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TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

TENDERS are invited for PAINTING, COLOURING, etc., of the undermentioned schools, viz:
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Specifications can be had from the undersigned to whom Tenders (endorsed Tender for Painting) should be sent on or before May 7th.
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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CONTRACTORS are invited to TENDER for the Several WORKS required in the Formation and Making of Back Park Road, and West Parade, Consett, and Drift Street, Blackhill.
Plans, Specifications, &c., may be seen and Copies of Quantities obtained at the Surveyor's Office, Parliament Street, Consett, on and after Friday the 27th inst.
Tenders sealed and endorsed are to be delivered to T. W. WELFORD, Jun., Esq., Solicitor, Clerk to the Council, by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st next.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
WILLIAM S. SHELL, Surveyor.
April 25th, 1900.

STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TENDERS FOR SCAVENGING.

THE Urban District Council of Stanley, invite TENDERS for the CLEANING OUT and CARTING AWAY of all Ashes, Night-soil, and House Refuse from the dwelling-houses, in either or both of the following districts, for 12 months from the 17th May next.
No. 1. District comprising Stanley, Oxhill, South Tanfield, Kyo Lane, East Kyo, Greenland, and the whole of the Parish of South Moor.
No. 2 District, comprising East Stanley, East Stanley Pit, No Place, Beamish Kip Hill, Shield Row, Oakeys Cottages, and Shield Row Brewery.
Free Deposits for same are provided at Seota Moor, Stanley, Kip Hill, and East Stanley.
Plan of districts may be seen and further information obtained, on application to Mr. Joseph Routledge, surveyor, Council Office, Stanley, from and after this date.
Tenders to be made upon forms supplied by the Council, and must be delivered, duly endorsed "Scavenging," on or before Thursday, the 3rd May next at 12 noon. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
JOHN GEO. RIDLEY, Clerk to the Council.
Stanley R.S.O. 25th April, 1900. 569h

Lost and Found.

LOST, between Rowlands Gill and Flint Hill, on Sunday night, a TRAP RUG.—Finder will be rewarded on returning it to Mr. FOSTER, Hill Top, Dipton. 519h

Wanted

A Strong Girl WANTED, as GENERAL.—Apply, after 6 p.m., at No. 7, Stephen Street, Consett. 517h

WANTED, a GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply, C. TROTTER, Butcher, South Moor. 514h

WANTED, respectable LODGINGS, or BED and SITTING-ROOM combined.—Apply, Box 4, Guardian Office, Consett.

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Wanted.

WANTED, a GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply, Prospect House, Castleside.

WANTED, a respectable DAY GIRL, about 16.—Apply, Bluemount, Park Terrace, Consett. 536h

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WANTED, by the West Stanley Cooperative Society Ltd., a sharp, active Youth, as CASHIER in Grocery Department, not to be under 14 years of age, wage to commence 7s. per week.—To apply to the Committee on Monday evening, April 30th, at 7·15 o'clock. Confined to Members' families. THOS. WM. WM. RITSON, Secretary. 538h

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FOOTBALL.

MATCHES.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

LEADGATE PARK v. SHANKHOUSE.

These teams met on the Park ground on Monday night, in the presence of a fair gathering. Lown and Layton were absent from the home ranks. The visitors started towards the low goal, but the Park were not long in taking up the running, and soon on Grant fired in a high shot which sailed just under the bar, Wrightson making a good but ineffectual attempt to stop its progress. The visitors got away on the right, but found Bowes and Temple quite safe, and the ball was returned to the Shankhouse goal, where some exciting scrimmages took place, but the backs were in grand form, and cleared everything that came their way. The Park halves fed their forwards splendidly, and once W. Crowther headed in finely, but Wrightson got the ball away, and was lucky just after to be standing in the way of a fast shot from Cook. Shankhouse were but seldom dangerous, Hedley having an easy time owing to the fine defence of Laidler and Temple. The visitors' goal had some very narrow escapes, but held out until half-time, which found the score:—

Leadgate ... One goal
Shankhouse ... Nil

On resuming, the home men at once applied pressure, and but for the grand play of the backs must have scored often. Shots cannoned off the Shankhouse defenders, and a few hit the uprights and cross-bar. Play was nearly all at the low end, the visitors being unable to make any headway. However, all the attempts of the home men to add to their score were frustrated, Cook, Grant, and Forster all coming near doing the trick. Half-an-hour had gone without any addition to the score, and Bowes then decided to go forward himself, putting Thompson and W. Crowther at half, and letting up Tommy Wilson. The change worked well, as Bowes headed a couple of beautiful goals, and nearly got a third with a shot which struck the cross-bar. Tommy Wilson was also within an ace of scoring, being robbed on the goal-line. The visitors made two or three break-aways, but were always held in check. The final came with:—

Leadgate Park ... Three goals
Shankhouse ... Nil

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. ANNFIELD PLAIN RESERVE.

These teams met at Leadgate on Saturday. At the interval nothing had been scored, both sides missing chances. The Plain showed the better form on resuming, and eventually Muse scored. Gleadow headed through for the Park, but was given off-side. The visitors came near doing the trick again, but failed, and the result was:—

Annfield Plain ... One goal
Leadgate Park ... Nil
Referee, Mr. R. Charlton, Medomsley.

ISAAC WALTON CUP.
FINAL TIE.
LEADGATE WEDNESDAY v. GATESHEAD WEDNESDAY.
[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

Considering that this is their first season in the Northern Wednesday League, Leadgate have certainly done remarkably well to reach the final stage of the above cup. They knocked out hot favourites for the trophy in Sunderland West End, in the semi-finals. Their opponents are the champions of the first division of the league, and they were thought to possess a great chance of lifting the cup. The Birtley ground was the scene of the final tie on eWdnesday week, but I was surprised not to see a larger attendance. Punctual to time the teams lined out as under:—

Leadgate Wednesday—Goal, Hunter; backs, Lowes and Sanderson; half-backs, Morpeth, Greener, and Bell; forwards, Teasdale, Kershaw, McGowan, Forster, and Tolson.

Gateshead Wednesday—Goal, Murray; backs, Walton and Armitage; half-backs, Dagg, Forrest, and Huntington; forwards Yeates, Thornton, Henderson, Wilkinson, and Renwick.

Referee, Mr. T. Mallabar, Linesmen, Messrs Hepple and E. Ross, Newcastle.

Henderson started against a fairly strong wind, and Gateshead at once got in, but Sanderson sent them back. Teasdale made a fine run, and Armitage conceded a useless corner in stopping the fast right-winger. Wilkinson got off, but Greener barred his progress, and Bell had a shot at goal which went just past. Armitage was prominent for rare good work, and Gateshead pressed but Lowes came to the rescue. A foul to Leadgate saw them dangerous, and Teasdale shot by. Kershaw received and put in, forcing Walton to concede a corner, which came to nought. Greener stopped the opposing forwards, but Dagg returned. Teasdale was again in evidence receiving from McGowan, and a fast attempt went wide. Renwick made tracks for the other end, but Morpeth dispossessed him, and sent down the field. Forrest got hold and put up to the right who raced in, and Yeates (a brother of the old Allendale player) receiving in a splendid position, beat Hunter with a fast low shot. Yeates was once more conspicuous, and Henderson had a good chance but sent past. Kershaw passed out to Teasdale, who centred finely, but Armitage cleared. Yeates and Thornton had a run, but Lowes sent them back, and Armitage put in a good return. The Leadgate forwards got away, and Teasdale put in a fine cross which Tolson headed in and McGowan banged the ball through, but was ruled off-side. From a well-placed free kick by Lowes, McGowan headed just past with a splendid attempt for the equaliser. Yeates made a run and centre but Sanderson saved, and then Kershaw got off and put to Teasdale, but Armitage robbed the latter. Kershaw had a try which just missed, and Forster headed in, but Murray brought off a grand save when he seemed quite beaten. Bell put his forwards in possession, but Tolson was charged off the ball, and half-time arrived—

Gateshead ... One goal.
Leadgate ... Nil.

Seeing that Gateshead had held their own against the wind it was fully expected that they had the cup safe. But Leadgate entertained a contrary opinion, and pressing at the start Teasdale shot into the net as the whistle went for "hands," but to the spectators it seemed a case of accidental "hands." Gateshead made off to the other end, and Hunter saved finely from Henderson. Leadgate were now quite holding their own, and several times came near scoring. Renwick and Wilkinson had a run, and a foul resulted to Gateshead, from which Huntington put past. Bell was prominent for fine work, but Gateshead got to the other end and forced an abortive corner. Leadgate played up finely, but the defence opposed to them was very sound, and they could not get through. Bell and Kershaw came to the front and tried their utmost to equalise but Armitage and Walton kept them out. Leadgate claimed a penalty just after, but the referee awarded a goal kick to Gateshead. Renwick sprinted away, but Lowes stopped him. A lot of time was wasted owing to one of the players being ordered off the field and refusing to go. Then Murray charged Bell foully and a penalty ensued to Leadgate, which Bell banged through. Leadgate nearly put on the deciding point just later, but the whistle sounded with the result—

Gateshead ... One goal.
Leadgate ... One goal.

Two extra "quarters" were played but there was no further scoring.

STANLEY v. NEWCASTLE UNITED A.

The visit of Newcastle United A to the Shield Row enclosure drew together a large number of spectators. The following teams took the field:—

Stanley.—Goal, Spinks; backs, Saunders and Devine; half-backs, Atkinson, Ellis, and Allison; forwards, Crute, Armstrong, Coates, Proudlock, and Masterman.

Newcastle.—Goal, Crowther; backs, Scott and Lacey; half-backs, Veitch, Walker, and Proctor; forwards, Littlefair, Rae, McIntyre, Harvey, and Kelly.

Referee, Mr. Samuel Wood.

The weather which predominated was more appropriate to the "willow" than our winter pastime. United won the toss and elected to defend the entrance goal. Coates set the ball in motion for Stanley, which was moved into the visitors' quarters, where Walker sent back. For a moment or two Stanley were hemmed in, till Saunders relieved. United again pressed and established themselves in front of the home goal, when Rae scored after five minutes' play. On re-starting the visitors again rushed away, but were pulled up by Saunders and Devine. Newcastle subsequently forced a corner, but nothing accrued. It was now apparent that the visitors were exceedingly quick with the ball, and Stanley had their work cut out. The homesters, however, played with determination, and managed to rush to United's goal, but Crute shot past. Quickly after the leather was again returned, but sent wide. Newcastle repulsed, and a fine combined run by Proudlock and Masterman resulted in the globe being transferred to foreign territory, where Masterman sent in a strong shot but Crowther ably fisted out. Proudlock was in waiting and cleverly drove the leather home, thus equalising. On resuming operations again Stanley took up the aggressive, and Proudlock again nearly did the needful. Saunders now had to leave the field, having been slightly injured. His place was taken by Joyce. United worked their way down and Spinks had to save. In less than a minute Rae placed the leather into the net. After this reverse the homesters, through the aid of Crute, Masterman, and Ellis, succeeded in reaching the visitors' territory, when Proudlock had a shy at the goal. McIntyre and Harvey transferred, and Lacey sent past. Stanley were awarded "hands" which offered a little relief. Ellis gave to Masterman, who transferred to Proudlock, and this player sent up, but the globe was quickly returned. Masterman got possession of the leather from a splendid pass by Proudlock in the centre, and stuck manfully to the ball, cleverly evading his adversaries, with the result that he scored a well-earned goal, shortly before half-time. Halm-time:—

Stanley ... Two goals
Newcastle United A ... Two goals

On resuming, Masterman shot well up, and Crute sent past. Veitch and Walker came to the rescue, and play was transferred. Proudlock and Masterman again put in some good work, which saw the leather conveyed dangerously near the visitors' goal. After some smart play in front of United's goal, Coates scored a well-earned goal, thus placing his team ahead, after about five minutes' play. After the kick-off United broke through the home ranks and Rae equalised. On re-starting United took up the pressure, and Spinks had to fist out a sterling shot. United continued to have the best of the exchanges, and Littlefair headed the leather home, scoring the fourth goal for United. After the kick-off Stanley had the best of matters, and for some time the defence of Scott and Lacey was severely taxed. Proudlock sent in a capital shot which glided off the top of the cross-bar. The leather did not remain long in this position through the exertions of Rae, McIntyre, and Harvey, who transferred. The ball was taken near the home goal, and McIntyre when in a favourable position cleverly beat Spinks, adding the fifth goal. After the ball had been again put into motion Stanley again broke away, and in a remarkably short space of time Proudlock notched the fourth goal for Stanley. Soon after this Masterman nearly added to the score. Newcastle broke away, and Spinks had to save a couple of dangerous shots, which he did in splendid style. Stanley worked their way down, and some capital play was witnessed on the part of Masterman, Crute Proudlock, and Allison. A hot bombardment was kept up in front of the visitors' goal, and after some exciting play Coates equalised. On re-starting Newcastle immediately broke away, and the leather was carried up to the Stanley goal, where McIntyre placed his team ahead with a capital shot, fairly beating Spinks. Final:—

Newcastle United A ... Six goals
Stanley ... Five goals

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By "OFF-SIDE."

THE FINAL TIE AT BIRTLEY.

I travelled through to Birtley on Wednesday of last week with a decent-sized party to see Leadgate oppose Gateshead in the final struggle for the Walton Cup. The journey, it may be stated, was an uneventful one, some of the boys endeavouring to make a fortune sharp at "penny nap," but most of them were disappointed. Of course, the chief topic of conversation was as to the respective chances of the two teams. Really, on form Gateshead should have been favourites, as they are champions of the First Division of the league, whilst Leadgate are only placed about mid-way in the Second Division. However, "Splash" Day, the Leadgate trainer, by no means shared this opinion, and had provided himself with a basket. On my inquiring what the latter article was for he told me "to carry back the cup in." And he seemed genuinely sorry after the game that the basket would have to back empty. One alteration was made in either side from the advertised teams, Lockey (the captain) being unable to assist Leadgate, whilst Cummersdale was absent from the Gateshead ranks. I must confess that I was surprised at the small attendance, but the fact that an important league game with plenty of local flavour about it, had to follow the cup-tie, no doubt accounted for this to some extent. Nevertheless there was plenty of shouting.

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Although Gateshead won the toss they chose to adopt the rather unusual course of playing against the wind, which was fairly strong. This notwithstanding Gateshead opened in capital style, and for some time they more than held their own. Their forwards worked better together than those on the other side, whilst the backs were in splendid form. Most of the danger to Gateshead came from Teasdale, but I thought the latter would have done better had he shot more often, instead of trying to circumvent the backs. Gateshead were the first to score Yeates receiving close in and giving Hunter no chance whatever. Shortly after Leadgate got the ball through, but McGowan was dead off-side. When the teams crossed over with Gateshead leading, and with the wind in their favour in the second half, I would not have given a penny bun for Leadgate's chances. However, we had a sensational restart, as Teasdale at once put in a brilliant run and shot into the net, but just previous to him doing this the ball had bounced on the hard ground, and just touched his hand, and the referee allowed a free kick for "hands." It appeared to be an accident, but Mr. Mallabar ruled otherwise. Gateshead seemed to fall away a lot in this half, and this made Leadgate play harder than ever. One of the Leadgate men was hereabouts ordered off, so far as one could gather for disputing the linesman's decision, but was ultimately allowed to continue. Shortly after Leadgate were awarded a penalty, with which Bell made no mistake. The end came with honours easy, and although extra time was played there was no further scoring, so that the teams have to meet again.

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Gateshead struck me as being a capital team, and I cannot account for their falling off in the second half. They seemed to have the game safe at the interval. Armitage and Walton—the latter a brother of the Willington player of that name—were in splendid form at back, and are a good pair. Forrest did well at half, but Dagg spoiled his display by very rough tactics. Amongst the forwards Yeates Renwick, and Henderson put in useful work, and the former reminded me very much of his brother who used to play for Allendale. Murray had not much work in goal, but made two or three splendid saves, especially one from a high shot of McGowan's. Hunter on the other side had also an easy task and was but seldom seriously troubled. He had no chance with Yeates' shot. Lowes was a tower of strength at back, and Sanderson did not play at all a bad game. Bell took the palm at half, and was the best man on the Leadgate side. He had a good wing to watch, but did it satisfactorily. Morpeth commenced moderately, but came on nicely as the game advanced, and put in fine work during the extra time. Teasdale and McGowan were the pick of the forwards, whilst Kershaw was very useful at times. Although they managed a draw the team did not play so well as against Sunderland West End. Kennedy was greatly missed, and his presence would have made all the difference. There will probably be some changes in the team for the re-played game, which, I expect will have been brought off ere these lines appear.

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A LOCAL BATTLE.

After the above game, the Birtley A and Chester-le-Street teams took the field to fight for points in the Joicey Cup competition and as there was a great deal at stake, and the teams are "near and dear rivals," there was a large gate, both teams having a large following. It had been agreed for Mr. Mackin of Bill Quay, to referee, but this gentleman failed to turn up, and your humble servant was asked to officiate. In order not to disappoint the spectators and players I consented and a rare hard game ensued. It was a ding-dong struggle from beginning to end, every player putting in all he knew, but at the finish not a goal had been scored. At times the game was most exciting, and the spectators urged on their respective favourites in no half-hearted fashion. All the same there was but little roughness and the players appeared to be on excellent terms one with another. Altogether I formed a very favourable impression of the play in the Chester-le-Street League if one might take this game as a sample—and I should think it was one of the most important games of the season. There were some hard knocks given, but they were all taken in good part, and the spectators were a really decent lot—a great contrast to many crowds I have seen hereabouts. Although I had a very warm job—owing to the game being such a fast one—I thoroughly enjoyed it.

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HARD LINES FOR BLACKHILL.

Blackhill St. Cuthbert's have had anything but a rosy time in their efforts to secure possession of the Charity Cup, and I was really sorry when I heard that they had gone down in the final tie by a single goal only. In the first round they were expected to have no chance against Hamsterley yet they pulled through, only to be protested against, from which charge they emerged successfully. In the second round they met Leadgate Park Reserve at Shotley Spa, but only managed a draw. It was quite anticipated that they would succumb at Leadgate, but they won deservedly by the only goal scored in the game. In the semi-finals they were again favoured by the draw, meeting Marley Hill at home, but once more they could only finish on level terms. On Thursday of last week the tie was re-played at Marley Hill, another draw resulting. The teams met again at Annfield Plain the following night, when the Saints triumphed by a goal to nil. As they had been to Byer Moor the previous Wednesday, and met Lintz Rovers in the final of the Charity Cup on Saturday, this made four games for Blackhill in the same number of days. Under the circumstances it was anything but a disgrace to be beaten by the Rovers to only the extent of a single goal.

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THE PLAIN RESERVE WIN.

Annfield Plain Reserve occupy a pretty good position in the Derwent Valley League, and they added to their record on Saturday by obtaining a couple of points at the expense of the Park Reserve—and at Leadgate too! I should say that it is a long time since the Park were represented by such a moderate eleven as now does duty for the reserve. With a few exceptions they are not worth a row of gingerbread. The visitors on Saturday were undoubtedly the superior team, and fully deserved their victory, albeit it was only obtained by a goal to nil. The home team managed to get the ball into the net before the finish and I thought the point a good one, as the Plain back played the ball previous to it being placed into the rigging, but Mr. Charlton—who on the whole refereed very capably—ruled the scorer off-side. The best man on the Park side was McAloon, who worked very hard to stave off defeat. Jack Calvert figured at full back, and did not play a bad game. The forwards were dreadfully weak in front of goal, and did not shoot as often as they should have done. Wattie Walton and Dan Cartmell were missed. A. Bell played a fine game for the Plain at back, and Forster was useful amongst the forwards. The winners were the best team on the day's play, and in scooping in the two points only got what they were entitled to.

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TWO POINTS FOR THE PARK.

The once-famous Shankhouse team visited Leadgate on Monday, and met the Park in an Alliance game. The weather was delightful for football, and the ground in splendid condition. The game does not require much description, as soon on it resolved itself into a duel between the Shankhouse backs and the Park forwards. Better defensive work than that accomplished by the visitors I do not wish to see, and they have a pair of backs fit for any team. Although pressing continually Leadgate only scored once in the first half, a fine high shot from the toe of Grant finding the net. The second period was dreadfully one-sided, and most of the time Hedley was down about the half-way line. However, the Shankhouse backs defended like a Spencer, Crabtree, Oakley, and Williams rolled into one, and I should not like to say the number of shots they repulsed. Only about 15 minutes remained for play, and there had been no addition to the score when Bowes decided to have a try himself. So he came forward and with good results, heading a couple of splendid goals which gave Wrightson no chance whatever. Thus the Park improved their already creditable goal average to the tune of three goals to nothing.

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The feature of the game was undoubtedly the display of the Shankhouse backs, who were simply grand. But for them the score might easily have reached double figures. They repelled shots by the score, and seemed likely to keep their fortress intact in the second half until Bowes came up with his little lot. The outside right was a fast man, but the home defence seldom allowed him to get away. The Park played a capital game without seeming to unduly exert themselves. Hedley's position was a sinecure, and he had to come up the field in order to get a kick. At back Laidler and Temple were in fine trim, their kicking, tackling, and heading being splendid. The halves were also to the fore, and it would be hard to say which was the best. Tommy Wilson was continually prominent, and was very anxious to score. Bowes put in some fine touches, and Peter Daly played his usual consistent game. The forwards had a gay time, but found a couple of Tartars in the opposing backs. Grant was in rare form, and Cook also shone. Forster was all right, and I thought that Billy Crowther played a much better game than he does with the reserve. Thompson did well in the first half, but seemed to tire afterwards. It was a pleasant game all through, although the referee gave a few marvellous decisions.

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LINTZ ROVERS WIN THE CHARITY CUP.

Well done! the Lintz Rovers. They wrenched the Charity Cup from their keen rivals, Blackhill St. Cuthbert's, after a stiff tussle at Tanfield Lea, on Saturday afternoon by three goals to two. The battle was, as might naturally have been expected, a fierce one. After the Lintz had proved themselves the victors the cup was presented to them at the Commercial Hotel, the headquarters of the Derwent Valley League, by Mr. W. Holmes, who congratulated the winners on their success, and complimented the losers on the good play they had shown during the season. He trusted the Rovers would take care of the trophy. It would be pleasing he thought, to the donor of the cup, Mr. W. G. Turnbull, to know that it had been won by a team so near his own establishment. Local footballing, he was sorry to say, was going back owing to the increase of professionalism. He urged upon them to stick to their own players and refrain from "poaching," and play with competitors in a friendly spirit.

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THE CHARITY CUP.

To The Sporting Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just allow me to say a few words in regard to the part Blackhill has played in the Charity Cup-ties. What I want to know is, why were the Derwent Valley League Committe so anxious to have the final played on Saturday last, after just ordering Blackhill and Marley Hill to play their tie out on the Thursday night, and if it ended in another draw, to be played on neutral ground on the Friday night. This was done, and Blackhill won, and it will appear manifestly unfair to everybody that after playing a league game on Wednesday night, the semi-final ties on Thursday and Friday nights, being bound to play the final on the Saturday, and what goes to prove my words, Blackhill were standing two to nil at half-time, but fell away in the second half, and who can wonder, especially as they were a long way the lightest team. I am not trying to detract from the merits of the Lintz Rovers' win, but still the fact remains that they had a good advantage over the Saints before the game started. Some will argue that it would have been the same for Marley Hill; I admit that, but with this difference, after the game at Blackhill they wanted to visit Marley Hill on Easter Monday or Tuesday, but Marley Hill would not hear tell of this, and let it go to the meeting, for them to decide on the Thursday and Friday nights following. So if Marley Hill had been in Blackhill's position they would have had themselves chiefly to blame. But what I wish to point out is:—When there was just a week between the semi-finals and the final, in the event of a draw, why did not the committee appoint a day, say the Tuesday, for it to be played, so that each team left in could get in trim for the Saturday. Truly their ways are strange.

A SYMPATHISER WITH BLACKHILL.

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FOOTBALL IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me a few lines in your football columns re the above, as it is evident there will be no Tyneside League next season. I would propose that Consett, Allendale, and Annfield Plain join the Derwent Valley League, and that, along with other seven or nine clubs of that body, form a league worthy of the district, as this would considerably curtail the expenses of the above clubs, and would benefit the clubs now in the league with better gates, and provide better football for the public. I propose the following clubs to constitute the Derwent Valley League:—Consett, Allendale, Annfield Plain, Tantobie, Byer Moor, Lintz Rovers, Marley Hill, Hamsterley, Blackhill, and South Moor. There is a possibility of a club starting at Dipton, and Hobson Wanderers would make up the number, as this proposal would fling all reserve teams out of the league. If there are eight or ten local clubs forthcoming they might form a second division.—Yours,

J. COYLE.
Secretary Annfield Plain Celtic A.F.C.

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MEMS.

Have Burnhope dropped out of existence?

They have disappointed Byer Moor twice this season, and the Moorites are sore about it.

Byer Moor have been to Burnhope, and defeated the latter.

The Moor had to pay the referee's expenses, and, in addition, lost a fair sum in gate-money.

Burnhope have several engagements to fulfil, but I'm afraid that they cannot get them all in.

The war has played the deuce with the Burnhope team, who at one time looked like winning the championship.

Byer Moor continue to steadily pick up points.

And are sure to run close for top place in the league.

On Easter Monday they defeated Tantobie by a goal to nil in an uninteresting game.

On the following Wednesday they beat Blackhill by four to one.

The Saints, however, could only muster eight men.

Under the circumstances they did not do so badly.

Stanley had a good time during the holidays. They picked up four points out of three games—two of them away.

This was decidedly good.

Stanley are sure to occupy a decent position in the Alliance tournament at the end of the season.

They look like heading the other two local clubs.

However, all three are safe for next season.

Shankhouse and St. Peter's will be the two unfortunates.

But I expect to see the Saints re-elected.

Shankhouse will probably join the East Northumberland League.

Will Stockton apply for the vacancy?

They will not be a great attraction unless they show better form than they have done this season.

So the conference re minor football has ended in nothing being done.

This was precisely what I predicted would be the case.

By the way, is it exactly right to term the football played by such prominent clubs as Jarrow Sunderland A., Willington, Bishop Auckland, Newcastle United A., Darlington, Middlesbrough A., &c., minor football?

I think the term a misnomer.

Many of the teams mentioned play as good football as some of the clubs in the Second Division of "the" league.

At a meeting of the Northern League, Mr. Grey (the secretary) was very severe upon Mr. Middleton.

He is reported to have expressed the opinion that the whole business arose through the desire of one man to get Mickley into the Alliance, no matter who went out.

This is what I call very "narsty," and hardly, I think, fair to Mr. Middleton.

I did not agree with Mr. Middleton's scheme, yet I give the Mickley secretary credit for being actuated by the best of motives.

If it had been as Mr. Grey suggests, I am certain that my friend Tom Bell would not have associated himself with Mr. Middleton.

Mr. Grey is just a trifle too clever, and would do well to sometimes remember the proverb—"Speech is silvern, but silence is golden."

The Leadgate Wednesdayites could not quite manage the trick last week.

But they did the next best thing in making a draw.

Jack Day was greatly disappointed at not having the cup to carry back.

He had brought a basket on purpose for it.

The cup was on view at the Red Lion at Birtley.

Leadgate had two or three goals disallowed.

They lasted better than the Gateshead men, Armitage and Walton at back saved the game for Gateshead.

There was a poor attendance for a final.

"Jock" Kennedy would have made a big difference to Leadgate.

Mr. Atherley-Jones' cup looks like going to either Consett or Birtley.

Neither have been defated up to the time of writing.

Consett picked up two valuable points at Medomsley on Saturday.

Allendale mourned the loss of Scott and McIntyre.

These two players have been annexed by United A.

It is a curious thing that teams in this district have to bring out players from Newcastle and prove their worth before United know anything about them.

It is distinctly hard lines upon Allendale, who in this way have also lost Yeates.

Consett are anxious to secure the hon. member's trophy to make up for the loss of the Durham Amateur Cup.

No referee turned up at Medomsley and Morton Hedley officiated.

Birtley did a good performance in beating Bearpark away.

Consett, I understand, have to meet Annfield Plain twice.

The Swifts will not be able to play all their Tyneside League games.

They will probably share the points with a couple of clubs.

Leadgate Park Juniors finished up well by defeating Stanley by four goals to nil.

They thus win the championship of the league in handsome fashion.

There appears to exist considerable doubt as to who will win the Derwent Valley League trophy.

Hamsterley seem to have fallen away a great deal.

Byer Moor, Tantobie, and the Plain are all understood to possess chances.

However, our minds will probably be set at rest next week.

The winning numbers of the Park draw will be published in our columns next week.

Tickets and money should be sent in now.

The Park will have the honour of entertaining the Durham Cup-holders on Saturday first.

This should prove a good draw.

I will confess that I was greatly surprised at the success of Jarrow.

I thought the final a real good thing for Sunderland.

The Wearsiders appear to have had a good share of the play, but very little luck.

However, this is all in football.

Byer Moor got another couple of points at Tanfield Lea on Saturday.

Their win was a pretty decisive one—five goals to two.

Tanfield scored the first goal, and held the lead until near the interval, when E. Leighton equalised.

In the second half Sep. Lamb at inside right came out in great form, popping on three goals, whilst Lowe added another.

The home men also got through again, so that the result was as stated above.

Byer Moor are pretty sure to finish in the first flight.

The team plays with plenty of dash and energy.

Tanfield Lea were a considerably smaller and lighter team, but they did their utmost.

A valued correspondent writes me:—"I saw the final for the Charity Cup, and Blackhill deserve the unstinted praise of all true lovers of the game.

"Considering they were engaged on the three previous nights to Saturday their performance was a splendid one.

"In fact, during the first half they were far and away the better team, being sharper on the ball, and at half-time they led by two to nil.

"I can assure you the outlook for the Lintz was none too rosy judging from the countenances of their supporters.

"In the second half Blackhill seemed tired out, and no other wonder when we consider how they had played during the week.

"The Lintz had M. McCue, T. Heslin, and Elly Henderson, of the Hobson, assisting them, and I have no hesitation in saying that the two latter saved the Lintz from defeat.

"The gate-money realised slightly over £5."

I think taht five people out of every six would have liked to have seen Blackhill successful.

Leadgate Park made their Alliance points into 20 on Monday night.

They hope to finish up with 24, which will not be bad for their first season in the competition.

They have a capital goal average at present.

Bowes came out in great form as a forward on Monday, heading a couple of beautiful goals.

The Shankhouse backs are a splendid pair, and would not disgrace any team.

It was a most pleasant game, marred only by some fearful and wonderful decisions on the part of the referee.

"Splash" Day informs me that the Park steed is going on nicely under the superintendence of his trainer.

The moke has taken a dislike to goats, as it appears the hairs he ate off the last one did not agree with him.

"Splash" is thinking of trying him with some of Kruger's whiskers by way of a change.

The animal has taken to making calls, and the other day surprised some folks by calmly walking into the kitchen.

It took some tempting morsels to induce him to take his departure.

The moke was very disappointed when "Splash" told him last week that the Wednesday boys had not brought the cup home.

He had been looking forward to an extra feed of hay in honour of the occasion.

By the way, I am told that some youths are in the habit of going on to the Park ground and treating "Neddy" cruelly.

They had better take this warning and desist, or else they might be called upon to appear before the magistrates at Consett.

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THE CHAMPION HEALER INTERVIEWED.

WHAT HADNYSIDE' CONSUMPTION CURE HAS DONE.

THE PATIENTS' TESTIMONIES.

