

RDALD BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

fortnightly meeting took place at Stanhope Workhouse on Friday last, under the presi- of Dr Livingstone.

BALANCE IN HAND.
balance in the bank was reported to be

10d. TREATS FOR THE INMATES.

to give the Stanhope Primitive Brethren an opportunity to make a counter statement to Dr. Armon, J.P., and the Workhouse inmates a Jubilee treat and Mr and Mrs Curry will be similarly generous in making a contribution.

RELIEFING OFFICER'S STUPID.
The Local Government Board sanction an augmented stipend to the relieving officer.

THE STANHOPE RATE COLLECTOR.
The relieving officer has received several letters from the Imperial Government Board, and the relieving officer has written to Mr Morley. In one of the communications commented on the fact that Mr Morley had declined to their letter asking for an explanation of the position of the rate collector and that they asked him to take the position of rate collector and assistant rate collector. On the 14th inst. Mr Morley replied, that the bankruptcy of a certain shipping agent had nearly ruined him and that he had saved his property in the last seven years. He was now a widower and that he had had to reply to the Local Government Board's communication. After referring to the fact that his father had held the office of relieving officer for many years and that he had been in the office since 1896, he said that he was not fit to do his duties in future, he asked that the Board

actually, on the motion of Mr WATSON, and

and ask the Local Government Board to over-
see Morley's faults, and consent to his services
continued.

STATISTICAL.

Master reported the number of inmates in the

to be 60, against 75 for the corresponding of last year. The number of vagrants relieved as against 45 for the same period last year.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

BOOKHOPE WATER SUPPLY.

At its meeting, held subsequently, it was reported that the Bookhope School Board have agreed to meet the wishes of the Authority with respect to the water at that place. They offer to pay £20, providing complete water supply be put into the schools, any annual charge.

Inspector (Mr Eccleston) pointed out that such arrangement the Board would get their supply for nothing, but he recommended that the authority should accept the offer, but retain full

over the main, with power to cut the water
at the schools in case the supply should in

SCARLET FEVER AT EDMONDBYERS.
Inspector said that a death from scarlet fever occurred at Edmondbyers since the last meeting. Two or three fresh cases of the same class of fever had been reported, and that the school had been closed for five weeks. A member, however, had informed him that morning stating there was no fresh case of the fever.

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**HIER-BURNING ON THE WEST
DURHAM FELS.**

g at night, would, at this season of the
attracted by the many glaring fires and

as observed on the various moors or fells of Durham. These fires resemble more of a fire, but burn much slower, and are caused by the prevailing custom, carried out by the practice of burning large stretches of the heather which carpet the fells. The material

men carry the lens. The practice is
al to both proprietors of she-p and of
hence both shepherds and

in the heather-burning; and the latter is peculiar not to have over much destruction of sport, as bare moors afford no shelter for grouse, and point-shooting is spoiled when the birds "lie." The heather of the plants of some two feet in height, with woody stems, and the bushy reeds afford shelter for grouse, hares, and other fell animals. Heather formed at one time, to some extent yet, a valuable commodity. All householders on the northern dales being but heather becomes for household formerly, the modern hand and long hair brushes being unknown requisites. Rooms or basoms are yet largely used for drying factories. Not considering heather as

the proprietors burn it in early spring for the purpose of bringing forth young heather for food for sheep and grouse. The flowers are

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respecting moor burning which is stated as
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survey. The order sets forth that no man may nor from the 19th of March to the 1st of October, according to the law and custom ancient of long tyme used. The order inhilenseth. "And if any person or persons shall come more or whynnys at any tyme for this purpose published contrary to this ordenance, whoshever he be, whether he be lord or townshipp, wythin whoos boundes or felddis, he shall comen or whynnes is brynt, shall attacke or burne, or byrynne, be it man, woman, or childer what age never be, or therlyke, and lyve

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SHIP AND VESTRY MEETINGS.

CONSETT.

Friday afternoon, a meeting of the rated
of the township of Conssett and
was held at the Local Board-room,
St Street, Conssett. There was only a

air.—The following gentlemen were

oversuers for the next twelve months (F required).—Messrs C. P. Douglass, Wynaley, T. P. Dolphin, Joseph Murray, Jackson, and Adam Brodie.—Mr T. R. Belvos Farm, was re-appointed as way- The Assistant Overseer (Mr W. Elliott) that Mr Delphin had expressed a wish n to be appointed to collect the highway auditor (Mr Hoek) had intimated aywarden could not hold that office and

Director AS AHS. Mr Dolphin had been £7 per annum for performing this work.

ing that it was competent for the way-
appoint a collector with the approval
ty of ratepayers in vestry; and he was
ferred to fix his remuneration.—A memo-
om Mr Dolphin was read, intimating
selected Mr Wm. Elliott as collector.

to be advanced to £10.—A desultory
 on ensued as to whether Mr Dolphin had

utter in the hands of the meeting, or
 shed the confirmation of his appointment.
 It was asked if he would accept the
 salary of £7 per annum; and he said he
 so, providing the expenses of his bond
 out of the rates.—Ultimately, it was

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