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Observ(er)ations

Mr. R. S. Crossley, J.P., of Accrington, was unanimously nominated for the office of President of the Lancashire Newspaper Society, which embraces Cheshire, Derbyshire and Westmorland, as well as the County Palatine, at a meeting in Manchester yesterday.

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Councillor Morley, who is a member of the Accrington Corporation's Tramways and Electricity Committee, told the Liberals of South Ward at their meeting last night that he intended at Thursday's meeting of the Committee to propose a reduction in tram fares, so as to make the return fare between Accrington and Baxenden or Accrington and Clayton-le-Moors or Accrington and Oswaldtwistle threepence instead of fourpence as at present, to have two halfpenny fares on the Burnley-road length, and he also advocated overlapping stages. A pretty large order this, and one, I fear, that will be regarded as impracticable alike by Alderman Higham, the chairman of the Committee, and the Borough Treasurer, when his advice is sought regarding the financial outlook attending such a proposal. The Accrington tramways have thus far by no means been a gold mine for the municipality; a very large capital outlay has been involved in the taking over and equipment, and in a matter of the kind proposed by Councillor Morley, desirable as it may be from the point of view of those who use the cars, the Corporation need to walk warily. It would never do to make a mistake which would afterwards have to be rectified by putting back fares from a lower to a higher figure.

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Councillor Morley gave the meeting the information that the Committee proposed to so far enlarge the tram shed as to accommodate fifteen additional cars, with ultimate room for thirty more cars. Five new cars are to be purchased, and these will do no more than meet the immediate needs of an increasing traffic. At the Electricity Works, too, extensions are being talked of, and Councillor Morley stated that, if they were to meet the demands made upon them, they were already under-powered to the extent of 1,000 horse-power. No doubt Alderman Higham would have had something pertinent to say upon these matters had he been at the meeting, but he was confined to the house with a cold, and had to content himself by addressing a letter to the workers.

All who follow the doings of our local education authorities will read with a good deal of interest the report of yesterday's meeting of the District Education Committee which directs elementary education in the schools of Church, Oswaldtwistle, Clayton-le-Moors, Rishton, and Great Harwood. In our own district, as in many places, a great shortage is being experienced in the number of uncertificated teachers available to take classes in the schools. So acute is the falling off that at yesterday's meeting the Clerk to the authority, Mr. Sagar, sounded what was almost like a note of despair. Four or five years ago the situation was entirely the reverse of that of to-day. The supply of pupil teachers considerably exceeded the demand. The cry went up that the profession was greatly overcrowded, that parents who made the necessary sacrifice in allowing their children to be trained as teachers were doing so to no good purpose, since there would be no places for many of them when their training was completed. People fought shy of the profession, and now we are seeing the result in the shortage of available teachers.

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Another factor, too, is greater educational demands made upon the teacher in the process of training and the increasing importance attached to collegiate and university qualifications. The college trained and certificated teacher is looked upon as being equipped for his or her post in a way that an uncertificated teacher can never be, and is paid accordingly. All this means more expense, time and effort, though the results, looked at from the point of view of educational efficiency, no doubt in the majority of cases justify the authorities in the attitude they adopt.

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Mr. Rawcliffe, of Clayton-le-Moors, himself an ex-schoolmaster, put his finger upon a fatal bar to many bright children of poor parents entering the teaching profession when he pointed out that during the two or three years a pupil teacher is attending a secondary school for a portion of the week and teaching in an elementary school during the rest of the time, no remuneration is forthcoming. I have had personal knowledge of cases in which this factor of ways and means has formed an insuperable barrier between promising children and the teaching profession. The mill or the workshop has received boys and girls who would have made their mark as teachers. The remedy suggested by Mr. Rawcliffe—and I have seen it put forward in other quarters—is to pay some slight remuneration during these years of "apprenticeship," and so help parents who may have the disposition but not the means to make their children into teachers.