Elderly and homely Mr. G. Handyside is a true type of the North Northumbrian. He is an Alnwick man, and was born 78 years ago. The blood of the Percy's may not run in his veins, but the spirit of the Chevy Chase is within him. Frank, straightforward, and honest he seeks for no self praise, but relies entirely upon evidence of a direct nature. At his residence at 12, Bentinck Crescent, Elswick Road, Newcastle, where he gives his medicine free between the hours of two and four each Saturday for a period of three months to all who are unable to pay for it, there is a constant stream of patients. Mr. Handyside does not attract people by ephemeral or fallacious ideas. He does not pretend to be a medical practitioner in the strict sense of the term, and he is one of the first to admit the good work done by the medical fraternity. He feels, however, that he has obtained a knowledge well calculated to be of benefit to mankind, and he is determined to do all in his power to enable his fellow creatures to benefit by his discovery. From a small publication by Mr. J. Brook, the following extract will speak for itself:—"My object in placing before the public this small book is—because many people have the idea that Handyside's Consumption Cure only cures consumption, whereas every disease from which people daily suffer, where everything else has failed, have been cured by it. During the past six years I have dispensed fully 300,000 bottles of medicine, and I have seen it cure cases of a most intricate nature, when able doctors declared that no medical skill could save them. For fevers it acts like magic—at once checking the disease, and preventing that fearful agony, which brings on delirium, but it is still more valuable for preventing the spread of fever. I knew a case in Liverpool where a child was bad of fever, and the doctor advised that the fever patient should be kept away from the other children. But it was difficult to prevent them from playing together, and the doctor could not understand how the progress of the fever was prevented, but Handyside's Consumption Cure prevented it. It is the grandest thing for indigestion, nervousness, general debility, anæmia, weak heart, headaches, and for all ordinary complaints I have found it the best thing on earth. Consumption, cancer, tumours, and other diseases considered incurable, have invariably subsided to the power of this medicine. Consumption, which attacks generally the young, the bright, the hopeful; when the hopes have been blighted, the brightness dimmed, and the young life despaired of, Handyside's Consumption Cure has brought back the brightness, new hope, and the young life saved. Cancer, that fearful disease which takes away the life of the victim as though cutting it away with a knife, has been relieved in a few hours, and a great many perfectly cured in three months, but the medicine should be often taken to prevent a return. All the doctors admit they cannot cure tumours, but thousands have been cured, who take a delight in revealing to everyone their rescue from the grave. All other diseases, both intricate and ordinary, very soon subside to the power and efficacy of Handyside's remedy. The remedies are made from vegetables which the Deity gave for the use of man; perfectly harmless; can be taken by an infant a few days old, and yet their power over disease is marvellous and wonderful. I would advise all sufferers to try them, so that instead of dragging out a miserable existence, broken down in constitution, every hour in pain and agony, you may enjoy the blessings of health, the beauties of nature, and happiness brought by a healthy constitution." In the course of conversation prior to the arrival of patients Mr Handyside informed our representative of a somewhat unique case. A lady from nothing more nor less than debility had become blind. The cause of the blindness was debility of the organs of sight. They were strengthened and the sight was restored. Blindness being produced by defective organs it will not cure, but there are thousands of people who can be cured who are blind from debility. The next marvellous cure one of bladder disease, which was cured, was an irritated gland at the bottom of the bladder. About half of the cases of cancer and tumour have been cured, but in all cases where they have not been cured the agony and pain has been considerably reduced. This is a very dear medicine, and a good many people cannot afford to buy a sufficient quantity to cure bad cases. Cancer and consumption often takes six months to cure them, and the medicine will cost 8s per month, which thousands cannot afford to pay. There was a case in York, where a person bought four lots of Consumption Cure, and it brought her out of bed when the doctor had given her up. Her mother said to Mr Handyside's agent—"The medicine I bought of you is curing my daughter, but our funds are exhausted. What is to be done?" He knew of several distressing cases. No such cases need occur. It is given away freely every Saturday, and those who cannot believe the marvellous things this medicine does are welcome to come and see for themselves, for all the patients are glad to relate the change it has effected in them. Our representative had an opportunity, between two and four o'clock last Saturday, of seeing and hearing for himself the effects and the desires for the cure. The callers were numerous, notwithstanding the fact that the holidays had somewhat disorganised domestic affairs in a financial sense. A few instances may be notified. Mr J. Forster, of Railway Street, Walker, visited Mr Handyside after he had been given up by the doctor. After taking three lots of the medicine he had himself weighed and found he had gained 5lbs.—Mrs Marshall, Mawson Street, South Shields, had suffered from blood poisoning, and after taking Mr Handyside's medicine for five weeks found herself cured.—Geo. Wallace, 108, Eldon Street, High Shields, said he had been compelled to remain in doors until he began to take Mr Handyside's medicine. He is now able to get up and about, and the tumours from which he chiefly suffered have disappeared. Mr Wallace, to quote his own words, said. "I have found more benefit from this medicine than any other. I have been under so many doctors that I cannot count them." Mr Handyside here put in a deprecatory remark clearly leaving the impression that he has no desire to be at enmity with the doctors. On the other hand he had some warm words of praise for them.—James Bennett, Felling, suffering from catarrh of the stomach, and John Clark, Hawes Street, Newcastle, suffering from rheumatism, were next interviewed. They had both been previously treated, and were enthusiastic in their praise of the medicine.—W. Irving, 19 years of age, of Jarrow, said he had been ill for a long time, and after two lots of medicine he found himself able to walk about, and was working every day.—These are a few of the cases merely taken at random, and they are genuine. Mr. Handyside does not ask his interviewer to listen to his own words. He prefers the honest and outspoken words of his patients, whose testimonials are real and in no way vamped. In a short article written by Mr Handyside he says:—"If any factory employing about 500, elect a man to come to the dispensaries I will be glad to pay all the expenses in coming and also pay for his time. One missionary in Glasgow came to me, and said he had heard of such remarkable cures by Handyside's Consumption Cure that he would like to know something more about the medicine. I replied to him that I was just going to dispense the medicine, and he was welcome to come and hear what the people said it had done to them. I gave the medicine away for two hours. I asked him what he thought of the power of this medicine, and he replied, that had anyone sworn what he had heard he could not have believed it. Another one went to Sunderland and heard from the people's own lips the cure of blindness through debility, being restored to sight, cancer being cured, huge ulcers of the legs healed up, consumption cases quite jauntily and gay, his amazement was so great that he could scarcely sleep. A person who went to my dispensary in Leeds, wrote to me and congratulated me on the medicine, and said it really looked as if Jesus Christ had come back to earth again. A layman of the Church of England entered a railway carriage in London where one of my assistants and I were sitting. He complimented my assistant on the wonderful work this medicine was doing. He continued: "Had I not seen week after week the wonderful results I never could have believed it." When he was told that I was the owner of the Consumption Cure, he lifted his hat and said, "I should be the happiest man in the world to be able to relieve so much suffering." I could mention several hundreds of similar cases, but to believe these miracles they must be seen. All that is needed to obtain this medicine until they are restored to health is a note from any of their neighbours, to certify that the person has been under doctors' treatment and has not been cured. This is also a remarkable medicine for bloodlessness. Youths of both sexes from 12 to 15 years old are often troubled with it. I have known several cases where consumption was setting in perfectly cured by this medicine. If the children are not cured in early youth it leaves a delicacy for life, and prevents them from rising to any high position in life where energy is required.

Lanchester Joint Hospital Board

A meeting of the members of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board was held on Thursday last, when Mr. Logan was re-elected chairman on the motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Gray.

MEDICAL REPORTS.

Dr. Wilson stated that since his last report 25 cases of scarlet fever had been admitted into Langley Park Hospital, and 14 cases were discharged convalescent. There was one death—a child 15 months old. There were at present in the Hospital 34 cases of scarlet fever all of them doing well.

Dr. Allen reported that at the last meeting of the Board there were seven patients in the Infectious Hospital at Leadgate suffering from scarlet fever. There had been no admissions since, but six patients had been discharged cured. One patient remained and would soon be discharged.

The reports were adopted.

THE TANFIELD HOSPITAL.

The Chairman submitted a report in reference to the coal under the site of the new Hospital at Tanfield. He had had an interview with Messrs Joicey who had agreed to reduce their charge from 2s 6d per ton to 2s. As an alternative they offered to sell the upper seam to the Board for £1,425. It was practically an area of three acres but might be increased by one-third. As a further alternative the Board could give up the site altogether and compensate the contractor.

Mr. G. T. Wilson, architect, said the amount of mason work executed was £862 12s 5d, at scheduled prices. For the delay already incurred the contractor estimated his loss at £78 10s 6d.

The Chairman, in reply to a question said the depth of the seam was 85 fathoms, and he did not think there would be serious damage done to the building.

Mr. Sloane said he thought in the end it would be cheapest to purchase the seam.

Mr. Kay: That is for the Hutton seam alone, of about four acres?

The Chairman: Yes.

After further discussion it was resolved to empower the Chairman to purchase the seam, and the meeting soon after terminated.

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ROWLEY."]

AN EARLY "DIP."

Thursday morning of last week witnessed a welcome change in the weather—the calm after the storm. It was truly a day plucked from June. The amenities associated with rural life could be appreciated, and some Swalwell youths took full advantage—certainly most premature—of the glorious day. A dozen or so juveniles, whose ages ranged from seven to seventeen summers, might have been seen indulging in an early "dip" in the river Derwent. The weather was warm enough, but the bath was cold in the extreme, and no doubt some of them will have suffered the penalty of too early a "dip." By the way, many of those persons assembled at Swalwell Station seemed to find delectation in the aquatic performances of the youngsters!

EVENING CLASSES.

That was an unpretentious gathering which took place in the Dunston Board Schools on Thursday evening last, but it was none the less significant. The scholars connected with the evening continuation classes were reaping the results of their devotion to study and regular attendance, by participating in a social gathering—the reward of the aforementioned. It was a happy idea of the head-master (Mr. C. McIntyre) to promise the scholars that such a gathering would be provided for them on the understanding that regular attendance was maintained, and devotion to study prevailed. The result has been most gratifying, for I am given to understand that the past session has been a successful one, and hence the gathering of Thursday evening. Although such an inducement has had beneficial results at Dunston, the key to successful evening continuation classes, to my mind, has yet to be found.

WHICKHAM CHORAL SOCIETY.

Although the village of Whickham cannot boast of a gigantic population, yet it can lay claim to a musical organisation such as no other village with a like population can boast of. I need hardly say that I allude to the Whickham Choral Society—a society dear to the hearts of all Whickhamites. The society not only possess ladies and gentlemen gifted with rare musical ability, but it can count amongst its numbers persons well versed in the terpsichorean art, and on Friday evening the curtain was rung down upon the lighter part of the season's programme, when the members indulged in the last dance of the season. This is fully dealt with elsewhere, and I shall content myself with expressing the thanks of the society to those persons who have during the winter months helped to make these social gatherings such a marked success by favouring the same with their ever-welcome presence. May they again be spared to re-assemble next year!

"THE BANNER OF ST. GEORGE!"

Such is the title of the work to be submitted by the members of the society at their next concert to be held early next month. It is indeed a critical piece, and one well calculated to test the musical ability of any organisation; but I shall be much mistaken if the members are not equal to the occasion. The work is from the pen of Mr Elgar, who is well-known as the composer of such successful pieces as "Scenes from the Saga of King Olaf," "Froissart," "The Black Knight," "Light of Life," and many others. The members have taken a big undertaking on hand, but with such a talented conductor at the head of affairs as Mr. George Proud, the composition is not likely to suffer at the hands of the Whickham Choral Society. It is pregnant with intricacies, and the interpretation of many of its parts call for the utmost skill. The work is now being carefully rehearsed, and everything points to a successful rendition of the same. This should lift the society higher up the ladder of fame. It may interest some of those readers who take an interest in the society to know that the worthy conductor (Mr. Proud) has received an interesting communication from the composer of the piece now in hand. Here it is:—"Dear Sir,—I am very much interested in what you tell me of your musical achievements and ambitions in Whickham. I am glad that your society is promising to give the "Banner of St. George," and only hope it may interest the members of your chorus and their audience. The work as you probably know, was written for the year 1897 (Jubilee), the patriotic sentiment of the legend being particularly suitable for that time; however, we British must always be heriocally patriotic, and so the sentiment of the final chorus should always find an echo in our hearts. Give my greetings to your chorus, and tell them I hope the performance may be a success; and you may add, as a secret, that although the work has been performed dozens of times I have never heard it—such is a composer's life. I fear, however, I cannot travel to Whickham on this occasion. (Signed), Edward Elgar."

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INSOMNIA.

How many of us can remember occasions when a particularly heavy evening meal has been eaten, a wretched night's rest following. The sleeplessness that appears to be troubling so many people at the present time is greatly due to defective liver's action. The liver does not do its work properly, and as a consequence bile and other foreign substances that usually are extracted from the blood by the liver remain in the veins, with the consequence the heart's action becomes laboured, the veins become congested, and one feels generally restless and miserable. Now, there can be no doubt about it that a good liver medicine is what is needed to put matters right. BILE BEANS fill this want; they are Nature's remedy, and their action being that of healthy, natural human bile, the effect is magical in the extreme. They are successful from the fact that they make the organs do the work themselves. The result of this is that when BILE BEANS are stopped Nature takes up the work, and artifical means can be left off.

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BILE BEANS FOR BILIOUSNESS

CRICKET

BEAMISH v. SWALWELL UNITED II.

Swalwell United II journeyed to Beamish on Saturday, where they encountered Beamish II. Ideal weather prevailed, and much pleasure was derived from the game. The fixture marked the opening of the season for both clubs. The issue resulted in a creditable win for the homesters. Scores:—

SWALWELL.

A. Brownless, b J. Bryson	0
W. Errington, b J. Bryson	0
G. Lee b J. Bryson	0
A. A. Fletcher, b J. Bryson	14
J. Robson, b L. Mason	14
F. Barron, not out	6
J. Chapman, b J. Bryson	2
A. Berry, b J. Bryson	0
J. Carr, b J. Bryson	4
T. Carr, c Mason, b J. Bryson	0
S. Edgell, b G. Laverick	0
Extras	1
Total	41

BEAMISH.

R. Turnbull, b A. A. Fletcher	0
L. Mason, b J. Robson	10
D. Laverick, b A. A. Fletcher	4
J. Brigeon, b J. Robson	0
W. Hewitson, b J. Robson	18
A. Martin, c Fletcher, b F. Barron	8
R. Mills, b J. Robson	3
C. Laverick, c Errington, b Fletcher	1
J. Mason, lbw., b Robson	11
G. Parker not out	4
J. Wrangham, c Chapman, b Fletcher	0
Extras	5
Total	64

SACRISTON v. DIPTON.

At Sacriston on Saturday.

SACRISTON.

R. Walker c Allen b Simpson	22
R. Taylor b Bowes	0
T. Emmerson b Allen	11
S. Shepherd b Bowes	5
S. Rowe c Rev. Tuson b Bowes	9
J. Foster b Allen	14
J. Green b Allen	0
H. Wilkin b Bowes	5
J. Walker b Bowes	3
J. Moore b Bowes	0
G. Hunter not out	10
Extras	20
Total	102

DIPTON.

Rev. E. Tuson b Rowe	0
John Allen b Shepherd	7
J. Cockrane run out	18
P. Graham b Rowe	0
Jas. Allen b Rowe	4
Jos. Bowes c R. Walker b Emmerson	17
T. Simpson b Rowe	0
J. Pyle b Rowe	4
T. Allen b Rowe	0
J. Adams not out	11
Jos. Allen c Wilkin b Rowe	4
Extras	4
Total	69

Analysis of Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
S. Rowe	10	1	20	7	2.85
H. Wilkin	3	0	12	0	
S. Shepherd	3	0	20	1	20
T. Emmerson	3	0	13	1	13

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

FIXTURES FOR 1900.

Mr. Wm. Ramsay, the hon secretary of the Consett and District Cricket Club, has arranged the following fixtures for the ensuing season:—

FIRST TEAM.

May 5—L North Durham, at Gateshead.
.. 12—L Craghead, at Blackhill.
.. 19—Medomsley, at Medomsley.
.. 26—L North Durham, at Blackhill.
June 2—L Eppleton, at Blackhill.
.. 4 (Whit-Monday)—L Tudhoe, at Tudhoe.
.. 5 (Whit-Tuesday)—L Eppleton, at Eppleton.
.. 9—L Burnmoor, at Burnmoor.
.. 23—Annual Sports.
.. 30—L Craghead, at Craghead.
July 7—L Tudhoe, at Blackhill.
.. 14—L Burnmoor, at Blackhill.
.. 21—Crook, at Crook.
.. [illegible]—Medomsley, at Blackhill.
Aug. 11—Crook, at Blackhill.
.. 18—L South Shields, at South Shields.
.. 25—Chester-le-Street, at Chester-le-Street.
Sept. 1—L South Shields, at Blackhill.
.. 8—Chester-le-Street, at Blackhill.
L Denotes League fixtures.

SECOND TEAM.

May 2—L North Durham 2nd, at Blackhill.
.. 12—L Craghead 2nd, at Craghead.
.. 19—Medomsley 2nd, at Blackhill.
.. 26—L North Durham 2nd, at Gateshead.
June 2—L Eppleton, at Eppleton.
.. 4 (Whit-Monday)—L Tudhoe, at Blackhill.
.. 5 (Whit-Tuesday)—L Eppleton at Blackhill.
.. 16—Malton Colliery, at Malton Colliery.
.. 30—L Craghead 2nd, at Blackhill.
July 7—L Tudhoe 2nd, at Tudhoe.
.. 21 Crook 2nd, at Blackhill.
.. 28—Medomsley 2nd, at Medomsley.
Aug. 4—Malton Colliery, at Blackhill.
.. 11—Crook 2nd, at Crook.
.. 18—L South Shields, at Blackhill.
.. 25—Chester-le-Street 2nd, at Blackhill.
Sept. 1—L South Shields 2nd, at South Shields.
.. 8—Chester-le-Street 2nd, at Chester-le-Street.
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TOW LAW.

THE NEW VICAR OF DEAF HILL.—The Rev. Stephen Davison, the newly-appointed vicar of [illegible] Paul's Church, Deaf Hill-cum-Langdale, Trimdon, read himself in at Sunday morning's service. Mr. Davison was for some time curate at Tow Law and three years ago was appointed curate in charge of St. Alban's Church, Trimdon Grange. He remained there until he received this appointment from the Bishop of Durham, on the retirement of the Rev. O. Sagar.

FUNERAL OF MR. HALL.—The funeral of the late Mr. Cuthbert Hall, of Tow Law, took place on Thursday afternoon. A service, which was choral took place at the Parish Church, impressively conducted by the Rev. J. Michael, M.A. Newman's "Lead, kindly light," and the hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," were reverently sung by a large congregation. The coffin was covered by a number of beautiful wreaths. The bearers were Messrs Bleakiron, J. Hall, F. Hall, and Wetheral. Amongst the many who followed to pay a last token of esteem were:—Mr. Wm. Atkinson (chairman of the Urban Council) Mr. Roberts, Mr. Joseph Vickers, Mrs. Blenkiron, Mrs. Wetheral, Miss Weatheral, Miss Bleakiron, Mrs. T. Hall, Miss N. Hall, Mrs. Cheesman, Miss Westgarth, Mr. Ridley, Miss Hall, Mrs. Macintyre, Miss Atkinson, Miss M. Ayton, Miss Head, Mr. Hall, Messrs Galloway, E. Shield, Geo. Fleming Cheesman, Pattison, A. Emerson J. Graham, Turnbull, Bell, George Lawson, W. C. Smith, Mrs. J. Tait, W. R. Teesdale, H. Ramsay (Crook), R. Dixon, Ellison, etc.

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VESTRY MEETINGS.

CONSETT PARISH CHURCH.

On Thursday night last the annual vestry meeting in connection with the Consett Parish Church was held in the Church Hall, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Croudace, who was supported by the curate (the Rev. J. P. Phair), the Churchwardens Mr. W. Aynsley, J.P., and Mr. T. I. Gledstone, and a large number of parishioners. The vestry clerk (Mr. Eales) read the minutes of the last vestry, which were confirmed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Mr. Aynsley submitted the annual statement of accounts, which had been duly audited. The receipts showed that the offertories for Church expenses amounted to £203 14s 4d, for Church Improvement Fund, £17 6s 3d, Durham Diocesan Fund, £5, National Society, £5 15s 6d, Church Missionary Society, £6 19s 5d, Church Sunday School, £9 18s 0d and Transvaal War Fund, £12 4s 0d. Subscriptions for the choir surplice account amounted to £31 15s 3d; and the proceeds of the parish tea for the Church Improvement Fund to £10 12s 6d, giving a total of £303 18s 5d. On the expenditure side the current expenses amounted to £174 18s 1d, repairs to building and furniture, £23 16s 9d, Church Improvement Fund, £83 18s 5d, Choir surplice account, £34 15s 7d, special purposes, including Durham Diocesan Fund, National Society, Church Missionary Society, Church Sunday School, and the Transvaal War Fund £37 7s 11d. These items, with the balance of £21 17s 1d brought down from Easter, 1899, gave a total of £376 13s 6d. There was thus a debit balance of £73 5s 3d, on combined accounts.

The Vicar pointed out that the total offertories amounted to £203, in round figures, and the Church expenses to £198, a difference of £5.

Mr. Powell said there was a large item for gas. Did that include the Church Hall?

The Vicar replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Powell said practically it amounted to £1 a week. He thought it could be considerably reduced by using the incandescent light. If they could reduce the cost by one half it would be a useful improvement.

The Vicar reminded Mr. Powell that the Church Hall was included in the Church accounts, and that added to the expense. At the same time Mr. Powell had rightly drawn their attention to the matter.

Mr. Pattrick said there was a large sum spent on hymn books, and he would like to know whether there was any profit from them.

The Vicar said there was an actual loss. They were lent out.

Mr. Gledstone pointed out that the amount was for "hymn books and music," so that only a small portion of the cost was due to hymn books. For music they had paid five guineas during the year. He read a detailed statement clearly showing how the item appeared on the accounts.

Mr. Powell then proposed that the accounts be accepted and passed.

Mr. Hyden seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Powell then gave a detailed statement of the Sunday School income and expenditure, showing that there was a balance of £3 6s, of which they had since used 17/3.

The accounts were passed.

THE CHURCHWARDENS.

The Vicar said the next item on the agenda was the nomination and election of churchwardens. He wished very heartily and very sincerely to thank both his own and the people's warden for the kindly help they had given him during the past year. They had been most ready and kind in their help, which, he could assure them, had been deeply appreciated. He had pleasure in re-nominating Mr. Wm. Aynsley as his warden again. (Applause.)

Mr. Powell proposed the re-election of Mr. Gledstone as people's warden.

Mr. Pattrick seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RURI-DECANAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Messrs Ainsworth, Aynsley, Gledstone, and Patterick were confirmed in their appointment as ruri-decanal representatives.

SIDESMEN.

The Vicar said that before they proceeded to elect the sidesmen he would like to say that last year they talked about enlarging the numbers. Personally he went against it, having just come into the parish, and therefore not feeling himself able to agree to an addition. Now, however, he thought it would be a wise step to increase the number. He was sorry they had lost one faithful member by death during the year. He referred to Mr. Milner, whose loss they keenly felt. He would like to propose that they enlarge the number of sidesmen from 12 to 16, thus making the number to be nominated by himself as eight, and a similar number to be elected by the vestry.

On the motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Aynsley, it was agreed that the number should be 16.

The sidesmen were then appointed as follows:—By the Vicar:—Messrs Geo. Dawson, W. Eales, G. T. Hyden, E. Lockey, Joseph Marshall, Geo. Pattrick, C. E. Oliver, and D. Jones.—By the Vestry:—Messrs J. Carruthers, F. Fraser, Wm. Nimmins, W. Overill, J. Oliver, W. Ward, W. Lee, and J. Kidd.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Vicar said there was a minute from the last vestry meeting with regard to the kneeling provision.

Mr. Ainsworth proposed that in view of the adverse balance the matter should stand over.

Mr. G. T. Hyden seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Mr. Powell suggested that the sidesmen should take up the question of lighting.

The Vicar said it was the duty of the vestry to go into the matter. Proceeding, he wished to convey his thanks to the choir, to Mr. Hyden and to Mr. Surtees, for the services they had rendered during the year. He felt and appreciated the kind help he had received from the members of the choir.

Mr. Pattrick said there was a unanimous feeling that the whole choir had improved.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members.

The Vicar said he was glad to hear that. He also wished to acknowledge the services of the Vestry Clerk and he announced that they would shortly have amongst them their late worker, Mr. Ross, whose assistance would be valued by all.

After discussing one or two minor matters the meeting terminated.

DIPTON.

On Thursday evening the 15th vestry meeting in connection with the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Dipton, was held in the vestry of the above church. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Twine) presided.

THE QUESTION OF A CURATE.

It will be remembered that at last year's vestry meeting it was decided to make an effort to secure an assistant curate for the parish. In connection with that matter the Vicar reported that a short time after the decision of that meeting he paid a visit to the Bishop at Auckland Castle with the view of ascertaining his feelings in the matter and seeing if there would be any probability of getting any help from the societies which sometimes helped in the providing of a stipend for a curate. The Bishop did not give them very much encouragement to hope for much help on the grounds that what monies were available for such purposes were already swallowed up in finding spiritual provision for the parishes with large populations. So that for the present that question would be considered dead, but he hoped that circumstances would so come about as to make the attainment of the object possible.

The terrier was next examined, found correct, and signed.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The Vicar said with respect to the work of the Church during the past year that he could only reecho his sentiments of last year as to the pleasant way in which the business work of the Church had been conducted. There had not been a wrong word of any description and everything had gone on in a most amicable manner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and the Vicar re-appointed Mr. T. Mordue, vicar's warden, and Mr. John Cooper, vicar's sidesman. For the office of people's warden there were two nominations. Mr. J. T. Robinson moved, and Mr. J. E. Davis seconded the appointment of Mr. W. Daglish, sen.

Mr. Mordue moved as an amendment, and Mr. W. Graham seconded the re-appointment of Mr. M. Southern.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried.

SIDESMEN.

The following eight gentlemen were appointed sidesmen.—Mr. W. Daglish, sen., Mr. W. Lambert, Mr. M. Bottoms, Mr. W. Graham, Dr. Compton, Mr. Geo. Dixon, Mr. J. T. Robinson, and Mr. Foster for East Castle.

PROPOSED CHURCH INSTITUTE.

The Vicar remarked that during the past fourteen or fifteen years he had got into disgrace for not having made the provision of a parish room a matter of first importance. He had been looking forward all those years to the provision of a parish room for various purposes, including recreation, mental improvement, and social intercourse. For himself he first of all wanted to see the church completed, which had now been done with the supply of an organ and the painting of the church. So far as he was concerned he had felt that the next important thing, failing a curate, was the provision of some room or institute for the well-being of the parishioners generally. The year had not been very favourable and still during the last two years in what they called slack times they would see by the balance-sheet that they had got money. At their choir supper in January he threw out hints that he would like the parishioners to raise £100 during the year, and he promised to raise another £100 from foreign sources. When the proposal was made eyelids were lifted up in amazement. Yet if they looked at the figures of the past it didn't seem to be anything to wonder at. In 1898 without any great effort at all they made £62 17s 5d, and last year £56, and he didn't think anyone during those years had felt themselves robbed in any shape or form. He looked forward to this year to attaining that object, and with the greatest confidence, because already without scarcely anybody knowing it the congregation had made £26 with no very great effort. The pie supper brought £11, and the Easter social on Wednesday evening was bound to clear £15. Among other things he proposed having a bazaar or sale of work next New Year, and in the meantime if they could devise any other scheme for raising something, well and good. He had an idea of having a gymkhana or cycle sports in the latter part of June, to raise a few pounds. As regarded his own effort he had already got the promises, and three or four cheques for certain amounts, and practically he had got half the amount he had promised to raise—(hear, hear)—in hand, so that they would see the money was coming in, and if any of them had over much he would be glad to relieve them of their burden. He had made an offer to Mrs. Chapman of £400 for the purchase of her house and shop for recreation and parish rooms, which had been accepted, and he purposed approaching Mr. Maddison, for a site at the back of Mrs. Chapman's house, on which to build a place suitable for a Sunday School or any other large gathering. If they approved of his action he would like them to move a resolution to that effect, so that he would be able to show the Bishop that he had the vestry meeting at his back.

Mr. Davis moved, and Mr. G. Lowan seconded, the motion approving the vicar's action, which on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. After some business of a private nature had been transacted the meeting terminated.

ST. AIDAN'S, BLACKHILL.

The annual vestry meeting took place on Tuesday night week, the Rev. T. J. Storey (vicar) presiding.—Mr. Ward Davison was nominated vicar's warden, and Mr. Dobson Gradon was appointed people's warden. The sidesmen elected were:—Messrs McFegran, W. McFegran Cameron, Edwards, Thompson Siddell, Wilkinson, W. Strachan, John Kirkup, and D. Ormerod; auditors Messrs C. F. Scott and Edwards. The church accounts showed a favourable balance.

BEAMISH.

At the annual Easter vestry meeting for the parish of St. Andrew's Beamish, the Rev. D. W. James (vicar) presiding, the financial statement showed a deficiency of over £5 for the year, several outstanding subscriptions not having been received. Major George Ridley was re-appointed vicar's warden and Mr. T. C. Frater was chosen as people's warden. The following sidesmen were elected.—Messrs C. Scott, T. C. Lumley, R. Bell, G. Harrison, R. Jameson, A. Parker, A. Ledger, J. Curry, J. Bates, jun., J. Ferguson, A. Atkinson, T. E. Crossling, W. Finlay, J. Curry, jun., D. Ledger, J. Brown, R. Walton and R. Curry.

TANFIELD.

On Monday evening the vestry meeting in connection with the Tanfield Parish Church was held in the vestry, the vicar, the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., presiding. There was a good attendance of parishioners. The churchwardens' accounts were passed as satisfactory, after which the vicar appointed Mr. W. A. Swallow vicar's warden, and Messrs R. Watson and J. Webb, sidesmen. For the office of people's warden there were two nominations, viz., Mr. Thos. Robinson and Mr. Thos. Hy. Smith, of Tanfield. On a vote being taken Mr Smith was elected by a majority of 11 votes to 4, whereupon Mr. Robinson demanded a poll, which will take place on Thursday first from four to seven p.m., the vicar being the returning officer.

WHICKHAM.

The usual Easter vestry meeting was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church, under the presidency of the Rector (the Rev. Arthur Allwork.) The accounts showed that the receipts for the year had been £148 17s 7d, whilst the expenditure was £140 15s 2d, leaving a balance in hand of £5 2s 5d. The Rector re-appointed Mr. Wm. Willis as his warden. Mr. Joseph Harbottle and Mr. Wm. Brown was appointed parishioner's wardens. Messrs W. H. Charlton, J. Atkinson, T. Nicholson, J. Turnbull, W. Walton, and N. Horn, were elected sidesmen. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

BLAYDON.

The annual vestry meeting of the Blaydon Parish Church was held in the vestry on Friday evening, the rector, the Rev. M. Greene, M.A., in the chair. There was a large attendance. The hon. clerk (Mr. Hy. Dalton) read the financial statement showing an income of nearly £200 for the year and leaving a balance in hand of £2 14s.—The Rector proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring churchwardens, sidesmen, and the hon. vestry clerk for their services during the past year. He said that the most cordial relationship existed between him and the officials, and that during the year the utmost harmony had prevailed in the congregation. He deeply regretted that that would be the last occasion on which he would have to preside over the vestry, but that he would have the satisfaction of leaving the church in perfect order and free from debt and all the organisations in a flourishing condition. The offertories for the past year exceeded by £30 those of any previous year.—This was seconded by the curate, the Rev. E. Picton, and carried unanimously.—The Rector appointed Mr. Joseph Fairbridge his churchwarden, and Mr. Robt. Bell was elected people's churchwarden. The Rector appointed Mr. W. Brunton, F. J. Bollorn, and A. E. Bewley his sidesmen. The five gentlemen having been appointed for the office of sidesmen for the people on a show of hands the Rector declared the following duly elected:—Messrs A. G. Taylor, R. T. Daws, and Wm. Sydney Jude.—Messrs R. Bell, R. T. Daws, C. Robson, C. Taylor, and others spoke of the deep regret which they felt at the departure of the rector. They regarded his and his family with great affection and would not readily forget the work he had done for so many years in their midst.—Mr. R. D. R. Greene was also thanked for his untiring labours amongst the young men of the parish, and Mrs. Greene was congratulated for the great success which had attended her efforts for the restoration of the church.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.

The vestry meeting was held in St. Cuthbert's School on Tuesday evening in Easter week. The accounts, which were presented by Mr John Collinson, churchwarden, were very satisfactory. There was a balance of over £14, but this will be very much reduced when an account for new cassocks for the choir boys comes in. The vicar (Canon Ross-Lewin) nominated Mr F. Priestman, J.P., as vicar's warden, and Mr John Collinson, manager of the North-Eastern Bank, Shotley Bridge, was elected warden for the parish. The following sidesmen were elected—Messrs P. M. Brutton, R. Hall, R. Harlow, W. H. Hooper, W. Kirsopp, R. Lowes, Lewis Priestman, M. Richley, J. Spraggon, J. H. Thirlwell, J. Twivey, and J. P. Walton, the auditors being Messrs M. Richley and T. Whinney. The lay representatives to the Ruri-decanal Conference are Messrs James Annandale, J.P., and F. Priestman, J.P.

EBCHESTER.

VESTRY MEETING.—In our report last week of the above meeting, it was stated that the rector (the Rev. J. G. Gibson) had given £5 for the purchase of land for churchyard extension. This amount should have read £50 for which very generous gift Mr. Gibson was awarded the unanimous thanks of those assembled at the vestry meeting.

WHICKHAM.

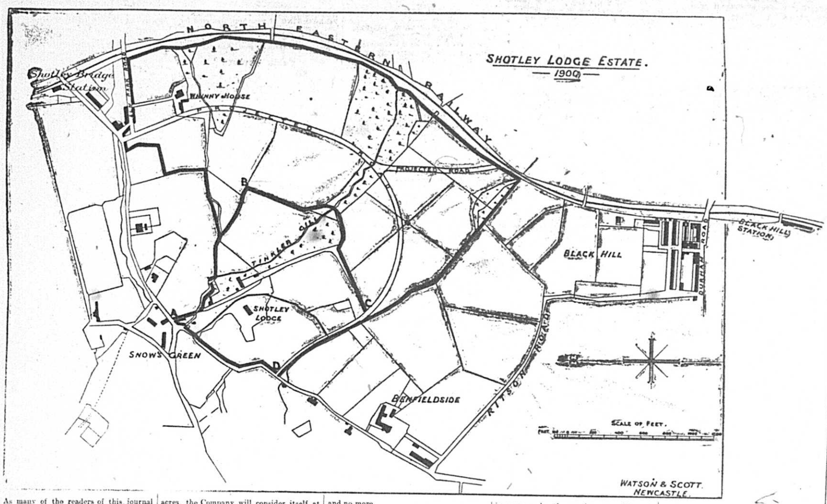
FUNERAL OF MRS. CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG. —On Saturday afternoon, amid many manifestatioins of regret, the remains of the late Mrs. Charlotte Armstrong were laid to rest in Whickham Churchyard. The deceased, who was only twenty-eight years of age, had by her kind and loving manner won hosts of friends, many of whom assembled on Saturday to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. As a Sunday School teacher she did good Christian work, and by her demise the Methodist denomination have lost a zealous worker. The mourners assembled at the residence of the deceased's father, where she had expired. The hymn, "Shall we meet beyond the river," was feelingly rendered, after which prayer was offered by Mr. John Cook, of Whickham. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Allwork (Rector of Whickham). The hymn "Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest," was sung at the graveside and not a few were moved to tears. The floral tributes were numerous and chaste and included a permanent wreath from the members of the Swalwell Methodist New Connexion Chapel.

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Public Offer of Small Freehold Estates between Blackhill and Shotley Bridge.



As many of the readers of this journal are no doubt aware there is in Newcastle an organisation known as the Northern Allotment Society, whose object is to procure its members land in large or small quantities, and upon the most advantageous terms.

The Society is not in any way connected with the Government nor has it set in motion any Acts of Parliament having a cognate object, but it is essentially a public institution, inasmuch as any person may become a member upon payment of a nominal subscription of one shilling per annum.

Its membership comprises some 800 persons resident mainly upon Tyneside, but drawn to some extent from the country at large. Under its auspices estates have been purchased at Whickham, Rowland's Gill, Stocksfield, Cleadon, Westerhope, East Denton, Gosforth, and Fenham, containing a total area of 994 acres or thereabouts, all of which has been divided amongst its members, either in the form of real estate or of shares in real estate.

The latest transaction in which the Society has engaged is one in which the residents of Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge will probably take a special interest, as it embraces the purchase of an estate in their own vicinity.

The property referred to is known as the Shotley Lodge Estate, including Whinney House Farm, the position of which is defined by the dotted lines upon the plan presented herewith.

Through the introduction of the Society, the Estate was recently purchased by a group of its members who afterwards formed themselves into a Limited Liability Company and have since sold some 33 acres of it comprised within the line marked A B C D A.

The remainder of the estate, consisting of some 90 acres is now in the hands of the Company, and upon its behalf it has been decided to adopt the somewhat novel expedient of offering it in its entirety to the public.

Upon reference to the plan it will be seen that this portion of the Estate is bounded on the east by the North-Eastern Railway Company's permanent way, on the north by Elm Park Road, on the west mainly by the 33 acres of land now severed from the Company's property, and on the south by land owned by other parties. At its nearest point it is 200 yards distant from Shotley Bridge Railway Station.

It consists of about 20 acres of woodland, 10 acres of arable, and 60 acres of grass land, and includes the farm house and buildings known as Whinney House.

