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

A VOLUNTEER CORPS FOR CONSETT.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

SIR,—I was very pleased to observe that, at the annual dinner of the Medomsley Cricket Club, a subject was referred to which I have taken the liberty to ventilate in your columns on two or three previous occasions—viz , the formation of a Volunteer Corps for Consett and District. I noticed that the gentleman (Mr G. G. Robson) who responded to the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," took a very hopeful view of the situation, and appeared to think that it would not be a difficult matter to obtain officers for such a corps. Mr Robson, I believe, has been a volunteer officer for something like eight years, and is therefore particularly well qualified to speak on the subject. I think I can assure Mr Robson that if it would not be a difficult task to secure officers it would be still less difficult to obtain men. If a few gentlemen of influence would only move in the matter, I feel confident that it would be quite possible to raise in Consett and District one of the strongest corps in the North of England. Would it be too much to ask Mr Robson and his friends to take the question up? If they did so I am certain that they would earn the gratitude of a large number of young fellows in the neighbourhood. As I have said before, it seems very strange that while comparatively small places like Stanhope, Beamish, Middleton-in-Teesdale, and several others can have their volunteer corps a large and populous district like ours cannot raise one. In the past we have been told that the question of officers was the difficulty, but here we have Mr Robson's word for it that this is a difficulty which could be easily overcome. However, we of the rank and file can do little. We are willing to be led, but we want leaders. Will Mr Robson and his friends become those leaders? Trusting that those who have the means and influence will take up this important matter.—I remain, yours, &c.,

J. ROSS, jun.

P.S.—The reason I have not referred to the subject sooner is because I was in hopes that someone else would move in the matter.—J. R.

THE RECENT NONCONFORMIST COUNCIL.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—I notice in your report of public meeting, held in connection with Nonconformist Council, one or two errors that are somewhat misleading. Mr. Raistrick is reported to have said. (1). That Nonconformists were loyal loving citizens, yet in the sight of "God" only tolerated. This should have been, in the sight of "the law" only tolerated. 2 To secure for every person religious equality in the sight of the "Lord" should also be, in the sight of the "law." In reference to the resolution upon gambling, it was as follows:—"Considering the great mischief wrought by the practice of gambling and betting, this meeting urges upon the Government the duty of passing some special enactment dealing with the evil, or delegate the power to do so upon Local Authorities." We call upon the Government (not God) to place more power in the hands of Local Authorities. A correction in your next issue will oblige.

Yours &c.,
T. WILLIAMS, Sec.

Blackhill, April 2nd, 1895.

THE RECENT CHURCH DEFENCE MEETING AT DIPTON.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—So many fearful and wonderful accounts of the above meeting have been, and still are, circulating in our village that I feel constrained to ask you to permit me to place my version of what occurred before the public.

Having learnt that the vicar had called a public meeting in the Church for the purpose of hearing a professional lecturer—Colonel Hervey—on Church Defence, and being anxious to hear what might be said on behalf of the Establishment, I, with a single friend, attended at the hour announced. Col. Hervey was not present, being ill, but the Hon. J. G. P. Vereker and Mrs. Vereker were there to fill the gap. I expected from the former a strong, but perfectly fair plea for the Establishment. Instead of this I listened to one of the most unfair and misleading speeches which it has ever been my lot to hear in any controversy: Mr. Vereker did not scruple to attribute the worst motives and the most dishonourable tactics to the supporters of Disestablishment, whom he charitably styled, "our enemies." At the same time he did not hesitate to load his own address with many of those half-truths which are more mischevous than downright falsehoods. He severely censured one of the most courteous and honourable gentlemen in England—Mr. Ackland—for, as he said, having "made a statement which he either knew to be false, or should have ascertained to be true before he made it." Yet he found it quite easy a few moments afterwards to make a statement which was absolutely untrue, and which only the grossest ignorance of the Church in Wales could make possible, viz., "That a Welsh Service is held in every Church in Wales."

At the close of Mr. Vereker's address I protested, in language as courteous as I could command, against a gentleman in Mr. Vereker's position coming to an isolated village like Dipton, 200 miles from Wales and making misleading and absolutely untrue statements to people who had but little opportunity of testing their value. I also stated, that out of respect for the feelings of those present I should refrain from traversing the many controversial points raised by Mr. Vereker; and I made reference to one other point only in that gentleman's address. He had stated that "the Church was strong because they (the churchmen), had followed in the footsteps of their Founder." This I said I could not believe when I read, (as I had done a few days before) that a poor man had murdered his wife and children and destroyed his own life because he could not find work to earn bread for them to eat; and, reading that awful tradegy, knew that at that very hour Archbishops and Bishops were living in palaces in princely luxury. I said then, and I say again, that I failed entirely to see how that could be following in the footsteps of the Poor Man of Nazareth who knew not where to lay his head.

In conclusion, permit me to ask your readers to decide for themselves these plain questions:—

1. Who considered the feelings and consciences of Church people most:—(a). The vicar who called a "public meeting" in the Church to hear a professional lecturer take one side on a great controversial question upon which even good Churchmen are divided, or (b), I, who refrained from speaking as fully and freely as I might justly have done?

2. Who was the more forgetful of the place he stood in:—(a). The Hon. J. G. P. Vereker, who made the statements he did, or (b), I, who contradicted them?

3. Was the vicar right when he said, "after the meeting, that it was called as a "devotional meeting?—and, if so, was it arranged for Colonel Hervey to simply come to Dipton to "pray" for the Church?—and, if not, what are we to think of the vicar?

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully.
A. E. HAYES.

School House, Dipton, April 2nd, 1895.

MR. W. E. HELM AT CONSETT ON CHURCH DEFENCE.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—In his excellent report of the above meeting your reporter states that Mr. Helm answered all my questions "satisfactorily." To whose satisfaction may I ask? To Mr. Helm himself, and to his delighted and enchanted audience they were evidently "crushing." Such cheering, such enthusiasm do not often greet the public orator. Mr. Helm should have been a proud man that night. To me, however, Mr. Helm's tactics and Mr. Helm's answers were a pitiful exhibition of the subterfuges and artifices to which a man can descend when he consents to get his living as a paid "Defender of the Church." When I saw the very complimentary paragraph respecting Mr. Helm which appeared in your issue preceding the lecture I said to myself and to some of my friends,—"Well! here apparently is a man who can discuss this burning question in a fair and tolerant temper." Sir, I took Mr. Helm at his own valuation.

I am sorry that my actual experience does not permit me to return the favourable impression I had formed. Mr. Helm at Wednesbury and Mr. Helm at Consett appear to be two very different persons. Apparently he varies his methods and his language to suit the character of his audience. Where strong opposition may be expected conciliation and vague generalities which hurt no one's feelings are the order of the day. But where the audience is composed almost exclusively of Church people, whipped up from every parish in the district, then is a grand opportunity for a slashing charge; then must 'dissent' shrink terrified beneath his flashing eye; then may he strew around his all conquering path the choicest flowers of the oratory of "Defence."—'Plunder,'—'sneaking and filching,'—'Robbery of God'—these are terms appropriate to the Christian character of the part he plays.

Sir,—I went to this meeting because I was challenged to do so by those in this village who dare not meet me themselves. I hoped to have the opportunity of putting a few plain questions, and expected to get plain answers without equivocation. I was disappointed. Mr. Helm was far too astute to take such a course. After every answer he made a long rambling statement containing much matter quite beside the point. This manœuvre was exceedingly clever. It had a double effect in his favour. It covered up in a cloud of words the significance of the admissions which he had to make, and it took up so much time that it made me appear to be asking many more questions than I really did, thus compelling me to abandon many points I desired to make, and also preventing any others desirous of questioning from doing so to any considerable extent. As I have said before, it was a clever dodge; but however creditable to him as a paid advocate was scarcely worthy of an honest man assuming to defend religion.

I took it as a great compliment that a man who has nothing else to do than study his brief should feel constrained to resort to such an artifice to fence the questions of a poor country schoolmaster who can only give the fag ends of busy days to questions of this nature. It was a compliment, however, that I did not desire. I would much have preferred, on so serious a subject, plain and honest answers.

Mr. Helm succeeded, I suppose in his object. He won the rapturous applause of his audience! How they did cheer and clap, to be sure! The very roof rang again! What for? Let us see! Let us take Mr. Helm's answers, strip them of their superfluous verbiage, and see what they are worth!

One of my questions was the following:—"Is it true that in none of the four Cathedrals of Wales is there ever a Welsh Cathedral Service?"

I asked this question, with two objects in view. First, to show that the Church in Wales is alien and anti-national; and, second, that Welsh endowments are diverted from their proper use, the Welsh nation being practically robbed of their value for the benefit of English visitors and settlers. What was Mr. Helm's reply? He stated that Welsh Cathedral Services were held in two out of the four. As I was not allowed to make a speech in answer, but merely to ask questions, I said no more. But the audience cheered to the echo! Most wise and learned audience! On getting home I wrote at once to the Vicar of Bangor asking him if any alterations had been recently made, and if what Mr. Helm had said was true.

