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ATTERCLIFFE WARD.

Councillor F. H. MELLOR.

COUNCILLOR F. H. MELLOR, who is again contesting Attercliffe in the Co-operative and Labour interest, has a record of public service that justifies the fullest confidence of the Attercliffe people.

A local preacher, president of the



COUNCILLOR F. H. MELLOR.

Brightside and Carbrook educational committees, and a long-standing member of the Labour Party, he is enthusiastically fitted to represent the industrial area of Attercliffe.

During his short period of office on the City Council he has not sought prominence by making speeches in the Council Chamber, but he has attended with commendable regularity to the committee work, and this is where the real public service is rendered. His record of attendances—754 out of a possible 779—compares more than favourably with that of his opponent, Mr. Ward, during his period of office.

Not only so, but his close contact with the war itself—visiting the streets and backyards (where working men's wives and families spend the bulk of their lives), with a view to improving the health, sanitary, and general conditions of his constituents—should stand him in good stead when he once more appeals for their franchise.

To all co-operators, trade unionists, and workers by hand or brain, we would appeal for support for the tried and true representative of the people—Councillor F. H. Mellor.

True democracy means government according to the will of the majority of the citizens who constitute the community.

HEBLEY WARD.

Mr. D. BARNETT.

MR. D. BARNETT, the Co-operative and Labour candidate for the Hebley Ward, though still only a young man, has had considerable experience in management and administration. An ex-president of the Sheffield and Chesterfield District Council of the N.U.R.; three years a



MR. D. BARNETT.

member of the National Executive of the N.U.R., and a representative on the local employment committee of the Ministry of Labour for four years, he is just the type of man to represent the working-class ward of Hebley.

Barnett knows what poverty means. He started married life with the magnificent wage of 18s. per week, and can thus claim to know, from actual experience, the needs of the workers.

Too long have the workers been misrepresented by the employers and lawyer class. There is now, however, a splendid opportunity for the Hebley people to send along (with Councillor Scothern) another vigorous, sincere, capable, and experienced member of their own class into our Civic Chamber. The qualities that have endeared Barnett to the hearts of his fellow workers on the railway, along with his administrative experience on the local Ministry of Labour Committee, will be invaluable in the Council Chamber and the committee-room alike.

Barnett has no axe to grind. He is out to serve—and he has served in the past—the best interests of the community. Co-operators, trade unionists, and all Hebley electors interested in the public well-being should have no hesitation in placing their cross to Barnett's name on November 1st.

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HILLSBOROUGH WARD.

Mr. J. H. SAYLES.

MR. J. H. SAYLES, the Labour and Co-operative candidate for Hillsborough, is the son of a miner. Both his father and his grandfather were strong trade unionists and strong advocates of Liberalism of the "Radical" type. Mr. Sayles himself spent a number of years



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in the mine, and owing to the failure of his eyesight took up journalism.

An ex-member of the Liverpool L.L.P., he worked alongside Keir Hardie, Robert Smillie, and others. He was a member of the famous Baptist Brotherhood of Liverpool, and assisted the Rev. Herbert Dorman in his work in that city. Subsequently he was associated with the Labour Party in Leeds, and took part in the fight which returned the first Labour M.P. for East Leeds—Mr. James O'Grady.

On coming to Sheffield he joined the Liberal Party, and was on the Liberal Party executive until, in his opinion, the party became decadent. As late as 1919 he contested the Farnall Ward as a Liberal candidate. He soon found out, however, that the old "Radical" spirit had left the party, that it had become practically Tory in policy; he therefore joined the Labour Party as being nearest to his viewpoint.

Mr. Sayles is a member of the Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society, and believes strongly in the co-operative movement. He has done a considerable amount of social work in the Hillsborough district, and was responsible for starting the Poor Children's Outing Fund in the Crookemoss area.

Coming from working-class stock, with long experience in the progressive movements, a fine record of social service, a

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NEEPSEND WARD.

Councillor W. BANCROFT.

