

## **PRESENTATION TO MR L.E. GREENWOOD.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 12 January 1906.**

On Tuesday night last, in the Parish Room, Woodlesford, members of the Woodlesford Church choir and a few members of the congregation presented Mr L.E. Greenwood, who is leaving the district, with a handsome timepiece in recognition of his seven years' service as choirmaster, and as a mark of their personal esteem and regard. The Rev A.J. Irvin presided, Mr J.W. Hampshire making the presentation. Mr W. Lockwood and Mr Deverell also spoke.

The timepiece was suitably inscribed and in accepting the gift Mr Greenwood made feeling reference to his association with the musical part of the church services at Woodlesford, and to the uniform kindness and courtesy which had been meted out to him during his term of service. The timepiece would always be treasured as a reminder of many happy gatherings and of numerous friendships which he hoped would be maintained.

## **HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 26 January 1906.**

A monthly meeting of the above body was held on Wednesday afternoon last, there being in attendance. H.R. Knight, (vice-chairman) presiding, Mr Morritt, Mr Allison, Mr B.W. Higgins, with the clerk (Mr W.B. Pindar), medical officer (Dr Buck), and surveyor (Mr Whitehead).

The Medical Officer reported that there had been during the month 17 births (11 in Temple Newsam, 5 in Oulton and Woodlesford, and 1 in Middleton) and 8 deaths, (4 in Oulton and Woodlesford, 4 in Temple Newsam, and none in Middleton). During the same period there had been 4 cases of scarlet fever (2 in Middleton and 2 in Woodlesford), and 1 of erysipelas. There had been no further cases of scarlet fever in Oulton and Woodlesford since last month.

The new bye-laws with respect to slaughter houses were sealed, as also those for new streets and buildings.

The Clerk drew attention to a payment made by the Medical Officer to a family at Woodlesford, who had been removed from their home during the time their house was being disinfected after a case of infectious

disease. Strictly speaking the Clerk said the payment by the Council would be illegal.

The Medical Officer said the house in question was a very small one and the family were bound to leave before effectual disinfecting could be accomplished. Such removals he said were only necessary in cases where there was a large family in a small house. If the payment was illegal he would like to know what he should do in such cases.

The Clerk said the Council had power to engage temporary accommodation if necessary, but as regards food it was the Guardians' duty to provide that if the family were not in a position to provide it themselves. It was agreed to pay the amount and risk surcharge.

A letter was read from the Tottenham Urban District Council asking the Council to support a petition calling upon the Government to deal with the unemployed question in a national manner by re-forestation, farm colonies, etc. Mr Higgins: I think we had better let the Government get settled down so that they may have a chance to deal with the question. The Chairman: If we only got protection there would be no unemployed.

Attention was called to a wooden shop which had been placed in Messrs. Hall's quarry yard, at Oulton, and which was being used as a barber's shop. It was decided that the Surveyor make enquiries and report to next meeting.

A letter was read from the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council calling attention to a very offensive ashes pit at Midland Street, Oulton, belonging to Mr W. Armitage. The Inspector was ordered to inspect, notify the owner and report to the next meeting.

The West Riding District Council's Association circularised the Council as follows: I am directed by the Committee of the Association to draw your attention to the proposal of the West Riding Highways Committee to undertake the maintenance and repair of the Main Roads by their own staff. The proposal is at present limited to 117 miles in the Rural Districts of Wetherby, Tadcaster, Bishopthorpe, Leeds, and Hunslet, but it is stated that this limitation of the scheme is only in the nature of an experiment, and the County Council hope to follow it up by taking over the whole of the Main Roads.

The Committee are of the opinion that such a change should not be carried out without a strong protest, and that it will lead to a heavy

increase in the already serious burden of County expenditure. It will, at the same time, increase the rates of the local areas, as it will no longer be possible to economise by repairing both classes of roads with the same staff. There will be a demand for increased salaries and additional staff in the Surveyor's department at Wakefield, and many labourers now employed by the District Councils will be thrown out of work.

It is felt that although the cost of repairing the Main Roads has considerably increased in recent years, the present system is much more effective and economised than the centralisation of the work at Wakefield can possibly be. The Committee hope, therefore, that all of the district Councils in the West Riding will join them in their protest against the proposed changes.

### **LECTURE AT OULTON.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 9 February, 1906.**

The Rev E.H. Dykes, of Holy Trinity, Leeds, and late incumbent of Oulton, delivered a lecture in the Oulton Harold Hall, on Tuesday night, his subject being "Nelson and his times." The lecture, which was one of unusual interest, was ably illustrated by limelight views, manipulated by Mr E. Boothroyd. There was a very large attendance.

