, I think, will not be the case. I have not had an opportunity of referring to official returns, but taking the figures published in the local papers in May, 1881, which, I think, may be looked upon as substantially accurate, I find that the population of the district under the Commissioners in 1881 was—

	16859
The population of Bournemouth, Springbourne, and Boscombe, including those parts of the latter places which were outside the Commissioners district was .....	18675
Westbourne .....	794

19399

To this should be added—

(1.) The population of <b>Freemantle</b> , which may be estimated at, say .....	100
(2.) Malmesbury Park, say .....	100
(3.) That part of Bournemouth lying to the north of the Poole-road, and west of the Commissioners' district, say .....	100

Which would make a total in round numbers of ..... 19700  
leaving a deficit of 300.

In calculating the above I am not sure that Nos. 2 and 3 are not included in the above returns for Springbourne and Westbourne.—Yours obediently,

J. DRUITT, JUN.

whole work to a shorthand writer, and for the curious errors of the spelling of which crept into the earlier editions. Mr May will probably shortly issue an edition, bringing his narrative down to the present time; and, in the interests of contemporary history-making, he still keeps his diary every day with praiseworthy

## SPRINGBOURNE.

CONGRATULATION TO MR MAY.—On Tuesday evening Mr May and friends worshipping at the McGill Mission, Springbourne, met together for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr May, the evangelist. After an excellent tea had been served, a purse of £5 and a valuable time-piece were handed over to Mr May as a slight token of respect and appreciation in which he was held in high esteem. Rev J. Harrington presided and stated that Mr May had always co-operated in the work. Mr May has been in Springbourne

effect.

## SOUTHBOURNE.

AT SOUTHBOURNE unmistakable signs of spirited enterprise are visible, for besides the Winter Gardens there are newly erected buildings and recently laid-out property and new roads are cut leading to and through the cliffs to the sea beach. The faces of the cliffs near have been smoothed down, and a wide and long esplanade is being formed underneath them, which is now edged by a massive sea wall, one part of it projecting so as to form the entrance for the suggested new pier. It is a most interesting spot, and well worth a visit. The gigantic work cannot fail to be an admirable sight. The views of the surroundings are also extensive, amongst them being the old Priory Church (Christchurch), Christchurch Head, Isle of Wight, Bournemouth, &c. To get to Southbourne a walk can be taken which leads along through Springbourne, Boscombe, Freemantle, and Pokesdown, returning by way of the beach, a distance altogether of about five miles.



Death has removed one of the oldest links that we have with the local past. At the age of 80 Mr. William Bolton, J.P., of Harcourt Road, Pokesdown, died on Saturday, at the Boscombe Hospital, after an operation. In the year 1855, that is sixty-four years ago, he opened a small shop as a grocer and general dealer in Cromwell Road in that part of the old road that has now been absorbed in Seabourne Road. I shall always think of him as the pioneer, as it were, of civilisation in the old village.

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I am tempted to picture Pokesdown in the early days. When Mr. Bolton opened his shop in 1855 it must have been little more populous than Iford is now, for 16 years later there were under 500 residents, and they were principally children. It is impossible, absolutely impossible, that Mr. Bolton, who was born at Burton in 1838, could have even guessed at the future growth of the little village, where he was the baker, the grocer, the tea dealer, and the general merchant, and sold odd lines in Bristol tobacco and stationery. Yet he rose to be an alderman of a county borough and a Justice of the Peace. He won more, for these are trivial successes compared to the winning of a wide repute for integrity in

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He was progressive in business, added to his shop postal work, and for many years was the postmaster to a large and growing area, and at a pinch delivered the letters himself.

