

Wooldale Free Church

The motion of Mr William Hutterworth, seconded by Mr John Wood, it was resolved:— "That this meeting hereby expresses its continued confidence in H. H. Bacon, Esq., M.P. for this Division, and specially asks him for the support he has given to the people of Ireland in their protest against the suppression of public meetings and the liberty of the Press." Mrs Bacon having briefly replied, thanks were accorded. Mr Howes, the ladies who had assisted at the, and the chairman for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

Locking Fatality at Holme Bridge Mills.

On Monday morning, a deplorable accident took place at Holmebridge Mills, whereby a young man named Jack Boothroyd, aged 22 years, lost his life. He is only quite recently Messrs Norcliffe and Isaac commenced running the mills, and they carry on the business in the shed of seelikin manufacture ceased, who has come into the district lately, was employed in the shed as a weaver, his father being a tuner. It seems that it is the custom for some of the weavers to throw off their strap on Saturdays, in order to clean their looms, and on Monday morning, at, as a young woman named Roberts, (who sometimes Dalton, and who does not start work until after breakfast) was about to start her loom she saw the strap was off. It is the tuner's duty to put on the strap, but just at the time he did not happen to be about, whereupon she asked the deceased to put on a strap for her. This would be nothing surprising, as the deceased had helped his father to build the looms, when they were shifted to the shed. The deceased at once promised to do so, and stepped on the loom to reach on the strap. There is a ladder which is kept on the premises for the purpose of reaching the shafting, but from some reason or other the deceased intended doing without a ladder. He stepped on the loom on one leg, and was perhaps lightly over-reaching himself, as his other leg was swinging in the air. It is thought that this leg was caught by the strap, and must have drawn his other leg. Hearing a noise the other occupants of the loom-gate turned around, and saw the deceased sitting 'twirled' around the shafting for the first time. Those workpeople about shouted for the engine to be stopped, which was done as speedily as possible, at which time they proceeded to the body they found the deceased to be quite dead. His arms and his head were hung down-hill, and his clothing was firmly tangled in the strapping and the shaft. They dressed the body at once, and conveyed it to where the deceased resided, at Long Walls. The masters of the mill decided to stop the works for the day, and all the workpeople returned home. The police were at once communicated with, and the coroner was acquainted with all the facts. It was decided to hold an inquest, but, (probably owing to the shock), the young woman who worked the loom where the accident took place, owing to illness, could not attend and give evidence.

THE INQUEST.

Mr Barlow, Esq., J. P. coroner, held an inquest concerning the death of the deceased on Wednesday afternoon, at the Miller's Arms Inn, Hinchcliffe Mill. The following were the members of the jury: Messrs Frederick W. Midgley, Joe Parson, Thomas Willis, Joseph Bower, Firth Dawson, Joshua Littlewood, William W. Batty, Thomas Littlewood, Jonathan Wood, Joseph Marsden, Joe Woodhead, Sam Morton, and John Woodhouse. Mr J. D. Prior, District Inspector of Factories, and Inspector Pickard watched the inquiry. Mr John Woodhouse was elected foreman of the jury.

JOHN BOOTHROYD, father of the deceased, said he lived at Hinchcliffe Mill, and was a power-loom tuner at Messrs Norcliffe and Isaac's. Deceased was aged 22 years last, and was a weaver at the same place. He lived with witness. Witness was not in the shed at the time of the accident.

By Mr Prior: William Littlewood, the engine tender, and Albert Whitley took the deceased down. He had nothing to do with the shafting, only the looms, and also untangle the straps on. The strap where the

LIST OF FIXTURES.

	FIRST ELEVEN.	SECOND ELEVEN.
Apr. 21,	Thurston, away	home
" 28,	Hepworth, home	away
May 5,	Holmebridge, away	home
" 19,	Shelley M N C, home	away
" 26,	Thurston, home	away
June 9,	Wooldale W M C, home	away
" 16,	Cartworth Moor, home	away
" 23,	Primrose Hill Bap, away	home
" 30,	Bentley St S S, home	away
July 7,	Shelley M N C, away	home
" 14,	Holmebridge, home	away
" 28,	Hepworth, away	home
Aug 11,	Cartworth Moor, away	home
" 18,	Primrose Hill Bap, home	away
" 25,	Bentley St S S, away	home
Sep 1,	Wooldale W M C, home	away

CARTWORTH MOOR C. C.

This newly-formed club was worked with such success last season, that it warrants the committee in turning out a card of fixtures for the ensuing season. Last year the team were under the disadvantage of not having a laid ground, but this is now overcome. This season, those clubs journeying to the heights of Cartworth Moor will find a very suitable field in every respect. Considering the scattered population in this district, it is remarkable that two teams can be gathered together; but such is the case. Owing to various circumstances, the club have wisely refrained from arranging for a large number of matches, but for another season, the committee hope to be prepared for a match every Saturday in the season. As will be seen, the opening match is not until the 28th inst.

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	FIRST ELEVEN.	SECOND ELEVEN.
Apr. 28,	Opening Match, home	
June 2,	Holmebridge, away	home
" 14,	Wooldale Free Ch, away	home
" 30,	Hepworth, home	away
July 7,	Holmebridge, home	away
" 21,	Hepworth, away	home
Aug. 11,	Wooldale Free Ch, home	away

HEPWORTH C. C.

We have received the card for this club, and note the full list of matches. We are not aware whether the club will use the ground previously used by the old club, and where so many famous matches have been witnessed. The club boasts of no less than ten vice-presidents, among whom is one true bred cricketer whom Hepworth might well be proud of.—Sam Shaw, of Dewsbury Barville fame. The club opened its season's work on Saturday last, when they succeeded in beating the Holmebridge team on their own ground. Last season, the bowling of Wilson Helm was one of the principal features of the matches played by the club, whilst there is one of the Keys family in the ranks who will, no doubt, prove a worthy successor to his brothers David and Willie.