### **OULTON ST. JOHN'S PARISH TEA.**

**Rothwell Times, 16 February 1906.**

The annual parish tea party connected with the St. John's Church, Oulton, took place last night, in the Harold Hall, there being as in previous years a numerous gathering. Full trays were contributed by Mrs Calverley, Mrs Selwin Calverley, Mrs Capel Cure, Mrs Nevile, Mrs Snell, Miss Laverack, Mrs Hoyle, Mrs Davenport; half trays, Mrs Flockton, Mrs Pringle, Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Angus, Miss Angus, Mrs Boothroyd, Mrs Radeley, Mrs Fowler, Miss Castle, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Hullah, Miss Bell, Mrs Coupe, Mrs P. Sharpe. Other sums were given by Miss Poole, Miss Walker, Mrs Armitage, Mrs Hople, Mrs Whitworth, and Mrs Matthews. The annual entertainment followed in the Harold Hall, there being a large attendance.

The programme opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr Clappison, Master Wilfred then giving "My Havana Queen." Tiny and Mite, the midget vocalists, followed with the song "I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you," and received a hearty recall for their old fashioned effort. A selection by a trio of banjoists was succeeded by a clever song and dance

by Master Wilfred, who was assisted by Tiny and Mite, the title of the song being "My Irish Molly O."

Private Brearley, of the Leeds Rifles, then stood up for a boxing exhibition with Mr T. Cain, a representative of the Oulton Amateur Athletic Club, the rounds being well contested. A pleasing item of the first part of the entertainment was the Indian Club drill by members of the Leeds Rifles School of arms, the interval arriving after another amusing song by Tiny "Any Rags."

Between the parts, the Rev W.R. Capel Cure said that last year when he stood before the parishioners on a similar occasion there was one word loomed large before his eyes, that word being D-e-b-t. It seemed to hang over them as a cloud. That word it was decided should be obliterated by another word that word being B-a-z-a-a-r. The bazaar, as all of them knew, was carried out with success that went far beyond their wildest dreams. Like Longfellow's 'Village Blacksmith' they thought that after the effort they had "earned a night's repose," but he wished to remind them that day followed the night and that other calls bid them again to buckle to.

At the present time one of their village funds was needing help, that was the nursing club. When they were reminded that in January 1905 the club had a balance of £37 15s. 10d. and only one of £1 7s. 7d. at the end of the year they would have some idea of the cost of keeping such a good work in satisfactory financial condition. It could not pay its way were it not for a great number of subscriptions. People could by being members, secure nurses more cheaply than in any other way, and he would suggest to non-members the advisability of associating themselves with the club and thus provide for sickness and times of need.

He could not very well speak to them on such an occasion without alluding to the very great loss Oulton had sustained during the year by the death of Mrs Farrer. It was not necessary for him to say anything about her; they all knew something of what she was and what she did for Oulton. No one would ever know how much she thought and how much she did for the village. They did know that they had lost a very dear friend and if only to show their gratitude to such a loving life, they should endeavour to cultivate an increased zeal for all those things which she had so near her heart.

He wished before closing to express thanks for all the willing church work which had been done, to those who had helped with the tea and to

Mr Tannam and those who had come from Leeds to entertain them that evening.

During the second part of the entertainment Mite again appeared singing "Don't cry little girl"; selections were given by the concert banjo quartette. Master Wilfred gave the song and dance "The only coon without a girl," and Mr B. Walker and Mr A. Cain appeared in another exhibition of boxing. Disappointment was felt at the non-arrival of Carl Frederic, the illusionist, who was down for a turn; none we think could grumble, however, at the fare provided, both at tea and afterwards, but would readily admit that they had had full money's worth. The National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

## **OULTON AND WOODLESFORD PARISH AFFAIRS. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 23 March 1906.**

A meeting of the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council was held on Tuesday night, at the Woodlesford Schools, there being in attendance Messrs W. Poole (chairman), G.M. Abbey, A. Sharpe, E. Boothroyd, W.H. Newsome, J. Evans, G. Parkinson, W. Cartwright, J. Jones, and with the clerk (Mr J. Cockerham).

The annual parish meeting was held the same evening, Cr. Poole again presiding, being supported by other members of the Parish Council as given above, and about a dozen other ratepayers. The first business was the submission of particulars of the local charities.

The balance sheet of the Joshua Crabtree's Charity showed a balance in hand from the previous statement of £6 18s., interest amounted to 8s. 6d., and dividend received from the Great Northern Railway Company £59 11s., making a total balance in hand of £66 17s. 6d.

Webster's Charity receipts were: Apprenticeship account – To balance due from Bankers £15 5s. 4d.; one third of dividend on £7,987 5s. 11d. New Zealand 3 per cent stock £79 16s. 11d., thus making a total of £95 2s. 3d. Seventeen apprentices had received help to the extent of £36 10s.; the Clerk had been paid £10 for salary, 15s. 6d. for purchase of cash book, the balance due from the bankers £50 8s. 11d., two thirds of dividend on £239 10s. 9d., £159 13s. 10d., making a total of £210 2s. 9d. £105 had been distributed to 7 female annuitants at £15, and £52 to 40 female annuitants at 26s. each. The balance due from the bankers was £53 2s.9d. making a total of £210 2s. 9d.

On reading over the names of the annuitants Mr Cartwright remarked that the Oulton widows named seemed to preponderate over those at Woodlesford, and he asked if there was any explanation for it. Mr Newsome, as a trustee, said that the two villages had been taken as one place, what the trustees thought to be the most deserving people being placed on benefit.