COUNCILLOR "WALT" BANCROFT has represented the Neepsend Ward for three years, in a way that it has never been represented before; attending to the people's needs individually as well as collectively; assiduously pushing their cause in the Council Chamber, on com-



COUNCILLOR W. BANCROFT.

mittees, and in the various civic departments where the people's needs are supposed to be dealt with. Bancroft has discovered cases where seven, eight, and in one case, nine houses had only one dustbin. These anomalies, which have been going on for years, have, of course, been remedied.

The tram service, the lighting facilities, and the general sanitary conditions of Neepsend, still leave much to be desired; but there is no doubt that Bancroft has obtained numerous improvements during the three years of his office; and he is pressing for recreational grounds, better tram service, and so forth, on every possible occasion.

The people of Neepsend will make a very serious mistake if they do not return him once more to carry on the fine work that he has begun on behalf of this thickly-congested ward, comprised largely of working-class people.

On November 1st we trust that every elector in Neepsend will show his or her appreciation for the services already rendered, and give a further mandate to their real friend and public-spirited servant—Councillor Walter Bancroft.

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good speaker, a keen debater, and uncompromising fighter for the people's rights, Hillsborough will be assured of a sound representative on the City Council in the person of Mr. J. H. Sayles.



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HOUSES FOR HEROES.

So much in the way of health, education, morality, culture, and all that contributes to a full and abundant human life depends upon the people's home conditions that a solution of the housing problem becomes one of the main necessities to a healthy social community, from whatever viewpoint we may look.

Homes without a parlour, where the young people can retire for study and healthy recreation, and the old people can take a change from the ordinary routine of their everyday life; homes without a separate bathroom, an absolute fundamental necessity to a merely healthful, physical life; homes without a garden to rest one from the monotony and fatigue of our present industrial system; homes which do not give absolute privacy to the family, a necessity for mere decency and Christian morality—such homes, we say, are a positive menace, not merely to the physical health of the inmates, but to the moral and spiritual well-being of the community; and there is no possible excuse for any so-called cultured man or woman—not to say Christian man or woman—who can even assist in denying these necessities to their fellow-men.

Yet during the present election campaign a member of the Citizens' Association has had the audacity to stand before a working-class audience and declare that "four walls and a roof" (flat case) were sufficient as a temporary solution of the terrible housing conditions in Sheffield. This, coupled with the revelations in the "Sheffield Mail" regarding the owners of slum property sitting on the Health Committee, is the last word in insulting impudence to the electors. Yet we are told that the Citizens' Association alone is fit to control the city's affairs!

Anything more dreadful than row upon row of square brick boxes in which to "house" civilised men and women we cannot conceive. This is a twentieth-century alternative to slumdom! The idea that those men and women whose present system condemns to low wages and bad social conditions should be segregated outside the city on an estate of brick boxes should be visualised in the mind of every man and woman who is out for the upliftment of his fellows.

We trust that every worker by hand or brain will resist this insult to their intelligence by voting against the party which dares to put forward such a proposition in these days of so-called capitalism. It is not the mere fact of the statement which should rouse the ire of every elector, but the terrible assumption behind it—the assumption that one class of the community should live under soul-destroying conditions while the others should have homes in which it is possible to live a fully-developed human life. This is "class war" with a vengeance. The Co-operative and Labour candidates in the present election stand for something infinitely higher and better for the workers.

The only effective protest against this appalling prospect of brick boxes is to support the Co-operative and Labour candidates in every ward in Sheffield.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROL FOR BLIND INSTITUTION.

We understand Mr. Harrison, of 3, Harris-road, Hillsborough, is willing to address any public, or other educational meeting, on behalf of the blind people in Sheffield.

The recent revelations in connection with this institution really arose as a result of pressure for a more democratic control of same. This pressure was chiefly started by the Hillsborough Co-operative Men's Guild as a result of a lecture given there by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison is a good speaker, and we would advise public and other secretaries to book him up for the winter season.

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JACK'S ADVENTURE.
By MARGARET CARLTON.

JACK casually tied a piece of string round the neck of a glass jar, making a handle over the top, as you have seen many small boys do many times. I suppose, then he inspected his famous fishing line. It was famous because he had caught fish with it. Hauling everything was in order, and the sun shined as it should shine when small boys go fishing. He took up his cup and prepared to set off on all four paws.