The following is the Vicar's reply:—

Elm Bank, Bangor, March 30th.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that it is only too true that there are no Welsh Cathedral Services, and 'any one who says differently betrays gross ignorance of the Church in Wales.'

It is true that there are 'parochial' services held in Bangor and St. David's Cathedrals, but no one will be rash enough to maintain that those are Cathedrals Services.

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The Cathedral Service on the other hand is attended by the whole Cathedral Staff and the paid Choir; and thus endowments originally intended for supporting Welsh Services in our Cathedrals are now diverted from their original purpose to provide an ornate Cathedral Service for English Settlers in Wales.

Once more let me say that 'there is no such thing as a Cathedral Service in Welsh,' and on this point I challenge contradiction. Your opponent, whoever he may be, knows nothing of the facts of the case. I am one of the Vicars of Bangor Cathedral, and consequently ought to know the character of the Services conducted within that Sacred Edifice.

"Yours faithfully.
T. EDWIN JONES."

Sir,—I need add nothing on this question and answer to what the Vicar of Bangor says, but, with your kind permission, will deal further with Mr. Helm's answers next week.

Yours truly,
A. E. HAYES.

School House, Dipton, April 2nd, 1895.

THE CASE OF THE AGED POOR.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

The Royal Commission appointed to consider "whether any alterations in the system of poor-law relief are desirable, in the case of persons whose destitution is occasioned by incapacity for work resulting from old age, or whether assistance would otherwise be afforded in these cases," having concluded its investigations, issued its report on Saturday. The commissioners are not unanimous in their recommendation, and there are several minority reports. The majority speak favourably of the existing modes of relief, but admit the existence of a widespread dislike to the workhouse on the part of the poor, especially in the country districts. While they regard the workhouse as not unsuitable for wastrels and ne'er-do-wells, or, indeed, as much better than they deserve, they contend that outdoor relief should be given to the honest, hard working man who becomes destitute in consequence of age and infirmity. As to the special proposals of Mr. Booth, Mr. Chamberlain, Canon Blackley, and others, "for the provision of assistance from public funds other than poor-law relief," the conclusions of the majority of the Commission are purely negative. "We have," they say, "carefully examined the various schemes for State assistance to the aged which have been submitted to us, and, bearing in mind the great labour and thought expended on them, and the high public spirit and deep sympathy with suffering which inspired their authors we regret that, in view of the financial and economic difficulties involved, we have been unable to recommend the adoption of any of the schemes as yet suggested, whether for endowment or for assisted insurance.

The majority report is signed by Lord Lingen, Lord Brassey, Lord Playfair, Mr. Henley, Mr. Albert Pell, Mr. Humphreys Owen, Mr. Roundell, Mr. B. Loch, Mr. Joseph Arch, and Mr. Stockall. It would have been signed by Lord Aberdare, chairman of the Commission, but his death took place one day before it was submitted for signature.

There are various minority reports. One of them is signed by Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Ritchie, Sir H. Maxwell, Dr. Hunter, and Mr. Charles Booth. These gentlemen are of opinion that the recommendations of the Commission are inadequate, and do not go as far as the evidence produced would warrant. Furthermore, they think the scope of the inquiry was too narrow. "If it be thought expedient to pursue the inquiry, we would venture to suggest that it should be entrusted to a body less numerous than ours, and especially adapted to deal in a purely judicial spirit with both its social and financial aspects."

The Prince of Wales, who was one of the Commissioners, appends to the report the following memorandum:—

"I have taken the deepest interest in the long and laborious inquiry of the Royal Commission on the Aged Poor, the meetings of which I have attended as frequently as possible. In not attaching my signature to the report I do not mean to express disapproval of it. I felt, however, that as the subject has now to a considerable extent become one of party controversy, both inside and outside of Parliament, it has assumed a phase inconsistent with my position of political neutrality.

ALBERT EDWARD P.

"February, 19th, 1895."

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COUNTY COUNCIL INQUIRY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PROPOSED URBAN DISTRICT.

On Monday, a public local inquiry was held at the Annfield Plain Board School, by Messrs Geo. William Bartlett and John Horsley, members of the Durham County Council, and Mr. Ralph Simey, clerk to the Council, with respect to a proposal which had been made to the said Council to order the conversion of the rural townships of Collierley, Greencroft, and Kyo, and part of the rural township of Lanchester (all within the Poor Law Union and rural district of Lanchester) into an Urban district. Mr. T. W. Welford, solicitor, Consett, appeared on behalf of the petitioners, and the application was also supported by Messrs John W. Taylor and David Mole, Collierley; Jos. Bainbridge, J. F. Smith, Robt. Bates, and Geo. Wailes, Kyo; T. Ord and Hugh Brown, Greencroft. The petition was opposed, on behalf of the Lanchester Rural District Council and Highway Board by Messrs Wm. Logan, J.P., Jas. Oliver, T. J. Muse, J. E. Parker (surveyor and inspector), Crofton Maynard (Clerk to Highway Board), and W. H. Ritson (Clerk to District Council). There was a good attendance of the public, amongst those present being—Messrs E. W. E. Balleny, J.P., Little Greencroft; Wm. Young, J. Coulthard, Dipton; J. Green, J.P., M. G. Armstrong, Stanley; H. C. Wood, Burnopfield; H. Greener, South Pontop; W. Rutherford, Catchgate; G. Hobson, Harperley Mills; C. F. Cooke, Annfield Plain; Robt. Kay, J. W. Robson, T. Bowes, Towns, J. T. Mitchinson, J. F. Russell, W. Down, W Wilkinson, Moore, Sterling &c.

After some formal business, Mr. Simey said only a very small piece of Lanchester was affected by the application.

Mr. H. Greener mentioned that no motion had been passed in favour of this scheme by the Greencroft Parish Council.

Mr. Brown replied that the motion had been adopted at the parish meeting.

Mr Welford, in opening the case, said he appeared on behalf of the applicants, and pointed out that the large ratepayers who opposed the application some time ago did not now oppose it that day. The sanitary conditions of the three townships were very bad, and the roads and footpaths in a most unsatisfactory state. It was impossible to get to several places during the recent storm, however much they might try. Traffic to Annfield Plain was stopped for at least three or four days altogether. The Lanchester division was very large, and there would be quite sufficient for the Lanchester people to manage if this slice was taken off. This district could not be worked by the people at Lanchester satisfactorily. It could be much better worked by their own people at home.

In answer to the Commissioners, Mr. Welford said the distance to Lanchester was five miles.

Mr. Welford, continuing, said that since March, 1894, there had been erected, or were in course of erection, 120 houses. There was every prospect of the place increasing, more especially as the new railway had been opened out. The place was so situated as to be very suitable for sanitary and other matters being attended to, and the people could conduct their affairs much more satisfactorily and economically here than at Lanchester. At present there were three representatives from Collierley, two from Kyo, and one from Greencroft out of 26 members. There was a general feeling throughout the Union that populous detached places should form Urban districts for themselves. One had been so formed at Stanley, who had taken a large slice. There was a feeling that if this application was not granted that they should petition adjoining places to annex them. He believed that Stanley had applied for a portion of White-le-Head.

Mr. Simey: No.

Mr. Welford said the people wished to govern themselves. When the subject was brought up at Lanchester, 10 opposed it, eight were in favour of it, and one was neutral. The place was essentially a mining district, and detached from any other. The cost of the highways for the three townships were as follows:—Collierley, four miles, £97 per mile; Greencroft, 11¼ miles, £21 per mile; Kyo, 6¼ miles, £75 per mile.

The first witness called was John Forster Smith, who said he was manager for Messrs Hall and Co., grocers, Annfield Plain. The plans before the Commissioners showed the portions they were applying to be made into an Urban district. The population of Collierley was 4,940; Greencroft, 1,887; and Kyo, 3,300, according to the census of 1891. The number of houses built and being built since June, 1892, were 18 in Collierley, and 120 in Kyo. The total population of the three districts was 10,232, and the acreage, 5,994. In Collierley there were 2.4 to the acre; Greencroft, 1.2; and Kyo, 2.3.

Mr. Simey said, according to his calculation, Greencroft was 0.80 per acre. Which was the most thickly populated place?—Mr. Smith: Kyo.

Mr. Smith, speaking with regard to Pontop Colliery, said it would go on for 200 years. They had lost a large portion of land to Stanley.

Mr. Logan pointed out that a piece of road claimed by Mr. Smith had gone to Stanley.

Mr. Simey said a piece of road they talked about lighting was in the Stanley Local Board district.

Mr. Smith replied that the people had decided that it was best to take these portions.

Mr. Simey: You might decide to take half the County. (Laughter).