The Chairman said it was so, and that Woodlesford had its representatives on the Board of trustees in Mr Parkin and Mr Irvin, so that its claims were not likely to be neglected.

Mr Newsome: In January we had five vacancies which were filled by four Woodlesford people and one from Oulton, so that the numbers will be nearer equal in the next statement.

Mr G. Pickersgill thought the district Council were not doing what they might in finding work for the unemployed in the district; he questioned if they had got a penny from the Queen's fund. He thought at any rate they might get some stone breaking for those out of work in the district, as used to be done in years gone by, and he proposed that a letter be written asking them to do so. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr Newsome wished to know when the house-to-house inspection was going to be made at Oulton, Some years ago it was done at Woodlesford, where there was a large number of small owners, who had been asked to put their houses in order. Some of the sanitary arrangements at Oulton were most disgusting to see. If the Hunslet District Council would make all alike he would not object, but for Woodlesford to be made to comply while the man with his thousands was left alone was not fair. He proposed that they write the Hunslet Council asking when the Oulton house-to-house inspection is likely to be made.

Testimony to the insanitary condition of several of the conveniences at Oulton having been borne by other members of the meeting one speaker describing some as "beastly," the motion was seconded by Mr Pickersgill and adopted.

Mr Cartwright drew attention to the very offensive smell coming from the street man holes, and proposed that the advisability of periodical flushing of the sewers be pointed out to the Hunslet Authority. Mr Bates seconded the motion which was carried.

Mr Linley spoke strongly on the requirement of a recreation ground for Woodlesford and on his suggestion attention of the local authority was to be called to the desirability of remedying this shortcoming.

## **OULTON & WOODLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 13 April 1906.**

The annual meeting of the above body was held at the Oulton Institute, on Tuesday night last, Mr Poole presiding. There were also in attendance Messrs Boothroyd, Higgins, Abbey, Cartwright, Newsome, Evans, Jones, Parkinson and Sharpe with the clerk (Mr Cockerham). The first business was the election of Chairman, and on the motion of Mr Abbey and Mr Higgins it was unanimously agreed that Mr Cartwright be the Chairman for the coming year.

Mr Cartwright on taking the position thanked his colleagues for the honour they had conferred upon him, expressing the hope that he would fill the office as ably as his predecessor had done.

On the motion of Messrs Newsome and Evans, the meeting expressed its thanks to Mr Poole for his services in the chair during the past twelve months. Mr Poole responded, expressing his pleasure to find that his efforts had been appreciated; good feeling had prevailed during the twelve months and he trusted such would continue.

The appointment of Overseers resulted in the re-appointment of Messrs Higgins and Waide. Mr Higgins said he felt proud to be re-elected once more. Speaking from memory he believed it was about 25 years since he was first appointed to the position. He and his colleagues tried to do their level best in their capacity as Overseers without showing any partiality.

Some of the assessments, he said, as they would know, were made by properly appointed valuers, whilst smaller assessments had to be made by the Overseers. Their work in this respect, he said, appeared to give satisfaction both to the property owners and others concerned. He would again be glad to give the time and attention to the work which it demanded.

Mr Poole proposed and Mr Evans seconded that Mr Abbey be elected vice-chairman. The motion was also unanimously agreed to. Mr Abbey in accepting office said he trusted the attendance of the Chairman would be such that his services in the chair would not be required.

Authority was given for the payment of the Sanitary rate collector's salary. In proposing a motion to this effect, Mr Higgins said Mr Cockerham had always done his work well and fully earned what remuneration he got; he was a good, trustworthy servant and did his work well. Mr Cockerham thanked the meeting for the vote.

It was in 1883 he was first appointed, that was 23 years ago, and Mr Higgins was appointed after him, so that Mr Higgins was a little bit out in his statement as to his term as Overseer. Mr Higgins said he had only been speaking from memory, and was under the impression that he had not been far short of his twenty five years service.

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Clerk to the Hunslet Rural District Council, stating that the resolutions passed at the annual parish meeting, re nuisances, etc, should be placed before the Council. With regard to the house-to-house inspection of the district, this he said had been going on continuously ever since it was commenced. Other areas required attention besides Oulton and Woodlesford, and the Inspector's time for this work of late had been very limited. If, however, there were nuisances requiring attention it was not necessary to wait for this inspection, for if they were reported they would receive prompt attention.

Mr Newsome remarked that Dr Buck's report stated that house-to-house inspection was in progress, but not sufficiently advanced to report upon. The state of affairs to him was not satisfactory, whatever it might be to other members of the Council.

The Chairman thought the bad smells in the Stockings field and in other parts of the district should have immediate attention, as sickness and infectious disease was on the increase. Mr Higgins questioned whether the smell from what is used as a tip for refuse by the Council in the Stockings field was the actual cause of the scarlet fever cases to which the chairman had referred. They had had cases near where he lived, but he did not know there was any smell or sanitary irregularity.

