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THE CYCLISTS AND THE ROADS TO CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The writers in your last week's *Guardian*, who wish for a thorough investigation into the condition of the roads along the Derwent Valley, so as to induce more cyclists on to the track might also have added, "and to prevent so much bicycle riding on the footpath between Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Hamsterley." Of all the nuisances that invade the public highway commend me to those swarms of cyclists on a country road. They take the highway to themselves, and the weaklings of the troop come gasping and wriggling along the footpath as if it was meant for them. I meet them frequently in that neighbourhood, and the obstruction is considerable and ought to be stopped. I am glad to hear they have altered their club run from this neighbourhood. There is not the slightest need for any special investigations or steam roller, because a lot of wheelmen, who pay neither toll nor tribute to the roads, wish to disport themselves on their hobbies. The highways here are maintained in any ordinary and sensible way to conduct ordinary traffic; but if they wish to have special facilities for their amusement let them pay for the machinery required to do it and not beg favours of the local ratepayers. As to the progress of tradesmen being arrested by the absence of cyclists, the hotels may lose a few shillings, but the trade and industries of the district are nothing indebted to this class, but simply to their own energies for progress.—Yours, &c., HIGHWAY OBSTRUCTION.

THE DISTURBANCE AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—With your kind permission I should like to say a few words on the above subject. I agree with your correspondent, "Allendale Boy," on some points of his letter, while on others I disagree. Before rushing into print on a subject of this kind it is always wisdom to try and get the facts of the case, and when a man has the truth to guide him, he can write without respect to either side. Now, I admit the report in your issue of the 8th inst. was put before the public in such a way as to cause an impression that a very large number of the inhabitants of Allendale Cottages are a very lawless class of people. In a time like the present, when there is so much distress and want both in food and fuel, surely there ought to be some allowance in case of a little noise and excitement, and I think that the majority of the people of Allendale Cottages will compare very favourably for peace and harmony with any other village, both in and out of the county of Durham. Now, sir, your correspondent, "Allendale Boy," refers to the report as being greatly exaggerated, which I have already admitted in relation to public impression. Now I find on fair and honest enquiry that on Tuesday night and other nights as well since the strike began there have been twelve panes of glass broken belonging to five different houses in Dean Bank Row, and to my mind the breaking of these twelve panes is just as bad in principle as though they had broken 212, which is a standing disgrace, not to the people of Allendale Cottages at large, but to those who broke them and those who encouraged. Also I find your correspondent, "Allendale Boy," in his letter says: "There has been no damage of any serious nature done to the doors, or I would have seen it with the naked eye." Now, sir, I am sorry to have to say that is not correct, for I found at one house in particular where five panes of glass had been broken, the door of the same was shamefully marked in several parts by stones that had been thrown with no little force, and the person or persons who have done so are just as guilty as if they had damaged twenty or more in a similar manner. And, sir, had there been no disturbance on Tuesday night, there would not have been any extra policemen brought to the place on Wednesday night in case of a renewal of the disturbances. Again, "Allendale Boy" says "there was no disturbance whatever on Wednesday night." This may be true as far as he knew, but if he chooses to make enquiry he will find there was a deputy's window broken and stones thrown at several doors by members of our band while parading the streets. There is one thing that strikes me forcibly in relation to our band, I have never seen it parading the streets during the day, which I am sure would be very acceptable. With its lovely strains it would help to dispel the dullness that surrounds us at the present, if their object be simply amusement. Now, sir, I am afraid I am taking up too much of your valuable space, so I will pass over one item in connection with this case; and, in conclusion, ask, What are we to benefit by destroying property? It does not improve our case any. Supposing for argument's sake that the deputies had done wrong, what right has any man to go and damage the houses that these men with their wives and families are living in, who are in no way responsible for the present state of things. The question with the miners of Allendale Cottages, along with the rest of the county of Durham, is a question of wages, and the part that the miners of Allendale Cottages are playing is an honourable one, and when this struggle is over, which I hope won't be long, the character of the people of Allendale Cottages will be as bright and clear as it was when the struggle commenced.—Yours truly, THOMAS HARBOTTLE.

10, Dean Bank, Allendale Cottages.

THE CONTEMPLATED NEW CHAPEL AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I trust you will allow me a small space in your next issue to make a few remarks anent the above subject. Reference has been made in several of the letters to the sitting accommodation and the number of worshippers at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, and as I have regularly attended the place for over three years I think I may lay claim to have some knowledge of the number of persons who are in the habit of attending. I find, sir, that the Sunday afternoon services are but poorly patronised. Nor do I wonder at this when I remember that many of the men have to go to work at such an early hour in the morning. The evening service, however, is quite different, the number of persons attending is very often quite as large as we can comfortably seat. For my part I am very glad that our Wesleyan friends have decided to build a chapel. I think they need it very much, for having occasion to pass the reading-room three or four times every Sunday I often see the windows packed with children, which is a sure sign that the room is filled to its utmost capacity, and, sir, although there may be places of worship in the immediate neighbourhood which are only half-filled there are scores of people in the village who seldom, if ever, attend any church, and I maintain that the Wesleyans, finding themselves cramped up in this place, are in duty bound to seek the support and help of the public to enable them to build a place where those who attend may be more comfortable, and provide sitting accommodation for at least some of those outsiders, who I hope will soon be gathered in. Sir, one reason why I am writing this letter is that I am anxious that the kind and brotherly feeling existing between the societies should continue, and that, as in the past, we should still unite and co-operate with each other in seeking to accomplish the work we have in hand. I have talked this matter over with several of our officials and I find they are in thorough sympathy with our Wesleyan friends, and wish them God-speed in their work. Sir, I have no wish to act as a brake in any progressive movement, nor to take a pessimistic view of the situation as regards a real union of the Methodist churches; but it is clear that the time for such a fusion has not yet come. What we more particularly wish for is a union of hearts, and this will make it easy to join hands.—Yours truly, GEO. WHEELER.

Westwood Terrace, Ebchester.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Referring to the letter of your correspondent "Diagama," I have come to the conclusion that his statements are wild and without much commonsense. I, personally, have no ill-feeling against Mr Clark, and I don't think "Outsider" has either. All that we wanted was fairplay, and not "abuse your opponent," as he talks about. I hope we have dealt fairly with Mr Clark. I see from his letter that he is inclined to be a little funny. Methinks he would like to know what I profess to be. If this is the case, I would kindly advise him to say what he is himself first, and then I will tell him what I am. I will give him this information, and let him find the rest where he thinks he can obtain it. I am not a Methodist. Therefore, I cannot belong to a higher order of Methodism, as he supposes. About the distance which he talks about, and also the attendance of Medomsley Wesleyan Chapel. I suppose he thinks that because he was officiating the place should have been filled. I think that if his manner of officiating is anything like his manner of writing letters, no other wonder that the place was not filled. He seems to be preaching to us what he does not practice. About the population. If "Diagama" has any amendment to make let him do so. If he thinks our estimation is decidedly wrong, let him say so manly; then if he does, would be kindly remember that an amendment always goes first. From this (as a general rule) he will find that it will be his duty to prove that his amendment comes first, and then it will be my duty to do what I can to defend my statement. Would he also remember that Mr Clark never said this estimation of the population was wrong, and all the other writers, except himself, confirm it as being correct. More so now is it his duty to prove that it is wrong, as he seems to be the only person who supposes it. Mr Hogg and Mr Cooke pledged themselves for the truth of "Anonymous" in the first letters they sent to this paper, and Mr Clark has never denied it. Now, Mr Editor, I think it is "Diagama's" painful duty to prove these statements to be false before he has got the nerve to ask us to prove they are right. I shall say nothing more upon the subject until he is able to do so. Thanking you in anticipation of inserting this in your next issue.—I am, yours, &c., ANONYMOUS.

April 25th, 1892.

DRUNKENNESS AT WOLSINGHAM.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have read the letter of one of your correspondents on the above subject in your last issue. He puts the case pretty clearly from his own standpoint. I, however, do not see how "the notorious instance they had before the Bench last court day is a case in point" that there are too many public-houses in the parish. No doubt your correspondent has a very good knowledge of the licensing laws and "the recent Sharpe *v* Wakefield case (I haven't), but it seems to me, from what he says, the Bench told the deputation who waited on them at the last licensing sessions the opposition to the renewal of licenses must come from the public, and therefore the duty of the opponents of the liquor traffic has been very clearly laid down so far as that part of the business is concerned. Justices may now have power to close a public-house, but (granted that in the present instance there are too many) *who is to say which shall be closed*? Shall the justices put the list in a hat and draw lots, or haphazard close or renew as caprice shall dictate? It is not a commonsense nor a commercial practice to deal with important questions in an off-hand manner; neither in the case of an innkeeper is it to be expected that a renewal of his license will be refused without good reason being given by the opponents to the grant. Further on he asks—"Are our magistrates afraid of the onus of an appeal case?" I should think not. If magistrates were afraid of having their decisions appealed against, would they deal with cases brought before them in the disinterested way in which they do now? Might not the same question be asked by the other side with equal justice? Is it not possible for the opponents of the renewal of a license to appeal *because the license is renewed*? Again, he says—"We have houses in Tow Law that are a disgrace. Shall these things go on?" And almost in the same breath, certainly in the next sentence, remarks—"We temperance men do not want to go into the box on oath and give evidence, and be named spies and what not." Does this mean that if he saw an innkeeper violating the law he would not do anything to bring the offender to answer for his misdeeds *simply because he was an innkeeper*? There are, I believe, only two classes recognised in this matter—the teetotaller and the drinker. If the temperance party shirks the duty, who then shall take the initiative step? Shall the drinker? 'Tis hardly likely. What is everybody's business will be done by nobody. Are the templars and temperance men afraid of fighting the lion in his den—the innkeeper in the justice room? It seems so, and why? Because they will be called spies and what not. Brave men! But are they not already at deadly enmity with the drink, and pledged to do all they can to uproot the traffic? Your correspondent says there are houses in Tow Law which are a disgrace. Let him prove it at the next Brewster Sessions, and get them swept away. The Bench told him last year that unless a clear case of violation of the law was proved nothing could be done towards reducing the number of houses. It therefore rests, to a great extent, on the shoulders of the temperance party whether the 32 licenses are renewed without opposition next September. As to the other matter of the license being only for one year, the owners of houses and innkeepers are already aware of this, but speculate in the business just the same as wholesale and retail grocers and others, only at a greater risk, and a consequent greater return for their outlay. I do not believe in any of the talk of claims for vested interests or depriving anyone of a living. He takes the business with the risk, and must take also the consequences.—Yours, &c., BYSTANDER.

THE NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL-ROOM AT LEADGATE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a few remarks to reply to the statement published in your last week's issue respecting the removal of Standard I. children from the Infant to the National School at Leadgate?

In the first place, let it be thoroughly understood that there is at present, and always has been, a Standard I. at the Infant, National, and Wesleyan Schools in this place, and up to the present time the majority of the children leaving the Infant School after the Government examination has been admitted into the Wesleyan School. It was stated in the *Guardian* last week that *the late vicar had built a handsome and spacious room to provide for the increasing numbers of children which are sent to these popular schools.*

Now, sir, I maintain, and will prove from statistics published in the returns of the School Board officer of this district, that that statement is false and misleading. In the year ending June, 1889, the average attendance at the National School was 162, and at the Wesleyan 201. In the following year ending June, 1890, the average attendance at the National School was 147, and at the Wesleyan 194. Last year ending June, 1891, the average at the National School was 140, and at the Wesleyan School 195. It will certainly require a great amount of ingenuity and wonderful manipulation of figures on the part of the late vicar in the face of the aforementioned facts to prove his assertion that the spacious room was built to provide for the *increasing* numbers of children attending his school.

Why such a spacious room was built no one but the vicar himself knew. I have been asked by two of Her Majesty's Inspectors why such a large room had been erected, but certainly could give no answer, knowing, as I did, that the number of children attending the school was actually decreasing instead of increasing. I know, sir, that comparisons are odious, and it is with feelings of extreme regret and pain to myself that I am driven to write these lines, but when I and my school are indirectly attacked and injured by the publication of such erroneous and misleading statements I can no longer remain quiet, but must speak out, and that plainly, however unpalatable the facts may be.

If nothing more had been done in order to draw the children to the National Schools than what appeared in the *Guardian*, I should not have written at all. But, sir, not satisfied with what he had sent to the paper, and with the undue pressure that was brought to bear upon the children by the teachers of the Infant School—that on leaving they must all go to the National School—to such an extent that some of the parents have called upon me asking if they were compelled to send them there, but the vicar himself must make a personal visitation to the children's homes and canvass for scholars. Surely the parents are capable of judging for themselves to what school they shall send their children. Is not such a course of procedure to draw scholars diametrically opposed to the statement that his schools are *popular*. Suffice it to mention three cases that have come under my special notice, in all of which, I am sorry to say, the vicar has acted ungentlemanly and altogether unfairly.

In the first case, he visited a home from which three scholars attend my school, and asked the parent to send the fourth child (just leaving the infant school) to the National School, stating that Standard I. in the Wesleyan School was not the same as that of the National School.

In the second case, four in the family *have* been scholars in the Wesleyan School, and two are actual scholars now, and although the mother was wishful that the child should be educated in the same school where all the rest of her family had been taught, the vicar obtained the promise that the child should be sent to the National School, stating that *she would learn more scripture* at the Church School.

In the third case, there are three children—two of whom have been my scholars—the third was coming until the vicar's visit, and although in this case the parent objected, the vicar ultimately prevailed by stating that his schools were much more comfortable than the Wesleyan. Now, sir, I frankly challenge the rev. gentleman to prove or give me his authority for making those three absolutely false statements.

I am exceedingly sorry, as I have already stated, to have occasion to write in such a strain, but when I find that a united effort is evidently being made to divert the stream from which my school has hitherto to a great extent been fed, I am compelled to speak out and let the public know the true facts of the case. Trusting, sir, you will kindly give my letter as full publicity as the notice of last week.—I am, sir, yours faithfully, WILLIAM F. LANE.

Leadgate.

ALLEGED NUISANCE AT WEST STANLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your very valuable paper. I would not have troubled you, only I know your columns are open to the interests of the community at large. Have we, can you inform me, a Nuisance Inspector for much-neglected Stanley? If we had one at one time, and he left or went for a twelvemonths' holiday, why do they not appoint another one? The back of Fenwick's Terrace, West Stanley, is, and has been, a disgrace to civilisation for a long time past. The ash heap is not only fairly full of rubbish, but the road is completely covered right to the opposite side. I should think there are seven or eight loads of rubbish laying on the road, and if the sun shines out at all the stench is most unbearable. The water-closets are blocked up, so that they cannot be used, and the drains are all stopped. Sir, if this state of things goes on, we shall soon have disease and death in our midst. If the fever should break out here, and a hundred or two die, I suppose it will only make a good fat churchyard. They are looking well to Burnhope, why not look to Stanley a little, for we think here it is time? Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this—Yours, &c., NEARLY CHOKED.

West Stanley, April 25th, 1892.

THE DAIRY SCHOOL AT STANHOPE.

The migratory Dairy School now visiting Weardale closed its session at Stanhope on Friday afternoon. There was a good attendance of visitors to witness the distribution of certificates. The school has been open a month, and started with 40 pupils, 23 of whom went in for certificates. A number of visitors have attended and watched with interest the work of the Dairy School. Mr Thomas Phillipson, the attentive secretary, called upon Dr Arnison, J.P., to preside, and present certificates to the undermentioned successful students:—

1ST SESSION.

	Marks.
Miss Ridley, Peak Field, Frosterley	100
Miss Mary Robinson, Shield Ash, Stanhope	99
Mrs John Crawhall, The Square, Stanhope	93
Miss Proud, Stanhope House	85
Miss M. J. Bainbridge	84
Miss Jane Walton	81
Miss Annie Raine	81
Miss Mary Heads	80
Miss Hannah Lowden	79
Miss C. Galley	77
Miss Elizabeth Ridley	77
Miss Dorothy Emerson, Unthank Farm	76
Miss E. Atkinson	73
Miss T. Robson, Parson Byers	71

2ND SESSION.

Miss Chislet	94
Miss Whitlock	91
Miss Thompson	89
Miss Pattinson, Dale's Villa	86
Miss S. E. Iley	84
Miss Forest, Ward's Villa	83
Miss L. B. Sanderson	74
Miss Garthwaite	70

The genial old DOCTOR, in making the presentations, congratulated the pupils on their success, and in speaking of the great amount of good the migratory school had done, said that they were greatly indebted to Alderman Livingstone, who had so ably looked after the interests of the ratepayers. Stanhope, said he, ought to be proud of such maidens, and of such opportunities as the County Council had put within their reach. It was to him that day a pleasing task to be with them on such an interesting occasion, especially when the pupils had done so creditably and shown such an aptness in mastering the butter-making lessons taught them so efficiently by Miss Maidment and her helpers. (Applause.)

Votes of thanks to Dr Arnison, Miss Maidment, and the committee, closed the proceedings.

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FOOTBALL.

** Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Tuesday* morning.

ASSOCIATION.

Willington Albion beat Hunwick Rovers by six goals to two.

Leadgate St. Ives beat Leadgate Slashers on Thursday week by six goals to two.

Leadgate St. Ives beat Leadgate Slashers on Friday by five goals to nine.

LEADGATE ST. IVES *v* LEADGATE PARK ALBION.—Played on the Albion's ground, and resulted in a draw of two goals each.

CATCHGATE HEROES *v* SOUTH PONTOP TRUE BLUES. —Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by seven goals to nil.

LEADGATE ST. IVES *v* LEADGATE PARK ALBION.—Played on Easter Monday, and resulted in a win for the "Saints" by five goals to three. The Albions left the field when the "Saints" were awarded their fifth goal.

OUSTON WANDERERS JUNIORS *v* BEAMISH TRUE BLUES.—Played on the ground of the latter, and after a one-sided game resulted in a victory for Ouston by five goals to one. Our correspondent adds that the True Blues have not yet had the courtesy to go and play the return game.

NEWCASTLE NORTH-EASTERN *v* TANFIELD LEA.—Played on the ground of the latter in a hurricane of wind. The game was evenly contested throughout, each team pressing in turn. Each of the Tanfield Lea men played a good game. For the visitors, the goalkeeper and the outside right wing forward were much superior to their colleagues. After a pleasant game, Tanfield Lea won by two goals to nil. After the game the visitors were entertained to a splendid tea, provided by the hostess of the club's headquarters, Mrs Irwin, Pack Horse Inn, Tanfield, and a jovial evening was spent with songs, &c.

SUNNISIDE STARS *v* CRAIG LEA WANDERERS.—Played on the ground of the latter, in two fifty-fives. After the kick-off, play was very even, both goals being visited in turn, the strong wind spoiling good shots from both sides, and at half-time neither side had scored. In the second half, the visitors were not long in showing their superiority, and from a free kick near the home goal, Lee headed through. Not long after the same player added a second point, a well-contested game resulting as under—

Sunniside ....Two goals
Wanderers ....Nil

HOBSON WANDERERS *v* TANFIELD LEA.—The return game between the above clubs attracted about 500 spectators to the Wanderers' ground. With one exception in each team, both were fully representative. The Wanderers kicked off against a stiffish breeze, and at the interval led by one goal to nothing. The wind now having somewhat subsided, more accurate play was expected. The Hobson early assumed the aggressive, and by fine play scored four more goals, while an error on the part of the referee secured Tanfield a penalty kick, from which they scored. A pleasant game ended—

Wanderers ....Five goals
Tanfield Lea ....One goal

The teams were as follows:—Wanderers—Goal, Leadbitter; backs, R. Henderson and W. Henderson; half-backs, R. Cook, T. Amos, and J. McNeil; forwards, W. Hindhaugh, J. T. Bell, T. Young, J. Beck, and J. Maddison. Tanfield Lea—Goal, Joe Gailes; backs, G. Mudd and Jos. Brown; half-backs, J. McDonald, W. Christopher, and J. Milburn; forwards, W. Fletcher, J. Gailes, T. McNeil, W. Allam, and E. Gailes.

DIPTON WANDERERS *v* TOW LAW.—Played on the ground of the former, before 2,000 spectators. Tow Law won the toss, and elected to play down the slope with a boisterous wind at their backs. Play was confined to the entrance goal, with the exception of an occasional break away by the home forwards, Evans having hard lines in not scoring. T. Walker put in a beauty, the goalkeeper just managing to save. Half-time arrived with the score—

Dipton ....Nil
Tow Law ....Nil

In the second "45," the Wanderers had the advantage of the wind. After 35 minutes' play, the home team scored the first and only goal of the game amidst great enthusiasm. Tow Law played up gamely, and had hard lines in not equalising at the top end. From now till the finish play ruled at the entrance goal; but nothing further was scored, and the game ended as under—

Dipton ....One goal
Tow Law ....Nil

GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH *v* OAKEY'S LILYWHITES. —As great difference of opinion existed as to the respective merits of the above teams, they decided the question on Saturday last, the winners receiving 11 handsome silver medals. The game was brought off on the Leadgate Park ground, before about 1,000 spectators. Smith (the Lilywhites' captain) won the spin of the coin, and choose to play with a strong wind in his favour. Thompson set the globe in motion for Greencroft, but the "Whites" were not long before they paid a visit to the opposite goal, and Welsh sent over the bar. Play now was very exciting, and the frantic yells of the supporters of each club were something deafening. Argyle and Roansley getting possession, ran the whole length of the field, the former having the Oakey's goal at his mercy, but when in the act of shooting he slipped, and before he had time to recover himself the backs were at him, and play was transferred to the other end. A splendid shot from one of the "Whites" met with hard lines, the ball striking the bar and rebounding into play. Greencroft again went away with a rush, Gardiner taking the leather right to the corner flag, where he centred splendidly, but Roansley failed to head through, and the sphere went out. The game now was half-an-hour old, and Oakey's had made no headway against the stubborn defence of Blakey and Coleman. The Lilywhites had rather the best of matters, and were awarded a free kick for hands. The shot struck the post, but Shaw breasted through amidst cheers. The "Blacks" tried hard to equalise, but were driven back. Half-time score—

Lilywhites ....One goal
Greencroft ....Nil

After a well-earned rest, Shaw re-started, and Thompson tested Turnbull with a hot shot, which he saved well. Oakey's made several attempts to break away, but the opposing halves would never allow them to get very far over the centre line. Birtley, J. Atkinson, and Boyle dropped some nice shots into the goal-mouth, but the backs and Turnbull saved well until the latter made a weak return, and Thompson easily equalised. Greencroft now kept up a regular bombardment on the "Whites" goal, and Gardiner scored No. 2. Soon after this Roansley notched a third. Blakey had hard lines, hitting the post. Then Gardiner scored again for the "Blacks," and followed it up by adding a fifth. Greencroft now began to take things rather easy, with the result that the Lilywhites got away, and catching the backs and custodian napping, Cunningham was enabled to score a second goal for Oakey's with a long shot. The "Blacks" pressed after this, and Gardiner scored the sixth goal. Just after the whistle sounded, leaving the final result as follows—

Greencroft ....Six goals
Lilywhites ....Two goals

The following was the Black Watch team:—Goal, M. Hardy; backs, A. Blakey and E. Coleman; half-backs, J. Birtley, Al. Atkinson, and P. Boyle; forwards, E. Atkinson and J. Gardiner, right wing; J. Thompson (capt.), centre; J. Argyle and J. Roansley, left wing. Linesman, John Dunne. The Lilywhites were represented by the following:—Goal, J. Turnbull; backs, Fallows and Chisholm; half-backs, Cunningham, Welsh, and Shaw; forwards, Ridley, Collins, Gibson, Cunningham, and Smith. Linesman, R. Turnbull. Referee, Mr John Costello (Leadgate Exiles.)

RUGBY.

MR COLE'S SCRATCH TEAM (12 PLAYERS) *v* SHOTLEY BRIDGE A.F.C. (15 PLAYERS).—This return fixture was played under Rugby rules, and was looked forward to with great interest, Mr Cole's team being some of the pick of the Durham and Northumberland teams. The match was played in the Shotley Spa grounds, before a large muster of spectators. The scratch team, winning the toss, took advantage of the wind, which was a great help. W. K. Annandale kicked off for the visitors, and the ball was landed in the home lines, where some stubborn play was shown; but J. Annandale got the oval and showed some dashing play, and was soon over the home line, securing the first try, which was splendidly converted into a goal. The home club seemed anxious to score, but could not manage to do so, owing to the grand play of the scratch team, who had nearly all their own way, and only the good tackling of the home back (who did splendid service for his team) prevented them from scoring. When the whistle blew for half-time the score stood—

Mr Cole's team ....One goal
Shotley Bridge ....One minor

After a few minutes' rest, the leather was set going again, and the home lads showed some capital play. With the aid of the wind, they became very dangerous and had hard lines in not scoring. McElrue obtained possession and put in some sterling work, having cruel luck in not equalising, but only managed to register a minor. Annandale kicked out, but the home backs got the ball and soon had it in the visitors' lines. The Shotley men warmed up and a scrimmage was formed, from which the scratch team secured and kicked into the home lines, where Shotley were awarded a free kick. Grant took the shot, but failed. Play continued for awhile in the visitors' lines, and Grant got the ball and secured the first and only try for Shotley. Bell made a good shot at goal, but missed. Final result—

Mr Cole's team......One goal (five points)
Shotley Bridge......One try, three minors (two points)

The following were the teams:—Shotley Bridge—Full back, J. Lister; three-quarter backs, E. McElrue, J. Gair, and T. Wilson; half backs, J. Grant and J. Smurthwaite; forwards, A. Turner, M. Williamson, J. Seed, J. Postle, W. Oley, E. Bell, S. Leadbitter, and G. Raisbeck. Scratch team—Full back, Purvis; three-quarter backs, J. Annandale and F. Cole; half-backs, Bell and Kerrich-Walker; forwards, W. R. Towns, W. Annandale, Bell, S. Annandale, Hudson, and A. N. Other.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

"WHITES" *v.* "BLACKS."

The Leadgate Park ground was the scene on Saturday last of an exciting tussle between two very promising outside teams—to wit, Oakey's Lilywhites and Greencroft Black Watch. The latter eleven comprised some very old hands at the game, but the Lilywhites were mostly youths. Unfortunately, a strong wind spoiled the play to a considerable extent; but the game was fought out with the utmost energy, and the victory of the Black Watch by six goals to two was scarcely warranted by the run of the play. Up to a certain period, the Lilywhites held their heavier opponents well in check; but in the latter portion of the second half they went all to pieces, and goals were rapidly piled on.