He put the little parcel of "tea," that is, some bread and butter and a piece of cake which his mother gave him, into his pocket. "Don't be very late," said his mother; because he always came home as soon as he was ready, and that it always quite early.

Sunny was ready, walking to fast, and after greeting one another in that peculiar brazen fashion which boys have when talking to one another, they set off on the road.

The road in that part where they were going was situated among some woods, which were being cut down. The trees, all chopped and sawed, were a delight to the boys, and the faint rapid stream which flowed down the valley was even more delightful. In places it took a boat, and then it ran swirling among rocks, and again slowly down oblong, over great slabs of dark stone or overhanging cliffs. There were many falls in this stream, and the lucky boys were not "travelling" when they started.

The sun shone gloriously when they arrived at their favourite pit, which was on a very small piece of ground beside the stream where it broadened. Here the grass grew of boys, and a little way behind them there was a deep of freshly-brown straw, stripped of their branches and partly stripped of their bark.

"My! It's fine to-day, isn't it?" breathed Sunny.

Jack agreed; and then, with much pronounced chatter about the weather, they prepared their lines and very soon the pretty little red flies were rising and falling on the tiny ripples of the stream.

"It's hot," said Jack, leaning back. "I could go to sleep."

"Might miss a bite," warned Sunny; and so Jack was forced to keep his eyes on his flies. But presently he began to get really droopy, and nothing would shake it off. The pond seemed to be as big as his eye-ropes seemed worse almost. He wished it was part of a big river or stream, like the Mississippi. That was a grand river. Miles wide. And there were boats on either side, not merely woods—forests with top cuttings, looked big enough to be the best right out there. In the current being propelled by strong power dark red wood, about twenty feet long, it was going down stream he felt sure.

Jack had forgotten about Sunny, who was also lying on his chest looking at these Indians and his cat. He was wondering whether he had not better set his "tea," and he simply could not get it off. He was sure he had a piece of cherry cake, but he could not get it off. He was sure he had a piece of cherry cake, but he could not get it off. He was sure he had a piece of cherry cake, but he could not get it off.

HOME NOTES.
By "PATRICIA."

The first use of all knowledge is the right ordering of all actions.—HERBERT SPENCER.

Now, my gentle readers, and especially those of the feminine gender, I hope you will call ready to help make up your City Council election a real success. So much depends on the women in the municipal elections for the betterment of a large city.

In practically every street the woman's vote is cast unaided, would carry any candidate to victory. So you can realize, gentle reader, that some thinking and working first before you.

Of course, we want to see the Co-operative and Labour candidates elected, because we feel a new spirit in public affairs against those who hold our polls; but above all, we want citizens, both men and women, to think about their duties and responsibilities.

We are, as ought to be, proud of our town. It is our home; not quite so intimate as our own fireside, but it has its effect on our lives. Decently-sept, read, neat, clean, shoes, &c., and less wear and tear on leather, carpets, &c., will all strengthen the safety for our boys and girls, and less anxiety if they are late coming home.

Every housewife knows the value of good, unadorned food, and our City Council, through its Medical Officer, makes out the food supplies. One might enumerate the excellent selection of our City Council, and it is a pity that more of the women who have an active interest in what is done with the rates.

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Many special laws are on the Statute Book of this country brought into being by the growth of public opinion. Thus we have given the people the right to control the city's affairs through the local council.

Many valuable services, such as town clerk, medical officers, school doctors, inspectors, and the like, are in the employ of the council, and are the best that any intelligent citizen can do to take an active interest in the affairs of the Council worthy men and women who are the real benefactors of the city before any sectional or party views.

So ladies, get your names in order to give some time to your larger home which is managed by public opinion.

A correspondent writes to know what I think about these persons who take the trouble to get samples of food, milk, &c., tested and thereby show up fake and impurities.

I think they are just and important. It cannot be a pleasant thing to do, but the authorities are right in their duty. Adulteration in any form—adding water to milk, or any other chemical that may spoil the stomach of a child or invalid, or a delicate person of robustness, and it ought to be punished with the utmost severity.

