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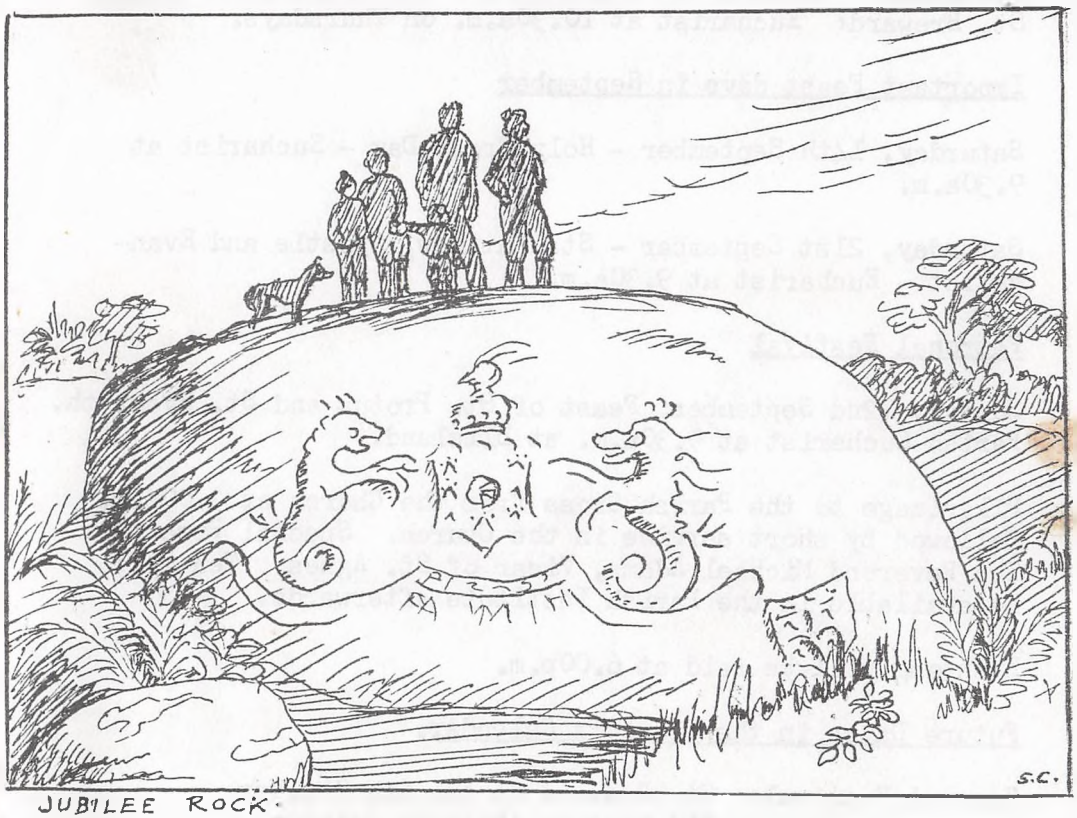

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Sunday Services for September

Blisland: Parish Eucharist at 9.30a.m.
St. Breward: Parish Eucharist at 11.00a.m.

Temple: Evensong at 3.30p.m. on Sunday, 1st September.

Weekday Services

Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 10.30a.m. on Thursdays.

Important Feast days in September

Saturday, 14th September - Holy Cross Day - Eucharist at 9.30a.m.

Saturday, 21st September - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Eucharist at 9.30a.m.

Patronal Festival

Sunday, 22nd September, Feast of St. Protus and St. Hyacinth. Parish Eucharist at 9.30a.m. at Blisland.

Pilgrimage to the Parish Cross from the Church at 3.00p.m. followed by short service in the Church. Special Preacher: The Reverend Michael Adams, Vicar of St. Agnes. Tea will be available in the Parish Institute afterwards.

Evensong will be said at 6.00p.m.

Future Dates in the Church's Calendar.

Harvest Festival: St. Breward on the 6th October.
Blisland on the 13th October.

Visitation of the Bishop of St. Germans on Tuesday, 22nd October - programme to be announced.