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Notwithstanding the unfavourable afternoon, I saw enough to convince me that both elevens contain some men who would not disgrace any club in the district. The backs on each side were very strong defenders, and the halves have also a good knowledge of the game. Cunningham put in some sterling forward play for the Lilywhites, while the most prominent of the Greencroft attack were Atkinson, Gardiner, and Argyle. Both custodians have a lot to learn yet. I should like to see a match between the two clubs with the weather conditions more favourable for a proper exposition of the game. A notable feature of Saturday's struggle was the good feeling that was prevalent amongst the players, who accepted every decision of the referee with cheerfulness and alacrity, and set an example worthy of imitation by clubs of much higher pretensions.

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A REVERSAL WITH A VENGEANCE.

It is little wonder that those who take an interest in the game declare that they are unable to reckon up football form. For example, on Good Friday the Dipton Wanderers were decisively beaten by Tow Law to the tune of eight goals to three. The return engagement was played a week later, and what do we see? Why, that the Wanderers actually turned the tables on their powerful rivals, and got home safe by a goal. Surely the advantage of playing at home cannot alone be responsible for two such widely different results. There must be some other explanation. In any case, the Wanderers are entitled to praise for effecting such a marked improvement in so short a time.

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A SURPRISE AT THE HOBSON.

The Hobson Wanderers agreeably surprised their admirers on Monday by decisively beating the strong Tanfield Lea team, winning by no fluke either, as they were superior at almost every point. For the losers, Brown at back saved well, while McDonald was the best of a moderate trio of halves. The forwards commenced in conspicuous fashion, but eventually cooled down, owing evidently to the splendid defence presented to them. Nevertheless, they on several occasions experienced very hard lines; but there is no doubt that on the day's play the best team won.

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With regard to the Wanderers, Leadbitter in goal saved some ugly shots in admirable style, while the brothers Henderson at back kicked and tackled in a fearless manner, and there is no doubt that the Wanderers possess one of the most formidable defences in the district. The play of the halves was superb, breaking up all combination on the part of the opposing forwards, and feeding their front rank well. The forwards also showed considerable improvement on recent form, passing and shooting capitally, scoring evidently being their *forte*. There is no doubt that if the team sticks together until next season, they will prove worthy opponents for the strongest clubs in the neighbourhood.

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"FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD."

The following letter has been forwarded to the Editor of the *Guardian* for insertion in our columns. We willingly publish the same *in extenso*, and precisely as sent to us:—

SIR,—As I now take this opportunity to write a few lines upon the amusing incidents and also the insulting remarks which appeared in your last issue Hoping that as I know you are a lover of Fairplay and Justice you will Publish the following lines. In the first place your Generous and kind hearted contributor to this paper seems to think that the greens have done a feat by winning the medals but let me say that the winning of the medals has being solely due to unfair Refereeing as when their was likely to be a fair game played the Referee was almost made to shake with hisses and groans and had to give in against his own conscience, and also to the committee of the N.W.D. Alliance allowing a club to play a district team their are to my mind about 18 persons which have played in this competition for the 11 medals comprising players out of Leadgate Park, League of the cross and one I am told hails from Scotland again he says the greens secured an easy victory by a majority of 3 goals but to that I will allow those that witnessed the game to Judge for themselves which was the team on the field which played the most honest game at Football, again he says this has been all done in the first year of the Alliance and I am afraid the last but the insulting and slangy part is about the Tanfield Lea players Sir I hope that you will not take offence at the plain way of which I will refer to these notes your correspondent says Brown kept goal moderately but yet well and about appealing for hands and Offside well I admit he was in the wrong as he knew before he went on to the field that it was no use appealing Justice for one but none for the other the backs are by no means flyers I was not aware that anyone said they were flyers but I think they are capable of putting any of the players on Saturday Apr. 16th on a few yards Good old mac comes next I am surprised you have nothing to say about him but methinks that their would be tears in the eyes of not a few to see him step on to the field next comes forwards passing well but their shutting was oph it would have sounded better if it had been pooh Ned Gailes was palpably lame but as lamed as he was he could get the full length of the field two or three times. I will here give you a tip had the forwards been right it was the majority of the spectators opinion that it would have been nothing short of a bye for Tanfield Lea Sir let me say in conclusion that we have not yet vacated our position in the club yet and it would be better to keep such insulting remarks out of print and not try to make us greener and simpler than what we really are. and also Mr Editor you would Oblige me and the members of Langley Park club by claiming the remark about the wooden spoon which appeared in your issue of December 24th as they blame our club for it.

WM PACE secr.
Tanfield Lea AFC

[No doubt my readers will expect me to be utterly crushed and pulverised by the above "attack"; but strange to relate, I feel not the slightest ill-effects from the "castigation" administered to me. I can only remark that my criticism on the match in question was a perfectly fair, honest, and impartial one, and I emphatically refuse to withdraw one single sentence of it. I feel sure that every *impartial* onlooker who saw the game will bear out the truth of my comments thereon. There are one or two statements in Mr Pace's letter that I would like to notice. For instance, I stated that the shooting of the Tanfield forwards was "oph," which any person blessed with an average amount of commonsense would know was meant for "off"; but according to my critic it would have sounded better if I had written—"but their shooting was pooh!" Can anything be more sublimely ridiculous? (I may here remark *en passant* that the next time I perpetrate a small joke a full explanation will be appended.) That I intended to insult the Tanfield players in the smallest degree I indignantly repudiate. Nothing was further from my thoughts, and only the most rabid partisan could attach such a meaning to my comments. I would also like to enquire if any sensible person can inform me why "not a few" should weep on seeing McDonald step on to the field? In my humble opinion, if there is one thing more than another calculated to make the Tanfield Lea supporters shed tears, it is the charming epistle appearing above the signature of Mr Pace].

THE COMPLAINT FROM GREENCROFT.

With respect to the Black Watch's complaint of last week, a friend of mine informs me that Mr Osman (the Wanderers' secretary) was in no way to blame for the disappointment. I understand that Mr Osman travelled to Tow Law with the first team, fully expecting that the Reserve would keep their engagement. I know Mr Osman for a hard-working and conscientious official, and feel confident that no one would be more sorry than he was at Greencroft being disappointed. I am also led to believe that it was only the vile weather that prevented the Dipton men from making the journey to Greencroft.

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CORNSAY ROVERS.

A correspondent writes as follows:—"I should like to know what really can be the matter with the Cornsay Rovers. They figure in only six games in the North-West Durham Alliance." Perhaps some of my Cornsay friends will oblige with the information asked for.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drn	Goals For	Goals Ag.	Pts
Leadgate Exiles	10	8	2	0	41	12	16
Dipton Wanderers	11	7	4	0	34	19	14
Tanfield Lea	11	6	3	2	38	27	14
Medomsley	11	3	5	3	25	34	9
Cornsay Rovers	6	3	2	1	19	27	7
Hedley Harriers	9	2	4	3	20	28	7
Langley Park R.	12	1	8	3	19	47	5

MATCHES WANTED.

Kyo Gems 1st team will play East Pontop Red Stars 1st team for a new ball.

The Lizzie True Blues would like a match with the Lizzie Grasshoppers for a new ball. Apply to the secretary, J. Stobbart.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

Well done ye doughty Consett Cricketites! Against considerable odds wonders have been worked. To have worked the oracle to the tune of something like £290 is, in these times, to have accomplished a really big achievement. Last week the writer mentioned that from certain sources he had gleaned that big results had followed the venture; but that fearing they might possibly have been over-estimated he preferred reserving congratulations. The result has more than borne out the prognostications of my informants, and it is indeed with pleasure that I congratulate my friends of the Consett and District Cricket Club on their success. That the outcome is due to the strenuous exertions of those who constituted themselves a powerful committee goes without saying. Happily there were several lady members on the committee who have proved not only ornamental, but have shown themselves also in the highest degree practical workers. It is always delightful to have the co-operation and help of the ladies whatever the object may be. We all know how really little we enjoy anything—we, at least, who are not confirmed bachelors—in which the ladies do not take a part. Their presence at our social gatherings is always in the highest sense agreeable. It is of little use denying that we would often like them to be with us at our supposed religiously exclusive gatherings. In a word the ladies would be heartily welcomed as guests at our free-and-easy smoking concerts! But then they would not come, and I really would hesitate to say that in such a case their firmness of resolution would not be admired! The ladies are admired always, and under all conditions, but they are never more highly esteemed than when, in a disinterested way, they graciously condescend to help their brothers in distress.

In the first place the highest praise must be given to the ladies whose nimble fingers worked so diligently and well in support of a good cause. Their reward, I feel sure, will be the splendid success of the bazaar. For years the Consett and District Cricket Club has been languishing for want of funds. This has really been no secret and there is little reason to disguise the fact at this moment. More than once I have pointed out that the club to-day owes its existence to a few zealous workers within. It has received but scant support from without. Through the efforts of such splendid enthusiasts as Dr Geo. Renton, Mr Lax, Mr Dixon, Mr Park, Mr Ramsay, Mr Templeton, Mr Eltringham, and a few others, the club, despite adverse surroundings has been able to hold its own, the last and most prominent achievement being the securing of the Durham Cup which, I regret to repeat, was presented to the winners by the executive with such a remarkable absence of courtesy. In certain quarters the members of the club have been from time to time greeted with nothing but discouragement. In this connection I might be able to repeat truths almost startling. Like the ghost of Hamlet's father "I could a tale unfold", which, although it might not cause your hair to stand on end "like the quills upon the fretful porcupine", would be calculated to surprise not a few readers. But I desist. The ladies who all worked so earnestly to make the bazaar a huge success have assisted a worthy cause, and at the same time have raised the hearts and aspirations of the members of the deservedly proud Consett club—to speak in the vernacular—"up to a high pitch." They will feel that they need no longer look behind them. I hope I do not exaggerate their feeling of generosity. No, that is out of the question. The cry henceforth will be "Excelsior"!

It was pleasant indeed to read Mr County Councillor Annandale's encouraging words on the occasion of the opening of the bazaar. It was all so wholesome and good. Mr Annandale looks upon relaxation in whatever form it may be had as not only good in itself, but as something just as necessary for the proper development of the individual mentally and physically, as anything else. Relaxation, of course, takes its different forms according to the temperament of the individual. It was to outside exercise the speaker more directly referred. He is one of those who believe in the theory that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and holding this view he has the satisfaction of being numbered with the sensible majority. The first object of life should, of course, be to live, and to live we must eat, and to eat we must work. But a kind providence never sent the sun to shine on us, the hedgerows to blossom, the green grass to grow, and the air to be filled with the fragrance of sweet flowers without a purpose! It was that we might enjoy them in proper season. So it is that everything that helps us to this enjoyment, every wholesome bit of recreation, whether it be cricket, football, tennis, boating, or what not, has every proper call to be heartily encouraged, and by none more so than those holding, it may be, somewhat privileged positions in life, that their poorer brothers and sisters may reap the benefit of a little generous sympathy which, after all, costs so very little. In isolated country towns, where entertainment and the many advantages of the City are not to be had, it is distinctly wrong not to encourage and advance the aims of those who would strive to make country life as free from monotony as possible by looking to the intellectual and physical welfare of the youth in their midst. It may be hoped that Mr Annandale, great as has been his interest in the Consett and District Cricket Club in the past, will be induced, ere long, to entertain the suggestion of a still closer connection with it.

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Local Police Courts.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, April 20th.—Before H. W. KENRICH-WALKER, Esq. and other magistrates.

TRESPASSING.

William Jobes pleaded guilty to a charge of trespassing in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of John Kirkup at Pelton. William Adamson, gamekeeper, gave evidence, and defendant was fined 5s and costs.

William Wakefield and *Thomas Goodfellow* were charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on the estate of Earl of Durham at Portobello, on the 6th inst.—Edward Harle, game watcher, gave evidence, which was corroborated by another watcher.—Defendants, who did not appear, were fined. Wakefield 10s and costs, and Goodfellow, as an old offender, 20s and costs.

A DIRTY LODGING-HOUSE.

Sarah Lewcock, lodging housekeeper, Birtley, was summoned to shew cause why her house at Buffalo Terrace, Birtley, should not be closed, as being unfit for habitation.—Mr Fred Harle, Chester-le-Street and Newcastle, appeared for the Rural Sanitary Authority, and said that the action was taken under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, which gave powers to the local authorities to issue notices to close such dwellings as were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. It only required an order of the court to close the house.—Mr Thomas Barras, Sanitary Inspector, said that the kitchen of the house was a cesspool, and altogether the house was quite unfit for habitation; certain alterations had been carried out, but the house was really worse than before.—Dr D. Duncan, Medical Officer of Health, deposed that he had, in company with the Sanitary Inspector, and also with a committee of the Sanitary Authority, inspected the building. He did not consider the house fit for habitation. The kitchen had no window in it; it was almost impossible to see the fire. The ventilation was very defective, and even after the alterations had been made, the house in his opinion was still unfit for habitation.—The Bench made an order that the premises be closed until such times as the house be made fit in the eyes of the Sanitary Authority for habitation, the chairman remarking that Mrs Lewcock was liable to a penalty of 20s a day.

EDUCATION ACT.

At the instance of Mr. Parkin, attendance officer, *Henry Baley* was charged with neglecting to send his child to school.—An attendance order was made.

Attendance Officer Finlay summoned *Robert Bailey* for a similar offence.—An attendance order was also made.

Attendance orders were also made in the cases of *Thomas Parkin, Matthew Smith, Thomas Lettie*, and *John Greene*.

STEALING COAL.

Samuel Lee was charged with stealing coal, the property of the Sacriston and Charlaw Coal Company, Limited, on the 14th April.—George William Wright said he was a policeman stationed at St. John's Chapel, but was on special duty at Charlaw Colliery. He saw defendant take about six stones of coal from a heap; he had no leave to go there.—John Wilkinson, traffic manager, also gave evidence.—Defendant said the police told him to go to the rubbish heap and get coal; then when he went the police "nailed" him. He pleaded not guilty. He did not work at all; he left the pit before the strike began.—The Bench were asked to inflict the full penalty, as a warning to others, and imposed a fine of 10s.

CHARGE OF HORSE STEALING.

David McAvoy and *John Duffy*, miners, of Ouston, were charged with stealing a horse and cart, the property of Henry Sharp, at Pelton, on the 9th inst.—Prosecutor said he was a miner, and lived at Haudon Hold, near West Pelton. At about 10·20 p.m. on the 9th April, he drove down to Pelton, and when he had done his business, he went into the Grey Horse Inn. He remained there about four minutes, and when he came out he saw his horse and trap being driven away. He went to Chester-le-Street, and gave information to the police. He remained at Chester-le-Street until two a.m. on the 10th, when he saw prisoners brought back in the custody of the police. The horse and trap were worth £20.—Inspector Mitham said he was on duty in Front Street, Chester-le-Street, and saw prisoners drive in the direction of Durham; he got information of the alleged theft of the horse. He gave chase at once, and after a long pursuit, overtook prisoners in Pit House Lane, between Leamside and Fence Houses.—P.C. Mann also gave evidence.—Prisoners said they had no intention of stealing the horse and trap; they were going to bring it back to where they got it.—Prisoners were then committed for trial at the ensuing Sessions.

AN UNLICENSED GUN.

John Patterson, Eighton Banks, was charged, at the instance of Mr Harry Smith, with carrying a gun without having a license. The case rose out of an assault alleged to have been committed by the defendant when he threatened to shoot a woman, and was fined and bound over to keep the peace.—Mr J. W. Morgan, excise officer, gave evidence, and defendant was fined 6d and costs.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 21st—Before W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN (chairman), and Rev F. W. GLYN.

GAME TRESPASS AT THE WOODLANDS.

Thomas Greggs, of Tow Law, was charged with trespassing in the day-time in search of conies on the Woodlands estate, Consett, on April 4th.—Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., who prosecuted, explained that this was a charge of poaching upon his ground situate near Sheepwalks. Defendant, with other four men, came by train from the other side of Tow Law, got out at Rowley Station, and then walked to his grounds. Prosecutor's gamekeeper (Stevenson) traced the footprints of blood, &c., to the Diggin's Wood. By footprints defendants and others were traced down Long Edge Lane, and then to a place known as the Five Lane Ends. The men then travelled this road down to Red Houses, and then the gamekeeper traced them back again to Red Houses along Long Edge Road. The men then went on to Broadwood Ends. At this place the gamekeeper went and got assistance, and then went into the Sawmills Woods. Here the defendant and other men crossed over the road which led into another wood at Butsfield, and defendant was caught by the gamekeeper, and the other four men got away. They had a bag filled with rabbits. Greggs struck Stevenson several blows, and ran back over.—The gamekeeper (Thomas Stevenson) stated that about noon on the day in question whilst on the estate, he came across the footprints of five men. At different "holes" there were indications that rabbits had been killed and ferreting going on. There were stains of blood lying on the snow. He traced defendant and the other four men along the route described, and saw stains of blood on the snow in Diggins Wood, and after a further seach he captured one man, but defendant attacked him, and with the others got clear away. Witness went to the Wolsingham Police Court, and recognised defendant (who was summoned for another offence) prior to being brought before the Bench.—Defendant: You did not see me before I was tried. When the police pointed me out you did not know me.—Witness reiterated his previous statement, and averred that defendant was the person that assaulted him.—Defendant retorted that he was an entire stranger to the keeper.—He was mulcted in a penalty of 10s and costs.

A PUBLIC-HOUSE DISTURBANCE AT WEST STANLEY.

William and *James Kears*, brothers, were summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr Robert Thompson, Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, on the 4th inst. James Kears was further accused of assaulting William Harris, a barman at the hotel, at the same time and place.

Mr Robt. Thompson gave evidence of James Kears causing a disturbance in the bar, about six o'clock at night, and was aided and abetted by his brother. He (the landlord) ordered the men out, but they refused to go, and became very disorderly.

William Harris, the barman, speaking as to the assault upon himself, stated that James Kears was quarrelling with another man in the bar, and when requested to go out of the house, James took off his coat and wanted to fight. He made an attempt to strike Mrs Thompson across the counter, but she evaded the blow. He (Harris) then got hold of Jas. Kears and tried to eject him. On reaching the plate glass door, Kears twisted him round, and shoved his right hand through the glass door, inflicting a nasty wound. Afterwards, defendant "pinned" him in the corner, and inflicted several blows. The landlord and his son came to his (Harris's) assistance, and Kears was taken away by his brother. His hand was so badly injured that he had to go to the doctor, who inserted five stitches in the wound.

Williams Kears, asserted that he was merely trying to keep his brother quiet and essayed to get him away out of the house.

James Kears said he had no recollection of what transpired in the house.

Fredrick Lightle, called by defendants, said that the row commenced between James Kears and another young man who had a greyhound bitch. The parties, however, soon became friendly. William had tried to pacify his brother James. The disturbance was renewed, and the barman attempted to eject the defendant, but the latter was too strong for him. (Laughter.) Harris accidentally thrust his fist through the glass door. William Kears did his best to get his brother away.

The Magistrates found James guilty of refusing to quit and imposed a fine of 10s and costs. The charge against William was dismissed, as he did his best to quieten his brother and get him away. (The decision provoked much applause amongst a large body of miners assembled in Court). For the assault James had to pay a further penalty of 10s and costs—the total amount being £1 19s 6d.

THREATENING HIS SISTER-IN-LAW.

Patrick Daley, miner, was summoned for having threatened to assault his sister-in-law, Cecilia Daley, at Greencroft Cottages, on the 5th April.—Complainant attested that her brother-in-law met her in the street, and because she would not give him some money, he blackguarded her and threatened to do her some bodily harm. She was afraid that he would carry out his intention, and she asked for him to be bound over.—Defendant denied that he had ever threatened the complainant, who had been at variance ever since she married his brother. Complainant ever went so far as to tell a congregation of people that her husband was never a man till she married him, and cleaned the fleas, lice, &c., off his back.—The Magistrates considered this a trumpery case, and dismissed the summons, complainant having to bear the expenses.

AN AFFRAY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Richard March was summoned for having assaulted Thomas Davison, sen., a miner, at Annfield Plain, on the 5th inst. *Davison* and his son *Thomas* were also charged with assaulting Richard March, jun., at the same time. In the cross-summons the younger Davison was accused of assaulting March on the same occasion. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared for March.

The elder Davison attested that on the 4th of April, he had been with the secretary conducting some business in connection with their Society. They were returning home about ten o'clock, when March was standing on the road. Martin accompanied the complainant home, and March followed him into the house. He declined to leave, and had to be forcibly ejected. During the night, March came on two occasions and rattled at the door of the house, and on the following morning defendant came to complainant and asked him if he was of the same mind as he was the previous night, and then "let fly" at his face, giving him a couple of black eyes. He (Davison) was knocked down into the gutter, when his son came on the scene, and defendant said, "Come on you b——, I'll pay the whole family." Being an old man, he let his son finish tackling his assailant.

Replying to Mr Welford, complainant stated that he did not remember calling defendant a "blackleg."

Thomas Davison, jun., proved taking his father's part, and he got the worst of the encounter.

Mr Welford, on behalf of March, called witnesses to prove that the elder Davison called him a "blackleg," and also dealt the first blow on March's face. They had a regular stand-up fight, and both rolled down in the gutter, and were struggling together when the son came up and attacked March.

Jacob Morris, a boy, Mrs March, and other witnesses were called to rebute Davison's testimony, and an old man caused much merriment by declaring that Mrs March was upstairs dressing herself at the time.

In the result, the Bench dismissed the summons of Thomas Davison against Richard March. In the charge preferred by March against Davison, the latter was fined 1s and costs. The third summons was also dismissed, but as there were faults on both sides, the costs had to be defrayed between them.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, April 22nd.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq., and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

John Dodd, Frosterley, was charged with furious driving through Stanhope streets, late at night, on March 26th.—Fined £1, including costs.

BEGGING.

George Kendal, a man of the tramp species, was charged by P.C. Wallace with begging in Stanhope.—Supt. Snowden said defendant was one that would not work, but lived upon the generosity of the public, and just went about from place to place begging. He was well-known to them, as he had been at that Court twice before for similar offences, and only in October last was committed for 14 days.—The Chairman: We give you 21 days.—Defendant: Thank you, sir, thank you.—The Chairman: With hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Isabella Bright was charged by Jane Sanderson with assaulting her on April 1st, by striking her with a garden rake and knocking her down in her own garden. Mr J. T. Proud appeared for Mrs Bright, and Mr J. J. Devey for Mrs Sanderson.—Mrs Elliott, Front Street, called as a witness, deposed to Mrs Sanderson on the day in question going past her house to the police-station, her arm bleeding profusely from a blow she had received.—P.C. Wallace testified to Mrs Sanderson coming to the police-station the same day with her arm bleeding.—Jonathan Dodds, watchmaker, also gave evidence to seeing Mrs Bright strike at Mrs Sanderson with a garden rake, and knock her down.—In defence, it was alleged that complainant was carrying an armful of long sticks along the garden path to the coal-house, and one of them tripped her up, when she fell and injured her arm, Mrs Bright going to her assistance.—Mary Golightly, servant, gave corroborative evidence.—The Bench thought an assault had been committed, and fined defendant 10s and 18s 6d costs.

ARREARS OF RATES.

John Jacob Vickers, of Stanhope Castle, was summoned by Mr John Parker, rate collector to the Stanhope Local Board, for the sum of £6 18s, arrears of rates due to the Board on Nov. 2nd, 1891.—Mr Parker deposed to sending a demand note on Dec. 29th.—The Bench made an order for the amount due.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PROPERTY OWNERS BY THE LOCAL BOARD.

William Page and *Charles Emerson* were summoned by the Stanhope Local Board, and called upon to contribute their share towards the making of a road to their property up Back Martin Street. All the owners were to have been summoned, but it was thought best to summons only two, and these two by lot. Mr T. Barron, of Darlington, appeared for the Board, and Mr J. T. Proud, of Bishop Auckland, for the property owners.—By consent, the case was adjourned, in order that an offer of a reduced amount might be laid before the Board. The amount claimed was £23, and the owners offered £15.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, April 25th.—Before J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq. (chairman), F. PRIESTMAN, Esq., and J. T. POTTS, Esq.

REFUSING TO QUIT AND WILFUL DAMAGE.

John Martin, a miner, of Greencroft, was charged with refusing to quit the Jolly Drovers' Inn, Redwell Hills, Leadgate, on March 21st; and also with having, on the same occasion, caused damage to two casks of spirits, of the value of £4 5s.—Defendant failed to appear at the last court, and a warrant was issued against him.—Elizabeth Ward, prosecutrix, said that defendant and another man came into the bar, and as he was drunk and very disorderly, he was requested to leave. Defendant, however, declined, and picking up a glass decanter off the counter, he deliberately broke a couple of china casks, each containing about four gallons of brandy and gin.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and stated that he was now out of work.—Mrs Ward said the damage amounted to considerably more, but she did not wish to be hard upon him, as he was out of employment.—The Bench fined defendant 10s and costs for refusing to quit, and a further fine of 5s, and the damage and costs, for the second offence, or in default one month's hard labour.

A WILLIAM STREET ROW.

Patrick Hagan, labourer, residing in William Street, Consett, was summoned for threatening to kill Elizabeth Knowley, married woman, of the same place, on April 2nd.—Complainant averred that defendant came to the door of her house, and was ordered to go away. He forced himself inside, and seized hold of the fireirons and threatened to split her head open with the same.—Defendant: I don't know anything about the affair.—Hannah Sayers alleged that defendant asked her if she had seen complainant, because he wanted to kick her inside out, and he would "do" twelve months for her.—Another young woman named McGlade adduced similar testimony.—Defendant said he never threatened the woman.—He was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and to find a surety of himself for £20 and two sureties of £10 each for his future conduct, and to pay the court expenses.

THE MASTER AND SERVANT CASE.

The Chairman (who had been prompted by Mr Potts) enquired of Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, if he remembered the case of the farm servant, Jane Simpson, suing John Newton, farmer, of Hedley-hope, for the payment of £4 10s at the last court, and he was engaged in defending Mr Newton?

Mr Welford: Yes.

The Chairman: We have an impression that you have persuaded the man not to give the woman anything, whilst the magistrates were of an opinion that defendant should grant the woman £3.