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## BOSCOMBE

**NEW BAPTIST CHAPEL AT FREEMANTLE.**—On Tuesday evening the opening services were held in connection with the new Baptist Chapel which has just been erected at Freemantle, on the high road between Boscombe and Pokesdown. The place is built of wood with a corrugated iron covering, and is intended as a branch mission in connection with the larger place of worship at Boscombe. A public tea was held at 6 o'clock, at which a large number sat down, and later on a public meeting was held, at which Mr. R. C. Morgan, editor of the *Christian*, presided, and was supported by the Revs. R. Colman (Westbourne), C. H. Parrett (Boscombe), R. Walker (Poole), J. Collins (Lymington), E. Pickford (Pokesdown). There was a capital attendance. The proceedings opened with singing and prayer, after which the Rev. R. Colman made an interesting statement with respect to the steps which had led to the erection of that place of worship. He believed that in a large degree it might be said that he was responsible for it, and perhaps some of his friends might think him a little rash in the matter. But latterly especially he had felt that life was rather short, and also uncertain, and that they could not be too active in seeking to represent the Gospel to their fellow men. (Hear, hear.) He knew the evil there was in multiplying small places of worship, but he thought that it needed some qualifying by comparison as to the growth of the neighbourhood in which they were placed. (Hear, hear.) If it were a stagnant neighbourhood not likely to grow, it would be unwise for them to open a house like that, but every one knew that it was not a stagnant neighbourhood. On the contrary it was growing rapidly, and the tendency of those outlying districts was to be occupied by people who, because there was nowhere for them to go, got into a habit of attending no place of worship. Therefore he felt that a neighbourhood like that justified the step they had taken. (Hear, hear.) As to the origin of the work. Some time ago there was an Agricultural Show at the west of Bournemouth, and one of the buildings there was a committee room of iron, which, after the show, was put up for auction. He saw it and thought what a capital mission or school-room it would make on an economical basis, and in conjunction with his friend, Mr. Wills, who had similar ideas, he bought it, though they did not know at the time quite what to do with it. It was offered to the Rev. M. Lansdowne, of East Cliff Congregational Church, for the purpose of a school, but they were not



prepared to take up the work just then. Then the Rev. G. Wainwright, of the Westbourne Chapel, wanted it, but could not get a site for it. In the meantime, in conversation with the Rev. C. H. Parrett, it was thought that it would be a good plan to place it at Freemantle as a mission hall. By this time however Mr. Wainwright found a site for it at Westbourne, and that work had been begun and succeeded so well that if Freemantle mission might do half as much good it would be ample compensation. (Hear, hear). With respect to the cost of the new building and the state of the funds, Mr. Colman said that the site was secured at a ground rental of £10 a year, and that they could buy it in a reasonable time by paying 25 years' purchase. The contract for the building was £200; cost of the lease, £8 1s; printing, 10s 6d; builder for extras, such as forms, gas fittings, lamps, fence, writing desk, &c., £37 10s; half ground rent for the year, £5; making a total of £251 1s 6d. Towards this they had donations

given and promised to the amount of £79 9s; the chief donors being Mr. Meyrick £25, Rev. R. Colman £25, Mr. Clark £5, Mr. Mitchell £10 10s, Mrs. Leatham £5, Messrs. Aldridge and Haydon £4 4s. That left a considerable deficiency, but a friend of his had offered to lend them, after deducting what they raised that evening, the balance of the money free of interest for twelve months. (Hear, hear). In addition to money gifts, other friends had helped in various ways. The grounds had been laid out by some of their friends, matting had been given by Mr. Legg, hymn books and a desk Bible and some linoleum by Mr. Parrett, iron standards and railings for the desk by Mrs. Meyrick, and twenty seats were going to be provided by Mr. J. J. Allen. Mr. Colman pointed out that there were many other things needed, and hoped they would try their best to supply them.—Interesting and encouraging addresses were given by the Chairman and the Revs. Walker, Collins, and Pickford, and a collection was taken at the close.

The chapel will seat about 200. Two services will be held on Sundays, in the afternoon at three o'clock, and in the evening at 6.30. The Rev. C. H. Parrett, pastor of the Boscombe Baptist Church, will superintend the work, to whom all communications should be made.



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be nice to go and show their interest in a matter of public benefit.—On the proposition of Mr. Bolton and Mr. Alsford, it was resolved that the invitation be officially accepted, and that as many of the members should attend as was possible.—Dr. Dickie complained of the number of advertising hoardings on the main road. They were an eyesore and a nuisance to the neighbourhood, and he asked if the Council could not order their removal, or control their erection.—Mr. Bolton thought if it was a nuisance the Council could deal with the matter.—Mr. Humphrey-Davis did not think the Council had power to deal with the matter at present, but, in the future, he suggested all hoardings might be licensed by the Council.—Mr. Bolton hoped the overseers would see the hoardings were rated.

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## THE POKESDOWN KIOSK.