Feast of the Dedication of the Church at Blisland and St. Breward will be celebrated on Sunday, 27th October.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

This month we shall be celebrating our patronal festival at Blisland on Sunday, 22nd September.

The dedication of the church in Blisland is unique in that, it is the only church in England to bear the name of St. Protus and St. Hyacinth. Brothers, they were martyred in the late 3rd century. Protus was beheaded and Hyacinth was burned. Their memory is preserved by the church in Como, Milan, Florence and Rome. Their feast day is celebrated at Blisland on the Sunday nearest to the 22nd day of September.

The importance of keeping a patronal festival lies in the fact that we are part of a community of faith called the Communion of Saints who are called to be witnesses (martyrs) to the truths of the Gospel. Such martyrs were St. Protus and St. Hyacinth and thus it is only fitting that the church at Blisland which bears their name should commemorate their witness on the day of their heavenly birthday which falls on the 22nd of this month.

In this decade of evangelism to which the church in this parish is committed, it is appropriate then that we in our turn should also witness to the Christian faith and this we can do in our village by participating fully in the programme arranged for the feast of St. Protus and Hyacinth on the 22nd September.

In doing so we shall not only acknowledge the work of God's grace in lives of these two great saints but also to the fact that there is a christian presence to which we bear witness in the pagan world around us.

May God bless you in his service.

Yours sincerely,

Father Harris.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Kelly Louise Bunt was baptised on Sunday, 21st July at St. Breward Parish Church. "Made a member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Funerals

A service took place at Glynn Valley Crematorium for the late Marjorie Muskett of Chapel Farm, St. Breward on Wednesday, 3rd July.

The late Anthony Powell was interred in the Churchyard at St. Breward on Tuesday, 30th July after Requiem Mass, celebrated by Fr. Toffolo at St. Mary's Abbey, Bodmin.

The funeral service for the late Caroline Mildred Prout took place on Friday, 9th August at Blisland Parish Church. The officiant was The Rev'd Michael Pearse, Vicar of St. Teath. Internment followed in the Churchyard.

A funeral service was held at Glynn Valley Creatorium for Gladys Walby aged 73 of St. Breward.

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them".

William Roy Harper
It is with deep regret that we record the death of Roy who died suddenly at Blisland on July 28th whilst on holiday. Born and bred in the village, he had strong family ties with Blisland and on many occasions wrote interesting articles for the parish magazine concerned with parish life. His funeral took place on Monday, August 5th at Exminister Parish Church. Our thoughts and prayers thus go out to his family at this time in their hour of sadness.
May he rest in peace.

Paula Nottle of Blisland married Billy Dowling recently at Bodmin Register Office.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Friday. 4th October. CONCERT in Church at 7.30p.m.
THE ST. MABYN CONCERT SINGERS and JOHN & ROSEMARY HEARD (violin and piano). Admission by programme £1.50 obtainable from Mrs. Metters (Bodmin 850156) and Mr. Hawken (Bodmin 850294) or at the door.
Light refreshments on sale afterwards.

The Church will be decorated on Friday. All contributions of flowers and produce gratefully received. Please take to Church by 2.00p.m.

Sunday. 6th October. Parish Eucharist at 11.00a.m.

Monday. 7th October. PASTY SUPPER in the village hall at 7.30p.m. Admission £1.50. Followed by auction of harvest produce.

St. Breward held their very successful Church Fete on 13th July. Despite the rain everyone enjoyed themselves and a profit of £1068.45 was made.

CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year the sponsored bicycle is taking place on Saturday 14th September from 10.00a.m. to 6.00p.m.
All money raised is divided equally between your church or chapel and the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust.
Sponsorship forms available from Mrs. C. McShee, Tel 850435.

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Thank you to Mrs. S. Cholmeley who drew the picture for this months cover.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday September 8th at 2.30p.m. Preacher R. Hoskin.

