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#### Rural District Council.

##### MONTHLY MEETING.

At the monthly meeting of the above named Rural District Council, held at Wellington Workhouse last Thursday afternoon, there were present: Rev. W. W. Clarke (vice-chairman), who presided, Revs. J. de B. Forbes and T. Poole, Messrs. J. Clift, T.

##### A MAIN ROAD FENCE WALL.

The Council discussed the question of the maintenance and repairing of a fence wall adjoining the main road near Prescott. It appears that the road was widened at the place in 1906 and the wall in question was then re-erected by or on behalf of the County Council, but there was no agreement as to the future maintenance. Some necessary repairs (which were estimated to cost about 3s) had been recently done by the District Council, and at the request of the County

### Letters to the Editor.

#### THE CLAIMS OF TRUE TEMPERANCE.

SIR,—The various so-called Temperance societies are busily engaged on their winter campaigns, and while not wishing to enter into a long argumentative as to the wrong employment of the term "Temperance", instead of that of "total abstinence," I would plead for a more moderate and broad-minded view of the questions surrounding licensing reform, prohibition, and the economics of licensing, &c., than that advanced by the extremists on both sides,—the total abstainer who denies the right of the moderate man to be trusted not to abuse the use of alcohol, and the virile critic who writes for the licensing trade in terms which are often not tolerant. The habitual drunkard is detested by everybody, and he is no friend to the licensed victualler, who will not countenance his presence in his house to safeguard his own interests, yet because there are habitual drunkards the extremists of the total abstinence societies are not content with setting a good example by reasonable means, but they clamour for prohibition, the closing of clubs, and other moves which in other countries have been proved to have been no aid to the spread of temperance, recognised in its highest sense. The general habits of the people of England have improved during the last decade, but it cannot be said that the reduction of the number of public-houses on account of redundancy has been the cause. It does not assist a nation's morality, that one class of tradesman should be harassed and perhaps plundered. No one can say that drink is the only national curse for unemployed. The unemployed and the physically unfit present greater evils. The True Temperance Party, which is extending its ramifications in every town, takes its stand on moderation in all things, while in the past I am afraid the total abstinence and so-called Temperance societies have not concerned themselves so much with the evil of drunkenness as the abuse of the publican and the brewer.—Yours truly,

A MEMBER OF THE TRUE  
TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

#### A NEW LANGUAGE.

SIR,—Permit me to give to your readers a specimen of my Omnez, an international language which I have recently composed, and which Professor G. Peano, president of Academia pro Interlingua, has stated to be easy, elegant, and clear. Omnez is intended to be an improvement on Esperanto and Ido; I will give the Lord's prayer in Omnez.

Nostro Pater qui esa in ciel, ta nom esaz sant, ta regnio venaz, ta vohio esaz facat in ter quaz in ciel; donuz a nos hodie nostro neces dial pan; e pardonuz a nos nostro ofendios, quale nos anke pardonuz nostro ofendantus, e ne duktu nos adin tentio, sed salvu nos ek malita: nam de tu esa li regni e li potens, e li gloria.

The original may be found in Matthew vi., 9.

Yours truly,  
Wellington: SIDNI BOND.

### Wellington Petty Sessions.

Friday.—Before Mr. J. (chair), Col. W. S. Baldock, F. Hugh Fox, Mr. J. Ho Walter.

#### THE LATE MR.

Before the business of the Chairman made feeling of the late Mr. Cutler, w Bench. The many public alluded to, and also the carried out the duties of magistrate.

The Magistrate's Clerk added a word of testimony and also expressed sympathy family.

The Deputy Chief Constable (W. Brown) said Mr. Cutler of the Bench and also a force, especially to the young.

#### RIDING BICYCLES

William Baker, labourer, pleaded guilty to riding on a bicycle on High Street, Wellington, on October 13th. P.C. Hardwidge, who was the defendant, rode into the street after getting his lamp set without a light. Defendant's name and address, saying he was of Burslem, Staffordshire. Defendant was ordered to pay 1s and 5s costs.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Sidney Troake, driver, was summoned for the non-attendance of his son William at school.

Mr. G. Broadribb, said the boy was 11 years of age and employed by his father as a labourer. The boy was summoned for non-attendance on October 13th. The boy was fined 1s and 5s costs. Defendant said he would like to help his boy home to help his family and would like to help his parish for help.

The Bench inflicted a fine of 1s and 5s costs if the child attended school for six months.