Mr Newsome thought even in the locality to which Mr Higgins had referred there were nuisances existing which ought never to be allowed. Pigstyes had been erected without ever having had plans passed, and these were undrained and a source of annoyance. Mr Higgins: Then if that is so I recommend that a strong letter of complaint, as strong as it can be written, be sent to the District Council, drawing its attention to these nuisances and asking for speedy remedy. I will do all I can to support it.



Other members also strongly complained of the nuisance arising from the Council's tips in the Stockings field, where it was remarked not only the broken and disused articles thrown into the ash pits were tipped, but the contents as a whole.

The Clerk remarked that the system of emptying the ash pits was far better than the one in vogue before, the only unsatisfactory thing about the business now being the method of disposing of the refuse.

It was unanimously agreed that a strong letter of complaint be sent to the District Council drawing their attention to these offensive tips and to the existence of pigstyes without drainage.

The next business was the consideration of a resolution passed, at the annual parish meeting, urging the desirability of a recreation ground for Woodlesford. It was pointed out that some years ago a similar thing was asked for and that in all probability one would have been secured had not the very man who had advocated it – Mr Patley – objected to it because it was to be in the Applegarth, near the house where he lived.

Mr Boothroyd said other gentlemen would also naturally object for similar reasons. Speaking as one having something to do with child life he could say that although the provision of a suitable play ground for the children had his fullest sympathy, the question bustled with difficulties. The question had been discussed before by the Council but as yet had not been found to be practical.

It was ultimately agreed that inquiries be made as to the terms upon which the Stockings field could be acquired for recreational purposes.

On the motion of Mr Newsome and Mr Abbey, it was agreed to ask the District Council to approach the County Council with a view to four instead of two representatives being allowed for Oulton and Woodlesford on the Hunslet District Council.

Mr Higgins incidentally mentioned that that day he had attended a meeting of representatives of District Councils affected by the County Council's proposal to take over the management of highways, and that the strongest possible opposition to the proposal had been expressed.

**OULTON INSTITUTE.**  
**Rothwell Times, Friday 4 May 1906.**

The annual meeting of this Institute was held on Tuesday evening last, Mr A. Sharpe presiding. The secretary, Mr E. Boothroyd, submitted the report and balance sheet which were approved.

The report says: The alteration of Rule 3 at the last General Meeting of members which abolished probationership and required new members to be accepted by the Committee has had its effect on the order and discipline of the Institute, and relieved the anxiety of the officials on that account, but whether its working will tend to keep up a supply of new members cannot yet be determined, and your Committee will closely watch its operations in that direction.

The educational work of the Institute lies dormant. Unfortunately there seems to be no desire for improvement Classes, and the efforts made by your Committee in the past have not received the encouragement they were entitled to. The only Lecture of the Session, given by the Rev E.H. Dykes, was, however, a success, and your Committee tender him their hearty thanks.

During the past year the older part of the Institute has been re-painted, and a great improvement made in the lavatory which has been tiled, and furnished with new wash-basins, etc. The whole of the work has cost £49 and to enable this to be paid your Committee received the handsome sum of £75 from the promoters of the Bazaar held during the Summer, and to whom the grateful thanks of your Committee are due and are hereby tendered.

Thanks are also due to Mrs Schtiddekopf and her friends for a capital Dramatic Performance which added £4 8s. 10d. to the income; to the workers in connection with the Dancing Class; and to the donors of a dozen new books to the Library which now contains 329 volumes. A sum of £5 10s. 7d. has been raised by Whist Drives, whilst the amount received from Lettings reached the record figure of £33 12s. 0d.

The expenses with the exception of the special work referred to and the re-covering of the Billiard Table, are normal. By strict economy the adverse balance of £20 has been wiped out and a small balance carried forward. The only outstanding liability is £40 on the Piano Fund. The Harold Hall, the ante-rooms, and the club room, all require painting and renovating as soon as the necessary funds can be obtained; and the

question of storage is acute, and your Committee hope that some way will be found to deal with these pressing needs. Your Committee rely upon the members to obtain recruits, to make known the advantages of the Institute, and to do their utmost to keep it, as it is, the centre of all our village social life.

The election of officers resulted as follows - President, Major Calverley; vice-presidents, Mr T. Batt and Mr B.W. Higgins; treasurer, Mr T. Maitland; secretary, Mr E. Boothroyd; auditors, Messrs J. Kilburn and J.W. Morley; committee, Rev G. Davies, Messrs G.M. Abbey, J. Cockerham, W. Smith, W. Poole, B. Higgins and A. Sharpe.

## **FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR GEORGE INMAN, OF OULTON.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 4 May 1906.**

Many marks of respect were paid on Saturday last to the memory of the late Mr George Inman, whose death took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst and whose mortal remains were laid to rest in St John's Church yard, Oulton, on Saturday afternoon.

Besides a large number of relatives the funeral was attended by many past and present members of the Oulton and Woodlesford cricket clubs, the deceased, who was familiarly known in local cricket circles as "Jimmy the Black" having made many friends during his association with the summer pastime.

He was groundsman to the Oulton club for a number of years after successful years further afield as "pro" and at the time of his death was groundsman to the newly-formed golf club, whose course lays to the top side of the Oulton Bowling Green.