Sunday September 22nd at 2.30p.m. Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday September 1st	at 11.00a.m.	Preacher Rev'd Broad SAC
" " "	" 6.00p.m.	" Mr. Wickett
Sunday September 8th	at 11.00a.m.	" Mr. Cole
" " "	" 6.00p.m.	" Mr. Sleep
Sunday September 15th	at 11.00a.m.	" Mrs. Beare
" " "	6.00p.m.	" Mr. Cooper
Sunday September 22nd	at 11.00a.m.	" Mr. Gibbons
" " "	" 6.00p.m.	" Rev'd Broad
Sunday September 29th	at 11.00a.m.	" Mrs. Troy
" " "	" 6.00p.m.	" Mr. Whitehead

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND - Engagements for September

Sunday September	1st	Padstow at 2.30p.m. & 7.00p.m.
Thursday "	5th	Port Isaac at 7.30p.m. Final Night.
Sunday "	15th	R.A.F. Church Parade, Bodmin at 2.00p.m.

A Coffee Morning with stalls organised by Mrs. Eileen Collings and friends raised £160.50pfor the local branch of the Spastic Society. Grateful thanks to all who gave or helped in any way.

A bumper Jumble Sale and Prize Bingo was organised by Shirley Cotton and the Dingle family, friends and relations in aid of the Cornwall Kidney Fund. Mr. Percy Dingle presented Dr. Julie Thacer of The Renal Unit with a cheque for £1,150.76p. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped.

ROUGHTOR AND ITS MEMORIAL

It was on September 4th 1954, 37 years ago this month, that the unveiling and dedication of RoughTor as a war memorial took place, to the memory of all ranks of the 43rd Wessex division who, during the years 1939 - 1945 made the supreme sacrifice.

The memorial tablet was unveiled by General Sir Ivor Thomas in the presence of the senior chaplains who read from the Funeral oration of Pericles, "they failed not their motherland, but laid their gallant lives at her feet. ..... each man has gained a glorious grave - not that sepulchre of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance wherein their glory is enshrined..."

The deeds of the site were handed to the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe (representing the National Trust) by the late Sir Richard Onslow.

The prayers were said by the Rev'd. F.H.J. Hurford then the vicar of St. Breward and the blessing by the then Assistant Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev'd. J Wellington.

The chapel on Rough Tor was almost certainly a hermitage chapel in origin and the hermit probably kept a light burning at night as a guide to travellers over the moor, just as similar lights were kept in coastal chapels to guide mariners at sea.

On the 1st September 1371 a licence was granted to Sir Hugh Peverell of Hamatethy to have services in his chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel at the "Roghtorre" for use on the vigil of each of the two feasts of that saint.

On 12th October 1419 a more general licence was obtained by Sir William Russell, vicar of the parish of St. Breward, to celebrate divine service in this chapel. Licences were renewed in 1422 and 1435.

The chapel had probably been abandoned in the 16th century and it was only referred to again as 'ruins' in the early 19th century.

The chapel was situated in a natural cleft in the granite on the most easterly side of the two peaks of Rough Tor.

In 1836 much of the carved stonework was removed to the Britannia Inn, then being built on the road leading from Camelford to Altarnun. This inn, later a Farmhouse is known as Trevelyan Gate and over the front door may be

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A BOY FROM THE MOORS - Roy Harper

Before I start on this month's extraction from the above book it is with great sadness that I have to report the sudden death of the author Mr. Roy Harper. This coming so soon after the demise of his mother Mrs. Hester Harper has been a great loss to the family. As you know from the excerpts of "A Boy From the Moors", Mr and Mrs Harper Senior and the resulting families have lived in Blisland and Temple most of their lives. They are part of "old" Blisland and irreplaceable. My thanks go to Mrs. Christine Harper for allowing me to continue with the excerpts from her late husband's book which recall so many happy memories to Mr. Roy Harper's contemparies.

