GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK

"Let us now go to the field in glean."

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Two notable additions were made last week to the list of Deputy-Lieutenants of the County. One of these was Mr. Wm. Walker Carnegie, M.P., heir to the Dukedom of Richmond, and the other the eldest son of Lord Scarsdale. Both are being trained for public life in which their successors have held prominent positions.

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The decision was made on Friday that the Standing Joint Committee of the County Council had final upon a site for the new police station, which is to supply the needs of the Matlock district. The building will be erected off the Bank-road, and it is believed that there will be accommodation for a sergeant, with office and cells for both sexes. It will be remembered that the cells at the town lock-up a year or so ago were almost condemned by the medical officer of health, and the result was the authorities gave orders that the premises in question should be shut there. Since then the persons arrested have been temporarily housed at Matlock Bath. From all I hear the latter is a fine Town. now occupied by Sergeant Noble is quite ready for occupation.

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Next Monday night the presentation is made to Mr. Jacob Smith, of Matlock, as a souvenir of his eleven years' service as Mr. F. G. Ashwright, J.P. will preside at the chairman, and Mr. Alfred Bowmer, the secretary of the friendly society, will be full of interest.

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Mr. Victor Cavendish, M.P., delivered a practical speech to the Derbyshire Dairy Farmers' Association at Derby, and a considerable number be placed his best on Protection, and asked his farmers to have no fear of the Liberal Government. He believed it would improve the farmers' position, and how far his sentiments were reciprocated in the audience was shown by the fact that it was not relished to look at the question all round. Protection and consistent were surprising about together in the Derbyshire farmer, who kills a sheep necessarily and sells it at a loss, whereas, going into a shop in Sheffield. Purchasing mutton could be had to pay 9d. per pound, for the best quality, and sometimes 8d. per lb. Such a state of affairs could not be allowed to continue, and it was said at a price less than half the butcher was charging. The remedy was to encourage agriculture among agriculturists is that knowledge is spreading and will have useful effect.

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"A Contributor" from Wirksworth writes me that "numerous appeals have been made to the public during the past two years for subscriptions to the Cottage Hospital, and to-day's meeting calls attention to the fact that the institution is not yet free from debt. It is, in fact, sure, its great satisfaction to a number of persons that the debt will be cleared off, and I would have the kindness to publish a statement of the funds from the public and the source."

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Sending between the lines of the letter received by the Matlock Bath Local Board from the Local Government Board, a variety of interesting items. Mr. Whitehead is to have handed the borrowing powers of the Local Authority shall be extended, which they would be if £2,000 is paid off the sewerage scheme. The difficulties of the Board are only just commencing, and the proposal to construct a sewage farm will be the Commissioners Office at London, if it is possible to do so. They refuse the expenditure, the information would be gladly supplied. To have the rates mortgaged to the hilt is bad enough. It is worse for those who have to pay. Somehow I think the cost will be curtailed. Mr. Parkin, the engineer, will, at the meeting on Friday, lay before Government Board, visit and review the plans and, perhaps, give the means of lopping off a few thousands.

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Applause would have given some gratification to Mr. Wallace Heaton, the Matlock Choral Society, when he saw the Assembly-room at Matlock filled. There were not sufficient seats to accommodate all who wished to attend the performance of "The Messiah" which took place on Tuesday night. The concert will pay and leave a balance. Over £20 were taken at the doors, and 27 visitors' tickets had been sold previously. Miss Bonsfield had an excellent reception and also sang with charming effect. Miss Buchanan, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Turner were also heard to advantage. The concert given in Matlock for years. To Mr. Heaton and Mr. Allen, the hon. secs., Mr. G. S. Shelton, the conductor, and Mr. Woodward and others who gratuitously help the success of the musical loving people of Matlock are due.

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The nuptials were celebrated a few days ago at Duffield Church, of Mr Thomas Ashcroft, Matlock Bath, and Miss Alice Bridgwood, daughter of Mr. Alfred Holme Hawley, of Leagrave, Staffordshire. A handsome gift is taken for the honeymoon.

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A Re-issue for Matlock Bridge! The Local Board have decided to purchase the latest invention of fire destruction at a cost of about £20. The hose is to be increased to 400 feet, and the Corporation of Matlock Bridge will not indulge an ambulance stretcher and an alarm bell.

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The great Morley v. Longhman money case in which Mr. Whitehead was the leading counsel. Mr. W. H. Longhman lived with Mrs. Morley, at Burton Villa six or eight years ago. Affidavits of many kinds, I believe, have been given. Mr. Longhman was well-known for his deeds at Matlock.