Mr Welford: I have done nothing of the kind. I have never seen the man since he left the court last court day.

The Chairman: We have it that you said defendant could give the woman nothing if he liked.

Mr Welford stated that the woman came to his office about four o'clock, after the court was over, and said that Mr Potts told her that he had to give her £2. He (Mr Welford) replied that he had not got £2 for her, and she would have to go and see Newton about the money.

Mr Potts: That is wrong. I told the woman to go and see you.

The Chairman: The magistrates advised the man to give the woman £3, and he was evidently disposed to do so, because he put his hand into his pocket.

Mr Welford: I have never seen the man since your Clerk informed Newton that he need not give her anything if he liked. As for me persuading the man such a thing, I have not done so, and I have not seen him since he left the court.

The Clerk acknowledged that he said that Newton was not bound to give the woman anything.

LARCENY AT BLACKHILL.

Catherine McKenna (60) was again charged (on remand) with having stolen a glass and jug from the Commercial Inn, Blackhill, the property of Thomas McDougall, on April 16th.—Margery Brown said that she was a servant to Thomas McDougall at the inn. Just before eleven o'clock on Saturday night, 16th inst., prisoner came to the house, accompanied by her daughter. Prisoner had a glass of whiskey, and her daughter had half-a-glass. Witness supplied them with a glass and jug of hot water. When they went out, she found the glass and jug (produced) were missing. She followed the prisoner, and Sergt. Tate afterwards came up and took the glass and jug from the prisoner. The articles were valued at 1s. She did not think prisoner was under the influence of liquor.—Sergeant Tate stated that he was standing opposite the Commercial Hotel, about eleven p.m., when he heard the last witness ask prisoner if she had taken a glass out of the house. Accused said, "No; I have no glass." Witness pulled her shawl to one side, and found the glass in her left hand. Witness took her to Consett Police Station, and as they were entering the charge office door, the prisoner dropped the jug on the ground. He charged prisoner with stealing the glass and jug, the property of Mr McDougall. Prisoner replied, "I had some drink, or I should not have done it."—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and said she was under the influence of drink at the time. She called her daughter, who stated that her mother was intoxicated, or she would not have stolen the articles.—After a short consultation, the Chairman stated that prisoner, no doubt saw what she had brought upon herself. If it had not been for her previous good character, they would have dealt most seriously with the case. As it was they would only inflict a fine of 15s.

NO APPEARANCE.

Henry Gregory was summoned for committing an aggravated assault upon Ellen Gregory, at Dipton, on the 4th inst.—As neither party appeared, the case was struck out.

EDUCATION ACT.

Patrick Lamb, Dipton, was proceeded against by Mr David Mole, attendance officer, at the instance of the Collierley School Board, under the Education Act, and was fined 5s.

TAKING COALS FROM A PIT HEAP.

Cornelius McAloon was summoned for damaging the pit heap of the Eden Colliery, the property of the Consett Iron Company, by taking coals from the same to the amount of 4d, on the 11th inst.—Defendant, who was represented by his mother, pleaded guilty, and Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted.—P.C. Carruthers averred that he caught McAloon at the pit heap filling a barrow with coals, and he emptied the same.—Mrs McAloon stated that defendant was her son, and he was only 16 years of age. On the day in question they had no fire on, and she had just been confined, and they were starving. She told the boy that he would have to go and see to get some coals.—The Chairman: You have no right to take the coals.—Mr Welford explained that Mrs McAloon's husband worked at the South Medomsley Colliery, and had no right to go to the Eden Colliery for coals. The Consett Iron Company did not wish to press the case, but desired to show that what these people were doing was wrong.—The magistrates inflicted a fine of 6d and 4d damage and costs.—Mrs McAloon, on leaving the court, declared that there were plenty of people going to the colliery with carts and getting coals, and they did not touch them.

Henry Cheesman and *James Hamil*, miners, were summoned for a similar offence at the same colliery, on the 13th inst. The damage was assessed at 2d each.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and Mr Welford again prosecuted.—P.C. Carruthers stated the facts of the case, which were that he saw the defendants fill their bags with coals, and he ordered them to empty the same.—Cheesman averred that the officer did not see them take the coals, but met them on the highway with the coals.—The officer: That is quite correct; but I saw you fill the coals.—Defendants were ordered to pay a fine of 6d, the damage, and costs.

STEALING TURNIPS.

Thomas Coulson, miner, was summoned for stealing five turnips from the farm of John Hunter, Medomsley, on the 6th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—P.C. Hadwin deposed that on the 6th April, about 11 o'clock p.m., he was on duty near Allendale Cottages, and saw defendant detained by P.C. Pemberton. Defendant admitted taking the turnips from Mr Hunter's farm. The other officer charged Coulson with taking the same. The value of the turnips was 2d.—P.C. Pemberton said that his attention was directed to defendant by a bundle sticking under his coat. Defendant tried to get away, and he then discovered the turnips, and charged him with stealing the same.—Defendant: I was carrying the turnips in front of me.—John Hunter, farmer, stated that the turnips were lying in a heap, and were similar to those produced. The value of the same was 5d.—Defendant said that he took the turnips, but intended to acquaint Mr Hunter the next morning with what he had done.—The Bench inflicted a penalty of 10s, including costs.

STEALING A SOVEREIGN AT OXHILL.

William Rutherford, a youth, belonging to Tantobie, was brought up on a charge of stealing a sovereign, the property of Stephen Secombe, of Oxhill, on November 6th.—James Secombe said that he was the son of Stephen Secombe, and resided at 91, Oxhill. About 3·30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6th last, he was sent to draw his brother's pay at South Tanfield Colliery. On the way to the pay-office, he met the prisoner, and he asked him (witness) where Hedley's Colliery pay was. He told prisoner that he did not know. Accused then asked him if he was going to draw any wages. Secombe replied that he was going to draw his brother's pay. Prisoner walked to the pay-office with him. Witness got his brother's pay, amounting to £3 4s 7d, and put it into a purse, which he carried in his hand. The prisoner came and walked with him as far as Oxhill chapel, where he knocked the purse out of his hand, and the money fell on to the ground. The prisoner picked up a sovereign and ran away up the road. Secombe picked up the remainder of the money, and then ran after prisoner; but he soon lost sight of him. He accordingly gave information to the police the same night.—William Hunter, miner, living at Oxhill, stated that about 4 p.m. on the day mentioned, he was standing on the highway between Oxhill and South Tanfield Colliery, when James Secombe and the prisoner passed him and went towards Oxhill chapel. Shortly afterwards prisoner came back, and as soon as he got past witness he commenced to run. Witness heard James Secombe crying, and he asked him what was the matter. From the statement he received, he gave chase after the prisoner, but lost sight of him.—P.C. Vickers deposed that he received information that James Secombe had been robbed of a sovereign. On the 22nd April, he apprehended the prisoner at the Pea Farm, Stanley, and charged him with stealing a sovereign from James Secombe at Oxhill, on Nov. 6th, 1891, the property of Stephen Secombe. Prisoner replied, "I know nothing about it." On the way to Stanley, prisoner said that his brother got the sovereign. Witness took the accused before James Secombe, and he was identified. Prisoner afterwards acknowledged that he got the sovereign and gave it to his brother. Witness brought him to the Consett police-station.—Defendant was committed to prison to undergo one month's hard labour.

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BISHOP TUCKER AND REV. ALBERT R. STEGGALL.

The following is an extract from a letter received in Durham from the Right Rev Bishop Tucker, dated Frere Town, March 18th, 1892:—

"My journey of about 500 miles was a most happy and successful one. It is a wonderful country; beautiful, fresh, and invigorating. If we could only get our sick up to Kilima-njaro it would be as good as a journey to England. I started on January 25th from Rabai, and reached Taveta on Saturday, February 6th. The road by which we travelled was across the Tau Desert, of which both Bishop Hannington and Joseph Thompson write very vividly and feelingly as to its horrors. And, indeed, without exaggeration. Dr Stewart of the Lovedale Mission crossed it last September, and the whole of his party had a narrow escape of death from thirst. Happily we crossed this tract of county, which is such a terror to porters, without any difficulty. Of course, we had to make long marches, but we had the satisfaction of finding water at the expected spot. At Maungu we saw the skeleton of a man lying in the bush, and not far off a vulture sitting lazily on a tree. Our men told us that a caravan of Wasogo lost 40 men at this spot. On reaching the expected pool they found it dry; they could neither go back nor advance, their strength was spent, and so they lay down and died.

The country became more monotonous as we advanced, the hill of Ndara first coming into view, and then the mountains round Matele, until finally, as we were crossing the great plain of Seringate, the glorious vision of snow-capped Kilima-njaro burst upon our sight. In the early morning nothing can surpass the extraordinary effect which a view of this mountain has upon one. The impression is most profound. For two days while crossing Seringate the mountain was in full view, the snow-cap occasionally hidden by cloud, but usually clear and marked in outline. Then having crossed the plain, we came to the descent into the valley of Taveta. At this spot is a well-known baobab tree, round which it is the custom of the heathen porters to dance before entering the forest of Taveta. Their belief is that by doing so they will escape the fevers of Taveta. The view from this place is surprisingly beautiful. To the left we saw the lake Jipe stretching away for some 20 miles, and beyond the further shore the heights of Ugweno mountains rise up very grandly. Then, of course, in front is the mighty mass of Kilima-njaro, and in the valley betwen us and it the dark and dense forest of Taveta. Away to the right is the old crater of Chaca, with its mysterious lake of some six miles in circumference. Altogether the scene was one never to be forgotten.

Mr Steggall, who is, you know, the son of the vicar of Consett, met us at this spot. Most thoughtfully he brought us some water and fresh bananas. Together we journeyed into the forest of Taveta. This forest is a typical African production. Immense trees, some of them 100 feet high, are to be found on every hand; beautiful festoons of creepers hang from the boughs, which seems to be the abode of innumerable monkeys. A rough hewn timber gate gave us admission into that part of the forest which is peculiarly the home of the people. Half-an-hour's further march brought us to a beautiful river that flows through the forest, and which is fed by the snows and springs of Kilima-njaro. The passage of this river is no easy matter. A rough bridge had been built some twelve months before, but it had been sadly knocked about by last wet season's floods. In crossing we felt that a balance pole, like Blondin's, would be of great assistance. However, we managed to do without it, and on the further side found ourselves on our own mission premises. I hope you may see sketches both of the bridge and our mission house. The work begun by Mr Steggal at Taveta is an interesting one. It is not extensive, for it is quite new. But it is full of promise. Four baptisms and one confirmation had already taken place. The confirmation, the first ever held in Taveta, took place on February 7th. Yohana (John) is a young man of singular promise. Mr Steggall has taken the greatest pains with his instruction, and well he has repaid the time bestowed. Nearly all those who have come under instruction have been induced to offer themselves by Yohana, besides which he has been of the greatest service to Mr Steggall in his linguistic studies, translations, &c. After a stay of some four or five days we continued our journey to Mochi, which is situated on a spur of Kilima-njaro, some 4,000 feet above sea level. It was truly delightful as we marched along to see the freshness of the vegetation, the richness of the soil, and the rippling of the streams flowing down from the mountain heights. The wild flowers were a delight in themselves beyond description, sweet peas, convolvuli, begonias, &c., &c., scenting the air with their perfume, and refreshing the eye with their brightness and beauty. On reaching Mochi we were overjoyed to see how God has prospered that work, which for five or six years seemed to be so unpromising. Mr Fitch had laboured faithfully and well for about five years in the face of the greatest opposition, and oftentimes the greatest danger. Mr Steggall is now reaping some of the fruits of his predecessor's sowing. Even now the sower and reaper can rejoice together. Mr Steggall has now some thirty boys under his instruction; twenty of them are being trained at the mission station. Already the first baptisms have taken place. This was on Sunday, February 21st, when two Wamochi were admitted by that sacrament into the ranks of the Church militant. One received the name of Thomas and the other Samuel. I trust they are the first-fruits of a great harvest that ere long will be gathered in. Down the mountain sides there flow innumerable streams of water from the eternal snows above. These are conveyed in artificial channels to the fields and gardens for purposes of cultivation. They also supply the people with their drinking water. One of these channels flows past the church. At this spot a large pool has been made by a dam constructed across the stream. The first part of the baptismal services was held in the church. The baptism itself took place in this pool, to the edge of which the congregation adjourned. A number of heathen Wamochi looked on with a good deal of awe as first one and then the other was immersed. The ceremony was a very impressive one, and I doubt not will be remembered for many long days by those who took part in it or witnessed it. Mr Steggall is in a difficulty with regard to a number of the lads under instruction. Of course they are not all fitted to be teachers. What is to be done with them? Mr Steggall's idea is that they should be trained to some industrial pursuits. Chagga, owing to its being in Germany territory, is unsuitable for such an industrial mission as we should like to see initiated. But Taveta seems to be the very spot, it is in British territory, and has a considerable population. Food is abundant, water and wood unfailing. The idea is to draft these lads from Chagga to such a training station, and then send them out as Christian workmen to earn their living and spread their influence. We want two or three trained mechanics, Christian men, of an earnest missionary spirit. Mr Steggall, I believe, is the very man to direct such a work. He lives a most self-denying life, is thoroughly conversant with the native character, and is also a good mechanic.

Our return journey to the coast was a most prosperous one. A journey of nearly 500 miles was accomplished in exactly six weeks, of which a fortnight was consumed at the two stations of Mochi and Taveta. We had no sickness on our caravan, and only one accident—a man rather badly gored by a rhinoceros. On Monday, March 7th, I found myself once more at Frere Town well and strong, and greatly refreshed in mind, body, and soul. To God alone be the praise! . . . With regard to the Steamer Fund, I have done all I can in the matter, and must leave it in the hands of Christians at home. I may mention incidentally that the Archdeacon of Zanzibar called here yesterday, and I spoke to him about the Universities Mission steamer on Lake Nyassa. I asked him whether it was burden to them. He said very emphatically, "No; indeed, on the contrary it is absolutely indispensible for our work. There is a large population round the shores of the lake, which can only be reached by means of a steamer." This remark applies exactly to the Victoria Nyanza. The failure to raise a fund sufficient to provide us with this great necessity is hardly creditable to the philanthropy—to say nothing of the Christianity of England. Let men go on spending their thousands in a single season yatching at home; let them go on living their lives of luxurious ease and pleasure; we will do our best to carry on our work without them. We are sorry not so much on our own account, as on the account of the souls whom we fail to reach. I am, indeed, thankful to hear the results of the debate in the House of Commons. I trust that whatever Government may be in office, there may be henceforth a settled determination to administer and govern this country. Have you seen the account of what Emin Pasha witnessed on the way to the Albert Nyanza of the atrocities of slavers? Surely such things should touch the conscience of freedom-loving Englishmen. . . . ."

The *Newcastle Daily Journal* says:—

"A father ought to be proud of his son when he finds that he is a chip of the old block. In his last letter (quoted in another column) from Africa, Bishop Tucker says that he reached Taveta, where he was joined by the Rev Albert Steggall, who has charge of the mission station there, and whose mechanical skill has astonished the natives. Mr Steggall is the son of the vicar of Consett, and those who know the facility with which the father can plan and build will not be surprised that the son inherits his constructive genius. It seems but the other day that we walked with Steggall as a boy on the wild Hills of Western Durham, and now he is a man full of vigour, and likely to become one of the foremost of labourers in the missionary field. Bishop Tucker stayed with him four or five days, and speaks very highly of his work at Taveta. The road by which the party travelled thither was across the Tau desert, the tract of country being travelled without mishap. They had to make long marches, it is true, but they had the satisfaction of finding water where it was expected. At Maungu the bishop saw the skeleton of a man lying in the bush, and not far off was a vulture sitting on a tree, apparently in readiness for a banquet. Only a short time before, a caravan passing that way lost forty men at this spot. On reaching the expected pool they found it dry, and being too weak to advance or go back, they lay down and died."

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

THE DISTRESS IN WEARDALE.

On Saturday night, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, to consider the look-out of the leadminers and current distress therefrom.—Councillor George Race, Westgate, presided, and read a letter of sympathy from Mr Joshua Dawson, Prybe House, who enclosed £10, with £5 each from his friends Mr T. E. Fenwick, Wolsingham, and Mr T. M. Bainbridge, Newcastle—(loud applause)—and hoped all would try to alleviate as far as possible the distress daily accruing. Dr Arnison, J.P., Stanhope, also wrote, subscribing £5, to which the Chairman added £2—(applause)—and the Rev F. Watson, Primitive Methodist, 10s.—Discussion as to the way and means being invited, the last-named minister moved that Mr T. G. Watson and Mr Tinnlswood Dawson be secretary and treasurer of a committee to be formed of three from every district, which was seconded by Mr T. Pentland, and carried.—The secretary said the Ecclesiastical Commissioners' agent wanted men to build walls, and those idle might get employment partly there, while the vicar also was willing to give some work.—It was further agreed to write direct from the meeting to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the Lead Company requesting them to kindly consider the painful results in the dale, and to use their united endeavours to re-start the men at Daddry and Greenlaws Mines.—The Rev F. Watson urged immediate relief of some families who were said to have had nothing to eat for two or three days. (Sensation.)—Thanks to the donors and Chairman closed an excellent business but rather thinly-attended meeting.

SCREENERS', CARTMEN'S, AND LABOURERS' MEETING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Monday night, an important meeting of society and non-society men employed at the various collieries in the Chester-le-Street and Birtley district was held in the girls' school-room, Chester-le-Street, presided over by Mr T. Hardy. The position of the screeners, cartmen, and bankworkers in the present crisis was fully discussed, it being complained that they had not either voice or vote in the present dispute. The following resolution was carried and forwarded to the proper officials at Durham:—

"Seeing that the miners neither allow us voice, vote, assistance, nor representation on the Federation Board during the strike, and, furthermore, they having cautioned the public against subscribing to or relieving our wants, and having even called upon the police to lock us up as imposters, thus preventing us from obtaining bread for our starving families, after having stood resolutely by them nearly seven weeks, we, the bankworkers of Chester-le-Street, Chester Moor, Pelton Fell, Waldridge Fell, Urpeth, and Birtley district, in meeting assembled, hereby pledge ourselves that, unless we receive a fair share of the contributions this week and afterwards, we shall offer our services to the employers to do any surface labour they may require us to do."

MR MILVAIN, M.P., AND THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY.

Speaking on Monday night at a Primrose League gathering in Durham City, Mr T. Milvain, M.P., alluding to the Durham miners' strike, said it had paralysed all industry in the north of England. It was difficult to conjecture what would be the result of the strike, but it must be of a far-reaching character. He could not read the papers without seeing that there were political objects in connection with it. Let them not misunderstand him. He did not think it had been stimulated with ulterior political motives, but when they heard men who ought to know better, who ought to be men of power, speaking of the coalowners as their natural enemies, and denouncing the monopoly of such companies as the Consett Iron Company, he could not help thinking that they were not leaders of public thought. (Applause.) They ought to know that capital and labour occupied one house, and that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." He felt confident that the relationship that ought to exist between the coalowner and the coal miners did in reality exist when feeling was not stimulated in an opposite direction. When they heard men denouncing monopolies, such as the Consett Iron Company, he could not help thinking that they were indulging in the ignorance of those whom they were addressing. (Applause.) It ought to be perfectly apparent to labour that such industries as the Consett Iron Company gave employment to thousands of men. It did not stop in one district, but permeated throughout the whole of the North of England. Alluding to the leaders, he said he was not going to speak disrespectfully of them, but they ought to be in a position that when they took the platform before their men they should tell them what to do. (Applause.) A few years ago that would have been the case. (Applause.) They would have been told what to do, and if they did not do it, they would have been told to find another leader. (Loud applause.) Yes, but poor Crawford was dead. They had leaders now who might stand on the platform where there were no reporters, and tell the men what they ought to do. But in the same breath they said "If you don't do it, so long as you dictate to us what we are to do, we will do it." (A laugh.) Instead of being leaders of thought and leaders of men, they were delegates who did their bidding; and if the same principle was to be applied to members of Parliament, he would unhesitatingly say, do the bidding in order that they might retain the pay. (Laughter.) He had drawn an analogy between the payment of members of Parliament and the position of the leaders of the Miners' Union, and he hoped he had deduced from it a sound reason why the payment of members of Parliament was not desirable in the public interest. He had no desire to make a personal attack on the Miners' Federation Board. He would make an attack on the miners. Their position was absolutely inconsistent. Here was a member of the Federation Board whom they paid as their representative in Parliament. They talked of the bloated capitalist and the monopoly of the Consett Iron Company, but these were nothing to the position of the Federation Board, who had the management and custody of hundreds and thousands of pounds. Here was the inconsistency. The miners trusted the board in Parliament with their funds, but would not trust them to settle that wage question with the owners. The miners ought to think, and on this matter to trust the Federation Board to settle the question with the owners. (Applause.)

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT CONSETT.

A HOTEL BURNED DOWN.

One of the most destructive fires which has occurred in Consett in recent years broke out on Monday morning at the Fountain Hotel, Medomsley Road, and resulted in the almost total destruction of the block of buildings, besides destroying the stock-in-trade, furniture, fittings, &c. The Fountain is one of the largest and oldest licensed houses in Consett, and comprised twelve rooms and a bar. The house at present belongs to the executors of the late Mr Jos. Johnson, the City Brewery, Durham, and is now, and has been for a couple of years or so, occupied by Mr Michael McNally, who is one of the oldest and best known residents of the town, and since he began his tenancy, he has succeeded in working up a pretty comfortable and lucrative business. The "Fountain," during its lengthened period of existence, has undergone many changes, and about 10 years ago its structive sustained a considerable amount of damage by reason of the pitfalls along Medomsley Road, the underground workings of certain mines owned by the Consett Iron Company having unexpectedly subsided. There was a huge rent in front of the house, and various internal walls and floors were badly cracked However, the spacious hotel underwent thorough repairs at the time.

The fire was first discovered at a quarter-to-two o'clock by a daughter of the landlord, who got up for a drink of water. The conflagration originated in the parlour, where a piece of cleading, reaching from the fireplace to the doorway leading into the bar, was on fire. Miss McNally immediately called her father, who rose out of bed, and on reaching the staircase he was confronted with a large volume of smoke. He made in the direction of the parlour, and found that the cleading was ignited one foot high from the ground. The fact of his opening the door caused the flames to be fanned to the top of the ceiling (which is likewise cleaded), and before the landlord knew where he was the place was all ablaze. Mr McNally then gave the alarm, and all the household, including a number of lodgers, were at once roused from their slumbers. The landlord seized hold of a bucket and threw a quantity of water upon the burning mass, but without any appreciable effect; so he called to the inmates to clear the house of all portable goods. Mr McNally then sent for the fire brigade, and Mr Stephen Lowes, who lives apposite, went and acquainted Mr Wm. Rippon, the captain, and the brigade men were on the spot at a quarter-past two; but on arrival some difficulty was experienced in opening the nearest fire plug, in consequence of the footpath and street undergoing improvement, and the hydrant having been covered and wholly obliterated by a number of stones. It was also decided to try the fire plug in John Street but this was found to be impracticable.

The hose pipe was at length attached to the hydrant in Medomsley Road, and a plentiful supply of water poured on the flames, but all attempts to save either the structure or its contents were utterly futile. The fire seemed to spread with lightning-like rapidity, and as soon as the stock of spirits became ignited, there were several loud explosions, resembling the report of discharged cannons. There seemed to be no earthly prospect of preventing the total destruction of the right wing of the building, accordingly Mr McNally told the brigade to ply their hose on the left portion of the premises. This was therefore done, but the conflagration kept blazing away till it had practically spent itself on the building and its furnishings. The inmates of the household, as soon as they were awakened from their slumbers, had to make a speedy exit into the yard, and only succeeded in recovering fragments of clothing, which they had to put on in the open air, the night being intensely cold. The premises had lately undergone thorough repainting, repairing, and cleaning, and the various apartments had been almost entirely refurnished. Besides, the stock of liquor had only just been replenished. Amongst the valuable articles purchased was a pianoforte costing 40 guineas. Some bystanders ran into the parlour, and endeavoured to rescue this valuable instrument, but unfortunately it became fastened in a doorway, and the men were obliged to leave the pianoforte to the mercy of the flames. Mr McNally likewise tried to rescue the cash-box, which was in the bar, but on entering that place, the thing could not be found. One of the inmates, in his excitement to escape from the raging elements, jumped from the second storey window to the ground below. As the footpath is now covered with big stones, how he escaped serious injury is a miracle. The flames danced out of the doorways and windows, and presented a fantastic sight. By half-past four the conflagration was got under—or, rather, had played itself out, as the building at this time was simply a wreck. The firemen continued to play upon the smouldering ruins till after eight o'clock, when it was deemed expedient to suspend further operations.

A great crowd assembled to watch the scene, but capital order was preserved by Supt. Oliver, Inspector Benzies, and a staff of constables. The members of the family, together with the lodgers, have been obliged to seek refuge at the neighbours' houses. The roof and inner walls are demolished, and only part of the exterior is standing, and it appears ready to fall at any moment. The damage is estimated to amount to £2,500. The building was fully insured, but this was not the case with the stock or the furniture. Mr McNally has, during his career, been a persevering and enterprising individual, and it is a melancholy fact that the savings of a long and useful lifetime have been swallowed up, as it were, at one fell stroke by the fury of the flames.

The ruins of the demolished house have since been visited by large numbers of persons. During Monday afternoon Mr Jas. Todd, of Durham, the representative of the trustees of the estate of Mr Johnson, inspected the premises, and we learn that preparations will be commenced forthwith to re-build the hotel on a more extensive and modern scale. The premises stand apart from the properties on either side, and there did not seem to be any fear, even when the fire was raging at its very worst, of the flames reaching the adjacent properties. The utmost sympathy is expressed for Mr McNally and family in the sad and unexpected misfortune which has befallen them.

There are grave reports flying about the town as to the non-efficiency of the fire brigade, and the delay in commencing their operations, but we have elicited, on careful enquiry, that if the brigade had begun to play on the flames immediately as soon as the fire was discovered, there were little hopes that they could have saved the building from the devastating elements. The appliances furnished to the firemen are totally inadequate to cope with a fire of this description, and moreover the hose pipe is about worn out, and leaks in different places. It is the duty of the Local Board to see that proper fire extinguishing machinery is provided for a town of the size and proportions of Consett, and not to tolerate any longer the paltry stock-in-trade which is now by courtesy designated by the name of "fire-saving appliances."