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The elementary schools of the Lancashire county area are not to have sewing machines provided at the ratepayers' expense. A proposal that the schools should be equipped with sewing machines was yesterday rejected by the County Education Committee. Mr. J. J. Cockshott, chairman of the Sub-Committee, said they had obtained information from a large number of local areas on the subject, some of whom were in favour of the expenditure and some not. They were face to face with a considerable increase in the coming year for the estimate for elementary education purposes, and they would have to spend a considerably larger sum of money in school medical service. Therefore, he did not encourage the Committee to enter fully into the matter, as he did not think it was an opportune time for opening up a further source of expenditure. For the present, therefore, the schools must be run without sewing machines. In that connection it may be recalled that the Mayor of Accrington some time ago made a gift of a sewing machine to the Woodnook Council School, and exceedingly good use has been made of this machine by some of the girl scholars in the higher classes.

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It was rather a strange coincidence that the acting-Coroner should, on Saturday afternoon, hold inquests over the remains of two Accrington men, both of whom resided in Spring Hill-road. In one of these cases death had occurred while under an anæsthetic at the Hospital, preparatory to an operation. Deaths from chloroform are, happily, exceedingly rare, in comparison with the large num-

ber of operations performed day by day, and the risk is almost infinitesimal. As the Coroner pointed out, chloroform is about the safest of all anæsthetics, and in this case it was shown that its administration was carried out with proper skill, after the recognised medical tests as to the patient's fitness.

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Rossendale is just now receiving a welcome visit from its Member, Mr. Lewis Harcourt, the Colonial Secretary, who with Mrs. Harcourt is making a round of the Liberal clubs of the division for a friendly chat with his supporters upon not merely topics that are local, but also the great political issues of the day. On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt are due to visit the Haslingden Liberal Club, and are sure to have a most cordial reception. To-day Sir Ben Johnson, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lancashire and Cheshire North-Western Liberal Federation, will entertain Mr. Harcourt at a dinner at Manchester Reform Club.

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A feather in the cap of the Territorials! Major-General E. C. Bethune (Director-General of the Territorial Force), speaking in London on Saturday evening, said that he had been through the whole of Scotland, England, and Wales during the last twelve months, and had seen every unit in the United Kingdom, and personally he could not see any signs of the "undergrown lads and useless men" one heard so much about. On the contrary, he found some "smart, well-set-up, self-respecting gentlemen," whom he, for one, respected, because they were men enough to come forward as men to bear arms for the defence of their country, and he did not think that it was for those who stood outside "with their hands in their pockets" to do anything but applaud them.

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Blackburn has not yet settled the question of the holidays. The Trades Council is inviting the opinion of its members, and in a statement issued yesterday the committee state that "considerable dissatisfaction having been expressed owing to our principal holidays being in August, as at present, the Council have decided to take a ballot on the question. We desire to ascertain the prevailing opinions of the majority of trades unionists, and it is hoped every member will avail himself or herself of the opportunity to give expression to his or her view on the matter." The ballot consists of three alternatives. The first relates to holidays remaining as at present, the second asks for an opinion on a suggested alteration to the third Saturday in July, and the third proposal is to the effect that the holidays should be altered from August to the last Saturday in June, the Whitsuntide days should be abolished, and opportunity thus be given for a week-end in September.

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Our local Lancashire Combination football clubs seem for the most part to be in a decidedly parlous state. The Haslingden club has reached a crisis in its affairs, and a special meeting of members is being called to consider the club's future. Attendances have fallen away in alarming fashion, and the club is faced with a heavy deficit unless there is a speedy turn in its fortunes. The Great Harwood club, too, is lamenting greatly reduced "gates," and its officials are not without some anxiety as to the future. And Accrington Stanley is not in very much better case, and is certainly not receiving the amount of patronage which the directors of the club might very reasonably look forward to. I was sorry to see on Saturday that the attendance was by no means so large as might have been expected, though the onlookers were provided with a game that was not without its thrills, and also its disappointments. Hundreds of Accrington football followers rushed off much further afield to watch the game played on Saturday and gave scant thought to their own town's team playing almost on their own doorstep. Is local football to be entirely crushed out by the superior attractions of the great League clubs?

