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Boythorpe Colliery

Few companies give so much encouragement to their employees as Messrs Brewis Bros., the proprietors of Boythorpe Colliery. Sometime ago they gave several treats to numerous London and Chesterfield workmen. Not long ago Mrs. Samuel Brewis paid a visit to the colliery at Boythorpe and was struck with the condition of the ponies that were employed down the pit. She at once devised a plan by which the matter could be resolved. The Boythorpe collieries belonging to Messrs Samuel, Thomas and Herrington Brewis and the wives of the gentlemen agreed to give several prizes to the boys who treated their ponies with kindness and kept them in the best conditions.

The first prize was to consist of a silver lever watch and the remainder to be money prizes. Mr. Pearce the genial and kindly manager assisted by the under manager Mr. Smith and deputies employed at the colliery had the difficult task of judging the ponies which had been done by examining every pony each evening and their decisions have given every satisfaction. On Tuesday afternoon as the pony drivers were leaving work they were called into the joiners shop and Mr. George Brewis made a presentation. There were also present a number of the officials and workmen.