Mr Inman's death removes another link with the good old cricketing days of the district, in connection with which some of the old hands can spin many an interesting yarn. The funeral service was conducted by the incumbent, the Rev W.R. Capel Cure.

## **HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 16 May 1906.**

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Offices, Hunslet, there being present – Mr J. Farrer, J.P. (chairman) presiding, Messrs B.W. Higgins, H.B. Knight, J.P. Allison, G. Morris, with the Clerk (Mr W.B. Pindar), medical officer (Dr Buck), inspector (Mr Whitehead) and surveyor (Mr Nutall).

The Medical Officer reported that there had been during the month 16 births and 5 deaths, and 8 cases of scarlet fever. There had been an outbreak of measles in Oulton, in consequence of which the infant department of the Oulton National Schools had been closed.

Mr Higgins said a lot of children seemed to be in the habit of playing in the vicinity of the refuse heap at Woodlesford, and taking every old paper and other refuse; he would like to know if infection could in that way be spread; at the last meeting it was decided gas lime should be used occasionally to throw on the refuse, but so far he had not seen that any had been used.

The Medical Officer said that infection might be carried in the way suggested. When the Council officials stripped paper after disinfection it was all destroyed at once. In regard to the use of gas lime the Clerk said he had informed Mr Whitehead of the Council's decision but as yet none had been used.

Mr Higgins: We have got people on our track and we should do what we can.

The Chairman: I think it would be well for the Clerk to give instructions to have this paper and rubbish burnt.

Mr Higgins: This is a subject that has been before the Parish Council. A Parish Councillor asked me to go along with him to see this place and we went, and upon my word there was nothing offensive in any shape or form. There was nothing in view that was offensive and no offensive smell. The Medical Officer: I inspected along with Mr Whitehead and we reported to such an effect. It was agreed that the refuse paper be burnt weekly, and that the decision respecting the use of gas lime be put into effect.

A letter was read from a solicitor representing Mr Morritt, threatening to apply for a manda??? If water is not laid on to certain of his new homes

in specified time. The Clerk said two houses were now ready for occupation, for which the necessary certificates had been issued. He did not think they would hear anything further about the matter.

In answer to Mr Knight the Clerk said he had heard nothing further about the threatened libel action. Mr Knight, pursuant to notice, proposed that all the private streets for which urban powers had been secured should be repaired and taken over by the Council. It was about nine months since he brought this question before the Council, at which time his proposal was defeated, it being agreed that trade was bad.

Mr Morritt said there was a lot of houses to let in the district, trade was bad and he saw no need to go to the expense of kerbing, channelling and sewerage. As representing the property owners and ratepayers of the district this proposed expense he said was not required. No objection, he thought, would be taken to the roads being made passable and if thought fit the sidewalks asphalted.

The Chairman said the proposal called for serious consideration; he fully acknowledged the importance of Mr Morritt's remarks. Mr Higgins said it would be well to let the matter stand over for a while. There being no seconder to the motion, the proposal was not further discussed.

Mr Higgins and the Clerk were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Rural District Council Association to be held June 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 196 applications for the post of assistant inspector.

The following were selected to come before the Council at next meeting :  
- H.J. Armitage, Hunslet; O.R. Dawes, Temple Newsam; P.C. Higgins, Oulton; W. Marston, Otley; G. Pollard, Armley; Joseph Turner, Matlock; T. Walker, Wakefield; B. Foster, Ferrybridge.

A letter was read from the West Riding Solicitor stating that the resolution to undertake direct repairs of certain main roads in the district had been rescinded. The Council would therefore continue to repair the roads as in the past. Mr Nuttall reported that he had got a quantity of galliard at Oulton, and that two men were employed breaking it at 1s. 6d. per ton. Mr Higgins: They are duffling at that price, a man saw me about it this morning.

A resolution was passed in favour of the St Alban's Rural District Council's circular re motor traffic. A letter was read from the County

Council declining to consent to the further kerbing to the main road from the quarry at Oulton to the National Schools. The Treasurer reported the balance to be £107 9s. 7d.

## **CYCLE ACCIDENT AT WOODLESFORD.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 1 June 1906.**

A serious cycle accident happened at Woodlesford, on Sunday afternoon last, at the corner turning from Church Street into Station Lane, the scene of numerous accidents in past years, and a dangerous point in the road notwithstanding the recent widening and setting back of the buildings by the District Council some few years ago.

Nurse Thompson, 27 years of age, in the employ of the Swillington and district Nursing Association was cycling down the street in question, Mr George Henshall being stood near the turn. He got two children who were on the road near by to the side of the street, and Miss Thompson spoke to him as she passed saying she could turn the corner all right.

Mr Henshall found, however, that she had run into the wall at the turning, the young lady being picked up unconscious and taken to the house of Mrs A. Westmoreland. Police Constable Wiseman was sent for and with very commendable intelligence and promptitude rendered first aid for concussion of the brain, Miss Thompson's injuries being mostly about the head and face.

Dr Seville was also sent for and expressed high approval of what the Constable had done. The patient was pronounced to be suffering from concussion of the brain and ordered to be kept quiet and not removed for a few days. We understand Miss Thompson is now progressing favourably towards recovery.

