INQUIRY COLUMN.

ANSWERS.

W. CABELL.—Part of W. Cabel's inquiries will be answered in the Notes to the Résumé, and in each of the sections, where the topics are given as they are going through the press. "Will the social family," says W. Cabel, "take the place of the present private family? I ask in turn, "What is the present private family?" It is perhaps the harem, the brothel, the slave. In each of the three the greatest distinction of classes has crept in. It is surely clear that Socialism will destroy all these, and that the last of the social family will be a free, equal, and democratic society—J. W.

RUSSELL WALLACE.—The Socialist League would be very glad to publish the works of the late W. E. Cooley. We are now publishing a number of them. - E. K.

The major part of this column over this month on account of the press of matter due to the Limehouse agitation.

REPORTS.

Reports and lecture lists to insure insertion must reach the office not later than the 25th of the month. Reports should be brief and contain some point of general interest.

FARRINGDON HALL.—Free Concerts.—The second of these was given on September 21st, and the music was well-distributed and sung by the Masses. The concert was well attended, and the discussions generally good. On August 25th, William Morris considered the "Propagandist Propaganda," showing the extent to which the spirit of competition made increasingly difficult the task of obtaining a livelihood, and daily forced large numbers of the middle class into the ranks of the workers. On September 18th, a lecture upon Owen, Marx, and Blanqui, was attended by an interesting and eloquent sketch of each of these three types of the Revolutionists. On the 29th of September, documents were brought forward which showed that the doctrine of trade was the result of personal causes, and ridiculously attempted to show the character of socialism. On the 14th of September, the "Science of Political Economy." Some of his criticisms of Professor Jevons and others of the orthodox school, were rather contemptuous, and only well received. On the 13th, " Free Trade," by Mr. Shaw, Beasley, Bacon, and Mr. Huxley; and on the other, a very interesting discussion took place. The Branch has held three successful meetings this month—Sundays afternoon in Hyde Park, near the Reservoir.

HOTXON (L. E. L.)—Socialistic ideas are spreading widely in this district. The people listen gladly to the "good things," and our speakers are sure of an attentive audience. There is marked improvement in the tone of the discussions which take place after the lectures. The increase of members is noticeable. Considering the size of the district and the newness of the movement, we are surprised at the amount of opposition we receive. The result is to be before long, when we may look for a determined assault on the questions at research. The movement is becoming general, and our taking rooms will no doubt be the medium by which its successful propaganda work is carried on.

LEICESTER.—Socialistic ideas are progressing here. On August 9th Mr. Barclay read a paper at the Secular Society, "An Impediment of Capital." The contact of the organised workers of the dockers, coalmen, bakers, masons, drapers, building labourers, machinists, bookbinders, engineers, watchmen, etc., was the labour of the people, the result of which was appreciated. The admission of the speakers themselves was quoted as the immortality of the present system. The proposed revolution—Testamental, Neo-Malthusian, Profit-sharing, Cooperation, etc., were criticised by the lecturer, who concluded by attributing the evils of Society, in the main, to our competitive system, and appealed to his audience to join the Socialist League. On September 23rd Mr. Hubert Buxton called a meeting at which the Manifesto and Rules of the Socialist League were read, and a branch formed. On Sept 13th the Committee united and delivered a striking address on "Socialism and Freedom." The Hall was crowded. The speaker gave an account of the movement in preference to the economic reason, and concluded with a defence of Socialists from the gross misrepresentations of opponents on the question of the Revolution. Appolgies greeted the lecturer throughout.

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Meeting held on Sunday, Oct 7th, at 7 o'clock, in the Albion Hall, on the "Need of Socialism," will be delivered by members of the League and friends. At this meeting programmes of a three months' course of lectures will be distributed and final arrangements made for opening a Reading-room and Library for the use of members of the League. We are going round and that our campaign may be begun with spirit and success. - J. Mayne, HAMILTON.—At the invitation of W. Small, Secretary of the Miners' Union, 2,000 to 3,000 miners at the Low Quarries, on Sunday, September 30th, his subject being "The Industrial Polluting Engagements Commitmenat." The last two days of August, many of them testifying personally to the lecturer their entire accep-

The International Working Men's Club and the Police.

On Wednesday Sept 2, at Farringdon Hall, Farringdon Road, a public meeting was arranged for the consideration of the relations of the Club and the police. The following resolutions were unanimously passed—1. That this meeting expresses its disapproval of the actions of the members of the Club and the police against the recent attacks committed by the police on the International Working Men's Club, and protests against any law being hanged up in the interests of police tyranny. 2. That the Committee of Delegates of the members of the club be now dissolved and that the treasurer be instructed to hand over the balance in hand to the delegate of the International Working Men's Club, to be used for the benefit of those injured by the police.

Free Speech agitation at Limehouse.—The Case of Lewis Lyon.

A meeting of delegates from the London branches of the League was held on Monday 21st Sept, it was unanimously voted; 'That this meeting of the Socialist League and delegates of various associations indignantly protests against the sentences passed on Lewis Lyon for an alleged assault on the police, the charge having been deliberately trumped up and supported by wilful and corrupt prosecution on the part of the constables concerned William, Ken, 40 and 40.' The Vigilance Committee were also urged to pay special attention to Lyon's case and to start a fund for the defence of Lyon, who may become victims in the struggle. E. Treslove has forwarded £1 for the aid of those dependent on Lyon. Other subscriptions can be forwarded to T. Hampirias, Secretary, Vigilance Committee, 29 Stepney Green.

At a public meeting convened by the members of the International Working Men's Club, and addressed by Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, on Wednesday evening, September 21st, Mr. Shaw delivered an address in which he carried "This meeting of working men protests against the outrages and brutality committed by the police against the League and its members. We appeal to the Liberal Government to free the hands of the police, to rescind the morning, and pledges itself to help the English comrades in the struggle for defending the right of free speech and meeting in open-air."