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**BENGEO.**—A Vestry Meeting was held in the Girls' Schoolroom on Thursday evening, the Rev. G. R. Thornton, Rector, presiding. The first business upon the notice calling the meeting was to consider the propriety of "closing the old churchyard," in order to make the expense of keeping up the fences a legal charge upon the rates, but as a misapprehension seemed to exist as to the meaning of the words upon the notice paper—some of the parishioners thinking they referred to closing the ground against visitors, and not (as they actually did) to closing it against future burials (except in the case of persons owning private vaults), it was agreed to adjourn the question until the meeting of the Vestry in October. A suggestion from the Parochial Committee that hose should be provided in connection with the water supply system, to be used in case of fire, was referred back to the Committee, the prevailing opinion being that a charge of this kind could not be legally made upon the rates. The next business was an application by the overseers for a poor rate, and after a lengthy discussion, a motion that a rate of one shilling in the pound be granted, was adopted.—A drinking fountain has been erected on the main road in front of the parish church, at the sole expense of Miss Gosselin and Miss C. Gosselin, of Bengoe Hall. The structure, which is of Aberdeen granite, consists of a pedestal and pillar with drinking cups attached, and a trough for the accommodation of horses, with a smaller one beneath for dogs. The pillar has engraved upon it the monogram of the Misses Gosselin and the date of its erection.—The construction of the Coffee Tavern for the village is making rapid progress, the contractor having got beyond the first storey of the building. In this respect Bengoe has set an example to Hertford which the latter might advantageously follow. In the one case there appears to have been a great deal of talk but little or no progression, and in the other no talk but plenty of solid work.—The roads in Bengoe are in a little—but not much—better condition now than they have been for some time past, but much remains yet to be done. A hint from the police to van drivers, that footpaths are intended for foot passengers and not for wheeled carriages, might have a beneficial effect, and confer a benefit upon those ladies who have frequently to step into the muddy road, to avoid coming in contact with a lumbering vehicle.—On Monday last several of the members of the Bengoe Working Men's Club availed themselves of the opportunity of paying a visit to the Agricultural Show at Kilburn. The party left the Great Northern at 9.20 and arrived at Kilburn about 12.0, when after having partaken of a cold collation provided for them, they visited the show, and returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed their day's pleasure.