It is to be said that 6 acres of this land is, according to the Secretary of the Lanchester Common Property Owners' Association, situated upon Lanchester Common and that this land abuts upon Elm Park Road. It is assessed upon £5 10s, and under the rate made on Oct. 16th, 1899, at 3d. in the £ is liable for a payment of 1s. 4½d.

The precise terms and conditions upon which the Company is prepared to surrender its property will form the subject of a contract between it and the eventual purchasers, but in the meantime it may be stated that the proposal will be submitted to the public upon the following basis.

The Company invites applications from **any person** for one or more acres of land, but applications for half or even quarter of an acre will be accommodated if practicable.

Applications will be taken at a public meeting to be held in the Small Hall, at the Town Hall, Consett, on May 9th, 1900, at 7 p.m., or they may be sent beforehand to the Secretary of the Shotley Lodge Estates Co., Ltd., at 48, Dean Street, Newcastle.

If the applications received before or at the meeting do not cover an area of 60 acres, the Company will consider itself at liberty to proceed no further with the proposal.

If the applications reach 60 acres but fall short of 90, the Company will become an applicant for the remainder upon the same terms and conditions as any other applicant.

If the applications exceed 90 acres, or rather the nett area available, which will be taken at 80 acres, the excess will be docked off those applicants, if any, who apply for more than one acre, or in the alternative a rateable reduction will be effected upon every application.

In the event of a quorum of applicants being formed, the Company would enter into a contract with them or some person acting on their behalf for the sale of their property to the purchasers at the rate of £100 (one hundred pounds) per acre, in which price the farm house, cottage, and range of outbuildings would be included as well as the growing timber.

So far as the purchasers are concerned this contract would be of a joint and several character, that is to say each purchaser would contract to purchase not merely his own lot, but in the event of the default of any or all of his colleagues their lots also.

Upon the face of it this appears a portentous risk for a man of limited resources to undertake, but it is of short duration and in every previous undertaking has proved a dead letter. It is, however, an unavoidable condition, as otherwise a section of the purchasers might default, and the remainder call upon the Company to sell them a fragment of its estate upon conditions intended to apply to a sale in its integrity.

This would place the Company in a dilemma, which the foregoing clause is designed to prevent.

The Company would undertake to construct the new estate roads marked "Projected Roads" upon the plan, and to supply and erect the necessary fencing alongside these roads and between each lot, charging each purchaser with the actual cost price of both road and fencing, reckoned in the case of the road by the length of his frontage thereon, multiplied by one-half of its width, and in the case of the fencing at the full cost of the roadside or non-party fences, but at half cost of any party fence.

If preferred, the Company would be prepared to state beforehand what these additional charges would amount to, and bind itself not to exceed them.

In any case it would undertake to construct the roads and fencing in accordance with a prescribed specification to be determined by the vendors after considering any representations thereon which the purchasers might have to put forward.

The Company would also be prepared to make arrangements for a water supply pipe, and probably a sewer, to be laid along the new estate roads, but the terms upon which this work would be done is a matter for future consideration.

Unless taken over by the Highway Authority, the future maintenance of the roads would devolve upon the purchasers, provision for which, as well as the maintenance of the fences, etc., would be duly made.

In addition to the contract between the vendors and purchasers, it is essential that a separate agreement be entered into between the various purchasers under which the conditions upon which the estate is to be allotted amongst them shall be determined.

In the preparation of this agreement the purchasers would be welcome to the guidance of the vendors' officials, and to the benefit of their experience in similar undertakings, but in the last resort the terms of the agreement would be settled by vote of the majority of the purchasers.

For this and any other purpose each purchaser would be entitled to one vote and no more.

The chief provisions in the agreement between the various purchasers would be those relating to the allotment of the estate amongst the respective purchasers, and to the restrictions placed upon its use afterwards.

It will be readily understood that whilst the average price of the ground is £100 per acre, its value per acre is not the same throughout.

It is therefore expedient, not to say necessary, to lay out the estate in lots of one acre each, or of whatever area is accepted as the lowest denominator, and to apportion the total cost price over the component lots, placing upon each one its particular value, regard being had to its position, nature of the soil, aspect, shape of ground, proximity to station, or any other considerations affecting its value.

This apportionment should be made by a competent and disinterested valuer, and his report placed within the reach of every purchaser. Purchasers who have no special knowledge of the value of land would then have the guidance of an experienced man, and would in that respect be placed upon terms of equality with each other.

Having obtained this apportionment it would then be necessary to allot the land to the various purchasers, and if each one agreed to take a given lot at the price marked upon it, so that no two purchasers wanted one and the same lot, the estate would be allotted accordingly and the total cost price realised.

If, however, there was overlapping, that is to say, if two or more purchasers insisted upon having one specific lot, it would be impossible to allot the estate by mutual agreement, and recourse must then be had to private competition.

This means that every lot would be put up for sale by private competition amongst the purchasers and knocked down to the highest bidder. No purchaser would be at liberty to bid below the par price placed upon the lot by the valuer so that under any circumstances the total cost price of the estate would be assured. Any premiums paid over and above the par prices would be spent upon common purposes, and any subsequent balance would be returned as a dividend to the purchasers according to the cost price of their holding. The last purchaser at the auction left unprovided with land would be obliged to take the last unsold lot at its par price, so that the realisation of every lot would be a foregone conclusion.

The restrictions imposed upon the use of the estate are of vital importance, and should arrest any objectionable development whilst allowing every owner the utmost freedom consistent with the interests and welfare of his neighbours.

To this end, the houses should be set back from the road a prescribed distance, say not less than 30 feet, the plans of any dwelling-house to be erected upon the estate should be subject to the approval of a majority of the owners with a view to preserving its general appearance; the number of pigs should be strictly limited, and the usual retinue of noxious and offensive institutions prohibited.

Whether or not the sale of intoxicating drink should be included in this category is a matter upon which the applicants will probably entertain a sharp division of opinion, but under any circumstances it would be prudent to retain the privilege in respect to one site only if retained at all.

Provision should be made for the erection of a public hall for educational or social purposes, and the vendors would dedicate half an acre of land to this object, free of cost, the premises, if and when erected, to be used without distinction of sect or party.

In the event of any stone or sand being found upon the estate before its allotment had taken place the vendors would further grant not more than half an acre of the land containing it, free of cost, to be used in common by the purchasers, subject always to any manorial rights there may be over the surface minerals.

The total area of land occupied by the new estate roads would be four to five acres, but the price of this land would not be reckoned in the cost of road-making, that is to say the vendors would present it free of cost to the extent of four acres.

The purchase money of £100 per acre would therefore be reckoned upon the net proprietary land, after deducting the sites of projected roads, public hall, quarries, etc.

Under any circumstances it may be taken for granted that the component lots forming the estate would be graded in value so that some would cost more than the average price, and some less, that is to say the best land might eventually be allotted at say £240 per acre, or 1s per yard, and the worst at £60 per acre, or 3d per yard.

Assuming, however, that an applicant went in for an acre of land at the average price, what, it will be asked, would its total cost amount to, and what assistance could he rely upon in obtaining the purchase money?

An acre of land contains 4,840 square yards, and at £100 per acre it would cost 5d per square yard or thereabouts, being about the same price as a yard of unbleached calico.

The cost of fencing this one acre of land and providing it with road frontage would depend upon its shape, but assuming that it was 161 yards deep by 30 yards road frontage, and adding the cost of an entrance gate, the charge for setting out the land, conveying it to the purchaser and other outlay incidental to the undertaking, a sum of £30 to £35 would be expended, making the total estimated cost say £135.

Not every one is initiated into the mysteries of obtaining money upon mortgage, and it may here be stated that the greater part of the money could be obtained upon loan against the security of the land itself, and that without incurring the conventional stigma of being in debt.

Whilst there are on the one hand numbers of people with scanty capital anxious to improve their position by their own enterprise, but without sufficient money at their command, there are on the other had plenty of people in a correlative position, co-operative societies being amongst the number, having more money than they can use, and therefore prepared, nay more or less eager to lend it out, provided always that the security is sound and the interest satisfactory.

It may therefore be taken for granted that three-fourths of the purchase money of land can usually be obtained upon mortgage at 5 per cent per annum interest, but that a less amount, say 2-3rds would be advanced at a lower rate of interest, say 4 per cent per annum.

In the case of an acre costing £135, the purchaser might reckon upon borrowing £100 at 5 per cent, thus leaving him to find the remaining £35 himself.

Here the question of time becomes an important consideration. The £35 is not required all at once.

The vendors would, upon executing their contract with the purchasers, require a deposit of 10 per cent of the purchase money only, which would represent a cash payment of £10 by an applicant for one acre. They might indeed in an exceptional case accept half that amount down and the remainder in say three months.

Not less than six months, but probably 12 would elapse before any more money would be required. In the meantime the vendors would be making headway with the new estate roads, fencing, water supply, sewers, etc., so that when the remainder of the purchase money became payable, the land would be in a habitable condition, ready for the purchasers' occupation. This interval would give the purchasers ample time to make their financial arrangements and get their plans of action cut and dried.

Whilst a purchaser would be under no obligation to build a dwelling-house upon his land it goes without saying that a full enjoyment and development of it cannot be obtained without.

In this connection it may be stated that a neat detached cottage was recently for sale at Rowland's Gill, built of brick, consisting of four rooms about 14ft. by 13ft. 4in., with scullery, outhouses, half-an-acre of land, fenced, water laid on, roads made, freehold, for £360, and it may be reckoned that the same accommodation could be obtained on Shotley Estate for the same figure. This means a rental, or rather an annual charge for interest, of £15 to £18, or say 6s to 7s per week.

Whilst the land is eminently adapted for residential purposes by reason of its commanding position and proximity to large centres of population whether by road or rail, it will no doubt occur to your readers that there are other ways in which it can be turned to profitable account.

Consett is probably fed with tomatoes, strawberries, potatoes, celery, and half-a-dozen other things imported from Newcastle that might just as reasonably be imported from Shotley, if not exported from Shotley to Newcastle.

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If the health of the people is the supreme law, and the recent declaration of Mr Cooper, R.A., aged 97, that his long life is to be attributed partly to residence in the country, then the present proposal has at least one vital advantage to offer.

Reference has been made to the possible provision of a sewer, but it would be well indeed for the health and wealth of the people concerned if John Ruskin's anathemas against the pollution of our rivers and streams could be laid to heart, and the Mosaic treatment adopted instead.

There are other considerations involved of a more or less vital and far-reaching character.

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Further information as to the proposal may be obtained at the meeting, but in the meantime any inquiries with reference to it may be addressed to the secretary of the Company, at the address already stated.

An inspection of the estate will, weather permitting, take place on Wednesday, 2nd May, and Saturday, 5th May, upon which occasions anybody and everybody having any interest in the proposal are invited to join.

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TANFIELD.

URBAN COUNCIL.—At the annual meeting of the Tanfield Urban Council held on Wednesday evening week, Coun. Wm. Holmes was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, on the motion of Coun. Braidford, jun., seconded by Coun. Rodham. Coun. Wm. Braidford, jun., seconded G den -o wi Caff ford, j jun., was elected to the vice-chair, on the motion of Coun. Pringle, seconded by Coun. Turnbull.

GREENSIDE.

SALE OF FARM STOCK.—Messrs R. March and Son, auctioneers, Houghton-by-Wylam, held a sale of surplus farm stock at Greenside on Friday. A small company was present, and the bidding was not marked by any great liveliness. Sheep were a slow trade, and little demand was experienced for any class while cattle were a moderate display, and difficult to cash. The numbers forward were:—60 sheep, 50 cattle, 2 pigs, 3 horses, implements, &c. A few lots of sheep and cattle did turn up. Prices:—Halfbred boggs, 35s to 39s; Cheviot ewes and lambs, to 26s; grazing steers and heifer, one or two years old, from £7 to £11; incalving cows and heifers, to £12; steer and heifer stirks, £3 17s 6d to £6 10s; horse cobs, to £15 5s. One and a half tons of Clark's maincrop seed potatoes realised £4 16s. Mr. John Swinburne's consignment of eight outlying grazing steers and heifers brought the top price of the sale, viz. £11, after some spirited competition.

LEADGATE.

DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD.—In our obituary columns we record the death of Mr. William Whittaker, who has been a resident in this locality for over 50 years. He was a native of Hexham, and came to Leadgate 50 years ago. He was in the employ of the Consett Iron Company, principally in the Foundry Department, until 1893, when, owing to failing health, he retired. His wife predeceased him 29 years. He was buried in the family burial ground at St. Ives, Leadgate, on Saturday afternoon. A large number of relatives and friends followed the remains to the grave. The following were some of those who attended the funeral:—Mr. Joseph Whittaker, Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. E. Whittaker, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. T. Reed, Stockerley; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kay, Derwent Cottages; Miss Whittaker, and Mr. Fred Whittaker, Delves Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Collinson, Consett; Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Garbutt, Leadgate; Mrs. Henderson, Mr. W. Robson, Derwent Cottages; Mr. Jos. Robson, Prudhoe; Mr. and Mrs. John Whittaker, Newcastle; Mr. Newton, Mrs. Wood, Newcastle, Mr. T. Collinson, Crook; Mr. G. Dodds, Waterhouses; Mrs. John Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Tow Law; Mrs. Elsdon, Greencroft, Mrs. Marrs, Consett; Mrs. Rogerson, Iveston; Mr. and Mrs. W. Grainger, Mrs. Lowdon, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Brown, Consett. The underbearers were Messrs R. Potts, G. Jackson, R. Applegarth, Wm. Wilkinson, J. Burnhope, and M. Speeding. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs Rawes and Co., Consett. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass mountings. Deceased leaves a large upgrown family to mourn their loss.

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DUNSTON.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—The man John Hepplewhite, who met with an accident on the railway near Dunston, as reported in our last issue, has since succumbed to his injuries. The remains of the deceased were interred in Dunston churchyard on Sunday.

LECTURE AND CONCERT.—On Monday evening the Dunston Lecture Hall was filled with a large audience to listen to Mr. J. H. Burrell lecture on "South Africa." The lecture, which was profusely illustrated with lantern views was much appreciated. The Sythe Concert Party were in attendance, and rendered a programme of music with much acceptance. The proceeds were in aid of the local Reservists' Fund.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Thursday night last Mr. Thomas Storey, auctioneer, Chester-le-Street, offered for sale at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, several lots of lease-hold property. The house known as "The Laurels," situate in Newcastle Road, containing eight rooms, together with all conveniences, was sold to Mr. A. Tait, for £385. Lot 2, comprising four leasehold houses, situate in Hedworth Street, containing three rooms, etc., was, after a spirited competition sold to Mr. Metcalf, of South Shields, for £425. Lot 3—Three copyhold houses located in Pine Street, containing three rooms, yards, w.c., etc., were withdrawn at £350, but we understand that these were subsequently sold for £336. Lot 4, being twelve £5, fully paid up shares in the Chester-le-Street Lighting Company were sold to Mr. Fitzpatrick for £8 12s 6d each. Lot 5—Ten shares in the same Company were sold to Mr. J. Mitchell and Mr. Wm. Clarke for £8 each. Mr. Fred Harle, Chester-le-Street, acted for the vendors.

WELDON'S PRACTICAL KNITTER (2d.).—No. 173 of this excellent guide furnishes explicit directions for knitting stockings and socks for ladies, gentlemen, and children.

WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL (3d.).—The May number of this magazine resembles the typical month for bright and fresh ideas with regard to styles for the coming summer toilettes. It is just now that the last remaining vestiges of winter habiliments are being discarded, and the gay butterflies of fashion spread their wings abroad equally so with their quieter sisters who prefer to be practical in the choice of their new robes and at the same time becoming. Among the many charming styles so profusely displayed in these pages, all tastes can be gratified. The cut-out pattern which is given away with the number, consists of the now so fashionable pleated skirt, and a lace bolero, with full directions for easily adapting it to drill or other washing fabrics. The usual coloured plate of summer novelties is given away, and the number is brimful with fashion designs from cover to cover, with practical directions how to cut out, fit, make, and trim; millinery, too, is attractively illustrated. Various matters necessarily claim a lady's attention other than dress, and an article giving useful hints on furnishing—after the spring cleaning—consistently finds a place in this issue; also cookery directions for making fancy puddings. A new occupation for a little spare time will be found in following the directions for making Brussels Braid Lace, and a perusal of the Boudoir Supplement story will pleasantly divert one's thoughts from minor considerations and worries.

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Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for the MARLEY HILL BRASS BAND SPORTS AND BRASS BAND CONTEST, to be held at Burnopfield, on June 30th, 1900. Prizes to the value of £30 will be given for Band Contest. 265h

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON
SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be Overlooked or not properly Cleaned, please notify the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,
572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

WESTWOOD PRIZE BAND CONTEST AND SPORTS.
THE ABOVE SPORTS will be held on Saturday, May 19th, 1900.
J. ELLISON, 40, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES INSTITUTE SPORTS.
SATURDAY, JUNE 9th, 1900.
120 Yards Foot Handicap, £20.—MR. JOHN CHARLTON, Victoria Garesfield, Handicapper. Quoiting, £3 17s 6d; Wrestling, £6; also other events.
529h GEO. SCOTT, Secretary.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Plants, Fruits, Flowers, Vegetables, &c., will be held on Saturday, the 25th August, 1900.
J. HEDWORTH COUPLAND,
296h Secretary.

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SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

	£	s.	d
Already acknowledged	2263	14	6
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ALL APPLICATIONS for Temporary Relief by the dependents of Soldiers (where the breadwinners are serving with the Colours) not already receiving Grants from Local Funds, should be made personally or by letter to Mr. J. B. Lazenby, Hon. Secretary, for the Petty Sessional Division of Lanchester, at his Office, Bank Chambers, Shotley Bridge.
The following information should be supplied with each Application:—*Name of Parish, Full Name of Soldier, Age, Married or Single, No. of Children, Wife, Mother, or Relatives, Dependent, Regiment, Regimental No., whether in Receipt of any, and if so what Relief or Government Allowance.* 446g

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	£	s.	d.
9th Donation from Surface Men at Malton Colliery, per Mr Ainsley	4	3	1
10th do do	4	3	11
11th do do	4	5	4
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	41	2	0
Previously acknowledged ..	134	18	5
Total up to date,	£149	0	5

J. D. PIERCY TAYLOR-SMITH,
559h Hon. Sec. and Treas.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.
FUND in aid of the Wives and Families of of Soldiers and Sailors serving with the Colours.
CONSETT DISTRICT.
CHAIRMAN:—COUN. WM. AYNSLEY, J. P., CONSETT.
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HON. SECRETARY:—MR. T. W. WELFORD, CLERK, CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

	£	s.	d
Amount acknowledged	649	3	6
Consett Iron Co's. Workmen, (7th contribution.)	34	0	0
	£683	3	6

568h T. L. GLEDSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT
HORSE PROCESSION
(Radius 5 miles.)
On Wednesday, May 9th, in a field adjoining the Cricket field, Burnopfield.
Following Prizes are given—
Class 1.—Pair of Horses in Rolley, 1st £2, 2nd 15s, 3rd 5s.
Class 2.—Single Horse in Coup Cart, 1st £1 10s, 2nd 12s 6d, 3rd 5s.
Class 3.—Single Horse in Spring Cart, Flat, or Rolley, 1st £2, 2nd 15s, 3rd 5s.
Class 4.—Pair of Horses in Plough Harness, 1st £1 5s, 2nd 10s, 3rd 5s.
5 Entries or no 3rd Prize.
Class 5.—Riding Horse, 1st £1, 2nd 10s, 3rd 5s.
Class 6.—Driving Class (open), for those who have never won a 1st Prize, Best Turn out, 1st £2, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s.
Class 7.—Pit Ponies, 1st 15s, 2nd 5s.
Trotting Handicap (open), 1st £3, 2nd £1 10s, 3rd 10s. Entrance 3s, must include height and last two performances.
Scamper Race, (open) Ponies 13 hands and under, (handicap) 1st £3, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s.
Consolation Scamper Race for Horses in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1st £1. Entrance fees 1s for 2nd and 3rd Prizes.
Entrance fee in each class 2s 6d, except as specified above.
A Magnificent Silver Cup valued 8 Guineas is given for Best Groomed Horse in the Classes.
Special Prizes for Decorations in each Class.
See Schedules.
Entries close Friday, May 4th, Saturday Morning Post in time. 528h

VICTORIA THEATRE, STANLEY,
Lessee and Manager .. MARK H. LINDON.
The Marvellous American Mystifiers—
THE STEENS,
Together with their Grand Variety Company will appear till Saturday Evening, April 28th.
Enormous Success. Stanley Audiences Mystified.
Next Week, commencing MONDAY, April 30th, and during the week,
MR. EDWIN RAMSDALE'S High-class Company will appear in—
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.
Prices and Time as usual

Public Notices.

NOTICE.
VISITORS TO SOUTH SHIELDS for Holidays or Week-end, will find Home Comforts, at reasonable charges, at
F. A. MACDONALD'S BOARDING HOUSE, OCEAN ROAD,
between Pollard and Baring Streets; Five minutes' walk to Public Parks, Baths, Pier and Sands. References: Messrs. J. and G. Gair, Annfield Plain; Levi Whitfield, Leadgate; and Geo. Toward, Castleside. 897g

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.
PRINCIPAL: MISS TAIT.
Next Term com. (D.V.) Monday April 30th.
Vacancy for one more Boarder.
PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

CROOKHALL READING ROOM.
THE COMMITTEE desire to tender their hearty Thanks to all who in any way helped towards the success of the TEA in aid of the Funds on April 19th.
585h T. W. HANSON, Hon. Sec.

STANLEY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.
GRAND EASTER PRIZE DRAWING.
NOTICE TO TICKET HOLDERS.
THE DRAW will be POSTPONED for one week, on account of some books to come in. HENRY FOTHERGILL, Fin. Sec.,
563h 16, Lucy St., Stanley A.F.C.

PARISH OF TANFIELD RESERVISTS' FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	84	10	6
Pickering Nook Social (Additional Subscription)		13	6
Hobson Colliery	2	8	6
Do.	2	8	9
Lintz Colliery	6	7	3
Burnopfield Concert	50	0	0
	£146	8	6

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THOROUGH-BRED STALLION
"PETERSFIELD."
The Property of THOMAS ELSDON, Dipton, will serve Mares at £2, and 2s. 6d. the Groom. "Petersfield," will stand at High Collierley Farm, Dipton. A Groom will be in attendance every night from 6 to 8. Terms: half of the fee at the end of the season, the other when proved in foal.
The Owner not liable for delay or accident. All applications to be made to T. ELSDON, Dipton, R.S.O. 457h

DALES PONY STALLION.
"MOOR COCK"
By "Yorkshire Hero," dam by "Blooming Heather," will stand at Crookley, Shotley Bridge, and serve a limited number of approved Mares at £1, payable on the 15th July. Groom's Fee 2s 6d at service.
MOOR COCK is a dark brown, with black points, 3 years old, stands about 14 hands high, has beautiful action, and is a splendid type of the Pure Dales Pony. 539h

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NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAINS.
Saturday, Apr. 28, from BLACKHILL at 11 40 a.m. for WEST HARTLEPOOL.
Wednesday, May 2, from CONSETT at 1 15 p.m. for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH.
Sunday, May 6, from BLACKHILL at 8 13 p.m. for LONDON, SOUTH OF ENGLAND, and the CONTINENT.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, Ap. 1900. General Manager.

Church Notices.

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1900.
Morning, 10·30 } REV. J. BISHOP.
Evening, 6 }
ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1900.
Morning 10·30 } REV. J. TAYLOR.
Evening 6 }
ALL SEATS FREE.

NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, CHOPWELL.
FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY.
WHIT MONDAY.
See Future Announcements. 526h

BAPTIST CHURCH, CONSETT.
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th.
Morning 10.30, PASTOR T. DURANT.
Afternoon, 2 } MR. L. LAING,
Evening, 6 } of Gateshead.
ALL SEATS FREE.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, STANLEY.
REV. S. CHADWICK,
of Leeds, will
PREACH AND LECTURE, in the above place, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd, 1900.
SERMONS in the afternoon at 3 p.m., after which a PUBLIC TEA will be held; tickets, 9d. each.
In the Evening MR. CHADWICK will Deliver his popular Lecture; Subject:—"THE MASTER KEY OF MODERN PROBLEMS."
Chair to be taken at 6.30, by
COUNCILLOR WM. BULMER, Tanfield Lea.
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THE GRAND
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On Thursday night only.
Special Attractions for Friday and Saturday night.
The Fountain will be illuminated on Saturday night.
Admission: Thursday night, sixpence, Children half-price; Friday and Saturday night threepence each. 555h

21ST ANNIVERSARY.
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLACKHILL.
SERVICES will be conducted
On SUNDAY, 6th MAY, 1900., by the
REV. A. H. DRYSDALE,
M.A., of Morpeth.
Morning at 10.30; Evening at 6 o'clock.
REV. J. SMYTH-WOOD,
M.A., of Sunderland, will preach in the above Church, at 2.30 p.m.
ON MONDAY, 7th MAY, 1900,
TEA will be provided in the Schoolroom, by the Ladies of the Congregation, same day, at 4 o'clock.
A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Church, same day at 7 o'clock.
REV. ALEX. BAILLIE, in the Chair.
ADDRESSES will be delivered by the REVS. J. SMYTH-WOOD, M.A., of Sunderland; RICHARD LEITCH, M.A., and ALEX. PHIMISTER, M.A., of Newcastle; and WM. STUART, M.A., B.D., of Wallsend.
Several Anthems will be rendered by Choir, and other music, vocal and instrumental.
SUPPER will be provided in Schoolroom, at 9 o'clock.
Tea 9d., Supper 9d. Tickets may be obtained in Blackhill, from Messrs. Andrew Trotter, Jacob Dowson, J. Sommerville, and at H. P. Tylers,' or of any of the Managers of the Congregation.
Proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

Musical Tuition.

MISS JACKS,
GIVES LESSONS on the PIANOFORTE and in THEORY of MUSIC. Terms on application, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill.

LESSONS given on the Pianoforte and Organ. Pupils prepared for Incorporated Society of Musicians Examination. Terms on application.—JAS. H. COCKBURN, 51, Park Road, Consett. 983c

MUSICAL TUITION.
LESSONS on Organ, Piano, and Theory of Music given by JOHN SURTEES, Organist, Consett Parish Church. Pupils may be prepared for examinations held by the Royal Academy, Royal College, and Incorporated Society of Musicians. Pianos thoroughly tuned, post cards attended to.—Address, 2, Cemetery Road, Blackhill. 921c

Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr. N. Elsdon.

Four Lane Ends, Castleside.
Wednesday May 2nd, 1900.
NATHAN ELSDON instructed by Mrs. Davison, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, as above, the whole of the STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, &c., as follows:—
Short-horned Cow, 6 weeks calved.
Pure-bred Jersey Cow, 4 weeks calved.
2 Half-bred Jersey Heifers, due October.
1 Half-bred Jersey Stirk, 16 months old.
3 Finger Calves (half-bred Jerseys).
7 Cheviot Ewes and followers.
2 Half-bred Ewes and followers.
2 Black Pet Lambs.
3 Bull Stirks, 6 months.
20 Hens and Dorking Cock, 2 Coup Carts, Turnip Cutter, Set Coup Cart Harness, 2 Barrel Churns, Anvil, Fencing Wire, Cart Ropes, Lady's Side Saddle, Gentleman's Riding Saddle, Hay Racks and Forks, Sheep Troughs, Grapes and Shovels, Cow Bands, Dog Kennel, Old Iron, Stirrups, Riding and Driving Bits and Reins, and a lot of Sundries.
FURNITURE.—High Chest Drawers, 2 Feather Beds, Rocking Chair, 3 Kitchen Chairs, Iron Bedstead and Mattress, 4 Forms, 2 Stools, Dressing Table and Glass, Fenders and Fire Irons, 2 Coal Scuttles, Ware, Pots, Pans, &c.
Sale to commence one o'clock prompt.
Offices: Delves Lane, Consett. 56th

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
MR. N. ELSDON, instructed by Mr. Jasper Cockburn, who is removing, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the whole of his Surplus FURNITURE, Shop Fixtures, Counters, Books, and Periodicals, Comprising: Cheffonier Desk Bed, Iron Bedstead and Mattress, Pass Tub and Staff, Sofa, Baskets, Fenders, Chairs, Carriage Lamps, Wringing Machine, Filter, Vinegar Barrel, Quarter Sheet, Carriage Apron, Bridle, Spurs, Books, including 4 volumes of the Imperial Journal, together with a large assortment of Dolls, Toys, and Fancy Goods, and a lot of Sundries too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at 2 o'clock.
Offices: Delves Lane, Consett.

Freemasons' Arms, Front Street, Consett.
Monday, April 30th, 1900.
MR. NATHAN ELSDON, honoured with instructions from Mr. Edward Wylam, who is leaving the Town, will SELL BY AUCTION, the following Valuable FURNITURE, HORSES, HARNESS, and TRAPS.
FURNITURE, &c.
Piano, in Walnut Frame, no worse than new; Chest of Drawers, 12 Smoke Chairs, 12 Bedroom Chairs, American Folding and Rocking Chairs, Refrigerator, Swing Glasses, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Wardrobe, Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses, Harp, 5 feet high, with Eagle on top, Vienna Regulator Clock, Violin, Violincello, European Sewing Machine, Desk Bed, Wringing Machine, Forms, Towel Rails, Crates, Dinner, Chamber, and other Ware, Decanters, Carbon Lights, Books, Tidys, Ash Pans, Pots, Pans, Fireirons, a quantity of Pictures, and other sundry lots too numerous to mention.
HORSES, TRAPS, AND HARNESS.
Brown Mare, 3 years old, a perfect model, will make good saddle and harness mare open to V.S. inspection.
Brown Mare, 7 years old, a well-known good Hack.
Whitechapel Trap, no worse than new; good useful Dog-cart; Snow Sledge; Set of Coup Cart and other Harness.
Sale at One o'clock prompt.
Sale Office: Delves Lane, Consett. 52h

SAMUEL WITHERS & Co., (successors to the Original Firm of George Withers and Sons), Established 1843 at Park Works, West Bromwich, have instructed
MR. N. ELSDON to SELL BY AUCTION, at the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday, the 7th of May, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon prompt, NINE GOLD MEDAL BENT STEEL SAFES, from 2 ft. to 3 ft. high, with single and double doors, and fitted with patent unpickable lever locks, with duplicate keys, cash drawers, loose shelves, and all latest improvements, etc.
Makers to Her Majesty's Board of Works; The Central Post Office Savings' Bank, London; Bank of Scotland, Motherwell; Munster Bank of Ireland; Lloyd's Banking Company; Man Bank, Isle of Man; His Grace the Duke of Sutherland; Bass & Co., Burton and Branches, and most of the Leading Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, etc., etc. Over 60 of these Safes supplied to Her Majesty's Post Offices since 1886, and to over 300 Parish Councils.
Catalogues now ready, and may be obtained from the Auctioneer, with Testimonials and further References. 52h

MOUNT PLEASANT HOTEL, CONSETT.
WEDNESDAY, May 9th, 1900.
MR. NATHAN ELSDON, honoured with instructions from Mrs. Anne Rodgers, will offer for Sale by Auction as above, all that WELL-BUILT HOUSE, situate and being No. 27, George Street. The House is well-built, and has a blocker front, contains Six Rooms, good Yard, and all out-door conveniences. Fuller particulars will be given at Sale, or any time by applying to Mrs. Rodgers, who will show intending purchasers through the House. The Auctioneer will be glad to give all the information he can.
JOHN McCARTAN,
Consett, Solicitor to the Vendor.
Sale Offices: Delves Lane, Consett. 58h

NATHAN ELSDON.
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.
OFFICES AND SALE ROOMS, DELVES LANE, CONSETT.
N. ELSDON wishes his friends and customers to know that he has the LARGEST AND BEST SALE ROOMS in the district and that he is prepared to STORE FURNITURE and all classes of goods FREE OF CHARGE, and Sell on Commission according to arrangement.
All Classes of Furniture or Property purchased outright for Cash, or sold by Auction.

By Mr. Jackson Green.

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART CO., LTD.
MONDAY, APRIL 30th, 1900.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER.
25 Fat Cattle, 100 Sheep, 6 Fat Lambs, 6 Pigs (10 weeks old), 6 Ponies from the Consett Iron Co., Ltd., 12 to 13 h.h., and from 5 to 7 years old, Strong Spring Cart, Shovels, Grapes, Lauders, Ropes, Patent Blocks, &c.
Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.
J. W. OSBORNE, Secretary,
572h 10a, Durham Road, Blackhill.

A SPECIAL SALE will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 12th, for Horses, Cattle, Sheep, &c. 57[illegible]

Satley Grange, near Tow Law.
17 Cattle—3 Horses—53 Ewes and Hoggs.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, acting upon instructions received from Mr. G. Wylie who is relinquishing the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION on Tuesday, May 1st, 1900.
FARMING STOCK.
Bay Harness Horse, 16.2 h.h., 7 years old, quiet and good worker. Black Polled Cow, due 3rd June. Roan Heifer Geld Red and White Cow, 6 weeks calved. 2 Heifer Stirks, 8 months old, 1 Blue Grey Heifer 4 months old. 4 Bullock Stirks, 8 months old. 2 Finger Calves. Young goat in kid, due June 5th.
IMPLEMENTS.—Mower in good order, fitted for double or single, Coup Cart, Shelvings, Corn Bin, New Scythe, Sheep Trough, Ladder, Set of Coup Cart Harness, Breaking tackle, Slasher and sundry other implements.
DAIRY UTENSILS.—Barrel Churn in good order, Scales and Weights, Bowls, Cream Pots and Syle.
POULTRY.—35 Young Hens and 2 Cockerels, 2 Ducks, 1 Drake.
BEES.—4 Strong Healthy Stocks of Bees, 1 New Well's Hive.
STOCK INCLUDED.—5 Mule Ewes and 10 Lambs, 30 Mule Gimmer Hoggs, 10 Cheviot Gimmer Hoggs, 8 B.F. Ewes and Mule lambs, 4 Heifer Stirks, 1 Bull Stirk, 8 months old.
TURNOUT.—Grey Pony 6 yr., 12 h. 3 in., sound, and a quiet good worker. Smart Governess Car, Set of Silver-mounted Harness.
Bay Mare (harness) 8 yr., 15 h. 2½ in., quiet and a good worker.
Bay Horse 6 years old, quiet, a good worker.
Two Incalving Heifers.
Sale at 2 o'clock.
Satley, Tow Law. 510h

MR. JACKSON GREEN
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, & COMMISSION AGENT.
Agricultural and Probate Valuations carefully made.
All Classes of Sales conducted on Reasonable Terms.
SALE OFFICE—
SATLEY, TOW LAW, R.S.O 807a

JOHN T. WESTON, JUN.,
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION AGENT.
SALE OFFICE—
CORNWALL HOUSE, ANNFIELD PLACE, ANNFIELD PLAIN, R.S.O.
Sales conducted with care, efficiency, and on the most reasonable terms. Correspondence and inquiries invited. Prompt settlements.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

FARM STOCK and other SALES by J. S. MURRAY.
April 28th.—Redwell Hills Farm Stock, Implements, and Furniture.
April 30th.—Royal Hotel, Blackhill. House of Seven Rooms at Summerhill.
May 5th.—Eddisbridge Farm Stock and Implements.
May 9th.—Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, Property.
May 25th.—Greencroft Grass Parks.
May 30th.—New Town Hall, Consett, £6,000 Stock Shotley Gas.
Freemason's Arms, Consett, 200 Shares N.E. Breweries. 560h

Redwell Hills, Leadgate.
Clearing out Sale of Mr Wm. Brown's Farm Stock, Implements, Dairy Utensils, Poultry, and Furniture.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY favoured with a Commission from Mr Wm. Brown, who is retiring, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the whole of his STOCK, FURNITURE, &c. as follows:—
1 Useful Farm Mare, 8 years old.
1 Horse, 5 years old.
1 Young Cow, due June 17th.
1 Geld Cow in milk.
1 Cow flush in milk.
1 Cow flush in milk.
2 S.H. Yearling Heifer Stirks.
2 S.H. 2 year old Heifer Stirks.
30 Head of Poultry.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.
Coup Cart, Long Cart, Spring Cart, One-horse Grass Cutter by Bamlett, Plough, Pair of Harrows, 2 Ladders, Set of Cart Gears, Set of Plough Gears, Dairy Utensils, Milk Bowls, Cream Mugs, Sile, Cans, Measures, Scales, &c., Plates, Dishes and Ware, Cutlery, Wheel Plough and Grubber, &c.
Stamp of Prime Hay.