Mr. Smith mentioned that the colliery people had given them all help and assistance, and they could do the work much cheaper and more satisfactorily. For four days last winter the road from Kyo to Oxhill was blocked by snow. People living in the place could see much better about the footpaths, &c. The highway rate of Collierley, Greencroft, and Kyo was 5d in the pound, and at Kyo they had other rates amounting to 1/8. There were two collections.

Mr. Horsley: Are the 5d. and 1/8 the whole of the rates for the year?—Mr. Smith: Yes.

Witness argued that they would be better able to keep the footpaths and highways in proper condition if they had them under their own control This last winter, owing to the snow, they could not get their goods out of the place. The Highway Board had plenty of money, and there was not that quickness on the part of the Board that there should be. The Clerk should have wired for them to set so many men on at once. Several times they had had to send goods by train, and at others [illegible] to send them round by Harperley, and engage extra horses. There were several places where sewers had never been flushed or cleaned out since they were laid down. He alluded to one particular lot of houses—Dickinson's Wood Houses—where all the sewage ran down to Collierley, there being no outlet for the sewage except a field.

Mr. Bartlett enquired if the attention of the authorities had been drawn to the matter?

Mr. Smith thought so. There were 40 houses at this place, all occupied by separate tenants. With regard to the lighting, at times only half the lamps had been lit in Kyo. They wanted supervision over these lamps themselves. They had to pay for the lamps, so much per year, and wanted them lighted.

In reply to Mr. Logan, witness thought it was the fault of the lamplighter that the lamps had not been lit.

Mr. Logan: You say the sanitary arrangements are bad. Are you aware that over £5,000 has been spent over sewerage works in the district complained of?—Witness: Yes.

Mr. Logan asked if witness was aware that every plan was sent to them before being proceeded with?

Mr. Smith replied that he knew plans were passed, but the buildings were not always put up according to the plans.

Mr. Logan said the houses complained of had been sewered or were being sewered.

Mr. Logan asked how many single houses witness knew of which were occupied at the present time, and had no drains attached?—Mr. Smith: Two.

Mr. Logan: Will you give me the two houses?—Witness said they were in the back street of Annfield Plain.

Mr. Logan said, with regard to road management, they wanted to get a portion of road at Lanchester for the purpose of k[illegible] a road at Kyo in repair. Was witness aware that a number of these roads had been taken away and handed over to the Lanchester Highway Board to keep in repair?—Mr. Smith said they offered to take their portion of the roads.

Mr. Logan pointed out that there was no difficulty for traffic to pass along these roads except in the case of a severe snowstorm.

Mr. Smith maintained that they were stopped every winter.

Mr. H. Greener, on behalf of Mr. Ritson, a colliery owner in Greencroft, representing one-fifth of the rateable value of Greencroft, opposed the application.

Mr. Balleny also opposed the petition. He had never heard anything about the people wanting the lower portion of Greencroft. Everyone he had spoken to about it was entirely opposed to it.

Mr. Welford said they were not very anxious about the lower portion of Greencroft.

Mr. Balleny referred to the bad state of the roads at Consett, where there was a Local Board, during the prevalence of the heavy snowstorm.

Mr. Simey: Where is your question? (Loud laughter).

Mr. Maynard: Was any application made to the waywardens or any Authority to open out the roads?

Mr. Smith said he had wired to Mr. Dixon in previous years, but did not do so this time.

David Mole (Clerk to the Collierley School Board) said the roads in Collierley were no better than those in the adjoining district. The footpaths were in a very bad condition, and complaints had been made about most of them. As a matter of fact, there was no continuity to the footpaths at all. One of them ranged from 2½ft to 10ft. wide, and was very dangerous on dark nights. If there was a snowstorm, however slight, not the least attempt was made to clear the footpaths, and they had to plough through the snow the best way they could. The Parish Council and parish meeting considered that they ought to have better roads, considering the price they were called upon to pay for them. On the west side of Catchgate, was a footpath partly flagged and partly cement. In some places the flags had sunk and the cement become broken, leaving it in a most dangerous condition. Mr. Mole also referred to a ditch, three feet deep, near the highway at Delight Bank, to which there was no protection. The roads cost them £97 a mile, according to the highway rate.

Mr. Maynard said the footpath complained of was on the main road.

Mr. Mole: All the footpaths in the Collierley district are bad, with very slight exceptions.

Mr. Maynard: Are you aware that we are not allowed to kerb and channel these roads without the consent of the County Council?—Witness: Yes.

Mr. Mole said a resolution was passed on the 13th Feb. asking that the road be repaired. A few broken bricks had now been laid on.

Mr. Horsley: Is it not the duty of the Highway Board to deal with this without having attention called to it? (Applause).

In reply to a question, Mr. Mole said the dangerous declivity on the Delight Bank had once been fenced, but only the posts remained now.

Mr. Simey: You are Clerk to the School Board?—Witness: Yes.

What is the School Board district?—Witness: It is identical with the boundaries of the parish.

What is your debt?—£3,000 at present. There are five members, four elected by the township. They paid to Greencroft, in consideration of them taking part of their scholars, two-ninths of the working expenses, in order to save them building a new school. They had the consent of the Education Department to adopt this course.

Mr. Logan: How long is it since they sanctioned it?—Witness: About five years ago.

John W. Taylor (chairman of the Collierley Parish Council and School Board) said their chief reason for wishing to join Annfield Plain was that by so doing they would secure very much more effective government, and probably, in the long run, a more economical form of government. It would centralise the district, and in the future they would have a more efficient system of local government. He would give two or three reasons for this. The people were not very well satisfied with the sewerage of the district. He would mention South Medomsley Cottages. There were 111 houses at this particular place, and no system of sewage disposal at all. The system in vogue was no-sinks, but an open channel. The sewage was disposed of by running down this channel, and it afterwards made its way across a field, and eventually passed down by the side of a footpath much used by the public, and which was one of the most beautiful walks in the district. It then ran down to Pont Hall, where it lay till the sun disposed of it. People and children continually went to this place, and it was almost impossible to go there without experiencing a most offensive smell. At three houses near the system of sewage was much the same as the above. The Dipton outfall works were situated about 50 yards from the nearest property, and had been a source of dissatisfaction for some years. Mr. Taylor then quoted a portion of the County Council Medical Officer's (Dr. T. E. Hill) report with respect to Hill Top. Dr. Hill said the village was well supplied with water, but was without a proper system of sewerage. At the Wood Houses there were three or four sinks in which the sediment was allowed to gather, and this ran down to where Mr. Smith had indicated, at the low side of Dipton, and gave off a very offensive stench. The smell arising from the filtering beds was very bad. It was now proposed that a new system of sewage disposal be made. They had paid a lot of money for the last scheme, which was made about 10 years since. The speaker then referred to Dowlais Cottages, situated at Dipton, where there was no spouting on the houses, and an entire want of sanitation. The houses were very damp, and as the privies and ashpits were on a higher level than the houses, the sewage had actually been known to enter the houses. There were seven houses, occupied by 20 adults, and 12 children. There were four privies, but two of them were almost unusable. A little further on they found Eltringham's Cottages. No provision was made here to carry the water away from the spouting, there being no downcomers, and the privies could not be used for filth.

Mr. Simey: Is that not the fault of the occupiers in not complaining to the landlord?

Mr. Taylor (proceeding) said there were nine cottages and 34 people. At Cooper's Buildings there were one privy and one ashpit, and the houses were very bad. There was a cowshed belonging to the owner of the houses built about six inches from the pantries. There were 25 houses at Delight Houses, there being no channel from the downcomer. There were 10 privies and nine ashpits, the population being 118—86 adults and 32 children. Close to that was Dickinson's Square, where there were 20 houses, occupied by 86 adults and 60 children. There were nine privies and five ashpits. At 12 cottages at Delight Bank there were only four privies usable, the others being very dilapidated. Lower down they came to a place called the "Barracks," where three families were living in two rooms. At the same place two families were living in a two roomed house. In another two-roomed house and scullery there were 12 occupants. They had reason to believe that one of these houses was used as a common lodging-house. At a little place called Raisenside there were 12 persons in one tenement. He could mention several other cases if necessary.

In answer to Mr. Horsley, Mr. Taylor said this state of things had existed for a very long time, and someone was at fault. Mr. Taylor then quoted again from Dr. Hill's report, and also from a report of Dr. Benson, Medical Officer to the Lanchester District Council. The speaker said there was no reason, according to the Medical Officer's opinion, why they should have so much fever except for the insanitary conditions and the bad ashpits and privies The Medical Officer's report showed that the birth-rate was 37.3, and the death-rate 17.8 per 1,000 for the eastern district of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary district. The deaths from infectious diseases were 40, or 15 per cent. of the whole. The infantile mortality was very excessive. Mr. Taylor pointed out the great inconvenience to them at Dipton in getting to Lanchester. They were five miles off, being at the extreme point. If they went by rail they had three miles to walk to the station, and then 22 to Lanchester. (Laughter). If they walked it meant an hour-and-a-half. Further, the present mode of conducting business at Lanchester was, according to their short experience, far from satisfactory. They were so mixed up with Guardians and District Council business that it was impossible to do the work properly for their district. If they had local government they could do the work more satisfactorily, although there might be a slight increase on the working cost. However, in the future it would be a distinct gain to them, and he hoped the Commissioners would favourably consider their petition. He was not aware of any opposition except it showed itself that day.