Visitors to the Pokesdown sea front this summer will see many changes. The new approach to the beach has quite made the shore a popular place of resort, but the latest addition in the shape of the little kiosk at the foot of the cliff path, which we understand is for refreshment purposes, quite civilizes the beach. Doubtful Thomases in the district are saying in how many months it will be washed away by some gale, but we are backing it to outlive them all. The sea won't lift up that deeply buried and scientifically sloped and constructed protective wall in a hurry.

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## Local Baptists Confer.

Some very pertinent and pointed things were said about the profession and practice of Christianity to-day, at the annual meetings of the Bournemouth and Lymington District, Southern Baptist Association, which were held in the Rosebery Park Baptist Church, Pokesdown, on Wednesday. The attendance was disappointing, and the Rev. W. Harry Davies (Boscombe) presided.

### THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM.

The Rev. D. D. Bennett, of Brockenhurst, went deep into current problems in a stimulating paper on "the church and the kingdom of God." The two terms were not synonymous, he said, for the latter was greater than the former. But while proclaiming the kingdom, the church should at the same time show by its manner of life that there was already in the world a community in which the kingdom was actually in existence and in operation. At least they ought to put Christianity into their relationships with their fellow-Christians. The Christian who was a bit of a fool ought to be able to trust the Christian who was a clever man of business, remarked the speaker significantly. At the same time, he refused to accept the view that the church was played out. That would be so only when the church believed it and acted as if it were so.

An interesting talk followed.—Mr. Edgington laid stress upon the *dignity* of church membership.—"Let there be love in the church," was the appeal of the Rev. J. Howell Rees.—The Rev. E. E. Rees submitted that the church was by no means the only agency working for righteousness to-day. Ultimately there were two great forces—one of good and one of evil.—"Suppose we do scrap the church—what then?" it was the pertinent query of the Rev. H. T. Bury.—Admitting, in his reply, that many outside organisations were doing good work more efficiently than the church was doing its own work, the Rev. D. D. Bennett suggested that they received their real inspiration from the church.

### NOT WISHT-WASHY.

At a public meeting in the evening, the Rev. A. G. C. Rendall dealt with practical Christianity and the practice of Christianity. Some people thought that the commandment, "Love one another," was "wishy-washy," he remarked. He submitted, however, that it was the only possible or practical solution of thousands of almost insurmountable difficulties. The only way to melt the ice of human hatred was to apply warmth. "If you know of a church where religion is really put into practice I wish you'd show it to me. I've been looking for it for a long time," he concluded.

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**CONCLUDED.**  
The Rev. A. J. Stanton spoke in scathing terms of the idea that the man in the street rejected Christianity because he could not reconcile it with science or could not accept its precepts or its practices. It was all nonsense. The speaker's own experience was that the man in the street didn't care a brass farthing for religion at all. They had to accept the fact, as Christian people, that the churches were empty.

#### **THE NON-RELIGIOUS SOLUTION BANKRUPT.**

The world was either the footstool of God or the football of fate, he proceeded. The non-religious solution had gone bankrupt because of the war, which had revealed its utter futility. If the church's methods had failed, why didn't they try other methods? If the world wouldn't come to the church, the church should go to the world. Why shouldn't they preach on the sands?

At the business session, the Rev. F. C. J. Dawson was appointed to succeed Mr. Percy B. Knight as President of the District Association. The Rev. J. H. Rees was re-appointed secretary, and the Rev. D. D. Bennett became missionary secretary.

The autumnal session will be held at Tiptoe.



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**Christchurch Times.**  
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SOCIETY.	THE offertory at the Priory church on Sunday, for the sick poor, amounted to £2 19s. 1d.
STER,	SIR John Thursby's Harriers will meet at Marlpit Oak on Friday next, the 16th, at 11 o'clock.
KINS,	THE Rev. F. G. West, who, after three months' mission at the Christchurch and Freemantle Baptist chapels, is leaving to conduct other missions in Dorsetshire and in the North of England. The Freemantle congregation have held a farewell service, and presented Mr. West with a testimonial and a small sum of money.
ist, (who d Princess . A . M . ,	AN official return gives the cost of highways in the official year of 1889. The Christchurch High-