BACK TO TEMPLE

"When we moved back to Temple in 1934 we joined the large band of children who travelled to school by bus"..... "We were carried by a bus belonging to Webber brothers"..... "I think this was a Reo and was brown and yellow, and had a luggage rack on the roof reached by a ladder at the rear. Dick Webber was the unfortunate driver who regularly drove our bus, and a tough job he had as the Temple lot were an unruly crowd. Dick would look into his mirror, and then shout "Sit down back there, damee. You'll get out and walk if you don't behave"..... "Sometimes if the bus broke down cars would come for us, sometimes three"..... "The second car was usually driven by Dick's brother Stan. On one occasion he had a different car, I think it was a Lanchester and we kept pestering Stan as to how fast it would go"..... "Stan put his toe down and the needle touched the sixty mark. We were almost speechless with excitement and long remembered the day we travelled at a mile a minute"..... "While we waited at Churchbridge (for the bus) in the evenings we used to climb trees, and one huge beech tree, which is still there, had a long branch which reached far out over the road and river. For a long time this was our swing, but it was not for the faint hearted. When you plunged off the top of the bank you were immediately about twenty feet above the road, and as you swung outward you could glimpse the river far below"..... "Of course it was not all play, there was a considerable amount of work

to be done"..... "I loved reading, and avidly devoured any book I could lay hands on"..... "I was also fond of Art"..... "I remember Mr. Hawken saying once, "you know your drawing is quite good, but I do wish you'd draw something other than cowboys".

To be continued.

E.J.W.

Results of competitions in St. Breward Carnival programme

Correct answers to the Wordsearch were:- Churchtown, Coombe Road, Row, Hill Close, Brookside, De Lank, Penvorder, Lime-head, Rylands, Minehill, Penquite.
The winner was D. Masters, Windfall, Rylands.

Correct answer to the Anagram was David G. McLeod.
The winner was M. Sherratt, Churchtown.

ST. BREWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB

Entertainment

Friday	September	6th	Disco
Saturday	"	7th	Ricky Barnes
Friday	"	13th	Night flight
Saturday	"	14th	Final Frontier
Friday	"	20th	A.R. Roadshow (Disco)
Saturday	"	21st	Live Music
Friday	"	27th	Night Flight
Saturday	"	28th	One Man Jones

OXFAM WEEK 1991 (October 1st to October 8th)

October 1st 1991 heralds the arrival of Oxfam's 50th. year, which coincides with Oxfam Week during which Oxfam will be organising various fundraising events throughout the South West including house-to-house collections to raise money for the world's poorest people, victims of disasters both natural and man made.

If you feel you can help in any way, maybe just an hour to do a collection please contact Mrs. McShee (850435) for details.

seen a two-centred arch moulded with a Fleur de Lys.

There are other relics of the chapel at Hengar, St. Tudy, then the seat of the Onslow Family. A photo of the memorial tablet can be seen in the record album at St. Breward Church.

I am indebted to Mrs. Ivy Rowe for information about the actual dedication service. Her father the late Mr. George Nottle was present at the ceremony and in memory of his younger son Fred who with other St. Breward young men were killed in the war. Mr. Nottle had kept the souvenir programme among his memorabilia.

Grace Masters.

The following letter has been sent to Mr. F.W. Parsons, Poppy Appeal Organiser for St. Breward from Wing Commander H.B. Trant MBE, Cornwall County Co-ordinator, The RBL Poppy Appeal.

Dear Poppy Appeal Organiser
You will, no doubt, have been delighted to hear from the Poppy Appeal Headquarters that another all time record collection was achieved in the 1990 Appeal. Subject to Audit, this amounts to £12,825,873:19p representing a 7.07% increase over last year.
Cornwall's contribution towards this total was £124,335:79p very slightly down on last years's total but never the less an immensley satisfactory contribution. My purpose in writing to you is to thank you and all your helpers for all you have done towards raising this splendid total.

TABLE TENNIS

Once again the season is upon us and we start play at Blisland Village Hall at 8.00p.m. on Thursday 19th September. Our team did well last season in the novice league, finishing runners-up and gaining promotion to Division 3. So why not come along to swell the numbers, we would particularly welcome new lady members!

D. Garvey (850952)

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Flower Festival was a great success, socially and financially and this was due to so many people. Our thanks go to:

Brigadier Edward-Collins for organising the stewards and getting us very valuable sponsorship and for unearthing the Blisland church silver from the vaults. Our thanks also to Mrs. Edward-Collins for cleaning the said silver!