A SUBSCRIPTION OPENED.

As the result of a preliminary gathering on Monday evening, a well-attended meeting of the friends and sympathisers of Mr Michael McNally, the occupier of the Fountain Hotel, Consett, took place at the Mount Pleasant Hotel, on Tuesday night, to consider the best means of raising a fund to assist Mr McNally and family in the sad misfortune which has befallen them, on having lost everything they possessed by fire. Mr McNally is an old resident of Consett. The chair was occupied by Mr Thomas Milner, chemist. Those present were constituted a committee to carry out the project, Mr Nathan Eldon being appointed chairman, Mr Patrick Coyle treasurer, and Messrs James Daly and W. Elliott secretaries. Canvassers would visit the more influential residents. Subscriptions amounting to over £20, were forthcoming, Councillor R. Murray heading the list with £5—Mr Daly announced that a similar collection would be made in Newcastle, and a sum of £15 had been already guaranteed to him that day.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 1892. 290i

TIMEPIECE DRAWN FOR at Shotley Bridge, on Monday Night, was won by WM. MOORE, Shotley Bridge. 303i

ALLANSFORD Primitive Methodist Chapel ANNIVERSARY will be held on Sunday, May 1st, when SERMONS will be Preached by Mr P. REID, Newcastle, at Two and Six p.m. 275i

A MEETING of the RATEPAYERS of Beamish Parish will be held in the Church Vestry, on Wednesday, the 4th Moy, at 7 o'clock p.m., to transact the following Business:—

1.—To receive the Report of the Burial Board Accounts.

2.—To fill up the Vacancies in the Board.

3.—To appoint Auditors.

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ALTERATION OF DAY.

THE ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY will be held on Sunday, May 29th, to be conducted by the REV WM. GOUDIE (returned Missionary), who will also LECTURE on Monday Night. 293i

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THE FOUNDATION STONE of the above will be LAID by DAVID DALE, Esq., J.P., on Wednesday, May 4th, 1892, at Four (not 3·30 as previously announced). There will be a PUBLIC TEA in Hamsterley Colliery School-room at Five o'clock. DIVINE SERVICE will be held in the Mission Room, Hamsterley Colliery, at 7·30 p.m. Preacher: Rev G. H. ROSS-LEWIN, M.A., Vicar of Benfieldside and Rural Dean. 288i

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

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ON SATURDAY, the 30th of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett and Blackhill, at 2·30 p.m. (with Bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE.

See Bills.

Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 294i

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in the School-room, Lanchester, on Saturday, the 7th May, at Four o'clock

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STANLEY LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—At a Representative Meeting held in the Town Hall, on April 14th, 1892, we had the honour of being chosen as Candidates to represent the Ratepayers on the Stanley Local Board.

Should we be successful, we shall at all times do our utmost for the improvement of the District.

Amongst other things, our first object will be to improve the sanitary condition of our District, form good roads and pathways, and see that better house accommodation is provided in the District.

We will also endeavour to frame suitable Bye-laws and have them impartially administered.

As we know the District thoroughly, and are also in complete sympathy with the wants of the people, we will endeavour to carry out the work of the Board with efficiency and economy.

We, therefore, with every confidence solicit your Votes and support at the forthcoming Election.

We are, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

MATTHEW G. ARMSTRONG.

GEORGE FORSTER.

JONATHAN GREEN.

THOMAS W. W. RITSON.

JOSEPH ROBINSON.

JOHN SMITH.

April, 28th, 1892. 299i

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

NOTICE.

John Crawford's Sale Rooms, 6, 13, & 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

SPECIAL Lot of Superior Mahogany FURNITURE now on view, brought to the above Rooms for convenience of Sale, and will be sold on Monday, May 9th, 1892. 316

By Mr John S. Murray.

J. S. MURRAY'S SPRING SALES.

May 2nd—Royal Auction Mart.

May 4th—Grey Mare Hill, Horses, Carts, Harness and Household Furniture. Mining Plant withdrawn.

May 6th—Whaggs Farm, Whickham, Farm Stock, Implements, Poultry, Household Furnituse, Dairy Utensils, etc. 316i

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MAY 2ND, 1892.

9 Fat Cattle.
50 Fat Sheep.
Veal and Finger Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Dairy Cows, calved and to calve.
Young Pedigree Bull, 18 months old.
10 Loads Champion Potatoes, grand quality.
8 Load Magnums, from Cumberland.
Harness, Traps, Carts, Poultry, etc,
Other Miscellaneous Lots.

Sale at One o'clock.

247i J. S. MURRAY.

Wednesday, May 4th, 1892.—Grey Mare Hill Colliery.

MR J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mrs ROBINSON, Grey Mare Hill, who is leaving the Colliery, will SELL BY AUCTION, on May 4th, the whole of the HORSES, CARTS, HARNESS, Household FURNITURE, IMPLEMENTS, &c., including 3 Cart Horses, 4 Carts, and 4 Sets Harness, Set Gig Harness, odd Harness, Chains, Grass Cutter, Washer and Wringing Machine, Oak Dining Table, Meal Chest, Kitchen Table, Chest and Frame, Chairs, Lamp, Washstand, Garden Tools, Cradle, Poss Tub, Pails, Fenders, etc.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

☞ The Sale of the Colliery Plant is withdrawn.

On Friday, May 6th, 1892.—Whaggs Farm, Whickham.

MR. J. S. MURRAY, favoured with the confidence of Mr. T. GRADON, who is quitting the tenancy of the above farm, will DISPOSE of the whole of the superior STOCK of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PRIZE POULTRY, IMPLEMENTS, and part HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

2 Clever Cleveland Bay Mares, 16 h.h., one in foal to Even, and one with foal at foot by Mesercale.
1 Draught Mare, 16 h.h., 6 years old.
1 Bay Colt, 4 years old, 15·3 h.h., by Knight Templar.
1 Black Harness Cob, 14 h.h., very fast.
11 Grazing Cattle and Milk Cows.
1 Pig.
20 Pekin Ducks, prize breed; 40 Prize White Leghorns, and 60 Barn-door Fowls.

A field of prime Implements, all in first-class order and part superior Household Furniture, feather beds, &c.

Sale at 1 o'clock.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,

AUCTIONEER, AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888,

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, May 9th, 1892.—Victoria Sale-Rooms Consett.—Sale of Mahogany, and other Household Furniture, Fine-toned Pianoforte, and other Effects.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms Consett, on Monday, May 9th, 1892, the Superior Household FURNITURE including Handsome Mahogany Sideboard; Excellent Lobby Drawers; Kitchen Press; Mahogany and other Chairs; Brass-Mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses; Bedroom Drawers; Dressing Chests; Feather and Down Beds; Pots, Pans, Earthenware, and a great variety of Miscellaneous lots. Also, Fine toned Iron-Framed Pianoforte.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.

Consett Sewage Farm, Stanniforđam, near Consett —Eatage of Grass Land To Let

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by the Consett Local Board TO LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1892, at Two o'clock in the Afternoon, prompt, on the Consett Sewage Farm, near Consett, the EATAGE of 60½ Acres or thereabouts, of good GRASS LAND on the said Farm, from May 15th to November 23rd, as follows:—

	Acres.
The Bog Field	15
The Low Field	8
The Square Field	12
Consett Park Field	10
Middle Field	6
Road Field	5
Newlaid Field	2½
Total	60½ Acres.

Terms of payment:—2½ Per Cent Discount for Cash, or Four Months approved bills

Auctioneer's Offices, Town Hall, Consett 324i

Preliminary Notice.—Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett.—Eatage of Grass Land.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by R. W. E. BALLENY, Esq., to LET BY AUCTION, in May, on Little Greencroft Farm, the EATAGE of 100½ ACRES or thereabouts, of good GRASS LAND on the said Farm, up to November 23rd, as follows:—

	Acres.
Cottage Field	12
Middle Field	14½
Low Far Field	15
Horse Field	8
Hop Clover Field	10
Big Stockerley Field	24
Quarry Field	17
Total	100½

Also, a quantity of Surplus Stock, including 4 Geld Cows, 11 2-years old Heifers and Steers, forward in condition, 1 2-years-old Bullock, 2 1½-years-old Bullocks, 12 Twice-crossed Hoggs and Followers, Chestnut Horse, 15·2 h.h., Chestnut Filly, by "Brown George," etc. 325i

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hal Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr. William Nicholson

Farm Stock Sales.

FRIDAY, May 6th.—Messrs SUDDES' FARM STOCK Implements, Dairy Utensils, at Greenwell, One Mile from Lanchester Station. 3 Cows, 6 Young Cattle, 4 Leicester Ewes and Lambs, Poultry, Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, and Household Furniture.

Same Day, Mr LITTLE'S FARM STOCK, &c., at Greenwell:—

Brown Mare, in Foal to "Brown George."
2 Cows due to calve in May and June.
1 Geld Cow.
5 Young Cattle.
8 Three-quarter Bred Ewes and Lambs.
7 Hoggs, nearly Fat.
20 Head Poultry.
Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, and Household Furniture.

Sale at 12·30 p.m.

Terms—Cash; no reserve.

304i WM. NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Wheatley Hill Farm, Burnhope, Lanchester.

MR. G. R. HOBSON, honoured by instructions from Mr A. PARMELLA, who is leaving this Farm, will OFFER FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1892, the whole of the FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., comprising:—

HORSES.

Lot 1. Useful Brown Mare, 15·2 h.h., aged, and Foal by "King Tom."
„ 2. Useful Black Mare, 16 h.h., aged, good in all yokes.
„ 3. Useful Black Mare, 16 h.h., 6 years old.
„ 4. Useful Horse, 15·2 h.h., 8 years old.
„ 5. Promising Bay Filly, 1 year old.
„ 6. Colt, 2 years old, by "Shotley."
„ 7. Useful Mare, aged, in foal to "Shotley."

COWS.

1 Roan Cow, to calve in June.
1 Fat Cow.
3 Geld Cows, very fresh.
1 Cow, 14 days calved.
1 Well-Bred Short-Horn Bull, 1 year and 8 months old.
1 Well-Bred Short-Horn Bull, 4 months old.
4 Stirks, 18 months old.
6 Stirks, 15 months old.
2 Stirks, 4 months old.
2 Heifers, 4 months old.

SHEEP.

10 Well-Bred Ewes and Lambs.
10 Pure-Bred Leicester Ewes and Lambs.
6 Pigs, 8 weeks old.
20 Head of Poultry.

IMPLEMENTS.

Coup Cart and Shelvings; Long Cart; Combined Reaper, by Hornsby; 1 D.M.B. Plough; 3 Iron Swing Ploughs; Scuffler; Double Turnip Drill; Rib Plough; Stone Roller; 3-Horse Grubber; 1 Pair Wood Harrows; Grub Harrow; Iron Harrow; Seed Harrow; Cart, Plough, and Trace Harness for 3 Horses; Swingletrees, &c., and other lots too numerous to particularise.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 321i

Front Street, Catchgate.—Saturday and Monday, May 7th and 9th, 1892.

MR. G. R. HOBSON, honoured with instructions from Mr. WILLIAM WILKINSON, who is declining business, will OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place and date, the whole of the Valuable STOCK-IN-TRADE, Comprising—A Large Assortment of FURNITURE, including Mahogany Sideboard with 3 Bevelled Plate Glasses in back; Mahogany Drawers and Bookcases; Sofas and Couches; Mahogany Hair-Seated and a variety of other Chairs; Centre Tables; Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Flock and Down Beds; Washstands and Dressing Tables; Perambulators; Clothes Horses of various sizes; Splendid Bicycle; Wringing Machine; Oilcloths and Hearth Rugs of various patterns; Beautiful Pianoforte, Patent Trichord with Brass Finplate; together with the whole of the Hardware, Fancy Goods, &c., including Clocks, Watches, Jewellery and Fancy Goods of various descriptions, Brushes, Fenders and Fireirons, Pans and Tin Goods, variety of Lamps, Lamp Globes and Chimneys, together with a very large quantity of other Ironmongery and Sundries not enumerable.

Also Ponies, Harness, Traps, Wagon, &c., if not previously disposed of by private treaty:—

1 pair of Chestnut Ponies, each 12 h.h., perfectly quiet in all yokes.
1 Park Phaeton with Pole and Shafts Complete, no worse than new.
1 Governess Car in first-class condition.
1 Light Four-Wheeled Rolley, suitable for Grocer or Furniture Broker, in first-class condition.
1 Double Set Silver-Mounted Harness, no worse than new.
1 Single Set Silver-Mounted Harness, no worse than new.
Riding Bridle, new. 1 Saddle in good condition.

Sale to commence each day at 2 p.m.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green.

Order of Sale.—Miscellaneous goods on Saturday, May 7th. Horses, Traps, Harness, &c., on Monday, May 9th, 1892.

The Auctioneer would kindly draw the attention of intending purchasers to this stock as it is all of a first class make, and can with confidence recommend it to the public. 32?i

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS' SALE APPOINTMENTS—
April 30th—Moor Sheep, &c., Thimbleby Hill, Stanhope.
May 2nd—Annual Sale of Fat Stock, Tudhoe Moor.
" 4th—Stock Sale, Barnard Castle New Auction Mart.
" 5th—Farming Stock, and over 200 Moor Sheep, &c., Sandyford, Blanchland.
" 6—Farming Stock, &c., at Morley, Brancepeth.
" 7—Farming Stock, etc., Broadwood, Frosterley.
" 12—Large Spring Special Sale of Store Cattle, Sheep, &c., Tow Law Mart.
" 13—Sale of House Property, The Square, Stanhope.
Tow Law Mart every Monday. 235i

Thimbleby Hill, Stanhope.
MR JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from Mr JOSEPH BAINBRIDGE, who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, April 30th, 1892, the whole of his SHEEP STOCK, &c., comprising:—55 B.F. Ewes and Wether Hoggs, 1 Superior B.F. Tup, 2 Shear, off the Melrose strain, New Hay Shed, Stamp of Hay, Implements, &c.
Full particulars in Posters.
Sale at One o'clock.
Mart Office, Tow Law. 236i

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, May 2nd, 1892.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers, 8 Fat Cattle, 55 Fat Sheep and Hoggs, 8 Calves.
Entries to day of Sale.
Sale at 12 Noon.
305i J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Sandyford Farm, near Blanchland.
Sale of Valuable Farming Stock, Implements, &c., and a Splendid flock of Moor Sheep, of fashionable blood, direct from the heather.
MR JOSEPH VICKERS, acting upon instructions from the Executors of the late Mr JOSEPH MURRAY, will SUBMIT FOR PUBLIC COMPETITION (without reserve), on Thursday, May 5th, 1892, at the above place, as follows, viz:—
CATTLE.—1 Cow, 4 years old, due May 16th; 1 Roan Heifer, 2½ years old, recently calven; 1 Roan Heifer, 2½ years old, in calf; 3 Heifers, 1½ years old; 1 Steer, 1½ years old; 1 Heifer Stirk; 1 Finger Calf.
SHEEP.—60 Grand Young B.F. Ewes, 30 Grand Shearling Gimmers, and followers by B.F. Tups; 10 B.F. Wethers, 4 years old; 25 B.F. Wethers 3 years old; 35 B.F. Wethers, 2 years old; 35 B.F. Gimmer Hoggs; 23 B.F. Wether Hoggs; 2 B.F. Tups; 8 Mule Gimmer Hoggs.
IMPLEMENTS.—Single Horse Reaper, almost new, by 'Bamford'; Horse Hay Rake, by 'Bamford', new last season; Sledge; Shelvings; Sheep Racks; Sheep Troughs; Hurdles; Saddle and Bridle; Cow Chains; Rakes, Forks, Shovels, Gripes, Hand Tools, and a various assortment of other useful articles.
EXTRA STOCK, also to be sold at the same time and place, from a neighbouring farm:—30 B.F. Wethers, 4 years old; 30 Young B.F. Ewes and followers, by Leicester Tup.
This Sale offers a rare opportunity to those in want of sound well-bred young Black-faced Sheep, the Flock have been developed with great care and judgment, and having been reared on the Heather at a very high altitude, cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to purchasers in the future.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Sandyford is situate one mile from Blanchland, at which picturesque village there is ample Hotel accommodation.
Mart Office, Tow Law. 286i

Sale of Farming Stock, &c., at Morley, near Brancepeth.
MR. JOS. VICKERS, has received instructions from Mr. JOHN WATSON, who is relinquishing Farming, to SELL BY AUCTION as above, on Friday, May 6th, 1892, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, &c., comprising:—
2 Dairy Cows in calf.
1 S.H. Heifer, recently calven.
1 S.H. Heifer, geld, 2 years old.
4 Steer Stirks.
10 Young B.F. Ewes with 11 Mule Lambs following.
Brown Horse Cob, 15 h.h., aged.
Coup Cart and Shelvings, new; Horse Hay Rake; Wheel Barrow; Cow Tubs; Ladder; Sheep Troughs; Cow Chains; Gentleman's Saddle; Lady's do., both in good order; Bridle; Cart and Trace Gears; Cart Ropes; Plough Cords; Rakes, Forks, Gripes, Shovels, Hand Tools, Old Iron, and sundry minor articles.
Also, 20 Head of Poultry, and a Quantity of Household Furniture.
Sale to commence at 2 p.m.
Morley Farm, is ½ mile from Brancepeth Station.
Mart Office, Tow Law. 306i

Broadwood, Frosterley.—The most Extensive and Important Farm Stock Sale of the season.
JOSEPH VICKERS, appreciating the honour of a commission from Messrs M. Wearmouth and Sons, will submit for Public Competition (without reserve), as above, on Saturday, May 7th, 1892, on account of the Farm being relinquished, one of the most select and choice Herds and Flocks that so richly and proverbially adorn the banks of the Wear, comprising:—72 Head of Superior S.H. Cattle, 500 Sheep, 8 Horses, a Large Field of Modern Implements, &c.

CATTLE.
12 Grand Young S.H. Cows, calved, and in calf.
6 Very Splendid S.H. Heifers, May calvers.
4 do. do. Autumn calvers.
2 Young Farrow Cows, nearly fat.
2 S.H. Heifers, geld, 2½ yrs old.
8 do. 1½ yrs old.
3 S.H. Steers, 2 yrs old.
4 do 1½ yrs old.
10 Heifer Stirks, 12 to 16 months old.
5 Steer do. do.
12 Calves, 1 to 6 months old.
1 Elegant Well-bred S.H. Bull, rich roan, 2½ yrs old.
1 Red and White do. 10 months old.
1 Roan do. 9 months old.
1 Red do. 7 months old.
Dates of Cows and Heifers will be given at time of Sale.

SHEEP.
3 Border Leicester Ewes and followers.
4 do. Gimmer Hoggs.
40 Excellent Mule Gimmer Hoggs.
28 Wether Hoggs.
108 B.F. Ewes and followers, by Leicester Tups.
45 B.F. Shearling Gimmers.
65 B.F. Gimmer Hoggs.
70 B.F. Wethers, 3 yrs old.
50 do. 2 yrs old.
30 do. Shearlings.
60 do. Hoggs.
2 Leicester Tups.
1 Leicester Tup Hogg.
2 B.F. Tups.

HORSES.
Lot 1. Handsome Black Draught Mare, "Dapper," 7 y.o.; 16h. 2in.
Lot 2. Superior Bay Mare, "Jess," 8 y.o., 16h.
Lot 3. Black Draught Mare, "Bonny," 2 y.o., a perfect model, by "Merry Monarch"; Dam, Lot 1; been yoked, and possesses an unbeaten record as a Prize Winner.
Lot 4. Black Yearling Colt, by "Sheba King."
Lot 5. A Very Stylish Brown Mare Pony, 9 y.o., 13½h.; in foal to "Norfolk Swell"; splendid stepper and goes well in Harness.
Lot 6. Bay Mare Pony, 9 y.o., 13½h.; in foal to "Merry John."
Lot 7. Two-years-old Colt Pony, by "Sir William"; Dam, Lot 6.
Lot 8. Black Yearling Colt, by "Merry John"; Dam, Lot 6.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.
2 Long Carts; 2 Coup Carts; Spring Cart; Hay Bogey; Large Wood Roller; Small do.; 3 Wheel Ploughs; 1 Swing Plough; D.M.B. Plough; Ribbing Plough; 2 Pair Seed Harrows; Pair 3 Bull do.; 2 pair Iron do.; Grubber; Scuffler; 2 Grass Cutters, by Wood; 2 Horse Hay Rakes, one new, by Ransome and Sim; Hay Maker; 2 Hay Sweeps; 2 Turnip Slicers; Cake Mill; Chaff Cutter; Winnowing Machine; Sack Barrow; Wheel Barrows; 2 Grindstones; Reaper; Grindstone; 4 Sheep Racks; Long and Short Ladders; 6 Sheep Corn Troughs; Cow Tubs; Meal Chests; Pig Troughs; 80 Hurdles, mostly new; Contents of Blacksmith's Shop, including Bellows, Anvil, Vice, Hammers, Pincers, Screw Keys, Horse Shoes, Bars of New Steel, Old Iron, Draining Tools, Hand Tools, &c.; also, Stack Covers and Nets, Gripes, Shovels, Rakes, Forks, Cow Chains, &c.
Set of S.M. Harness; Cart and Plough Gears, and all Stable Requisites.
A Large Number of Barn-door Fowls, Pigeon Cotes and Pigeons.
The reputation Messrs Wearmouth have gained as Breeders of High-class Stock, extending over a long period, ought to ensure attendance at Broadwood, on the 7th proximo, of all Farmers, Graziers, and Dealers, whose ambition it is to secure the best and most select stock of all classes.
The Cattle are mostly Rich Roans, possessing that robustness of constitution and evenness of form, combined with the excellence of quality, milking, and flesh-forming propensities, so conspicuous in the Durham Shorthorns.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

The Sheep are a good type, and an illustration of what can be accomplished by careful breeding during a lifetime's experience.
The Horses are a very sprightly lot, and good workers. Lot 3 (a prize-winner) is a very promising mare.
Broadwood is only 10 minutes' walk from Frosterley Station, on the Wear Valley Branch of the N.E.R.
Luncheon will be provided on the premises by Mr Taylor, Innkeeper, Frosterley, at 2s each.
Sale to commence at 10 a.m., with Implements; Luncheon at 12 noon; to resume at 1 p.m., with Cattle, Sheep, and Horses, in the order named.
Mart Office, Tow Law.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Preliminary Notice of Sale.
MR J. OLEY begs to announce that he is instructed by M. COUPLAND, Esq., who is removing from Westwood House, Ebchester, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, 11th May, the Surplus of his very Valuable Household FURNITURE, &c. Particulars of the same and date of sale will be given in a future announcement and Posters.
Sale to commence at 11 o'clock p.m.
Sale 68, Office, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. 289i

JOSEPH OLEY
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER
10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. Wm. Cook.

Sale of Blacksmith's Plant and Stock at Blanchland, Northumberland.
MR WM. COOK, acting under instructions from Mr T. H. PARKER, who has removed from the Neighbourhood, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, May 14th, 1892, at Blanchland, Northumberland, his SMITHS' PLANT and STOCK, comprising—2 Pairs of Bellows, 3 Anvils, Vice, Swage Anvil, Screw Drill, several Pairs of Stocks, with Taps and Dies from ¼ to 1½, also, a large Stock of Plug and Taper Taps, Wrenches, Spanners, Hammers, large and small, Top and Bottom Swages, Fullar's Chisels, Punches, Tools and Mandrils of every description, Tyre Bender, Hoop Ring, Segment, about 40 Gallons of Fine Oil, with Measures, &c., large Grindstone, Treadle Grindstone, with Turned Axles and Brass Bearings, Shoe Bars, Tyre Bars, Spring, Steel, and Jobbing Iron of all kinds, a Quantity of Seasoned Wood and Joiner's Tools, Horse Nails, Rivets, &c., Set of Quoits. Also, a large Wooden Shed, 21ft. by 16ft., a large Assortment of Duplicate parts for Wood's, Samuelson's, Harrison McGregor's, and Hornsby and Sons' Mowing and Reaping Machines, comprising Brass Brushes, Pinions, Fingers, Sections, Guides, &c., and sundry lots too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at Two o'clock in the Afternoon.
Terms—Cash.
REMARKS.—Mr Parker and his predecessors have, for generations, been well-known in the Blanchland district as first-class Blacksmiths, and it is only in consequence of Mr T. H. Parker's removal to another district that this excellent Stock and Plant comes before the Public for Sale.
14, Hencotes Street, Hexham, 21st April, 1892.

By Mr James Turnbull.

Thursday, May 5th, 1892.
Important Sale of Farming Stock, &c. Newton Hall, Low Newton, and Moor Leazes Farms, near Durham.
MR JAMES TURNBULL, F.A.I., having been honoured with instructions from A. L. MAYNARD, Esq., J.P., who is declining farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, at Newton Hall, Thursday, May 5th, 1892, the whole of the FARMING STOCK, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, IMPLEMENTS, &c., on the above farms, comprising:—

8 EXCELLENT DRAUGHT HORSES.
Lot 1—Bay Horse, 'Boxer,' 9 years old, 17 h.h.
" 2—Bay Mare, 'Beauty,' 5 years old, 16-1 h.h.
" 3—Bay Horse, 'Tom,' 8 years old, 16-1 h.h.
" 4—Black Mare, 'Gipsy,' 6 years old, 16-2 h.h.
" 5—Grey Mare, 'Bet,' aged, 16 h.h.
" 6—Grey Horse, 'Prince,' 9 years old, 16-2 h.h.
" 7—Brown Horse, 'Royal,' aged, 16-2 h.h.
" 8— " 'Billy,' aged, 16-2 h.h.

HARNESS HORSES, &c.
" 9 & 10—A pair of Handsome Brown Carriage Horses, 7 years old, 16 h.h., a good match pair, very quiet and steady with good style and manners, been regularly driven in single and double harness, open to V. S. examination prior to Sale (unless privately disposed of before 5th of May.)
" 11—Bay Pony, 7 years old, 13 h.h., regularly ridden and driven, very quiet, and would suit a lady.
" 12—Dark Brown Yearling Colt Cob, Sire 'Young Sir William,' dam a real good Irish Mare.

