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Opening Ceremony at Rastrick.

During the close season, the committee of the Rastrick Cricket and Athletic Club have had in hand the work of improving the accommodation of the pavilion and the provision of a new bar. The work was recently completed and the new bar was formally opened on Saturday, when the Huddersfield team visited Round Hill.

The plans for the extension were prepared by Mr. H. H. Walshaw and the various works carried out by the following Rastrick contractors: Masons, Messrs. F. Bottomley Bros.; Joiner, Mr. H. Hartley; plumber, Mr. H. Barraclough; plasterer, Messrs. W. Walker and Sons; painters, Messrs. Quinn and Booth; and polisher, Mr. F. Dean.

Coun. A. Reeve presided at the opening ceremony, and, prior to calling upon the president (Mr. J. Cheetham) said they would all appreciate what Mr. Cheetham had done in connection with the alterations and extensions to the pavilion, and that he had turned out to be a tip-top president—(hear, hear). What Mr. Cheetham had done for the club, both personally and financially, had not been beaten by any previous president. He hoped the extensions would be a great benefit to the club. The committee were desirous of getting a team that would be second to none in the Huddersfield League, and it remained for the members and the public to support the club to the best of their ability.

Mr. Cheetham, who was enthusiastically received, said "Many thanks for the bouquets." After expressing his pleasure at once more being amongst them, the speaker said he had never had the opportunity of opening a bar before. They had now got something they had wanted for a long time, and he hoped the improvement would be appreciated. With respect to the cricket team they had some promising young players and he hoped to see them do better than they had done in the opening game. They had now more room in the pavilion, which would add to the comfort of the members, and which would be a great improvement. As a result of the alterations and extensions he hoped that next year they would have a balance on the right side. The extensions had cost the club a lot of money and he hoped the members would all pull together to meet the cost. They had a splendid committee, all of whom were working very hard for the benefit of the club, and he hoped the members would give them every support. They would have to concentrate on the proposed carnival and try to make a profit of £50. He had great pleasure in declaring the new bar open and drew the first glass of beer amidst applause.

Mr. H. Walshaw (architect) said the work had had to be limited because the committee were of opinion that the cost would otherwise be too much. He thought the improvement would be worth a great deal to the club and that it would be the means of benefiting the organisation. He then presented to Mr. Cheetham a handsome cigarette box as a memento of the occasion.

The inscription on the box was "Rastrick Cricket and Athletic Club. Extension of pavilion, 1931. Presented to J. Cheetham, Esq., president, by the members, on the occasion of the opening."

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cheetham, which was seconded by Mr. H. Thornton.

In reply, Mr. Cheetham said he did not think he was deserving of any thanks. He would keep the cigarette box near him at home and think about the Rastrick Cricket Club.

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