FURNITURE.
Handsome Rosewood Press, Kitchen Press, Eight-days Case Clock, Timepiece, Handsome Mahogany Turnover Table with Massive Stalk, Kitchen Table, 2 Tea Tables, Chest of Drawers, 12 Chairs, 3 Meal Chests, Longsettle, Knife Box, Form, Stools, Coffee Mill, Carpet, Oil-cloth, Cocoa Matting, Hearthrugs, 2 Lamps, Hurricane Lamp, Fenders and Fire-irons, Swing Glass, Pictures, Ornaments, 3 Sets of China, Dishes, Crockery Ware, 2 Four-posted Bedsteads and Mattresses, 2 Feather Beds, Bolsters and Pillows, Large Linen Chest, a large amount of Bed Linen, Blankets, Sheets, Quilts, &c., many of them never been used.
The whole of the Stable Utensils, Gripes, Shovels, Pails, Buckets, Corn Boxes, &c.
Sale at 12 o'clock
With Implements, Cattle, Mare, Harness, Dairy Utensils, and Furniture in the above order.
Sale Office, Whitehall Lodge, Blackhill.

Summerhill, Shotley Bridge.
MR. J. S. MURRAY is instructed to offer for SALE BY AUCTION, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday, the 30th day of April, 1900, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, all that FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE and Premises, being No. 11, Summerhill Terrace, near Shotley Bridge, as the same is now in the occupation of Mr. J. A. Adamson. This house contains on the ground floor Two Sitting-rooms, Kitchen and Scullery, with Yard and usual Outbuildings at back, and on the first floor Four Bedrooms, large Bathroom, and w.c., is very pleasantly situated, and about one minute's walk from Shotley Bridge Railway Station.
The mines and minerals are reserved. For further particulars and application to view apply to the auctioneer, or to Messrs John G. Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley, solicitors, 42, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Consett. 561h

Edds Bridge.
MR. JOHN S. MURRAY favoured with instructions from Mr. W. Archer, who is leaving this Farm, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, May 5th, 1900, the whole of his Surplus STOCK not required on his new farm, viz:—
120 Mule Hoggs, full of Wool and condition, been fed on Hay and Corn all Winter.
30 Scotch Ewes and followers, by Leicester Tup.
2 Prime Leicester Tup Hoggs.

CATTLE.
2 Young Cows, time up or calved.
1 Geld Heifer.
2 Two-year-old Heifers.
1 Yearly Heifer.
All in forward condition.
3 Bullocks, rising 2 years old.
5 Bullock Stirks, 12 to 18 months.
5 Heifer Stirks.
Several Lots of Cattle and Sheep from neighbouring farms, including 8 outlying hay fed Two-year-old Heifers.
IMPLEMENTS.—Sheep Rack, new, by Ord and Maddison; Horse Hay Rake, Metal Roller, 2 Swing Ploughs, Turnip Chopper, 8 Sheep Troughs, 2 Pig Troughs, Pair of Cart Wheels, Pair of Cart Tyres, 4 Horse Swingle-trees, a lot of Scrap Iron, &c.
Sale at one o'clock.
Sale Office—White Hall Lodge, Blackhill.

JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY, THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, BLACKHILL.
Being done with the Auction Mart, is at liberty to take Sales of every description on any day of the week.
Appointed by his Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.
All Sales conducted with Care, Economy, and Quick Settlements.
WHITEHALL LODGE, BLACKHILL.

By Mr T. D. Dryden.
Town Hall, Consett.
MR. T. D. DRYDEN will SELL BY AUCTION, at an early date, a splendid lot of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to a gentleman going abroad. Particulars later.
T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, Consett. 571g

T. D. DRYDEN, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, 56, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

By Messrs Iveson.
LOW SPEN.
1 Mile from Rowland's Gill Station.
MESSRS IVESON, instructed by Mr. Albert Errington, will SELL BY AUCTION on Saturday April 28th, the whole of his VALUABLE FARM STOCK, viz:—
SHEEP.—19 H.B. Ewes and followers. 13 Young Mule Ewes and followers. Both lots sired by a Telfer Ram. 28 good Three-parts-bred Hoggs, mostly fat. 7 Fat Ewes.
CATTLE.—4 Fat Bullocks, 2 Geld Heifers, 3 years, fresh. 7 grazing Heifers, 2 years. 4 S.H. Bullocks, 2 years. 1 Bullock, 9 months.
DRAUGHT HORSES.—1 Bay Draught Mare, 9 years, 16.1 h.h., in foal to 'Blue Blood.' 1 Bay Draught Horse, 6 years, 16.3 h.h. 1 Bay Draught Horse, 4 years, 16.1 h.h. All good workers.
IMPLEMENTS.—2 Coup Carts, 1 Long Cart, Metal Roller, Wheel Plough, D.M.B Plough, Iron Harrows, Seed Harrows, Scrubber, Grubber, Grub Harrows, Scufflers, Turnip Drill (new), Combined Reaper (Samuelson); Hay Bogey, Cake Mill, Turnip Slicers and Cutter, Weigh Machine and Weights, Turnip and Corn Troughs, 2 Sheep Racks, Ladders, Sheep Nets, Hand Tools, Cart and Plough Gear for three horses, nearly new; Dogcart, Lamps, and Cushions.
Refreshments supplied by Mrs. Fairless, of High Spen.
The above Stock is of a useful class; the Sheep well-bred; the Cattle, good grazers. The Brood Mare a grand sort; the Six-year-old Horse powerful and active; the youngster full of promise, and shaping well in yokes.
SALE AT 1 O'CLOCK PROMPT.
TERMS—CASH.

By Mr John Crawford.
John Crawford's Salerooms, Victoria Street, Consett.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove and SELL BY AUCTION, at the above Rooms, on Monday first, April 30th, the CONTENTS of Two Well-furnished Houses. Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Mahogany Drawers, Suite in 9 Pieces, 2 Sideboards, Washstands, Dressing Tables, &c. Young Turkey Hen and Chickens.
Sale commence One o'clock. 574h.

Colliery Inn, Burnhope, 1½ miles from Annfield Plain and Lanchester Stations.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by E. J. Edgell, Esq., who is retiring from Business, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on Tuesday first, May 1st, the whole of his Surplus Household FURNITURE and BAR UTENSILS. Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Wire Mattresses, Flock Mattress, Tables, Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Night Commode, Dressing Tables, 2 Sets Dinner Ware, China, Cruets, Knives, Forks, Wringer, Oilcloth, Cocoa Matting, Forms, &c. Bar Utensils: Spirit Kegs, Drainer, Measures, Funnels, Sykes' Hydrometer complete, Glasses, Decanters, &c., Riding Saddle and Bridle, 3 Cur Dogs, Woodshed, other Lots too numerous to mention.
Sale commence prompt One o'clock. 575h

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge MEYNELL, to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 25 Victoria Street Consett.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Emigration Agent, will undertake AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and conducted in the best style. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYNELL, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act 1888. Office, Front Street, Dipton, by Lintz Green.

Public Notice.

PUBLIC OFFER
OF
FREEHOLD
LAND.

THE REMAINDER OF
SHOTLEY
LODGE
ESTATE,
CONTAINING 90 ACRES
Will be offered to the Public at a
PUBLIC
MEETING,
To be held at the
SMALL HALL,
attached to the
TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
ON
WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY,
1900, at 7.0 p.m.

THE CHAIR WILL BE TAKEN BY
MR. THOMAS SHOTTON
Of Shotley Bridge.

FULL PARTICULARS OF
THE CONDITIONS
UPON WHICH THE LAND IS OFFERED WILL BE FOUND IN A DESCRIPTIVE ARTICLE IN *THIS* WEEK'S GUARDIAN.

A PUBLIC
INSPECTION
OF THE ESTATE
WILL TAKE PLACE, ON
WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY,
1900, and
SATURDAY, 5th MAY,
1900.
MEET AT ELM PARK ROAD,
NEAR
SHOTLEY BRIDGE STATION
AT 3.30 p.m., BOTH DAYS.

THE ESTATE ABOUNDS IN
BEAUTIFUL
BUILDING SITES,
And is well adapted for
COW-KEEPING, MARKET GARDENING, FRUIT & FLOWER GROWING, POULTRY KEEPING, OR ACCOMODATION PURPOSES.

FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO THE PROPOSAL MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE
SHOTLEY
LODGE ESTATES CO.,
LIMITED,
48, DEAN STREET,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

Medomsley, Saturday, April 28th, 1900.
MR. W. ROBINSON instructed by the representatives of the late Mrs. Annie Hunter, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, the whole of her Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. For particulars see posters.
Sale Office 3, and 4, New Fines, Medomsley.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.
Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

April 27th, 1900.

"CONSETT GUARDIAN" FREE INSURANCE. £100.

WILL BE PAID to the legal representative of any man or woman (railway servants on duty excepted) who shall happen to meet with his or her death by an accident to the railway train in which he or she was travelling in any part of the United Kingdom on following conditions:—
1. That at the time of the accident the passenger in question had upon his or her person this coupon.
2. That prior to the accident the passenger in question had affixed his or her usual signature in the space provided below.
3. That notice of the accident be given to the Corporation guaranteeing this insurance within seven days of its occurrence.
4. That death result within one month from the date of the accident.
5. That no person can claim in respect of more than one of these coupons.
6. The insurance under this coupon holds good from Thursday 6 a.m., date of publication, to 6 a.m. of the following Thursday.

Signed ....

Address ....

The due fulfilment of this insurance is guaranteed by
THE CREDIT ASSURANCE AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LIMITED, 10, King William Street, London, E.C., to whom all communications should be made.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday.—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. ☞ DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, April 27th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Annual Meetings. This is the time of year when the various Councils — District and Parish — elect their chairman and vice-chairman for the ensuing twelve months. We find that in most instances those gentlemen who held these positions during the past year have been re-elected. This is the case at Consett, but the election did not pass off without a contest. Couns. Aynsley (the retiring chairman) and Hyden were proposed for the highest honours which it is in the power of the Council to bestow, and the result of the voting was that each gentleman had four supporters. In these circumstances Councillor Hyden magnanimously gave way, and Coun. Aynsley was re-elected. The latter intimated, however, that should he be with the members a twelvemonth hence—as we sincerely hope he will be—he would not again seek the honour. We trust that ere another annual meeting comes round the present chairman will have had his name permanently placed upon the list of J.P.'s for the Division. Coun. Aynsley is fully entitled to this distinction, and to us it seems passing strange that it has not before this been conferred upon him. Coun. Hyden was elected vice-chairman and we suppose that in the ordinary course of events the latter gentleman will succeed to the chairmanship next April. We have no doubt but that such a choice would meet with the approval of almost everybody in the town.

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A Novel Method. The Benfieldside Council adopt rather a novel method in the selection of their chairman. Every year a change is made, and the vice-chairman of the previous twelvemonths assumes the chairmanship. Although satisfactory from the standpoint of letting the honours go round the table, we are not altogether convinced that this system is a really good one, because just when a member has nicely mastered the responsibilities and duties attaching to the position, he receives notice to quit. We think it would be better to let the chairman remain in office two years; but then it might be urged that this would not give some of the members a fair chance of occupying the chair. Whilst expressing ourselves in this fashion, we might say that we are strongly opposed to the chairmanship becoming the monopoly of any individual member. At Benfieldside during the forthcoming year Coun. Heymer will preside over the deliberations of the Council, and we have not the slightest doubt but that he will prove a very capable chairman. Coun. G. J. Robinson is the gentleman singled out for distinction at the next annual meeting. At Annfield Plain, Lanchester, and Tanfield, no changes have been made. Coun. J. W. Taylor is admittedly one of the best business men in the district, and his re-election at Annfield Plain was unanimous. Another good man has been chosen as vice-chairman in the person of Coun. Storey. Coun. Logan's re-election at Lanchester was a foregone conclusion, as both on the District Council and Board of Guardians he has demonstrated his ability for the office in an unmistakable fashion. Coun. Holmes has proved a most acceptable chairman at Tanfield, and will preside for another twelvemonths.

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Lanchester Parish Council. The members of the Lanchester Parish Council found themselves in the position of having to appoint a new chairman, owing to the fact that Coun. J. R. Ritson (the late chairman) is just now engaged in more serious work than presiding over the meetings of the Council. "En passant" we may say that we wish the gallant officer much luck, and a safe return from South Africa. Under these circumstances it was a graceful act on the part of the Council to elect Mr J. R. Ritson's brother, Mr U. A. Ritson, jun.—who has just recently been placed on the Commission of the Peace—to the position. Of course, as vice-chairman, Mr A. Hartley had some claims to the honour, but we understand that he was wishful to forego these in favour of Mr Ritson. We were sorry to observe that a member of the Council went out of his way to make what must be termed an unjustifiable attack upon the Lanchester representative on the Rowland Wilkinson charity. We believe that Mr Brotherhood has always discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner, and the Council evidently thought the same, as they declined to elect as representative the nominee of the member referred to in place of Mr Brotherhood. Where blame is due we should be the last to attempt to shield anyone, but no charge can with any degree of truth be laid at the door of Mr Brotherhood. In our opinion the whole business savoured of bad taste, not to mention the somewhat un-English method of attacking a man who had no opportunity of replying to the accusations made against him. However, it is gratifying to note that the members of the Council declined to be led by the nose, and that they were not disposed to pass what practically amounted to a vote of censure upon the worthy master of the workhouse.

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Westwood Station. In another column will be found a letter from Mr. William Logan, in which that gentleman plainly sets forth the present exact state of affairs so far as the proposed Westwood station is concerned. Mr Logan at the outset appropriately points out that Mr Daniels is entitled to much praise for his efforts in this direction extending over a period of ten years, and goes on to say that in spite of all that has been done no great success has been met with. It seems that the Railway Company's objection is that, were a passenger station put down at Westwood, the Board of Trade would refuse to sanction its use on account of the very steep gradient at this part of the line. Mr Logan and Mr Palmer have evidently tested this matter, as the former gentleman says, "Our investigations showed the Railway Company had good reason for the statement." There would thus appear to be not much cause for hope; but the concluding portion of Mr Logan's letter is of a more encouraging nature, as we are informed that "something over a year ago the help of the Chairman and Directors of the Consett Iron Company was enlisted, and we have got a distinct step forward, and I hope I am not betraying any secret in saying that the engineers of the North-Eastern Railway Company are preparing plans to be submitted to the Board of Trade showing how wooden platforms could be erected on the existing gradients to admit of people getting in and out of trains. A place for the sale of tickets would also be erected." Mr. Logan says it is not expected that trains would be stopped at this platform every day, but it would, as he remarks, be a boon if some trains were stopped there every Saturday. The public are deeply indebted to Mr. Logan, not only for his statement of the existing condition of affairs, but also for the very great trouble he has taken to bring about this much-needed station at Westwood. It is to be hoped that the Board of Trade will favourably entertain the N.E.R. Company's scheme.

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An Ancient Church. A contemporary says:—"The parishioners of Blaydon and district will be interested in the church to which their rector, the Rev. Mr. Greene, is going in the early days of May. We refer to Norham Church, which is one of the oldest and richest, historically speaking, in this country. Much of the church is modern, but the visitor entering the old cathedral-looking structure cannot but be struck with the remnants of the age of ecclesiastical architecture. This is visible in the round headed arches, tall cylindrical columns, and fine chancel with its three shafted piers, its leper window, and the chancel lights. The latter are of the decorated period. The east end of the church formerly terminated in an apse, the commencement of which is still visible. The black oak fittings and reredos are from Durham Cathedral and behind the reredos is a piscina. In the modern tower is a bell with this inscription:—'Anthony Bartlet made me, 1670.' There are two canopied tombs, one very ancient, the other modern, to the memory of Dr. Gilly, author of the 'History of the Waldenses.' The Church dates from the same period as the castle, and it was built on the site of a former Saxon edifice. It was built by Bishop Flambard. Apart from its ecclesiastical interest, the church of St. Cuthbert has figured in a historical sense. On the 10th May, 1290, Edward I. sat on his throne in Norham Church and opened the conference summoned to consider the rival claims to the Scottish Crown by Baliol and Bruce. The Scots, during a siege of the castle, converted the church into a place of strength, and, in 1551, a treaty between England and Scotland was signed within its walls."

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Collierley School Board. On Tuesday evening, Mr. S. Swalwell, one of the members of the Collierley School Board, drew attention to a very important matter regarding the probationers. He alleged that some parents whose children are probationers with the Board were not allowed the time stated in the Education Code for study which the law demanded. This is a serious allegation to make, but we are inclined to think that the gentleman named has good grounds for making such a sweeping assertion, or he would never, one would think, commit himself to the dangers to which public men expose themselves. Whoever the offender or offenders are, it would be well for them to take timely warning, and prevent the recurrence of such undesirable and unpleasant circumstances. Young teachers who have to fight, generally, against great odds, should receive all the encouragement to study by those above them, and we think when the heads of the departments give the matter a little closer attention, they will agree that too much cannot be given to the pupil teachers.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

THE WILKINSON CHARITY.

Parish Councils as a rule are not prolific of much that is good. It must, however, be conceded that the Lanchester body is an active one. They take matters seriously and discuss subjects outside their own bounds in a manner which, at least, suggests downright earnestness. They take public life seriously too, and frequently they bungle, but perhaps that is more their misfortune than their fault. In the matter of the Rowland Wilkinson Charity in the "Parish of Lanchester and Satley" which was founded by will dated 20th April, 1674, and includes the charity formerly known as the Old Parish Stock, a discussion was raised at the annual meeting last week on the subject of the presentation of accounts. It was contended that Mr. Brotherhood, as the acting trustee, ought to have submitted a statement within fourteen days of the annual meeting. He did not do so, and in my opinion he was not compelled to do so. The administration of the Charity is clearly defined in the first clause of the scheme, which reads:—"From and after the day on which this scheme is approved and established by an order of the Charity Commissioners, the above-mentioned Charity and the endowment thereof specified in the schedule hereto, and all other endowments (if any) of the said Charity shall be administered and managed, subject to and in conformity with the provisions of this scheme, under the title of the Rowland Wilkinson Charity." Then as to the appointment of trustees the rule is clear. "Each appointment of a trustee shall be made for a term of four years at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body, or in case of need or doubt, according to rules made or approved by the Charity Commissioners. The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body." In going through the other provisions of the scheme I fail to find any reference to supplying the Parish Council with the accounts. I do, however, find that all proper accounts in relation to the Charity shall in each year be made out and certified in such a manner as the Charity Commissioners require. The Parish Councils Act uses the word "general" and not "annual" but even if it did say "annual" where is the Act which renders null and void the explicit terms of the first clause? "From and after the day" means, in my humble judgment, for all time from the date of the scheme unless and until Parliament legislates on the point. The Parish Councils Act is not a nullifying document, and generally speaking is hardly worth the paper it is written upon.

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THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

The sight of the Stanley Corps of Volunteers who marched through the streets of Dipton on Saturday evening re-kindled the desire, which has been slumbering in the breasts of some of the Dipton villagers for a considerable time, to form a volunteer corps for Dipton. As I have been repeatedly advised by my neighbours to ventilate the subject I have at last mustered sufficient courage to accede to that somewhat bold venture. Sergt. Lawson thinks a good rifle range might be secured on land belonging to Colonel Swinburn or the Marquis of Bute. In the first place it would be advisable to have a public meeting to test the feeling of the young men of the village. But I should like to hear their views on the subject before that course is adopted, and will be glad to receive letters from any who may have a desire to become a volunteer.

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THE NEW CHAIRMEN.

It seems somewhat remarkable in view of the complaints so frequently heard by Councillors and would-be-Councillors that the chairmen of District Councils have been so freely re-elected. I don't object to this method of re-election because chairmen of District Councils have magisterial duties cast upon them in a similar, though perhaps more limited manner, as Mayors of boroughs. They ought, therefore, to be trained and qualified for judicial as well as administrative duties. Mayors hold office in a magisterial sense for two years, and in the event of re-election for a year longer. In the case of a District Council chairman he ceases to be a magistrate when he ceases to be chairman. Very often, therefore, it happens that a man is just getting into harness when by caprice, or from some other cause, he is put on one side. His knowledge and experience are lost and a new comer has to be taught. For this reason I agree in re-elections, but I also agree in passing the honour around. The only proper way in which to do this is either to abolish the Bench sentiment or to permanently increase the magistracy. Magistrates for a year are of little or no assistance. There are many good men sitting on Councils at the present time who could take the chair for the honour and sake of the district they represent, but this wretched magistracy business is a stumbling block. Instead of being an encouragement it is really a drawback to municipal enthusiasm and progress.

Local and District News.

Consett.

READING AND RECREATION ROOMS.—At a committee meeting held on Tuesday night, Mr. Geo. Freek was elected caretaker and librarian in the place of Mr. J. Pescod, who has resigned the position.

DRUNKENNESS.—At the Consett Police Court on Monday, before Mr. W. Aynsley, Ann Clarke was convicted of drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Saturday night. She pleaded for mercy, and promised to leave the town at once, but her character induced the magistrate to pass upon her a sentence of seven days imprisonment.

DINNER AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL.—On Saturday night last Mr. W. Coulson, the new tenant of the Commercial Hotel, Consett, was called upon to show his catering capabilities and despite the fact of its being a busy night he and his good lady afforded the most ample provision for a large gathering of guests. The object of the dinner was somewhat informal; but ostensibly it was promoted by the Bricklayers Society who are reforming themselves into something like an organization. At the same time there was a desire to make the occasion a house warming, Mr. Coulson having just succeeded Mr. Redshaw in the tenancy. Mr. John Massey occupied the chair and Mr. W. Taylor Harwood the vice-chair. After partaking of a splendid repast the company settled themselves down to the enjoyment of a harmonious evening. The loyal and patriotic toasts were submitted and duly honoured, and other toasts included the trade of the district, and the host and hostess. During the course of the evening excellent songs were rendered by Mr. James Graham, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Joe Robinson, Mr. R. Walton (Secretary of the Bricklayers Society,) and Mr. James Wemyss, of Sunderland, whose reputation as a Tyneside comedian is so well-known. He greatly amused the company by his rendering of "The Rent Collector" and "The Gateshead Mashor." A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION.—There was a somewhat unusual but a very interesting gathering in the Consett Wesleyan School room on Monday afternoon. Mrs. T. Jones has for the long period of 50 years rendered aid to the Wesleyan cause and is still an energetic worker on behalf of Methodism. That her efforts have been appreciated was shown by the very spontaneous action of her sisters in the work, led by Mrs. Moir, in the promotion of a testimonial less intended to be regarded in an intrinsic sense than as a mark of esteem and goodwill. Prior to the presentation a tea was held, and after a substantial repast Mrs. Scott was voted to the chair, on the proposition of Mrs. Polkinghorne. Mrs. Scott said it was her pleasing duty to present to Mrs. Jones the testimonial, as a small token of their esteem and respect. When Mrs. Moir suggested the matter she had not to ask for a single subscription. They were not making a presentation to anyone leaving them, and they had therefore no cause for regret. They would, she was sure, all join in wishing Mrs. Jones every success and long life. She might say that she had had 40 years experience in Church work, and she had always found Mrs. Jones most faithful. She then presented to Mrs. Jones a case containing a pair of gold rimmed spectacles, obtained from Mr. J. Lowes. The case had upon it a plate bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mrs. T. Jones, for valuable services to the sewing meeting. By the ladies of Consett Wesleyan Church, 1900."—Mr. C. Davison, on behalf of Mrs. Jones suitably acknowledged the gift, and the proceedings were closed by the pronouncing of the benediction.

Burnopfield

On Easter Monday, at the Baking and Cooking Competition, London, the committee had great pleasure in presenting Miss Ann Walton, Beckenham, Kent, daughter of Mr. Thos. Walton, Burnopfield Colliery, with a beautiful gold watch. She took the first three prizes.

Blanchland

FARM SALE.—On Saturday Mr. T. D. Dryden, auctioneer, Consett, conducted a very successful sale of farm stock, implements, &c., at Bail Hill Farm, Blanchland. There was a good company present and all the lots were disposed of at very satisfactory prices.

Birtley

PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday evening an interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Dr. Longbottom, Birtley when Mr. G. A. Carpenter, solicitor, Durham, was made the recipient of a handsome marble clock, the gift of a few friends, on the occasion of his marriage.—Dr. Longbottom made the presentation in the course of a few well-chosen remarks. He congratulated the recipient upon the happy step which he was about to take, and expressed the hope that he would live long to enjoy the beautiful gift. Mr. McGregor also spoke of the esteem and high regard in which Mr. Carpenter was held by a large circle of friends.—Mr. Carpenter, who will take up his residence at Birtley, feelingly responded.

Catchgate

DEATH OF MRS RUTHERFORD.—On Saturday morning the death of Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Rutherford, wife of Mr. W. Rutherford, undertaker, of Victoria Terrace, Catchgate, took place at her residence after a short illness. Mrs. Rutherford, who was 52 years of age, took ill about the New Year, but had up to Good Friday partially recovered, but on that day she became seriously ill, although it was not expected at the time that her illness would prove fatal. However, the sad event occurred as stated above. On Tuesday afternoon her remains were interred in the Hare Law Cemetery in the presence of a large company of mourners and friends. Two beautiful wreaths were placed on the grave from Mr. John and Mrs. Rutherford, son and daughter-in-law, of Ferry Hill, and the members of the family. Mr. W. Cooper, Dipton, was the undertaker. The bidders were Messrs Errington and Cunningham and the underbearers, Messrs G. Cumberledge, J. Robinson, B. Hunter, and T. Reed. Amongst the mourners were Mr. W. Rutherford (husband), Mr. John Wm. Rutherford (son), Miss Hannah Elizabeth Rutherford (daughter), Mr. Richard Watson Rutherford (son), Miss Margaret Jane Rutherford (daughter), Mr. Thos. Kenmer Rutherford (son), Miss Mary Ellen Rutherford (daughter), Mr. Edmund Pearson Rutherford (son), Mr. Chas. Frederick Rutherford (son), Mr. Harold Turner Rutherford (son), Miss Catherine Anne Rutherford (daughter), Mr. Alfred Duncan Rutherford (son), Mr. and Mrs. Stewart (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Cummings (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs Errington (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Thos. Pearson, Mr. J. W. Pearson, Mr. John Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Rattler, Tyne Dock; Miss Elizabeth Annie Whitehead (niece), Mrs. Edmund Pearson, Mr. Alex Kenmer (cousin) and Mr. and Mrs. Cheeswood (nephew and niece), Benham. Amongst the general public were Mr. T. Robinson, Mr. W. Dobinson, Mr. W. Dawson, Mr. J. Moore, Mr. T. Pears, Coun. and Mrs. W. Down, Mrs. Swinburn, Mr. T. Bell, Mr. G. Bulmer, Mr. W. Pigg, Mr. Robson, Mr. J. French, Mrs. Smith, Mr. R. Ratcliffe, Mr. J. Ratcliffe, and others. The service in church and at the graveside were conducted by the vicar, the Rev. J. Gornall.

Chester-le-Street

METHODISM.—The opening services in connection with the new Primitive Methodist Chapel, at Red Rose Terrace, Chester-le-Street, were continued on Sunday, when the Rev. A. J. Campbell preached to large congregations morning and evening. The pulpit in the afternoon was occupied by Mr. B. Binney, who preached to a large congregation. The services were highly successful.

Castleside

SIXTY-ONE YEARS AN OVERSEER!—At the annual meeting of the ratepayers of Healeyfield Parish, at Castleside, on Thursday night, Mr. Thos. Raine was unanimously selected as chairman of the Parish Council for the current year, with Mr. T. C. Elliott as vice-chairman. Messrs E. Leybourne and W. J. Scott were re-appointed overseer of the poor. Mr. Scott remarking that Mr. Leybourne was now entering upon his 88th year, and this was the 61st year he had acted as overseer.

Shotley Bridge

Page three of this week's issue contains full particulars of a proposal for converting about 90 acres of land lying between Blackhill and Shotley Bridge into small freehold properties, varying in area from half-an-acre upwards. The proposal should prove of special interest to those residents in the locality who require land for residential purposes, poultry-keeping, fruit and flower growing, or as an investment.

READING ROOM INSTITUTE.—The Fortnightly Improvement Class held a meeting last Thursday, under the presidency of Mr. John Nixon, of Shotley Bridge. An interesting paper was read by Mr. P. Surtees, Consett on "Happy homes and how to make them." Mr. Surtees dealt chiefly with good sanitation and pleasant surroundings. The principal criticisms came from Messrs J. Bruce and Jas. Grant. A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent, votes of thanks concluding the proceedings.

Leadgate.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Wednesday morning, a married woman named Mrs. Heathwaite, 50 years of age, and residing in North Cross Street, Leadgate, died very suddenly. It seems that she had not been suffering from any illness or complaint.

DEATH OF MR. WM. BROWN.—One of the oldest and best known standards in the district passed away on Sunday last, in the person of Mr. William Brown, farmer Redwell Hills. What makes the circumstances all the more melancholy is the fact that deceased was retiring from farming, and was going to reside with his sister at Broomhill. The sale of his stock, implements, &c., was advertised for Saturday first. The late Mr. Brown, who was 79 years of age, may be said to have been connected with this district all his life. Some 50 years ago his father and the family removed from Broomhill to Redwell Hills. They had another farm at Iveston, which was looked after by the subject of our notice. About 30 years since deceased's father went to Ebchester, and the late Mr. Wm. Brown then came to manage the Redwell Hills farm, and has been there ever since. His wife predeceased him by about two years and he leaves two daughters, both of whom are married. The interment took place at St. Ives Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar (the Rev. Thos. Varley) officiating both in the church and at the graveside. Amongst the company present we noticed Mr. James Brown, Stanley (brother), Mr. Thos. Brown, Hangingstone (brother), Mrs. Smith, Broomhill (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hogan (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Milburn (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Thos. Foreman, Leadgate; Coun. Luke Nicholson, Leadgate; Mr. H. White, Pont Head Farm; Mr. A. Fewster Bradley; Mr. T. S. Longstaff, Leadgate; Mr. Ralph Calvert, Leadgate; Mr. D. Turner, Bradley Cottages; Mr. W. Cheesman, Castle Dean; Mr. Geo. Walton, Leadgate; Mr. Jas. Mewes Leadgate; Mr. Jas. Hogan, Leadgate; Mr. H. Wanless, sen., Leadgate; Mr. C. Atthey, Leadgate; Mr. J. Lummonby, Leadgate; and others. Mr. Jos. Slater, Leadgate acted as undertaker. We understand that Mr. Thomas Brown, of Hangingstone, will succeed his brother at Redwell Hills.

Lanchester.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—On Tuesday night there was a good audience in the Assembly Rooms, Lanchester, when a concert was given by Mr. Tom Holland and party, in aid of the Indian Famine Fund. In addition to Mr. Holland the party consisted of Miss Dawe, Miss Haw, Miss Bowstead, Miss Reynolds, Miss Robson, and Mr. Kyles. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. Wilkinson, in the absence of Councillor Storey, of Annfield Plain. A most interesting programme was submitted commencing with a choral fantasia as a part song, followed by a song by Miss Dawe, and a duet by Miss Haw and Mr. Holland. Miss Bowstead then gave "John Maynard" as a recitation, and Mr Kyles sang "For Queen and country." Songs followed by Miss Robson and Mr. Holland, and the first part of the programme was brought to a conclusion by the part song, "The girl behind the man behind the gun," entertainment was highly appreciated from the commencing part song, "Come where my love lies dreaming," to the last item "The girl behind the man behind the gun," by Mr. Kyles. The programme was a comparatively light one, but full of merit and worthy of the object for which the concert was held.

Medomsley.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.—This school is again to the fore in connection with the Durham Diocesan Examination of Pupil Teachers in Religious Knowledge, which took place on January 27th, when 412 pupil teachers and candidates on probation were examined. The results have just been published, and show made in various places, but all to no effect beth Pickering, all of Medomsley National Schools, have once more been awarded a first-class, with Archbishop's prize of books to the value of £2, £1 10s. and £1 respectively. Lily Moffitt occupies an exceptionally high position on the list of fourth year candidates, being placed second. This is extremely creditable to the teachers named, and must also be a source of gratification to those who have been responsible for their training.

Stanley.

FOOTBALL.—On Wednesday night a large number of spectators assembled at the Shield Row enclosure to witness the decision of an Alliance encounter between Stanley and Birtley. Throughout the whole of the game the home sters had the best of matters, and ran out winners by three goals to nil Robson (2), and Proudlock scored for Stanley.

MEETING OF BLACKSMITHS.—On Saturday evening a meeting of blacksmiths of Consett and district was held at the house of Mr. J. Watson, Shield Row Inn, near Stanley, for the purpose of considering the present position of trade. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wardhaugh, of Shotley Bridge. It was decided, after discussion, to further increase the prices of blacksmith work.