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Already we have had the news conveyed to us—from London—that the Accrington Division is to be contested by a Miners' Federation candidate in the person of Mr. McGurk. That those in the division itself who are favourable towards the running of a Labour man know nothing about such a candidature is no doubt a mere negligible detail. And now from Manchester comes the intimation that the United Textile Workers' Association has its eye upon the Accrington Division as a possible field for its enterprise in the direction of running a textile candidate. Already this organisation claims Mr. A. H. Gill, the Member for Bolton, and Mr. Albert Smith, who represents the Clitheroe Division, and at the next election four additional candidates are to be put forward in Mr. W. C. Robinson, Mr. J. W. Ogden, of Heywood, Mr. Tom Shaw, of Nelson, and Mr. James Bell, of Oldham, the three last named being identified with the Weavers' Amalgamation. Mr. Robinson is to contest Oldham, Mr. Shaw is to try conclusions at Preston, and in the cases of Mr. Ogden and Mr. Bell it is announced that the choice lies between the Accrington, Rossendale, Radcliffe and Sowerby Divisions. It is added that by the beginning of March a decision will have been arrived at in each case. Meanwhile we shall be left wondering how many potential Labour candidates for Accrington and Rossendale are yet to dimly appear upon the political horizon.

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Some interest is being taken in the possible attitude of the Cardroom Amalgamation. Like the rest of the textile organisations, a ballot in favour of political action has been taken and secured, and the Amalgamation is not a body that is likely to allow any grass to grow under its feet. Mr. W. H. Carr fought Preston at the last election, but the textile associations were then a united body. Events have since brought about a split, and that the Amalgamation is taking a strong view of the position is seen in the fact that Mr. Carr has been nominated for a seat on the Labour party executive in opposition to Mr. W. C. Robinson. This will be decided at the Glasgow conference. No declaration has yet been made regarding the intentions of the cardroom workers at the next general election. Much will depend on the results of the attempts that are going on at the present time to close the breach that at present exists.

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The report of the Lancashire Elementary Education Committee on the question of the attendance of school children at cinematograph shows is certainly painted in sufficiently lurid colours. Many of the children, we are told, go to the shows three times a week. The pictures which they see lower the moral sense; lessen the aversion from cruelty, lying, deception, and even theft; encourage thriftlessness and a thirst for pleasure and amusement; promote fondness for noise, ostentatious display, and self-advertisemnt; cause fatigue, illness, and a lack of interest in school work. In short, the pictures have atributed to them the distribution of the whole of the ills to which juvenile flesh is heir. If it wasn't the pictures, then it would be something else. Have the children really deteriorated so terribly as all this since the coming of the cinema? I rather doubt it.

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On the other hand, if it be true that there are parents who permit their children to go to see the pictures three time a week, then they deserve all the condemnation that can be meted out to them. But, if the pictures are of a suitable type, then I should hold to the view that an occasional visit to a well-conducted picture hall will probably do the youngsters good, rather than do them harm. I have always felt, though, that there ought to be special performances for children, with films suited to their years and their childish perceptions, and in the near future greater attention will doubtless be paid to providing picture entertainments specially designed for the young folk, at hours that will not interfere with their sleep. But then, ere long the cinema is pretty sure to be taken into the schools as a valuable adjunct to our educational machinery. Incidentally I notice that moving pictures have already been introduced into the Unsectarian Mission, Accrington, the school having acquired a lantern of its own, with the aid of which exhibitions are frequently given.

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Judge Parry told a good story at the annual dinner of the King's College (London) Old Boys on Saturday evening. A policeman, he said, went into one of the stations in London, and in answer to an inquiry of a sergeant said he had to report the death of a horse in Nebuchadnezzar-street, leading off High-street. After much expenditure of paper and energy the constable asked the sergeant, "How do you spell Nebuchadnezzar?" The sergeant hasily replied that was not his business. After more desperate experimenting, the constable divested himself of his helmet and tunic. "What are you going to do?" he was asked. "I am going," was the reply, "to drag that blooming old horse into the High-street."

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Another tragedy of the most distressing kind has to be added to the long list of mishaps associated with the history of the submarine, and the nation mourns the loss of eleven gallant men who have given their lives in the interest of the safety of their country. The Navy is very near and dear to the heart of the British people, and the sorrow which is felt for the victims of the tragedy of Whitsand Bay is deep and widespread. There is nothing new in the terrible story of the loss of the little craft which dived under the seas and failed to rise again when signalled. It is a tragic tale which has been read in sorrow many times before. There is only one thing to be said of it. The loss of the A7 should add emphasis to the demand which has been made for some time that the submarines of the A type which have had such a mournful history should be scrapped without further ado.

