

# PARISH CHURCH CRICKET CLUB'S RECORD PROFIT

## Women Helpers Make Valuable Contribution

Announcing that women helpers had made a profit of £33 for Mirfield Parish Church Cricket Club funds by the sale of refreshments, the treasurer, Mr. R. G. Hepworth, declared amid laughter and applause at the annual meeting in Lee Green hut on Wednesday evening "It shows, on reflection, that some women are just as capable of making money as they are at performing their better known feature of spending it." Mr. Hepworth announced that the club now had more money in the bank—£139 16s. 4d.—than they had ever had before and that last season's profit was £80 10s. 5d.

Finances were not the only bright feature of the season, for the secretary (Mr. E. Maskill) said they could look back on the season with complete satisfaction. "In ideal cricket weather, this club has kept up the high traditions of the past and entertained the sporting public with cricket that reached the highest standard possible in junior league cricket," he commented. They were fortunate in having a ground worthy of being played upon and which was among the best in junior league cricket in this district. Much hard work had been put in by willing workers and a special word of thanks was due to the groundsmen, Mr. A. Brook.

Mr. Maskill said the club had fielded two teams. The senior XI had played in the Dewsbury and District Cricket League and of 18 games played had won 14, lost one and drawn three, being league leaders. Unfortunately they lost in the play-off between the two sections. The team also won the knock-out shield and in 22 league and cup games they scored 2,292 runs for the loss of 134 wickets (an average of 17.10 runs per wicket) against 1,586 runs scored by opponents for the loss of 210 wickets, averaging 6.55 runs per wicket. The "B" team, in the Batley and District Sunday School League, were not so successful, but of 14 matches played, eight were won, four lost and two drawn. They were defeated in the first round of the knock-out competition. Altogether this team scored 1,155 runs for 99 wickets lost (average 11.66) and dismissed 129 opponents for 1,064 runs (9.24 per wicket). Mr. Maskill expressed thanks to members of the committee and to Mr. A. Sugden, who had voluntarily undertaken the duties of first-aid attendant.

The president (Rev. G. R. Hall) congratulated the players on their success and thanked the secretary for his report. "I have been proud that you have been able to achieve such a great measure of success," he declared.

Mr. Hepworth reported that the season

began with a balance of £58, after a loss of £26 on the previous season. Expenses were the heaviest in the history of the club but receipts had far exceeded anything they had ever known since before the war. Cash in hand was £29 and there was £109 in the bank, making a total of £139. Gates during the season had been very heavy (£18 against £3 a year ago), pointing to a renewed interest in the club as a cricket team. The workshop competition had brought the greatest profit (£66) but against that had to be set deterioration of the wicket and tackle. Mower and heating expenses were up and so were umpires' fees. "The financial position," he went on, "is very good and we have had the best season, from the financial point of view, that most of us have seen before." He pointed out, however, that each pound was worth only a fraction of its value even at the beginning of last season and added that whereas initial expenses for the season were £20 before the war they were now £48 and he urged members to maintain their money raising efforts. The president said it had been on very rare occasions in his experience that he had ever heard a treasurer's statement given with such lucidity and fullness.

Mr. G. Oates was elected a life member of the club in appreciation of his services. Mr. R. Lister said Mr. Oates had attended matches whenever possible and if any man deserved the honour he was that man. Mr. Hepworth also expressed pleasure that Mr. Oates should be so honoured. Mr. Oates, expressing thanks, said he would continue to have the same interest in the club with which he had been connected for about 26 years.

The president handed prizes to H. Smith ("A" team batting, average 27.62), L. Brook ("A" team bowling, average 6.66) and M. Slee ("B" team batting, 23.36 and bowling, 6.42). H. Smith won the League prize for the best batting average and also for the highest individual innings (101 not out, against Batley Carl Mills). Because of the proximity of their averages (only 0.2 runs an inning separating them), he shared his club prize with A. Dunderdale.

Officials appointed were Rev. G. R. Hall (president); E. Maskill (secretary); W. H. Ashpool (treasurer); G. Oates (chairman); L. Brook, A. Brook, R. Stubbs, J. Dunderdale, N. Blackburn, A. Sugden and W. Smith (committee); W. Dixon and A. Sugden (auditors); Harold Smith ("A" team captain); R. Stubb ("A" team vice-captain); M. Slee ("B" team captain); A. Fretwell ("B" team vice-captain); W. Dixon and M. Slee (league representatives).