VISIT OF THE REV. S. CHADWICK.—This popular divine will visit Stanley on Wednesday first. He will preach in the Wesleyan Church in the afternoon, and in the evening deliver his popular lecture on "The Master Key of Modern Problems." Coun. W. Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea, will take the chair at 6.30, previous to which there will be a public tea. The visit of the rev. gentleman should be the means of drawing large audiences.

CRICKET CLUB.—As briefly stated in our last issue the members of the Stanley Cricket Club held a most successful smoking concert at the house of Mr. J. Watson, Royal Hotel, Stanley. The following gentlemen contributed songs, etc., in capital style:—Mr. G. Stewart, Mr. J. Ivy, Mr. E. Reay, Mr. T. Leighton, Mr. Hogarth, Mr. Miller, and others. Mr. J. Moody proved an able accompanist. The chair was occupied by Mr. Geo. Stewart, while Mr. T. C. Prater occupied the vice-chair. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.—On Saturday afternoon the members of the 4th V.B.D.L.I. (K. Company) participated in a route march under most favourable auspices. Capt. Crossling, and Lieut. Benson were in command. The Company, about seventy strong, headed by the Beamish Volunteer Band, left the headquarters (Albert Hall), about 3 o'clock, and proceeded thence to Oxhill, Annfield Plain, Catchgate, Hill Top, Dipton and Flint Hill. A halt was made at the last-named place where refreshments were handed round, and it is needless to say that this part of the programme was much appreciated. The Company afterwards re-assembled and directed their steps homeward passing through Tanfield Lea, and thence to Shield Row. Headquarters were reached about 7.30 p.m. A most enjoyable outing was spent.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—The management of this well-known local play-house are to be congratulated upon the excellent bill of fare which they have provided for patrons this week. The marvellous American mystifiers, "The Steens," and an excellent variety company comprise the programme, and one of sufficient attraction as to throng this popular house of amusement with crowded audiences. The performance given by the Messrs Steen is a truly remarkable one. Nothing supernatural is claimed; no mechanism is employed, and no third party. Those who mystify include Mr. and the Misses Steen. These two young ladies can read cards blindfold while they also can with equal ease inform anyone of the date when they were born and even to the hour of their birth. Hidden secrets are revealed, and thoughts told you before you utter them. They likewise indulge in a little "boxology," which completely mystifies the audience. A couple of boxes are procured, one being of sufficient size to hold the other. One of the young ladies are securely fastened in a loose sack, and afterwards placed in the box which is securely locked. The box is further fastened by means of cords. This box, with it's living contents is then placed inside another box of larger proportions, which is also locked and securely fastened. Both the boxes are then placed beneath a cover, and in less than twenty seconds the young lady makes good her exit, while her other sister takes her place. The performance is certainly a masterpiece, and one well worth seeing. Miss Kitty Lavinge (serio and dancer) gives a creditable performance, while Mr. W. H. Smart ably supplies the comic element. His songs are thoroughly up-to-date and exceedingly well-rendered. The great "Gillon" affords endless amusement with his wooden-headed family, who sing and crack jokes to the delectation of the audience. Prof. Woodhead, who is described as an American, Australian, and Anglo musical marvel, gives a skilful performance on a number of instruments simultaneously, which evokes hearty applause. Mdlle. D'Eston, a talented kaleidoscopic dancer comes in for a large share of the applause by her successful and clever exhibition. The programme is an excellent one, and will fully repay a visit. Next week "Little Red Riding Hood" is announced.

DRINK, DESPAIR, AND DEATH

SAD CASE AT BLACKHILL.

On the 5th of April Isabella Lovat, aged 32, widow of John Lovat, butcher, of Blackhill, disappeared from her home, and police notices were issued announcing the disappearance. Trains were searched and inquiries made in various places, but all to no effect until on Monday morning a youth named Oliver Twitchett saw the body in Taylor's Wood floating in water. He at once gave an alarm and the body was recovered. Some doubt was raised as to the cause of the death and at first there was suspicion attached to it, but as the facts were gradually brought out it became clear that it was a case of suicide.

The inquest was held at the Railway Hotel, Blackhill, on Tuesday morning, before Mr. Coroner Graham.

Hannah Gaughan, wife of Thomas Gaughan, foreman at the Steelworks, and residing at Blackhill, said deceased was her sister-in-law. She was the widow of witness' brother, who was a butcher. Deceased was 32 years last birthday. She had been addicted to drinking to excess for about twelve months. She also took laudanum and nitre. When in drink she had threatened to make away with herself. She was pretty well off. Witness was in the deceased's house on the 5th of April, the day she left and she was then suffering from the effects of drink. She said she was going to do something desperate, and talked of going to the Tin Mill Pond. Witness talked to her, and advised her to go for a walk. She submitted for a while, but suddenly she left carrying a small parcel, which looked like a three gill bottle.

Sarah Annie Williams, husband of a millwright, residing at 35, Derwent Street, said deceased called at her house the day she went away. She had apparently just left home, and was trembling very much.

Oliver Twitchett, aged 14 years, said he resided at 13 Alexander Street, Consett. About 11 o'clock on Monday morning he was gathering moss in Taylor's Wood, near Consett Grove. There was a small water course there. He saw the body of a woman, and went fo assistance.

Sergt. Tones said he went to the place from what he was told by the last witness, and found the body. He found a three gill bottle (produced), lying near the body. The bottle was empty, but smelled of whiskey. He subsequently found a purse containing 6/- and a gold scarf-pin. He noticed blood on her head, but it was dry, and did not show signs of ill-treatment.

The Coroner: Is there any reason to suppose that this woman has died from anything else than drowning?

Sergt. Tones: No, sir.

The Foreman was of opinion that it was due to exposure and intoxication.

The Coroner said he did not think there was any reason to suppose she had been done away with.

Jane Moss was then called, and briefly stated that she laid the deceased out and found no marks of violence. There was a scrape on the face but no cut.

The Coroner said he did not think it would be necessary to adjourn the inquiry. The absence of any mark of injury put an end to any suggestion of ill-usage. They had reliable evidence as to her having threatened to make away with herself, and only that day she had threatened to put herself into the Tin Mill Pond. Taking the whole circumstances into account he did not think they could doubt that she had been suffering from the effects of drink.

A verdict was then returned to the effect that she died from drowning influenced by excessive drinking.

WESLEYAN BAZAAR IN CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon a bazaar was opened in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, Middle Street, Consett, in support of the fund for clearing off the debt on the Church and schools. The original cost was £10,800, and it was hoped by means of the bazaar to raise £300 which would not only bring the debt to within a thousand pounds, but also enable them to claim the Connexional grant of £200 and promised subscriptions of a further £100. The bazaar was really a continuation of that which was held in September with, of course, a considerable addition of new goods supplied by the ladies who in this matter have taken a most praiseworthy part. Led by Mrs Polkinghorne, the devoted wife of a respected minister and the sister of a man who can boast of being as well known in a religious as he is in a legal and a political sense, the ladies of the Society have for some time past worked as willingly as they have diligently, but they had the satisfaction of finding their efforts rewarded. It was of course necessary to appeal to the male sex and Mr. Polkinghorne found ready aid from Mr. T. Foster and Mr. T. Heslop, who performed the secretarial duties cheerfully and efficiently. The hall presented a business like as well as a gay appearance. Something of a departure was made, inasmuch as only one large central stall was erected, and the ladies attending formed themselves into a sort of round robin, and in a congenial way they transacted profitable business.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. R. G. Barclay, of Shotley Bridge, who was accompanied on the platform by Mr. Barclay, the Rev. J. H. Polkinghorne, the Rev. J. Bishop, the Rev. T. Durant, Mr. Egbert Atherley-Jones, the Misses Barclay, and others.

The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, after devotional exercises said they had reason to be grateful for the fine weather with which they were favoured. They were pleased and delighted to have with them Mrs. Barclay, who was known to all of them. They were fortunate in securing her presence, and also that of her husband, whom they were pleased to see with them. That, he believed, was the eighth bazaar held in the circuit since he came last September, but whether it was to be the last or not he could not say. (Laughter.) Their effort that day was, however, the first bazaar this year. They were taking part in a great work, for Wesleyans were building a church, schoolroom, or manse, for every day in the year, and their invested money amounted to between 30 and 40 millions. He had received a number of letters of apology from members of other denominations who were unable to attend. He then called upon Mrs. Barclay to open the bazaar.

Mrs. Barclay, who was heartily applauded said it gave her great pleasure to be with them that day. She thanked them for the honour they had done her in asking her to open the bazaar. Like all Methodist efforts she was sure it would be a success. She had been told that she was a good speaker at home, but when in public she found it a different matter. (Laughter.) She was delighted to see Mr. J. W. Davison with them that day, and hoped he would be a party to a successful bazaar. Although she was not a Weslyan herself, she always took a lively interest in the work. She understood they were wishful to raise £500, and from what she knew of the Wesleyans she thought they would do that quite easily. It afforded her great pleasure to declare the bazaar open. (Applause.)

Coun. Lowes moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Barclay for the willing and ready manner in which she had come forward to assist them.

Mr. Davison seconded the motion, and said he was very glad to see Mrs. Barclay there. He trusted the bazaar would be a great success. He remembered one bazaar they had where they hoped to raise £700 and they sold every article except one, which was a picture upon which there was a set price. As the price was not realised the picture was not sold but he believed it now adorned their minister's house.

The vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation.

Mr. Barclay replied on behalf of Mrs. Barclay, and assured them that it was always a great pleasure to his wife to do what she could in assisting efforts of that kind. To whatever Society they belonged let them do their best. (Applause.) He was at a Society of Friends' foundation ceremony in York a month or two ago, and he was amazed to find that the hat was not sent round. The amount had already been raised. A friend of his remarked "You are infants in raising money." There was some truth in the remark, but to whatever Society they belonged let them do their best and strive to pull together. (Applause.)

The sale was then proceeded with.

During the evening a concert was given by the Church choir under the leadership of Mr. Lowrie, the programme consisting of instrumental as well vocal music. A further attraction was a ventriloquial entertainment by Prof. Kipling, of South Moor, whose efforts were greatly appreciated. There was a large attendance during the afternoon and evening, and the handsome sum of £185 was realised by the day's proceedings.

It has been decided to continue the Bazaar over Friday and Saturday nights, to be opened each night at six o'clock. The admission tonight will be sixpence (children half-price), and on Friday and Saturday nights threepence each. Special attractions will be provided.

CRICKET.

MEDOMSLEY 1st XI. v. CRAGHEAD 1st.

To be played at Medomsley.

MEDOMSLEY (chosen from)—Rev. A. C. Blunt (capt.), T. Walton, R. Cant, W. Cant, R. Charlton, R. Campbell, T. D. Dales, M. Palmer, W. Lovat, A. Whiteley, J. Robinson, and J. R. Lowes.

MEDOMSLEY 2nd v. CRAGHEAD 2nd.

To be played at Craghead.

MEDOMSLEY (chosen from)—M. Walton (capt.), J. Hetherington, E. Wilson, S. Wheatley, W. Wheatley, W. Brown, W. G. Thompson, W. Thomson, T. Parker, R. Parker, Jos. Walton, T. Hunter.

Late Advertisements

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CHOPWELL NEW SCHOOLS

SOD-CUTTING CEREMONY.

On Wednesday afternoon, the first sod of the site for the new schools was cut by the Chairman of the Chopwell School Board in the presence of Mr. W. Richardson (vice-chairman), the Rev. G. D'Eath members of the School Board, Mr. W. H. Ord (Clerk to the Chopwell School Board), Messrs. Oswald, architects (Newcastle), Mr. W. Allen (Chopwell), Mr. W. Archer (Victoria Garesfield), Mr. A. Smith (Garesfield), Mr. A. Eltringham (Spen), Mr. R. Noble (Spen), Mr. J. Eltringham (Chopwell), Mr. W. Hunter (Attendance Officer), Mr. J. C. Gordon, Mr. J. Cheesmond, Mr. T. Coulson (Spen), Mr. Criddle, jun. (Newcastle), and others.

After the performance of this brief ceremony Mr. Richardson invited the company to partake of luncheon provided at his expense at the Chopwell Hotel. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and after an excellent repast had been fully enjoyed, Mr. Richardson proposed the toast to "The Queen." In doing so he hoped they would all enjoy themselves. There was no programme arranged so that they would have to make it a sort of "free and easy," and speak as they felt inclined. (Laughter.)

Mr. Gilchrist next rose and proposed the toast of the afternoon, viz., "The Chairman"—Mr. Richardson. To that gentleman he was very greatly indebted for his very kind invitation. They were very pleased to be his guests. He had been associated with the Chopwell School Board since its commencement, and had been vice-chairman for the last three years. Mr. Richardson had taken a great interest in all School Board matters and especially the erection of the new schools, and thought it a fitting opportunity to have a re-union on the occasion of the cutting of the first sod in connection with the new schools. The new schools had been a matter of negotiations for some years, and although some friends had said they ought to have been built sooner, it had been impossible, because the Education Department could not sanction the proposal for three years. Having had the choice of the site three years ago, it was considered advisable to secure it, as it was central for the Blackhall Mill and Milkwell Burn district; and all who had seen the site would agree that it was a convenient one. The second reason why it was impossible to build any sooner was they had no large rateable value. At the present moment the School Board alone would be in debt between £15,000 and £16,000—practically more than the rateable value of the district. The idea of the School Board, now that they had practically commenced with the school, was that the infants department should have first attention, and that part would be completed before the whole block of buildings was finished. The need for accommodation for the infants was much greater than that of the older children, who would have to go a little longer to Chopwell. He asked them to heartily thank Mr. Richardson and long might he live to be a member of the Chopwell School Board. (Hear, hear.) He had survived three contests, and was well able to survive another. (Laughter.) He asked them to drink Mr. Richardson's health for having entertained them so royally that day.

Mr. Richardson, in responding, thanked them for having drank to his health. He was proud to see them all present, although they were not all present who had received invitations. He had hardly fulfilled the Scriptures like the man whom they read of having made a great feast and of having told his servants to go into the highways and hedges and compel them to go in. Mr. Gilchrist had said he had been a member of the Board since its infancy, but he did not know how it would be next time. They were all aware he was the son of a poor workingman. He commenced work before he was nine years of age, and travelled from Greenside to the Emma Pit, where he worked for 9d a day. He was pleased things had changed. He had seen the time when the boys were carried on their fathers' backs to and from work. People now would hardly believe such statements, but they were quite true. He hoped they would enjoy themselves as best they could.

The health of the present Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ord), Mr. J. M. L. Criddle (the late Clerk to the Board), the Architects (Messrs. Oswald), the Contractors (Messrs. Turner), the Rev. G. D'Eath, and the school masters under the Board were also drank and responded to, after which the evening was spent in harmony.

FOOTBALL.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Table up to Saturday, April 21st.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agt	Pts
Annfield Plain R.	17	9	4	4	45	37	22
Byer Moor	15	9	3	3	42	17	21
Hamsterley	16	10	5	1	48	32	21
Lintz Rovers	16	8	5	3	46	32	19
Leadgate Park R.	17	7	6	4	38	29	18
Tantobie	14	6	4	4	38	25	16
Burnhope	15	7	7	1	31	36	15
Consett Swifts R.	18	5	9	4	23	48	14
Blckhill St Cuths	17	4	10	3	18	36	11
Tanfield Lea	17	4	10	3	25	47	11
Marley Hill	16	3	9	4	18	32	10

WM. PAYNE, Secretary.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.
1st DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Leadgate Park Juniors	10	8	2	0	39	15	16
Catchgate Lilywhites	9	6	3	0	25	18	12
Consett United	9	5	2	3	21	14	11
Consett Shamrocks	8	3	2	4	15	19	10
Blackhill St. Cuthbert's	9	2	5	2	15	23	6
Allendale White Star	10	3	7	0	23	34	6
Stanley Athletic	9	0	9	0	8	33	0

2nd DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Leadgate Exiles	8	7	1	0	34	5	14
Hobson United	10	6	3	1	34	13	13
Catchgate Reserve	9	4	2	3	28	14	11
Leadgate Athletic	9	3	5	1	8	22	7
St. Cuthbert's Juniors	6	2	3	1	13	14	5

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

LEADGATE PARK v. JARROW.

The Durham Cup-holders visit Leadgate on Saturday to play their return Alliance fixture with the Park. As the latter drew at Jarrow there should be a rare game.

LEADGATE PARK.—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, J. Laidler and G. Temple; half-backs, P. Daly, R. Wilson, and J. Bowes; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, Joe Layton, G. Forster, and A. Lowe. Kick-off at 3.45.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

TANTOBIE v. BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

At Tantobie.

BLACKHILL:—Goal, Johnson; backs, J. G. Robinson and Wilkinson; half-backs, Redshaw, Mathieson, and Rogers; forwards, Walton, Robson, Smith, Higgins, and Lumley. Brake leaves headquarters at 2 o'clock.

HAMSTERLEY.

HAMSTERLEY GRASS PARKS LET.—On Wednesday, Mr. J. S. Murray let these parks. A Large company assembled, although, owing to the late cold spring, there was not much gress. The let on the whole was equal to last year, many of the old hands again being takers.

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THE DESECRATION OF GOOD FRIDAY

OBSERVATIONS BY A SWALWELL MINISTER.

Preaching at Swalwell Church on Sunday week, Mr. Rust referred to the fact that of the five places of worship in the village there were services at only one on the Good Friday, and those very poorly attended. Except those dozen or two the remaining 3,900 people of Swalwell spent the day in secular employment, or, worse still, in secular pleasure. What reasons, if any, were there for this desecration of the day? There were those apparently who doubted that it was in any sense a real anniversary of the event—that it was, in fact, an arbitrary day chosen by the Church. That was not so. Although Good Friday sometimes varied by two or three weeks from the real anniversary, yet most often it approximated very near to it, as this year, when the 14th Nisan (the day of our Lord's crucifixion) fell actually upon the 14th of April. It was not possible, of course, to keep the anniversary apart from the proper day of the week (Friday), but allowing for that, Good Friday generally fell very near to the anniversary of the event which it recorded. Again, there were some people who neglected the day because they had been brought up as Dissenters. But why should they? Three out of the four dissenting sects in the village looked to John Wesley as their founder—the Wesleyans, the Primitive Methodists, and the New Connexion Methodists. Did John Wesley ever neglect or desecrate this holy day? Of the whole 55 years recorded in his diary, could they point to a single year when he had spent Good Friday other than the Church of England desired it to be spent? The speaker read several extracts from the diary recording John Wesley's attendance at the services of the Church of England on God Friday, and his reverent appreciation of them. Again, possibly there were some in the village who disregarded Good Friday as Puritans. But there were no consistent Puritans to be found in the present day. The consistent Puritan would as much abhor magic-lanterns or teas, whether on Good Friday or Sunday, as he would conformity with the Established Church in the matter of Good Friday observances. The real reason for the desecration of Good Friday, the speaker believed, was one that few christians dare acknowledge, namely that of concession to the world—a concession which once made could only lead to further demands on the part of the so-called christians, with the most grievious results. In conclusion, the speaker asked those who had perhaps heedlessly, and without thought, profaned the day, as the anniversary came round again to seek a reason whereby they might justify their contempt and disregard of that day, and if they could find no such reason, then to keep it reverently and solemnly, as befitted the anniversary of the atoning death of Christ.

Healeyfield Parish Council

The annual meeting of the members of this Council was held in the Board Schools Castleside, on Thursday evening last,—Mr. M. Anderson presiding. The other members present were—Messrs T. C. Elliott, J. W. Golightly T. Raine, R. Johnson, A. Richardson, J. Ripley, and the Clerk (Mr. W. J. Scott.)

VOTE OF THANKS.

At the outset Coun. Elliott moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Anderson, for his services as chairman of the Council during the past year.

Coun. Golightly seconded the motion which was unanimously carried, and Mr. Anderson suitably responded.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Coun. Richardson moved that Coun. T. Raine be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Coun. Johnson seconded the motion.

Coun. Raine stated that, as he would not be able to attend all the meeting of the Council, he would rather not accept the honour.

However, the motion was unanimously carried, and Coun. Raine thereupon took the chair.

On the motion of Coun. Ripley, seconded by Coun. Johnson, Coun. Elliott was elected vice-chairman.

The overseers, Messrs E. Leybourne and W. J. Scott, were re-elected on the motion of Coun. Richardson, seconded by Coun. Elliott.

THE DROVER ROAD.

The Clerk read a letter from the Lanchester Rural Council stating that, if the Surveyor thought it necessary the soil would be removed from the footpath on the Drover Road.

The meeting terminated shortly after.

MESSRS GEO. NEWNES PUBLICATIONS.

From Messrs George Newnes, Ltd., London, we have received a batch of their monthly publications for April, including "The Sunday Strand Magazine," the principal contents of which include Ian Maclaren's "Life of Christ" which will be complete in twelve instalments. "The Queen in her religious life," by Sarah A. Tooley; Mr. Frederick Dolman's sketch on "The Bishop of Hereford and Mrs. Percival," "The Boers as others see them," their religious peculiarities, by Rev. James Stalker, D.D. and stories of Sir Walter Besant, Mrs. L. T. Meade, Alfred B. Cooper, etc. Part V of Mrs. Bishop's interesting book "Unbeaten Tracks in Japan" fully repays the reader for his study. "The Strand Magazine."—Amongst the large number of monthly magazines this production retains its pre-eminence. The articles are fresh, varied, and interesting all of them copiously illustrated; and being printed on good paper with clear readable type, will command a ready sale. The contents are of such a uniform high quality that we would rather direct our readers to the magazine itself than specify any of them. From the same office is published "The Wide World Magazine," which has this month an extraordinary personal narative, "Our Johnstown Honeymoon." There are thrilling adventures drawn from all quarters of the globe, accompanied by illustrations of uncommon excellence. "The Captain" is about the best and safest book for boys published; both young and old may enjoy themselves in perusing its pages. Part 16 of the volume of "The Arabian Nights" is published this month, and will be completed in 20 parts. "The Royal Atlas of England and Wales," when completed, will place in the hands of those who care to know their own country well the best possible medium for attaining that end.

"THE NATIONAL REVIEW" for April contains the following articles:—The Coming Settlement (by "Caloniensis"); Episodes of the month; First Lessons of the War, a blow to Germany (by H. W. Wilson, author of "Ironclads in Action"); A Voice from the Veldt (by the Hon. George Peel); John Ruskin (by Leslie Stephen); The Ethics of Editing (by H. W. Massingham); American Affairs (by A. Morris); Inaccurate History (by Lieut.-Col. Maxse D.S.O., Coldstream Guards); A Philosophic Pretendary (by Bernard Holland); The Russian Press (by Scythicus), with an illustration of the Russian Censorship; Official Assurances (by Lord Robert Cecil, Q.C.); Greater Britain; The South African War, a return to first principles.

INFORMATION FOR EMIGRANTS.

The April circulars of the Emigrants' Information Office and the new annual editions of the penny handbooks show the present prospects of emigration. The Notice Boards are now exhibited, and the circulars may be obtained free of charge, at about 500 public libraries and institutions throughout the country. This is the best season of the year for emigration to Canada; the chief demand is for farm labourers, skilled miners, and female domestic servants. In New South Wales the annual report for 1898-9 of the Government Labour Bureau, which has recently been issued, states that the severe drought badly acected the labour market, and, as has been pointed out at various times by the Emigrants' Information Office, made employment scarce and irregular throughout the year. In several parts of the Colony sheep owners, farmers, and dairymen suffered severe losses and hundreds of miners were thrown out of employment for want of water to work the mines. The large expenditure, however, on public works during the year considerably diminished the distress, and employment was provided for many in fossicking, in scrub clearing, in railway work, or at the casual labour farm. Latterly prospects have improved, plentiful rains have fallen, several mines have re-opened, the number of unemployed has decreased and the renewed activity in the building trade has benefitted other industries also. But reports from Lithgow, Mudgee, Wilcannia, Jerilderie, Hillston Orange, Queanbeyan, Armidale, Bourke, Young, Walgett, Broken Hill, and other parts state there is still no demand for more emigrants, except female servants and occasionally for a few blacksmiths and carpenters, and at Broken Hill for skilled miners. The shipping trade is in a better condition, and the wages of firemen and seamen have been advanced 10s per month. In Victoria the increased in the values of exports and imports in 1899 shows the increasing prosperity of the Colony. The unemployed difficulty is no longer acute in Melbourne; three lines of railway are now in course of construction within 50 miles of the City, and large numbers of workmen are being employed upon them. The Public Service Board recently advertised for 30 junior clerks with a commencing salary of £40 a year and received nearly 1,000 applications, and 600 applications were received for about 60 vacancies in the telephone department. A report from Melbourne states that mechanics are now fully employed in all trades, especially the iron trade, at wages slightly higher than formerly. There is a good demand which is likely to continue for a limited number of thoroughly skilled plumbers on the Melbourne drainage works; otherwise there is not much improvement throughout the Colony in the general demand for labour. Miners however are doing well in the mining districts. The strike of engine-drivers at the Bendigo mines has ceased; in future all will be paid the standard wage of 50s per week. With regard to South Australia, a report from Adelaide states that the labour market has been generally dull during the past year. There is still practically no demand for more men, though the building trade has been unusually busy in Adelaide, and the copper mines in the north of the Colony. At Port Pirie in the north there is a limited demand for mechanics at 10s per day of eight hours and a fair demand for general labourers at 10d to 1s per hour, and for female servants at 8s to 12s per week. In country districts there has been a good demand for agricultural labourers, for men able to work binders and strippers, for boundary riders, and for married couples without children for stations. In Queensland there is now a good demand for farm labourers and domestic servants to whom free or reduced passages are being granted. There is also an increasing demand for mechanics, but not at Mackay or Charters Towers. The number of employees on the railways has been largely increased, more especially in the branch of the chief mechanical engineer, who has to provide not only for expansion of traffic and additional mileage but for very extensive repairs to rolling stock, more particularly locomotives. With regard to Western Australia it is stated in the annual report of the government Labour Bureau for 1899 that, as far as the Bureau was concerned, no really able bodied man, honestly desirous of finding employment remained idle for a very lengthened period. There was a considerable demand for farm labourers throughout a portion of the year. It was difficult to find employment for clerks, accountants, book-keepers, and that class of labour. At the end of the year stone-masons, carpenters, engine-drivers, and general labourers were in demand at East Coolgardie; really good men could get work at Perth; there was some demand for miners and general labourers in the Yalgoo district; labour was in good demand at Southern Cross; and female servants were wanted in several parts. In other places the supply of labour was sufficient. In Tasmania the best opening is for skilled miners and mechanics on the west coast. The last reports from New Zealand show that there was plenty of work there. The places in which mechanics in the building and engineering trades seem to have been especially busy were Auckland, Napier, Greymouth Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill. Competent labourers in the country have had no difficulty in procuring good wages at shearing, flax-milling, bush-felling, road-making, or general farm work.

Persons are warned against going to South Africa in search of work, as long as the war lasts.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Mr. W. H. Ritson, of Lanchester, has received the following nominations for the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board:—

*Elliott, T. C., Dene Howls, Castleside, quarry owner.

*Golightly, John Wm., Castleside, clerk.

Lowdon, Jos. Arthur, 3 Garden Place, Consett, Co-operative Store manager.

*Muse, T. J., Castleside, merchant.

*Pattinson, Wm., Waverlea, Castleside, steelworker.

It will be seen that all the old members excepting the Rev. J. Wallis, vice-chairman of the old Board, have been re-nominated. In the place of the vicar, Mr. Lowdon has been nominated, and the five gentlemen will be formally declared elected on the 1st of May.

WEARDALE TRAIN SERVICE.

REPORTED ADDITIONAL TRAINS.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Weardale Council on Friday, a letter was read from Mr. J. V. Walton, of Witton-le-Wear, in regard to the putting forward of the 5.5 p.m. from Stanhope some 30 minutes earlier, a step which he did not favour.—Mr. Snowdon said he had not heard a single complaint before about the alteration of this train. Of course what they required was two additional trains.—It was decided after further discussion to let the alteration sug-

TOW LAW.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—The first public meeting ever held at Tow Law under the auspices of the Conservative party took place on Thursday night. Mr. Deacon, of Manchester, gave an address on the South African question. The chair was taken by Mr. Douglas Piercey Taylor-Smith, of Colepike Hall. There was a large attendance.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Council was held in the Burial Board Office, Hare Law, on Tuesday week. There were present—Couns. J. Storey W. Young, W. Down, M. Aynsley, J. Reece, J. W. Taylor, J. G. Taylor, T. Clark, J. F. Smith, R Hall, J. Mason; Mr T. L. Watchman (Clerk), and Mr T. J. Trowsdale (Surveyor.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

After the members had "signed on" the election of chairman for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Coun. Storey moved, and it was agreed to that Mr T. L. Watchman be chairman "pro. tem."

Coun. Storey then moved, and Coun. Young seconded, that Coun. J. W. Taylor be appointed chairman for the next twelve months.

Coun. J. W. Taylor said he was much obliged for the nomination, but would not accept the chair unless it was a unanimous vote, and he would just as willingly endorse the candidature of any other candidate. He believed the honours of the locality should be divided as much as possible, and he had no wish to monopolise.

Coun. Young said as far as he knew it was every member's wish that Coun. J. W. Taylor should be chairman. He had done his work so well and to the satisfaction of every member that nobody else would wish for the place.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

On accepting the office, Coun. Taylor said he was very much obliged for the further continuance of the favour they had shown. He would have felt himself a good deal freer had he been out of the responsibility, although he did not want to shirk it. They had men amongst them who could fill the chair, and it would be a means of stimulating others on had they appointed some other member. He would do his best, and believed he had the goodwill of all the members present, and those who were not present. (Hear, hear.)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

For this post Coun. Storey moved that Coun. J. G. Taylor be vice-chairman for the next year.

Coun. J. G. Taylor declined, and moved the re-election of Coun. Storey.

Coun. Down seconded the motion, which, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

Coun. Storey, in accepting office, said he was very much interested in the Council work, and it afforded him very great pleasure to thank them for placing him in the vice-chair. His duties would be light, comparatively speaking, because it was only an odd time that the worthy chairman was absent. He thanked them one and all for the kind way in which they had elected him, although he would just as soon have seen another member in the vice-chair.

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The Chairman, in asking for nominations for this post, mentioned that Coun. Young had been the representative during the past year.

Coun. Clark moved that Coun. Young be re-elected.

Coun. J. G. Taylor seconded the motion, which was carried.

Coun. Young thanked the Council for having returned him again for the next twelve months.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Chairman said in the past the whole Council had composed the Finance, Building, and Highway Committees, and their business had been brought before the Council in the manner contained in the reports of the committees before them. He asked how they should proceed in the future?

Coun. Down thought the way in which they had carried out the business had been very satisfactory, as it enlightened all the members into the business of the Council. He thought they could not make any improvement on the way they had adopted in the past. He moved that the committees be composed of the whole Council as heretofore.

Coun. Young seconded.

The Chairman said when the Council was first formed it was divided into three small committees. Some of the men were well acqainted with the Council's work, while others were not so well versed in it. By making the Council into the committees each man had a share in the Council's work, and got a knowledge of the work throghout. If any member happened to be absent, and there was anything in the reports he wished to challenge or alter it was competent for him to raise the matter at the following monthly meeting. He noticed there had been some criticism in the press on that subject, but the letter was radically wrong in the sense that discussion was not allowed, because if a man changed his mind and thought there was something in the reports which needed altering, he was at perfect liberty to amend or alter the report. Everything was perfectly free and open.

Coun. Clark thought the arrangement had worked satisfactorily, and thought they could not do better than adopt the same course.

Coun. Storey said under the first arrangement they were hampered because they had not premises adapted for the work. He could not see how they were to alter the arrangement. As the Chairman had said they might lack in one thing upon which another member might be able to enlighten them, and when they were all together there was strength.

The motion was carried.

FEE FOR RETIREMENT.

The Chairman said it would be necessary to fix the fee for retirement. He believed it had previosly been £1, but where there was no provision made in the bye-laws the law imposed a fine of £20 upon any member retiring from office during the period for which he had been elected.

Coun. Young moved, and Coun. Storey seconded, that the fee be fixed at £1.

The motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee examined, approved, and recommended for payment accounts amounting to £184 15s 7d. The following estimates for the half-year ending 30th Sept., 1900, were considered, and it was resolved that the Council be recommended to levy a general district rate at the rate of one shilling and fourpence in the £:—

Expenditure.

	£	s	d
Sewerage and sewage disposal	451	0	0
Maintenance of main roads...	221	17	6
Maintenance of district roads	549	3	0
Watering	30	0	0
Asphalting and road improvements	306	13	1
Public Lighting	289	19	4
Removal of house refuse......	376	7	8
Public conveniences	30	0	0
Salaries	147	10	0
Private street works (Kyo Laws)	100	0	0
Establishment charges	30	0	0
Election expenses	50	0	0
Legal expenses	10	0	0
Notification fees	15	0	0
Store shed	30	0	0
Lanchester Joint Hospital Board	168	0	0
Disinfectants	10	0	0
Fire extinguishing appliances	100	0	0
Total expenditure...	£2,915	10	7

Receipts.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County Council repairs, main road	364	15	0			
County Council, improvements, main road	51	10	9			
Private street works	5	4	4			
Rent—Dipton Sewage land	7	0	0			
				428	10	1
Nett amount				£2,487	0	6
Deduct, district fund				111	0	6
Amount to be provided by rate				£2,376	0	0

The assessable value of the district is £35,640; 1d in the £ yields £148 10s 0d. A rate of one shilling and fourpence in the £ produces the required amount (£2,376.)

Coun. Storey moved, and Coun. Young seconded, that the accounts be approved, and cheques be signed.

The motion was carried.

Coun. Clark moved that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a rate of 1s 4d in the £ for the next half-year.

Coun. Storey seconded the motion, which was carried.

BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Plans were examined, and it was resolved that the plan submitted by J. Oswald and Son of proposed re-building of the Queen's Head Hotel, at Annfield Plain, be approved. That the plan submitted by Mr Spence of proposed building sites on land at Dipton, belonging to Mr R. Murray, be approved, subject to the land at the front being made into gardens, with a footpath along the whole length of it, until the Council require the street to be made. That the plan submitted by Mr Fawcett of proposed erection of wash-house at Syke View, Annfield Plain, for Mr Herdman, be approved, subject to the corner being rounded or splayed. That the plan of palisading in front of Mr Pattison's house at Catchgate be approved. That the plan of proposed stable and coach-house at Catchgate, for Mr John Storey, be approved. That the plan of proposed bay window on premises at Dipton, for Mr Alex. Cumberledge, be approved. That the plan of proposed alterations to premises belonging to Mr Geo Ayre at Annfield Plain, be approved.