In answer to Mr. Logan, witness said he was a member of the District Council now, and was aware they contemplated spending £1,200 over sewage works at South Medomsley and for Dipton outfall works.

Mr. Logan: If this £1,200 is spent, and there is not an Urban district, most of it will have to be found by Collierley?—Witness: Yes.

Mr. Logan: Are you aware that if an Urban district is formed three parts of the money will have to be found by Kyo and Greencroft?—Mr. Taylor: We would not object to that. (Much laughter).

Mr. Simey: It comes to this—if an Urban district is formed, Kyo and Greencroft will have to contribute a portion according to area.

Mr. Logan: As to the cottages complained about that is not altogether due to the Sanitary Authority. (To witness): In November last did not the Sanitary Authority serve notices to abate nuisances, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, in respect to Dowlais Cottages?—Witness: No, I think not. The only thing he could say was that if the notices had been served nothing had been done. Since that he believed there was something in the Medical Officer's report about this.

Mr. Logan: Notices were served on the owner of Eltringham Cottages in 1894.

Mr. Logan (To witness): Can you say whether, if an Urban district was formed, it would have the effect of lowering or raising the rates?—Mr. Taylor said it would depend on the amount of work done. They assumed that their representatives would proceed on lines safe and sound, and within desirable limits.

Mr. Logan said, excepting South Medomsley Cottages and Dipton outfall works, there had never been any complaints about the sewerage.

Mr. Simey: Have any collieries gone out of working within the last three years?—Mr. Taylor: Yes, the Delight Colliery ceased working three months since.

Mr. Bartlett: Is it a permanent stoppage?—Witness: No, I think not.

Mr. Simey: At the last inquiry it was said that several collieries were about worked out?—Mr. Taylor: The Delight Colliery is the only one that has stopped.

In answer to Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Taylor thought their rates were about 2/2 in the pound.

Replying to Mr. Logan, witness thought the death-rate stated by Dr. Benson sufficiently high.

Mr. Simey enquired why the ecclesiastical parish did not take in the parish of Dipton?—Mr. Taylor said that Dipton was now ecclesiastically Collierley and Collierley Kyo.

Mr. W. Rutherford (chairman of the Collierley Burial Board) said there were nine members on the Board. Their unpaid loan amounted to £1,200.

George Wailes said he was a butcher at Hare Law, and had lived in the township all his life. There was a place in Kyo in a very bad sanitary condition; it was called Jackson's Houses, and was situated at West Kyo. The road was very bad, and also the sanitary conditions. The houses were not sufficiently drained, and the road was almost impassable. The outbuildings at some new houses now in course of erection on the road to Catchgate were only about two or three feet from the main buildings. The lighting was very unsatisfactory. They had a sufficient number of lamps, but part of them had never been lit until within a few weeks of this inquiry. The ratepayers had to pay for the gas whether the lamps were lighted or not.

Mr. Simey: Who owns the gas works?—Witness: The Kyo Gas Company are the owners of the works. He had complained to the man who had charge of the gas.

Replying to Mr. Welford, witness said complaints had been sent to Lanchester, and had been attended to within the last few weeks, but not before during all the winter.

Chas. F. Cooke, grocer, Annfield Plain, deposed that he had lived at the latter place 40 years or more. He thought the Highway Board had done fairly well. From the complaints made it seemed that it would be better for them to have their affairs in their own hands. Some of the complaints were not very strong, especially with regard to the gas. (Laughter).

Mr. Welford: Are you a shareholder? (Loud laughter).

Thomas Bowes said he was under-manager at Pontop Colliery, belonging to John Bowes and Partners. He thought their coal would last more than 100 years. They were working partly in Kyo, Collierley, and Greencroft. He thought the Delight Colliery would go in again, and supported the application on behalf of Messrs Bowes and Partners. The rateable value of his firm was about £3,000, and one colliery idle. The footpaths were in a very bad state all round, and the lighting was also very bad.

In reply to Mr. Simey, witness said the Delight Colliery was the only one gone out of working since 1892.

Replying to Mr. Welford, witness said he was at the Greencroft parish meeting, and a motion was unanimously passed in favour of this application.

Mr. Logan: How many were at the meeting?—Witness: It was not like at Lanchester; it was an unanimous vote.

Mr. Logan repeated his question, and Mr. Bowes said the meeting was duly convened, and there were about 13 present.

Mr. Logan then delivered a lengthy and powerful speech against the petition. At the outset, he remarked that, if an Urban district was formed, the little bit of Lanchester should be omitted. He also hoped that there would be no split up of Greencroft township. If it had to go, let it go altogether. Mr. Logan then went on to show that the district had been properly sewered, and that over £5,000 had been spent on sewage works. The nuisance complained of at last inquiry about tramps sleeping in coke-ovens had, with the aid of the police, been abated. The Rural District Council had also before them a scheme for improving the sewerage at Dipton at a cost of £1,200. Sewers were being prepared for the new houses now in course of erection. Complaints had been made about the inspector's office. Well, the officer's residence was within 500 yards of the proposed boundary. An assistant inspector had also been appointed, and was residing in Annfield Plain. He argued that this was not such a district as should be made into an Urban district. He mentioned the large sums of money that had been spent by the Rural Sanitary Authority on the three townships, amounting to £7,442. It therefore followed, that except at Dipton, the whole area had been fully provided with sewerage and sewage disposal works. Drains had been laid in on the most improved system, and the workmen's dwellings had been greatly improved. According to the Medical Officer's report the birth-rate was double the death-rate. The rateable value of the whole township was £196,482, and the establishment and other charges were spread over the whole area. If this Urban district was formed, 22 per cent. would be deducted off that rateable value, and this 22 per cent. must be put upon the other parishes, or otherwise there must be a great reduction in the salaries of their officers, and the district must accordingly suffer. It was well known that a large area had always been more efficiently worked than a small area. Until 1896, when the management of the roads and footpaths would be taken out of the hands of the Highway Board, they would be well looked after. He maintained that no roads were more efficiently dealt with than those in the Lanchester district, and that they would compare favourably with any roads in the county. (Hear, hear). With respect to out door relief, Mr. Logan pointed out that the poorer parishes helped the wealthy parishes in the supply of out-door relief. Then why should the wealthy parishes not support the poorer parishes? (Hear, hear). If this application was granted, the other parishes in the Lanchester Highway Board area would have to pay an extra 1d in the pound. Mr. Logan concluded by expressing a hope that the Commissioners would see their way to recommend to the County Council to reject the petition.

John E. Parker, surveyor and inspector, stated that he had served notices on the owners of Dowlais Cottages and Eltringham Houses to abate nuisances. He had also served notices on the owners of Cooper's Buildings, where there was insufficient privy and ashpit accommodation, under the Public Health Act. He had served notices with respect to Delight Cottages, under the same Act. There was insufficient privy accommodation at Dickinson's Square—practically two houses to one privy—and notices had been served on the owners to obate the nuisance. There was not a single new house erected but was carried out under the bye-laws, and was examined by himself before a habitation certificate was granted. The sewage disposal works would have been carried out at Dipton only they were waiting to see the results at Annfield Plain. They went all over England to get the best information possible with regard to sewage disposal works.

In answer to Mr. Smith, witness said he was certain the sewers had been flushed at least seven times since they were laid down.

Replying to questions put by Mr. Welford, witness said the new sewer in Annfield Plain was put in 1892 or 1893. To the best of his knowledge the connection had been made at the place complained of by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Simey: Have any complaints been made since the new sewer was put in?

Witness: No.

Mr. Parker answered several questions satisfactorily with respect to lodgings houses, etc.

Mr. Taylor (to Mr. Logan): Has the 1,200 proposed to be spent at Dipton been passed by the Council.

Mr. Logan: No; it has not been before the Council.

Mr. Taylor: Then it may be passed or it may not, and it may cost considerably less or it may cost considerably more.

Mr. W. Rutherford, waywarden, said he was a member of the Lanchester Highway Board. No complaints had been made to him about getting the roads opened. He thought the Lanchester Highway Board did everything possible under the circumstances to deal with the roads. He was a member of the Lanchester Sanitary Authority for seven years and thought they had carried out the work in a satisfactory manner as regards the sewerage. He said a fence had been erected on the Delight Bank, where there was a ditch three feet deep.

In answer to Mr. Simey, Mr. Maynard said he did not know whose duty it was to fence this place. He thought that if the attention of the Highway Board had been called to it, it would probably have been attended to.

Mr. Rutherford said it might be very much improved.

