



Newbiggin Colliery Band (Mr. J. Carr, Bandmaster).

Formed in 1911, the band had as its first conductor, "Dick" Taylor, and had its share of ups and downs until 1922, when, under the professional tuition of Mr. G. Hawkins, they were awarded 2nd prize in the Collieries' Championship in an entry of 16 bands. In 1924 Mr. R. Kirkup took over the band and held the position for 10 years, when he was succeeded by the present bandmaster, Mr. J. Carr.

The band have a fine set of Boosey and Hawkes' instruments, and the latest addition to their ranks is "Tommy" Nichol of Choppington, who was awarded a gold medal for his performance on his N.V.A. cornet at the Collieries Contest.

A band of youthful players, much should be heard of them in the near future.

sense. Their ensemble, their tone, their attention to detail, all combine to produce performances which are almost wonderful in their effect. With about two exceptions, the boys are all schoolboys, but they play like adult musicians of many years' standing.

But as "a class reflects its teacher," so does the band "reflect" its conductor. We watched Mr. A. W. Delamont conducting and saw wherein lay the secret of the efficiency of the boys. He is a splendid man to have at the helm, and with such a conductor a high standard is sure to be the result.

We hope that it will not be long before we again welcome Mr. Delamont and his boys. What about 1937?