Coun. Clark moved, and Coun. Storey seconded, the adoption of the report, which was carried.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee resolved that the application of the Leadgate Council for the use of tar boiler, &c., be not entertained; that the further consideration of road improvement at Hill Top be adjourned, pending the receipt of further particulars; that Couns. Eltringham, Hall and Down be appointed a committee to inspect the old waggon-way from South Derwent Pit to East Castle, and report; a memorial was read from the cartmen in the district asking for an advance of pay for team labour, when it was resolved that the rate of pay for team labour be increased from 7s 6d to 8s 6d per day.

Coun. Young moved, and Coun. Down seconded, the adoption of the report, which was carried.

TEAM LABOUR.

Coun. Storey moved, and Coun. Down seconded, that the rate of payment for team labour be advanced from 7s 6d to 8s 6d per day.

The motion was carried.

THE FORTHCOMING INQUIRY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that a public inquiry would be held as soon as the appointments of their inspector would permit, on the proposal of the Council to spend the sum of £1,600 on the erection of new Council Offices and dwelling-houses for their inquiry, was appointed.

A committee, consisting of the Chairman, Couns. Eltringham, Storey, and Smith, along with the officials, to collect the information required for the proposed inquiry was appointed.

SUNDAY DESPATCH.

A letter was read from the Postal Authorities asking the Council for an assurance that a Sunday despatch in their district was desired by the majority of the inhabitants.

Coun. Storey moved that a copy of the letter be sent to Mr J. B. Armstrong, and that he be asked to give an assurance to the Council that the Sunday despatch for which he memorialised the Council was desired by the majority of the people of Dipton.

Coun. Young seconded.

Coun. Down moved that the matter be left over until the next committee meeting, and in the meantime each member of the Council endeavour to ascertain the feeling of the people on the question.

Coun. Storey, with the permission of Coun. Young, withdrew his motion, and seconded the motion moved by Coun. Down.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

PONTOP ROW ASHPITS.

Coun. Hall moved, and Coun. Down seconded, that the inspector, with a sub-committee, be appointed to inspect the ashpits and privies at Pontop Rows, and report upon them.

A committee consisting of the Chairman, Couns. Hall, Down, and Anysley was appointed.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr R. Bates, collector, reported that during the month he had collected 15s for licenses for calcium carbide. The balance in the bank to the credit of the Council was £295 16s 1d.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr T. Benson, Medical Officer, reported that the notifiable diseases reported during the past month were 21 cases of scarlatina and two of enteric fever. After a short period of almost complete cessation there had been a recrudescence of scarlatina during the past three weeks. The localities where they severally resided included Dipton, Kyo, Catchgate, Annfield Plain, and Greencroft, and the whole were practically within an area to become infected from recent cases. Both cases of enteric fever were members of the same family, living at South Medomsley Cottages, and their source of infection was no doubt from a case that occurred last February. The month's mortality was unusually high; 25 deaths were returned, giving a death-rate equal to 24 per 1,000 per annum. A death from scarlatina was the only one due to infectious disease. Infantile mortality was not over the average. Accidents accounted for two deaths. More than a third of the whole were over 64 years old, and of these five were above the age of seventy.

The report was adopted.

A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Coun. Storey asked what the position of the Council was with repect to a public library?

The Chairman said the Council would have to sound the people first, and see what amount by private subscription could be raised.

Coun. Storey: Can we not be allowed to make a rate or borrow the money, and repay it by instalments?

The Chairman: No, we can only spend 1d in the £ in any financial year.

The question dropped.

The Chairman congratulated the new members on their success, and hoped they would be able to work harmoniously together, and that the work would be as good in the future as it had been in the past. He was specially glad to see Mr Smith among them, as nobody knew better than himself what an amount of hard work Mr Smith had done in the formation of the district.

Coun. Smith thanked the chairman for his congratulations, and after the cheques had been signed the Council rose.

LOCAL PATENTS

The following list is specially compiled by Mr J. A. Harvey, chartered patent agent, 3, St. Nicholas Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from whom all information concerning patents, designs, and trade marks may be obtained

6,587. April 9th, 1900. H. Millar, Whitley. Improvements in gripping, clamping, holding, and like devices.

6,792. April 11th, 1900. E. S. Pease, Stockton. Improvements in structural arrangements in a matter applicable to roofing, walling, or other purposes such as tanks, pipes and the like.

DUNSTON.

PITCH AND TOSS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday a number of young men were fined for playing at pitch and toss at Dunston.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL.—On Thursday evening the scholars connected with the Dunston Board School Evening Contin- the Dunston Board School Evening Continuation Classes wound up the session with a successful social gathering which took place in the schoolroom. The origin of the gathering was due to the kindness of the head master, Mr. C. McIntyre, together with Mrs. McIntyre, and Miss Taylor, who take a keen interest in the welfare of the children. The event was held with a view to further popularising the evening classes, and was partly the outcome of regular attendance by the scholars. The gathering was made as attractive as possible, and the sealous manner in which the scholars took part in the proceedings—games, dances, etc.—show how much the function was appreciated. Every credit is due to the promoters, and we are pleased to learn that the past session has been a successful one.

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Thursday last, the annual meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians was held in the Board Room at the Workhouse, when there were present Mrs. Piercey Taylor-Smith, the Rev. T. H. Archdall, the Rev. Father Magill, Messrs W. Logan, J.P., W. Gray, E. Sloane, W. Bulmer, G. D. Powell, W. Down, J. Green, J.P., Geo. Forster, H. Curry Wood, J. Davison, A. Kuhlman, J. Hunter, T. Lowdon, R. Kay, J. Oliver, W. Aynsley, J.P., T. S. Longstaff, U. A. Ritson, jun., J.P., L. Nicholson, H. Greener, W. H. Telford, B. Mason, W. Young, G. J. Robinson, E. J. Wardle, J. T. Robinson, J. Reece, and J. B. Armstrong; the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Workhouse Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Aynsley was voted to the chair pro. tem., on the motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Gray, and he said it was his duty to state to them that the first business of the meeting was to appoint a chairman for the ensuing year. He had very great pleasure indeed in proposing the re-election of their old chairman, Mr. Wm. Logan. He thought it would be quite unnecessary for him to speak of Mr. Logan's qualities and qualifications; they were so well known to them all. He was quite certain that if they looked through that room or through the County of Durham they could not get a better man. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Gray seconded, and Mr. Sloane supported the motion, which was carried unanimously and amid loud applause.

Mr. Logan, having taken the chair, thanked the Board for their renewal of confidence for another year. He hoped things would go on as pleasantly during the ensuing year as they had in the past. He had occupied the position now for a considerable number of years, and it was one he occupied with a great deal of pleasure. The work was congenial to him. He liked the work and he liked the Board because he had got a good Board. He thought they knew his feelings towards them and he again thanked them. (Applause.)

NEW MEMBERS.

The Chairman said he had to announce that the following new members had been elected to the Board:—Messrs. J. T. Robinson, J. Reece, W. Down, and J. B. Armstrong. He thought they might congratulate themselves that in every case where old members wished to return they had again been elected. The four new Guardians had taken the places of those who wished to retire. He could only tender to them the congratulations of the Board on their election and give them a hearty welcome. The Board, he was sure, would be very glad to have their assistance in carrying on the work. (Applause.)

CO-OPTED GUARDIAN.

The Chairman said there was another matter in connection with their elections. Right away from 1894, they had elected Mr. Geo. Hobson a co-opted Guardian of that Union, on each occasion for a period of three years. His time was now up, but he was entitled to be re-elected. He hoped the feeling of the Board was that they should have their old friend back amongst them. He moved his re-election.

Mr. Young seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said he had had a letter from Miss Muse stating that her father would be unable to be present that day owing to the condition of his eye.

Mr. Nicholson said he had great pleasure in re-nominating Mr. Muse as Vice-Chairman. He had served them well, and he was sure they were all sorry Mr. Muse was at present laid on one side. To re-elect him would be an act of practical sympathy on the part of the Board.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion, which was carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bulmer said before they proceeded to the election of the committees he would like to point out that several members of the Board were not on any committee, and there were others who were on all. They had had cases of committees not reporting all their findings and he thought each member ought to be on at least one committee. He moved that each member be on at least one committee and that no member be on more than two.

The Chairman said the motion was quite irregular. He could not prevent a Guardian from exercising his right of voting as he liked.

The Rev. Father Magill suggested that the first portion of the motion be passed.

The Chairman said he could not even agree to that. Every member was competent to vote.

Mr. Wood said it would be possible for those who were not members of a committee to have their names added.

The Chairman said there could be no doubt about that.

Mr. Bulmer asked if committees elected by that Board were subordinate to the Board?

The Chairman said the Assessment Committee was not unless they wanted to do certain things when they must report back to the Board.

Mr. Bulmer: I thought when this Board elected them they were subordinate.

The Chairman: Would you look at the Assessment Act.

Mr. Green: The School Attendance Committee is pretty much in the same position.

The Chairman: The same position. The committees are appointed under a certain form of the Act of Parliament.

Mr. Bulmer: Is there an Act to prevent the House Committee reporting?

The Chairman: The House Committee report everything.

Mr. Bulmer: There are cases.

The Chairman: I am not aware of one.

Mr. Bulmer: You remember the nurse's case. We were told it was a trivial matter. A number of us sat here waiting for the committee to return and report, but they never reported.

The Chairman said he could only say there were some laws better honoured in the breach than in the observance. He did not say that it was absolutely and strictly legal, but some cases arose which it would not be politic to report. They would now proceed to the election of the Assessment Committee and each Guardian would vote for twelve names.

Mr. Bulmer moved that the Assessment Committee consist of the whole Board.

The Chairman said that was proposing something which was wholly illegal. The Assessment Committee consisted of twelve members and no more.

Voting papers were then handed round, and the Chairman read the name of the first twelve as follows:—Logan 28 votes, Muse 25, Oliver 23, Aynsley 22, Kay 22, Wood 22, Forster 21, Gray 21, Green 21, Longstaff 19, J. R. Ritson 18, Archdall 10. The only change from the committee as it existed last year was the substitution of the name of the Rev. T. H. Archdall for that of Mr. P. Kirkup (now of Birtley.)

The School Attendance Committee was next appointed, and with the exception of Mr. Logan and Mr. Kirkup, who retired, and whose places were taken by Mr. Kuhlman and Mr. J. Davison, the committee was re-elected. Mr. Davison sits on the committee as the representative of the Consett District Council in the place of Mr. Powell, and Mr. Powell was elected by the Board, Mr. Nicholson, who nominated him, remarking that Consett was the largest school district in the Union. Mr. Powell had paid every attention to the duties in the past, and ought to be on the committee again.

The other committees appointed were the Visiting Committee (consisting of the whole Board), the Building Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Relief and School Fees Committees for the Western, Eastern, and Southern Districts, after which the chairmen of the various committees were appointed.

PAUPER STATISTICS.

The Workhouse Master reported that the number of inmates in the House was 206, as against 242 in the corresponding period of last year. The cases of out-relief in the Eastern District were 372, against 453, and in the Western District 426, against 530. He reported that Mr. Henry Oliver, of Hurbuck, sent a basket of paste eggs at Easter for the children and the thanks of the Board were accorded to the donor.

PRECEPTS.

On the motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, the precepts passed at the last meeting were ordered to be signed.

WORKHOUSE BOYS.

Several applications were made and considered for boys to be provided with employment and homes in private houses. After interviews and discussion, two or three of the applications were granted.

THE NEW LAUNDRY.

Mr. Wood reported that the tender of Mr. Bird of £550 for the machinery of the new laundry had been accepted. The total cost of the laundry and machinery would be about £1,350, but they were empowered by the Board to go as far as £1,500.—It was resolved to ask for permission to borrow £1,[illegible]

Other matters of a routine nature having been disposed of the meeting terminated.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM FAWCETT, OF SATLEY

AN OLD AND RESPECTED NORTH-WEST DURHAM STANDARD.

It is with deep regret that we have this week to chronicle the death of Mr. William Fawcett, of Satley, one of the oldest and much respected inhabitants of North-West Durham, who died at his residence in that village, on Easter Tuesday, 17th inst. The Fawcett family is one of the oldest county families in the North of England, and have been settled as yeomen in both Northumberland and Durham since the sixteenth century. It is remarkable for the number of its scions, and that branch to which the late William Fawcett belonged have been residents of Corbridge, in Northumberland, since 1538. William Fawcett was the third (but second surviving) son of the late James Fawcett, a highly respected farmer of the parishes of Corbridge, Satley, and Brancepeth, respectively, and his wife, Susannah Askell, of Mainsbank, in the parish of Stamfordham, Northumberland, and was born at South Shields, a farm in the parish of Satley, on the 28th of November, 1830. He received his education at the village school at Satley under Mr. Alexander McDonald, the then schoolmaster, and on leaving school started work, under his father, at South Shields, and the adjacent farm of Hill Top, at that time also in his own occupation. He was afterwards in the service of the late Mr. John Greenwell, of Broomshields Hall, the grandfather of the present owner. In 1860 his father left South Shields, after a residence of 35 years, owing to the property changing hands, and went to Wooley Close, a large farm in the parish of Brancepeth, under Lord Boyne, where he remained for fifteen years. He was accompanied by his two younger sons —William, the subject of this sketch, and John Forster, who died in 1874. It was whilst living there that the late William Fawcett first took an interest in parochial and similar affairs, which was afterwards destined to become one of the chief features of his career. For three years he was overseer for the old Brancepeth, Brandon, and Byshottles Highway Board, and also acted for the same number of years as parish constable for Brancepeth. In 1865 Mr. Fawcett married, at Brancepeth, Margaret Sarah, second daughter of James Charlton, of Bavington Mount, Thorkrington, a well-known Northumbrian farmer and cattle-dealer of his day, and in 1867 came to reside at Satley Grange, where he remained thirty-one years, only leaving it when it changed owners, and returned to his own property in the village, where he died. During his residence at Satley he took an active part in local public affairs. He acted as horse and assessed tax-collector for Butsfield and Satley at the close of the "sixties," and was also for twelve years waywarden and rate-collector for the township of Butsfield in Lanchester Parish and Highway District. He also took a very great interest in Church affairs, and was for fourteen years people's churchwarden of Satley Parish. It was during his term of office that Satley Church was re-seated and beautified, and it is interesting to know that it was largely due to his energetic endeavours that the requisite funds for doing the same, which were all obtained by subscriptions, were procured, and the building was opened free of debt. He was one of the trustees of the Satley School Charity since 1891; one of the managers of the school for the same period, and was also Lay Representative for Satley at the Diocesan Conference since 1894. Having won the respect of all he was often appointed chairman of public meetings held in the village, and acted as such at most parish and similar meetings, inquests, etc. He was several times chosen Guardian for Satley Parish, but always withdrew from any contest. He took a great interest in the village, and most of the improvements during the last twenty years—and they have not been few—were carried out on his proposition and under his supervision. In politics he was a Conservative, and has been chairman of the Satley Conservative Association since its formation. He also took a great interest in agricultural pursuits, and was a member of the Wolsingham, and Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Societies for many years, at both of which he carried off prizes, and also acted in an official capacity. While, by his death, North-West Durham loses one of its more than common worthies, the village of Satley, in particular, will miss the one who took the greatest interest in her welfare. Mr. Fawcett leaves a widow and a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters, of whom two of the latter are married. His eldest son is Mr. J. W. Fawcett, the well-known English and Australian author, naturalist, and scholar. The body was conveyed to Satley Church on the following Thursday evening, where it remained until the next afternoon, when the funeral took place. Relations and friends to the number of one hundred and fifty met at the residence soon after three p.m., and headed by the bidders and bearers, with the family and relatives and friends following, the funeral procession marched to the churchyard gates, where a halt was made. The bearers then made their way to the Church, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Fawcett, chief mourner, and brought the coffin to the entrance gates, from whence, after being covered with flowers, etc., it was again conveyed to the Church in the usual funeral manner. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. T. L. J. Warneford, Vicar of Satley, was choral, the hymn for the burial of the dead, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," being sung by the choir, who were all present. As the mourners took their seats in the Church, the "Funeral March" was played by the organist, Mr. M. Maddison. Amongst those who were present to pay their last respects to the deceased were:—Mr. J. W. Fawcett, Miss Fawcett, Mrs. C. Duke, Miss C. M. Fawcett, Mrs N. Bowman, Mr. J. F. C. Fawcett, and Mr. G. E. Fawcett (sons and daughters); Mr. R. G. Fawcett (brother), Tow Law; Miss Fawcett (niece), Tow Law; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowman (brother-in-law and sister), Hamsteels; Mr. J. and Miss Ord (nephew and niece), Ponteland; Mr. T. Fawcett and Mr. M. H. Elder (cousins), Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. Oates (relatives), Greenwell Hill; Mr. J. S. Gray, Durham; Mr. J. Blair, Sunderland; Mr. and Mrs. Nichol, West Shields; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Raredean; Mr. T. Dowson, Thornley; Mr. Atkinson Turner; Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Hedley Hill; Mr. Robert Suddes, Cornsay; Mr. Robert Hind, Low Fell; Messrs. W. Smith, J. Davison, and J. Lee, Tow Law; Mrs. Hirst, Drover House; Miss Nicholson, High Stoop; Mr. Woodhead, Badajos; Mr. T. Thompson, Low Hermitage; Mr. J. Johnson, Springwell; Mr. W. Willis and Mrs. J. Ross, West Butsfield; Mr. E. Nicholson, Butsfield Burn; Mrs. Rippon and Miss E. Suddes, East Butsfield; Mr. E. Craggs, Red Houses; Miss Wilson, Lanchester; Mr. G. Walton, Ragpethside; Mrs. H. Lowes, Low Mill; Mrs. Sanderson, Partridge Close House; Mr. E. Shotton, Laud House; Mr. J. and Miss Pattison, Hall Hill; Mr. and Mrs. R. Craggs, Mrs. J. Craggs, Mr. J. Hopper, Mr. G. Wylde, Mr. W. S. Craggs, Mr. T. Hawkins, Mr. M. Buckham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. Bland, Mr. R. B. Hedley, Mr. T. and Miss Lawson, Mr. R. Hedley, all of Satley, etc., etc. Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Little Greencroft, and Mr. R. L. Appleford, Consett, represented the North-West Durham Conservative Association. The bidders were Messrs O. Johnson and N. Walker; and the bearers, Messrs. J. Disberry, W. Johnson, J. S. Harrison, J. Lowes, J. Pearson, and W. Robinson. Letters of condolence and apologies for non-attendance were received by the family from Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, Woodlands; Mr. John Pallister, Crook; Mr. R. Jackson, of the "Consett Guardian," etc., etc., and by Mr. J. W. Fawcett, from the Hon. Sydney and Lady Hobart, London; Mr. J. W. Robson and Mrs. Dodd, Sunderland; Miss Lee, Whitley, etc., etc. Wreaths and flowers were sent from the Vicarage, from Mr. and Mrs. Craggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowman, etc., etc.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Friday night last the members of the Lanchester Parish Council held their annual meeting in the School Room at Lanchester. There were present—Messrs U. A. Ritson, junr., J. Chapman, A. Hartley, D. Champney, G. Neasham, W. Jewitt, J. Innes, G. W. Wilson, R. Summerbell, Geo. Thornton J. Johnson, J. Gibson, and the Clerk Mr. H. Knowles.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Wilson was temporarily voted to the chair, and said he was extremely sorry they had not their late chairman with them that night. Mr. Ritson, who was now engaged fighting for his Queen and country, was a most useful member of that Council. He was always very energetic, and worked very hard. He (Mr. Wilson) had had the honour of proposing Mr. Ritson's election for four years, and he thought the best honour they could now confer upon him was to propose the election of his brother, Mr. U. A. Ritson, to succeed him in the chair. He had pleasure in nominating Mr. U. A. Ritson.

Mr. Chapman seconded, and Mr. Innes supported the nomination.

Mr. Neasham said no one had a greater respect for Mr. Ritson than he had. As Mr. Wilson had said their regular chairman was a very valuable member of that Council, and had done his duty to the satisfaction of all. Still they ought to face that matter in a candid way. It could not be the wish of any one member to monopolise all the honours of the Council. In some cases it be desirable to have a chairman in office for a number of years, but where they had so little business to transact, and so many old servants of the public he thought those services should be recognised. He thought they might do honour to some of the working men who were members of that Council.

Mr. Champney supported Mr. U. A. Ritson's nomination.

Mr. Johnson moved, and Mr. Neasham seconded that Mr. Hartley be elected.

Mr. Hartley trusted there would be no ill-feeling raised in the matter.

Mr. Chapman said he did not think there was any ill-feeling on the part of any member.

Mr. Hartley said he preferred to withdraw.

Mr. U. A. Ritson was then elected unanimously, and on taking the chair he said he was very much obliged to the Council for the honour they had done him. He accepted nomination because he had been pressed to do so, and, under the circumstances, he regarded it as his duty to abide by the decision of the Council. He hoped he would preside over their meetings satisfactorily, and that things would work as smoothly in the future as they had in the past. (Applause.)

Mr. Neasam thought they ought to come to some understanding about the chairmanship. He did not think it should be constantly in the hands of one man.

Mr. Summerbell said it was a matter entirely for the Council, and they were satisfied.

Mr. Hartley said he did not think they were in order in discussing the subject.

The matter then dropped.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr. Chapman seconded by Mr. Thornton, Mr. Hartley was unanimously re-elected vice-chairman.

OVERSEERS.

On the motion of Mr. Chapman seconded by Mr. Neasham, Messrs Thornton and Elliott for Burnhope, and Messrs Chapman and W. W. Thompson for Lanchester, were elected overseers of the poor for the ensuing twelve months.

TIME OF MEETING.

Mr. Hartley moved that the meetings of the Council be held on the last Tuesday instead of the first of each month.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

FINANCES.

The Clerk stated that the income had amounted to £131 17s 8d, and the expenditure to £43. The accounts, which were regarded as satisfactory, were passed.

CHARITY ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Neasham drew attention to the fact that no accounts had been submitted respecting the Rowland Wilkinson Charity. It was the duty of the Council to know exactly how the money was being disbursed and the accounts should be submitted year by year. That was a condition laid down in the Act. He did not think it was complimentary to that Council that they should have to go outside for a representative of the Charity. Their present representative ignored the Council.

The Chaiman said Mr. Brotherhood was appointed by that Council, and his term of office would not be up until next year.

Mr. Neasham said it was important that they should know how the Charity was being distributed. To settle the question he moved that Mr. Thornton be appointed their representative.

Mr. Innes seconded the motion, which was lost by six votes to four.

The meeting shortly afterwards terminated.

Whickham Choral Society

On Friday evening the members of the Whickham Choral Society held their last dance of the season in the Whickham Parochial Schools. The attendance was perhaps not so large as on former occasions, but while this was to be regretted in one sense, it left more room at the command of those lovers of the terpsichorean art who had assembled, and we feel sure that all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The worthy secretary, Mr. Edward Liddell was responsible for the arrangements, and these were carried out to the letter. The interior of the building was beautifully and artistically decorated with streamers, flags, etc., which imparted an attractive appearance, enhanced by the pretty dresses of the ladies. A well-selected programme of dance music had been drawn up, and this was ably discoursed by Mr. Robson Thompson (Blaydon.) Dancing commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and this was kept up with much vigur till the early hours of Saturday morning. The M.C.'s were Mr. R. Rutherford, and Mr. J. W. Nicholson, who studiously attended to the duties devolving upon them. The refreshments were supplied by Messrs Simpson, Newcastle. Amongst those present were:—

Coun. and Mrs. R. Rutherford, Whickham.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Thirlaway, Whickham.
Mr. J. Turnbull, Whickham.
Miss Thirlaway, Sunniside.
Mr. E. Bartram, Beech Grove, Swalwell.
Mr. Boult, Gateshead.
Miss Lucy Easey, Whickham.
Mr. Dodds, Gateshead.
Miss Ida Ismay, Whickham.
Mr. Richley, Gateshead.
Miss I. Massey, Swalwell.
Miss Nicholson, Whickham.
Miss I. Thirlaway, Whickham.
Miss Henry, Whickham.
Miss Grace Harbottle, Swalwell.
Miss Lena Harbottle, Swalwell.
Mr. J. W. Thompson, Blaydon.
Miss Thompson, Blaydon.
Mr. H. Ryding, Blaydon.
Miss Chilton, Blaydon.
Mr. F. Allan, Swalwell.
Mr. J. Turbitt, Swalwell.
Mr. Craig, Whickham.
Mr. Jackson, Whickham.
Miss Tait, Whickham.
Mr. Chilton, Blaydon.
Miss E. Atkinson, Whickham.
Mr. R. Atkinson, Whickham.
Miss Atkinson, Whickham.
Mr. Stephen Spoor, Whickham.
Mr. Gall, Whickham.
Miss Ritchley, Gateshead.
Miss Sinclair, Whickham.
Miss McKinley, Whickham.
Miss Ada Norvell, Swalwell.
Mr. Smith, Gateshead.
Miss M. Walker, Swalwell.
The Misses Stark, Whickham.
Mr. Simpson Newcastle.
Mr. J. Buckhurst, Whickham.
Mr. J. F. Ward, Gateshead.
Mr. Clough, Blaydon; and others.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A special meeting of this Council was held on Thursday last in the Board Room, for the purpose of electing chairman, vice-chairman, and committees.

Mr. Oliver moved, and Mr. Gray seconded, the re-election of Mr. Logan as chairman, which was unanimously agreed to, the Chairman briefly acknowledging the honour.

Mr. Gray moved that Mr. Muse be re-elected vice-chairman. Mr. Muse had held the office for some time and had always performed his duties with satisfaction.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The various committees were then re-appointed, and the proceedings terminated.

MARRIED WHEN DYING.

AND THE SEQUEL!

A pathetic story, connected with the devoted attachment of a young married couple living in London, has been published in the "Weekly Dispatch," a reporter on that paper having spent an evening with the lady and her husband at their home, 37, Irene-road, Parson's Green. Mrs. Webb and her husband were boy and girl together, went to the same school, and played side by side.

"We were very fond of each other," said Mrs. Webb, "even in those days, and he was always ready to protect me, because I was not half as robust and strong as other girls. Somehow it seemed to be understood that when we grew up we should be married; but, as we grew older, I could see that my future was likely to be a sad one. I came of a doomed family. My father died of consumption at forty, and of the nine sons and daughters six died of consumption, and one of my brothers is almost dying now. It was stated that I should never live to see five-and-twenty, and, remember, this came from one of the best physicians in England. If ever a woman lived a living death, I did. In the winter it was impossible for me to go out, and when I did go backwards and forwards to Brompton Hospital for Consumptives, it used to take me hours and hours to walk even a few hundred yards. When I coughed I felt as if two great strings inside me were tearing my very heart out. At night I lay shivering in bed with horrible perspirations, and I felt as if death would be welcome. It took me hours to dress, and at least half an hour to get down a short flight of stairs. There's a photograph I had taken just before we were married, and, as you can see, my friends spoke the truth when they said that if I had had a piece of white round my face I should have looked exactly as if I had been laid out.'

"As for eating, that was impossible. If I had even a cup of tea it used to lie on my chest just like a log. One minute I would feel starved, but directly I saw food I did not want it. Mr. Webb had then enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry, and I thought that I should never live until he had served his time."

"Let me say a word here," observed Mr. Webb. "Every word my wife says is true. But I had made up my mind to marry her, and I did. I thought she would have died two years before, and on the day of our marriage my people told me I was marrying a dying woman. Whilst I was in the Army I saved a very decent little amount each year, so that when I had finished my time I had £100 to my credit, I got a little home together, and we determined to get married. You should have seen her that day. All the way to the church she was leaning on the shoulder of her brother. She was coughing and stopping every few yards—in fact, it was not walking to church it was crawling there. Week by week she went from bad to worse. I sent her to a specialist, but beyond charging me a very heavy fee he did nothing. Then we commenced buying everything we could hear or read of. That cupboard there is filled with medicine bottles. By the time we had been married three years, I had spent the £100 I had saved on doctors' medicine. It used nearly to break my heart to see her curled up coughing and suffering.

"At last a friend suggested that I should try Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people; I had little hope, for we had tried everything, and found it was only wasting good money, but I bought a box, and she began to improve after it was finished. He appetite was better, and the cough not so bad. Then the perspirations stopped and her breathing improved. After the fourth box she could get about, and actually walked upstairs without stopping. She got stouter, and in place of her pale sunken cheeks she had a much plumper face. We went on with Dr. Williams' pink pills, and after she had taken them for three months, I found her actually doing her washing and running up and down the stairs singing; she was strong enough even to go to a ball. So well did she get that I proposed to the Wesleyan Insurance Company that I shoud take out a policy of insurance on her life, and after an examination she was passed by the doctors. She is also insured in the Sons of Temperance Benefit Socity, and in all she has been examined by three or four doctors. I am proud of this, because it shows me that she must have entirely recovered. I am as happy as a man could possibly be. We are poorer by the loss of the money I took years to save, but I am richer by thousands in having my wife here strong and well and not lying in her grave."

Consumption is often thought to be incurable, but that is not to say that it is incurable at every stage; nor is every case, pronounced by doctors incurable with ordinary medicine, beyond hope, if Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, which are not ordinary medicine, are used. They have cured many cases by replacing the lost blood and increasing the resistant power of the lungs. While even fatal diseases like consumption have been repeatedly cured by them, it is not surprising that, by enriching the blood supply, these pills can cure more common complaints. They are a true tonic, a safeguard against influenza and a cure for its effects; rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis, skin eruptions, and even paralysis yield to the genuine pills, which always bear the full name in seven words—Dr. Williams pink pills for pale people: the marked price is two shillings and ninepence a box; substitutes, which never cure, should be avoided.

STANHOPE.

SCHOOL BOARD.—Mr. V. Rippon presided over the monthly meeting on Friday. The attendance at the schools was reported as follows:—Lanehead 88 per cent.; Wearhead, 77; St. John's Chapel, 78; Westgate, 82; Rookhope, 93; Frosterley (south), 70; Frosterley (north), 85; Stanhope, 91.—The Clerk reported that the estimated expenditure up to October was £1,800. It was decided to sign a precept for a 3d rate.

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EASTER SOCIAL AT DIPTON

On Wednesday evening week, the 11th Easter Social in connection with the Dipton Church was held in the Co-operative Hall, Dipton. A gentleman living in the neighbourhood, who has the welfare of the Church at heart, kindly promised to defray the expenses of providing the refreshments. The decorations were made by Mr. J. A. Castle, draper, Dipton who also kindly lent his piano. The pianists were Messrs. Geo. Thornton and Geo. Riddle. The M.C. was Mr. J. E. Davis. The company was quite up to the average. The refreshments were made and attended to by Mrs. Tuson, Mrs. Maude, and other friends. The proceeds were in aid of a parish room. Amongst those present were:—

Rev. R. and Mrs. Tuson, Dipton.
Miss Frazer, Glasgow.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, Dipton.
Misses Robinson, Stobb House, Dipton.
Misses Coulthard, Dipton.
Mr. and Miss Robinson, Pontop House.
Mr. T. E. Rutherford, Catchgate.
Mr. R. Thornton, Dipton.
Mr. A. Howarth, Lemington-on-Tyne.
Mr. Herdman, Catchgate.
Mr. R. Birtley, Annfield Plain.
Mr. W. J. Foreman, Leadgate.
Mr. G. Willey, Leadgate.
Mr. G. Dixon, Dipton.
Misses Dixon, Dipton.
Mr. R. Holmes, Tantobie.
Mr. Arkless, Tantobie.
Mr. R. Maude, Dipton.
Misses Riddle, Dipton.
Misses Noble, Dipton.
Misses Clark, Dipton.
Mr. Coulson, Stockton-on-Tees.
Mr. H. R. Teasdale, Dipton.
Miss Bolam, Pontop Hall.
Mrs. Robinson, Catchgate.
Miss Green, Catchgate.
Miss Hunter, Medomsley.
Miss Walker, Medomsley.
Miss Dickinson, Dipton.
Mr. Walker, Medomsley.
Mr. W. Hunter, Medomsley.
Mr. F. Hunter, Tantobie.
Miss Eltringham, Flint Hill.
Misses Thompson, Catchgate.
Misses Ledger, Annfield Plain.
Mr. Cumberledge, Catchgate.
Miss Hunter, Witton Gilbert.
Miss Teasdale, Dipton.
Miss Leeroyd, Tow Law.
Mr. J. B. Armstrong, Collierley.
Mr. W. Hann, Annfield Plain.
Miss Oliver, Dipton.
Miss Eltringham, Catchgate.
Mrs. and Misses Bottoms, Dipton.
Mr. G. Bolam, Ewehurst.
Mr. R. Brown, Catchgate.
Mr. R. Robinson, Mountsett.
Mr. Blundon, Tanfield.
Mr. G. Dawson, Catchgate.
Miss Cumberledge, Catchgate.
Mr. J. Coulthard, Dipton.
Mr. G. Adgar, East Pontop.
Miss Ramsey, Dipton.
Miss Birtley, Leadgate.
Mr. Brown, Catchgate.
Miss Harrison, Dipton.
Mrs. Johnson, Dipton.
Mrs. Thornton, Dipton.
Miss Murray, Dipton.
Mr. J. Thompson, Catchgate.
Mr. J. Bowes, Dipton.
Mr. and Miss Tones, Catchgate.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Castle, Dipton.
Mr. Dunn, Oxhill.
Mr. J. Ramsey, Dipton.
Miss Powell, Newcastle.
Miss Kidd, Sunniside.
Miss A. Riddle, Dipton.
Mr. J. Murray, Dipton.
Miss Wylam, Consett.
Miss Gledders, East Castle.
Mr. Welch, South Moor.
Mr. Wilkinson, South Moor.
Mr. J. Gray, Annfield Plain.
Mr. G. Watchman, Annfield Plain.
Mr. T. Hunter, Medomsley.
Mr. R. Wylam, Consett.
Miss Turnbull, Springfield.
Mr. J. Eltringham, Catchgate.
Miss Rewell, Catchgate.
Mr. W. McQuillen, Dipton.
Mr. P. Riddle, Dipton.
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SACRISTON.

The "Guardian" announces the preferment of the Rev. A. J. Bartlett, curate of St. Nicholas's Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to be vicar of Sacriston, Durham—patron, the Crown.