There are tradesmen in this town who have been fined repeatedly for selling milk below the standard, yet they carry on as before, and the fines do not seem any deterrent, while the adulteration is tricked and robbed.

Any trader who is tricked and robbed, and any one who may share his pain and that of his partners of the adulteration, should be one year outside the Town Hall. Put them in there, and let them speak.

Ladies, we must protect the weak from the strong who would use their strength unrightly. We need to protect the consumer made their duty. We need to protect the consumer made their duty. We need to protect the consumer made their duty.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MAN, L. K.—What is a Co-operative candidate? One who believes in the nation's affairs being carried on under co-operative principles. Each for all, and all for each. It is in other words, justice.

It.—If ever the movement drifts towards the left, it will have to pay the penalty, and that is a thing contrary to its main principles.

Labour movement is the co-operative and trade union movement. It is the only movement that will live and work decently and do the best for the nation. It is the only movement in the co-operative movement, going into business, and the problems of management of the bread and butter.

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was laying there as peaceful as if he was asleep. Sunny did not move.

Jack walked the deep narrow rut coming the other way, and he could not see the other man's face. It came within a few yards of them.

Jack coughed in breath for a minute.

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FACTS FOR ELECTORS.

A CHAT ON MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

By COUNCILLOR T. H. WATKINS.

THE policy of the LABOUR GROUP has been logical and consistent with the economy in regard to the question of **REDUCING THE RATES.** When the late Government resolved upon the issue of restricting credit, and increasing the value of the pound, it became manifestly evident the result would be to increase the local rates. The first result during this period was that the value of loans which were subscribed under the increase in the value of the pound, are to-day double their then money value.

To the extent that loans and loan stock increased in value (and **HIGH INTEREST CHARGES WERE MAINTAINED** by being fixed for ten years), the second result was that during the same period, and to an equal extent, was the sum total of the wages, or purchasing power of the ratepayers reduced, i.e., by about half. In addition to which the position in Sheffield was intensified by the

1. Reduction in Armaments.
 2. Slump in Steel Industry.
 3. Reaction of increasing the value of the Pound, and restricting issues of financial credits, causing a slump in other industries.
- To the extent that money was restricted and made "dear," so also did unemployment increase to abnormal proportions. Guardians' relief pay and relief work schemes became necessary, and incurred—

1. Burden of Debt.
2. Increasing Poor and City Rates.

Unemployment— A National Problem.

The Labour Group were therefore first and foremost in pressing that unemployment was a National Problem, being entirely due to Government Policy, and could only be dealt with by the Government sanctioning National Local Schemes for providing full employment, at trade union rates of pay; the Government to bear the full cost, also provide adequate grants to meet the burden of debt already incurred.

The response of the Government up to the present is to grant a loan at 2½ per cent. on part of the Guardians' debt. To capitalise the interest on the same for a period of three years, and arrange for the full repayment of principal and interest over a period of ten years!

Circumstances still compel continued pressure upon the Government to recognise their duty and responsibility. Hence the Labour Group pressed for the continuation of the efforts of the Barren of Debt Committee, in conjunction with the local M.P.'s, and other necessitous areas.

Rate Arrears, £50,000.

In addition to Guardians' debts and the increasing of the rates owing to financing relief schemes out of local rates, the rate arrears amount to approximately £50,000.

This is mainly the inevitable result of reducing the wages, or purchasing power, of the majority of ratepayers by half, and having to provide for the repayment of loans (with high interest), which were subscribed when the pound was only worth half its present face value.

High Interest Charges.

Four million of Corporation Stock, at 6 and 3½ per cent., was subscribed before the increase in the value of the pound took effect, and is equivalent to a debt of eight millions in present-day money value, which is an illustration of the way in which the Government has reduced the wages, or purchasing power, of the general body of ratepayers.

Further, the high rates of interest of 6 and 3½ per cent. are payable for ten years.