52 HEAD OF CATTLE.
6 Fat Bullocks and Heifers; 5 Grand Cows, calved and to calve, dates at sale; 2 Pure S.H. Bulls, 15 to 18 months old; 3 Pure S.H. Bulls, 6 months old; 2 Pure S.H. In-calving Heifers, 2 years old; 8 Pure S.H. Steers and Heifers, "Bates" blood, pedigree at time of sale; 2 years-old Shorthorn Bull; 1 Alderney Bull; 20 S.H. Steers and Heifers, to 2½ years old, well bred, good colours and form, and in condition; 4 Calves.

SHEEP.
38 Three-parts-bred Ewes and 59 Lambs.
36 Three-parts-bred Hoggs, very fresh.

CONVEYANCES, &c.
Omnibus Waggonette, by Atkinson and Phillipson, in good condition (cost £120.)
2-Wheel Dog Cart, with latest improvements, by Foot, of Preston, in excellent condition.
2-Wheel Pony Cart.
Set of Silver-Mounted Harness—6 Riding Bridles, 3 Gents' Saddles, 1 Boy's Pad, Horse Clothing, &c.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.
5 Coup Carts, 4 Long Carts, 2 Waggons, 2 Combined Reaping Machines, by Hornsby; 2 Horse Hay Rakes, Crosskill's Patent Clod Crusher, Corn Seed Drill, Turnip Drills, Metal and Wood Rollers, Hay Sweep, Water Cart, Iron Liquid Manure Tank, on 3 wheels, with pump, hosepipe, and sprinkler; Winnowing and Weighing Machines and Weights, 3 Sheep Racks, 2 Oilcake Crushers, Turnip Slicers, 2 D.M.B. Ploughs, 5 Swing and Wheel Ploughs, Iron, Chain, and other Harrows, Patent Harrows, 2 4-Horse Cultivators, Scufflers, Scrubbers, Grubbers, Sack Barrows, 4 Wheelbarrows, Cattle and Sheep Troughs, Fold Racks, Ladders, Barn and Dairy Utensils, Blacksmith's Fittings and Tools, Hay Spreader and Knives, Large Metal Water Troughs, Large and Small Lead-lined Pickling Troughs, Grindstones, Sheep Nets and Stakes, Cow Chains and Tubs, Corn Bins, Scrap Iron and Metal, &c., &c., and usual Implements, too numerous to detail.
Cart Plough and Trace Harness, for 5 Draughts, Breaking Tackle, an Excellent Grist Mill, with Shafting, Sheaves, and Belting; Threshing Machine complete, and in first-class order.

POULTRY.
Sale to Commence at 12 noon.
As the Lots are numerous, a prompt attendance is respectfully requested.
Refreshments provided by Mr T. Burn, of Chester-le-Street.
The Auctioneer, in announcing this Sale to the public, would especially invite attention to the class of Cattle, which will be one of the choicest lots exposed at any Sale this season, many of them are Pure Bred Short-Horns of the Bates' family; they are all good colours, and full of bloom and quality. The Horses are a good type and can be well recommended and quiet in all their yokes. Special attention is called to the Harness Horses. The Implements are in excellent condition. Mr Maynard is so well-known in the Agricultural and Equine world that further comment is superfluous, and as he is leaving the district, the Auctioneer respectfully invites a prompt and general attendance of his patrons.
Order of Sale—Implements, Hand Tools and Harness, Conveyances, Cattle, Sheep, and Horses.
Newton Hall is about one mile North of Durham.
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Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Iveson.

Priestfield, Lintz Green.
MESSRS. W. & T. T. IVESON are instructed to SELL BY AUCTION on Thursday, May 5th, the whole of the STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS the property of Mr DIXON, comprising:—
17 HEAD OF CATTLE, viz.:—3 Heifers, 2 years old; 5 Heifer Stirks; 4 Cows, calved and to calve; 2 Bullocks, 2 years old; 2 Bullock Stirks; 1 Farrow Cow.
2 HORSES, viz.:—1 Black Mare, 15-3 hands high, rising 7. Quiet in all yokes, possessing superior quality and action; 1 Bay Yearling Draught Colt.
IMPLEMENTS:—Long Cart, 2 Coup Carts and Shelvings, Dog Cart, 2 Combined Mowers, Thrashing Machine, Metal Roller, Stone Roller, Cake Breaker, Chaff Cutter, Hay Rake, Turnip Cutter, Turnip Slicer, Scrubber, Swing Plough, Double Mouldboard Plough, Rib Plough, Scuffler, Grubber, Grub Harrow, Wood Harrow, Beams and Scales, Winnower, Sack Barrow, Sheep Troughs, Cake Boxes, Ladders, Grindstone, Forks and Rakes, Graives, 2 Sets Cart Harness, 1 Set Plough Harness, Set of Gig Harness, Set of Breaking Tackle, Ropes, Stretcher, Chains, Bin, Hen Coop, excellent Tinkler's Churn, Dairy Utensils. 40 Head of Poultry, and a Quantity of the Household Furniture.
Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.—Terms Cash.
Hexham, April 11th, 1892. 270i

Important Farm Stock Sale.
High Waskerley, 1½ Miles from Shotley Bridge Station, 7 Miles South from Riding Mill.—Friday, May 6th.
W. and T. T. IVESON are honoured with the commission of the Messrs CHARLTON, (who are leaving the Farm) to SELL BY AUCTION, on Friday, May 6th, the whole of their extensive and Valuable FARM STOCK, comprising—
210 SHEEP, viz.:—
70 HB Ewes and Gimmers, with their Followers.
80 Three-parts and 60 Mule Hoggs, mostly fat.
100 HEAD OF GRAZING CATTLE, viz.:—
2 SH Cows, May and June Calvers.
13 In-calving Heifers.
2 Heifer Calves.
55 Grazing Heifers, 2 and 3 years old. A grand lot and very fresh.
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6 HORSES FOR THE DRAUGHT.
Grey Mare, 16-1 h h, rising 5 years.
Brown Mare, 16-1 h h, rising 6 years.
Bay Mare, 16-1 h h, rising 7 years.
Brown Mare, 16-1 h.h., rising 9 years.
Bay Mare, 16 hgh, in foal to Electric.
Brown Yearling Colt, by Rule Britannia.
50 Barn-door Fowls.
IMPLEMENTS.
2 Long Carts; 4 Coup Carts, and Shelvings; 3 Ploughs; 1 D.M.B Plough; 1 Ribbing Plough; Scufflers; 2 Pairs of Four-bull Harrows; Zig-zag Harrow; Grubber; Grub Harrow; Scrubber; Double Turnip Drill; 2 Combined Reapers; 2 Winnowing Machines; Weighing Machine; Hand Barrow; Ladders; Wire Netting and Stakes; and all the usual Hand Tools. Also, Corn Bin, and Cart and Plough Gears for three Draughts.
Remarks—The Auctioneers confidently invite the attendance of Purchasers; the whole of the Live Stock is of exceptional merit; the Grazing Cattle are well selected, and very forward in condition; the Draught Horses are in their prime, and active and honest in yokes; the Ewes (young) have wintered well, and are indulgently nursing a good crop of Lambs; the whole of the Hoggs are of a good class, and either Fat or full of Mutton.
Refreshments will be supplied by Messrs Wilson Bros., Shotley Bridge.
N.B.—Accommodation for Horses cannot be spared.
Sale to commence at 11 o'clock with the Implements. Terms—Cash.
Hexham, April 15th, 1892. 269i

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.
A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station. AUCTION SALES will be conducted in the best style, and upon most reasonable terms. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE &c., can be bought right out for Cash.

Business Announcements

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THE STRIKE!

NOTICE:—
DURING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PRESENT UNFORTUNATE DISPUTE AT THE DURHAM COLLIERIES, IT IS HEREBY INTIMATED THAT THE CELEBRATED QUININE AND IRON TONIC PREPARED BY J. ROBERTS, THE WELL KNOWN NEWCASTLE CHEMIST, WILL BE SOLD AT 1s. AND 2s. PER BOTTLE, AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR. W. AYNSLEY, GROCER, AND WINE MERCHANT, CONSETT, THUS SPARING THE USUAL POST CHARGES OR RAILWAY JOURNEYS, AS FORMERLY.

KOPS ALE!

KOPS ALE.—The author of this invaluable non-alcholic beverage, in a long and interesting letter, published at length in the *London Daily Telegraph* of Friday, May 29th last, thus refers to the Name and Title, "KOPS ALE."
"I then, at the expenditure of nearly £50,000, caused a model brewery to be built at Wandsworth Bridge, Fulham, capable of producing about 75,000 pint bottles of pure, wholesome, palatable, non-alcoholic ale per day. I christened the baby "Kops Ale," in order to distinguish it from the unsatisfactory "Hop Ale" in the Market, and still retain a name as near "hops" as possible—the chief component part of Kops Ale being best Kentish hops. The beer is brewed on a similar method to honest English home-brewed Ale, and yet it is free of alcohol, and this is the great invention. *In fact it contains less alcohol than ordinary ginger beer or lemonade.* Dr. Jas. Edmunds, M.D., M.R.C.P., the eminent temperance advocate, and other competent authorities, pronounce Kops Ale to be a "pleasant, wholesome, non-alcoholic beverage, marvellously like ordinary ale, both in appearance and taste." The official organ of the Cyclists' Tourist Club, an institution numbering nearly 30,000 members, recommends, after a year's trial, Kops Ale to all its members, and pronounces it to be the only thirst-quenching non-alcoholic beverage that has ever come under their notice."
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WEATHER CHART FOR APRIL.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for this month:—A rather wet month, but generally fine about 12 days round the 15th. Gales round the 3rd and 26th. Bad weather from the 22nd to the 30th. Thunderstorms about the 10th and 19th. Temperature; Warm during the first week, about the 15th, and for the last three or four days. Cold from the 10th to the 14th, and for a week round the 22nd. Rain; About two inches and a half, chiefly at the beginning, about the 16th, and heavy frequently between the 22nd and 30th. [Average rainfall; London, 2·1in.; Glasgow, 2·1in.; British Isles, 2·6in.] Prevailing winds; S.W., and S.E. Westerly winds predominate.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 1892.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

This was the subject of a sermon or lecture delivered the other evening at Consett by the Rev Walter Walsh, a gentleman who, during the past year or two, has won for himself "a local habitation and a name." Where are we going? That is a rather pointed question, but whether we care to answer it or not will in no way add to or diminish the weight of the burden of life to which mankind is heir, irrespective of rank or station. Mr Walsh says we are going on towards the city of God. Personally, I hope we are, but in these incontinent times men live in the real—not the theoretical. Where then is the proof that we are so saintly as to have secured passports to enter on the narrow way leading to the city of God? The signs of the times do not certainly indicate any such deductions. Society is in a state of unrest. Men are starving in the midst of plenty, one handicraft is arranged against another—father against son, and brother against brother, rather a tortuous way forsooth of journeying towards the city of God. But the Rev Walter Walsh is even still more at sea in his deductions in relation to the bible. It is news, I suppose, to be told that the bible did not drop down from heaven printed, bound, and gilded; but grew. But it is still more startling to be told that we are to day writing the bible in our lives and experiences which future generations will follow. Such an idea is far from being encouraging to those acquainted with the shallowness and superficiality of the age in which our lot has been cast. The bible is noble in its extreme simplicity. The good men did, and the evil that the influence of which they fell victims is shown in bold relief—the biographies of the men of our day being like their epitaphs, so unreal that were they to rise from their graves and read them they would most assuredly conclude that they referred to somebody else. I am sorry for the comfort that future ages will derive from the version of the bible which Mr Walsh says we are making to-day. Mr Walsh is equally unreal in his ideas on social questions. He may be right in saying that the man that would not help to improve the social element of humanity was not worthy of the name of Christian. What, says Mr Walsh, about China opium traffic, and what about the African brandy trade, ruining the primitive races on the banks of the Congo. I have no hesitation in saying that both trades are a blot upon our civilisation, but then Mr Walsh must know that charity should begin at home. We have heathens enough and to spare within the borders of our own towns and cities, and were we to put forth our energies to bring them within the influence of Christianity men would gird their armour on and go forth by the hundred as in the days of the cruisades to do battle for the cross.

THE STEAM ROLLER.

It is a trite, but true saying that all is not gold that glitters, and the gentlemen who are responsible for the roads within the jurisdiction of the Lanchester Highway Board have realised the truth of the adage in their bitter experience. It appears that the ponderous weight of the steam roller is crushing the metal into mother earth until the subsoil is covering the surface of the road. The experts contend that two years must needs elapse before the good results following in the train of the steam roller can be made manifest to men, and in the meantime permission has been granted to procure an additional supply of metal. But it will take an extraordinary quantity of metal to made a good road if the foundation is faulty, as the report referred to seems to prove. The steam roller may render good service to the public on a macadamised turnpike, but common country accommodation roads it is calculated to utterly destroy.

ON NEW LINES.

The members of the Consett and District Cricket Club have at length discovered the open sesame—that is to say the goose that lays the golden eggs. Bazaars have hitherto been regarded as being specially reserved for raising the wind in connection with church and chapel concerns; but, believing no doubt, that everything was fair in love and war, their love for the willow induced them to cast their bread upon the waters on the lines indicated, notwithstanding that they were novel and new as novel. The means, however, justified the end, and the balance—and such a balance—is happily on the right side of the books. A club of the standing of the Consett and District Cricket Club deserves encouragement, and my quandom friends have good reason to congratulate one another on the success that has attended a venture, to the result of which they have looked forward for a long time in hopeful expectation.

THOS. F. FOSTER.

The latest novelty in my line is—find the challenge. Mr Thos. F. Foster is surprised that I should evade his challenge. I would be surprised, too, were I to swerve even but for a moment from anything in the form of a challenge emanating from such a source. But I have not seen anything from the pen of Mr Thos. F. Foster that could even with the utmost stretch of imagination be justly designated a challenge. His first letter was, as I observed at the time, quite incomprehensible, without head or tail, and should any of his friends, if he has any, be in doubts on this point, I have only to point out that it has taken him a full month to explain the real grounds of his objections. Mr Thos. F. Foster was ready enough and generous enough to make vague charges to the effect that I had sneered at the work of the temperance party, but it was only after repeated pricks from my lance—and I only touched him softly, just to see how he could stand it—that he was induced to quote the words to which he took exception. That was business, and Mr Thos. F. Foster had to be taught the rule of procedure. Here then is the sum and substance, the be-all, and the end-all of the latest grievance of Mr Thos. F. Foster:—
"Incedo," writing on the 11th March in the year of our Lord 1892, says:—"Surely the most infatuated of temperance advocates cannot for a moment imagine that if Mr Murray had never been born there would have been fewer public-houses in the Consett district. It would be well if the disciples of that particular school were to amuse themselves by hacking at the roots of the tree, rather than wasting their time and substance in attempting to blast with mildew the projecting branches." Such then, it appears, is the text of my sin against the temperance party, and in the absence of the *bona fide* challenge of Mr Thos. F. Foster, I propose dealing with the utterances quoted above. It is hardly worth while making reference to the fact, but it is true all the same, that for Mr Thos. F. Foster to assume the *role* of would-be censor at such a time did not, for very cogent reasons, tend to strengthen his position. His objections take a threefold form, "the erroneous statement"—the blasting with mildew the projecting branches—being the white elephant of the group. It is a matter of comparative indifference to me whether Mr Thos. F. Foster is pleased or grieved, I adhere to my original statement that the temperance party by concentrating their strength to oppose Mr Murray were in the most literal sense imaginable attempting to blast with mildew the projecting branches, leaving the roots—the source of all evil—to bud untouched. If Mr Thos. F. Foster does not know it, it is about time that he began to realise the fact that it is not by wasting time and effort in seeking to prevent gentlemen connected with the liquor traffic from obtaining positions in society, to which their means and influence entitle them, that the battle of temperance will be won. Such a line of action is, I repeat, a mere pruning of the projecting branches. The tortures of the rack and the stake did not stamp out the rising tide of the reformation, although such methods certainly did "blast with mildew the projecting branches." The public burning of bibles did not eradicate from the hearts of men the innate longing for "more light," nor will making a sort of "Aunt Sally" of a publican or brewer, or as Mr Thos. F. Foster puts it, "a fair mark for our opposition," conduce to allay the craving for drink in the breasts of men. Drink is a danger and an evil, but there are other dangers and other evils in the world which men seek to grapple with to the end that the influence they possess may be rendered less powerful for evil. Scientists never spent their strength in attempting to prevent electricity from issuing from the thunderbolt. That would have been love's labour lost in much the same manner as Mr Thos. F. Foster proposes to minimise the evils of the drink traffic by relegating to a back seat publicans and sinners, leaving the germ of the disease to float at will and contaminate the masses as before. Men of science took a more rational method of rendering harmless a force which they were unable to extirpate or even bind. By sheer dint of thought and patience they succeeded in making the most subtile force in existence to become subservient to their wishes—a touch of the finger transmitting living thought to the uttermost ends of the earth, and a wire on the top of a public building to render the lightning flash as harmless as the sunbeam. So much then for the dangers with which we are surrounded, and the means taken to remove or chain them. Another reason why I likened the action of the Consett temperance party in making a mark of Mr Murray on the ground that he was connected with the liquor traffic to "blasting with mildew the projecting branches" was because it was not the first time that I had witnessed them—actuated by the same spirit of infatuation—have recourse to the same tactics and with more success. I was wont at a time when my leisure hours were less precious to me than they are to-day, to attend temperance entertainments in the Consett district weekly. I used to enjoy myself very much, and reports of their sayings and doings appeared periodically from my pen. In short, the line dividing my position from that assumed by the temperance party was so fine in texture as to be barely perceptible to the naked eye. Mr Thos. F. Foster declares that he knows nothing about me, but the temperance advocates of that day knew me well enough, and they knew too that although I did not pose as being a total abstainer I was at the same time as temperate in my habits as the best of them. But there arose amongst them men of the stamp of my latest would-be critic—Mr Thos. F. Foster. Men of one idea, men dominated by an overpowering spirit of infatuation to which they give the rein, overriding roughshod the views held and expressed by better men. My quandom friends took to quoting scripture to prove that those who were not with them were against them. The line of thought introduced hardly applied to me, seeing that although I was not altogether with them, I was on the other hand certainly not against them. But they had scripture for it—so they said, forgetting no doubt that the devil quotes scripture for his purpose—and as I declined to be a target for the latest budding temperance orator, I naturally turned on my heel and left them to paddle their own canoe. My readers will consequently see that I had after all some grounds for declaring that the action of infatuated temperance advocates led them to allow the roots to flourish and "blast with mildew the projecting branches." I fancy that I have dealt with the objections raised by Mr Thos. F. Foster, and if I did not do so sooner the fault was his—not mine. If he chose to amuse himself for a month by airing his supreme wisdom on temperance matters and the unworthiness of "Incedo" into the bargain, people may smile, but they will hardly go the length of finding fault with him. When he grows older and wiser, experience may teach him to use special rather than general terms, and thus attain to the ideal of making himself understood.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Monday, in the Board-room. Members present: Messrs T. J. Muse (chairman), R. Walton, W. Pattinson, Rev C. J. Walker, and the clerk (Mr Jos. Proud).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE TIME OF MEETING.

With regard to the motion standing in Mr Walton's name, viz.:—"That the time of the Board meetings be changed from 3·30 p.m. to 5 p.m.," Mr Walton withdrew his motion without stating any reason for so doing.
Mr WALKER objected to such a course of procedure; but
The CHAIRMAN ruled that Mr Walton was perfectly in order in adopting such a course.

FINANCIAL.

Cheques were signed for £16 11s, leaving a balance of £94 14s 1d.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The attendance officer's (Mr W. Walton) report showed improvement. He had made 27 visits, embracing 32 absentees, during the month.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The master (Mr T. Duckworth) reported that the numbers on the roll were—boys, 103; girls, 109; total, 212; average present, 192; average absent, 17; percentage, 92. Cash—fees, £3 5s 6d; books sold, 12s 10d; total, £3 18s 4d.
Mr Duckworth stated that during last month the attendance had been really good, reaching the unprecedented percentage of 92 for the month; last week the average was 200.
A few parents are still indifferent, and strong measures must be resorted to in order to get their children to school more regularly.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

The omniscient Creator never makes a mistake, and in His wisdom He has supplied food to build up the body; but when we have violated nature's laws, a general debility of the whole system is produced, and when the stomach is weakened and cannot digest sufficient food to keep the blood in a proper state to feed the body, disease and death must follow, for the blood is life. The great value of the Blood Food prepared by G. HANDYSIDE is, that all the indigestible matter is extracted from the herbs of which it is made—a ton of nettles and other herbs being reduced to fourteen pounds; therefore, a weak stomach can throw as much nourishment into the blood in an hour as the stomach can do with ordinary food in a day. The great value of this Blood Food is, that instead of irritating the stomach and bowels, as doctors' medicines do, it restores them to their natural state when it is taken according to directions. Its great excellence can be seen at any of HANDYSIDE'S Dispensaries in Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, and London, and at any of HANDYSIDE'S Carriages in nearly all the principal towns in the Kingdom. You are asked to bring the worst cases of all diseases that you know of and witness for yourselves, as thousands have done, its marvellous effects on Costiveness, Change of Life, Overgrowth of Youth, Fevers, Fits, General Debility, Weak Heart, Sleeplessness, Indigestion, Looseness of the Bowels, Asthma, Bronchitis, all kinds of Skin Diseases, Lowness of Spirits, and Poorness of Blood. It not only imparts the vigour of youth to age, but it imparts a clearness to the skin which makes it a grand thing for the complexion.
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Those who take pills should take Handyside's Pills. No. 1 are grand Dinner Pills—two of them will remove any bad effects from eating or drinking anything that has disagreed with the stomach; but to build up the system, No. 3 are the best Pills ever discovered—they will not purge and ruin the constitution like common pills. Those who notice the improvement of their health when they take them, will soon find out which pills are worth a guinea a box.
In order to give confidence the Medicines are sent without the money with a note enclosed, that if people think they do not do more good than any other medicine, the money will not be required. Thousands have lost their lives by asking chemists and doctors about these medicines, for everyone is sure to recommend their own. All medicine sent from the manufactory, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Mr Handyside deposited £1,000 with Messrs Watson and Dendy, solicitors, Newcastle, two years ago, as a challenge to all the medical men and patent medicine proprietors in the world. But the challenge has never been accepted. It is still open. Mr Handyside will give £100 to any person who will get a medical man to accept it.

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NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

The latest from Stanhope is a gymnastic contest. It took place in the Barrington Schools on Monday evening, and was a thorough success. There were several competitors, and two silver cups for the most successful. Tom Sanderson at the new bank won premier honours, and Oliver Foster, of the Butts, came second, each winning a handsome cup. The place was packed to witness the local acrobats on the horizontal bar. Some wonderful feats were performed by the tumblers, and if ever they should run short of performers in Sanger's circus, Stanhope could supply them with either tumblers or clowns, made to order.

After the gymnastic feats, came a laughable farce by Messrs Pulleine and Carter, in character, and right well they did their parts, bringing down the house with uproarious hilarity. They were cheered to the echo by the large company present. Their hit at the dairy-maids of the district was a happy one, and their mirth-provoking antics eclipsed those of the local Sangers'. A most enjoyable evening was spent, however, and the frequent bursts of laughter and applause which arose attested to the fact. Much of the credit of the evening's success was due to these two singers and to Mr Burdekin, the popular tutor of gymnastics.

Mr Burdekin is very popular in Stanhope, especially with the youthful part of the population of the place. He interests himself in their welfare, and seeks so benefit them temporarily as well as spiritually, and ministers to their enjoyment in many ways.

Mr Roddam has presided over many a public meeting in Stanhope, but never before over a gymnastic contest, so that his position was unique. However, he makes a splendid chairman, and is as much at home in the chair at a public meeting as he is with his "daisy-cutters," knocking down the wickets of his opponents in the cricket field.

Talk of gymnastics! Who would ever have thought that they were a preventative for consumption, that fell scourge of the English race? Yet it is an acknowledged fact. There is nothing like exercise for the development of the faculties and powers and muscles of men, and I may say women, too. But of all men needing exercise, one would imagine that quarrymen would be the last. Think of a poor fellow in the quarries swinging a 25-pound mell all day. That man does not need much horizontal bar practice at night. The cultivation of the mental powers in many cases would be preferable, as it might be the means of enabling some of them to get out of the quarries.

There is some talk of establishing a science class in connection with the gymnasium next session. It is to be hoped it will result in something more than talk. Geology would be a good subject, as the district affords grand facilities for such a study. The same may be said of botany. Weardale is a happy hunting-ground for either.

Few men in Weardale are more honoured or held in higher esteem than Dr Arnison, J.P. He is ever ready and ever willing to lend a helping hand to every good object. He seemed quite at home on Friday afternoon, at the Dairy School, where he distributed certificates to the successful students. He made a felicitous speech on the occasion, congratulating the dairy-maids of the district on their aptness at taking in the teachings of Miss Maidment and her helpers. He spoke highly also of the able and energetic committee. The genial old doctor has given £10 towards the distress at Stanhope, and £5 towards the distress in Upper Weardale. His sympathies are practical, and no case of suffering distress or need is brought before him but which, if genuine, meets with prompt and generous aid. Weardale has every reason to be proud of such men, and what is more, it is proud of them.

Mr J. A. Hildyard, of Horsley Hall, has been very generous to the distressed in Stanhope, having sent the handsome sum of £15 for them in their time of need. Mr T. E. Fenwick, of Wolsingham, has also been very good; he has generously handed over the sum of £10 for the distress in Stanhope, and £5 for the distress in Upper Weardale. Mr Hilton, of Barnard Castle, last week sent 60 stones of meal and flour to be distributed among the distressed in Stanhope, and Mr T. H. Bainbridge, of Newcastle, has sent £5 for the distressed in Upper Weardale. Mr Joshua Dawson, of St. John's Chapel, has given the handsome sum of £10 to relieve the distress in the higher part of the dale, where it is undoubtedly acute. In fact, there are homes in Upper Weardale where the people have been without either food or firing for days. My sympathies are with the pitmen of the county of Durham in their struggle to keep up their wages, but when it comes to hunger and starvation of thousands of people all over the county, and even outside the county of Durham, then I say for the sake of others, as well as for themselves, they should at once endeavour to come to terms, and so end the present disastrous struggle, which already has ruined many a home, and caused widespread destitution and misery on every hand.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as a public body, have come out handsomely during the strike, and forwarded £50 towards the distress in Cleveland and Weardale. £25 of this is to be divided between the Stanhope and Frosterley quarrymen. Mr Minter, their agent, visiting Stanhope Burn Wood the other day, told the men they could have roving commission in their woods around Stanhope, and leave to cut down any dead trees for fuel, as coals were so dear and so scarce in Weardale. This in itself was a kindly act, and one that has been highly appreciated. There has been many a stick fire in and around Stanhope. Would that it were so further up the dale, where wood is much scarcer.

