A PROSPEROUS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The annual council meeting of the Durham County District of the Independent Order of Rechabites (Temperance Friendly Society) was held at Low Fell, Gateshead, on Saturday afternoon. Bro. W. T. Wallace, D.C.R. (of Sunderland), presided, and most of the fifty-two Tents in the district were represented, including Middleton-in-Teesdale. The district sec., Bro. R. Shepherd (of Jarrow), reported a nett increase for the year 1896 of 302 adults and 164 juvenile members; a saving of £073 4s. 4d. on the adult, and of £118 2s. 4d. on the juvenile funeral funds; and a more than proportionately large saving on the Tent sick funds. The membership at the beginning of January this year was 3,754 adults, and 2,283 juveniles—or, including members' wives and widows insured (816) and honorary members (75) a total of nearly 8,000. The total funds in the district exceeded £10,000. Bro. Newton, auditor (of Gateshead), drew attention to the rapidity with which the funeral fund is increasing. Last year, the income to this fund from contributions was £740 7s. 4d., and from interest £116, a total of £852 7s. 4d.; whereas the expenditure by death claims was only £100. He suggested the desirability of readjusting the contributions, so as to divert a greater proportion to the sick fund. The executive promised to consider the matter. Officers were elected as follows:—D.C.R., G. N. Lethem, Darlington; D.D.R., J. Longmoor, West Hartlepool; D.S.J.T., W. F. Holmes, Hetton-le-Hole; senior trustee, H. Wardropper, Sunderland; D. Treas., T. Dalziel, Jarrow; D. Sec., R. Shepherd, Bede Barn Road, Jarrow; D.G., Bro. J. Wrightson, Monkwearmouth. The next meeting of the District Council was fixed for Darlington. The latest returns show that the membership of the Order is now 240,000, and that the average annual nett increase for several years past has been 10,000.

DARLINGTON AND TEESDALE

NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

At the usual meeting, the President (Mr James Pinson), in the chair,

The Hon. Sec. (Mr George Bat), reported gifts of fossils and other curiosities from Mr William Hodgson, Elmcroft, and of polished granite from Mr G. G. Hoskins, F.R.I.B.A., and the thanks of the club were voted to the donors.

Dr. Taylor Manson then read a paper on "The Dolerite Bed (Great Whin Sill) of Durham." The author stated that his paper was written in the anticipation of the meeting of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, on Whit-Monday, at Cotherston, when some of the phenomena of the basaltic formations in Upper Teesdale would come under their observation. Without having anything original to say, or any new views to enunciate, he had thought it would be useful, particularly for non-geological members, to give an outline of what is known, and to indicate where our knowledge is defective concerning the immense sheet of dolerite or basalt known as the Great Whin Sill.

The chemical and physical structure of dolerite were given, and examples shown of varieties, and the conclusion stated that the mineral of which the Whin Sill is composed is a basic lava, and had been erupted in a highly molten condition, among the rocks of the carboniferous system. No vent whence this great eruption, the results of which cover 1,000 square miles of Northumberland and Durham, has yet been discovered, and it may have been in some area to the east, now covered by the German Ocean.

Evidence showed that the flow of molten matter had come from east to west. Considering next the question of interstratification, as against intrusion, the two theories were explained, and it was shown that the alterations of geological horizon noted in the Sill, its branching into underflows and off-shoots, and other peculiarities, were incompatible with the idea of its being any other than an intrusive rock, although it was acknowledged by the author that though the balance of evidence was in that direction, there were other matters difficult to reconcile with it.

Attention was then given to the Sill as developed at High Force, a photo of which, and some diagrams and sketches (prepared by the author), were shown in illustration of his remarks.

A long discussion on the chemistry of dolerite, and the relationship between the dykes and the Sill followed, in which the President, Mr W. F. K. Stock, Mr James Wilson, and others took part.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Manson terminated the meeting. It was arranged for the members to proceed to Cotherston on Monday, by the 10-25 train from Bank Top Station.