# The Bournemouth Daily Echo

A DAILY NEWSPAPER FOR THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

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The Shelley Estate is the name given to the best residential part of the town, and we have also a Percy-road and a Shelley-road. More than any district of the borough, Boscombe possesses this peculiarity of preserving the memory of men who have been closely connected with its growth and development by applying their names to roads and districts in the town. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff (British Minister at Madrid), formerly owner of the Spa Estate, who lived here for several years and represented the division in Parliament, gives his name to the Drummond-road, while Owls-road commemorates his exploits in political satire in the now defunct journal "The Owl." Horace-road, Walpole-road, and Orford-road, are named after his Norfolk relatives, and tend to give the place a flavour of literary associations. Portman-road is named after Viscount Portman, who owns a large estate at the extreme east of the borough, while Argyll-road reminds one of the visit of the Duke of Argyll and the opening of Boscombe Pier. But the road-namers, whoever they may be, have gone further afield for

illustrious names wherewith to designate our local roads. Eminent political personages have been freely drawn upon, with the result that such names as Gladstone, Salisbury, Churchill, and Palmerston, are in our mouths as household words. There are others in Boscombe, but the peculiarity is still more noticeable in Boscombe Park and Pokesdown, for here we find the names of such modern political lights as Rosebery, Morley, Harcourt, and Somerset, among others. In Springbourne the "Uitlanders" have a preference for American statesmen, for here in a cluster we have roads named after Washington, Lincoln, Grant, and Garfield. One other peculiarity which applies to the whole of the borough, may here be mentioned. We have no "streets;" all our thoroughfares are termed either "roads," "crescents," "parks," or "avenues." "Streets," as other towns understand them, do not exist here. Outside our business thoroughfares there is hardly a continuous row of houses to be found, and therefore we use terms more suggestive of the real character of the place.