The Rev R. Shepherd, the esteemed vicar of St. John's Chapel, has done much for the dalesfolk by appealing to the Commissioners on their behalf ever and anon, and getting them employment on their estates, building walls and doing other work. He has also been assiduous in his efforts to benefit the dale in various ways, and has worked hard to get a railway into the dale, and even to-day is working hard for that object, and not without prospect of success.

The Attwood's charity at a time like the present crops up naturally enough. It is a well-known fact that the clergy in Weardale receive from the trustees of the late Mr Charles Attwood a sum of £25 annually to be applied for the benefit of the people in physical need, without distinction of religious sect. This annual sum is handed over to the incumbents of the several parishes in Weardale. Now, it is well-known that a certain element of mystery exists as to the manner in which this charity is distributed. It would be well if the clergy would publish a list of the recipients of these charities. Certainly there are some who receive them that won't take to it. But it would be vastly more satisfactory to all concerned if a list was published of the recipients. If I were a clergyman, and had to deal it out, for my own sake, and to allay suspicion or jealousy, I would publish one every year. One or two of the clergy do this, be it said to their credit, but there are others who do not. The public would like to know how it is spent.

Considerably over £100 has been spent in opening up and improving Stanhope Burn Wood by making footpaths and erecting seats in this pretty spot of nature. There is a spa up the wood in an old lead mine. To complete the job this should be piped out and a house erected over it as at Shotley Spa. The cost would not be great, but the benefits would. A health resort without a spa well, and that, too, when there is one that might be easily got. Why shouldn't Stanhope have a spa as well as Shotley?

The fish hatching at Tunstall reservoir is a source of interest and wonder. Some thousands of fish are artificially hatched here year by year and set off into the reservoirs.

Mr Bewley, the keeper of the reservoir, cleverly manages the hatching business. He has now some thousands of miniature trout in water. The reservoir in a little time should be well stocked. It is a pity that the Wear Fishery Board do not do likewise, and supply the river with plenty of trout, which seem to be getting scarcer year by year.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

The last temperance musical service for the session, held under the auspices of the Consett United Temperance Association, took place in the Co-operative Hall on Sunday evening. There was, as usual, a crowded house, many not being able to gain admittance. The series of services just finished have been the greatest success of any hitherto attempted. During the session 24 services have been held, and all the talent—musical, recital, and instrumental—has been cheerfully given, at the same time not forgetting the various able speakers who have occupied the position as chairman and otherwise and advocated the principles of temperance. The meetings have been self-supporting, and have likewise left a balance to the credit of the association. In all likelihood the services will again be commenced early in the autumn. The amount of good done up to the present time eternity alone can describe. Many pledges have been taken, and many drunkards have been reformed, so that the labours of the committee have not been in vain. The chair on this occasion was occupied by Mr Geo. Lowes (president of the Consett Mechanics' Association), Templetown, who gave a brief *resume* of the work accomplished during the session, and hoped that the association would re-commence the services in the autumn again. The programme rendered was as follows:—Opening hymn, 350 (Sankey's), prayer by Rev T. Durant; recitation, "The reckoning night," Miss H. Hall (Knitsley); violin duet, Miss and Master Robson (Blackhill), accompanied on the pianoforte by Mr J. Lamb; song, "Gates of the west," Miss Kent (Consett); cornet solo, "Lost chord," Mr J. Lamb (Blackhill); pianoforte duet, "Home sweet home," Misses Alice Maud Smith and F. E. Egglestone (Consett); concertina selection, Mr H. Milburn (Consett); song, "Daddy," Miss Kent. All the artistes aquitted themselves in an able manner. The address was delivered by Staff-Captain Hoggart, Newcastle, who related in a telling manner of what he had seen whilst travelling through the various large cites of England of the misery caused by strong drink. He hoped the day was not far distant when all their efforts would be combined, and the drink traffic swept out of the country. Mr Thos. Jones presided at the piano.

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST NEW CHURCH.

We are glad to learn that a local building firm has been successful in securing the contract for the above work, the tender of Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor, of Benfieldside, having this week been accepted by the trustees and building committee.

The site purchased from the Consett Iron Co., extends from Queen Street, adjoining the Town Hall, to the whole of King Street, with a frontage of 138 feet to Middle Street, by 120 feet eastwards and contains in all 1,840 square yards of land. There are now fourteen cottages on the site, and the builders will commence taking these down next week. The Consett Iron Co. have also agreed to deliver up seven additional cottages in King Street in April, 1892, for the purpose of a new street, the postponement to this period being caused by the great scarcity of workmen's dwellings at the present time. These cottages are among the oldest in Consett, and the substitution of public buildings for these dilapidated and unsightly structures will effect a much-needed improvement in such a central and important thoroughfare as Middle Street. The Consett Iron Co. being unable at present to yield more than 14 cottages, the committee have also been compelled to postpone a portion of their scheme. The contract entered into with Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor includes the erection of a new church or chapel, which will comfortably seat 850 persons, a minister's vestry, two class rooms, and a caretaker's dwelling. We hope in a future issue to give a fuller description of the plans and details of the buildings, which are to be finished and ready for occupation on May 1st, 1893. On that date also the remainder of the site will be available, and the second part of the scheme, comprising commodious school-rooms and class rooms, will then be carried out. We should state that the architects are Messrs Lamb, Armstrong, and Knowles, of Grainger Street, Newcastle.

Epps's Cocoa.—Grateful and Comforting.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homœopathic Chemists London.

The Unemployed in East London.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,600 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism. 735e

These are some of the prices that authors have received for works now famous:—Goldsmith, £20 for "The Traveller," £60 for "The Vicar of Wakefield," and £100 for "The Deserted Village;" Fielding, £1,000 for "Amelia," and £2,200 for "Tom Jones;" Dr. Johnson, £125 for "Rasselas;" Macaulay, £20,000 for "The History of England;" Boswell, £1,000 for the "Life of Johnson;" Dryden, £1,200 for his translation of Virgil; George Eliot, £2,000 for "Romola," and never less than £1,200 for any novel, it is said; Walter Scott, £700 for the first Waverleys, and large sums for later ones, with £8,000 for "Woodstock," and £18,000 for the "Life of Napoleon;" Zola, £16 for his first story, and £6,000 for "L'Assommoir;" Wilkie Collins, £5,000 for "Armadale;" Milton, £15 for "Paradise Lost;" Byron, £3,000 for "Don Juan," and £4,000 for "Childe Harold;" Moore, 3,000 guineas for "Lalla Rookh," and £1,500 for "Irish Melodies;" Campbell, £20 for "Pleasures of Hope;" Burns, £20 for the first edition of his works, and £700 for the last; Poe, £4 for "The Raven;" Longfellow, £300 (£4 a line) for the "Hanging of the Crane," the highest price ever paid for a poem; Whittier, £100 for the copyright of his works, which he afterward bought back for £240; Tennyson, £2 8s. a line for "Revenge."

Mr. Isaacstein (to school teacher: "How vos dot leedle Jacob getting on mit arithmetic." School Teacher: "He is doing nicely, Mr. Isaacstein; he is in percentages now." Mr. Isaacstein: "Vas dot so? Don'd you teach dot poy noddings less than von hundert per cent. He vas too young yet to study very hard."

Julia (with a dreamy look in her eyes). "Can you guess of what I am thinking, George?" George (taking her hand tenderly): "No, dearest Julia; but I hope it is of me." Julia: "Well, partly. But I was thinking of the cosy little room we will fit up for mother after we return from our wedding trip." George didn't look so pleased.

A brakesman on a Rocky Mountain road saved his train from rushing down upon a broken bridge by his prompt use of the famous air-brake. Two old mountaineers passing by with their guns, paused to find out why the train had stopped so suddenly. "That 'ere brakesman deserves a heap of praise for his quick shot," said one of the hunters, on learning how it happened. "Tain't that 'ere brakesman deserves the praise, seems to me," said the other; "I should say it was that air-brake."

Humorous Definitions. — "Pray, my lord," queried a gentleman of a judge, "what is the difference between common law and equity?" "Very little in the end," responded his lordship. "At common law you are more quickly disposed of. The former is a bullet which is instantaneously and charmingly effective; the latter, an angler's hook, which plays with the victim before it kills him. Common law is prussic acid; equity is laudanum."

Cricket.

Secretaries of cricket clubs will greatly oblige by sending their list of fixtures to this office as early as possible.

OXHILL v BEAMISH.

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

BEAMISH.		OXHILL.	
W Stoddart b Raine	2	R Henderson b Mason	4
R Darling b Raine	4	M Ledger not out	17
F. Mole b Raine	7	J Charlton b Mason	2
M Leybourne c Ledger b Middlemass	1	J Middlemass b Humes	1
A Kerr b Middlemass	3	W Raine b Mason	5
R Humes b Raine	4	J Charlton run out	0
J Curry b Raine	1	R Nichol b Humes	1
G Laverick c Middlemass b Raine	2	G Collin b Humes	3
T Mason b Raine	4	James Middlemass b Mason	2
W Hewison b Raine	2	R Palmer c Laverick b Mason	1
J Jackson not out	0	T Armstrong st Jackson	1
Extras	16	Extras	4
Total	47	Total	41

HAMSTEELS v WATERHOUSES.

Played at Hamsteels, and, after a pleasant game and exciting finish, resulted in favour of the home team by three runs. Score:—

HAMSTEELS.		WATERHOUSES.	
J Johnston (capt) b Maycock	4	W Bones (capt) b J Johnston	14
R Barkus c Quinn b Coates	6	R Quinn b J Johnston	6
J Lyons b Coates	8	J Maycock c W Bailes	0
A Mangles c Quinn b Coates	10	T Maycock b J Johnston	5
J B Johnson c Turner	3	C Coates c Barkus	7
C McDonald b J Maycock	3	J Watkin c and b A Mangles	0
A Bailes b Coates	0	Turner run out	2
W Bailes b Coates	1	Hansom not out	0
J Heightley b Coates	0	T Watkin b Johnston	3
T Jackson not out	6	T Brown b Johnston	0
H Morton b J Maycock	0	Hymes b Johnston	0
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	40	Total	37

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v OUSTON INSTITUTE.

Played at West Pelton, and, after a pleasant game resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

VIOLETS.		OUSTON.	
H Theobald b Moody	3	S Cardy b Brayson	2
J Hall c Barnes	13	J Stoddart run out	0
H Barrass b Moody	0	J Beel b Brayson	1
J Brayson c Stoddart	0	R Barnes c Humble b Barrass	6
H Taylor b Barnes	5	M Moody b Brayson	0
E Humble b Barnes	19	B Usher c Barrass b Brayson	5
G. Barrass b Barnes	1	W Marshall b Brays'n	0
J Theobald run out	1	W Laventer b Barrass	4
J Lee b Moody	13	W Clark not out	8
J Pinkney not out	4	W Flowers b Brayson	7
A Barrass b Barnes	0	C Moody run out	2
Extras	11	Extras	8
Total	70	Total	43

CORNSAY CLUB—MARRIED v SINGLE.

Played at Cornsay, and resulted in a win for the single. Score:—

SINGLE.		MARRIED.	
H Aston b Slater	0	J K Coates retired	6
G Lowes b Milburn	4	E Taylor retired	7
J Aston lbw b Milb'rn	5	R Johnson run out	1
W Dowson b Slater	4	W Gray b E Aston	0
W Hodgson b Milb'rn	0	J Milburn c and b Lowes	1
J Garbutt b Slater	0	J Slater b E Aston	0
J Raw c Davis b Milburn	17	J Hodgson b E Aston	0
M Raw b Milburn	3	W Davis c Lowes b E Aston	0
G Simpson b Slater	0	N Coates b Lowes	0
T Coates b Slater	2	J Coates run out	1
R Hardy b Milburn	1	J Anderson b Lowes	0
T Waine not out	1	R Leadbitter b E Aston	1
E Hardy b Slater	1	J Callaghan c Hodgson b E Aston	3
		W Gargett b Lowes	1
		R Crooks not out	0
Extras	9	Extras	5
Total	47	Total	25

HAMSTEELS v WATERHOUSES.

The return match was played at Waterhouses, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 22 runs. Score:—

HAMSTEELS.		WATERHOUSES.	
J Johnston run out	13	G Bones b Johnston	8
J B Johnson b Pearson	5	E Quinn c Lyons	5
G Richardson run out	2	T Maycock b Dodds	2
J Lyons c and b Pearson	3	C Coates c Jackson	4
A Dodds c Pearson	22	W Bouille b Mangles	10
A Mangles c and b Pearson	0	W Watkin run out	0
R Barkus c and b Pearson	2	R Pearson b Johnston	0
C McDonald st Bones	0	J Atkinson c Bailes	1
W Bailes c Bones	4	T Watkin not out	13
A Bailes c Watkin	5	J Maycock b Mangles	0
T Jackson not out	7	G Turner run out	2
Extras	4	Extras	0
Total	67	Total	45

BLACKHALL MILL v OLD MEMBERS.

Played on their new ground, and after a very pleasant game, the youths won by 37 runs. Score:—

BLACKHALL MILL.		OLD MEMBERS.	
J Wood b Billclough	31	T Billclough run out	3
J Greener b Chaytor	6	R Chaytor b J Wood	3
W Wood c Emmerson b Chaytor	5	J Holden c Greener b J Wood	0
J Nichol b Chaytor	0	J W Anderson b J Wood	0
H Bragg c Porteous b Chaytor	1	P McNastrie run out	1
T Greener c Anderson b Chaytor	0	J Swaddle b W Wood	0
Jos Nichol b Dodd	1	J Brown b W Wood	0
T Embleton b Dodd	2	J T Little b J Wood	0
W Gilbeck c Chaytor b Dodd	0	R Dodd c Bragg b W Wood	0
T Dryden b Billclough	1	W Ward run out	6
J Fenwick not out	2	R Porteous b J Wood	0
R Wood b Billclough	0	G Emmerson not out	5
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	55	Total	18

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EDDA'S BIRTHRIGHT.

By Mrs. Harriet Lewis,

Author of "Her Double Life," "Old Life's Shadows," "Lady Kildare," etc.

Chapter XVIII.

Edda's Resolve.

After the abrupt departure of Gascoyne Upham, there was a strange brief silence between Miss Powys and Edda. Upham had thrown down the gage of battle. His threatening words rung in their ears. Miss Powys turned away her face that it might not be seen; but Edda, impetuous as a young leopardess, sprang up and paced the floor, her thin, dark, eager face aflame, and her soft velvety eyes glowing like live coals.

"I hate myself," cried Edda at last, "that there is anything in me to attract that loathsome, mean little wretch. I'd as soon marry Mr. Nizbit as marry him. I can fight my own battles without any of his help. If I could not I should prefer being beaten. *He* to spy out my parentage! *He* to restore to me my birthright! Bah! I would scorn him and his discoveries alike."

The girl's clear, ringing voice, freighted with her scorn of her suitor, aroused Miss Powys, who regarded her young companion curiously, as if Edda were some *lusus naturæ*.

"Do you mean, Miss Brend," asked the lady, "that if Mr. Upham were to discover and reveal to you your origin, that you would not avail yourself of the knowledge thus gained?"

"I mean exactly that!" replied Edda, emphatically. "I am too proud to force myself upon any one, or to take advantage of the discoveries of that Paul Pry. I have a right to study out the secrets that environ me, but those secrets are none of Mr. Upham's business, and I am none of his business. I can never fall so low as to league myself with him—never!"

A faint colour crept into Miss Powys's pale cheeks; a new light shone from her sapphire eyes.

"You're a noble girl, Edda," she said, and sighed. "But you need not fear that Mr. Upham will have any discoveries to impart to you. Astute as he is, there are absolutely no discoveries for him to make. Half that he said to me is mere gasconade. It is a peculiarity of my cousin that he will leap to singular and most unheard-of conclusions, which never admit of being proved, and which he has to relinquish afterward. This new idea of his, involving such insult to me, will be given up within a week, as soon as he comprehends all that it means. He said truly—he has always cherished a secret feeling against me since, many years ago, I refused to marry him. If he has not a very large brain, he has a very small soul. At a word from me, papa would expel him from this house and from his service. But I shall not speak that word. Gascoyne is no great villain, only a contemptible, small-souled person, with a venomous nature. I know him well. He has sprung to a certain conclusion in regard to your relations to me, but already he suspects his wisdom and doubts what he has proclaimed to us. He will make a few secret inquiries, and then subside into his original obscurity."

"Unless he should stumble upon some clue to the mystery," said Edda, gravely. "I think I comprehend him too. I can see that he was speculating about me, and he remembered that Henry Brend had once loved you, and that he—Upham—had been jealous of Brend. You told him that I was the daughter of that Henry Brend. It seems that I was born in the same year that Mr. Brend paid you those attentions which made Mr. Upham jealous. Mr. Brend must have then been married when he conducted himself towards you as a free man and a lover. Perhaps the secret of Mr. Upham's conclusion lies in this. He cannot comprehend how you would take under your protection the daughter of a man who professed to love you, unless his daughter were your own also. Human nature is hardly so exalted as to permit any lady to befriend the daughter of a man who had jilted the lady, and put an insult upon her."

"You reason well, Edda," said Miss Powys. "Perhaps Gascoyne reasoned similarly, but he has not your brains, and springs to conclusions rather than reasons them out. He will never restore to you what you have termed your birthright."

"No one can ever give it to me," said Edda, sorrowfully. "Not even you, Miss Powys."

The banker's daughter started.

"Why not?" she asked.

The girl's lips curled in an indescribable bitterness.

"What is one's birthright?" she demanded. "At my birth I had a right to recognition by my parents, to a share in their home, to an acknowledgment by them before the whole world."

"That is your birthright—true; but it can never be granted to you, Edda," said Miss Powys, sorrowfully.

"It is not the only right that was mine by birth and its withholding is not the only wrong I have suffered," said Edda sternly. "I never knew till I came here how I had been cheated. But I have seen children with their mothers in the park, the children watched over, loved, and tended like rare exotics. I grew up like a wayside thistle. I have seen young girls, like I am now, riding or driving in the park, guarded tenderly, loved and cherished, while I have no one in all the wide world to care whether I live or die. I was never petted and loved. I was never gathered in my mother's arms. The mother who bore me hated me, and abandoned me when I was a month old."

"Edda! oh, Edda!"

"I love beauty," the girl continued, her passionate young voice trembling, and her eyes roving about the room from one article of luxury to another, from picture to statuette, from piano to books bound in white vellum and gilt, from Pompeian vases to exquisite French bronzes—" and that love was born in me, an inheritance from my parents. But I was brought up in the barest poverty. My room at Racket Hall was a bare cell. The garments I wore would have been scorned by a beggar, and even such as they were they were not plentiful. My life was narrow, restricted to a routine of studies, and to wanderings on the moor—"

"But, Edda, I never dreamed of all this. Mr. Nizbit received for your maintenance a sum sufficient to keep you in luxury, after paying your governess."

"He had no income save that derived from his care of me. Out of that he paid his cook, housemaid, and stable-boy. Out of that he paid his rent, kept up his establishment, kept a horse, clothed himself and Mrs. Nizbit—after a style very different from that thought proper for me—and kept himself in generous wines and brandies, and pipes and cigars, and all the luxuries he could desire. When all this was done, of course there was but little left for me. And when the money failed to arrive this year and last, a chronic state of poverty set in. Mrs. Nizbit died of fatigue, having worn herself out in waiting upon her husband. After her death things grew worse. My governess went away. The housemaid gave warning, and we struggled on, paying no rent and living like beggars. Yet to the last Mr. Nizbit managed to provide for his peculiar wants. No one ever suffered but me."

"If I had known! If I had only known!" said Miss Powys. "The money should have been sent, but last year, when the time arrived for sending it, I was very ill of fever, and Priggs was absorbed in the care of me, thinking I would die. I was ill for many weeks, and when I grew better I went to Bad-Gastein, remaining there until autumn, Priggs accompanying me. When I returned in November, I concluded not to send the money until this spring, when I would go to Yorkshire myself. I supposed Mr. Nizbit in possession of an income of his own, and I knew that more money had been sent to him for your use than you could possibly have used for yourself. I believed that a handsome sum remained to your credit. I was unable to go north in May, and was preparing to visit Yorkshire when you made your appearance here. I had begun to realize that something must be done for your future, but I had not been able to come to any decision in regard to the matter."

"You acknowledge that it was you who paid to Mr. Nizbit an annual sum for my support."

"Yes; I acknowledge that," said Miss Powys slowly. "I paid it as a friend of your mother. Priggs always took the money in gold. A certified cheque could have been traced to me, else I should have sent one after my return from Germany. The payment of the money to Mr. Nizbit always involved Priggs's visit to Racket Hall."

"Priggs was the 'Mrs. Catharine' who attended my mother when I was born," said Edda. "It would not do for Mr. Upham to know that, or that I have been maintained all my life at your expense, Miss Powys. His opinion would find strong confirmation that I am your daughter."

"Miss Brend," said the banker's heiress, coldly. "I beg you not to suggest such relationship between you and me ever again. I like you and choose to befriend you for your mother's sake; but I can never acknowledge that there is any tie of blood between you and me. You will do well to remember this."

Edda continued walking back and forth, and her lips curled anew, as she exclaimed:

"Do you think, Miss Powys, that I have no heart, no pride? If you are not my mother, you know who my mother was, or is. I believe sometimes that she is living," and Edda's glance grew bright and keen, studying the lady's face with strange intentness. "If she is living she knows all about me. She might have won my heart. She might have shown some kindliness of feeling toward me. If she suffered secret disgrace, I would have helped her bear it. If she were proud, my pride should have helped support her. To know that she *were* my mother, even if I must bear the knowledge a secret to my grave; to know that she confided in me; was willing to have a secret bond of union between her and me—this would have been bliss to me. For a mother who loved me I could have died. No disgrace could have lessened my respect for her, if she had been tender enough and womanly enough to take me to her heart. But now it is too late."

"Too late!"

"Yes, Miss Powys, for ever too late!" cried Edda, her eyes flashing with intensity of feeling. "If my own mother were to kneel at my feet now, I should spurn her from me. The woman who could have been so weak and base as to rid herself of her innocent child; who condemned her to a life of poverty and hardship, to loneliness and unsatisfied yearnings; who could know that I stand now at the threshold of life, lonely, sorrowful, and anxious, and never offer me the balm of one loving word, or the promise of a mother's friendship—can never, never win my love nor respect. I would refuse now to acknowledge her."

There was a dead silence. It was Edda who was the first again to speak. Her manner was now calm; her voice subdued.

"Miss Powys," she said, and her tone was tinged with a faint irony, "I find myself unable to continue longer in your service. I cannot subject myself to further annoyance from Mr. Upham. I cannot consent to remain here as a thorn in your side, for so long as I stay Mr. Upham will persecute you upon my account. When he knows that I am gone away for good, he will cease to think of me or my origin."

"Miss Brend—Edda—you are not serious?"

"I was never more serious in my life, Miss Powys. I am going away this week."

Miss Powys's face flushed with a haughty anger.

"You will do nothing of the kind," she said, commandingly. "You will remain here."

"By what right would you detain me?" demanded Edda.

Miss Powys's haughty eyes fell.

"By the right that your mother delegated to me," she answered presently. "She asked me to direct your future. You must remain with me always, Edda. I will provide for you at my death."

"The mother who disowned and abandoned me had no right to dispose of me after I had become of an age to think for myself, Miss Powys. I thank you for your kindness, but I've no claims on you, it seems, and I cannot remain here longer. To tell you the truth I am not happy here. I'd rather be back in a gipsy's hut on my dear old moors than to live here on sufferance, Miss Powys. I am tired of the fine livery I wear," and she looked down at her white robe disdainfully. "I earn nothing here and I will not eat the bread of dependence. It is all a farce my playing companion to you. I eat with you, sit with you, drive with you in the park; but the pretence that I pay my way in reading or singing to you is but shallow. I am eating the bread of charity, and I can no longer do it. I am going away. I prefer to go openly than to steal away secretly, and so I have told you the truth."

"I shall not permit you to go. You know nothing of the world. Oh, Edda! Edda!—"

The name was uttered in a wild wail, and Miss Powys wrung her hands despairingly.

Edda fancied that some revelation trembled on the lady's lips, but if so it was checked by the sudden appearance of Mrs. Priggs from the inner room. The maid looked singularly disturbed. She had heard all that had been said by Mr. Upham, Miss Powys, and Edda, and had been driven only to reveal her presence by that wailing cry from her mistress.

Darting an angry look at the girl, Mrs. Priggs rushed to Miss Powys and bent over her, whispering to her and holding her close in her matronly arms with a peculiar tenderness. Then she released her mistress and retreated a few steps, but not offering to withdraw.

Miss Powys struggled hard for composure.

"I—I cannot let her go," she murmured.

"Oh, Miss Agnace, she's brought nothing but trouble to this house," said the old attendant. "Let her go back to Mr. Nizbit. Settle a sum of money upon her and send her away. Mr. Upham is a very serpent. Miss Brend is right; she ought to get out of his way. For your papa's sake, Miss Agnace—for your own sake—for the girl's sake—send her away!"

"I won't go back to Mr. Nizbit. And I won't accept any settled sum of money," said Edda, composedly.

"But what will you do? Where will you go?"

"I'll earn my own living."

"Miss Agnace, hear me!" cried Mrs. Priggs, tremblingly. "Miss Brend must go. Her departure will block Mr. Upham's little game completely. She says she is not happy here, and you are suffering. She is not wise enough to accept your kindness without questioning. Her staying will bring trouble on us all. She must go!"

"No, no. It is impossible—"

"Oh, Miss Agnace, pray be guided by me. She will go secretly if you do not let her go with your consent. Is it not so, Miss Brend?"

"It is. I am going in any case."