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The Lords of the Committee of Council on Education are taking steps to ascertain the number of pupils now receiving secondary education in England, in endowed, proprietary, and private schools. It is not proposed to include in the return any pupils who are only receiving instruction in occasional classes or evening schools; and Technical Institutes (except in so far as they have Secondary Day Schools), and University Colleges, will fall outside the scope of the inquiry. Monmouthshire will be excluded, as that County is under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act. In preparing the list of addresses of schools understood to be giving secondary education, their Lordships have received valuable aid from various sources, and have made use of all available information; but it is possible that the list may still be in some cases incomplete. It is hoped, therefore, that the principal teacher of any endowed, proprietary, or private secondary school, who does not receive one of the forms of inquiry, will apply to the Secretary of the Education Department, Whitehall, London, S.W., who will cause the papers to be sent to the address given. *The names of individual schools will not be published in the return.* It may be added that this is the first attempt to compute the total number of pupils receiving secondary education in England.

The Memorial Window of a Former Resident of Barnard Castle.—Colonel Cameron, of Marske.—In the pretty village church at Marske, a few minutes' walk from the late Col. Cameron's Yorkshire seat, the Bishop of Richmond on Monday unveiled a memorial window which has been placed in the sacred building by Mrs Cameron in memory of her husband. There was a numerous and representative congregation, many journeying from West Hartlepool, including Capt. Watson Cameron, Ald. Suggitt, Mr Morgan (secretary of Messrs. J. W. Cameron and Company), and others. The first light represents the apparent triumph of death over love. Death in the form of an old man with a sickle brushes relentlessly aside the angel of love, who is trying to guard a stricken soul; an angel at the foot of the right bears a scroll with a text from Job; "I know that thou wilt bring me to death." The centre light is in a more hopeful strain. Hope dawns upon the sorrower, who sees the beloved one at the portals of a higher life, while beneath is the text from Proverbs 14: "But the righteous hath hope in his death." In the last light is depicted "The triumph of Religion over Death." Christ receives and embraces the soul at an open tomb in the resurrection. The angel in the lower panel bears the text: "For death is swallowed up in victory." We may mention that the subject for the centre light is taken from a favourite picture of the late Col. Cameron's—"Death, the Gate of Life," by Sir N. Paton. A brass tablet is placed near the window bearing the words, "The east window in this church was erected by Emma Victoria Cameron, in loving memory of her dear husband, John William Cameron, who died 28th December, 1896, and is buried in Marske Churchyard." The window, which is extremely handsome, is the work of Messrs Percy Bacon, Bros., London. Over the deceased colonel's grave a handsome Celtic cross of pure white marble has been erected. The cross is wholly covered with carved passion flowers, and near the top in raised letters are the words, "At Rest" (forming a small circle) "Till the day breaks." On the steps is the inscription:—"In loving memory of John William Cameron, Colonel 4th Durham Volunteer Artillery, born 2nd October, 1841, died at Marske Hall, 28th December, 1896."

"Till death us do part;
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PRESENTATION AT MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