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**LANSDOWNE BAPTIST CHURCH** (Pastor's Anni-  
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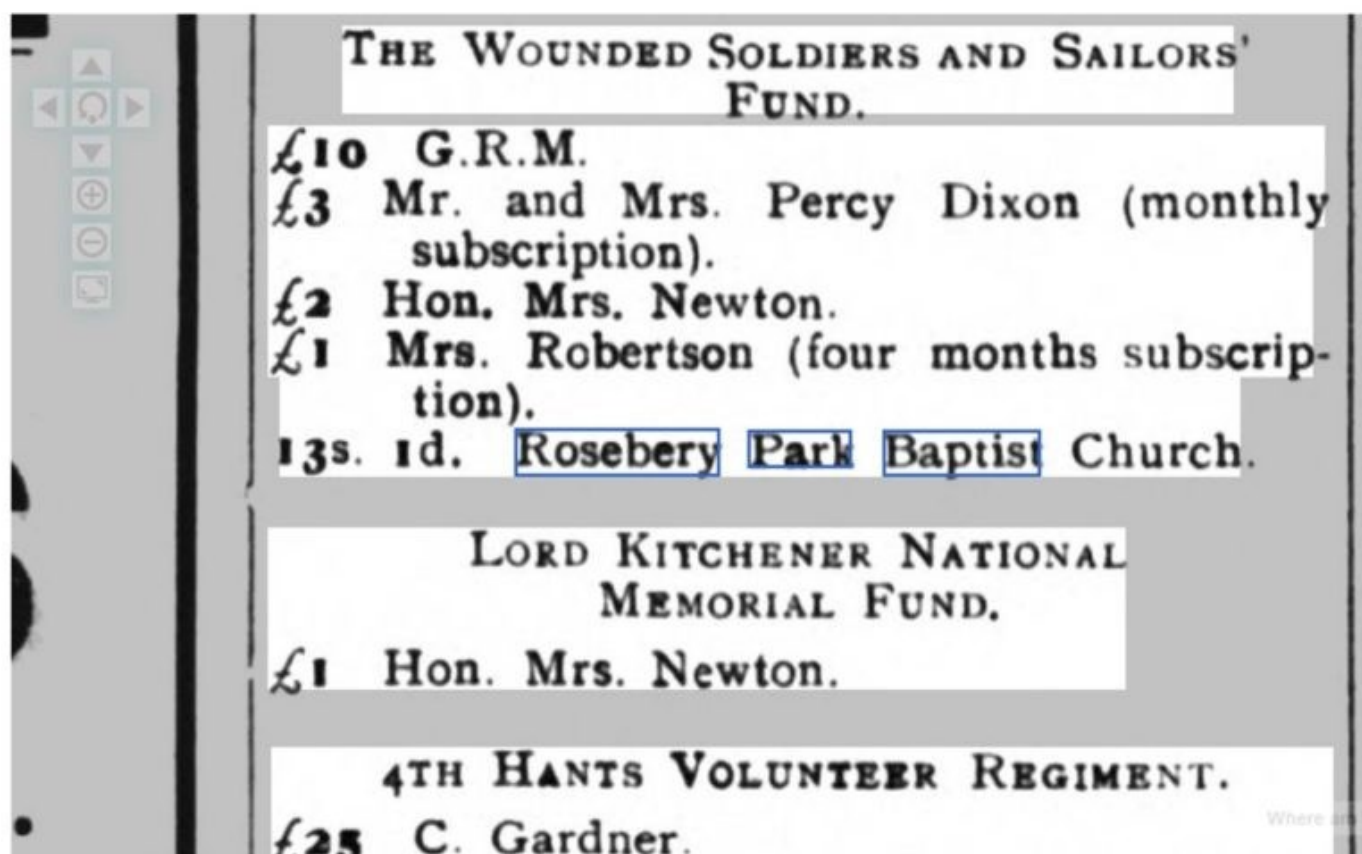
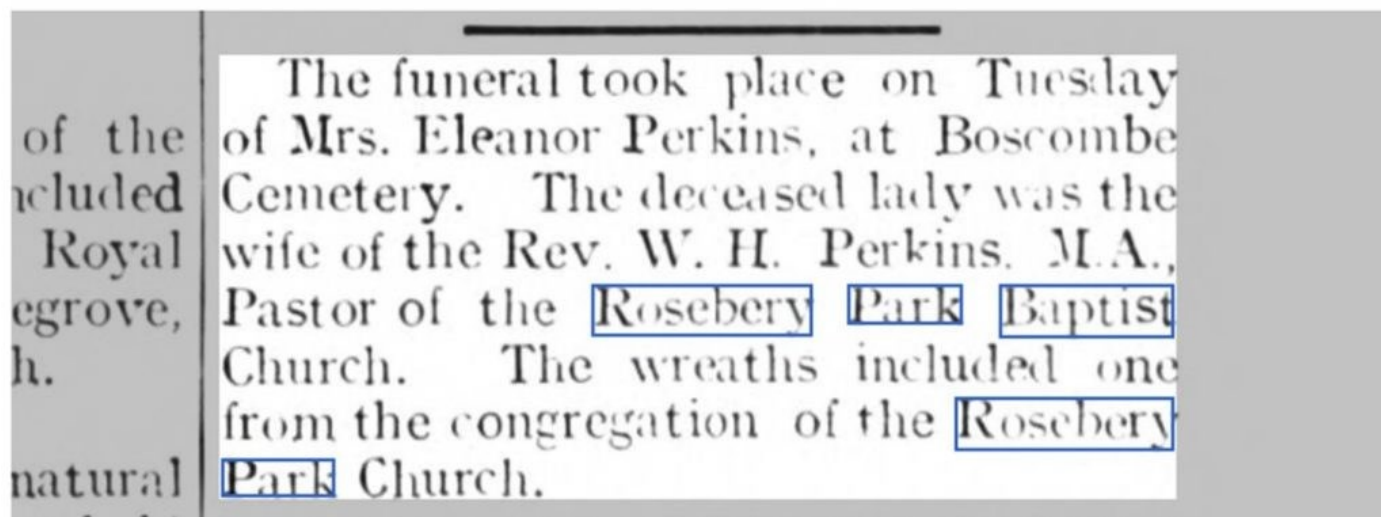
**BOSCOMBE BAPTIST CHURCH**.—Services:  
Morning at 11. Evening at 6.30. Rev. W. V.  
Robinson.

**WEST CLIFF TABERNACLE**.—Services: Morning  
at 11. Evening at 6.30. Preacher, Rev. G. D.  
Hooper.

**ROSEBERRY PARK BAPTIST CHAPEL**, Pokes-  
down.—Services: Morning at 11. Evening at 6.30.  
Preacher, Rev. W. H. Perkins, M.A.

**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES**, Shaftesbury Hall.  
Services: Morning at 11, Evening at 7. Preacher,  
Rev. Richard Hughes, M.A.





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