

BRAYBROOK NOTES.

On Friday the 22nd ult. Mr Henricks, living at Seymour street, South Braybrook, had the misfortune to lose his house and its contents by fire. The property was insured for the sum of £70 on the house and £30 on the contents, but as everything was lost except the clothes the family were wearing at the time, it was decided to get up an entertainment to provide funds for their present needs. Although the notice was so short yet plenty of help came to hand, and the concert and ball came off very successfully on the 29th ult. A sum of £7 17s was raised, which, less expenses, left £6 18s to be paid to Mr Henricks. That gentleman, at a meeting of the concert committee on Monday evening, suitably acknowledged the efforts made on his behalf, and heartily thanked all who had assisted him in his misfortune.

The result of the entertainment held on the 23rd August at Braybrook for the relief of Mrs Bills and family was £5 11s 6d. The expenses amounted to 15s, which left £4 16s 6d for the relief of the family. Mr Henry Barnett acted as honorary secretary for the committee.

The Albion Wesleyan Church, Braybrook, celebrated its anniversary on the 20th September by a sacred concert. The Rev Mr B'aires was in the chair, and presided with his usual tact and ability. The musical entertainment was provided by the Footscray Wesleyan choir, under the efficient leadership of Mrs Self assisted by Mr Dean, and received the well-deserved and hearty appreciation of the audience. The church was very prettily decorated by the Misses Derham, Barnett, Gamble and Eastock. The report for the year read by Mr H. Barnett, the church steward, showed that good progress had been made. The usual votes of thanks moved in a most happy and appropriate manner by Mr W. C. Barnett and ably seconded by Mr Davey brought the entertainment to a close.

The railway department, following up the policy of retrenchment, has reduced the trains on the St Albans line. This retrenchment has been long delayed, and just waited for that town to look up a bit before it was carried out. St Albans has a boom on, and in fact is the only live suburb in the radius. Land in the neighborhood is selling cheap and on favorable terms. Empty houses are things of the past, but unfortunately for the settlers the authorities at Spencer street have reduced their train facilities, which is somewhat discouraging to them at the start of

their train facilities, which is somewhat discouraging to them at the start of their prosperity.

A preliminary meeting of the lovers of cricket was held on 3rd inst., to discuss the arrangements for the coming season. A strong club will be formed to do duty on behalf of this district.