

A history of the Lowerhouse Mills Band reveals some interesting facts. It was first formed in 1920 in connection with Messrs. John Dugdale and Co., Lowerhouse Mill, and was maintained by that concern for five years, since when it has been entirely self-supporting. Sometimes struggling, sometimes flourishing, the band has an imposing list of cups and trophies to its name, and with this recent success has now won nearly £200 in prizes since its formation. Some of the earlier successes are: Westhoughton Cup, Barrowford Cup (twice), Clitheroe Cup (won outright), "Nelson Leader" Cup, Great Harwood Cup, Darwen: The "Hindle" Cup, the "Co-operative" Cup, the "Fish" Cup, and at the Empire Contest, Halifax, 1924, 4th prize. This last trophy was won in competition with all the big bands of the Empire, the only other English band to beat them being Eodep's, who were second, the Australian Band carrying off the first prize. In addition to these prizes are a second at Belle Vue in 1925, and a fourth in 1926.

Mr. Herbert Sutcliffe, the bandmaster, deserves every congratulation on the success he has achieved on the first occasion he has taken the band to a contest of any kind. He started his musical career at 15 years of age as a player in the Cliviger Band with which he was associated for seven years before going to Hebden Bridge, and from thence to the Nelson Old Prize Band. After a season there he had a season with Goodshaw Band, and then joined the Irwell Springs Band, of which he is still a member. In 1925 he assisted them to win the second prize in the World's Championship Contest at Crystal Palace, playing a cornet. He started as bandmaster for the Lowerhouse Mills Band 18 months ago, at which time there were only 15 members against the total of 26 now which represents a full band.

Another notable achievement of the band was the raising of £57 for the Fleetwood disaster fund at a League match at Turf Moor some years ago. No doubt the confidence and experience gained from this latest success will lead them on to still further achievements.

In the 25 Guineas Championship Challenge Cup Section, Burnley Temperance (conductor, Mr. J. S. Thomas) were placed fourth.