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They are old as ships go in the Navy, and for some time past have been used only for exercise purposes within easy reach of the shore. Even so disaster has once more dogged their movements, and the A7 has been lost with all hands with other submarines and the guide ship close at hand. The grief with which the tragic story has been received by all classes of the community is tempered only by the admiration which everyone feels for the courage and fearlessness of the men who daily risk their lives for their country's sake, undeterred by any record of disaster, and careless of any risks which lie in the way of duty.

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These be degenerate days indeed! At least, we are assured that the old country is going to the dogs in almost every department of national and international concern. Jeremiah's voice was never louder or his tones more lachrymose. One has arisen, however, whom we are inclined to forgive. His lamentations have at least the saving grace of vigour, even though we may have observed no evidence to support the burden of his almost vivacious miserere. The fact is, we shall have to give up our wretched English language. No reform, no "nu speling," no tinkering of any kind will do. It may even now be too late.

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The daylight hours are lengthening out perceptibly, a very welcome token, and one that bids us look towards the coming of Spring, and the revival of all those wondrous things that Nature so lavishly bestows upon us. Very soon now we may listen in expectancy for the cheering call of the thrush, and the lark will ere many weeks are over be returning to its former haunts to gladden and inspire us with its soaring song. And in the garden, too, there are not wanting signs of the great awakening. Crocus, tulip, and daffodil are beginning to feel their way through the coverlet of earth, and to seek the sun, and here and there, in the sheltered corners, the modest little snowdrop is unfolding its delicate mantle, and inviting our admiration. Frost and snow and chilling winds in plenty still lie before us, no doubt, but there is pleasure in the reflection that brighter days will emerge and the sun will greet us anew.

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Mark what Lord Ashbourne has been saying at a Gaelic League gathering. He stated that the continual speaking of English deformed the mouth, and described Englishmen as having thin, prominent lips, long front teeth, and "The general appearance of a measly rabbit." The German language was strong and vigorous; the English language was in a state of weakness, rottenness, and decay. John Bull's future, to use a bull, was behind him. He was "insular, and nothing would bring him into touch with the outside world." What, then, is poor John Bull to do? Surely Lord Ashbourne does not prescribe Gaelic for our physiognomical affliction? Rather the sanity of the measliest bunny that ever stayed at home than the beauty of the comeliest fellow in the throes of Gaelic pronunciation!

SCRIBBLER.

BANDSMAN'S FUNERAL.

A Last Tribute at Accrington.

On Saturday afternoon the funeral took place at Accrington Cemetery of Mr. Gabriel Taylor, aged 53 years, of Sharples-street, who had been a bandsman for many years, having been a member of the Accrington Old Band, Church and Oswaldtwistle Temperance Band, and in his youth of St. Oswald's Fife and Drum Band. He was a bass player. Mr. Taylor who was well known and respected, was a member of the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart and a number of representatives of that society walked in front of the hearse. The Accrington Old Band and Church and Oswaldtwistle Band played suitable selections en route to the cemetery, and the two combined rendered at the graveside "I rise from dreams of time." The Rev. Father Mollow conducted the funeral service Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the two bands and the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart. A good number of sympathisers watched the funeral and blinds were drawn in the locality in which the deceased lived. Mr. Taylor leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

Teachers Wanted.

DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN A PREDICAMENT.

No "Uncertificated" Available.

Why "P.T.'s" Are Not Forthcoming.

The monthly meeting of the Elementary Sub-Committee controlling the schools in Great Harwood, Rishton, Church, Oswaldtwistle, and Clayton-le-Moors, was held at the Education Offices, White House, Rishton, yesterday afternoon. Mr. J. E. Allsopp, of Great Harwood, presided, and there were representatives present from each of the respective districts.

The Chairman said he felt slightly indisposed, otherwise he might have given them a review of the past year's working. There was another important matter to be dealt with—the scarcity of teachers in the area but he would delegate that to the Clerk under the circumstances.