Geoffrey Masters our incredibly hard working other Church Warden, who was constantly busy strimming edges, repairing gates, and generally keeping an eye on his beloved church and always smiling and encouraging.

Thank you to our stewards who gave their time so willingly to ensure our visitors received a warm welcome. We would especially like to thank Catherine McShee from St. Breward for her generosity of spirit.

We would like to thank Derek Watson for his beautifully designed and executed posters which were spread far and wide. We are especially grateful to Mitchell and Webber for printing our posters and organising the printing of our very comprehensive programmes.

Our special thanks are due to the Gurr family, to John our very efficient and unflappable treasurer, thank you. The other half of the partnership Wendy was the organiser of the flower department and the researcher of the marvellous, informative programmes; in fact the idea of having Cornish celebrities as our theme camefrom Wendy. We are sure you will agree she gathered around her a very talented band of flower arrangers who produced some outstanding and very original designs which blended so well in our unique church.

Visiting the flowers and church was many times followed by refreshments in the Institute. Our thanks to Majorie Webber and Betty Donnelly for weeks of baking, for the hours spent spring cleaning the church and above all making up a team who worked together so long and amicably. Our visitors constantly commented on the standard of the home made refreshments, so our very sincere thanks to the ladies of Blisland and St. Breward for their culinary delights.

Thank you to Barbara Makim for organising the raffle and to Margaret Garvey and Marjorie Horton who gave their time to sell the tickets.

Our concerts were a delight and much enjoyed by all who attended them. We are indebted to Rev'd Joan Kirby for organising the Carlyon Singers to give us an evening of lovely music and contributing by being a member! Our evening with Campion, an anthology of Words and Music on the Countryside, gave a great deal of pleasure to so many people, and seemed so appropiate in the setting of Blisland. In view of the success of the concerts we hope to do something similar in the future because Blisland church proved to be such a lovely setting for words and music.

Finally our festival was rounded off with an unforgettable Songs of Praise, something Geoffrey Masters very much wanted to be held. We thank John Meeson for the blood, sweat and tears which went into the hymn playing. Oh the joy of having a splendid organ on loan. Thank you Rector for organising that facility.

Thank you Ashley Masters for doing such a professional job as Master of Ceremonies, he had put a great deal of work and research into such a polished performance. We thank the parishioners of St. Breward, St. Tudy, St. Teath, St. Mabyn, St. Neot, Cardinham and Helland who gave us such magnificent support and helped to raise the roof with their voices!

Despite never ending rain, the festival proved to be a great success. Financially we raised in excess of £1.600 but we raised far more in community spirit and friendship.

A footnote; our thanks to our very patient neighbours at Churchgate Cottage, Mr and Mrs Julian. We recommend them as ideal neighbours when a flower festival is held!

Mavis Masters & Ann Meeson,
Flower Festival Committee Members.

Opening of the Re-Furbished Band Room - on Friday 6th September at 7.00p.m. A Coffee Evening with stalls, raffles etc.
New learners to join the band are welcome.

Coffee Morning with stalls and raffles in the Band Room on Saturday 21st September, 10.00a.m. to 12 noon.
In aid of Parish Magazine Funds.

BLISLAND W.I.

The July meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 17th and was presided over by Mrs. Aspinall.

We are still awaiting a reply from the Parish Council about the clearance of the area around the telephone kiosk. We hope that they will be able to deal with this matter soon.

The tea party on the 3rd July for W.I. members from Mary Tavey was a success and we made a profit of over £30.

A letter has been sent to our M.P., Sir Gerry Neale, asking him to support the Resolutions agreed at the Triennial meeting in Birmingham.

A letter has been received from N.F.W.I. advising that the annual subscription is to be raised to £9, an increase of 20% from the present amount of £7.50. We are querying the reasons for this rather large increase. However, even at £9 p.a., we are still only paying just over 80p per meeting and this has to cover the hire of the hall, electricity and the cost of speakers so it is still very good value!