Mr. Simey: You are a waywarden. Has it never occurred to you to attend to it? (Laughter.)

Mr. Rutherford explained that it was the duty of the Parish Meeting.

Replying to Mr. Mole, Mr. Rutherford said the fence had gradually disappeared.

Mr. Welford: Did you not sign the requisition in favour of this petition?

Mr. Rutherford stated that he signed the requisition in favour of an Urban district for the purpose of self-defence, and for that reason only.

Mr. Logan, in answer to a question put by Mr. Taylor, said he would be very much surprised if the Urban District Council could not work matters cheaper by 1/6 in the pound than an Urban District.

Mr. Maynard strongly opposed the application. He maintained that if it was granted the highway rate for the roads in the proposed Urban District would go down from 6d. to 2½d. in the pound, whereas in Lanchester it would go up from 6d to 7½d, or 8d.

Mr. Balleny opposed on behalf of the agriculturists in particular.

Mr. Muse opposed as the Councillor for the Lanchester District. He represented 1,500 people, and they were all against it.

This concluded the enquiry.

On the motion of Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Welford, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Commissioners.

The proceedings lasted about four hours.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—On Monday Mr. Murray had forward to-day 14 fat cattle, 3 fat bulls, 62 fat sheep, 4 calves, 11 cows, 15 pigs, 35 head poultry, &c. Bullocks to £21, R. Anderson, Mosswood; £22 15s, Derwent Flour Mill Farm. Heifers to £17 15s, Derwent Flour Mill. Bulls to £20 15s, Mr. J. Carr, Edmondbyers. Galloway bull, £16 15s, Mrs. Elliott, Edmondbyers. Calves to 31/-. Pigs, £4 10s; small pigs, 11/6 to 30/-. Sheep: hoggs, 66/-, Derwent Flour Mill Farm; 53/6, Mr. R. Dixon, Broad Oak; 52/-, Messrs Graham, Whittonstall Hall Farm; 51/6, Mr. N. White, Hedley; others, 38/6 to 45/6. Poultry, 1/- to 1/4. A large company was present, and a good sale was experienced, sheep making up to 9½d. per lb, and beef 7/3 to 7/9 per stone. Cows a fair trade, although not making big prices.

Chester-le-Street.—On Monday Mr. James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale here on Monday, and had forward 70 fat cattle, 235 fat sheep and hoggs, 1 fat bull, 10 grazing cattle, 37 incalving and new calved cows, 4 calves, 4 bacon pigs, 20 pork and young pigs, Whitechapel trap, &c. There was a large attendance of buyers. Trade for incalving and new calved cows was fairly good, about 6 passing the ring, and all being sold afterwards with one exception. Several new customers for fat cattle and sheep were present, and a very brisk trade ensued at satisfactory prices, cattle being fully £1 per head up from last sale. Sheep were also a brisk trade. A few unfinished hoggs sold for keeping on. Prices as follows:—Incalving and new calved cows to £21 15s, for a very grand cow from Mr. R. Walker, Darlington; calves to 45/. Fat sheep: Ouston, hoggs, to 52/-; Harbour House, hoggs, 52/-; Hedley Brothers, Middles, ewes, 45/6; Broomyholme, hoggs, 62/-; Tribley, hoggs, 70/6; Holmside, hoggs, 45/6; Vigo, ewes, 46/-, hoggs 43/6; Plawsworth, hoggs, 45/6; East Edmondsley, hoggs, 45/6; West Edmondsley, hoggs, 45/-; Finchdale Abbey, BF wethers, 25/; Waldridge ewes, 50/-; Pockerley, hoggs, 43/-, Burnhopeside Hall, hoggs, 47/6, ewes 56/-; Urpeth, hoggs, 47/-; Oxclose, Washington, hoggs, 39/6. Fat cattle: Birtley Iron Company, heifers to £18 17s 6d, bullocks to £24 5s, cows to £18 17s 6d; Hermitage, heifers, £22; Low Cocken, bullocks, £17 2s 6d, cows £11 5s; Derwent Crook, bullocks, £18 17s 6d; Broomyholme, heifers, £21 2s 6d, bullocks, £19 17s 6d; Tribley, heifers, £14 5s, cows, £16 15s; North Moor Farm, Sunderland, cows, £16 12s 6d, bull, £18 10s; Harbour House, heifers, £20 12s 6d, bullocks, £22; Grindon, cows, £17 7s 6d; Harbour House, cows, £16 7s 6d; New Acres, heifers, £17 10s, cows, £17 17s 6d; Warden Law, bullocks, £21 15s; South Urpeth, heifers, £20 7s 6d; Pockerley, heifers, £13; Low Urpeth, bullocks, £17 15s, cows, £17 15s; Charlaw Coal Company, bullocks, £21; Plawsworth, heifers, £17 17s 6d; Pelton, heifers, £14 17s 6d; Bearpark Coal Company, heifers, £15 10s, bullocks, £14 2s 6d; Baxter Wood, cows, £15 7s 6d; Farrington Hall, cows, £16 7s 6d; Fatfield House, bullocks, £19 10s, heifers, £13 7s 6d. Grazing cattle to £10. Bacon pigs to £6; pork pigs to 54/-; young pigs to 28/-. The supply was entirely inadequate for the demand.

TRADE NOTES.

THE DURHAM COAL TRADE.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS IN THE WEST STANLEY DISTRICT.

The prospects for the Durham coal trade are much brighter so far as the West Stanley district is concerned. Messrs Joicey & Co.'s South Tanfield Colliery, Oxhill, is now working full time, and at the rest of the collieries belonging to the same firm the men are better employed.

THE WATERHOUSES DISPUTE.

A meeting of the Durham Mining Federation Board was held on Monday at the Miners' Hall, Durham—Mr. John Wilson, M.P., presiding—for the purpose of taking into consideration a dispute which had arisen among the Waterhouses miners. The dispute had been occasioned by the dismissal of a number of men at the Waterhouses Colliery. The question was fully discussed, and some decision come to, but the secretary of the Board refused to communicate the result to the press.

THE CONCILIATION BOARD.

A meeting of the miners' representatives of the Durham Coal Trade Conciliation Board was held at the Miners' Hall, Durham, on Monday. Mr. John Wilson, M.P., presided. The meeting was called for the purpose of arranging a first meeting of both sections of the Conciliation Board to take into consideration various questions in dispute. The secretary (Mr. W. H. Patterson) brought forward various questions, which were discussed, and afterwards he was instructed to meet Mr R. Guthrie, the owners' secretary, and make necessary arrangements as to drawing up a programme of business, etc., for a meeting of the Board to be held on the 10th inst. in the Coal Trade Hall, Newcastle.

THE COKE INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

Coke Makers in Durham are waking up to the fact of the great benefits to be derived from the manufacture of retort coke, that in closed ovens where the valuable bye-products can be collected from the escaping gases. Blast furnace managers, have in the past, perhaps been rather prejudiced against the use of retort coke as it is not so bright in appearance as beehive coke. At the Belgium meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute in August, 1894, it was prominently noticed that all the works visited employed coke manufactured in retort ovens for use in their high blast furnaces, bye products being recovered from the gases given off from the coke ovens before they were applied for heating the ovens themselves. No doubt the large amounts derived from bye-products, saved in this way, have enabled the Continental Iron Makers to compete successfully against British made iron, giving them an advantage of several shillings per ton on the pig iron made. In Durham the coals contain far more tar, ammonia and light oils, to be recovered as bye-products, than those employed on the Continent, the yield therefore will be much larger. The leading systems employed on the Continent are the Semet-Solvay, and the Otto Hoffman. The latter has been promoted by a Company who erect these very expensive ovens free of charge retaining for a certain number of years a large proportion of the bye products and at the end of the period agreed on, the ovens become the property of the manufacturers of the coke. This system of erecting ovens has also been adopted to some extent in Durham. A later invention than either the Otto Hoffman or the Simon-Carve oven is the Semet Solvay which has been largely used for the manufacture of blast furnace coke in Westphalia and Belgium. These ovens where built have been selected in preference to the other systems mentioned, although they have been erected at the expense of the colliery or blast furnace owners themselves. The chief points to be observed in this class of oven compared with others are:—(1) The construction—which enables repairs to be made without disturbing the main structure of the ovens. (2) The large output of coke, which in one district has been as high as 1,440 tons per oven per annum. (3) The small cost when the production is taken into consideration. It is noticed that the Carlton Iron Co., of Ferryhill, have recently arranged to erect a battery of these ovens, and Mr. Darby in his paper read before the North of England Institute of Mining Engineers showed that pig iron can be made with a very low consumption of Semet-Solvay coke. The importance of the universal introduction of the best system of retort ovens is of national importance, both in reducing the cost of pig iron made and enabling the country in this particular to hold its own against the nations of the world. We wish the Carlton Iron Co., every success in their new venture, and this they have every right and reason to expect.

CYCLING.