Mr. Sagar, the Clerk, said that at the present time they were suffering he supposed along with other areas, through difficulty in obtaining uncertificated teachers. About five years ago it was a usual thing for them to receive about fifty applications for every vacancy they had, but at the present time they had seven vacancies for that class of teacher in the area, and they could not get an application to fill one of them. Unfortunately in certain districts of the area they also had difficulty in getting even temporary help. In some parts of the area there were married teachers prepared to come into a school for a few weeks, but there were other districts with no former teachers, now married, residing in them, and others did not seem ready to pay travelling expenses and take on the temporary work. Another unfortunate point to be noted was that they could not look forward to having any additional teachers in that grade for at least five months, so that he did not know what they were going to do. Then again, they had to remember that they would continue to have a certain wastage of teachers through marriage. There was a great shortage of teachers practically of all grades, but more particularly of that grade, and they employed a large number of that class because they had a large percentage of small classes in the schools.

Mr. F. Greenwood (Oswaldtwistle), asked if they were paying the same wages for the same class of teacher as they did in other districts.

The Clerk said the probability was that they were paying better salaries in the County than in most districts round about theirs. As a matter of fact the County scale was considerably higher as a whole than in the small boroughs.

Mr. A. Hargreaves (Oswaldtwistle), asked if the Clerk could give them any idea as to the cause of the shortage of uncertificated teachers. If the market was glutted five or six years ago, how did the scarcity come about now?

The Clerk said that probably the fact that the market was glutted five or six years ago was one cause. It would then be thought that there were too many teachers, and parents were warned that probably there would not be openings for their children if they took up the profession of teaching, and they had kept out of it. There had been fewer applications for pupil teacherships since then, and the result was that the supply at the present rate would not be equal to the demand for some time to come.

Mr. J. M. Rawcliffe, of Clayton-le-Moors, formerly a schoolmaster, said the shortage was not confined to their Area., and in his opinion it was due to the difficulties that were put in the way of those aspiring to become teachers. They could not be surprised at the shortage when they remembered the restrictions there were to getting into the teaching profession, and absence of facilities for the young people to adept the profession. They ought to appeal to the County Committee or the Board of Education to offer better facilities than existed at present for the bright children of poorer people especially to enter into the profession of teaching. Years ago they had three times as many pupil teachers as they had to-day. The number at the present time in fact, was very small, and it did not by any means represent the number of children who were capable and who would like to go in for teaching, but they were beaten back by the restrictions placed upon those who would enter. They ought to protest against the restrictions imposed from time to time, and go in for better facilities being provided for those who had a desire to become teachers.

The Chairman: What facilities would you recommend?

Mr. Rawcliffe, continuing, said the pupil teachers had now to go to a Secondary School for two or three years, and during that time they were receiving no pay, and afterwards they only started as a sort of apprentice. They might make that part whilst they were attending the secondary school a period when they should receive a small salary. Many working class parents with bright children really could not afford to send them at the age of 14, 15, or 16 to a secondary school without help, and something might be done in the way of helping them to allow their children to go to the secondary school at that age whilst training for the teaching profession. (Hear, hear). In the old days it was not compulsory to attend a secondary school, and he was one of those who believed that they made better teachers in the old days than they did to-day. Those who went into a training college for two years came out practically raw for teaching purposes, and he had had the complaint made to him time after time that teachers coming from the colleges were practically of no use for several months. By insisting upon college training, etc., they were locking out from the profession many of the brightest and most promising children.

Mr. F. Greenwood (Oswaldtwistle), said there was no doubt that putting children to teaching was too expensive for many people, and the non-college trained uncertificated teacher was in a good many respects as good a teacher as the college trained one, in fact, they sometimes produced better results. He was inclined to think they were too much under the thumb of the university idea, and it was the duty of a committee like that to strike against that sort of thing. He did not want to imply that they should not maintain a high standard of efficiency, but that did not necessarily come because of the college trained teachers.

A member asked if they had a shortage of pupil teachers because they could not be trained at schools in the area, and the Clerk replied that they had a larger percentage of schools at which pupils could be trained than in most districts. Pupil teachers could not be trained at schools in district from which secondary schools were not accessible. Unless schools were within attending distance of a secondary school they were not recognised for the training of pupil teachers. The difficulty with them was to get the pupil teachers at all.

