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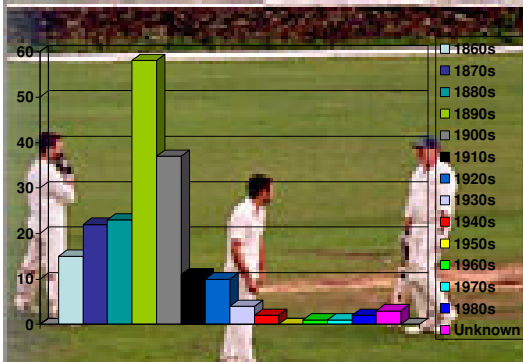
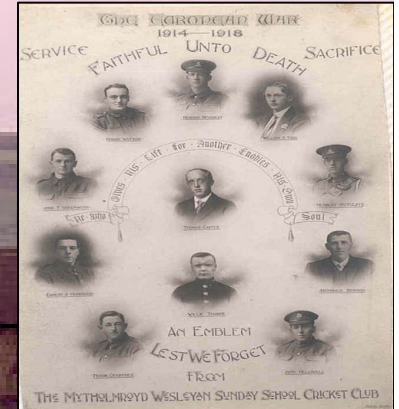


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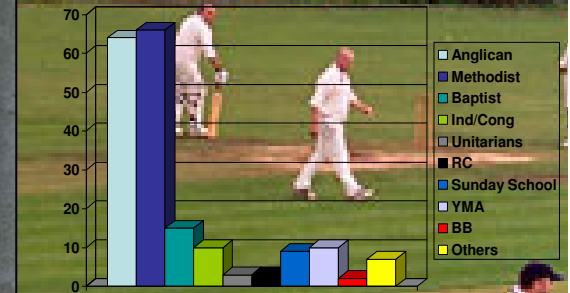
'Members shall conduct themselves as gentlemen affiliated to the Scout Road Methodist Church and Sunday School both as regards the actual game and also in the spirit of "Cricket" from day to day.'

'no member be allowed to smoke or lie down when he is engaged on the field.'

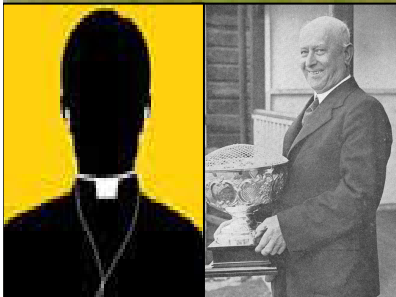
'we put notice up requesting members to use better language.'



Growth of Church Cricket by Decade



Church Cricket by Denomination



*Agreement of the Cricket Club*  
 At the Annual General Meeting held in the School Room on Wednesday evening Oct 27 1894, the following resolutions were passed & carried unanimously (After very useful conversation).  
 That the time is now opportune for re-constitution of Cricket & that as a Committee of the church & sundry other laymen in the Methodist Church & elsewhere are as follows:-

- To promote Cricket in the District of the highest class possible.
- That the District is our representative by each Cricket.
- Being every District for the welfare of Cricket, (Baptists, Presbyterians, & Unitarians).
- That the old-fashioned club being one of the best in the District of Halifax (if not the whole) look upon it as their duty to take the initiative.

Our application for constitution of the Methodist Cricket Council has been accepted on condition that we allow our names & names occupation which will entail an outlay of expenses of £200.

The Committee make an appeal for the sporting interest of the District for their generous contribution of their time & talent to our cause & to our support & help to think upon for every little assistance they will give us.

Done at Newhey on 27th Dec 1894  
 Dennis O'Keefe, Secy.  
 Robert K. Hand, Treasurer