Club for Crook.—On Thursday week, a meeting was held in the Royal Hotel to consider the formation of a Crook Cycling Club. Mr. Duckworth was appointed secretary protem., and the meeting agreed that a club should be formed. Another meeting is to be held shortly to elect officers, and discuss a code of rules, &c.

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

LANCHESTER DIVISION.

After the conclusion of the business connected with the Lanchester Board of Guardians, on Thursday week, Mr Thomas Taylor Smith inquired if the Board could not do something with respect to making enquiries so as to ascertain if the recent contest in the Lanchester Division was legally right. He considered they as ratepayers had a right to move in the matter.

The CHAIRMAN said it was not a question for the Guardians to deal with. He thought the Lanchester District Council might do something with Mr Taylor-Smith's question.

Mr TAYLOR SMITH: I have made an inquiry into the matter, and from what I have been told I am determined to have the whole question sifted.

The CHAIRMAN: If the majority of the Guardians rules that I am wrong I will submit.

Mr TAYLOR-SMITH: I don't think they will say that you are wrong. Whatever you say is supposed to be right. (Laughter.)

The matter dropped.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

On Thursday week, the fortnightly meeting of this body was held in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Mr. William Logan, J.P., (chairman), presiding. The other members present were:—Miss Peile, Rev. Father P. C. Fortin, County Councillor T. J. Muse, Messrs. Geo. Hobson, Thos. S. Longstaff, James Fairley, L. Nicholson, Richard Burleigh, William Collier, Wm. Belmer, R. Kay, Thos. Barry, Geo. D. Powell, Edward Sloane, Thos. Wilkinson, Geo. Forster, Henry Greener, William Johnson, William Young, John W. Taylor, W. Robinson, J. Green, J.P., Wm. Robson, P. Reay, Geo. Wailes, Thos. Taylor Smith, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson) and the Workhouse Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood).

The Proposed Enlargement of the Infirmary.

It was reported that the Visiting Committee had had before them plans for the enlargement and additions to the Infirmary, the same having been modified to meet the wishes of the Local Government Board Inspector (Mr. Dawson); but the Committee were of opinion that the amended plans were not so satisfactory as the original designs. In order to put forward matters the Committee recommended that Mr. J. W. Rounthwaite, (architect), and their Chairman (Mr. Logan) should go to London, and confer with the Local Government Board's architect relative to the matter. If this was done it would save a considerable amount of time, and the plans need not be sent so often to London, besides they would get to know really what the Local Government Board wished them to do.

On the proposition of Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Greener this was agreed to.

Accommodation for Married Couples.

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of providing separate accommodation for married couples in the Workhouse.

The Chairman said the Visiting Committee were equally divided on the question. They had two proposals before them—one for letting the present accommodation for married folks serve for the present, and the other was to make more ample provision for aged married couples. Now these two proposals received equal support.—He (the Chairman) thought in view of the heavy outlay facing the Guardians the question should remain in abeyance.—He would further point out that they had no married couples in the Workhouse that required such accommodation.

Mr. Johnson: If this accommodation was provided would it mean additional buildings.

The Chairman: Yes, I think it would. He did not think they could provide it in their present buildings.

Mr. Longstaff moved a motion to the effect that they do not provide the extra accommodation, and thus increase the expenditure.

This was seconded by Mr. Muse.

Mr. Barry considered it was essential that separate wards should be provided for the married couples. They ought to have the accommodation and allow the married couples in their old age to live comfortably together. Let them face the question, and borrow the money so as to make the provision.

The Chairman said Mr. Barry was not speaking with a great amount of experience as a Guardian. He had had 21 years experienie as a Guardian, and could say that he knew what was best for the old couples.

Mr. Taylor said this question was thoroughly thrashed out at the last meeting and the majority of the members came to the conclusion such accommodation should be provided; if they had no applications at present they might have, and to provide such accommodation for the old couples would not entail a heavy expenditure.

Mr. Bulmer: If we should be asked to provide the accommodation, how then?

The Chairman said had they the application made they would be bound to provide such. At the present time they had only one married couple in the house that would need such accommodation, and he did not think it would be wise to provide such.

Mr. Taylor: At the last meeting there were four old couples.

The Chairman: There are only two more. The other two have been removed.

Eventually, Mr. Barry moved an amendment that the Guardians provide the requisite accommodation for the two married couples.

Mr. Wood seconded.

Mr. Burleigh considered it would be wise to wait and see if the accommodation was required. They could build 20 such cottages as cheap as they could build two. He claimed at present it was unnecessary expense.

Mr. Barry: To morrow we might simply have one hundred applications.

Mr. Taylor: The cost of such accommodation would not exceed £80.

The amendment was accordingly carried by 16 votes to 10.

Appointment of Overseers.

A communication was read from the Local Government Board pointing out that the appointment of the Overseers for Consett, Stanley, Oxhill, and South Moor parishes had been placed in the hands of the Urban Councils for these districts.

The Rating of Machinery.

A memorial from the Gateshead Union in regard to the Rating of Machinery Bill now before Parliament.—The Chairman in answer to Mr. Green, said the effect of such a Bill would not make £5 difference to the rates in the Union; but speaking personally he believed the object was to relieve certain manufacturers at the expense of the poor rates. He would move that the Guardians submit a similar memorial against the Act now before Parliament.

This was seconded by Mr. Muse, and agreed to.

Precepts.

It was decided that precepts for 6d in the £, should be issued on the several Townships.

Consideration for the Paupers.

Mr. Green gave notice to move at the next meeting that the Guardians meet at two p.m., and the Rural District Council at 11 a.m., thus reversing the present arrangement. He thought this would suit the members better.

The Chairman said this arrangement would doubtless suit the convenience of the members; but their first care ought to be the consideration of those who came to seek relief. Some of them had to travel long distances, and it would not be right and proper to despatch people off on 7 or 8 miles journey after five o'clock on a winter's night.—Mr. Green remarked that the statement of Mr. Logan put a different complexion on the matter.

Indoor Relief.

The report of the return of indoor relief for the 11th and 12th weeks of the March Quarter was as follows:—11th week—adults, not able bodied, men, 89, females, 38, total, 127; adults, able bodied, men, 1; women, 23, total, 24; children, 55, total, 206; as against 213 the previous week. 12th week—adults, not able-bodied, men, 87, women, 40, total, 127; adults, able bodied, men, 1; women, 24, total, 25; children, 55, total, 207. Number of inmates in the corresponding period of last year 193. The number of vagrants relieved during the first week was 19, and in the second week, 17. The number relieved in the corresponding period of last year was 38.

Out-door Relief.

Eastern District—(Relieving Officer, Mr. Walton).—Not able bodied, men, 63, females, 117; able-bodied females, 42, children 117, total, 399; amount of relief, £69 13s 6d.

Western District.—(Relieving Officer, (Mr. Moon).—Not able-bodied, men, 65; females, 142, able bodied, men, 7, females, 65, children, 23, total, 313—Amount of Relief, £80 4s 6d.

This was all the business of importance.

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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.

Kyo School Boys beat Annfield Plain Violets by six goals to two.

WINLATON SWIFTS v BUSTY BANK EXILES.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a one-sided game the Exiles won by four goals to one.

WATERHOUSES AND ESH UNITED v MIDDLESBROUGH ACKLAM SWIFTS.—Played at Middlesbrough, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one.

SOUTH MOOR ALBIONS RESERVE v DIPTON ST JOHN'S.—Played at South Moor. The visitors' captain won the toss, and elected to play up the hill, with rain and wind at their backs. The Albions started the ball, and soon made their way to the St. John's goal, T. Connelly, after some good dribbling, scoring the first goal for South Moor. The same player soon added other two, and at half-time, the Albions were leading by three goals to none. The second half was more even, Dipton added one, while the Albions scored other two. Final result—

South Moor .... Five goals
Dipton .... One goal

CONSETT v WHICKHAM.

The above teams met at Consett in miserable weather, the ground being very soft, with pools of water standing here and there. Consett won the toss, and chose to play against the wind and hill. Soon after the kick-off, Whickham got possession and made tracks for the home goal, only to be repulsed by the home halves. Whickham pressed for the first fifteen minutes, until Harkness got possession for the Town, and ran the length of the field, to be smartly pulled up by the visitors' backs. Whickham then had a smart run to the other end, where they forced a corner, from which a good goal was scored. Consett now being put on their mettle by this unexpected point, went from the centre kick with irresistible dash, and after several warm shots, were given a corner, from which Tom Simpson headed a splendid goal. The home team were not long in finding goal once more, Harkness this time doing the needful after some smart forward play, well backed up by the halves, the whistle shortly after sounding half-time with the score—

Consett .... Two goals
Whickham .... One goal

The teams were not long in lining up for the second period, rain falling very fast. Whickham moved in fine style towards the home terriroty, Consett having to put in all they knew to prevent them scoring, until ten minutes of the second half had gone, when the homesters again got hold of the leather, and Blackwell receiving, raced away down the wing in fine style and centred, but the visitors' backs being on the alert each time, were not long in clearing their charge. From a miskick by the home backs, Whickham tried Lindsay with a hard shot, which he fisted out, only to see it returned out of his reach between the sticks, thus making the score two each. A struggle now ensued for the winning point, Consett having the best of the attack, in which all five forwards and the halves put in some smart play, and subjected the Whickham backs and goalkeeper to a lot of hard work. Several sharp struggles took place in the goal-mouth, from one of which A. Lindsay shot through for Consett, scoring the third and what proved to be the winning goal, the whistle shortly after piping for time with the score—

Consett .... Three goals
Whickham .... Two goals

Consett team:—Goal, T Lindsay; backs, A Frosdick and J Bowen; half-backs, R Wake, J Carruthers (capt.), and J Simpson; forwards, J Blackwell and T Simpson, right wing; M Eustace, centre; A Lindsay and R Harkness, left wing.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

Lizzie Celtic, two goals; Kyo United, one goal.

