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FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and found them correct.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLECTOR.

The Clerk replied that he had received four applications for the office of state collector for the township of Washington. The names and applications were all read over, and on a vote being taken the numbers were stated to be:

A. Patterson, Washington Straish...	8
G. W. Brabban, Washington	4
W. Dickenson, jun., Washington	2
Albert Funin, Gen. Washington	2
E. L. Lee, Washington	1
John McDonald, Washington	1

On a second vote being taken Mr. G. A. Patterson

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THE MASTER'S JOURNAL: FIGS AGAIN.
The Workhouse Master (Mr A. Aikman) reports

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Board. If you accept my version of this section respectfully ask you to pass a resolution saying the inspector of nuisances is to carry out the

I am fully aware that the carrying out of Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act entails a great deal of extra work, both for myself and the inspectors of nuisances, and when one considers the size of the area under my jurisdiction, 100 square miles, the carrying out of the sanitary duties means work, and may be found necessary to appoint two inspectors instead of one.—Yours, &c.,
D. DUNCAN, Medical Officer of Health.

Mr Hodgson : The matter goes to some misapprehension about the clause. He moved that the clause be referred to a committee of the Local Government Board, laying the matter before them.

Mr Oswald agreed with Mr Hodgson. There seems to be some misconception as to the reading of the clause. He seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: They must not let the public health suffer through misunderstanding.
The motion was agreed to.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.
Mr Thomas Barras, inspector, reported that he had visited the various places in the Union, and had nuisances removed.

DRAINAGE.
On the suggestion of the Inspector, a commission consisting of Messrs Humble, Hodgson, Stephens and Bell, was appointed to inspect the drains at Sarrington, Edmondslay, Findon Hill, and adjacent places.

The Authority shortly afterwards adjourned.

THE COLLECTIONS AT STANHOPE CHURCH, ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST. The object was to defray expenses of a number of hosiery purchased by churchwardens for kneeling on during church service.

The British Primitive Methodist Sick Bazaar and Assurance Society is in a very flourishing condition. The last meeting was held on

Birmingham on March 9th, Mr J. Rho-
chartered accountant, complimented the execu-

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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD

monthly meeting was held in the

Keep the death-rate below the present slightly higher than obtained during the past year, and the population of the city would be forced to the point where the death-rate would have swelled the death-rate so as to be unnecessary. It was open to the board to estimate the population of the city above or below that of the present. The number of the dwellings, and the population of the district, he was inclined to think would be the most reliable estimate. It would sensibly diminish the death-rate. In 1889, there were registered 255 births and 138 deaths, a decrease in the number of births and an increase in the number of deaths compared with the previous year. The death-rate was 25.3 per 1,000, the death-rate 918; the death-rate 1.3, infantile death-rate, 6.7 per cent. of all the births registered. 2.5 per cent. to take account of the specific forms of disease prevalent during the year, and also enumerated the vast improvement carried out in the district.

He then agreed to ask Dr. Renton to prepare a set of instructions for the board might circulate referring to the present condition of the city as referred

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.	
This committee recommended the payment of the following accounts:—	
W. Rippon—wages	26
Do. do. accounts	10
Kelaid and Co.	2
Hull Cart and Wagon Co.	2
Geo. Hawdon	2
Jas. Dodds	1
Total	64
They also recommended the following must under the sewerage works account:	
J. F. Swinburne	22
W. Gaddell	101
Hirtley Iron Co.	172
Poster and Sons	85
J. W. Davison and Sons	9
F. W. Thomson	0
Total	£400
With regard to the certificate of Mr. Forster for £10 to be paid to Mr. W. H. Wells, £100 beyond the contract, the committee recommended that this be paid, but that Mr Robinson	

	£
Mannual and team labour, and limestone breaking	210
Hospital	100
Limestone	25
Stores and materials	25
Poorhouse	25
Water	20
Public lighting	250
Incidents	130
Accidents	20
Interest on loan	150
Re-payment of principal	125
Total	£1180

The committee recommended that a rate of 1s. 6d. in the pound be made.

(Signed,
 The Clerk JOHN COLLINGS, Chairman.)

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instructed by you. The proper season for
 being done for such work, and I would then
 suggest that materials be ordered and a
 contract made immediately by date.
 Tenders have been invited for
 breaking rough limestone, which will be
 used for the same purpose.
 I have closed the rates and balanced my
 up to the 25th day of March ready for the
 I have repeatedly inspected your district
 find the same in all respects fairly well
 after. A few, however, and I have
 request of the parties using the same, I have
 can supply them, and will charge the cost
 with the cost.
 The following amounts have been paid
 treasurer:—

General district rate	£	5	0
Mr Welford's rent of offices	10	0	0
Guardians' rent for use of room	5	0	0
Mr T. R. Dolphin	4	0	0
manure	1	0	0
Market tolls	2	15	0
Mr Schomberg	1	0	0
cementing on Medomesley	2	0	0
Road	2	0	0

Can be made

THE TRAIL SERVICE.
A letter from the Commercial Travel Association was read relating to the trail on the Consett Branch.

FOR THE STREETS.
The Surveyor was instructed to order for the necessary for preparing public streets. He was directed to order the limestone during the next six months.

VOTES OF THANKS.
Mr ATNEY proposed a vote of thanks to Jenkins for his services as chairman of the Board during the past year.

This was seconded and carried, and the Board adjourned.

MARLEY HILL.
Easter Monday and Tuesday were made up by an extra day of work, and the usual function in this parish. For many years past various efforts have been made by the churchwardens and vestry to improve the ways improve, repair, and paint in various directions. During the past winter, several hundred workmen gave social tea which yielded £57 0 11, making a grand total which yielded

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