The total annual interest charges on loans amount to £750,000, equivalent to 7½ per cent. of the pound of the rates. The institution of the Capital Levy would enable the Government to afford the necessary financial assistance.

Economy.

Under these difficult circumstances every available method of economy has been effected, the first consideration having to be the repayment of loans and interest.

If economies are carried further there is no doubt the essential services of the city will be increasingly curtailed.

Government financial assistance is therefore imperative if the Corporation is to make adequate provision for the Health, Education, &c., services of the city.

Water Department.

Owing to the construction of Ewddon Reservoir, and the depleted requirements of manufacturers owing to trade depression, this department's financial reserves have been exhausted. £300,000 is being capitalised, as the interest charges cannot be met out of revenue. Another postponed liability.

Electric Supply.

There is room for considerable development in this department. There being only 17,475 consumers of electric supply in the city. Despite which the department has this year contributed—

For service of debt	£ 272,000
Renewals fund	100,000
Reserve fund	39,000
Relief of rates	35,000

The following from the Committee's July, 1923, Minutes justifies the criticism of the Labour Group of the high rates of interest and the effect of increasing the value of the pound and decreasing the purchasing power of the majority of the ratepayers—

"With a view of reducing Capital Expenditure and the heavy annual charges resulting therefrom, the cost of all services be borne out of Renewals Fund (i.e., Revenue) the estimated saving in Capital Expenditure on loan account under this procedure will be approximately £50,000."

The Labour Group have consistently pressed that electric supply shall be conveyed to all houses in working-class districts.

This pressure has resulted in a scheme to make this possible with the minimum of initial outlay to working-class ratepayers. £10,000 has been voted to commence the scheme.

There is a strong opposition to the development of this department. Recently an effort was made to prevent electric light being laid on the new Manor Estate. At the present time the opposition is taking the form of pressing that the cables be placed overhead instead of underground.

Tramways and Motor 'Buses.

The extension of the tramway service in the suburbs, together with the linking up by motor 'bus services to the remote country towns and villages is a great convenience.

The city, however, does not derive the full financial advantage of this development.

Landlords and property owners are reaping an undue advantage from the development of building sites. The reduction in fares, particularly for children's fares, also to the hospitals, have been conceived in response to the constant pressure of the Labour Group.

Motor 'Buses.

This section is handicapped by having to obtain costly Parliamentary Powers for every extension. This does not apply to private motor 'bus competitors who have only to obtain licences. Moreover, it has been proved that private motor 'bus conditions of service and rates of pay are much inferior to those obtaining under the Corporation. Yet we have Council members of the Citizens' Party supporting private motor 'bus competitors against the Corporation!

Housing (No. 2) Act.

Under Housing No. 2 Act priority is given to what is termed private "enterprise," aided by the subsidy of £100, £25 of which is from the local rates.

Thus a house costing £200, and 80 per cent. advanced by Corporation on mortgage of £400.

If 10,000 houses are built, the Corporation will provide a subsidy from the rates at £25 each, £250,000; 80 per cent. advance mortgages, £4,000,000; Government properties of subsidy, £750,000.

Municipalities are not being encouraged by the Government to proceed with schemes, if private enterprise undertake and rapidly develop the building of houses.

Neither are the Government controlling the prices of building materials. It appears that the Government are again permitting the exploitation of one of the greatest assets of the community. The Manor Housing Scheme is hung up ostensibly pending terms with the Government re the land.

Municipal Banking.

There is a private Bill before Parliament to permit Municipalities to inaugurate Municipal Banks.

In view of the financial requirements under the Housing Act No. 2 the Government are failing in their duty they do not support the Bill. To do so will be to assist in developing all the facilities for both thrift and house purchase without having to pay high rates of interest to financial interests. In addition to which, the Government could control the financial credit necessary and arrange loans at a low rate of interest.

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A REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"The Local Government of the United Kingdom," by John J. Clarke, M.A. Published by Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons Limited, 75, St. Paul's Churchyard, London, E.C. 4.

Now that the municipal elections are upon us, we should like to stress, above all things, the necessity of knowing something about the Government. Electors of all shades of opinion, and quite a number of candidates of all parties, would be much better equipped by a careful reading of this book. There is not much hope of really efficient government until most people have at least a general idea of how they are governed.