WEARDALE.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.—Mr. Snowdon presided pro. tem. over the annual meeting on Friday, and he proposed the re-election of Mr. J. W. Roddam as chairman.—Mr. Roddam, in accepting the post, said he would do his best to carry out the business of the Council in the way in which it ought to be done.—Mr. Wm. Love was afterwards unanimously re-elected vice-chairman. The councillors for Wolsingham and Thornley were elected on the Wolsingham Committee.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Mr. J. W. Roddam was unanimously re-elected chairman for the next twelve months, and Mr. Wm. Love vice-chairman. Both gentlemen briefly returned thanks. The following were elected upon the Assessment Committee:—Messrs Harrison and Watson (Lanehead and Wearhead) Mr. Muschamp (Westgate and Eastgate), Mr. Roddam (Stanhope and Rookhope), Mr. Crawhall (Stanhope Urban), Mr. Maddison (Frosterley), Mr. Surtees (Hunstanworth), Messrs T. Hall and W. R. Teasdale (Tow Law). Messrs Snowdon, Brownless, and Love were elected for Wolsingham after a ballot.



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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

PROPOSED STATION AT WESTWOOD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 12th inst., a correspondent again draws attention to this question, so perhaps you will kindly allow me to give him and others interested all the information which I can give up to the present time. First however, let me say that nearly all your correspondents give too much credit to Mr. Palmer and myself for our efforts, and too little to Mr. Daniels for his efforts extending over a period of 10 years. We have all been trying and doing our best without any great success. The North-Eastern Railway Company's officials have at all times been courteous, but the invariable answer has always been: "We cannot put a passenger station down at Westwood, as, if put down, the Board of Trade would refuse to sanction its use on account of the very steep gradient at this part of the line." Our investigations showed the Railway Company had good reason for the statement. About two years ago it was rumoured the entire length of railway from Scotswood to Blackhill was to be doubled, and we thought that the question of gradient would be gone into and altered. The "doubling," however, is not intended to come further than Lockhaugh Junction. Something over a year ago we enlisted the help of the Chairman and directors of the Consett Iron Company, and we have got a distinct step forward and I hope I am not betraying any secret in saying that the engineers of the North-Eastern Railway Co. are preparing plans to be submitted to the Board of Trade showing how wooden platforms could be erected in the existing gradients to admit of people getting in and out of trains. A place for the sale of tickets would also be erected. It is not expected that trains would be stopped at this platform every day, but if some trains were stopped there every Saturday it would be a boon. If got and found successful we might go on asking for more. Yours faithfully

WILL. LOGAN.

Langley Park, 16th April, 1900.

ANNFIELD PLAIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—In your last week's "Guardian" appears a letter signed "Laws of Kyo" (not Kyo Laws) re the above Council being elected for other three years, and upon which Board two members he points out especially about the committee business that is done. Now as I happen to be one of the two members I dare venture to say this, "Kyo Laws" has not a great deal of interest in our local affairs after a certain portion, or he would not have wrote such a letter to you. Some time ago I sent in a motion to the Council (not committee) to allow the reporters admission to all of our meetings, and this was not carried—not my fault I can assure you, Mr. Editor—and I think this does away with "Kyo Laws'" remark that this was only an electioneering dodge and a vote-catcher for the Council election. I think the motion I had on the agenda at our Council meeting fully justifies my action on the Kyo School Board; all the business done in committee on the Council comes up again; the reporter gets it, which is not the case on the School Board. I am sorry to say. I can only put him down perhaps as having a big head and very little brain, or he would not have used the word "blackmailing," and I would sum up—the shoe pinches because he does not happen to be one of the members of the Council.—Yours, in anticipation

JOHN STOREY.

Catchgate, April 17th, 1900.

COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.

(To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian.")

Sir,—May I request you to be so good as to publish for the information of all interested, the list as under, of articles of clothing, etc., received since the publication of the clothing of the previous one for dispatch to the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry now serving in South Africa. Permit me on the part of the Regiments to add my thanks to the kind givers.— I am, etc.

C. B. COLLINGS, Capt. for Colonel Commanding 68th R.D.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
April 20th, 1900.

1 Under shirt, 1 pair drawers, 1 pair socks, and 2 pairs cuffs, J. H.; 1 helmet, and parcel magazines, Miss E. Hair, Hebburn; 9 pair socks Matron and Girls, Plainmiller Industrial School, Haltwhistle; 5 pair socks, Haltwhistle Girls' Society, per G. W. L. Dixon Brown; 38 helmets, St. Mary's School Girls, Barnard Castle, per Miss Watson; large parcel (miscellaneous) sheets, etc., etc., Mrs. Lodge, Haverton Hill Vicarage; parcel of socks, Miss A. Gamlen, Hartlepool; 5 helmets and 1 pair socks, Mrs. Harvey, Hexham; 20 pair socks, 3 helmets, 4 pair mitts, Les Filles du Regiment, Cork; 28 pair socks, 8 shirts, 12 hankerchiefs, 1 pair drawers, The Nurses, County Asylum, Morpeth; 1 parcel bandages, helmets, etc., Mrs. Ord, Sands Hall, Sedgefield; 9 pair socks, and 6 helmets, Anon, Well Close, Rothbury; 2 pairs socks, 3 caps, 2 belts, 1 scarf, Misses Waddilove, Tonbridge; large parcel socks, mufflers, cuffs, etc., for D.L. Infantry, C. D. Shafto, Esq., ——ham.

THE UTILITY AND THE ETHICS OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN.")

Sir,—Under the above title, the "British Medical Journal" of March 31st criticises the Hon. Stephen Coleridge's Review of Mr. Stephen Paget's recently published book in defence of vivisection. After insisting that "to no one who reads the history of knowledge with an open mind, the experimental method by which this kind of knowledge is achieved—experiment is inexorably necessary." The reviewer says further:—"Now Mr. Coleridge cannot deny that by the experimental method we are attaining to a knowledge of living function, nor is he surely so sceptical as to assert that a knowledge of life is likely to be unprofitable to the physician," etc. If the medical critics of Mr. Coleridge are in possession of any knowledge of living function acquired by experiments on animals, it is regrettable that they should withhold it, as there are thousands of eager intellects palpitating for so much as a reliable gleam of light upon this very impenetrable point. Even an intelligible hypothesis would be acceptable. What, for example, is function as applied to consciousness and vital phenomena? The experimental method, so valuable in other departments of research, is self-nugatory when applied to the elucidation of life by destructive operations upon living organisms. Science, as I understand it, may be defined as "abstract knowledge or truth systematised in its physical relations," i.e., in relation to its physical effects. And vivisection as a method of tracing or establishing such relations between physical phenomena and their abstract causes involves the derangement, confusion, and obliteration of the physical effects, and consequent obscuration of their causal relations and connection with the abstract changes of which they are the materialised expressions and counter parts. That is to say, a healthy living animal is a scientific expression of vital truth, because it is such truth assimilated to a perfectly organised system. Its vivisection is, consequently, the desystematisation of such truth. This makes it as a means of discovering the occult relations of vital phenomena, parallel dissecting a flower to discover the intrinsic nature of its beauty.—I am, sir, yours truly.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET.

DISPUTED ACCOUNT: ACTION AGAINST THE RECTOR.—On Monday, at the Durham County Court, before his Honour Judge Meynell, Messrs. J. W. Luccock and Co., confectioners, Chester-le-Street, sued the Rev. A. B. de Moleyns, rector of Chester-le-Street, for the recovery of £8 15s alleged to be due to plaintiffs for goods delivered to defendant, at the rectory.—The rector admitted receiving the goods, but submitted that he paid the account on Feb. 6th last, and received a receipt for it. He had since destroyed the receipt, it being his custom to destroy one receipt when he got a later one. He had been trading with the plaintiffs, and had paid several accounts since. He entered the payment of the disputed account in his cash book at the time, and remembered paying the money to one of Mr. Luccock's assistants in the shop.—Mr. Martin, book-keeper to the plaintiff firm, produced the account books showing that the £8 15s was due.—His Honour granted an adjournment on the application of the plaintiffs, to enable the plaintiffs to call further evidence, plaintiffs having to pay the costs.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

The following interesting letter has been received by Mr. Geo. Lowan, of Clark's Yard, Dipton, from his cousin, Private Wm. Hornagold, of the F Company, 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, who is lying deaf on one side at No. 3. General Hospital, Pondefooch, Cape Town:—

Cape Town,
South Africa,
March 16th, 1900.

Dear cousins,—I now take the pleasure of answering your most kind and welcome letter. I was very pleased to hear from you both. I was struck when I opened the letter to find out that it was you that wrote to me, and was very glad to hear that you had both been down to Norwich. I was very pleased to hear that you went and saw Hannah and the baby (his wife and child) as I am anxious to see it again, my home, and my dear wife. I received your letter the day after our big battle. We are having some rough times up at the front. I shall never forget that day as long as I live. It was on a Sunday. It is rather funny that all our fights have fallen on Sundays, the day that the Boers sing is their Holy Day of rest; but we don't give them much rest. I suppose you have read in the papers about our regiment. We have been in five battles, and have lost half the regiment—men killed and wounded. I think that we have done our share towards this war. I suppose that you have read about General Cronje being captured and six thousand Boers. We surrounded him. He is the same one that we fought on our first battle at Modder River, but we have captured him at last. We had to make a forced march for a week under Lord Roberts. It was a week's hard work; besides fighting as well we were marching from four o'clock on the Saturday afternoon till four o'clock the next morning. We did just about thirty miles. That night, as soon as we got to that place called Paardeberg's Drift, the Boers started shelling us, but they did no damage to us. There was only the Highland Brigade there. We were then ordered to skirmish out in the open, and we had big hills on both sides of us, and the river on our left. The cavalry was behind them, and they drove them on to us. Half of us then got the order to swim the river with all our things on, and our rifles. The Boers were firing at us in the river as hard as they could, but they hit very few of us then. Then we had to lie in the sun all day long without a drink of water or anything to eat. We were fighting at half-past seven at night. It was awful to see the killed and wounded lying about. Just then there was a shell came past my ear, not more than half-a-foot off my head. I am sorry to say that I am deaf of my right ear, but they are now sending me down to Cape Town along with 260 more of sick and wounded. I hope to be better soon. The war will soon be over. The people are treating us very kindly. In coming down country we have been starved. I am writing this letter in the train so as to catch the mail in time. If I live to come home to England I intend to come and see you both, because when the regiment comes home we go to Fort George in Scotland, and then I can take a trip down as I am coming home. I shall not forget you if they do not send me home to Netley Hospital. But I shall be all-right in about a month. I have had enough of the war and so have all of us. Old Kruger has lost his country. The Boers are running up country like a lot of deers. I think that they are about sick of the war. In all parts they are throwing down their arms and giving themselves up. This is all I have to say for the present. I send my best respects to you both at home, and to your child, and to all your relations. You asked me to see a fellow in the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers. They are with Lord Methuen. I don't know where they are; they are not up at the front with our regiment, but I will find him out if I can, so good-bye for the present and God bless you all.

Mr. R. M. Rutherford, of the Fox Inn, Dipton, has received the subjoined letter from a friend of his, Colour-Sergt. J. Collins, of the 3rd Battalion Royal Scots, who volunteered for service in South Africa:—

Steam Ship Oriental,
20th March, 1900.

Dear Bob,—Just a few lines to you to let you know that I am still alive. I may tell you that we are on the way to the front. We started from Holywood Barracks on the 2nd March, where we had been stationed for a few months. I had the wife and family with me, and had to send them home when we volunteered for South Africa. We arrived at Capetown on the 21st, and I thought we were going to disembark there, but I believe we are taking coal in, for the ship sails again to-night (Sunday) or Monday morning. If you look in the papers and notice where the P. and O. s.s Oriental lands us at it will give you an idea as to where we are. We went on shore and did a route march, and came across a lot of Boer prisoners camped out with a number of British sentries round them. They are in an enclosure called Green Point—a nice place. They do look a rough, low-looking lot—the lowest of the low. Capetown is a nice place. There are thousands of troops there on board ship in harbour not yet landed. We are on board ship, and are not allowed off to go on shore, so it is hard lines. It costs us about 3s a day. We manage to get a bottle of beer twice a day—6d a bottle—and don't grumble at it. I don't know how we shall get on. I hope it will be all right. I want to see these chaps. You get more war news at home than we do. We pay 3d for a newspaper, and don't get any news at all. Capetown is overrun with people from different places—black and white of all sorts. Remember me to Mrs. R. and the children, and to all the boys. Dick Baulch is with us, and Chalmers and all the sergeants of the staff except poor old Phil the Piper. He has been sent back to the 1st Battalion Details at Holywood. I will drop you another line when I can. Believe me to be, your old chum,

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SWALWELL.

DRUNKENNESS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday Thomas Handford, of no fixed abode, was charged by P.C. Kincaid with being drunk and disorderly at Swalwell, on the 17th inst.—The accused was fined 1/- and costs, but in default went to prison for seven days.

A CHILD'S NARROW ESCAPE.—On Thursday morning last a three-year-old child named Smith fell into the mill-race at Swalwell. Fortunately assistance was at hand and the child was taken from the water, but not before it had collapsed into an exhausted condition. The rescuer was a person named Rutherford Brown.

WHICKHAM.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—We understand that as a result of a social gathering recently held in the workings of Axwell Park Colliery, together with the proceeds of the bazaar held Wednesday last, and a donation of £5 the appreciated sum of close upon £100 has been realised in aid of the chancel improvement fund, and the carrying out of other improvements in connection with St. Mary's Church, Whickham.

WEARDALE.

The Rev. G. H. Schofield, M.A., son of the Vicar of Westgate Weardale, for the last five years curate of St. John's Paddington, has been offered by the Hyndman trustees, and has accepted, the vacant benefice of St. Thomas' Kensal Town, London. The net value of the living is £341 and a house. Population, 4,500.

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There was a large gathering at Crookhall on Thursday afternoon and evening last, on the occasion of the opening of a Church Reading and Mission Room under the auspices of St. Ives, Leadgate. The activity of Church people at Crookhall of late had been such that when the old engine-house became unoccupied it was resolved to utilise it for the purpose stated. The beginning, of course, is a small one, but with a population of about 300, and with enthusiasm unsurpassed in any other village of its size, the steady progress and usefulness of the project is assured from the outset. The idea was first mooted two or three months ago, and an effort was made to raise the necessary preliminary funds. The result of the effort was that the Rev. T. W. Hanson, curate of St. Ives, was able to present a balance-sheet on Thursday, showing receipts amounting to about £14. The room has been furnished, and with a supply of daily and weekly papers the attendance so far has proved that the need of such an institution was felt in the district. The expenditure has been kept down owing to voluntary labour. Messrs. Thos. Stewart and Enoch Fowler papered the room, and there was plenty of willing assistance in the way of cleaning and making the interior comfortable from members of the gentler sex. On Thursday night in each week the room will be utilised for the conducting of mission services. For the tea, substantial enough to be termed a banquet, and given entirely by residents of Crookhall, no less than 200 tickets were sold, and with others paying at the time a sum of about £11 was realised. The ladies officiating were:—From the Blue Row, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Barker, Mrs. Ward, and Miss Russell; from Red Row, Miss McIvor, Miss Charlotte McIvor, Miss Isabella McIvor, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. J. Nimmons, Miss M. Findlay, and Miss Nimmons. Among those present were the Vicar of St. Ives (the Rev. T. Varley), president; the Rev. T. W. Hanson, vice-president; Mr. Enoch Fowler, treasurer; Mr. Bradley, secretary; and the members of the committee, ten in number. The attendance at the tea was so large that some time was occupied in dealing with the numerous relays. The opening ceremony, of course, preceded the tea, and was performed by the Vicar on behalf of Mrs. Varley. He expressed the pleasure it gave him to be with them on so cheerful an occasion. It had long been his wish to see an institution of the kind established at Crookhall, and he hoped, now they had got one, it would be extremely useful to the men in enabling them to spend happy evenings, and he also hoped the wives would meet together for sewing and other useful meetings connected with domestic life. They had no Sunday School in the place, but he hoped before long they would try and organise one for the benefit of the children. He congratulated them upon the efforts they had made, upon the subscriptions they had collected, upon the work done, and the preparations and ample provision for the tea. There was some anxiety felt about beginning at this period of the year, but they had funds to carry them over the summer, and he had no doubt they would be quite prepared to meet the winter months.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation.—In the evening an entertainment was given, the Church Army Van being in the vicinity.

WOLSINGHAM.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Baptist Chapel, Wolsingham the contracting parties being Miss Annie Griffiths, of Swansea, and Dr. J. D. Love of Newcastle. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Black, M.A., the bride's brother-in-law. The bride who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of electric blue, trimmed with white flowered silk and feather trimming, and a chiffon toque of pale blue and point lace. The bride also carried a handsome bouquet of lilies. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's sister. The happy couple left in the afternoon for Scotland where their honeymoon will be spent.

THE SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.—Col.-Sergt. W. Pryce, 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, writes (The Hospital, Ladysmith) to Messrs. Benson's the watchmakers of Ludgate Hill, saying:—"During the attack on Ladysmith by the Boers on the 6th January, I carried the "Ludgate Watch" in the left breast pocket of my khaki jacket, and to that fact I probably owe my life, as during the engagement I was seriously wounded by a splintered bullet, the watch being struck by several splinters, which pierced the outer case and denting the inner, also knocking two small pieces of enamel from the face with the force of the blow. On being wounded I was sent to hospital, and the watch taken from me, and handed over to my Company Officer for safe custody. A few days ago it was given back to me, and out of curiosity I wound it up, and was quite surprised to find that it started off, and is still going and keeping good time."

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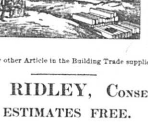
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COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morgan of Shotley Bridge.

Enthusiastic Proceedings

After a tenancy of the Crown and Cross Swords Commercial Hotel at Shotley Bridge, extending over eight years, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morgan are severing their connection with the district in order to retire into private life at Whitley. Their numerous friends felt that they could not allow the worthy couple to depart without presenting to them some tangible token of their respect and esteem. In consequence a committee was formed with Messrs. J. H. Coupland and J. W. Forster as hon. secretaries, and Mr. J. Collinson as treasurer. The appeal for subscriptions was heartily responded to, and the committee were enabled to purchase some handsome gifts. It was decided to present these at a complimentary dinner at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, which duly came off on Wednesday night. A splendid repast was provided by the host and hostess, to which a large company did justice, including the following:—Messrs. M. Richley, J. Bates, J. McTaggart, T. H. Surtees, F. G. Osborne, J. Duncanson (Durham), W. Merritt, T. Longworth (Consett), R. Heymer (Blackhill), T. Grey, F. A. Nutt, Phillipson (Blackhill), H. Lamb (Chester-le-Street), J. Dixon, B. Laws (Carterways), J. Robson (Wood Kell (Chester-le-Street), J. Robson (Wood House), J. Mathieson, G. P. Stephenson (Blackhill), J. Henry, W. Dickinson (Consett), R. E. Anderson (Mosswood), J. G. Marshall (Blackhill), J. J. Dowson, G. Moffitt, J. W. Forster, Dr. Allen, G. J. Christopher (Blackhill), Stockdale, G. Coxon (Kennels), W. Wilson, Geo. Morgan, F. Barron, J. Collinson, Jos. Eltringham (Blackhill), T. R. Willis, W. Urwin, E. Lockey (Consett), T. D. Dryden (Consett), F. A. Coltman (Consett), W. E. Brown (Blackhill), R. Marshall (Blackhill), J. Allison (Hamsterley), W. G. Turnbull (Burnopfield), R. Hall, R. Dixon (Broad Oak), W. Dixon (Hollings), J. Bruce, J. J. Richardson, A. J. Small, R. G. Barclay, J.P., J. H. Coupland, S. Leslie, J. Anderson (Mosswood), Jos. Pattinson (High Waskerley), J. S. Murray (Blackhill), W. Glendinning, T. Stephenson, R. Minto, W. Roche, L. Urwin, S. Barrett, W. Barron, J. Jewers (Benfieldside), E. Bell (Benfieldside), L. L. Grey (Chester-le-Street), etc.

At the conclusion of the repast, Mr. Jos. Eltringham took the chair, with Mr. John Dixon in the vice-chair.

The Chairman gave "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," which was loyally honoured, the company singing the National Anthem.

Dr. Allen next gave "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," and said that their forces were reaping laurels in South Africa. There were a good many lessons to be learnt from the present war, and it would be a profitable one in providing against future contingencies. (Applause.) All believed that it was a just war—a war for the extension of civilisation, and for doing away with an unjust government. (Applause.) The Navy had been conducted on scientific lines, and they had foreseen emergencies and guarded against them. There must be something different in the manner of appointing officers. There was a tendency to pitchfork men into responsible posts because of the social positions they occupied. In the future they must have men of ability and brains. Dr. Allen concluded by referring to the old patriotic spirit which had manifested itself since the outbreak of hostilities.

Mr. M. Richley replied, and said that doubtless their forces had had a stiff task, but he hoped that with the magnificent army Lord Roberts had he would be able to get to Pretoria before long. (Applause.) They had nursed and protected these people in the past, and got a species of civilisation, and no sooner was this done than they armed themselves and expressed their determination to hurl the British into the sea. He thought they would be able to prove that the British Empire was not standing on feet of clay. (Applause.) They would teach the Boers to respect the British. The speaker spoke of the good work done by the navy, and thought that they had no need to fear any foreign power they might have to deal with. (Applause.)

The Chairman then rose to make the presentations. He said that they were all perfectly well aware of the reason of their gathering, so it was unnecessary for him to make any remarks on this head. He was exceedingly sorry that circumstances had placed them in the position they were placed in that night. At the same time he was very proud to find such a handsome response to the committee's invitations. (Applause.) As chairman of the committee that originated the presentation it was exceedingly gratifying to see such a large assemblage. It showed that the committee in trying to arrange for some little presentation and some little send-off had been met by their friends in a manner that they had not expected. (Applause.) No doubt there were many gentlemen in Shotley Bridge who had had, during the past eight years, an opportunity of participating in the hospitality of that house, and there were also friends outside who had done the same. Therefore they thought it was only right to give them an opportunity of showing their appreciation of the way in which the house had been conducted. (Applause.) They knew perfectly well that that hotel was different to the ordinary run of hotels. There were hotels and hotels. That was a place that required a sort of special effort on the part of the host and hostess to conduct the business properly. He was sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were leaving, and believed that their places would be bad to fill. (Applause.) He believed that they had been a benefit to Shotley Bridge in carrying on the business. They had brought money into the place by the manner in which they had conducted their business. There was no doubt that Mr. and Mrs. Morgan had a large number of friends in the district, and also a large number away from that immediate locality. (Applause.) He (the chairman) had the pleasing opportunity of listening to the character of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan one day when coming home from the Continent. He got into conversation with a gentleman who had been to Shotley Bridge, and who declared that Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were the finest people he had ever met in an hotel. (Applause.) He was naturally very pleased to hear this. That opinion he believed was shared by everybody who had visited Shotley Bridge during the past eight years. (Applause.) They were losing their friends, and he was sorry, because when he made friends he was sorry to lose them. He only hoped that the successors to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan would act in the same manner and conduct the hotel in the same way as it had been managed during the last eight years. (Applause.) The reason they were there was to show their appreciation of the kindness and courtesy of their host and hostess. They hoped to have the opportunity of meeting them again for many years, and that they would all remain good friends for the future. (Applause.) He had known the establishment during the past 25 years, and it had been very fortunate in the way in which it had been conducted. With respect to that night's gathering he might say that at the outset it was only intended to have a social evening, and it was only when the subscriptions flowed in so freely that it was found possible to purchase those handsome presents that stood at the head of the table. He must certainly congratulate the committee on the taste they had displayed, as previous to that evening he had not seen them, owing to having been laid up by illness. He would now ask Mr. Morgan, on behalf of the committee and subscribers, to accept that silver tea urn, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan as a mark of respect and esteem from friends and well-wishers on their leaving Shotley Bridge. April, 1900." He had also to present to Mr. Morgan a diamond ring, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Morgan on leaving Shotley Bridge." He hoped that Mr. Morgan would have his health restored to him, and that he would be long spared to enjoy those presents. They proved that he had many friends in Shotley Bridge and district. (Loud applause.)

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan's health was then drank with musical honours.

Mr. Christopher offered some complimentary remarks, as did also Mr. Merritt.

Mr. Barclay also spoke, stating that he had known Mr. Morgan from the first day he had come there. They had had many transactions together, and he had always found their host most courteous and honest. (Applause.) He wished their host and hostess every success in whatever they undertook in their future life. (Applause.)

On rising to respond, Mr. Morgan had an enthusiastic reception. He said that, on behalf of Mrs. Morgan and himself, he thanked them very kindly for the handsome manner in which they had shown their respect and esteem. He had no idea that they had so many friends in the district. Nevertheless they were pleased that they had so many. (Applause.) They were sorry that they were leaving Shotley Bridge, but circumstances had almost compelled them to do so. His health was not good, and the work was too heavy for them. He came there a perfect stranger eight years since. He had tried to treat everybody courteously, and he thought that gathering proved that he had not been altogether unsuccessful. (Applause.) It was altogether beyond his expectations to receive such presents. They would value them as long as they lived. They would never look upon them without thinking of the many friends they had in Shotley Bridge and district. (Applause.) He always tried to make new friends, but he never forgot old ones. (Applause.) Although he was leaving the district he hoped to come through often and pay them a visit. He would always be pleased to see any of them if they were anywhere near Whitley. There were no doubt some absent who had subscribed to the testimonial, but he thanked them one and all. (Loud applause.)

Mr. T. D. Dryden, in a humorous and witty speech, proposed the toast of "The Press," to which Mr. John Ross, jun. ("Consett Guardian") and Mr. W. Eales ("Consett Chronicle") responded.

Mr. Lamb proffered "The singers," to which Messrs Duncanson, Mathieson, Merritt, and Grey replied.

Mr. Longworth, in an able speech, proposed "The Chairman and Vice-chairman," and these gentlemen appropriately acknowledged the compliment.

During the evening excellent songs were rendered by Messrs Mathieson, Duncanson, Heymer, L. Grey, Longworth, Christopher, Merritt, and the vice-chairman, the accompaniments being most ably played by Mr. G. P. Stephenson. The enthusiastic proceedings concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. A word of praise is due to Messrs Coupland and Forster for the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out, everything passing off in the most harmonious fashion.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Messrs Algie and Ernest Spalding's company have received a warm welcome at the New Theatre this week in the musical comedy drama, "Donnybrook." As the title of the play implies, the plot is laid in the Emerald Isle, and a very lively composition it is. Naturally there is any amount of fun, songs and dances being greatly in evidence. The company is a really good one, and altogether "Donnybrook" should draw big houses. As "Sally" Miss Florrie Verne has a part that suits her down to the ground, and she makes the most of it. She is a capital singer and dancer. Miss Jessie Harper is an admirable "Kathleen," and her coon song and dance takes on immensely. As "Bridget" Miss Ethel Wright scores a big success and Miss Edith A. Lyddon does well in the part of "Molly O'Dwyer." Mr. Sydney Benson, as "Billy Slim," has a rare innings, and he extracts an unexhaustible store of humour out of his part. Whilst he is on the stage mirth reigns supreme. Mr. F. Copeland is seen to great advantage as "Dennis O'Dwyer," and Mr. Walter Foster is capital as "Captain Vere." "Tim Doolan" finds an able representative in Mr. Sydney Griffiths, whilst Mr. Serras Brock does full justice to the character of "Father McGuire." The remainder of the company fill their allotted parts to the satisfaction of all. A number of children are introduced with good effect. We have no hesitation in describing "Donnybrook" as one of the most humorous pieces that has ever visited Consett, and all who enjoy a hearty laugh should not fail to see it.

WEARDALE TRAIN SERVICE.

REPORTED ADDITIONAL TRAINS.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Weardale Council on Friday, a letter was read from Mr. J. V. Walton, of Witton-le-Wear, in regard to the putting forward of the 5.5 p.m. from Stanhope some 30 minutes earlier, a step which he did not favour.—Mr. Snowdon said he had not heard a single complaint before about the alteration of this train. Of course what they required was two additional trains.—It was decided after further discussion to let the alteration suggested by the company to start early in May the 5 p.m. train for Darlington remain as proposed—a half-hour earlier, the Council in the meantime awaiting further developments as to additional trains.

There has been, however, it may be stated, received in Bishop Auckland a publisher's proof of North-Eastern train alterations for May. To this is affixed a supplementary sheet bearing on the Wear Valley train service. On this is shown a connection up the Wear Valley with the 9.20 a.m. from Darlington. There is also shown a train which will start from Stanhope at 3.6 p.m. for Darlington, Crook, and possibly Blackhill. There was no official confirmation to be obtained locally on the subject last week-end, but from the information referred to above it appears to be plainly evident that the directorate have decided to grant the concessions asked for by the Weardale District Council.

STANLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The annual meeting of this authority was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room, Stanley. Coun. T. W. W. Ritson presided pro. tem. The other members present were:—Councillors J. Green, G. Forster, M. G. Armstrong, J. Anderson, T. Forster, A. H. Swinburn, Wm. Welsh, A. Kuhlman, W. Indian, and J. Smith; the Clerk (Mr. J. G. Ridley), and the Surveyor (Mr. J. Routledge.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The first business on the agenda was the election of Chairman for the ensuing twelve months.

Coun. Smith moved, and Coun. Kuhlman seconded, that Coun. Jonathan Green be elected chairman for the ensuing year.

This was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman thanked the members for again doing him the honour of electing him to the chair. He assured them that he would work as he had done in the past, for the interests of the Council during the coming year. This was their last year, and he hoped it would not be their least successful year. (Hear, hear.)

Coun. Kuhlman: I don't think it will be our last year. (Laughter.)

The Chairman: I only hope we will be returned.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Coun. Ritson was elected to the vice-chair on the motion of Coun. Forster, seconded by Coun. Swinburn.

Coun. Ritson said he was very much obliged to them for the honour conferred upon him—if there was an honour connected with it. The duties of a vice-chairman were light, as their Chairman was nearly always present, therefore the position of a vice-chairman was an easy one. He would endeavour to do his best for the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The various committees were afterwards appointed.

BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The Building and Sanitary Committee recommended the following plans for approval:—(1) For tenemented house in Theresa Street, Stanley, for John Grundy, subject to an inspection chamber being provided for drains in yard. (2) for stables and cowsheds for the West Stanley Co-operative Society, at South Moor; (3) for two tenemented houses in Theresa Street, for Mr. P. Gallagher; (4) for 38 cottages for Mr. Alfred Routledge, at East Stanley; (5) for two tenemented houses in South Moor Lane, on the Joicey Estate, for Mr. Wm. Horsley, subject to the main drain being provided according to block-plan, submitted and approved by the Council. The following plans were not in order, and were recommended to be rejected:—For four dwelling houses near Shield Row Farm, for Messrs. Symons, Johnson, and English. It was recommended that the Council provide three crossings on the East Stanley footpath to the entrance to the three streets as shewn on block plan submitted by Mr. Routledge; also the Council to provide a manhole for sewer in centre Cross Street, at a sufficient depth to receive surface water from highway. That the Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, etc., for the necessary work in relaying the present sewers at High Stanley, and that the work be let by contract, the Surveyor to be empowered to advertise for tenders on completion of plans. The draft regulations proposed to be made under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order having been provisionally approved by the Local Government Board it was recommended that the Clerk invite tenders for the printing of 200 copies of same. It was recommended that the census returns compiled by the Surveyor as to the numbers of of occupiers per each house in the district be bound in book form, and lie on the Council table for the inspection of the members. Removal of house refuse.—It was recommended that this work be let in two districts. The committee reported that they had arranged to visit East Stanley Schools on Thursday afternoon, May 3rd, with respect to drains in connection with school premises.

The report was adopted.

HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above committee reported that the tender of Mr. George Stewart at the sum of £218 15s be accepted for the excavations in connection with the new road. Shield Row Road.—That Mr. Severs on behalf of Messrs. Joicey and Co., Ltd., and the Council's Surveyor attend to the improving of this road at once. The committee also reported that in regard to the diversion of Stanley Burn, near Hustle Down, Mr. Parmeter, agent to Messrs. Towneley, requires that £1 per annum be paid to Messrs. Towneley should the diversion be carried out. It was recommended that the Council ask Mr. Parmeter as to what sum he would be prepared to accept in full settlement instead of an annual charge. It was further recommended that the West Stanley Gas Co. have power to lay their gas mains in Church Street, Ridley Street, and Kay Street, providing all damage to streets be satisfactorily repaired.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr. Routledge) reported that as requested he had examined the houses at Red Rows, Oxhill, and found that nothing had been done to improve the above since his last inspection. Twelve out of the 22 houses were now occupied.

Coun. Severs thought that the Board could not get the people out any quicker than at present.

Coun. Armstrong thought that the owners were getting the occupiers out as quick as the could.

Coun. Kuhlman concurred.

The Chairman thought that the Council might have an assurance that the houses would be closed within the next six months.

Nothing was done in the matter.

The report was adopted.

FINANCE AND BURIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance and Burial Committee recommended that accounts amounting to £859 19s 8d be paid. The Committee also recommended that plot 1 (that is the plot on the east side of the ground) be consecrated, and that the other two plots remain as unappropriated ground; or, as an alternative Mr. Green and Mr. Kay are to wait upon the Vicar (Rev. D. W. James), as to his acceptance to have the whole of the new ground dedicated instead of plot 1 being consecrated.

A member drew attention to the fact that flowers had been removed from the graves, and although a watch had been kept no one had been caught.

The Chairman thought that a house might be erected for the person who looked after the graves.

Coun. Kuhlman thought it would be a difficult matter to prevent the alleged flower stealing unless someone patrolled the place.

It was resolved on the motion of Coun. Armstrong, that the Burial Committee should meet upon the spot and inspect the graveyard, etc., with a view to considering a further exit out of the cemetery, and also the best means of putting a stop to the alleged flower stealing.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Benson) reported that the number of notifiable diseases reported during the past month amounted to twenty-one cases, and these consisted of nineteen of scarlatina, and one each of enteric fever, and erysipelas. The last named was of no importance infectively. The patient with enteric fever resided in Joicey's Square, Stanley. Nothing was in evidence that would account for the origin of the outbreak. Scarlatina covered a large portion of the district, but was most prevalent in those parts where the disease had previously existed. Practically the whole of the cases was one continuous outbreak. The mortality for the four weeks was below the county average. Fifteen deaths were returned, giving a death-rate equal to 15.6 per 1,000 per annum. It was scarcely necessary to particularise the causes of the deaths as not one succumbed to infectious disease.

The report was considered satisfactory, and adopted.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector reported that he had collected the following sums:—General district rate, £103 5s 0d; cemetery fees, £9 11s 6d, making a total of £112 16s 6d.

The report was adopted.

This was all the business of note and the meeting soon afterwards terminated.

SATLEY.