"But, Edda, my—"

"Oh, hush, Miss Agnace! Are you wild?" pleaded the old attendant, with tears in her eyes. "I have thought of a plan that would suit you and Miss Brend also. You remember the letter you received from that very, very old lady, Mrs. Vavasour, yesterday, begging you to find her a cheerful young companion, one willing to live in the remote Scottish Highlands and minister like a daughter to her? You said you would look for such a companion to-morrow. Mrs. Vavasour demands a lady born and bred, to read to her and sing to her and to sit with her, much as Miss Edda has done here. Mrs. Vavasour is a grand old lady and allied to the nobility. You visit Mrs. Vavasour yourself, Miss Agnace, and she is fond of you. Surely you can let Miss Edda go to her. Why, she will be hidden away from all the world up there," the old woman added in a whisper.

Miss Powys had regained her calmness, and was keenly attentive to the words of her confidential attendant. It was evident that she was taking them into serious consideration.

"Leave me awhile, Miss Brend," she said kindly. "I will consider the matter, and let you know my decision before you sleep."

Miss Powys did not go out upon that evening, if she had intended doing so. She had a long and troubled conference with Mrs. Priggs, and at its conclusion, some two hours later, made her way to Edda's room, knocking softly for admittance.

Edda's clear voice bade her enter, and she went in.

Edda was sitting near her table, sewing by candlelight—gas is seldom used in English bed-rooms. The girl was darning the frayed and rusty old black silk dress in which she had made her journey to London. Miss Powys looked pained.

"Edda," she announced, "I am come to say that I consent to your departure."

Edda bowed gravely, rising, and placing a chair for her employer.

"I foresaw your conclusion, Miss Powys," she said, "and am repairing my gown. I think I will go away in the morning, after Mr. Upham goes down to the city."

"Do not think that you are about to cut yourself loose from me," said Miss Powys, sternly. "You are not going forth from this house whither you will. You are a mere baby in knowledge of the world, and I shall exercise a supervision over your movements. As you heard Priggs say, I had a letter yesterday from a very dear and very aged family friend, who is nearly a hundred years old. She lives alone in a great old ruined castle in the Scottish Highlands, with a troop of faithful Highland servants. My grandmother and my mother and I have all visited her, in our different generations, at her place of Ben Storm Castle. It is a wild, secluded spot among the mountains. Mrs. Vavasour is growing infirm, she writes me, but is very sprightly, considering her great age. She is lonely, and wants a cheerful young companion."

"I think I might like to serve her," said Edda. "Has she no relatives?"

"Yes, but only two, and they are remote descendants. She has outlived all her children and grandchildren, her husband, and the friends of her youth. She is peculiar, obstinate and wilful, and even her descendants are wholly or in part estranged from her. Her great-granddaughter married Lord Clair, a dissipated man who broke his wife's heart. Mrs. Vavasour disapproved of the marriage, and would never see her descendant again. But Lord Clair has a daughter, who is engaged to marry Lord Ronald Charlton, I have heard. Lord Ronald is the grandson of the Earl of Charlewick, to whom Racket Hall belongs. Mrs. Vavasour has never seen Miss Clair, and will not see her. Miss Clair is the only living female descendant of Mrs. Vavasour, but the old lady has a great-grand son, a wild young fellow, the idol of her heart, whom she brought up, but who has fallen into evil ways, and she refuses now to see even him. So she is entirely alone among her servants. She offers a salary of one hundred pounds a year. Will you go to her?"

"Yes, I will go," declared Edda, promptly. "At least I shall earn my own living there."

"You can start the day after to-morrow, if you choose to go so soon. Priggs will accompany you, and I will give you a letter of introduction that will clear up anything that might seem strange about the promptness of your arrival. I will write to-morrow announcing your coming, and Priggs will telegraph from Edinburgh to Mrs. Vavasour, so that you will not take her by surprise. You still insist upon leaving me?"

Edda replied in the affirmative.

"Then no better home can be found for you than Ben Storm Castle. It is a Providence that Mrs. Vavasour should require a companion at this time, and should have written to me to find her one as soon as possible. I would like you to write to me, Edda, and let me know how you like your new home," added Miss Powys, wistfully.

"I will do so, thank you."

"It will not do to take that worn-out gown with you, Edda. Mrs. Vavasour is a very refined gentlewoman, and you will be obliged to bestow as care upon dress at Storm Castle as here. You will need an additional supply of clothing, which we will purchase to-morrow. I will accompany you upon a shopping expedition. You must have no false pride, Edda. You must take an ample wardrobe, including all you have now."

Edda was forced to accept as gifts the articles she had been too proud heretofore to receive except as loans. Miss Powys would not be gainsayed, and Edda did not contest the point. It was agreed that nothing was to be said by the young girl to Mr. Upham concerning her proposed departure, Miss Powys undertaking to explain when she had gone.

"So I am to turn over another leaf in the page of my life," thought the girl. "I wonder how I shall like existence up among the Highlands. I feel an odd sort of thrill, as if I were going to some strange fate. I seem to be tossed about now like a thistle-down. I believe—I do believe—that some great good or evil is to come to me out of Ben Storm Castle."

(*To be continued*).

Sporting Items.

Quoit Match at Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, a quoit match, on clay ends, was played on the ground connected with the house of Mr J. Bennett, the Fox Inn, Dipton, between J. Kelly, of Dipton, and Bart Johnson, of Leadgate, for £10 a side, 51 points game. About 200 spectators were in attendance. An evenly-contested match resulted in a win for Johnson, the scores being: Johnson, 51; Kelly, 47. Geo. Kirkley, of White-le-head, officiated as referee. It may be mentioned that these two competitors have faced each other on four occasions, and in every instance Johnson has defeated his opponent.

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VESTRY MEETINGS.

CONSETT.

The Easter vestry meeting of the parishioners of Christ Church, Consett, was held in the National Schools on Thursday se'nnight, the vicar (Rev F. Steggall) presiding.—Mr Wm. Aynsley, vicar's warden, read the financial statement for the year ending Easter, 1892. There was a balance in hand, at Easter, 1891, of £15 3s 2d; the ordinary offertories during the year amounted to £74 14s 3d; the total receipts for church purposes being £128 12s 9d. The special offertories for other objects amounted to £40 16s 11d, making the total income £169 9s 8d. The expenditure (including a donation of £30 to the curacy fund) represented £128 12s 9d.—The Chairman said the churchwardens had paid £28 5s 6d from the church fund towards the fund for augmenting the peal of bells to eight in number. There was a deficit of £4 1s 7d up to that day, but that sum had been generally wiped off through the generosity of Ald. Wm. Jenkins, J.P. (Applause.) They therefore started the year with a clean sheet.—Mr Aynsley remarked that although there was no money on hand, they had a splendid and extensive block of property. It would surprise many people to go over and inspect the commodious and handsome block of buildings—Church Schools, art rooms, &c., which had been built through the instrumentality of their esteemed vicar, everything being provided for their accommodation. He thought every credit was due to the vicar for having furnished the town with such an ornamental class of erections.—On the motion of Mr T. L. Gledstone, seconded by Mr T. Milner, the financial statement was adopted.—The vicar nominated Mr W. Aynsley as his churchwarden, and said that that gentleman was entering upon his 25th year of office. (Applause.)—Mr Wm. Thompson was again chosen as people's warden. The undermentioned sidesmen were selected:—Messrs T. L. Gledstone, Hedley Nicholson, Ed. Lockey, R. Marshall, J. Nimmons, G. D. Powell, Thos. Thompson, J. Harkness, G. T. Hyden, Wm. Eales, and J. Carruthers.—A long conversation ensued with reference to cleaning and repairing the church, overhauling the organ, &c., and eventually these matters were left in the hands of the vicar and churchwardens.

FROSTERLEY.

The vestry meeting at Frosterley was held on Wednesday week, Rev F. C. Jagg (vicar) presiding.—The retiring churchwardens were Mr E. Pickering and Mr J. Pickering. A good number was present. Mr J. Barker, quarry manager, Rogerley quarries, was chosen people's churchwarden, and Mr E. Pickering the vicar's churchwarden.

WESTGATE-IN-WEARDALE.

The annual vestry meeting was presided over by the Rev J. Schofield, vicar. Mr John B. Coulthard was re-appointed vicar's warden, and Mr John Dalkin was elected people's warden; Messrs Joseph Parker, John Gowland, Anthony Furnace, and William Longstaff were elected sidesmen.

BLAYDON.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, the rector (Rev M. Greene) in the chair.—The hon. vestry clerk (Mr Henry Dalkin) presented the churchwardens' accounts. They began the year with an advance balance of £2 6s 9½d, and closed with £1 4s 11½d due the churchwardens. The income for the year was £140 2s 8½d. The financial position was very satisfactory, as it was the first year they had been able to do without special subscriptions for a tea party.—The rector, in proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring churchwardens, sidesmen, and hon. vestry clerk, said he had to congratulate them on the material prosperity of the church, and he could speak thankfully, too, of spiritual results, as shown by increasing congregations, and an increased number of communicants. On Easter Day there were 181 communicants (105 at eight o'clock and 76 at mid-day), being an increase of 76 on last Easter Day. There had also been an increase of nearly 400 communicants during the year. Sir H. A. Clavering, Bart., Axwell Park, had presented a handsome set of Winchester's church music for the choir, and Mr E. S. Westmacott had presented hymn books and Prayer Books for the Haugh's Mission.—The rector re-appointed Mr John Cunninghame his churchwarden, and Mr John Charlton was re-elected churchwarden for the people. The rector appointed Messrs R. Bell and Wm. Leighton his sidesmen; and Messrs I. Brown and R. Richardson were appointed sidesmen for the people.—The thanks of the vestry were accorded to Mrs Greene for her care of the altar, and to Messrs Daws, Bollom, organist, the choir, and the bell-ringers for their services.

COLLIERLEY.

The annual vestry meeting for St. Thomas's parish was held on Thursday se'nnight, Rev John Gornall (vicar) presiding.—The vicar appointed Mr Hugh Brown as his churchwarden for the ensuing year, and on the motion of Mr W. S. Telford, seconded by Mr Wm. Smith, Dr Duncan was unanimously re-elected parishioner's warden. The following were appointed sidesmen:—Messrs Telford, Smith, J. McGowan, Neal, Copley, and Ross. The treasurer (Mr Smith) presented the financial statement for the past year, from which it appeared that there was a balance of £10 on the right side. This sum was carried over to the Jubilee Improvement Fund on which, however, there still remains a deficit of £17. It is satisfactory to state that the offertories have been larger than in any previous year.—A vote of thanks to the office bearers for their services, moved by the Rev A. Dunn, M.A., curate, and seconded by Mr Gornall, concluded the meeting.

EBCHESTER.

The annual vestry meeting in connection with the above parish was held on Friday evening, the rector, Rev P. Cameron, presiding.—Having thanked the retiring churchwardens for their services, the rector nominated Mr Charlton as his warden, and Mr R. Ramsay as sideman for the ensuing year.—Mr Joseph Pumphrey was appointed people's warden, and Messrs Simpson and Brown sidesmen.—It was proposed by Mr Charlton, and seconded by Mr Middleton, that Dr Marshall be appointed lay representative, which was unanimously agreed to.—The accounts, showing a balance in favour of the churchwardens, were read by the chairman, and adopted by the meeting.

TOW LAW.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Thursday evening week, Rev T. H. E. C. Espin, vicar, presiding.—The churchwardens presented their accounts for the past year, which showed a small balance in hand.—Mr Wm. Atkinson was appointed vicar's warden, this being his 18th year of office. Mr C. Hall was re-elected people's warden. Messrs T. Blenkiron, W. H. Telford, and J. Heslop were appointed sidesmen, and Messrs R. Rawes and J. Pattinson were again chosen as representatives to the Ruri-Decanal Conference.—A voluntary rate of ½d in the pound was passed for church expenses.—A committee was appointed to arrange for a social evening, the proceeds to be for a choir trip.—A vote of thanks was passed to the churchwardens, and also to the chairman.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this Board was held a Tantobie on Tuesday week; there being present Coun. H. G. Wood (chairman). Messrs M. G. Armstrong, W. Bulmer, and J. Green.

EAST STANLEY SCHOOLS.

It was reported that 44 older children and 48 infants had been admitted to this school at the opening.

Miss White, of Jarrow, was appointed assistant mistress for the mixed school.

In accordance with notice given, the charge to the Primitive Methodist Society for the use of the school for religious services was, on the motion of Mr J. Green, reduced from 3s to 2s per week.

WEST STANLEY BOARD SCHOOLS.

The architect, Mr Rounthwaite, sent the following report:—

"The improved weather during the month has enabled the contrators to make considerable progress with both the house and school, and now that the bulk of the remainder of the work will be under cover, we may look for the rapid prosecution of the contract. I think the school should be ready for use by the altered date of completion—26th May—and the house shortly afterwards."

The opinion was expressed that there is not a sufficient number of joiners at work to get the work completed in the time named, and that the out-offices have been at a standstill for some time.

It was ordered that the attention of the architect be drawn to these things.

PICKERING NOOK SCHOOL.

Mr Rounthwaite reported that fair though not rapid progress had been made with this building during the past four weeks. Delay is now being caused by the non-delivery of the slates.

TANFIELD LEA INFANTS' SCHOOL.

The head teacher reported an average attendance of 86 children; the attendance during the past month being very regular.

The school was examined by H.M. Inspector on the 7th inst., after which 23 children in Standard I were dismissed to find room in schools for older children.

CAUSEY ROW BOARD SCHOOL.

Mr Hodgson reported that his school had been examined by H.M. Inspector on the 11th inst.

The school being understaffed and short of books and apparatus, the members decided to visit the schools on the following day.

BURNOPFIELD BOARD SCHOOL.

The result of the drawing examination was good; the amount of grant being £4 8s 6d.

The head teacher reported 153 children in average attendance.

It was decided to give prizes to about 40 children for good attendance during the past twelve months.

LINTS (INFANTS) BOARD SCHOOL.

The head teacher (Miss Matthew) reported an average attendance of 70 with 99 on the books. After the examination, 26 children had been transferred to the mixed school, and 13 had been admitted. Sickness very much interferes with the attendance. There are several cases of whooping cough among the infants.

LINTZ (MIXED) BOARD SCHOOL.

The head teacher (Mr Abbott) reported that the school is now very full, indeed, crowded to excess, and the staff is scarcely sufficient to work the school in an efficient manner, and certainly not sufficient to give the pupil teachers any time for private study or instruction during school hours. Another assistant mistress would make it possible to carry out the desire of the Board with respect to the studies of the pupil teachers.

It was decided to hold an adjourned meeting of the Board at the Lintz School to consider these matters.

The names of about 80 children were submitted from both departments as having good attendances for the past year.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Attendance Officer submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tanfield School Board.

Gentlemen,—Since my last report the following schools have been examined by A. E. Bernays, Esq., H.M.I. of schools, and his assistants:—Burnopfield Board, Burnopfield National, Lintz Board, Tanfield National, Tanfield Lea Board, and Causey British.

During the month, I have visited the homes of 221 absentees, and served seven bye-law notices and two official notices.

The boy Charles Southern (13), of Havanna, has returned to school so as to become entitled to an attendance certificate.

Mr Abbott, of Lintz Board School, in a note accompanying his list of absentees, particulars refers to a few children who persistently attend irregularly.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

William Ward.

Iveston, April 19th, 1892

CHEQUES.

Cheques amounting to £751 12s 7d were signed.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS

Benfieldside.—Mr J. S. Murray had forward at this mart on Monday, 15 fat cattle, 78 fat sheep, 9 calves, 5 cows, 16 pigs, a number of keeping hoggs, traps, poultry, harness, carrots, &c. A large company was present, and a fair good trade resulted. Fat cattle to £16 15s; sheep to 61s 6d; pigs to £4 2s 6d; cows to £11 10s; calves to 36s 6d. Quotations—Beef, 8s per stone; mutton, 8d to 9½d per lb.; pork, 7s 6d per stone; carrots, £2 per ton. Poultry to 2s 6d each.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 52 dairy cows and heifers, 26 fat cattle, 10 calves, 8 store cattle, 129 fat sheep and hoggs. Calved cows made up to £18; cows to calve to £24; fat heifers to £19 12s 6d; fat bullocks to £21 12s 6d; calves to 40s; fat sheep to 52s.

SINGULAR DEATH AT CORNSAY COLLIERY.

An inquest was held at Mr J. Coates's, Royal Oak Hotel, Cornsay Colliery, on Wednesday se'nnight, before Mr John Graham, touching the death of Thomas Lowes, an old man of 75 years, residing at Cornsay Colliery.—It appeared from the evidence that Lowes went to bed, evidently in his usual state of health, on Monday night at eight o'clock. On the following morning one of his daughters heard him get up, and about eight o'clock his son entered the bedroom and found his father lying in an unconscious state, and medical aid was summoned. Knowing that the old man kept a bottle of laudanum in his possession, he looked for the vial, and found its contents gone. The deceased remained unconscious up to the time of his death at seven o'clock on Tuesday night.—The Jury returned a verdict that death was due to poisoning, but how, when, and where it was taken there was no evidence to show.

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Within the past few days several private meetings of the non-union men connected with the non-associated collieries have been held, with a view of considering the advisability or otherwise of re-starting operations. Although no definite resolutions were adopted, the feeling at some places was rather in favour of the men returning to work. A report has been circulated that the Pontop Colliery, better known as the Moor Pit, at Annfield Plain, was going to be re-opened on Monday next. The rumour doubtless arose from the fact that the winding ropes were being replaced on the pulleys, and the brake engine fires re-lighted. Upon inquiry we learn that these steps are being taken with a view of allowing the officials to enter the mine to examine the workings, this not having been done since the strike began.

It is also stated that every effort is being made to re-start the Malton Colliery, a small pit near Lanchester, and preparations in this direction are, it is understood, now being carried into effect.

The stock of pig iron at the Consett Iron and Steel Works having been considerably reduced, the Company are extremely anxious to get the huge blastfurnaces again in operation, the chief circumstance militating against the accomplishment of this end being that no coke is at present being produced from the ovens in consequence of the cokemen being out on strike. If the blastfurnaces are not re-lighted soon the Company will be under the obligation of purchasing pig iron from other sources, or lay the whole of the works idle. The blastfurnacemen who have been thrown idle are beginning to feel the effects of the distress. On the other hand, the blastfurnaces are sustaining considerably more damage, it is stated, by being damped down than if they were in full operation.

THE NON-ASSOCIATED COLLIERIES.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Wednesday afternoon, a meeting of the men employed at the non-associated collieries in the western portion of the county of Durham was held in the long room connected with the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, to consider the advisability or otherwise of re-commencing work. There was a numerous attendance, composed of miners, cokemen, mechanics, enginemen, &c. Mr John Orr and Mr Brown attended as representatives from the Durham Federation Board. Mr Hugh Brown, of South Derwent Colliery, was chairman.

The CHAIRMAN inquired if the reporters were to be admitted?

Mr T. COLLINSON proposed that the press representatives be allowed to remain, and this was seconded and carried.

A MINER also moved that the *Chronicle* reporter be admitted. (Applause.)

This was likewise carried.

Mr NELSON (Swalwell) explained that he had convened the meeting for the purpose of considering whether they, as a body of men employed at the non-associated collieries in the county of Durham, should be branded as blacklegs. He found that, since the strike commenced, offers had been received for the non-associated collieries to re-start work, but they were forced to remain out. He had written to several non-associated collieries to send representatives to that meeting, and was sorry to say that replies had come to hand intimating that the men at several of the non-associated collieries were going back to work. This was a state of affairs which they should try to stop, as non-associated men. Although the non-associated men were in a minority, he argued that they ought to have some voice in this matter. If they could not get the majority to accord them some voice and vote in relation to this dispute, they had come to the conclusion that they would devise some means whereby the non associated collieries should be again set in operation. It was left to the meeting to try and formulate some conciliatory terms for re-opening these pits.

Mr BROWELL (East Hedleyhope) thought they might pass some resolution which would meet with the approval of the whole county. He suggested the adoption of a resolution to the effect that they should ask the committee to rescind the former resolution with regard to non-associated collieries beink allowed to re-start, and that at all such collieries where no reduction in wages was demanded they should be re-opened at once.

Mr J. MASON (South Derwent Willie) asked for particulars as to the terms offered by some of the non-associated owners.

Mr NELSON explained that when they were done work, Mr Ramsey, the manager of the colliery at Swalwell, offered them an advance of 10 per cent. upon their usual rate of wages as long as the strike lasted, and further undertook to sign a written agreement that he would pay the usual wages for the space of six months after the termination of the strike. (Applause.) He had also subscribed weekly to the relief funds.

Mr POGUE, Swalwell, also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr Ramsey and his offer, which stood out in marked contrast with the other masters' demand for a 10 per cent. reduction. If he (the speaker) happened to be a capitalist, he would not be a "dirty capitalist" like some capitalists, but a man like Mr George Ramsey. (Cheers.) They were standing there that day fighting a losing battle. He was not afraid to say so, and he would tell them the reason. It was the stoppage of the non-associated collieries, which would eventually lead them to a 25 per cent. reduction. It was a bad job that it was ever called for. He would tell the meeting the best way of overcoming the difficulty. Let them get the non-associated collieries re-started immediately. He never knew a great body of men beat the masters whenever they all came out together. He would challenge the whole world to show a single instance where any combination had defeated the masters with the non-associated men out as well. The masons were the only trades' organisation which defeated the masters upon the non-associated men working. If the non-associated collieries had been in operation, the Federation Board could have made a levy amongst the miners employed, and thus provided the Union men with something to keep their families from starvation. Whether they were "blacklegs" or not, they must divide a loaf between them. (Applause.) He (the speaker) did not care for work—(laughter)—but he would "swop" cavils with any man if they would only set Ramsey's Colliery to work; but the men who started in his place must understand that they would only get a loaf of bread between them. (Applause.) Furthermore, if the non associated collieries had been kept at work, the lock-out would never have lasted as long as it had done, because on the masters' side there would be more of them breaking away, till every pit would have been set going again. If they only had the non-associated collieries re-started, they would be able to resist the 10 per cent. reduction, and the employers would be forced to withdraw their exorbitant demand. (Cheers.)

Mr W. ARMSTRONG (Blaydon Burn) said that he worked for that despotic man the editor of the *Chronicle*, but he was not quite so bad as he was painted. (A voice: "He is bad enough.") He quite agreed with that. Mr Cowen said they could re-commence work on the old terms, and continue for three pays after the strike was ended; this was as far as he could go unless they got the Federation Board to make a universal agreement, in which case he would fall in with it. He (Mr Armstrong) believed that if the non-associated collieries had been at work the owners would not have been in a position to announce on Monday last that they would have a 13½ per cent. reduction. (Hear.) They would have been split into flinters. (Hear, hear.) It was his opinion that getting the non-associated collieries to work would be inserting the narrow end of the wedge and would lead to victory in the present struggle—(hear, hear)—for he maintained that the quicker they got to work the better it would be for the county at the present time. The men got liberal support, but look how many there were for it. Now, if the 12,000 men working at the non-associated collieries got started again they would not have to be maintained, but, on the other hand, they would help to support those who were still out. If some understanding of this kind was not come to he was quite convinced that they would have blacklegs on all hands, and if they stood out, they would be like Napoleon at Waterloo, and it would be the minority that would draw the majority down.

Mr JOHN ORR, as the representative sent out by the Federation Board, was next called upon, and stated that he had no desire to influence the spirit of that meeting in any particular direction. He had expressed his opinion again and again, as an individual, as to what he thought of the non-associated collieries remaining idle. But in large bodies of representatives, the minorities had to be subservient to the majorities. The Federation Board, however, feeling the importance of that meeting at the present crisis, had deputed Mr Brown and himself to attend on behalf of that body. They were simply present at the discretion of that meeting; and they could have refused to admit them. However, they had been very courteously treated and permitted to speak. What he wanted them to do was not to take any definite action just now, because the Federation Board were going to change their policy, and that position had been brought about by the altered aspect of affairs in relation to the owners. They had not put it beyond all possibility of an amicable settlement being come to between the miners and the employers, and there was no alternative but a further consultation with the whole county—associated and non-associated collieries alike. Hitherto the miners at non-associated collieries had voted in larger proportions, according to their numbers, for a strike, than the associated collieries had. In fact, until recently the non-associated collieries had always been in a majority for a strike. At the present time, however, they were in a majority the other way. The owners had increased their original demand for a 7½ per cent. reduction, or two 5 per cent. reductions—the first when they came out, and the second in May—to a reduction of 12½ per cent. ("Shame.") When the Federation Board asked the coalowners for a meeting they were induced to believe that the masters were as anxious as the Board to bring about some settlement of the present crisis in the coal trade, if only for the sake of alleviating the suffering, misery, and privation now existing in their midst. What they wished was for the men in the country to be loyal and true to each other, and to maintain the unity of the whole county in this important matter, and let all the non-associated collieries recommence together. (Applause.)

Mr BROWN followed.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that it would be unwise to submit any resolution. The best thing they could do was to disperse as quietly as they could, and think the matter calmly over when they reached home.

Mr POGUE said he always had confidence in the Federation Board, and what they heard proved that the members were clever fellows. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr BROWELL still considered there would be no harm in passing his resolution, with the addition that a levy be made of 5s per member, and 2s 6d per half-member in support of the men locked out.

Mr POGUE moved that the whole subject be left in the hands of the Federation Board.

Mr R. YOUNG seconded.

Mr ORR said it would be premature to pass any resolution of that kind, as the county had not decided on working.

Further discussion arose, but the CHAIRMAN pointed out that the object for which the meeting had been called had been accomplished, and there was no need to pass any resolution at all.

Mr ORR said he wished to mention that the committee had not yet given their sanction for the non-associated collieries to be re-opened; therefore it was quite premature to consider the question of levies, which would be settled by the Federation Board.

Votes of thanks were then accorded to the chairman, Messrs Orr and Brown, and Mr Nelson.

Mr ORR, in reply, thanked the company on behalf of the Board for having accepted his suggestions. He thought it was a sufficient indication of the importance with which that meeting was regarded that two representatives of the Board had been sent to it, and he would have much pleasure in reporting to his colleagues that they had been received with so much courtesy.

Thanks were then passed to the chairman, and the meeting broke up.

Mr J. CAREY, who attended the above meeting on behalf of the men at the South Pelaw Colliery, informed our representative that the manager (Mr Routledge) had offered to give the men a guarantee to work for six months at their old rate of wages should they decide to go back.

CONSETT BLASTFURNACEMEN AND THE DISTRESS.

