

A Letter to the **Hon. Francis Lyon in 1888** from Hugh Bramwell on behalf of John Daglish Esq. It seems that the National School (Now the Supermarket in Hetton) and previously known as the Barrington School, wishes to extend, probably due to a rise in the number of pupils. Additionally the letter mentions a theatre which occupied a hut probably where the current memorial garden can be found in the centre of Hetton.

Hon. Francis Lyon -

Aug 14. 1888.

Dear Sir,

I visited Hetton to-day as arranged.

National School. The additional ground proposed to be taken for this extension is part of the ground occupied by the Young Men's Christian Association.

The ground itself is of too limited extent to allow of cricket, the only game for

it is apparently used is "quoits" - It is practically without turf, and nothing more than a bit of waste land which happens to be railed in - The school extension would not interfere with the quoits & would make little difference at all to the ground -

Theatre. This consists of a small shed at the point marked A in pencil on the tracing enclosed - The portion

of the building next the road has brick walls, but the remainder of the side walls & the roof is all of wood - In Dec last year it was used as a theatre but latterly it has been occupied by the Salvation Army - Under the circumstances in which the building is situated I do not see that there can be much objection to granting it a theatrical licence - If it were a matter

of building a larger place just at the gates of the Hall there might be serious objections -

Yours obediently
Hugh Bramwell

John Daglish Esq -