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Christian Spiritualists' Negotiations Broken Off

No Demand for "The Simple Life"

Some five months ago negotiations were on foot for the acquisition of Erlestoke House - formerly the residence of the late Mr. G. Watson Taylor - by a body known as the Christian Spiritualists, for use as a "Home."

The weekly newspaper of the sect - "The Christian Spiritualist" - has since last September had numerous articles on the subject, which make curious reading. The prime mover, apparently, was the Rev. J. W. Potter, who we understand is a frequent preacher at St. Luke's Church, Queen's Road, Forest Hill. His idea appears to have been to purchase Erlestoke House and such portions of the estate as have not already been disposed of, to re-sell the surplus land at one shilling per square foot, and with the proceeds to pay for the mansion and park, which was to become the centre of a colony of Christian Spiritualists.

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