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The difficulties which have bothered the residents of the Park Gates Estate, Matlock, have at last been overcome, and it may be assumed the cars will soon be ready for public use.

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I have good reason to think that there has been a further outbreak of sheep-rot within the Bakewell jurisdiction. Until the case has been officially diagnosed, however, it cannot enter into detail.

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Last Friday evening, in the Court Room at the Town Hall, Bakewell, a lecture with limelight views on India was given by the Rev. Lord Gifford, a missionary of the London City Mission, on "Mission Life and Work in the Great Metropolis" by Mr. Fowler, the local secretary. Mr. Charles Cox, city missionary. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. Watkinson.

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On Sunday morning last an aged woman, named Eliza Wood, wife of a labourer, of Sough, Baslow, of Tideswell, was found dead in bed. Dr. Parker was called in, and at the subsequent inquest on Monday it was the opinion death resulted from failure of the heart's action. A verdict of "death from natural causes" was returned.

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The annual Conservative dinner held on Thursday night at Bakewell was in every way a success. Acting on the advice of Mr. Hudson, his brother (Mrs Hudson), Mr. W. Hudson and the Messrs Hudson conducted the business in a manner which is a matter of congratulation to the Conservatives, and to give every satisfaction. Mr. Victor Cavendish, M.P., would have been present but for his landing engagement preparing for the opening of Parliament on the 31st inst. Mr. H. W. Wright, of Chesterfield, was also unable to be with his political followers, but he was represented by his grandson. Mr. Sorsbie, of Sheffield, was present and Mr. Castle Hill, assisting in the management of the Holland estates.

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Mr Dare, who was in the food bank of Messrs Cammell and Eaton, of Derby, has succeeded Mr. F. Nuttall as manager of the Matlock Bank branch. I believe Mr Dore is not a Benedict.

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At the comparatively early age of 32 years, Mr. Joseph Hallam, of Bonsall, died in Wirksworth, died a few days since at Birmingham, after a short but great illness. He had been at the head of the Wirksworth Co-operative Society, and a man of considerable ability. He leaves a wife and family of young children.

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Miss Hodge-Taylor responded, giving some very amusing reminiscences of Wales, touching at last of time and space we must defer dealing with till next week.

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"Labour His Parish, Hope Save."—A concert was given in the Assembly-room, Matlock, on January 26th. Some music worthily suggest this to the management of the Matlock Choral Society. In the instance to which I refer, however, William Smith, of Matlock Bath, was the only one who could be called a musician. The others were all "singers," and very fair singers, I've heard better. Mr. Smith's violin solos were very good indeed. I was told that he had taken lessons from Mr. Hallam, of Derby, but I am not sure. I was sure that the fiddle once more on being encouraged at Matlock.

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The annual tea took place on Wednesday in the St. Thomas' School Branches, when there was a large attendance, about 250 partaking of an excellent tea. Trays were given by Mrs Strutt's wife, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Hall, Mrs Pearson, Mrs A Greaves, Mrs and Miss Fleetwright, Mrs Bramley, Mrs Hall, Mrs Wm Hall, Mrs Jackson, Mrs J Hillsgrey, Mrs Dixon Davies, Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Wm Hall, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Pearson, Miss J Greaves, Mrs M Knowles, Mrs H Fleetwright, Mrs Edmund Barnes, Mrs A Colborn, Mrs Marsden, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Hall, Mrs J F Haslam, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Cocking, Mrs Lenthall, and Miss Taylor. At the present time they are working and Sunday School teachers kindly gave their services at the tea, and some very successful and excellent entertainment was given under the management of the Rev. and Mrs Hervey Clarke. The rector actually addressed those present at the interval. He said it was useless for congratulations to see the room so full. (Hear, hear.) There was one or two matters of which he would like to make attention to. As they were aware, that gathering was held for the purpose of taking money for the erecting [illegible]. At the present time they were receiving £50 per year by way of grant from the Derbyshire Education Committee, but that grant was soon to be stopped, as the society [illegible] that great, and, therefore, before very long they would be left to support the school out of their [illegible]. One of the most important and most pressing matters in connection with the parish was the mission in Lower Brampton, which was in a very dilapidated state. Many things were required for that also. Many persons might subject to keep, and he wished to see that kept up, because all the present time there was no service. He thanked the ladies and gentlemen for the [illegible] that they had so generously given, and he was sure