LIZZIE CELTIC v LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE.

The above teams met at the Lizzie in the above League, and after a pleasant game the Celtic won by four goals to two.

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES v DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

Played at Stanley. The visitors won the toss, and played with a strong wind at their backs. The home team at once began to press, and four goals were put through in the first half, scored by Gibson (2), Bolam, and Masterman. In the second half the home team, still having all the best of the play, added two more goals, and finally the Lilywhites won by six goals to one.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v KYO UNITED.

These teams met on the Fell Ground, Consett. Having defeated Kyo on their own ground the Saturday before by seven to one, the Swifts felt pretty confident of again securing two points at the expense of the United. The Kyoites were at home on the heavy ground, and more than held their own in the initial half, the score at half-time being—

Kyo .... Two goals
Swifts .... One goal

In the second half the Swifts showed up much better, but the slippery state of the ground hindered them from showing any of their usual form. The final score was—

Swifts .... Three goals
Kyo .... Three goals

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES v DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

Played at Dipton on Wednesday week, and after a very one-sided game the Lilywhites won by seven goals to nil.

ALLENDALE PARK v TANTOBIE UNITED.

The above game was played at Medomsley. The home team won the toss, and elected to defend the entrance goal. The visitors kicked off, but the Park was soon around their goal, and tested the Tantobie defence. The Park tried hard to score, but could not break through the visitors' defence for about twenty minutes, when Gillender scored the first goal. Soon after the same player scored again. This put the visitors on their mettle, and taking the ball to the other end they sent in a strong shot at goal, but Lynop saved well, and sent the ball down the field. Glasgow and Walton secured possession, and taking it into the United quarters the former shot wide. Half-time arrived with the score—

Allendale Park .... Two goals
Tantobie .... Nil

After the re-start, the home team had the best of it for about ten minutes, shot after shot being sent in, but the visitors came away with a rush, Hedley returning. Tantobie still kept up the pressure, till at last they got close in and put in a swift shot, Lynop stopping it, but before he could recover himself the ball was sent through. This roused the Park, and soon after they got a throw-in near to the Tantobie goal. T. Walton placed the leather right into the goal-mouth, Glasgow heading it through. Some even play followed, but neither side could score again, when the whistle went the score read—

Allendale Park .... Three goals
Tantobie .... One goal

Park team—Goal, E Lynop; backs, R Milligan and M Hedley; half-backs, M Walton, T. Walton (capt.), and W Longstaff; forwards, H Glasgow and J Walton, right wing; R Gillender, centre; J Longstaff and W Bell, left wing.

Referee, Mr N McKie, Consett.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

TOW LAW v MIDDLESBROUGH.

Played on the Tow Law enclosure in miserable weather. The visitors were minus Bach, whilst Tow Law were without Waites and Coulson. Middlesbrough, with the advantage of rain and wind, obtained a free kick, Morren sending the ball into the net without touching anyone. On good terms with themselves the home forwards kept the opposing defence busy, and Rippon ultimately sent through amid deafening cheers. Middlesbrough now came away in grand style, Mullen being conspicuous with some dodging work, done with excellent judgment, and Davison finally equalised at half-time.

Tow Law .... One goal
Middlesbrough .... One goal

With the climatic conditions reversed Tow Law again pressed, but from some loose play which ensued Mullen gave Middlesbrough the lead. Waites and Temperley put in some clever heading, but the home men failed in their efforts to make the score even, and a well-contested match resulted—

Middlesbrough .... Two goals
Tow Law .... One goal

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LINTZFORD v LINTZ ROVERS.

Played on the Lintzford ground in showery weather, before a large number of spectators. Sinclair started the ball, and after a few exchanges Hughes got possession and racing down the field passed to Humble, who shot the first goal in a clever manner. Some good work was now shown by J. Andrews, who worked right up, but was dispossessed by Gannon, who gave to McGurk, the latter taking the ball to the other end, only to be robbed by Abbott. A lot of midfield play took place, when Newbiggin got hold, and with a good kick scored nearly from the centre flag. "Hands" were given against the Rovers soon after, when the ball was placed into goal, and Watson, instead of letting the ball go, touched it and put it through. The whistle sounded soon after for half-time, the score being—

Rovers .... Two goals
Lintzford .... One goal

On re-starting, Lintz were soon on the aggressive, and both Hughes and McGurk had hard lines in not scoring. Lintzford had now a look in, but Andrews shot wide. From the goal-kick Sinclair and McGurk got up, the latter scoring No. 3 with a beauty. Lintzford were now playing for all they were worth, and Andrews getting down again shot, but Nevin fisted out, giving the "Ford" a penalty. Andrews took the kick, sending in a fast shot which Watson met with his knee, sending right up the field. McGurk raced away, and centreing to Sinclair, the latter gave to Humble, who slipped it past the goal-keeper. The whistle sounded soon after, the score standing—

Lintz Rovers .... Four goals
Lintzford .... One goal

Lintzford—Goal, L Taylor; backs, J W Andrews and R Abbott (capt.); half-backs, W Richardson, Ferry, and Gibson; forwards, Swinburn, J E Taylor, Jas Laing, T Seath, and Jas Andrews.

Lintz Rovers—Goal, M Watson; backs, R Nevin and J Gannon; half-backs, J Johnson, T Watson, and J Newbiggen; forwards, T Heslin, J McGurk, J Sinclair, A Hughes, and W Humble.

Referee, Mr G Grey, Marley Hill.

SPEN ALBION v MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

These teams met on the Spen ground before a good attendance. The home team had slightly the best of matters, and at the call of time were returned winners by the following score—

Spen .... Three goals
Marley Hill .... Two goals

Spen team—Goal, F Cox; backs, Carr and Short (capt.); half-backs, Bradley, Bainbridge, and Robson; forwards, Urwin, Batey, E Little, Myers, and T Little. Linesman, G Short.

Referee, Mr W Smith, Lintzford.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK v NEWCASTLE GODFREY.

This return fixture in the above League was played off at Leadgate in wretched weather. Godfrey kicked-off against the wind, and were at once driven back, Lock having a shot at goal in the first minute. Godfrey got away and gained a corner, which came to nothing. Play was taken to the other end, but the defence was good and resisted numerous attacks. After fifteen minutes' play Graham scored for the Park, the same player scoring the second soon after. Play was entirely in favour of the homesters, but their shooting at goal was weak. Burnhope spoiled a grand chance with off-side. The Park gained several corners, but none were improved upon. Bell got a chance, and scored the third point, which was followed soon after by the fourth from the same player. Burnhope headed the fifth point. The homesters had matters all their own way, and further goals were scored by J. Wilson, Burnhope, Graham, and Lock. The final score was—

Park .... Nine goals
Godfrey .... Nil

Park team:—Goal, J Crowther; backs, W. J. Foreman (capt.) and H. O. Foreman; half-backs, J. T. Willey, R. Wilson, and T. Snowdon; forwards, J. Wilson, G. Lock, J. A. Burnhope, W. Bell, and R. Graham.

Referee, Mr J. Greener, Heaton Rovers.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. WILLINGTON ATHLETIC.

This return fixture took place at Dipton, and the interest in the encounter was so considerable from the fact that the Wanderers intended to wipe out the severe defeat administered by the Athletic three weeks ago, that more than six hundred persons braved the unpropitious elements. The ground was very soft and "clarty." Willington started down the slope, but Dipton soon commenced to press. For the first half-hour nothing was scored, the contest being tolerably even. Ryder and Crooks came into violent collision with each other, and the latter was so much hurt about the head that he had to leave the field for a while. Both sides were, with an ace of scoring, and ultimately the home club got away, and Wood obtained the first point from a bully in the goal mouth. McGee followed his example and scored No. 2. The visitors several times came away with some nice passing and combination, but the Dipton defence was splendid, Freck, Rowell, and Milburn being especially prominent. Nothing further was gained up to the interval, when the score read—

Dipton .... Two goals
Willington .... Nil

Crossing over, the Athletic had much the best of the game, pressing almost intermittently during the first half-hour, but the home defence was very sound, and try as they might they were only able to notch one point, which was secured by Simpson from a pass from the right wing. Towards the finish Dipton made a grand spurt, and Crooks getting hold in his own half, made a splendid single-handed run down the field, and put on the third point. Final—

Dipton .... Three goals
Willington .... One goal

Dipton Wanderers—Goal, R Freck; backs, E Beckwith and T Rowell; half-backs, R Coates, E Buck, and J Milburn; forwards, T Crooks, Smith, S Wood, J McGee, and T Walker.