## **CYCLING ACCIDENT AT OULTON.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 1 June 1906.**

On Tuesday night, a nasty cycling accident happened at the bottom of Leeds Hill, Oulton, the sufferer being a man named Butterfield, who resides at 23, Parnaby Crescent, Hunslet.

Butterfield had descended the hill allright and was turning the corner into Rothwell Lane, when he evidently misjudged the angle or the speed at

which he was travelling and ran into the park wall. Dr Seville was called to him and found that his left forearm was broken and his face damaged.

After having his injuries attended to, the Rev W.E. Capel Cure, who resides close by, ordered a cab and sent him to his home. Butterfield's machine was very considerably damaged.

## **CHILD FATALITY RUN OVER AT OULTON.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 1 June 1906.**

Yesterday, about noon, a fatal driving accident happened at Oulton, the victim being Mary Alvina Wrigglesworth, the two year old daughter of Mary Ann Wrigglesworth, widow, of St. John's Yard.

The child left home along with her sister, Jenny, and brother Louis, shortly before noon, to play. They proceeded on Farrer Lane, where the deceased was seen to set off running across the road. After going a few yards she fell all her length.

At that time John Higgins, chimney sweep, of Rothwell, was driving a flat cart on the same road, being only a few yards away from the child when it fell, and a girl names Eleanor Johnson called out for the driver to stop, but he appeared not to hear, his attention being apparently taken up by other children at the other side of the road.

The wheel of the cart passed over the upper part of the child's body. Mrs Mirfin picked the child up and it was conveyed to Dr Seville's surgery in a motor car which was near. The Doctor happened to be out and on his return could only pronounce life to be extinct.

## **POLICE COURT.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 15 June 1906.**

At the West Riding Police Court, on Tuesday last, David Ellis, pony driver, of Rothwell, for discharging a stone from a catapult, to the danger of the public, in Commercial Street, Rothwell on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, had 2s.6d. and costs to pay.

David Bailey, fruiterer, of Hunslet, was charged with driving without a light a horse and vehicle on the highway in Aberford Road, Oulton, on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult, and had 6s. to pay.

Arthur Lightowler 16, Bertie Wilson 15, pit boys; Willie Franks 14, George Jackson 14, Jim Hughes 15, and John Hughes 14, labourers; and Herbert Jenkins 12, schoolboy; all of Woodlesford, were charged with doing wilful damage to growing grass in a field the property of Mr Richard Rhodes, of Woodlesford, on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Wilson and Franks were fined 2s. 6d. with 3s. damages and 6s. 6d. costs to pay. The remainder had each 1s. fine 2s. damages and 6s. 6d. costs to pay.

William Jenkins, 50, miner, of Woodlesford, was summonsed for using obscene language in Aberford Road on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and was fined 10s. including costs.

Nelson Smith, 32, hawker, of Hunslet, was summonsed for working a horse whilst lame, in Sandy Lane, Rothwell, on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult, and Frank Garner, hawker, of Hunslet, the owner, was summonsed for allowing it to be worked. Each were fined 10s. and costs.

William Henry Ward for being drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, had 10s. and costs to pay. A summons by his wife for persistent cruelty was withdrawn.

## **HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 13 July 1906.**

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the offices, Hunslet, there being in attendance Mr H.R. Knight (vice-chairman) presiding, Mr M. Nicholson, Mr J.P. Allison, Mr G. Morritt, Mr B.W. Higgins, with the clerk (Mr W.B. Pindar), medical officer (Dr Buck), inspector (Mr Whitehead) and assistant inspector (Mr P.C. Higgins).

Notice of application for extension of time to complete the line of tramways from Rothwell to Oulton to July 1907, had been received. No objection was offered.

The Medical Officer reported that during the last four weeks there had been 18 births (4 in Temple Newsam, 8 in Oulton and Woodlesford and 6 in Middleton) and 8 deaths (2 in Temple Newsam, 4 in Oulton and Woodlesford and 2 in Middleton). There had likewise been two cases of infectious disease notified, one of erysipelas at Halton, and one of scarlet fever, at Temple Newsam.



The County Council, Dr Buck said. Had recently made an innovation by causing notifications to be forwarded from the school authorities of any suspected case of infectious disease in schools.

The Clerk made reference to the infant mortality in the Council's area, of which he had prepared a diagram showing how unsatisfactory it was. While the general death rate had been steadily declining the infant mortality had been on a steady increase. Such an increase indicated that there was some mischief at work which the Council should endeavour to ascertain and remove. The infantile death rate showed a great waste of human life which should be saved for the benefit of the community.

The Chairman: I don't know; if you preserve all the infant life you will not be long before the world is full.

Mr Morritt agreed that there was some mischief at work, arising in one instance from the Cross Gates filter beds, which ran through the district. Here, he said, the children were bathing in what was two feet of nothing else but live matter. It was time the Council took the question in hand.

The Chairman said they had done what they could; the Council had complained to Tadcaster, who said they had a scheme for improvements, and until that scheme was finished he did not see what further steps could be taken.

