

Coronation Festivities.—After some discussion it was decided to carry out the original programme on the day fixed, June 26th. The postponement of the celebration had been contemplated, but finally, as the latest reports of the King's health were so far reassuring, and as it had been His Majesty's express desire that all country treats should still take place, the programme was carried out as previously planned. It began with a tea party of nearly a thousand guests, accommodated by the kindness of Mr. Whitaker in the out-buildings of Grayshott Hall, where young and old were liberally feasted under the superintendence of the host and hostess, and of Miss I'Anson, who had kindly taken upon herself the whole burden of the catering for this big tea party. There was also an active and willing staff of assistants who did their best to see that everyone was supplied with the good things that had been provided.

When full justice had been done to the feast, the company adjourned to the large field opposite the Hall, where sports and games were carried on with much spirit, ranging from trials of strength in the tug-of-war to races by tiny tots, whose little legs could hardly carry them over the course. The Brass Band also discoursed lively music, to which several couples were inspired to dance on the grass. A pile of prizes, useful and ornamental, were, at the close, distributed by Mrs. Whitaker to the successful competitors in the various sports, and of which a list is given below. The weather was perfect, with brilliant sunshine tempered by a pleasant breeze. The old people sat about in the shade, the babies tumbled in the grass, and the orderly and cheerful enjoyment of the guests would surely have given pleasure to the kind heart of the King, could he have witnessed it, while the latest telegram of satisfactory progress did much to increase the good spirits of all present. The following is the list of the sports, and of the prizes bestowed on the winners:—

- Race, 100 yards, Men over 50—1 F. Puttick, 2 A. Carpenter, 3 A. Levett.
 Race, 100 yards, Boys under 12—1 Eric Bangs, 2 F. Coxhead, 3 H. Searle.
 Race, 100 yards, Girls under 12—1 Minnie Moore, 2 Lucy Voller, 3 Louise Levett.
 Race, 100 yards, Girls over 12 and under 16—1 Daisy Wood, 2 Alice Winchester, 3 Alice Boxall.
 Race, 100 yards, Men ages 16 to 50—1 J. Dicker, 2 H. Jackson, 3 G. Smithers.
 Race, 220 yards, Boys under 16—1 J. Lawrence, 2 J. Tyler, 3 F. Cresswell.
 Race, half-mile—1 H. Jackson, 2 G. Winchester, 3 P. Robinson.
 Race, three-legged, Boys—1 F. Cresswell and W. Woods, 2 A. Harding and H. Searle, 3 A. Moore and F. Smith.
 High Jump, Men—1 J. Dicker, 4ft.3in., 2 G. Smithers; Boys (big)—1 J. Stokes, 3ft.11in., 2 F. Puttick; Boys (little)—1 P. Coxhead, 3ft 9in., 2 W. Wood.
 Long Jump, Men—1 G. Sheldon, 2 G. Smithers; Boys—1 P. Coxhead, 2 J. Lawrence.
 Tug-of-War, Winning Team—T. Johnson, J. Kenward, E. Lacombe, H. Moorey.
 Race, Thread-and-Needle—1 Alice Winchester, 2 Alice Boxall, 3 Minnie Moore.
 Race, Sack—1 W. Woods, 2 W. Wood, 3 F. Coxhead.
 Race, Donkey—1 H. Searle, on Miss Menzie's; 2 J. Lawrence, on Mr. Chapman's; 3 R. Hannant, on Mrs. Cane's.
 Race, Two Miles Bicycle—1 J. Willis, 2 E. Harding, 3 G. Winchester.
 Race, Wheelbarrow, (Prizes given by Mr. Privett.)—1 G. Sheldon, 2 E. Kenward, 3 A. Carpenter.
 Race, Consolation—1 W. Winchester, 2 E. Halstead, 3 R. Hannant.

The following Monday, June 30th, the bonfire was lighted on the Head, about 10 p.m. It was really a wonderful erection, and had excited the interest and admiration of both residents and visitors for some days previous. Fears had been entertained as to the perfect success of the firing, owing to a heavy storm accompanied by torrents of rain in the late afternoon, but that bonfire was not to be daunted by such a trifle, but flared out in magnificent streams of flame until the whole pile became one burning mass. The rain, indeed, proved a friend instead of a foe, and increased the picturesque and somewhat weird effect of the beacon. The sky had cleared, the stars shone brightly overhead, the summer lightning played about the horizon, and the mist and damp that hung about the Punch Bowl took strange and ghastly shapes and colours from the darting flames, which also lit up the faces of the crowd and gave a somewhat "uncanny" and strange expression to the faces of friends and neighbours, with whose ordinary daylight expression we were so familiar. From the commanding height of the Head many other beacons were to be seen. Between thirty and forty were counted, and no doubt many of the more distant lights were obscured by the mist that veiled the horizon. The Grayshott Brass Band and the Churt Fife and Drum Band performed at intervals—but alas! not always at intervals, for when they joined their forces, with different airs and in different keys, the result as music might have been more harmonious. However, everyone seemed to find enjoyment, and as the great pile burnt itself out, about midnight, the crowd, numbering some thousands, dispersed quietly to their homes. Our special bonfire had the honour of a long notice in *The Times*, the leading London newspaper, contributed by a Hindhead resident, which made us feel very proud, and which would, in all probability, meet the eye of the King himself.

Coronation Committee Meeting.—The final meeting of the Committee took place in the Iron Room on July 11th. The Chairman received a statement of the accounts from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Ward. It is satisfactory to note that after the payment of all expenses there was a balance in hand of £7 : 3s. 1½d. Part of this it was decided should be spent in buying a clock for the Lecture Room at the Village Hall, and the remainder given to the Bonfire Fund, which, unfortunately, had an adverse balance.

The meeting concluded by the chairman thanking the Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and working Committee for the time and thought they had given to the collection of subscriptions, and the arrangements needful to carry out the Sports with so much success. Mr. Morgan Brown, of St. Edmund's School, was thanked for the loan of the School flags, and Miss Rolfe for so kindly making the preparations for the excellent lunch provided by Mr. Mitchell's liberality, on June 26th, for the members of the working Committee.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions	53	8 4	Sports	11	2 6
			Tea	18	17 10½
			Refreshments	4	16 3
			Children's prizes	2	0 0
			Printing	1	2 0
			Canisters of tea	1	18 0
			Band	6	0 0
			Sundries	0	8 7
			Balance in hand	7	3 1¾
	£53	8 4		£53	8 4