On Monday night, May 31st, a large number of friends met in the church schoolroom, as briefly stated in our last issue, for the purpose of publicly presenting Sergt. and Mrs Taylor with a slight *souvenir* in recognition of the esteem and regard in which they have been held during their short stay at Middleton. The mementoes took the form of a gold watch with suitable inscription, for the gallant sergeant, and gold spectacles for Mrs Taylor. Mr A. W. Murray was voted to the chair, and in the course of a few remarks congratulated the Sergeant on the presentation of this beautiful memento, after only eighteen months residence amongst them. Surely this must testify to the regard and esteem in which he had been held by all classes, and he assured him that if ever he visited his Teesdale friends again, he would receive a right loyal welcome.—Mr Collings, station master, in making the presentation, said it gave him unbounded pleasure to present the Sergeant with this slight testimonial, in token of the uniform kindness and impartiality he had displayed during his residence here. In the discharge of his duties, he had obliterated any ostentatious spirit, and if any doubt could be shown in a case which called for the law's interference, that case had the Sergeant's sympathy. It is to be regretted that the Durham Constabulary is losing such a kindly, conscientious, and well-disposed officer. For a short time Willington's loss has been Middleton's gain, and it is a wide expression of regret among every faction of the community that he cannot see his way to stay. He was going to a district where he was unknown, but he could assure them that his frank disposition and kindly nature would soon win him many friends. He deemed it an honour to make the presentation, and trusted the watch would be as dutiful and as punctual as the Sergeant had been in the discharge of his duties. (Applause).—Sergt. Taylor feelingly responded. He said he could hardly express his feelings in the position in which they had placed him. He should always remember Middleton and the many kind faces, and he would carry away with him happy memories and pleasant recollections of his sojourn among them. He had done his level best. He had had many vicissitudes, many ups and downs in life, and after 26½ years in the force, he looked forward to a peaceful retirement. He was the oldest sergeant in the Durham Constabulary, with the exception of one. After such a lengthy term, the firm conclusion to which he had come was that an officer could stay too long in one place. He thanked the inhabitants of Middleton for subscribing such handsome presents for his wife and himself, which they should cherish and look to for many a year to come. He had made a lot of friends, and he hoped no enemies. (Applause). Messrs May, N. Scott, and Crofton also spoke in eulogistic terms of the gallant sergeant. Votes of thanks to Messrs A. W. Murray, N. Scott, and G. A. Thompson for collecting, and to Mr Colling for making the presentation, closed a memorable gathering. The gold watch and spectacles were supplied by Mr G. A. Thompson, Co-operative Stores.—On Monday, Sergt. Taylor, of Middleton-in-Teesdale, retired from the police force, after a service of nearly 27 years, including six years in the Stockton division, and 18½ years in the Durham district, where he was well known and widely respected. The remainder of his time has been spent in comparative quietness in Teesdale. For nearly 21 years, Mr Taylor was sergeant, and was at the time of his retirement, senior sergeant of the County Force. He now retires to Scarborough on a well-earned pension, being succeeded at Middleton-in-Teesdale by Sergeant Nicholson, of Bishop Auckland. On Monday night, Mr Taylor was presented by residents of the district with a handsome keyless gold watch, and Mrs Taylor with a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles. The gathering took place in the church schoolroom, and there was a good attendance.—Mr Collings, station master, on behalf of the subscribers, made the presentation, and referred to the many good qualities of the ex-Sergeant, and hoped he would thoroughly enjoy his well-earned rest, and for many years to come remember his kind friends in Teesdale.—Mr Taylor feelingly responded.—On Monday, Mr Taylor took leave at the Barnard Castle Police Station, of his colleagues in the division, and was presented by Superintendent Cameron, on behalf of the men, with a handsome silver-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed.

UPPER TEESDALE.

School Anniversary at Bowlees.—The anniversary in connection with the Bowlees Sunday School was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday. The scholars were regaled with tea on Saturday afternoon, and the usual public meeting took place in the evening, presided over by Mr W. Herdman, F.G.S., addresses being given by Mr W. Swales, Middleton, and Mr Joseph Maddison, Frosterley. On Sunday, special sermons were preached by Councillor J. Maddison, to large congregations. Recitations and dialogues were rendered by the scholars at each service, and special hymns sung suitable to the occasion. Mr Alderson, jun., presided at the harmonium, and the choir were assisted by Mr H. Lowe (double bass), and Mr A. Lowe (violin).

Wedding at Middleton.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, on Thursday, the marriage of Miss Dora Walton, second daughter of Mr W. Walton, contractor, and Mr Joseph Lowe, late of Middleton, and now of Bishop Auckland, took place, the Rev. C. Roberts officiating. The church was crowded with a large congregation, intimate friends of the couple. The bride was attired in a dress of French grey material, with white satin bodice, trimmed with coffee lace; white chiffon hat trimmed with white alpacca ribbon and dark green poppies with orange blossom. Misses M. Walton, M. Lowe, and S. J. Walton were the bridesmaids, and Messrs H. Lowe, C. Walton, and W. Harrison were groomsmen. As the party were leaving the church Mr Joe Rains played the Wedding March tastefully on the organ, and later in the day they left for Edinburgh, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

Trap Accidents.—On Saturday afternoon whilst Mr F. E. Gibson, of Croft, and several fishermen were journeying from Langdon Beck to Middleton Station in one of Mr J. Coltman's wagonettes, one of the wheels suddenly collapsed when near the Wesleyan Chapel, Forest, and the trap was overturned, and all the occupants thrown violently to the ground. Mr Gibson was somewhat seriously injured. Another accident of a similar nature happened to Councillor J. Maddison, of Frosterley, who was on a visit to Bowlees to conduct school anniversary services. When near Denton Bank the shafts of the trap in which he was riding, along with Mr and Mrs Proud, of Frosterly, and their son, broke off close by the trap body, and the whole four were thrown on to the road. Though much shaken, Mr Maddison was able to fulfil his engagements.