VESTRY MEETING.—At the annual vestry meeting held in this parish on Thursday, the vicar, the Rev. T. L. J. Warneford, presided. The churchwardens' report showed a balance in hand of £9 0s 7d. Messrs Gilhespy and N. Walker were re-elected churchwardens. Mr. Attey was elected as lay representative of the parish, and Messrs M. Buckham, T. Tomlinson, C. Johnson, and J. Suddes as sidesmen.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this body was held in the Council Chamber, Leadgate, on Tuesday evening. There were present—Couns. W. F. Lane, L. Nicholson, J. W. Winter, R. Robson, W. J. Foreman, W. Robson, M. D. Greener, T. Keenleyside, G. Nicholson, J. Costello, H. Cheesmond, C. Clegg; the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland), and the Surveyor (Mr. T. S. Longstaff.)

On the motion of Coun. G. Nicholson, seconded by Coun. L. Nicholson, Coun. Lane was voted to the chair pro. tem.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said they would see that the agenda was exceedingly short, but nevertheless it was important. The first thing was the appointment of chairman of the Council for the ensuing twelve months. The meeting was now open for nominations.

Coun. L. Nicholson moved the re-appointment of Mr. H. Palmer as chairman.

Coun. Winter seconded. He thought they would be doing Mr. Palmer and the Council credit by re-electing him. They had important work in hand, and he thought Mr. Palmer's guiding genius would be of service to them. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Palmer was pre-eminently fitted for the position they proposed to elect him to. There was such a thing as an ornament, but in Mr. Palmer they had a gentleman who gave them good value for the position he occupied. (Hear, hear.)

Coun. W. Robson supported the motion, and thought it had been a pleasure to all to sit under Mr. Palmer's chairmanship. They could not do better than re-elect him.

Coun. G. Nicholson also supported, and said they had been well served by Mr. Palmer. As there was important work to be done he thought it best to stick to him for another year at any rate. He had thought himself that the proper course would have been for Coun. Lane to take the chair—(Coun. Lane: No, no)—and Coun. W. Robson the vice-chair, but he thought it best to re-elect Mr. Palmer this year.

The Chairman endorsed the remarks of those who had spoken. He had never thought for a moment of accepting the chair, and would not have taken it had he been proposed.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said the next business was the election of vice-chairman. He was unanimously appointed to the post last year, and took it that the honour was to go round the table. He was not desirous of holding it for another year. He proposed Coun. W. Robson as vice-chairman.

Coun. Costello seconded, and thought that Coun. Robson would be well able to fulfil the duties. He thought it only a matter of courtesy that it should go round to the old members of the Council, who might thus gain experience in the event of being called upon to take the chair.

Couns. Foreman, Winter, and Cheesmond supported, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Coun. W. Robson then took the chair and in returning thanks said he would try and do his duty, and would do all he could for the Council. He had no particular desire to be vice-chairman, principally on account of the distance he lived from the place. He thought perhaps someone in the place would have taken the office. He hoped they would have a satisfactory year as far as the vice-chairmanship was concerned. (Hear, hear.)

COMMITTEES.

The committees were then appointed as follows, the chairman and vice-chairman being ex-officio members of each:—

Finance, Building and Sewerage—Couns. Lane (convener), W. Robson, G. Nicholson, Clegg, R. Robson, Costello, L. Nicholson, Winter, and Keenleyside.

Highways and Lighting—Couns. G. Nicholson (convener), Foreman, W. Robson, Greener, Keenleyside, Cheesmond, and Lane.

Park and Fire Brigade—Couns. Costello (convener), Winter, Clegg, R. Robson, L. Nicholson, Foreman, and Cheesmond.

Sanitary—The whole Council.

Joint Hospital Board—The Chairman and Coun. Winter.

School Attendance—Coun. L. Nicholson.

Rowland Wilkinson Charity—Coun. L. Nicholson.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

It was decided that the sub-committees for the sewerage scheme and asphalting should consist of the whole Council.

This concluded the business.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

A special meeting of the members of the Tanfield School Board was held in the Board Schools, West Stanley, on Tuesday night last. Mr. H. Curry Wood presided, and there were also present the Rev. T. H. Archdall, the Rev. Father Thompson, Messrs M. G. Armstrong, W. Bulmer, J. Green, J.P., B. Mason, W. Severs, W. A. Swallow, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)—Mr. J. A. Hodgson, head master of Causey Schools, was appointed head master of West Stanley Senior Schools in succession to Mr. R. W. Little, who has removed to Birtley.—A complaint was made by Mr. Mason to the effect that his boy had been allowed to chop sticks during school hours.—The master explained that he acted with the best intentions and with no desire to act contrary to the rules of the Board.—After discussion it was resolved that the master be instructed to exercise more care in the future.—An application from two teachers under the Kyo School Board to attend the Teachers' Centre Class was granted.—The East Stanley Young People's Christian Endeavour applied for the use of the schools for a supper on the 28th.—The application was granted and the meeting terminated.

SERIOUS FIRE AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE

On Monday afternoon a fire resulting in serious damage occurred at Messrs. Annandale's Shotley Grove Paper Mills. The outbreak occurred in the dusting room at about one o'clock and was observed by several of the workmen who immediately gave an alarm, and had the manual from Shotley Bridge speedily brought to the premises. Water was pumped out of the mill race, but it was not until four o'clock that the flames were mastered. At the time of the outbreak there were between 20 and 30 young women and a number of men at work in the affected part of the building. Fortunately there was no loss of life or injury the alarm being given in due time. The hosepipes belonging the Benfieldside Urban District Council were also brought into use, under the supervision of Mr. John Dixon, town surveyor, while the hosepipes and brigades were also brought from Consett, under the direction of Mr. W. S. Shell, captain, and Mr. George T. Egglestone, lieutenant. Unfortunately, the hosepipe patent connections would not fit the plugs on the spot. The members of the brigade, however, lent valuable assistance in other ways. Two hose-pipes were operated from the engine boilers, there being five or six streams of water playing simultaneously upon the flames. The dusting-house and grass-house were completely gutted, and part of the machinery was destroyed or rendered useless, but the more valuable plant in the pulp and finishing departments, at the farthest end of the block, escaped with but slight damage. Although the flooring was burned through, it is expected the huge grass boilers are little the worse. Mr. W. M. Annandale and Mr. R. Town were present and regulated as far as they could the work of the firemen. It should also be mentioned that there was a large number of volunteers whose ready assistance was as valuable as it was valued. Constables Johnson, Elwood, and Simpson also rendered valuable assistance and the two former remain on duty at the works by request of Messrs. Annandale. The total damage is variously estimated, but it cannot fall much short of about £7,000, and this is covered by insurance.

ORIGINAL POETRY.

"LITTLE PEARL."

(Aet. 7.)

"A little girl with eyes of blue,
Yellow-brown hair with many a curl;
Wee laughing face, that speaks so true,
And winsome manners, that's little Pearl.
Dear little Pearl,
The bright little girl,
Mother's own loved one is sweet little Pearl."

April 15th, 1900. —J. W. F.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of the Collierley School Board was held in the Board Room of the Collierley Board Schools, Dipton, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. J. T. Robinson (chairman.) There were also present—Messrs W. Young, T. Clark, J. B. Armstrong, S. Swalwell; Mr. A. Phillipson (clerk), and Mr. H. Beatham (attendance officer.)

THE POSITION OF INFANT MISTRESS.

There were fifteen applications from candidates for the position of infant mistress, rendered vacant by the resignation of Miss Terry. After the Board had read the applications the following five candidates were selected to meet the Board on Saturday afternoon, viz., Mrs. Weedy, Burnopfield; Miss Knox, South Hetton; Miss Purvis, Littletown; Miss Lilyston, New Shildon; and Miss Barker, West Cornforth.

AN EXEMPTION CASE.

Mr. Green, of Dipton, made application for the exemption of his son from school.

Mr. Clark: Can you get him work?

Mr. Green: No, not as yet. Can you set him on? (Laughter.)

Mr. Clark: No.

A PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Swalwell pointed out that as Miss Terry had not given a favourable reply to their request for her to remain at school until a successor was appointed, he moved that Miss Bell be asked to take charge of the infant school pro. tem. until a successor was obtained, and that she be paid at the same rate of salary as the present head teacher.

Mr. Young seconded the motion.

After consideration Mr Armstrong moved, and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, to ask Mrs. McQuillen to take charge of the school, and that Mr. McQuillen take the pupil teachers pro. tem.

Mr. Swalwell withdrew his motion, and Mr. Armstrong's motion was carried.

AGREEMENT WITH GREENCROFT BOARD.

The committee appointed to meet the Greencroft School Board on the question of the education of children living in the Collierley area at Catchgate and the proposed extension of the Greencroft Schools, reported that they had met the Greencroft Board, and recommended that the Collierley Board endeavour to fall in with the proposals of the Greencroft Board to pay one-third of the maintenance of the schools, £5 per annum towards the headmaster's house, and the whole of the expenses incurred in the erection of the proposed additional class-rooms.

Mr. Swalwell moved, and the Chairman seconded, that the Board agree to the terms of the Greencroft School Board.

Mr. Young: Can you specify the amount?

The Chairman: You cannot.

The motion was then carried.

QUESTION OF A SCALE OF SALARIES.

Mr. Armstrong, in accordance with his notice of motion submitted a scale of salaries which he had drawn up for the approval of the Board. He had endeavoured to fix the salaries on as fair and just a basis as possible, but would be glad to hear of any amendment or suggestion from the Board. As would be seen the schools were fairly well staffed, and it would be the duty of the Board to consider the necessity for keeping on teachers after they had passed their scholarship examinations, as in some cases he thought their services might be dispensed with without seriously affecting the schools. Mr. Armstrong then handed each member a copy of the scale he had drawn up.

Mr. Swalwell: I might ask Mr. Armstrong if he has any particular criterion for fixing this scale?

Mr. Armstrong: It is my own idea about a scale. I have based my calculations upon what I think they are entitled to be fairly well paid, and also upon what other schools are paying. In the girls' school they are not paid as high as some in other schools.

Mr. Swalwell: There is one thing to take into consideration. I know very well there is one school which pays more than we do, but what has the teacher to do for her wage? In our schools the mistress has no pupil teachers to instruct.

Mr. Armstrong: It depends entirely upon the Bard whether they give her the pupil teachers or not. If she is a trained and certificated teacher she should have charge of the pupil teachers.

Mr. Swalwell: In regard to this matter we were recommended by one of the inspectors when Miss Hindson was leaving, to put them under the master and form a class. He (the inspector) said, "One doesn't like to make any particular remarks, but you have a good man and give him plenty of work to do." I have nothing to say against Miss Dickinson; she may be quite qualified, but it was duly considered, and they were put under the master, and we know that they are well looked after, and if there was a change made now there might be no gain. There are so many changes with women teachers—it was a very unreliable thing.

Mr. Clark: Another thing was the unsettled state of the schools at the time and that was the reason why he (the master) retained them.

Mr. Swalwell: The inspector said, "Whether it happens to be a mixed school or not my recommendation is that you let the teachers go under the master."

Mr. Armstrong: It is certainly a point to engage a mistress qualified to take pupil teachers, and she should take them.

Mr. Swalwell: When we advertised for a mistress it was stated in the advertisement that the pupil teachers were taken by the master, and Miss Dickinson had no right to expect them.

Mr. Armstrong: We might not have a head-mistress. If you thought fit to engage an untrained one the master would have to take the teachers, but if you get a trained one I think the master should not take the teachers.

Mr. Swalwell: Have you any fault to find?

Mr. Armstrong: I am not finding fault. I am stating my mind on the matter.

Mr. Young: I see you propose to give the assistant-mistresses more than the assistant-masters.

Mr. Armstrong: Yes, because they have more work to do.

Mr. Swalwell: It is out of all order, starting a woman at more than a man.

Mr. Armstrong: It is not out of order at all, if they have higher qualifications.

Mr. Swalwell: It is out of order; it is an insult to a man to ask him to start for less than a woman.

Mr. Armstrong: If he doesn't like to start he needn't.

Mr. Swalwell: We had better take them in order, gentlemen.

The Chairman: As we stand now Mr. McQuillen takes the pupil teachers in his own school and teaches in the girls.

Mr. Swalwell: He has £180 in his school, and £10 a year for the girls' pupil teachers. If we were to engage a man now we might start them at £160, but we could not reduce him now.

Mr. Armstrong: I don't intend to reduce him now; the scale will not take effect until we engage another teacher. I think we should pay the head-master from £160 to £190, and let him keep his own pupils.

Mr. Swalwell: That is very different from the doctrine we heard six months ago.

Mr. Clark: I think it would be better to have a special meeting; it seems to be a question that needs some consideration.

The Chairman: I move that it be adjourned.

Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was carried.

The question of the applications for increases of salary was ordered to be considered at that meeting.

THE PROBATIONERS' GRIEVANCE.

Mr. Swalwell: There is one thing I wish to name. Those who know the code will see that probationers are not allowed to teach or be engaged in school work more than half their time. I have had different complaints from some parents that their children have not time to attend to their studies. We are bound by the code to see that they have time to study as well as giving instructions. With regard to this matter Article 33 of the code distinctly says that the managers are to see that the probationers are not occupied in teaching or in school duties more than half of their time. If the inspectors knew, or the Department, they would be down upon us.

Mr. Clark: That means we will have to have additional staff.

Mr. Swalwell: Whatever it means it should be done. It is hard on our teachers who have not the advantages of a central class. It is a thing which rests entirely with the Board, at least to say if such has to be.

The Chairman: Yes, if a thing is not carried out as it should be, it should be rectified.

Mr. Swalwell: Certainly. Several parents have spoken to me about the matter. It is not giving them a chance.

Mr. Young: I thought they were going on well.

Mr. Swalwell: Well, but they are studying when they should be in bed, or taking some recreation.

Mr. Clark: It should be considered with the question of the scale of salaries.

Mr. Swalwell moved that the question of the staff be gone into at the adjourned meeting.

SIGNING CHEQUES.

Cheques to the amount of £110 were ordered to be signed, and the Board adjourned.

LEADGATE.

WESLEYAN HOME MISSIONS.—In connection with the above a very successful meeting was held on Monday evening in the Wesleyan Church, Leadgate. The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne presided over a large gathering. Interesting addresses were given by the Chairman, Mrs. Polkinghorne, Mrs. T. F. Foster, and Mr. N. Bell (Consett.) The choir rendered some capital selections in splendid style, under the leadership of Mr. Jos. Davison, whilst Mr. F. Harrison presided at the organ in his customary able manner. A collection was taken on behalf of the missions.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, April 25th, 1900. Before Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker (presiding) Mr. H. Armstrong, and Mr. A. Wood.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following were charged with this offence and dealt with as under:—Thomas Lawson, 2/6 and costs; Hugh Lawson, 2/6 and costs; Elias Burnhill, 2/6 and costs; Joseph McLane, 7/6 and costs; John Tar, 5/- and costs; Catherine M. Hague, 2/6 and costs; and Aaron Smith, 7/6 and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Robert Tindale, and Thomas McGowan were summoned by Sergt. Grey for this offence at Birtley on the 16th inst.—The defendants, who admitted the offence, were bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £5, and ordered to pay the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

James Wright and James Stephenson were charged by P. C. Parkinson with playing at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street on the 4th inst.—A fine of 2/ and costs each was imposed.

Robert Howard, Peter Burns, Isaac Stephenson, James Burns, Michael Wright, Andrew Jennings, Thomas Burlison, John Burlison, John Tighe, Arthur lancaster, Thomas O'Neil, Robert Davison, Matthew Cowell, Wm. Cunningham, John Watson, Wm. Ainsley, Thomas Buller, and John Paton were all charged by P.C. Parkinson with playing at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street on the 8th inst. Fines ranging from 2/- and costs to 5/- and costs were imposed.

Wm. Harle, John Bankhead, Edward Younger, Gilbert Richardson, John Telford, and Thomas Harrison were summoned for playing at pitch and toss near Chester-le-Street, on the 25th ult. P.C. Parkinson prosecuted. Mr. Wynn-Perry who defended denied the offence. The Bench considered that no evidence had been brought forward to deny the offence, and imposed fines ranging from 2/- and costs to 5/- and costs.

CRUELTY TO A PONY AT PELTON.

George Dixon, Pelton, a young man employed at Pelton Colliery was charged with cruelly ill-treating a pony at that colliery on the 18th inst. The accused pleaded guilty.—Wm. Wilson deposed that on Wednesday, the 18th inst, information was brought to him that the defendant had cruelly ill-used a pony. Witness afterwards examined the pony, and in consequence of which he sent the defendant home. The animal was injured about the eye and the lower part of the jaw. A Veterinary Surgeon was afterwards sent for.—Robert Whitfield, veterinary surgeon, deposed that he examined the pony and found a wound upon the eye, in consequence of which the sight had been permanently injured. The pony had not been able to work since.—The accused was fined 10/- and costs.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT BIRTLEY.

Charles Kirkbridge, (45), pensioner, was charged with having attempted to commit suicide by drowning on the 15th inst at Birtley.

James Clark Lorraine, a telegraph messenger, residing with his father at Birtley, deposed that on Sunday, the 15th inst, at about 3 p.m., he was walking along the footpath between Birtley Cottage Farm and Bewick Main, when he noticed a coat, cuffs, and hat lying upon the embankment at Rowledge Burn near Mr. Allison's brick yard. Witness also noticed the prisoner lying in the middle of the water in the burn. Witness assisted to get the prisoner out of the water.

Frank Baddiley, mason's apprentice, residing at Dennison Place, Birtley, deposed that he, along with other persons, were walking close by Rowledge Burn, when he observed the prisoner lying in the middle of the burn in a drowning condition. Witness kept the prisoner's head above the water, while someone went for assistance. The accused was subsequently got out of the water, which would be about six or seven inches deep.

Sergt. Grey said from information received he went to Rowledge Burn, where he saw the prisoner lying upon the ground, having been taken from the water. The accused was in a state of collapse. Witness resorted to artificial respiration, whereupon the prisoner vomited after an elapse of about fifteen minutes. Prisoner when charged with the offence said he knew nothing about the matter. Witness took the prisoner's clothes off, and wrapped him in a rug, and subsequently sent for Dr. Longbottom, who gave prisoner a stimulant.

Dr. Renton said he saw the prisoner at the Chester-le-Street workhouse, shortly afterwards, when he found him suffering from delusions, and could give no account of himself. At present the prisoner was of sound mind.

A brother of the prisoner said that his brother had served in Her Majesty's service for eighteen years, but had been discharged for the last four years. His brother later on volunteered to go into the army again, but unfortunately he got inebriated with his last pension money, and consequently the doctor would not pass him, as he was not in a fit state. This appeared to have upset the prisoner.

The Clerk: What had been his mental condition till he left you.

Witness: Oh, perfectly clear.

The Clerk: Do you attribute this to drink?

Witness: Yes.

The Chairman: Did drink affect him before?

Witness: No. It's more this disappointment in not passing the doctor that has caused it.

The prisoner was dismissed upon his brother promising to take care of him.

A TROUBLESOME TENANT.

Application was made on behalf of the Birtley Iron Company for an ejectment order against Benjamin Dawson. The application was granted.

LEADGATE FLOWER SHOW

The annual meeting of subscribers to the above show was held in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, on Tuesday evening. Mr. H. Whitfield presided over a large attendance.

BALANCE-SHEET.

The balance-sheet was submitted, and showed that the receipts last year amounted to £130 18s 4d, whilst the expenditure was £119 14s 2d, thus leaving a balance of £11 4s 2d. This was considered very satisfactory.

DATE OF NEXT SHOW.

It was decided that the next show should be held on August 4th.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. T. S. Longstaff was elected president; Mr. J. Maughan treasurer; and Mr. G. W. Goulden secretary. The following names were added to the committee:—Messrs M. Marley, John Lammonby, L. Nicholson, W. Robson, W. Forster, T. Greener, R. Grainger, W. Brears, E. Brown, J. W. Winter, F. and J. Siddle.

A PRIZE HELD OVER.

It was agreed to give a silver whistle to the Leadgate Ladies' Cycling Club, who were the only club that entered the competition last year. It was decided that the whistle should not cost more than 2s 6d.

Mr. Patten said there was money thrown away on these things that should have gone to other prizes. He referred to the donkey race particularly.

THE JUDGES.

Mr. Ripley said that the judges in the floral, etc., department last year did not give satisfaction.

The Chairman said it was a difficult thing to satisfy everybody. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ripley then moved that Messrs Bolam, Axwell Park, and Stoddart be asked to act as judges for flowers, vegetables, etc., and, failing one of these, Mr. Blanchard.

Mr. Foreman seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Chairman moved that Messrs F. and J. Siddle, Consett, be asked to judge the fancy pigeons, and Mr. G. Hall, Sunderland, the dogs, poultry, and flying pigeons.

Mr. Patten said this was committee business, and as some of them were not on the committee they had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Ripley contended that they had a right to deal with the matter.

Mr. Goulden said the business of the annual meeting was finished.

Mr. Ripley said after the election of the officers they could go into the schedule.

The motion was carried.

TRUSTEES.

Messrs H. Whitfield and W. Brears were re-elected trustees for the money in the bank.

AN EXCURSION.

Mr. Longstaff thought that they should try and get the Railway Company to run a trip to Leadgate on the day of the show. He moved that the Secretary write the Passenger Superintendent on the matter.

Mr. Goulden seconded the motion.

Mr. Grainger asked if it would not be better to appoint a deputation to wait on the Superintendent, and then they would get an answer straightaway, whereas they might only be put off by writing letters.

Mr. Longstaff said the Secretary might write and ask about a deputation. All sorts of trips were run out of Leadgate, but never a one into it.

Mr. Goulden asked if the Council would help them?

Mr. Longstaff thought so. He mentioned that Mr. Palmer was often meeting the railway authorities, and if asked he would probably do what he could for them.

The motion was then adopted; and after a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman the meeting terminated.

CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Wheeler."]

Last week-end was really splendid for cycling, and the roads were literally alive with devotees of the wheel. They were to be seen flitting about in all directions, the ladies especially making a brave show. The pastime seems to be becoming more popular every year, and all sorts and conditions of people are taking to it.

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A new club has been started at Consett under the name of the Forget-me-Nots. There are already about 40 members, and Mr. John Peacock has been elected secretary. The new club have a run to Sunderland on Saturday. I wish the organisation every success.

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The members of the Medomsley club were greatly disappointed at Easter, owing to the miserable weather preventing them from carrying out their fixtures. However, they had a special run on Wednesday of last week, when 13 members turned out and spent a pleasant evening. The party travelled via Dipton and Burnopfield to Rowland's Gill, and the ride was much enjoyed.

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On Saturday last 14 members set out for Hexham, where another "A 1" day was spent, everyone being anxious to go again. The party journeyed via Shotley Bridge and Kilnpit Hill, which, although heavy, is fairly good. Soon after leaving Minsteracres it was found that some genius had been cutting the hedge, and forgot that everybody does not ride unpuncturable tyres. The worthy Medomsley secretary (Mr. Jos. Walton) was the victim, and a dismount had to be called until the damage was repaired. The return journey was made by way of Wylam, Prudhoe, and Blaydon, so that the members are contriving to see the country by taking different routes.

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The Medomsley Club travel to Sunderland on Saturday, leaving headquarters at 12.30 prompt, and will visit Roker Park to see the "grate fite" between Sunderland and Newcastle. The run has been changed from Newcastle to the Wearside town. I am pleased to see that the Medomsley club is going on so successfully, and am gratified to learn that new members are joining every week.

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The Annfield Plain Excelsior Club have a run to Sunderland on Saturday leaving headquarters at one o'clock. Start on the return journey at 6.30. By the way, Sunderland seems to be a favourite rendezvous for this week-end, doubtless on account of the big football match. The Excelsiors travel to the Hobson on Wednesday night, via the Loud and Dipton, and return by way of Tanfield and Stanley. The meeting time is six o'clock.

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On Saturday afternoon, a large company of the Dipton cyclists had their run to Chester-le-Street. After having a glorious ride thither they wiled away the time "on't watter," but I did not hear of their having come across their ungracious friends whom they met last year, and who threatened to give them a "ducking" for colliding with their boat, my friends being like the Boers, too mobile to be caught napping. The next Wednesday run will be to Ryton, and the Saturday one to Ebchester. Given good weather there is every prospect of jolly times at each run.

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The Annfield Plain Club held their spin to Rowland's Gill, via Shotley Bridge, on Saturday afternoon. I am glad to see so many cyclists have become members of this club. One thing in its favour is that there are no class distinctions recognised, every member treating each other as their own equal. One of the strongest reasons for the failure of the club which it was attempted to establish last year, was the spirit of pride which the members showed to some cyclists whose misfortune it was to be employed at the neighbouring collieries. Too much "la-di-da" does not do in organisations of this kind, and I hope the executive of the Excelsior Club will do their utmost to suppress it whenever the slightest tendency to lean in that direction is detected.

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I am pleased to find that the Leadgate "Hardyites" are alive and kicking. The annual meeting was held on Tuesday night at the headquarters, Black Bull Inn, Leadgate. Mr. W. Dick presided over a fair attendance. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts had been £22 8s, and the expenditure £20 0s 8d, leaving a balance of £2 7s 4d, which is very satisfactory. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Coun. M. D. Greener; vice-presidents, Coun. W. J. Foreman, Dr. Henley, Messrs. F. Collingwood, W. Smith, W. Milburn, Jas. Kelly, D. Hodgson, Geo. Cooke, J. E. Kinleside, J. Taylor, J. Ross, jun., and W. Bell; Chairman of committee, Mr. W. Dick; captain, Mr. W. Black; vice-captains, Messrs. E. Milburn and F. Davison; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Kershaw; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Stephenson. The committee consists of the riding members. The first run will take place on Sunday to Gosforth, to meet at headquarters at 12.30. I trust that the Hardy boys may have a real good season, as they are a very decent set of young fellows.

AUCTION MARTS

TOW LAW.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday, 59 dairy cows and heifers, 20 fat cattle, 30 calves, and 60 fat sheep and hoggs. Calved heifers, £12 2s 6d to £14 15s; calved cows, £14 to £19 15s; incalving heifers, £11 10s to £15 17s 6d; incalving cows, £13 2s 6d to £18 2s 6d. Fat cattle to £19 17s 6d, from Mr. J. Hall, Harperley. £17 15s from Mr. J. Darno, East Lodge; £17 12s 6d, from Mr. J. Lowes, Steeley; £16 10s. from Mr. J. Ridley, Low Row; £15 17s 6d, from Mr. J. H. Atkinson, Greenwell; £15 15s, from Mr. G. Gibbon, Joffla's Cottage. Calves to 35s. Fat sheep to 45s; fat hoggs to 42s, from Mr. F. Sanderson, Littlewhite; 38s 6d, from Mr. G. Liddell, Kibblesworth; 37s 6d, from Mr. J. M. Read, Pringle House. Cows a rather slow trade. Beef and mutton at recent quotations.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr. James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale of fat stock on Monday, and had forward 86 fat cattle, 145 fat sheep, 5 fat lambs, 5 veal calves, 31 new-calved and incalving cows, 15 pigs, and sundries. The sale commenced as usual with the milch cows. Trade was slow, but a good clearance was effected. Mr. Harrison, Ponteland, sold eight from £14 15s to £19; Mr. Dolphin, five cows to £20 5s; Mr. R. Walker, Drington, six cows to £24; incalvers from local breeders to £16 15s. Fat cattle: Top for bullocks, £23 12s 6d, Mrs. Youny, Broomyholme; fat heifers, £21 5s, Mrs. Young, Broomyholme; fat cows, top Mr. Ellison, The Hermitage, £17 15s. Other cattle: Mr. Thornton, Tribley, B to £17 7s 6d; Charlaw Coal Company, B to £22 7s 6d; New Acres, B to £21 12s 6d, cows to £17 10s; North Biddick, B to £21 2s 6d; Frankland, B to £19 12s 6d, H to £16 5s; Sir L. Wood, Bart., H to £15 7s 6d; Panside, cows to £13; Staithes, cows to £14; Craghead, cows to £13; Plawsworth, H to £14; Broomyholme, B to £23 12s 6d, H to £21 5s; Mains Farm, cows to £16 2s 6d; Burnigill, B to £20 10s; Middle Herrington, cows to £15 5s; Haining, £16 7s 6d; East Herrington, £16 7s 6d; Low Newton, B to £14 15s; Low Cocken, B to £18 5s, cows £15 15s; Pockerly, H to £16 10s; Low Urpeth, B to £17 2s 6d, cows to £14 15s; Dunkirk, cows to £16 5s; Pit Hill, £14 5s; Holmside, £12 15s; South Moor, £8 10s; Holmside Old Hill, £13 15s; Whickham, £19; Carrs Hill, £11 2s 6d; Sacriston, £13 10s. Lambs to 44s, top Mr. Brims, Waldridge; fat hoggs and lambs to 68s, top Burn Hall; fat hoggs, top Charlaw Coal Company and Mr. Morgan, Houghal, 51s each; others, Holmside, 27s; Young Plawsworth, 50s; Derwent Crook, 34s 6d; Low Urpeth, 38s 6d; Staths Farm, 45s 6d; Bishop's Grange, 33s; Pockerly, 37s; Burn Hall, ewes to 59s 6d. Bacon pigs, £5; young pigs to 32s. At the commencement of the fat stock sale there was a small attendance of buyers, owing to a delay on the railway. They increased in number later. Bidding was never brisk, but a fair trade was experienced. Trade for sheep was also slow, but full market rates were realised. A special sale of grazing cattle and sheep is to be held here on Friday, when a lot of excellent cattle and sheep will be offered, conveyed from local breeders, and all direct from the breeders.

DIPTON.

THE EFFICACY OF PARSON'S REMEDIES.—The efficacy of Parson's remedies has been demonstrated in a case which recently occurred at Flint Hill. The lady upon whom a most remarkable cure has been effected is Mrs. Barrow, who for over eleven years has been the victim of a stomachic affection, for which she tried all sorts of medicines, and local doctors decoctions in vain. The complaint became so serious that she was afraid to take a drink of tea, as it used to produce a burning sensation, and caused her excruciating pain. Mr. Parson, who came across the case in the course of his travels, assured Mrs. Barrow that he could cure her of her ailment, and having confidence in the sweeping assertion she resolved to try his famous "Stomach Ease," which is worth its weight in gold. Having taken three bottles of this medicine Mrs. Barrow assured our representative that she is now perfectly well and able to eat anything without having the slightest pain afterwards. Those who suffer from similar ailments should not fail to secure a bottle of this wonderful medicine, which only requires to be known to be used.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

WALTON.—12, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, 24th inst., the wife of J. P. Walton, A.R.S.M., of a son.

Marriages.

CARR-ELLISON—LANG.—On March 19th, at St. Martin's, Hawksburn, Melbourne, Australia, by the Rev. Holyoake Rust, J. S. Carr-Ellison, Hallrule, Hawick, second son of John R. Carr-Ellison, of Hedgeley, Northumberland, to Alice Ursula, only daughter of Frederick A. Lang, of Toorak, Melbourne.

HEDLEY—BECKINGHAM.—At St. James, Burnopfield, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. W. Cockin, Arthur M. Hedley, of Medomsley, co. Durham, son of the late W. E. Hedley, of Cullercoats, to Jessie, daughter of J. H. Beckingham, Priestfield, Lintz Green.

Deaths.

ATKINSON.—Winlaton, Back Street, on the 20th inst., aged 66, Isabella Atkinson.

ATKINSON.—Blackhill, on the 17th inst., Maria Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Atkinson, late of Cornsay.

BEWLEY.—Blaydon, 10, Mary Street, on the 19th inst., aged 56, Mary Bewley.

BROWN.—Leadgate, Redwell Hills, aged 72, William Brown.

COLE.—Front Street, Bedlington, 24th inst., aged 42 years, Ann Isabella, widow of the late Thomas Cole, butcher, and eldest daughter of the late Alex. Seed, of Shotley Bridge.

ELLERINGTON.—Crawcrook, Victoria Street, on the 23rd inst., aged 25 years, James, husband of Eleanor Ellerington.

GRIEVESON.—The Ropery, Chester-le-Street, on the 23rd inst., aged 83, William Grieveson.

GIBSON.—White-le-Head, 23rd inst., aged 1 year and 11 months, Alice May, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Gibson, and granddaughter of William and Hannah Bell Heron, of Dipton.

HEPPLEWHITE.—Dunston Battery, on the 23rd inst., aged 45, John Hepplewhite.

HUNTER.—Langley Park, on the 20th inst., aged 1[illegible], James Robert (Robbie) Hunter.

HERON.—Winlaton, 3, Commercial Street, 2[illegible] inst., Edward Hemsly Heron, late of 2nd K.O. Border Regiment.

HUNTER.—Brown's Buildings, Barley Mow Inn, on the 24th inst., aged 71 years, Sarah Hunter, wife of William Hunter. Interred at Birtley.

JACKSON.—At Hedley-on-the-Hill, Stocksfield, on the 19th inst., Oxley Jackson.

JAMESON.—At Waskerley Reservoir, on the 26th inst., aged 71 years, John, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Jameson. To be interred on Sunday. Cortege to leave residence at 1 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

LEVISON.—Blackhill, on the 19th inst., aged 36, James Levison.

LOVAT.—Derwent Street, Blackhill, aged [illegible] years, Isabella Lovat, beloved wife of the late John Lovat, butcher.

RUTHERFORD.—Catchgate, Hannah Rutherford, wife of Wm. Rutherford.

ROBSON.—Black House Inn, Windy Nook, on the 22nd inst., aged 39 years, Joseph Robson, husband of Mary Ann Robson. Interred at Birtley on Wednesday.

WHITTAKER.—2, Garden Place, Consett, on the 19th inst., aged 78 years, suddenly, William Whittaker.

In loving memory of Frances Ann Pigg, dearly beloved daughter of Thomas and Frances Pigg, who died at Hamsterley Colliery, April 22nd, 1899.

We miss her and mourn her in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memory of days that have been.
Ever remembered
By her father, mother, and brothers.

In loving memory of Alfred Edmund Longstaff, the beloved son of John and Margaret Ellen Longstaff, who died April 27th, 1899.

Long days and nights he spent in pain,
To look for ease was all in vain;
But God above, who thought it best,
Eased him of pain and gave him rest.
Ever remembered
By his father, mother, brothers, and sister.

In loving memory of John Thomas, the beloved son of George and Esther Fenwick, who died at Dipton on April 22nd, 1899, aged 3 years.

This lovely bud, so young and fair,
Called forth to early doom;
Just came to show how sweet the flower,
In paradise could bloom.
Ever remembered by his father and mother.

In loving memory of Isabella Annie, the beloved daughter of John and Annie Crawford, Consett, who died April 24th, 1899.

Dearest darling you have left us,
Just a year ago to-day;
But the thought of you is something
That will never pass away.
Forget her! No, we never will;
We loved her here, we love her still;
Nor love her less because she's gone,
From here to her eternal home.
Deeply lamented by her parents and brothers.
Ever remembered.

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