County News has advertised a gliding lesson for £20 at Perranporth in August and a few members are going to try the experience. I will report later on how they enjoyed this form of flying.

Our speaker was Mrs. Sandra Redwood of Cornovi Creations at Mylor Bridge. She gave us a most informative talk on Cornish Tartans and I was surprised to learn that the first one was introduced as late as 1962. Each colour in the Cornish National Tartan has a significance; the white cross on a black background is the banner of St. Piran; the black and gold were the colours of the ancient Cornish Kings; red is for the legs and beak of the national bird (Chough) and the blue is for the colour of the sea surrounding Cornwall.

Apart from the tartan with the gold background there is also a Cornish Hunting tartan which has all the same colours but with a dark green background. Mrs. Redwood runs the company which supplies a great variety of goods from kilts, skirts, shawls, shirts, sporrans, headsquares, children's dresses, rugs and caps to items such as bags, purses, spectacle cases and so on. She also showed us some very

beautiful Celtic jewellery.

Mrs. Meeson thanked the speaker. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Aspinall supplied the refreshments and Mrs. Watson won the raffle. Mrs. Richards won the competition.

The annual Produce Show on the 24th July was a great success and we made a good profit. Due to the rather poor summer the vegetable classes did not attract very many entries but the flowers, cookery, floral art, handicraft and children's classes were very well supported. Thank you to everyone who took part with such enthusiasm and helped to make the event such a success.

Our next meeting will be on the 18th September and the speaker is Mr. D. Saqui talking about the History of Trago Mills.

Wendy Barwood.

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming events for you to remember.

Saturday September 21st. - Car Boot Sale in the Village Hall. Pitches £3.00. Further details from Sandra Matthews on Bodmin 850134.

Monday October 14th - A Bingo Session - a fun evening for all. Doors open at 7.00p.m. Eyes down at 7.30p.m.

Friday November 1st - Candlelit Supper. Further details in October issue.

Saturday December 14th - Carol Singing / Concert / Cornish Evening - three entertainments in one. A fabulous start to the Christmas Festivities.

I would like to thank everyone who supported my Tea Party. The weather was gorgeous and I like to think everyone enjoyed themselves. I would also like to thank all those who helped put up trestle tables etc. and who manned the stalls and games. The sum of £90 was raised - very satisfying.

E.J.W.

Miss Blanche Hill on her 100th birthday would like to say thank you to relatives and friends for presents, cards and visitors who called to see her, and she had a very happy day.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

At the very kind invitation of Mrs. Isobel Willcocks, the club members spent a very happy afternoon at her home "Oakridge" on the 16th July. The weather was pleasant, dry, with sunny intervals, to use the met. jargon. In the garden Mrs. Gwen Masters deposited 16 articles for the Treasure Hunt. It was a most interesting task and while searching, one had the delight of examing such a profusion of shrubs and plants which abound there. No-one found every item and it took more than one tour of the garden to come up with a reasonable score. The prize went to Mrs. Audrey Pierce who gained most points. As always, the tea laid on by Isobel was first class with both savouries and cakes for the sweet tooth!

The competition, a humorous birthday card, suggested and judged by Mrs. Rosa Billings was won by me. The card quoted the old saying, "You're not getting older, you're getting better" on the front cover while inside read, "well at your age you should be bloomin marvellous"!!

Before departing, a presentation of a basket of fruit was presented to Isobel as an appreciation of the numerous times the club members had enjoyed their visit to her home and garden.

The first Tuesday meeting of August got off to a good start with some humorous church notices supplied by Mrs. Audrey Pierce. The competition which followed was devised by Mrs. Emily Webber. The members were given 30 minutes to write down towns or villages in Cornwall which began with "Saint". It seemed easy, but when one has to think and record, the mind does not always function and some of the most well known places were overlooked. Much amusement was caused in checking out the names listed on the map. Mrs. Dorothy Ham recorded the highest number of places with a score of thirty three.

Some of the members gave a little talk or read funny items and Mrs. Rosa Billing played a few songs on the piano which was enjoyed by all and brought a very happy meeting to a close.

Tony Ham.

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