TIME TABLE FOR JUNE.

Barnard Castle and South Durham Branch.

UP.		a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	Sats p m
Keswick ...	d	...	...	9 40	1135	...	...	...	6 50		...
Penrith ...	d	...	7 20	1047	1 38	4 20	...	...	6 50		...
TEBAY ...	d	7 58	1120	2 15	5	5 30	...	...	7 30		...
Gaisgill ...	,,	8 4	1126	2 21	...	5 36	...	...	7 36		...
Ravenstonedale	,,	8 12	1134	2 29	a	5 44	...	...	7 44		...
Smardale ...	,,	8 20	1142	2 37	...	5 52	...	...	7 53		...
Kirkby Stephen	a	8 25	1147	2 42	3	25 5 57	...	...	7 57		...
	d	8 27	1149	2 43	3	27	...	...	7 59		...
Barras ...	,,	8 42	12 4	2 58	3	42	...	...	8 15		...
Bowes ...	,,	9 0	1222	3 20	4	0	...	...	8 33		...
Lartington ...	,,	9 8	1230	3 28	4	8	...	...	8 41		...
BARNARD C.	a	9 13	1235	3 34	4	13	...	...	8 46		...
	d	7 40	9 15	12 37	3 35	6	15	...	8 20	8 48	6 10
Winston ...	,,	7 51	9 26	1248	3 46	6	26	...	8 31	8 59	6 21
Gainford...	,,	7 56	9 31	1253	3 51	6	31	...	8 36	9 4	6 26
Piercebridge	,,	8 4	9 39	1	3 59	6	39	...	8 44	9 12	6 34
Darlington, N.R.	a	8 19	9 45	1 10	4	8	45	...	8 53	9 21	6 43
DARLINGTON	a	8 17	9 52	1 14	4 12	6	52	...	8 57	9 25	6 47
D'gton, for east	d	8 55	10 0	2	0	4	38 7	45	...	...	9 33		7 33
Saltburn ...	a	1010	1114	3 16	5	30	8	38	...	...	1048		8 54
Darlington ...	d	9 5	1018	1 54	4	22	7	12	...	...	9 42		7 35
Newcastle ...	a	1010	1123	3 15	5	18	8	2	...	...	1058		9 25
Darlington ...	d	8 32	1023	1 21	4	55	7	0	...	...	10 6		7 11
York	a	9 35	1125	2 13	5	52	8	53	...	...	1106		9 1
London, N.E. ...	,,	2 10	5	6 30	1045	2	40	...	...	...	2 10		9 5

a Stops when required to take up for stations east of Kirkby Stephen.