Dr Buck reverting to the question of infant mortality said he had pointed out in his annual report that he thought the rate was highly unsatisfactory; in a small population of six thousand the infant mortality was bound to fluctuate greatly; the deaths too had been mostly from non-preventable causes.

Mr Higgins referring to the last meeting of the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council said it had been stated there that the drains were not being flushed as they would like. He understood Mr Whitehead had had instructions.

Dr Buck said the question had been up a month ago, and he might say that the statements referred to by Mr Higgins were being made without full knowledge of what was being done. There were systematic flushings of which Mr Whitehead had a record. Mr Whitehead said seven days were spent in flushing at Oulton and Woodlesford in February last, four days in March, 7 in April, 2 in May, 8 in June and 4 days in July. Mr

Higgins asked that the above record should be made known for the benefit of those concerned.

Dr Buck said from what was said at some of the Parish Council meetings it would appear as though some of the officers were neglecting their duty. Mr Whitehead's record showed that something was being done. In answer to a question by Mr Morritt, Mr Whitehead said flushing operations were not carried out at Halton with the same regularity as at Oulton.

Mr Higgins also drew attention to the Rothwell main sewer in Oulton, with which he believed there was something wrong. There was a very offensive smell from it near Mr Farrer's, caused, he believed, by the accumulation in the pipes through them having sunk in consequence of subsidency through mining operations.

Mr Whitefield said a lot of chemical refuse was now being turned into the sewer which previously had gone down the beck, and this he believed was causing nuisances at every opening. In the particular place indicated, too, there was a syphon which might have something to do with the smell complained of.

Some time was spent in going into the particulars of a breach of the Building Bye-laws by Mr Morritt in allowing a house to be occupied without first securing a certificate from the Inspector. Certain details in the finishing of the house in question not having been carried out to Mr P.C. Higgins satisfaction, he had withheld the certificate. Mr Morritt was asked to conform with the instructions in future.

## **BURNING ACCIDENT AT WOODLESFORD.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 17 August 1906.**

A serious burning accident happened on Wednesday morning to Annie Butterfield, the 5 years old daughter of Mr William Butterfield, of 10, Powell Street, Woodlesford. About ten o'clock, the mother, it appears, went out of the house taking the child and others with her.

She went into a neighbour's house, and shortly afterwards heard screams in the street, and saw a Mrs Brammer rolling up in rags her child Annie, who was all in flames. She went to the assistance of the girl and put oil on the burns.

Dr Seville who was sent for got there about 20 minutes afterwards and found the girl suffering from burns on the face and arms. He attended to her injuries and afterwards ordered her removal to the Leeds Infirmary.

It is surmised that the child had gone back into the house after leaving it with her mother, and had been in the act of putting on the fire a toy kettle with which she had been playing, when her clothes caught fire.

## **DEATH OF AN OULTON GIRL FROM EFFECTS OF THE HEAT WAVE.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 7 September 1906.**

One of the effects of the hot weather last week end was to make railway travelling anything but desirable, and many of those making long journeys had experiences they will not readily forget. Among the many who had made arrangements to start their holidays last Saturday, was a Mrs A. Maundrill, of Oulton, and several of her relations.

The party journeyed to Blackpool in the tropical heat, Lily, the five-year-old daughter of Mrs Maundrill being one of the party; she had anticipated the outing with that pleasurable anticipation which is so characteristic of children and which added pathos to happenings which followed.

Lily was well and playing about with her companions on Friday last, and during the train ride took a great interest in the panoramic view from the carriage window. On arrival at Blackpool, however, she did not appear well, and developing serious symptoms a Doctor was called in on the following day.

He pronounced the child to be suffering from heat stroke although she took her dinner on Sunday and appeared somewhat better, she subsequently became worse and died at a quarter to seven o'clock on Sunday night.

It appears that a year ago the child was to go to the same pleasure resort for her holidays, but was taken with scarlet fever and had to be removed to the Rothwell Isolation Hospital instead. Interment took place at Oulton, on Wednesday last, a large number of flowers, of which the child was dearly fond, being sent by many friends and sympathisers.

## **OULTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 19 October 1906.**

Mr R.J. Benny, of Headingley College, conducted anniversary services, on Sunday, in connection with the above place or worship. He also addressed the P.S.A. meeting in the afternoon, at which service the chapel was full. The chair was occupied by Mr H. Horner, of Leeds, and the musical attractions consisted of vocal quartettes by Miss Turner, Miss Varley, Mr H. Jackson and Mr N. Varley of Rothwell. Mr L.C. Ward played for the Rothwell friends, Mr W.H. Newsome accompanying the congregational singing.

On Monday, the annual tea and meeting took place, after afternoon service conducted by the Rev T.B. Stephenson D.D. of Ilkley. The tea was held in the schoolroom and was presided over by Mrs Craise, Mrs Horner, Mrs Sampson, Mrs Newsome, Mrs Jeffrey, Mrs North and Miss Authill.