Seven-and-sixpence is not a long price to pay for the information. A few football matches less during the season would save the necessary money, and something of permanent value would be secured. By all means let us strive for the best education for our children that can be obtained, but at the same time do not forget that we never finish our education—however old we are.

There are many books on this subject which are so overloaded with detail that it is impossible for the general reader to make much of them. Small reader, either for the complications of local government remind one of what Job said about man—"carefully and wonderfully made!"

When Topsy, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was asked about her father and mother, her reply was—if our recollection is not at fault—that she never had any, she merely "grewed." Well, local government has merely "grewed" also. In fact, the author of this book contends upon it. "Like our political constitution," says he, "local institutions have developed along lines more or less casual."

We are often asked to recommend a book that will give an outline of the powers and duties of the City Council and the Boards of Guardians, just as the Peace, Overseers, and so on; and there is nothing better or simpler than this work. It is stated in the preface to be intended "to meet the requirements of the general reader, and certainly it does. Perhaps one should say that whilst the outlines are given, there are certain slight differences with regard to the functions of our City Council owing to the fact that we have secured—by the exercise of special powers by private Acts of Parliament.

One excellent feature is that the author usually gives a brief history of each branch of public service in it is mentioned. Thus, in dealing with Police, he gives us a couple of pages which tell us that—"The maintenance of the King's peace, or the peace of the nation, appears to have been the special duty of the Master of the Royal Stables or the Constable (the constable). Under him was a special class of civilian soldiers . . . petty constables . . . did not exist until the reign of Edward III.

The village "watch" was instituted in the thirteenth century. . . . The growth of large towns as a result of the industrial revolution showed that the system of the old parish constable was inadequate for the needs of the increased population. The Lighting and Watching Act, 1831, which is the first modern Police Act, provided that boroughs with a population of 5,000 could have a police force. By the County and Borough Police Act, 1856, each county and borough with a certain population was required to appoint its own police force."

Or take the chapter on Education, which gives in thirty-two pages a history of the larger activities and the legislation to date including a summary of all the Acts affecting education from 1790 onwards. The present powers of education committees are specified, and the limitations imposed by the central government. We might proceed through Public Health, Housing, Highways, Municipal Trading, &c., and the wide range of activities in connection with the relief and alleviation of poverty. The Poor-Laws, Old-Age Pensions Act,

National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts are all dealt with in sufficient detail for the reader who desires to know exactly what authority is responsible, and exactly how far their responsibility goes.

It will be admitted that we have not made over-much progress in town-planning, seeing that "Tahoun, in Egypt, is perhaps the earliest example of town-planning yet discovered, and dates back to 2500 B.C." "Babylon was also town-planned."

Sheffield, 1923 A.D., is most certainly not "town-planned," except for trifling areas in the outer suburbs. But now, we learn, "every borough or other urban district containing on January 21st, 1923 a population of over 20,000, according to the last census, must submit a scheme in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry as laid before Parliament. Such scheme must be submitted to the Ministry (of Health) within three years after that date." For purposes of economy, Sheffield closed down its town-planning department under Professor Abercrombie some time ago, and it is by measures such as the above that the central government "ginsers up" the sluggish local authorities.

Of course, all government areas are not like Sheffield—there are counties, urban and rural districts, and parishes, and the relationship of these to each other and to the national Government is a matter concerning which some of us should be entirely ignorant. And London, being so large an area, has a system of government entirely its own, and in many respects which some of us should be entirely ignorant. That applying to the provincial cities. A special chapter is therefore devoted to it, and other chapters to the differing types of local government in Scotland and Ireland. Perhaps some day we shall be wise enough to simplify the whole thing and make it possible for any intelligent citizen who reads council reports to enter the council and straight away take an efficient part in civic management. At present not even a specialist like a Tom Clark can possibly carry all the matters in his mind which concern his own council.