DOWN.			p m	a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	Sat. p m
London, E.C.	d	...	1130	...	5 15	10 0	1035	2 20	...	...			1130
York ...	,,	...	3 45	8 50	10 31	55	3 20	6 15	6 45				8 25
Darlington ...	a	...	4 47	10 15	11 02	44	4 16	7	8 8	30			8 6
Newcastle ...	d	...	5 0	9 30	10 40	01	48	4 0	5	20	7 8		8 30
Darlington ...	a	...	6 39	1020	1217	2	44	4 52	6	35	8 8		8 15
Saltburn ...	d	...	5 30	9 10	11 10	1	34	3 46	5	46	6	52	6 45
D'gton, from east		...	6 47	10 4	12 30	2	48	4 40	6	35	8	8	8 0
			a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m		a m
DARLINGTON	d	...	6 57	1025	12 33	3	0	5	0	7	25	8	55
Darlington, N.R.	,,	...	7	31	1030	1248	3	5	5	7	30	9	0
Piercebridge	,,	...	7	11	1039	1257	3	14	5	14	7	39	9	9
Gainford	,,	...	7	19	1047	1	5	23	5	22	7	47	9	17
Winston ...	,,	...	7	24	1052	1	10	3	27	5	27	7	52	9	22
BARNARD C.	a	...	7	37	11	3	1	23	3	40	5	40	8	5	9	35
	d	...	7	39	11	7	1	26	3	42	5	42	...	...		9	7
Lartington	,,	...	7	45	11	13	1	32	3	48	5	48	...	...		...
Bowes ...	,,	...	7	55	1122	1	42	3	58	5	57	...	...			...
Barras ...	,,	...	8	14	1138	1	59	...		6	15	...	...			...
Kirkby Stephen	a	...	8	25	1149	2	10	4	22	6	26	...	...			...
	d	...	8	27	1151	2	12	4	35	6	28	...	...			...
Smardale ...	,,	...	8	36	12	1	56	...		6	37	...	...			...
Ravenstonedale	,,	...	8	43	8	50	12	4	2	24	4	38	6	41		...
Gaisgill ...	,,	...	8	51	8	58	1212	...		4	43		6	...		...
TEBAY ...	,,	...	8	57	9	4	1218	2	35	4	51	6	52	...		...
Penrith ...	a	...	9	27	1258	3	30	5	21	7	42	...	...			...
Keswick ...	a	...	1010	2	10	...	6	25	9	10	...	...	...			...

b Stops to set down on Wednesdays.
c Stops on Mondays when required to set down from Appleby and Kirkby Stephen.

Tees Valley Branch.

DOWN.		a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	a m
Bishop Auckland ...	d	6 56	9 55	1222	3 57		...	8 28	
Darlington ...	,,	c 7 57	1025	1243	3	0 5	0 8	55	
BARNARD CASTLE...	d	7 42	1112	1 33	4	38 6	25	9	38
Cotherstone ...	,,	7 49	1119	1 40	4	45 6	32	9	45
Romaldkirk ...	,,	7 55	1125	1 46	4	52 6	38	9	51
Mickleton ...	,,	8 9	1139	1 51	4	57 6	43	9	56
MIDDLETON ...	a	8 5	1135	1 56	5	2 6	48	10	1

UP.		a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m
MIDDLETON ...	d	6 41	8 15	12 5	2	18 5	40	8	20
Mickleton ...	,,	6 45	8 19	12 9	2	22 5	44	8	24
Romaldkirk ...	,,	6 50	8 24	1214	2	27 5	49	8	29
Cotherstone ...	,,	6 56	8 30	1220	2	33 5	55	8	35
BARNARD CASTLE...	a	7 3	8 37	1227	2	40 6	2	8	42
Darlington ...	,,	a 8 17	9 52	1 14	4	12 6	52	9	25
Bishop Auckland ...	,,	7 48	9 15	1 22	3	27 6	18	8	53

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Barnard Castle and Bishop Auckland Branch.

FROM.				a m		p m	p m
Penrith ...	d	...	...	1047	...	1 38	4 20
Tebay ...	,,	...	...	1120	...	2 15	5 7
		a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m
BARNARD CASTLE...	d	7 53	38	1245	2 50	4 38	6 18
Cockfield ...	,,	7 28	8 55	1	2 3	7 4	55 6 34
Evenwood ...	,,	7 34	9	11	8 3	13 5	1 6 40
West Auckland ...	,,	7 41	9	8 1	15 3	20 5	8 6 46
BISHOP AUCKLAND	a	7 45	9	15 1	22 3	27 5	15 6 53
Durham ...	a	8 41	9	40 2	5 4	10 5	59 7 28
Sunderland ...	,,	9 45	1023	2	51 5	25	... 8 30
Newcastle ...	,,	9 15	1010	2 58	5	5 6	48 7 57