A meeting of blastfurnacemen was held on Wednesday night, at the house of Mr Patrick Coyle, Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, to distribute the monies collected by the deputation appointed to wait on the gentry and tradesmen of the district. The following amounts have been received:—Wm. Jenkins, Esq., £10; James Annandale, Esq., £5; R. Evans, Esq., £4; Mr P. Coyle, £2; Mr James Conway, £2; Dr G. Renton, £2; Coun. R. Murray, £1 1s; Dr Macintyre, £1 1s; Mr N. Elsdon, £1; Mr J. T. Potts, £1; C. P. Douglas, £1; C. F. Scott, £1; James Daly, £1; C. Parnaby, £1; John Lowes, 10s 6d; W. Aynsley, 10s; W. Whittaker, 10s; Davison and Sons, 10s; T. L. Gledstone, 10s; Rev J. Foran, 10s; G. D. Powell, 10s; G. Ainsworth, 10s per week until the miners resume work; minor sums, £1 18s 6d; total £39 1s. Any further help will be thankfully received by Wm. Arnott, 48, Puddlers' Row, Consett.

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

LOCAL BOARD.—At a special meeting of the Consett Local Board, held on Thursday week, Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., was unanimously re-elected chairman for the coming year.

UNITARIANISM.—On Sunday, special services will be conducted by Mr A. Rowe, of Newcastle, in the afternoon at two o'clock and evening at six. Subjects:—"The needs of the age," and "Our message to the age."

Under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, a special lecture to young men was delivered on Monday night, in the National School, by Mr T. Moffett, of the Newcastle Y.M.C.A., on the subject of "Social and personal purity." There was a fair attendance, the chair being occupied Rev C. S. Wilson, curate of Consett. Several pledges were taken at the close, and a number of pamphlets treating on the subject were disposed of.

CAUTION TO PERSONS BUYING FIREARMS.—At a sale the other day, not one hundred miles from Consett, a muzzle-loading gun was put up for sale, and knocked down to a man well-up in the use of firearms. When the gun had been taken home, and the party were examining it to clean it, it was found to be loaded. There were several children in the house at the time when an attempt was about to be made to heat it for the purpose of cleansing it from dust. Providentially the father entered the house at the time and stopped it being put into the fire, or the result would have been disastrous as it was found to contain a large quantity of powder and shot.

We are glad to notice from our advertising columns that the Wesleyan Band of Hope committee intend holding a series of Sunday night musical temperance services in the Co-operative Hall. The great success of the meetings hitherto held by the united committee, and the fact that on each occasion a great number failed to gain admission is a convincing proof of the popularity of these meetings. We have no doubt that on Sunday night first there will be a large company, and with the good programmes which our Wesleyan friends always provide, these meetings will maintain their popularity even in the summer evenings, and do a great amount of good.

MARRIAGE OF MR T. D. DRYDEN.—On Wednesday morning, the marriage of Miss Catherine Bellas, the well known local contralto, daughter of the late Mr Thomas Scott Bellas, of Newcastle, with Mr Thomas Douglas Dryden, merchant, of Consett, was celebrated at Elswick Road Wesleyan Chapel, Newcastle. The edifice was filled by a large number of friends and admirers of the young vocalist. The bride's dress was of rich brocaded satin, *en Princesse* with pink silk petticoat. The bridesmaid was Miss Jennie Ellis, who was presented with a gold diamond and sapphire brooch by the bridegroom. The officiating ministers were Rev J. D. Tetley, and Rev A. E. Guile. The service was sung by a choir of between forty and fifty ladies and gentlemen, and the bride was given away by Mr Robert Redpath. Mr George Dodds presided at the organ, and Dr Rea played the "Bridesmaid's March" from Ebenezer Prout's "Hereward," and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

THEATRE ROYAL.—On Monday evening last, Mr Tom Saunder's pantomine and burlesque company opened to a crowded house, producing an entirely new and original burlesque, entitled *Billy the Buccaneer*, with immense success. Miss Violet Paget played the *role* of the hero excellently, and Miss Rosie Barron as "Alice" was very pleasing. Mr Harry Howe does a lot of hard work as "Casandria," and was well rewarded for his pains, his "Songs of songs" being *encored* again and again. Mr Tom Saunders as "Haversharк" was a most capable "villain of the piece," whilst the remaining characters were ably sustained by the other members of the company. In the variety business, which is introduced in the second act, Miss Mabel Kessler plays a cornet solo, which is a most wonderful performance by a lady, whilst the Sisters Lyndhurst do a song and dance, each of which are received with great enthusiasm. It is a good burlesque by an able company. For to-night (Friday) Mr Brodie, the lessee of the theatre, announces a benefit in aid of the fund now being raised to enable Mr McNally to replace the furniture, &c., lost by him at the late disastrous fire. The object being a worthy one, we trust there will be a bumper house, and thereby enable the lessee to hand over a tidy sum. *My Sweetheart* is announced for next week.

BLACKHILL.

The first Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society members had an appropriation by ballot, on April 11th, Mr George Matthews in the chair. Messrs Gillies and Kirk were scrutineers, and Master Kelsey drew the ballot. No 315 was drawn, and found clear on the books, entitling the member to an advance of £100 as per rule.

BENFIELDSIDE BURIAL BOARD.—On Monday night, a meeting of ratepayers of Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge, was held in the Low School-room, Blackhill, for the purpose of passing the accounts of the Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert's). Burial Board, for the year ending 25th of March last, and to carry a balance for the ensuing year so as to carry on the work of the Board. There was a fair attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr John Davison, of Consett. The clerk, (Mr T. Whinney) read the statement of accounts which showed the receipts amount to £659 2s 6d, whilst the expenditure had been £552 10s 9½d leaving a balance of £106 11s 8½d. He stated that the old loan of £4000 for 30 years was paid off which made the old cemetery free from debt and that there were only four more payments upon the new loan to be made, and then that would be cleared also. On the motion of Mr J. G. Cooke, Blackhill, seconded by Mr G. J. Robinson, Blackhill, the statement was passed and the balance ordered to be carried to the current account of the Board for the ensuing year. This was all the business and the meeting terminated.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—Two splendid sermons were preached in the above place on Sunday by Mr Philip Reay and Mr John Sesbury, of Annfield Plain, to good congregations. The services were a great treat, and were heartily enjoyed. We were glad to see and hear our old friend, Mr Sasbury (formerly of this station), once more.—On Monday evening, a grand entertainment was given by the chapel choir and string band, assisted by some of our local talent, to a large audience. The following took part:—Songs, solos, and duets by the members of the choir, Misses Thompson, Oley, Seed, and Gibson, Messrs Lister, Urwin, and Seed. In addition to the above, the services of the following local artistes were greatly appreciated and contributed very largely to the success of the entertainment:—Songs and duet by Miss Wright and Mr E. Robinson, Blackhill. Being in good order for singing, these two friends were heard to great advantage, receiving an *encore* for their duet. Miss E. Wardhaugh, of Shotley Bridge, gave two songs in a nice manner, and with a sweet voice considering her youthful years. The two pianoforte solos by Mr J. W. Young, Blackhill, were a credit to this young man, and were highly appreciated. Miss Richardson, of Allendale, it is needless to say, gave her recitations in capital style. This young woman will make an impression wherever she goes, and will, we are persuaded, increase in popularity. Violin solos, duets, &c., were also given by the string band; violin duet by Masters Watson and Gardner; solo (violin) with pianoforte accompaniment, by Mr Robson; trio (violin), Mr R. Atkin, Master John Atkin, and Miss M. L. Atkin. These, with several anthems by the choir, under the able leadership of Mr Wm. Urwin, brought a lengthy, but interesting programme to a close. Mrs Lee and Miss M. Wardhaugh acted as accompanists. Mr W. Campbell ably officiated as chairman.

WATERHOUSES.

On Wednesday night, a concert was held in St. Mary's Hall, New Houses, Waterhouses. The entertainment was of an excellent character, and was duly appreciated by the audience.—Father Fortin occupied the chair. The following local artistes, in a most adroit manner, rendered a somewhat lengthy programme to the delight of those present:—Messrs Jno. McDonald, Geo. Patterson, Robt. Green, Jas. McDermott, and P. McDermott, Misses A. Patterson, K. Virgara, Sheedy, McCoy, R. Cark, and Mrs Conway and H. Duffy. The Cornsay String Band was in attendance, under the direction of their leader, Mr Geo. Turner, and played some very fine selections during the evening. Mr Scott, Cornsay, officiated at the piano. The total proceeds taken at the door amounted to £1 5s 10d, and a donation of £2 from the Rev Dr Coulson, Ushaw College, made the handsome sum of £3 5s 10d. The chairman, on rising to return his sincere thanks to the audience for their co-operation and patronage, was heartily received, and he especially thanked the performers for coming forward to assist him in his noble work. The audience then dispersed, after heartily enjoying the evening's proceedings.

LEADGATE.

LOCAL BOARD.—At the annual meeting of the Leadgate Local Board, on Wednesday week, the most important business was the selection of chairman in succession to Mr W. H. Hedley, resigned. Messrs G. Nicholson, R. Todd, and L. Nicholson were nominated, but the first-named gentleman was chosen by a large majority. The committees were also appointed.

LANCHESTER.

THE FORD GRASS PARKS.—Mr Jas. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, let these parks on Wednesday afternoon. There was one of the largest attendance of farmers and graziers ever present at this let. The bidding was keen from the start to the finish at a rise of 30 per cent.

WOLSINGHAM.

BALL.—A ball was held in the Wolsingham Town Hall which was largely attended, dancing was kept up till a late hour on the following morning. The programme of dance music, which was admirably gone through, was provided by the Town Quadrille Band, under the efficient leadership of Mr William Collinson. Many visitors attended from Darlington, Stockton, and other places. The affair was under the adequate management of Messrs Collinson and Robinson, and was conducted in a very creditable manner, refreshments being provided at a moderate figure by Mrs Collinson, (Queen's Head). Altogether the ball was of the most enjoyable discription, and was a great success. Indeed, so satisfactory and pleasing was the proceedings, that the visitors expressed an earnest desire to repeat their visit on the first opportunity presenting itself.

LOW WESTWOOD.

DISTRICT TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Under the auspices of the above society, a public temperance meeting was held on Monday night, in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood. There was a large audience assembled, who, by their applause, showed their appreciation of the various performances of the kind friends, who so willingly rendered their services. Recitations were given in capital style by Miss Turnbull, of Hamsterley, and Master Wigham, of Allendale Cottages. Songs were also sung by Mr John Pearson, of Westwood, in his usual racy and humourous style. A quartette was given by a party of friends, and selections of music by the choir. One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was an address given by Mr Henry Carse, of Shotley Bridge, a gentleman, who, by his straight-forward manner and upright principle has gained for himself the esteem of the working classes of the district. In his opening remarks he said that the temperance question had been put in so many forms before the public that it was difficult to present it in such a way as would be interesting and instructive, so much had been said about it. He also tried to point out, what was the real commercial value of beer and spirits, and expressed his regret that so many of the working men squandered their hard-earned money in drink, seeing that they did not get its equivalent. He also protrayed some of the blessings which would accrue to parents as the result of training their children in the principles of temperance and in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The chair was occupied by Mr James Clark, of Westwood, who admirably acquitted himself for the duties that develved upon him, and by his well chosen remarks greatly increased the interest of the meeting. The singing of the doxology brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WEARDALE.

THE DAIRY SCHOOL.—The migratory dairy school visits Eastgate this week.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST INHABITANT.—There died at Frosterley, on Tuesday, one of the oldest, if not the oldest person in all Weardale—Jane Wilson, late of Scurfield House, Stanhope, in her 95th year. She was widely known as one of the old standards of the dale, and was greatly respected. Of late she has resided with her daughter at East Biggen's Farm, Frosterley, where only the other year she went into the turnip field and hoed two rows of turnips, being then over 90. She has been a remarkably healthy woman, and was an example of the longevity of the dale's folk.

UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR ON A MOOR.—On Tuesday afternoon, while a powerful young miner named Harry Elliott was crossing Ireshope Moor to work at Harwood, he found a youth named Rutherford, nephew of the Wham farmer, lying on a section called Hagge's unconscious and bleeding from a wound in the forehead. Elliott at once picked him up and carried him to the nearest house at Whim Syke. How the poor fellow received the injuries is unknown, but as he had a bridle on his arm it is conjectured that while near his uncle's horse it must have struck at him. Dr Hewitson, St. John's, was summoned, and attended to the injuries, which were pronounced to be of a serious nature.

STANHOPE.

DISTRESS FUND.—The total amount subscribed for the distress in Stanhope, through the Health Resort Association, up to Tuesday evening, was about £150, which has been paid in wages to the unemployed. The Bishop of Richmond has subscribed £28 towards this sum. Mr Bainbridge forwarded £10 from Harrogate this week, and a Yorkshire clergyman (Rev J. H. Huddlestone) has sent £5.

THE DISTRESS.—The Ecclesiastical Commisioners last week sent £20, and J. A. Hildyard, Esq., Hutton Banville, Yorkshire, Horsley Hall, Weardale, £15 towards the distress in Stanhope, to be handed over to the Stanhope Health Resort Association for employment of the unemployed quarrymen through the strike to be spent in wages to the men for making improvements up Stanhope Burn Wood.

BURN WOOD.—On Sunday, vast numbers of people visited Stanhope Burn Wood. The day was fine and numbers enjoyed the outing. The sylvan scenery of this romantic and picturesque spot is charming. Nature has been lavish in beautifying this place. There is an excellent co-mingling of wood and water and rock scenery, and the Health Resort Association have been making footpaths, and erecting rustic bridges over the streams and seats in various parts of the wood, and are opening up to the public one of the most charming resorts in the County of Durham. There is a spa well in an old disused level close by which the association should pipe out, and thus make another attraction to the many upon this beautiful and interesting resort.

Wm. Hilton, of Barnard Castle, distributed a large quantity of bread meal among the unemployed quarrymen of Stanhope, last week.

FELLSIDE.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday night, an entertainment was given in this place of worship, at Fellside by the above choir. The programme consisted of solos, duets, recitations, and quartettes. Among those who took prominent parts were Miss Robinson, who sang "Isle of beauty"; Miss Stark, "Do they miss me"; Miss Copeland, "A flower from mother's grave"; Miss Ramsey, "Gathering shells"; Layton, "Take this message to my mother"; and Miss Jane Green, "Jesus my all". Mr J. Stark gave "A boy's best friend is his mother"; and Thomas Davison, gave "Lily of the valley" and "See that my grave is kept green". Duets were well rendered by Miss Robinson, and T. Davison. Miss Robinson it is to be hoped will go on improving her talent and she will be an honour to the district. Duets were also given by Miss Gallon and T. Davison. Recitations were given by Misses Browell, Gallon, and Cawthorn. A quartette was contributed by Messrs Hutchinson, Davison, Stark, and Gallon. The piece of the evening was that of a dialogue which was given in good taste, the performers being Misses Cawthorn, Robinson, Green, Layton, and Mrs Hutchinson, Stark, and Carruthers. The chairman was Mr James Gilchrist, of Longfield House, while Mr John Mitchinson officiated at the organ. A vote of thanks to all who took part brought another of those happy meetings to a close.

DERWENT VALLEY HABITATION OF THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

The Derwent Valley Habitation of the Primrose League gave an entertainment last Wednesday evening at the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, R.C., occupied the chair. He made a few remarks, and introduced Col. Armytage, who gave an excellent address, which was listened to with much interest. He said "he should like to point out to the members that the aim of the league was not identically the same as that of the Conservative associations, it was on a wider basis and more irrespective of party. It was the duty and aim of the league to educate people in politics by the distribution of leaflets, by addresses, &c. He went on to say that there had been an insidious attempt in recent years to alienate part of our magnificent empire, and we may be sure that if the opposition come into power at the next election this question will take the first place. During Lord Salisbury's administration under Mr Balfour, Ireland had become as peaceful as an English county, under his rule crime had been reduced, and many measures introduced for the relief of the Irish. There was a danger at the next election of losing the magnificent majority we had at the last election. The Gladstonians at bye-elections, and at other times had made so many promises that they are unlikely ever to be able to fulfil, as Goschen said, "It is a dangerous thing to give promissory notes unless you mean to pay up when the time comes." The last Parliament was sent into office to maintain law and order, are we going to turn these good friends out, now they have done this? In Gladstone's administration there were five wars in five years, and the money bill was 100,000,000, but political memories are extraordinary short, and these things are now forgotten. During the last year of Mr Gladstone's administration we had the Russians advancing to Afghanistan, the death of Gordon, the wars in the Soudan, the fight at Majuba Hill, &c. Under Lord Salisbury's administration we have had peace with honour, reduction in our money bill, and admirable finance. We have had a great measure of local Government, a Mines Regulation Act, and Free Education—a measure insisting that voluntary and denominational schools be assisted, so that the country be not entirely given over to secular education. At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was passed to the speaker. A programme of music was then rendered by the Cecilia Quartette, Miss Featherstonhaugh, Miss Matthews, Mr R. Chaytor, and the members of the Bigotphone Band, Messrs T. Naylor, H. Walton-Wilson, M. Maddison, E. Hayward, W. Glendinning, and F. Barrow. The national anthem brought the evening to a close.

GYMNASTIC CONTEST AT STANHOPE.

On Monday evening, a gymnastic contest was held in the Barrington School-room, Stanhope, in connection with the Gymnasium Club. Mr J. W. Roddam, New Town Villa, presided, and the place was crowded. It being the finish of the session, two silver cups were offered for the most expert gymnasts. Several competitors entered the lists, and performed before the large company in a very creditable manner. Mr Thomas Sanderson, of the new bank, Stanhope, won premier honours, while Mr Oliver Foster, The Butts, Stanhope, was placed second. Mr Roddam, amid loud applause, handed over the prizes to the successful competitors. The Rev A. E. Burdekin, curate, acted as M.C. on this occasion. He has also been instructor at the gymnasium, and great credit is due to him for the efficiency which some of the pupils have attained. The attendance has been very good, upwards of 150 young men having attended, many of whom previously spent their evenings at the public-house. Mr Burdekin spoke of the advantages of gymnastics, and their relation to the physical development of young men, and the advantages to health which arose from such exercise. The evening's entertainment concluded with a laughable farce by Messrs Pulleine and Carter, who appeared in character as humourists, and their high-class performance was highly appreciated, as they frequently brought down the house with applause, and were *encored* again and again. The singing of the National Anthem terminated a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment. Rev A. E. Burdekin presided at the piano.

STANLEY LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

The nomination of members of the newly-created Board for Stanley closed at eight o'clock on Wednesday night, Mr John George Ridley, of Stanley House, being the returning officer. The following gentlemen have been nominated for the nine seats:—

Matthew G. Armstrong, newsagent, Stanley.
Thomas W. Asquith, mining engineer, Harperley.
Thomas Colquhoun, mining engineer, West Stanley Colliery.
John Crennell, clerk in holy orders, Beamish Vicarage, Stanley.
James Fairley, mining engineer, Shafto House, Craghead.
George Forster, builder, Stanley.
Thomas Forster, butcher, Stanley.
Thomas Carr Frater, draper, Stanley.
Jonathan Green, butcher, Stanley.
Robert Kay, colliery manager, South Tanfield.
George Ridley, registrar and bank agent, Stanley.
Thomas W. W. Ritson, secretary to the Co-operative Society, Stanley.
Joseph Robinson, chemist, Stanley.
John Smith, engineman, South Moor.
Anthony H. Swinburn, butcher, Stanley.
Joseph Watson, butcher and farmer, Stanley.

The voting papers will be delivered on May 13th, collected on the 17th, and counted on Wednesday, the 18th, commencing at twelve o'clock noon.

Cycling Notes.

FORMATION OF A NEW CLUB.

On Wednesday evening, a good company of cyclists assembled at the house of Mr R. M. Rutherford, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, for the purpose of taking into consideration the formation of a cycling club for Consett and district. Mr J. Ross, jun., was called upon to preside; and after a full discussion it was decided to start a club under the name of "The 'Charley' Cycling Club" (Consett), with a limited membership. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr J. Ross, jun.; vice-captain, Mr J. R. Wood; secretary and treasurer, Mr A. Lowrie; bugler, Mr Wm. Brand; committee, Messrs R. M. Rutherford, A. Wilson, T. Turner, W. Brand, J. Humphrey, and G. Stokoe. The question of colours for the club was left over till a future meeting. Weather permitting, the members will take part in the Cyclists' Church Parade at Gibside on Sunday first, leaving Consett at 8 45 a.m. The members of the new club are all enthusiastic wheelmen, and intend to make things "hum" and generally enjoy themselves during the present season. We wish the "Charleys" every success.

NEWCASTLE INVALID LOAN SOCIETY.—We have received a copy of the eleventh annual report of this highly-valued and, we are glad to say, prosperous society. This society leads many articles of great value in times of sickness for a period of one month or longer if necessary, and also provides lodgings at Shotley Bridge and elsewhere for the deserving poor, many of whom have, with grateful hearts, borne testimony to the great benefit they have experienced at these convalescent homes. Those desirous of assisting in this truly Christian work can send donations of money, clothing, &c., to Miss A. S. Proctor, secretary, 105, Osborne Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH).

Consett Y.M.C.A. v Felling Church Institute, at the Felling.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Cambois, at Newcastle.
Leadgate St. Ives v Consett Swifts, at Leadgate.
Langley Park Rovers v Willington Rovers, at Langley Park.
Tow Law Athletic v Tow Law St. Joseph's, at Tow Law.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's 2nd v Cambois 2nd, at Newcastle.

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. v FELLING CHURCH INSTITUTE.—To be played at the Felling. The following will represent the Consett club:—Goal, R. Noble; backs, H. Symington and G. Siddle; half-backs, R. Sanderson, W. Hagon, and W. Surtees; forwards, J. Hall and G. Robinson, right wing; C. Cooke, centre; J. E. Colling and J. Jones, left wing. Reserve, A. Wilson.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH).

Consett Excelsiors v Blackhill Park, at Blackhill.
West Pelton Violets v Esh New Winning, at West Pelton.
Cornsay v Hamsteels, at Cornsay.
West Stanley Club—Captain's v Vice-Captain's Eleven.

The Consett and District Cricket Club will open the season (weather permitting) to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon with a friendly game amongst the members.

CONSETT FELL v No. 2 PLATEMILL SCRATCH TEAM.

Played at Consett, the game resulting in a tie. Score:—

PLATEMILL.

J Proud b Charlton	2
G Taylor c Bell b Charlton	0
A McWilliams b Robinson	5
A D Wood b Charlton	0
W Oliver c Bell b Lowes	11
G Fleming b Robinson	0
J Wilkinson run out	0
J Archer b Robinson	5
J Collins not out	2
W Oliver b Robinson	0
T Wood b Robinson	2
Extras	7
Total	34

CONSETT FELL.

R Lowes run out	1
T Longworth b Wood	0
W Bell b Wood	0
T Hewitt b Wilkinson	6
T Charlton c McWilliams b Wilkinson	3
J M Williams c and b Wilkinson	3
E Carlile b Wood	1
T Watson c Wilkinson	0
T D Robinson run out	12
A Kempster b Wilkinson	0
G Charlton run out	1
Extras	7
Total	34

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

LEADGATE—St Ives, Redwell Hills, 18th inst., D. W. Hewison to S. A. Pickering, both of Greencroft.
Wesleyan Chapel, 27th inst., by Rev J. H. Taylor, John Hope, Montreal, Canada, third son of C. Hope, Spennymoor, to Maria Jopling, eldest daughter of George Jopling, Leadgate. 302l

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Wesleyan Chapel, 27th inst., by Rev J. V. Sutton, Robert, eldest son of Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak, to Elizabeth Euphemia, eldest daughter of Mr G. Richardson, West View House, Shotley Bridge.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 23rd inst., R. Knox to E. Johnson, both of West Stanley.—26th inst., John Thomas Holliday, West Stanley, to Eliz. Ronsdale, Annfield Plain.

STANHOPE—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 27th inst., William Vickers, Stanhope, to E. J. Whitehead, Huddersfield.—Same day, William Nattrass, Weardale, to Annie Walton, Crawley Hall.

WOLSINGHAM—Register Office, Anthony Wilkinson, Buckler Dale Farm, Frosterley, to Miss Lowther, The Fine, Frosterley.

NEWCASTLE—Elswick Road Wesleyan Chapel, 27th inst., by Rev J. D. Tetley, assisted by Rev A. E. Guile, Thomas Douglas Dryden, Consett, to Catherine, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Scott Bellas, Newcastle.

REDCAR—St Peter's Church, 20th inst., John James Hepburn, Redcar, to Mary J. Hunter, Allendale House, Medomsley.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—5, Melbourne Street, 22nd inst., aged 10 months, Alexander Baillie Muir; also on the 25th inst., aged 10 months, Stanley Muir, dearly beloved twin sons of William and Mary Jane Muir. 296l
1, Havelock Street, 25th inst., aged 3 years, John, the beloved son of John George and Annie Merritt. 361l

BLACKHILL—32, Walton's Row, 28th inst., aged 60, Elizabeth Glasgow. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 30 p.m. Friends, please accept this intimation. 313l

WEST STANLEY—Gas Square, 23rd inst., aged 60, Rowland Crozier.

FROSTERLEY—26th inst., aged 94, Jane Wilson, late of Scurfield House Farm, Stanhope.

WEST PELTON—Hand-in-Hold, 22nd inst., aged 64, Joseph Wrangham.

BLAYDON—Drowned 27th November, found 25th April, aged 45, James John Bolam.

HIGH SPEN—Bute Arms, 26th inst., aged 38, Henry Errington.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—22nd inst., aged 48, Judith wife of John Bush.
25th inst., aged 59, William Welch.

On board s.s. *City of Chicago*, where he had gone to recover his health, 19th February, aged 28, Wm. Riddell, husband of Hannah Gibson, and son of Ann and the late Charlton Gibson, Tantobie.

STOCKSFIELD—Hall Yard Cottages, 19th inst., aged 30, Richard Middleton.

PELTON FELL—20th inst., aged 55, John Houliston, blacksmith.

PELTON—Hylton Terrace, 21st inst., Mary, wife of James Elliott.

HEDLEY HILL—Moor Cock Inn, 21st inst., Hannah, wife of Watson Allison.

In loving memory of my dear husband, George Carr, who departed this life April 28th, 1890, at East Castle, aged 62 years.
"Gone from sight, but still to memory dear.
"The loss was great that we sustain,
But in heaven we hope to meet again." 287l

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