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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

93rd ANNUAL BAZAAR.

Barnard Castle Congregational Church held its 93rd annual bazaar on Thursday and Friday, and although the financial result was scarcely up to expectations, there was ample evidence that the church is alive even though at the present time it is without a minister. This year the venue was on the church premises and the schoolroom presented a picturesque appearance when with well-filled stalls the promoters awaited the opening ceremony on Thursday afternoon. Mrs James Henderson, Bishop Auckland, who had kindly promised to come over and perform the opening ceremony, found herself at the last moment unable to fulfil the engagement. Recourse had therefore to be had to someone else, and through the good offices of Mrs Pearcey, Mrs T. Errington (John Street) consented to fill the breach.

Mr A. H. Nicholson, J.P., Chairman of the Urban Council, presided, being accompanied by Miss Nicholson, and others on the platform were Mrs T. Errington, Mrs Pearcey, Mrs C.B. Martin, the Rev. W. Lawson Jones (Primitive Methodist minister), and Messrs J. E. Dent and E. Holdsworth, deacons. Mr Jones led the devotions after the singing of a hymn, and then Mr Nicholson invited Mrs Errington to declare the bazaar open. In doing so he expressed the exceeding great pleasure he had experienced in accepting the invitation of the church officials to preside. He congratulated the church on its long succession of annual bazars and expressed his sincere hope that the present effort would be successful.

Mrs Errington, in a happy little speech, told how she shared the sorrow of all present at the absence of Mrs Henderson and the cause of it. She thought, as she said when Mrs Pearcey came to ask her to take Mrs Henderson's place, that she was a poor substitute, but she would do her best to make up for the disappointment experienced. She believed in one denomination helping another, and she remembered how in the days of her youth there were many friends of her father and his family connected with the church in Hall Street, including the father of Mr J. E. Dent. She had therefore more than ordinary pleasure in coming among them that day, and in declaring the bazaar open she wished that it might be as successful as the promoters themselves could wish. (Applause.)

Little Miss Mary Swan, aged about three years, then with sweet naïveté presented Mrs Errington with a charming bouquet. It fell to the lot of Mrs Pearcey to propose a vote of thanks to Mrs Errington, and in doing so she imparted to her speech a little of her native dry humour. "We were stranded," she said, referring to the inability of Mrs Henderson to come to Barnard Castle, "until Mrs Errington consented to open the bazaar, and we are very grateful to her." Mrs Pearcey included the Chairman in the expression of thanks. Mrs Martin seconded the proposal, which was agreed to with acclamation. The stallholders then began to get busy and until bedtime there was a gradual diminishing of the stall contents proceeding to the great satisfaction of the holders, who were as follows: Sewing Meeting—Miss Hall, Mrs Ellery, Mrs Todd, Miss Wright.

Linen—Mrs Wimpenny, Mrs Lambert Brown, Mrs Capstick, Mrs J. Appleby.
Fancy—Mrs Holdsworth, Miss Bell, Miss Ward, China—Mrs Pearcey, Mrs Huck, Miss M. Ward.
Sweets—The senior girls, including Misses Phyllis Holdsworth, Edna Kelly, E. Stott, A. Morrell, W. Huck, and L. Bateson.
Young Men's stall—Mr R. Borrowdale and helpers.
Refreshments—Mrs T. K. Bell, Miss Burton, Miss E. Atkinson, Miss Hedley.
Flowers—Mrs J. Assouh, Miss Johnson.
Bran Tub—Misses Millie Wellman, Rene Hird, Rene Huck, Bessie Burns.
Ice cream—Miss Dora Hird.
Tea—Mrs Brownless, Mrs Borrowdale, Miss Dent, Miss J. Simpson, Miss Rogerson, Miss Bell.
Café—The Misses Hird (3).

In the evening there was a series of entertainments, the first being given by the young men, and the contributors to the programme included Messrs B. Blamire, J. Appleby, F. Hutchinson, J. Wright, A. Bush, J. Simpson, G. Simpson, R. Appleby, R. Borrowdale. Miss Phyllis Holdsworth was the accompanist. There were also some very clever tableaux.

The takings for the day amounted to £64, which sum was rather less than last year, when the bazaar was held in the Drill Hall.

The re-opening ceremony on Friday afternoon was as usual undertaken by a group of children who had been admirably trained in their respective parts by Miss Phyllis Holdsworth. The proceedings took the form of a pretty little fairy play, "Wait a minute," the Fairy Queen being nicely portrayed by Rene Hird, and the title rôle by Millie Wellman. This play was repeated in the evening, being followed by a sketch, "Sloey," a laughable negro drama presented by the young men of the church, including Messrs B. Blamire, A. Bush, R. Borrowdale, J. Appleby and G. Simpson.

Subsequently competitions were arranged the ladies' whistling contests being won by Millie Wellman, Bessie Burn and Dorothy Robson in the junior section, and by Mrs J. Eden, Miss P. Holdsworth and Mrs M. Borrowdale in the senior section.

There was also an "egg-beating" competition for men, the task being to separate the yoke from the white and beat the latter so thoroughly that the substance adhered to an upturned plate. The winners were as follows: Senior—Mr Blamire; 2, Mr J. Appleby; 3, Mr C. Hemsall. Juniors—R. Wellman; 2, A. Barker; 3, W. Sowerby.

At the close of the evening it was announced that the two days' proceeds had amounted to about £100.

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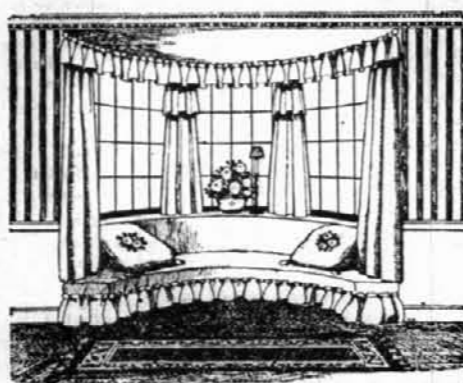
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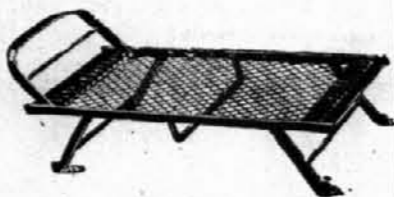
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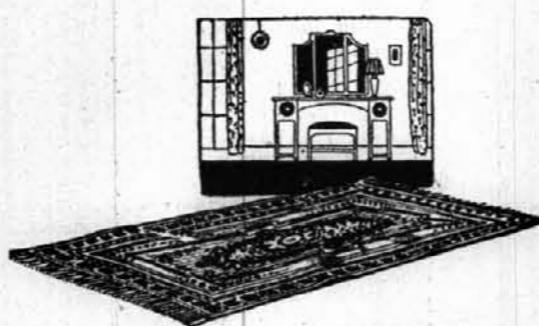
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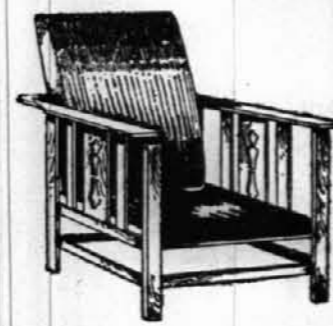


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