Mr. Beckett (Church), said they had a resignation taking effect of a teacher under Article 50, and asked what their position would be if they could not get another to fill the vacancy.

The Clerk said that if they did all they could to get teachers they could not do more and the Board of Education would have to put up with it.

Mr. W. Greenwood asked how many certificated teachers they had doing the work of uncertificated teachers at the present time, and Mr. Sagar replied six.

Mr. Allsopp said he had not brought that matter forward with a view to an idle discussion. Something would have to be done in the matter, and done very quickly.

Mr. A. Hargreaves said it seemed to him a matter which the N.U.T. might reasonably be expected to take up.

Mr. Hindle (Oswaldtwistle) asked if there were enough scholarships being given to pupil teachers.

Mr. Sagar said there were none being given now, and Mr. Hindle added that that would probably have had something to do with it.

Another member said they could not expect poor people to send their children to a secondary school and spend their money as they had to do at present when they could put them to other occupations and start earning money at once. Unless they could give parents some assistance in the matter he was afraid it was no use hoping for better results.

Mr. Rawcliffe said he was surprised and other people would be surprised also, to hear that children in country districts had really been barred from entering the profession because of there not being a secondary school near at hand which they could attend as pupil teachers. They might, before going any further, appoint a small sub-committee to consider the question as it affected them in that area, and then if they got something to work upon they could bring the matter before the County authority and the Board of Education He moved that that course be adopted.

The proposal was seconded.

Mr. Sagar said it was a fact that the child in the remote country districts had been barred from entering the profession, and they had probably lost many additions in consequence. Some of the best teachers had come from the country districts (Mr. Rawcliffe, "Hear, hear").

The following were appointed a sub-committee to go into the question and to report and make suggestions with a view to bringing the matter before the County Council and the Board of Education:—Messrs. Rawcliffe, Beckett, W. Greenwood, Hindle, Hargreaves and Smith.

After the last monthly meeting the Committee considered a letter from the Secretary of the East Lancashire Territorial Force requesting permission to forward a communication to the head masters in the district respecting the recruiting of this Force.—Resolved that the request be not acceded to.

The School Management Committee approved the following appointments of teachers:—Clayton-le-Moors St. Mary's R.C. school: Mrs. M. A. Wood (U) £60, v. Mrs. J. Haworth (U) £60. Rishton Primitive Methodist school: Mr. J. G. Henry (head) £120, v. Mr. W. R. Fielding (head) £145. Rishton Primitive school: Mrs. B. Henry (U £60, v. Mrs. J. I. Hutchinson (U) £60. Rishton The Hermitage R.C. school: Mrs. C. Ashcroft (C) £105, v. Miss E. Dundon (C) £80. The Committee also recommended that the salary of two teachers, Miss B. South, Mount Pleasant Council school, Clayton-le-Moors, and Miss M. Macintosh, C.E. school, Clayton-le-Moors, be increased to £65 on account of long and meritorious service.

The Committee accepted as satisfactory the reports of the head master of the Accrington Secondary School upon the work of the pupil teachers attending that centre.

At a meeting of the Sites, Buildings and School Accommodation Committee, on January 7th, a letter was read from the correspondent of Great Harwood Parish C.E. school respecting the fixing of new boiler. The Committee resolved that in view of the fact that the departments of the school for which the new boiler was provided are expected to be closed within the next two years, this Committee are of opinion that the Education Authority should not be called upon to meet half the charges for this boiler, but that they are prepared to recommend the payment of £5 towards its cost.

The tender of Mr. F. Wesley, for renovation at Great Harwood St. Wulstan's R.C. school, was accepted.

The plan of proposed new science fittings for Clayton-le-Moors Mount Pleasant C. school was approved.

Messrs. A. Hargreaves and T. Hindle were requested to submit a further report upon the application of the managers of Church Kirk school for the installation of electric lighting.

A copy of a report from H.M. Inspector was read respecting overcrowding at Church Sacred Heart R.C. mixed school.—Resolved, that the managers be requested to submit their observations upon the report.

