

# Presentation Of Deeds At Paddock C. and B.C.

**T**HIRTY years of struggle and disappointment and considerable hard work at Paddock C. and B.C. were described by Mr. Herbert Robinson (president of the Huddersfield and District Cricket League) when he handed over the club deeds to the president (Councillor A. P. Nichol) at a gathering in the club-house on Saturday evening

At the end of the 1914-18 war, he said, Paddock were in great financial difficulty, and, in addition, an approach had been made to take over the field for building purposes. The only way in which the club could save their ground was by building a permanent structure, costing at least £1,000, by which means they could secure a fifty years' lease.

Later Mr. Robinson, when president of the club, approached Messrs. Bentley and Shaw, Ltd., in order to get a loan from them. This was granted, and no expense was spared in the building of the present club-house. The total cost amounted to £1,467. The people of Paddock, however, did not respond in support, and the club began to go downhill again.

"Round about this time," continued Mr. Robinson, "Frank Blamires joined the club, and the two Franks (Frank Sykes and Frank Blamires) set to work and pulled the club round. Paddock Cricket Club owe a debt of gratitude to these two men."

Councillor Nichol received the deeds and Mr. W. Sunter, of Messrs. Bentley and Shaw, Ltd., spoke on behalf of his firm.

## PRESENTATIONS TO PLAYERS

Councillor Sykes Marsden presented plaques and talent money to the players and the Sykes Cup to the captain. Mr. W. E. Chillingsworth (chairman of the committee) made a presentation to Stanley Speight to commemorate his 100 wicket feat last season and presentations were also made to Mr. Herbert Robinson for his services to the club by Mr. F. C. Blamires (secretary) and to Mr. Edgar Varley by Mr. Alec Lodge (Lascelles Hall).

In the absence of Mr. W. Walker, Councillor F. Sykes (Morley) presented the Colne Valley Cup to the junior captain

Among the guests present were Mr. P. Hastings, Mr. W. P. Broadbent and Mr. G. E. Hemmingway. Entertainment was provided by "The Adrians," of Garforth, with Mr. G. Parkin (accompanist).