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President, Mrs. Row.

Choir successful in Paignton festival

Milinery classes start.

W.I. FINDS FINE SHOW OF LOCAL ANTIQUES

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Mrs. A. Crossley and Mrs. Adie-Shepherd look at some of the antiques on display at Newton Ferrers W.I. hall.

"MAGNIFICENT", was how Mrs. Adie-Shepherd, judge of the antiques in the W.I. exhibition at Newton and Noss described the entries in her particular section.

She said it was extremely difficult to decide on any one outstanding article as they were all worthy of merit.

Mrs. A. Crossley, who introduced the antique section to the exhibition, was delighted with the response it had received from people in the district, and amazed at the variety of articles on show.

The needlework section contained several fine pieces of work including a hand worked waistcoat of over 150 years old, babies day dresses more than 100 years old, and handkerchiefs edged with hand made lace also over a century old.

BIBLE CASE

Other articles included a silver bible case, a large Victorian doll, and a remarkably well preserved page from the oldest paper in the United Kingdom.

As the section was primarily one for antiques, Mrs. Adie-Shepherd said that she would have to award the highest marks to articles which had definite antique value, though even this was no easy task.

The four articles chosen as outstanding in their class were a Georgian coffee pot fashioned by Thomas Whipham in 1758, a Victorian teapot dated 1875, a Royal Worcester meat dish and a hand worked Victorian cape.

Mrs. Crossley is not sure whether she will repeat the section again as there is the possibility that many of the articles will be entered repeatedly with little variety from year to year.

YEARLY?

However as this year reaped roughly 60 articles from the district, there are undoubtedly many more still undiscovered by the women in the two parishes, and there is always the possibility that future years will uncover a wealth of articles, making this section one of the most popular in the yearly exhibition.