

BRANXTON.

It will be learned with regret that Private Alec. Hatcher, who last week was reported severely wounded, has since died of wounds. His brother, Private Thos. Hatcher, was killed in action some time ago.

Mr. D. Sexton has been advised that Private John Sexton was admitted to Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, England, on 13th October, suffering from severe gunshot wounds in the back.

Private Clem Richardson has been admitted to Devonport Hospital, as a result of gunshot wounds in the leg (severe).

The anniversary of the Methodist Sunday School was celebrated last Sunday. The church was tastefully decorated and a carefully trained choir, enlarged for the occasion, rendered some delightful music. Rev. W. Dyer, of Cessnock, occupied the pulpit morning and afternoon, and Rev. L. Wilson at night. The church was well filled. The annual meeting in connection with the anniversary was held in the church on Monday evening, when a very attractive programme of elocutionary items was contributed by the children, and hymns and anthems by the choir. Following are the items:—Recitations, "Daisies," Mary Newey; "Santa Filomena," Mina Pettigrew; selected, Freda Chick; "Thanksgiving," Dorothy Smith; "A few lines from Tennyson," Rene Forrester; dialogue, senior girls; "The Secret," Thelma Smith; "A Boy's Prayer," Alex. Russell; "My Baby Brother," Annie Evans; "The Mother," Alice Genge; "The Bishop and the Caterpillar" (humorous), Allan Pankhurst; "Somebody's Darling," Beryl Smith; "Always Speak Kindly," Essie Palmer. Miss Taylor, Mre. also assisted, her contribution, being a recitation "Sweet Briar." Rev. Wilson, in introducing the new superintendent (Mr. T. Mitchell), expressed his gratitude to Mr. Mitchell for having taken up the work, and bespoke the hearty co-operation of the parents with Mr. Mitchell and his staff of teachers. Mr. Mitchell paid a graceful tribute to the late Mr. Tulloch, who occupied the position for 40 years. He also

lease of life on Tuesday evening at a meeting held in the School of Arts. Mr. M. Reilly was elected president, Mr. Leo Berchini, secretary, and Mr. Clive Richardson treasurer. Knights of the willow are quite enthusiastic over the prospects of a successful season, it being rumoured that several clubs are being formed in the immediate district for the purpose of joining in the competition.

The annual floral services in connection with St. John's Church of England were held last Sunday. A judicious arrangement of flowers gave the church a very bright appearance, and the music was quite to keeping. Rev. H. H. Hoart occupied the pulpit, and spoke to large congregations at each service.

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urged a better recognition of the value of moral education. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Tulloch and Mrs. Mitchell, who so ably trained the children with their singing and elocution respectively, and to Mr. T. Mitchell.

The Dreadnought Cricket Club took a new lease of life on Tuesday evening at a meet-