What are the powers of local authorities with regard to rating and finance generally? In view of the fact of the present high rates, some sort of information is necessary to the householder before he can mind his affairs as his business, property—and his city's affairs as his business. Perhaps everybody knows that part of the cost of elementary education is borne by the rates and part by the taxes imposed by Parliament. Page 217 will tell you how the National Grant is arrived at under the Fisher Education Acts.

There is an excellent list of books given dealing with various branches of local government, and nothing would suit the controlling spirits of this paper better than to know that some of its readers had first of all procured and read this book, and then followed up by a thorough reading of—say—the other party. Such a reader would become something of an authority on a capable critic and a useful adviser. Now then, young men!

One other point. The progressive political movement in Sheffield has set a new fashion—its councillors and guards reports are expected to give regular reports of their work of the activities of Council or Board of Guardians, and of their intentions with regard to future action. This is all to the good, and neither they nor the electors need to hear them en masse to be unimpressed. It is only in such matters of the powers and duties of local authorities that we do so—but remember to do it kindly and helpfully!

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ELECTION PARS.

By "VULCANITE."

Mr. J. C. WARD, Citizens' Party candidate for Attercliffe, is reported to have said the management of the city should not, and must not, be in the hands of a dominant party. This, from a member of the local Coalition, who has combined to make one party and manage the city in their own interests. What a poor sense of humour these people have!

For Mr. Ward to talk about managing the city is something of a joke in itself, remembering that as soon as he was appointed on the City Council previously, he took a six months' tour on the Continent, so keenly was he interested in the "management" of the city.

Mr. Ward stated that he was in favour of kicking the slum property owners "off" the Health Committee, flatter a remarkable admission from a Citizens' Association candidate. For, after all, you cannot kick slum property owners "off" unless slum owners are "on" the Health Committee! Dear Sir, if you only give these people sufficient rope!

Councillor Mellor has himself done something to solve the housing problem. He has built hundreds of good houses, and never yet built one without a bathroom. Vote for Mellor and houses with baths!

Mr. Lloyd, the Citizens' candidate for Neepsend, is the best joke of the whole elections. A friend of mine attended his meeting, and gave me a charming résumé of his address. For sheer ineptness and obvious unfitness to govern, friend Lloyd wants a bit of betting. His remedies for unemployment are a real scream.

Moving the ash heaps out of the factory yards and depositing them somewhere on the Derbyshire moors "to fill up the holes," is one "remedy," said Lloyd. Now that is brilliant, isn't it? What a lot of rubbish could be tipped over Stange Edge, for example! We strongly recommend Lloyd to confine himself to wireless, lest the Government should come down upon the Neepsend clerics for entertainment tax at election meetings.

The building of a light railway for the convenience of those ash heaps was also "broadcast" in this particular meeting as a solution!

A new housing scheme was another "remedy." Now this housing scheme is brainy. Absolutely original. Straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak, "Lloyd's latest," shall we say? He suggested the erection of "a simple type of house," which might consist of four walls and a roof, they might have flat roofs, and be let at four or five shillings a week. Of course, this would involve taking some land on the outskirts of the city, and then a car track could be laid, and *HAY PRESSES!* the housing difficulty is "solved," as also is the unemployed problem.

These houses could be let, said Lloyd, for four or five shillings a week. We should think they could, too—four walls and a flat roof. Now why a roof? Someone has played a cruel joke on him in asking him to stand as candidate for Neepsend.

At a subsequent meeting Mr. Lloyd said he had that day visited a house in Neepsend and found it poverty stricken, and so forth. Visited a house. Friend Bancroft has lived in these houses, and visited thousands of them; knows all about the conditions, and has remedied case after case. He has, in fact, done more in his three years' service for Neepsend than the past Citizens' Association representatives have in the last thirty years.

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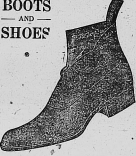
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Mr. Kaye, Citizens' candidate for Crooksmoor, made a glaring admission at his meeting the other night. He had telephoned the Medical Officer, he said for information respecting the number of cases in which letters or notices were sent to members of the Health Committee with respect to the sanitary conditions of their properties during 1922-23. He found that there were 747 notices sent out!

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