SUGGESTION TO CLOSE A SCHOOL.

A sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman and Messrs. A. Hargreaves, T. Hindle, W. H. Gastall and G. Grimshaw, were appointed to meet the local Committee for No. 10 Area with a view to discussing the question of the possible closure of one of the schools at Belthorn.

The appointment of Mr. W. Pilkington, of Oswaldtwistle, as caretaker of Oswaldtwistle West End Council School, was approved.

The Board of Education have intimated that St. James's C.E. School, Clayton-le-Moors, is now recognised as providing accommodation for 274 infants.

DEATH UNDER ANÆSTHETICS.

Accrington Man's Unusual End.

The rarity of death under anæsthetic was referred to at an inquest held by the Acting Coroner, Mr. D. N. Haslewood, at the Accrington Town Hall, on Saturday afternoon, on the body of Frederick Stanley Allan, 44, mason's labourer, of 31 Spring Hill-road, Accrington, whose death took place at the Victoria Hospital on Friday whilst he was being put under an anæsthetic.

Sarah Ann Allan, the widow, said deceased gave up work four years ago owing to a nervous breakdown. For some considerable time he had suffered from contraction of the fingers, and he had attended local doctors and a specialist in Manchester for this.

Dr. Frankish said deceased was admitted to the hospital on Thursday to undergo an operation for the finger contraction. Witness was to perform the operation. It was necessary to give an anæsthetic, and Dr. Harbinson administered the chloroform. During the earlier part of the administration deceased, who was very nervous and in an excited condition, struggled considerably. He was brought into the operating room and Dr. Harbinson was about to give him further chloroform as he was not sufficiently under the drug for the operation to be carried out, when he collapsed. In witness's opinion deceased's severe struggling in his lack of conditon—he had been out of work for four years—had caused his heart to stop.

In reply to the Coroner, Dr. Frankish said thousands of operations were performed without any such result. He did not know the exact statistical number, but death was of rare occurrence.

In answer to a juror, who asked whether the deceased was sufficiently strong to undergo the operation, Dr. Frankish replied that he was. There was no heart disease.

In regard to a suggestion by a juror that deceased might have had administered too strong a dose of choloroform, Dr. Frankish said he could not have had an overdose. He had only two teaspoonfuls, and he (witness) would not hesitate to take that at the moment himself. Dr. Frankish pointed out that a man in a semi-conscious condition would over-exert himself more readily than he would do if he were conscious. It could be quite understood that a man with the strongest heart might by going through violent exertion collapse. Witness was quite certain deceased did not die from an overdose of chloroform.

The Coroner said cases of that kind were very rare indeed, but since it was absolutely necessary in many cases of operations that some anæsthetic should be administered, these occurrences would take place from time to time.

A verdict of "Death from heart failure whilst being put under the influence of chloroform" was returned.

Dr. Frankish added that there could be no question of skilful administration. Dr. Harbinson was most expert and he knew himself had given some three hundred anaesthetics during the last twelve months. The question of whether the anæsthetic had been administered correctly or not could not come up at all.

The Coroner: I quite agree.

FOUND DEAD IN ROAD.

Accrington Man's Death at Hapton.

An inquest was conducted at the Bridge House Hotel, Hapton, on Saturday afternoon, by the Acting Coroner, Mr. D. N. Haslewood, on the body of John Thomas Eastwood, 65, widower, general draper, of 73, Spring Hill-road, whose death took place in the Accrington-road, Hapton, on Friday.

Mrs. Agnes Schofield, of 76, Padiham-road, said deceased, her father, had been attended for some years from a heart affection, and recently he had complained of colds and tightness in the chest. For the last month he had been staying with witness. He went out on the 16th apparently in good health.

John Haworth, farmer, of West Hall, Hapton, spoke of finding the body of deceased as he was passing along Accrington-road about 11-45 on the 16th. Deceased appeared to have fallen down and died immediately. Witness gave information to the police, and the body was removed to the Bridge House Hotel. There were no marks of injury except that deceased's nose was bruised, probably by his fall.

The Coroner said it appeared to him that death had taken place as a result of heart-failure. A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.