TO		a m	a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m
Newcastle ...	d	5 0	7 40	1040	1	48 5	20	7	18 ...
Sunderland ...	,,	...	7 5	1030	1	20 5	8	6	40 ...
Durham ...	,,	6 17	8 10	1140	1	55 5	51	7	45 ...
		a m	a m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m	p m
BISHOP AUCKLAND	d	6 56	9 35	1223	3	57 6	50	8	28 ...
West Auckland ...	,,	7 3	9 10	9 1229	4	4 6	57 8	35	...
Evenwood ...	,,	7 11	1010	1237	4	12 7	5	8	43 ...
Cockfield ...	,,	7 20	1019	1246	4	21 7	14	8	52 ...
BARNARD CASTLE...	a	7 35	1034	1 10	4	36 7	29	9	7 ...
Tebay ...	a	8 9	1216	2 35	6	12	...	...	...
Penrith ...	,,	9 27	1358	3 57	7	42	...	...	...

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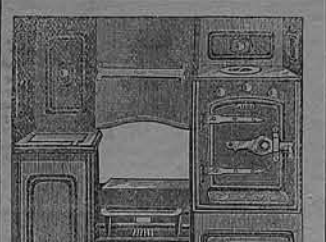

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BARNARD CASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday afternoon. Mr W. H. Bolton, J.P., presided.

SANITARY DEFECTS.

The County Medical Officer reported that there were a number of sanitary defects at Whorlton, and that at Millfield Grange, Cockfield, there were some houses without a water supply, and two houses in insanitary that they ought to be closed.—Mr Dixon wrote stating that the County Council contemplated proceedings for the closing of these two houses without delay.—The Sanitary Inspector said that all the defects at Whorlton had been remedied. As to the others he thought the County Medical Officer ought to have communicated with him as Sanitary Inspector before writing to the Council.—The Clerk: You are not clerk to the Council.—The Clerk said he was but I am inspector.—Mr Summerson said the houses at Millfield Grange were in a disgraceful condition.—Mr Armstrong moved that the necessary steps be taken to close the houses, and this was agreed to.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The trustees of the Burton Charity wrote with respect to their claim for compensation for damage to a field at Woodland belonging to them and through which a water main was laid by the Sanitary Authority in 1893.—The Clerk stated that the trustees had served him with an arbitration notice, but as the letter addressed to the Teesdale Rural Sanitary Authority, which was now non-existent, he had refused to accept service. The claim was for 1d. per lineal yard, or 20 years' purchase, and the amount would probably be over £20.—It was agreed to allow the matter to stand over for a month.

SPOUTING WANTED AT COCKFIELD.

Dr. Beattie sent in a special report in which he enumerated about 100 houses at Cockfield which are without proper spouting, and gave it as his opinion that the want of such spouting was injurious to health.—It was agreed that notice be served on the owners to spout the houses.

THE PROPOSED NEW FOOTPATHS.

A letter was read from the clerk to the Durham County Council respecting the proposed new footpaths at Ingleton, Eggleston, Staindrop, and Wolsingham. The following is a copy of the County Surveyor's report, which was confirmed by the County Council:—(1) A new slag chip footpath, with 12in. by 6in. stone kerb, about 6ft. 6in. wide, and 77 yards long, on the south side of the Staindrop and Cockerton main road across the green in front of the smith's shop in the village of Ingleton. Estimated cost £16 5s. (2) A new slag chip footpath, with stone kerb, about 6ft. wide, and 54 yards long, adjoining the above, and on the same side of the main road, at the east end of Ingleton to the inn near Gainford road end. Estimated cost £11. (3) To kerb and repair the various footpaths in Ingleton village on both sides of Staindrop and Cockerton main road, which vary from 5ft. to 6ft. wide, and are 530 yards long. Estimated cost £12 6s. 6d. (4) A new metal footpath, with green margin about 3ft. wide, and about 2,770 yards long, commencing on the west side of the Staindrop and Winston road, from the village of Staindrop to the Inn near crossing the field near Winston Railway Station, except on the county bridge, and on the land in Alwent Hall, where the road is too narrow. Estimated cost £15. (5) To construct new slag chipped footpath, with stone kerbs in continuation of the existing ones, on the north side of the Eggleston main road, about 6ft. wide and 100yds. long, across the vacant spaces in front of the Black Horse Inn and the Royal Hotel at Woodland, and repair and improve existing footpaths. Estimated cost £