There was a numerous attendance at the evening meeting, which was opened by the Rev James Duff, who, after singing and prayer, called upon Mr W. Cartwright, of Woodlesford, to preside. Mr Hall, the M.P. for the division, had promised to take the chair, and up to the previous night he had intended to be present. He had, however, sent a telegram that morning stating that it was impossible for him to fulfil his promise. They would have been glad to have heard his voice and to have had the honour of his presence. However, he had sent a subscription of 10s. 6d. to the funds and they had got a good substitute in Mr Cartwright.

The Chairman, in his address, spoke of the great influence Methodism had been in helping to lift up the fallen masses of the country.

Mr J.T. Lygo gave a financial statement showing the position of trust affairs. In 1905 there was an income of £33 7s. 11½d. and an expenditure of £51 2s. 7d. the deficit at the year end being therefore £17 14s. 7½d. Up to date that deficit had been increased to £24 15s. 7d. He trusted the proceeds of the anniversary would very materially help to reduce that amount.

Dr Stephenson was the principal speaker, the address being an interesting talk on personal reminiscences extending over a period of fifty years of busy public life and to travel all round the globe. Speaking of great Methodist preachers he said the Methodist cause ever since the days of Wesley had never lacked men, who, as preachers of their generation stood

out head and shoulders above their fellows, each of whom were looked upon as the Methodist preacher of their day. Of these “Sammy” Bradburn, Dr Newton, and Punshon were referred to, interesting incidents in their career being narrated.

A number of Hunslet friends kindly gave some special singing, the part song “God is a Spirit” and the hymn tone “Lead Kindly Light” being much enjoyed.

A collection was taken for trust funds during the service the customary votes of thanks concluding the proceedings.

## **HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 2 November 1906.**

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the offices, Hunslet, there being in attendance Mr J. Farrer J.P. (chairman) presiding, Mr H.R. Knight, Mr M. Nicholson, Mr G. Morritt, Mr J.P. Allison, with the clerk (Mr W.B. Pindar), medical officer (Dr Buck), inspector (Mr Whitehead), assistant inspector (Mr P.C. Higgins), and highway surveyor (Mr Nuttall).

The Medical Officer reported 18 births registered, 10 in Temple Newsam, and 8 in Oulton and Woodlesford. There had also been 7 deaths, 3 in Temple Newsam, 2 in Oulton and Woodlesford, and 2 in Middleton.

During the month there had been notified 19 cases of infectious disease, 18 of Scarlet fever in Woodlesford, and 1 of diphtheria in Halton. Of the 18 cases of scarlet fever all had been removed to hospital except three. Scarlet fever, the Medical Officer said, had been prevalent in Oulton and Woodlesford during the whole of 1905, and had continued during the present year, with the exception that the prevalence of the disease had been transferred from Oulton to Woodlesford. So far this season 53 cases had been notified in Oulton and Woodlesford, 48 in Woodlesford and five in Oulton; in the latter village no case had been notified since April last.

In consequence of the recent outbreak, the Woodlesford schools had been closed. Of the 53 cases, 47 had been removed to hospital. Two deaths had occurred. The factors in the outbreak, the doctor said, were that the disease was general throughout the West Riding, the parents were careless and showed want of control over their children.

The Clerk: Is the disease marked in any particular area?

Dr Buck: No, it seems to attack all localities alike.

A letter was read from the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council, laying complaint against insanitary practices at Woodlesford in Alma Street. The matter was referred to the officials.

## **FOUND DEAD ON HIS DRAY. STARTLING DISCOVERY AT JOHN O'GAUNTS.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 21 December 1906.**

Shortly after night-fall on Wednesday, a couple of horses attached to a brewery dray drew up at the John O'Gaunt's Hotel, Rothwell Haigh, the driver of which was well-known to teamsters frequenting this turnpike.

A driver of one of Messrs Bentley's wagons seeing the dray at the door went into the house and asked for his acquaintance but was told he was not there, whereupon he went out and seeing him on the wagon got hold of him and shook him, thinking he was shamming or was actually asleep.

The body remained inanimate, and on closer examination the man was found to be dead, with the reins round his arm and one hand in his pocket. His wagon lamp was lighted and all in proper order.

It appears the man's name is John Daker, drayman, 55 years of age, of 10, Aston Terrace, Harehills Road, Leeds. He was employed by the Melbourne Brewery Co., Leeds, whose premises he left about half-past eight o'clock the same morning, with a load of beer for the Queen Hotel, Methley.

Before starting on his journey he complained to James Norton, a fellow workman, of having a pain in his chest, and he had a drop of brandy. He arrived at Methley about half-past twelve, and there also complained of being out of sorts, and of a pain between the shoulder blades.

He had some brandy before leaving. He said on reaching Leeds he would see a doctor. No one seems to have seen him after leaving Methley until he arrived at the John O'Gaunt's Hotel, as above stated. The body was afterwards identified by John Daker, of the Leeds City Police, son of the deceased. An inquest is to be held.

## **OULTON v. WOODLESFORD.**

**Rothwell Times, Friday 28 December 1906.**

The “Derby” for the above local teams was Christmas Day, when they played a keen game on the Oulton Green. The result was a victory for the homesters by 2 goals to nil, both goals being scored by the visitors’ full-backs.