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	FIRST ELEVEN.	SECOND ELEVEN.
Apr. 21,	Birdsedge, home	away
" 28,	Wooldale, away	home
May 5,	Lockwood Church, away	home
" 12,	Thurstonland, home	away
" 19,	Birdsedge, away	home
" 22,	Primrose Hill Bap, away	home
" 26,	Holmebridge, home	away
June 3,	Thurstonland, away	home
" 9,	Thurstonland, away	home
" 16,	Lockwood Church, home	away
" 23,	Thurstonland, home	away
" 25,	Fast Match, home	
" 30,	Cartworth Moor, away	home
July 21,	Cartworth Moor, home	away
" 28,	Wooldale, home	away
Aug. 11,	Denby Dale 2nd, away	home
" 18,	Higfield, home	away
Sept. 1,	Denby Dale 2nd, home	away
" 8,	Primrose Hill Bap, home	away
" 15,	Higfield, away	home

HONLEY C. C.

This club, which has lately come to the front rank, has a splendid list of matches for the coming season. They commence their matches with two such clubs as Lithwasite and Lockwood on their own ground. The club have the usual day matches with Holmfirth, and the president of club, (C. I. Armlage, Esq.) is also going to take a team to meet the first eleven. If Honley gets so far in the cup ties as to beat Friarner, then (if Holmfirth is still left in the ties), these old rivals will meet. The club has engaged E. C. Sayles as groundsman and professional, and as he comes into the district with a good reputation, the club should

The Cricket season opens in earnest to-day, when all local interest will be directed to the Holmfirth v. Thongsbridge match. At Holmfirth, on Saturday last, there was a fair turn-out for practice,—which is a very good sign.

Sides were chosen by Tom Healey and Joe Littlewood, but if the form shown by the teams is to be taken as a sample for this next season, large scores will be out of the question. The match was practically a victory for the bowlers over the batters.

Frank Watkinson and H. Terry turned up, and they and Jess Hoyle 'framed' the best with the bat, but Wilson Coldwell, Tom Healey, Joe Littlewood, and Brearley Buckley were well on the page. Robert McNish did not turn out, but he has 'been on the train' this week, and should be 'about them'.

At Thongsbridge the bats have been 'forked out,' and rubbed up, and on Saturday last many players appeared on the ground to rub their stiffness off. It is expected that they will have 'all in' to-day and no doubt they will give the home team a good game.

At Ammitage Bridge, the cup-holders were in the field, and it is evident they will not loose their hold of the cup without an effort.

Bob Moorhouse, who scored so well last season for the 'Briggers' is included in the Yorkshire Colts, and if he happens to be in form, he will render a good account of himself.

It has been whispered that Winterbottom of the Gloucester county, (formerly of Ammitage Bridge) will assist his old club in the cup ties. That looks like borrowed talent.

The opponents of the cup-holders in the Lamb competition were in the field on Saturday, and the Lockwood people are well satisfied that their men will not 'go down' without a struggle. One thing is certain, they could not possibly have a better match than they had with Holmfirth last year. George Henry Lee proved a host in himself that day, or else Holmfirth would have got further into the line than they did.

Ben Hampson, who played with the Colcar team against Holmfirth 'footballers,' is included with the Yorkshire colts, and will also go to Scotland to fulfil a professional engagement. He is a wicket keeper and a very good bat.

Owing to financial difficulties the Bishop Auckland Club have been reluctantly compelled to pay 'Brearley Buckley a handsome sum to cancel his engagement for the coming season. He greatly pleased the northern club with his play and manners last season, and the decision was only arrived at after very much discussion.

The following team are on the list for this day to represent Holmfirth:—Tom Healey, (capt); H. Terry, H. Crossland, W. Coldwell, B. A. Bentley, B. McNish, Brearley Buckley, Ben Shore, R. T. Hardy, J. R. Hoyle, and Jess Hoyle. J. H. Watkinson and Edward Johnson are on the reserves, but the former is rather indisposed just now, but it is expected he will don the flannels in earnest in an early match.

The second team is also a very good one, and have C. R. Hampshire once more on duty behind the wickets.

The Hepworth and Holmebridge clubs played their first match at Holmebridge on Saturday last. The home team, with the assistance of E. Johnson and J. W. Longbottom of Holmfirth, was a fairly good one. The visitors won the toss and elected to take the field. Kaye and Helm were in good form with the leather, as the following table will show:—

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Kaye..	14	2	14	6
Helm..	24	3	13	4
Cressley..	2	0	7	0

There is no wonder therefore that the Holmebridge team was disposed of for the small total of 34, especially when the bowlers were supported by excellent fielding; Milling's catch at cover point being a very good one. The home team also batted well, particularly Wood the veteran player, but this could not prevent their defeat. Cressley, in running up 24, gave one or two chances. Several changes in the bowling took place before the last of the visitors were disposed of, the score being 51.

For Holmebridge, Marsden and Ridgwick bowled well, but evidently the latter is not yet in form. Perhaps the Holmebridge team will render a better account of themselves in the return.

Now the football season is over it will be interesting to note what amount of success has attended the efforts of the Holmfirth club. The first eleven have played 20 matches; won 10, lost 8, and drawn 2. The second eleven have played 16 matches; won 11, lost 3, and drawn 2.

I will leave these figures to speak for themselves, and ask all interested in the club to attend the annual meeting, to be held at the Waggon and Horse Inn, next Wednesday, when Mr Secretary Sykes will place before them the position of the club in financial matters. As it will be an important meeting for the club, it is hoped that there should be a large attendance.