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why to St Keverne?  
Catherine Phillips  
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## WHEN GOOD LAND COST £2 AN ACRE

THE 19th century fortunes and misfortunes of farmers in the Meneage area were similar in many ways to those of today's farming community, according to Mrs. D. M. Treloar, of Ashton. Speaking at a crowded meeting of Mullion Old Cornwall Society, she gave a detailed study of Meneage area farmers and farming in the early and mid-19th century.

### EMIGRATION

"Throughout that period," said Mrs. Treloar, "farmers, especially in Cornwall, were the 'great unrecognised' section whose importance to the nation was then—as now—completely ignored by Governments except in times of national emergency."

She then cited the widely held opinion of the time that one

acre of mining was worth a whole parish of farming, following this with an outline of the fluctuating fortunes of Meneage farmers from before the Napoleonic wars to the repeal of the Corn laws.

### SHOEMAKERS

This latter act, said Mrs. Treloar, had a most disastrous effect on local farmers. It caused a big drop in the price of barley, their main crop. "It was," she said, "probably one of the first steps in stimulating the eventual large-scale emigration of local farmers and agricultural workers to Australia and America."

She then outlined the strong links between the Meneage farmers and the mining community with Helston and its markets as the focal points. "It was at Helston," she said, "that

both farmers and miners used to buy their footwear, for in those days Helston boasted quite a number of 'cordwainers' (shoemakers) and had, in fact, its own Guild of Cordwainers.

"And when, later, depression hit the mines, many an out-of-work miner came around the Meneage area begging for food. I can remember my own grandmother's stories of how frequently she gave the men 'a bowl of barley' from which they or their wives were able to make bread; for barley bread had always been the staple diet and was so until comparatively recent years."

During her talk, Mrs. Treloar, with the aid of a map she had drawn, emphasised the efficiency of the old method of apportioning land so that each parish in Meneage had roughly similar

areas of barren, highly fertile and reasonably good land, although St. Keverne with a higher proportion of good marl was the most highly productive parish.

In this connection she cited prices for land in those days: 18s. to 20s. an acre for serpentine rock land, 30s. for good land on a slaty foundation, and £2 to £2 10s. an acre for the best land.

These prices, she said, were current about 140 years ago and remained around that level for many years.

### OPEN EVENING

IT was open evening at Breage V.P. School last week, and many parents took the opportunity of seeing the work of the children and also meeting the teachers.

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Mary Mundy <sup>m</sup>  
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(1772-1836) m 3.11.1795 (23)  
(64) d. 1836.

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