Willington—Goal, J Ryder; backs, L Crichton and A Bell; half-backs, J Bell, J Rice, and J Cummings; forwards, Simpson, Jones, McLucas, Bartlett, and McFarlane.

Referee, Mr T Hoban, Byker.

RUGBY.

BLAYDON v BRAMPTON.

These teams met on the Blaydon ground at Stella, before a comparatively small gathering of spectators. The weather was very unfavourable, rain falling incessantly during the afternoon, and the display was consequently only moderate. It was well nigh five o'clock when the game commenced, owing to the late arrival of the Brampton team. Play was even for some time, but towards the close of the first half Blaydon pressed severely, although no points were registered. In the next moiety T. Smirk scored after a neat dribble by he and Holmes, and the place kick being unsuccessful the result was—

Blaydon .... One try (3 points)
Brampton .... Nil

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF SIDE."]

SWEET REVENGE.

Following up their capital display of the previous week against Gateshead N.E.R., Dipton on Saturday improved their Alliance record by a couple of points at the expense of Willington Athletic. The victory would be particularly acceptable to the Wanderers and their supporters, as it will be remembered that a few weeks since Willington defeated a weak Dipton team by a dozen goals. Although so heavily worsted on that occasion, Dipton have never doubted their ability to reverse that verdict, and the sequel has fully borne out their confidence. The victory is more creditable when we consider that the Wanderers' front rank had to be re-arranged, owing to Temple and Ellis (victims to influenza) being unable to take their usual places. Jas McGee (the clever Exiles' forward) filled one of the vacancies, while the veteran Smith completed the eleven. As might only have been expected, the ground was in a very sodden and heavy condition, and at times the players experienced the utmost difficulty in maintaining their equilibrium. Nevertheless the game was a most interesting one, and well worth watching.

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The winners all round again gave a most encouraging exhibition, and look like finishing up with a pretty decent position and record in the Alliance. Freck was in his best mood, and many of his saves were well-nigh miraculous, especially on two occasions when lying full length on the ground. Rowell did some grand work, particularly with his head, which managed to get in the way of several dangerous shots. Beckwith continues to improve, and made a worthy partner for Rowell. The halves played their customary brilliant game, and if any one of them deserves an extra word of praise it is Milburn, who was ever to the fore, and possibly put in more work than any other man on the field. Considering the way the forwards were disorganised they played a very good game, although, naturally, their combination was much upset. Walker and McGee did not get on very well together at first, but after the change of ends they did much better, and put in a lot of clever work. Wood showed all his old judgment and resource, and Crooks was also in capital trim, that goal of his in the second half being a beauty. The old Brandon man got the ball in his own half, and racing past the backs, beat them for speed, and wound up by scoring the third goal for Dipton, and at the same time practically making the game safe for his sids. It was a brilliant effort, and well deserved the cheers with which it was greeted. Smith, like most of us who are getting up in years, is troubled with the "slows," but stuck in pluckily till the finish.

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Although beaten, it must be confessed that the Willington men played a really excellent game, but they were unfortunate in finding the Dipton defence on its best behaviour. Ryder kept goal splendidly, and no blame attaches to him for his club's defeat. Bell was much superior to his partner (Crichton) at back, and gave a grand display. Rice was the pick of three fair halves, while of a good quintette of forwards commend me to Simpson, McLucas, and Bartlett. However, I rather thought the visitors made a mistake in giving so much work to Simpson—who is, without doubt, a very clever forward—and that they might have fed the right wing more with advantage.

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Lintz Rovers and Lintzford played their return game under the auspices of the Derwent Valley League, last Saturday, at Lintzford, when, curiously enough, the visitors won by exactly the same margin as they had done in the previous game at the Lintz. Thanks to Mr Grey, the game was pleasantly fought out, although there was a few unnecessarily rough cearges. McGurk (of the Rovers) was about the best man on the field. Sinclair played his usual plodding game, feeding his wings with rare judgment. Hughes and Heslin worked untiringly, and had the proverbial "hard lines" on several occasions. Humble's two goals were beauties, especially the first. The halves all did well, and Gannon was a veritable stone wall at back. Nevins kicked and tackled effectively, and his height enables him to head away many dangerous looking shots. Watson was not much troubled in goal, though the shot that took effect was a very soft affair. However, this was compensated for by the way he cleared the "penalty." By their victory the Lintz once more occupy the second position in the League table, although it is only by virtue of their superior goal average over Leadgate Park Reserve who have a couple of games in hand.

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The home team have two good men in Abbott and Andrews at back, whose fine turn of speed and sure kicking saved their side time after time. Richardson was the best of the halves, albeit Gibson ran him close. The forwards were decidedly off-colour, except J. Andrews, who played hard all through, and he certainly experienced cruel luck with two of his shots in the second half. T. Seath was conspicuous for some good work now and again, but was easily knocked off the ball. Taylor shaped very badly in his attempts at goal.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—Seeing in your esteemed paper that it is proposed to form a Junior League in this district, we, the White-le-Head Temperance, would be pleased to make one of the teams. Hoping that we may form a good league for the season 1895-96.—I remain, yours truly,

J. ATKINSON,
Sec. White-le-Head Temperance.

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DEAR SIR,—With regard to Mr Morgan's proposal of forming a Junior League for Stanley and District, I think it is a very good idea. During the season there have been many disappointments, and also many unruly players to deal with. The above league should prevent such treatment, and then there might be a better chance of bringing some good junior clubs to the front. But the different clubs will have to join the Association before anything can be done in the matter. Hoping a meeting will be called as soon as possible, and two representatives of each club present.—I am, yours faithfully,

J. RIDLEY,
Hon. Sec. Tanfield Lea Cæsars.

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DEAR SIR,—In connection with the above League special meeting will be held at Mr Thompson's Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, on Saturday first at 7 p.m., when all teams wishing to join are requested to send two representatives to the above meeting.—Yours truly,

J. MORGAN,
West Stanley.

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THE VAGARIES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—Just a few lines to correct some of "One who attended the Meeting's" remarks which appeared in your last issue. I will be as brief as possible. (1) The transfer of Weedy and Gibbon, of Burnopfield Temperance. Where your correspondent gets his information from I can't say, but he talk "tall" when he says that the Temperance intended the game at Lintzford to be their last. It certainly was the last, but it appears he knew beforehand what no other person knew. Have we prophets in the land? He plays very strongly on that game, and blames the Temperance players for stopping the game. Unfortunately, one of the Temperance players was ordered off the field. He would not go. The referee refuses to allow the game to proceed. Who stops the game? Regarding the Durham Association, is he aware that a representative from the Temperance was before the Durham Committee? He cannot have attended that meeting, or he would have heard the said committee, through their chairman (Mr Grundy) say that the explanation of the Burnopfield Temperance was highly satisfactory. Very harsh treatment that! Of course, the offending player was punished, and justly. Also, is that same committee meeting attender aware that Gibbon was not a player in the game between Lintzford v. Temperance, and had not played for that team for some weeks. In fact, Gibbon was away from home. The result is, both he and Weedy have had their names "spouted" over the country for nothing. There has never been the least complaint of any description against either player. They both got their transfer from their own club before it became defunct, and ceased to be members before the withdrawal from the league, therefore they had no right to be scandalized as has been done. Had any other club in the competition applied for their transfer, it would have been granted without a murmur. In future, I would advise the meeting attender to be more truthful in his statements. Hoping you will excuse my intrusion, and thanking you in anticipation,—I am,

ONE WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.

March 31st, 1895.

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SIR,—My last letter to you on the above subject appears, as it was intended to, to have gone home to at least "one who was at the last meeting," inasmuch as it has prompted him in your last to attempt what, I consider, a somewhat lame justification of the anomalies attributed to him and his co-committeemen in my last, and maintained in my present letter to you. Now, sir, I would not again have presumed upon your space, but for to thank this important "person who was at the meeting," for having at last enlightened me as to the true cause of objection to the transfer of Weedy and Gibbon. It appears that they took part in a match at Lintzford, and during the course of it, in some manner misbehaved themselves; at least he tells us they left the field, hence the objection to their transfer. Now, sir, from inquiries instituted, I ascertain that Gibbon didn't really take part in the match in question, and that the chief delinquent was not Weedy, but a player who has since been punished by the Durham Association, and for your correspondent to suggest this as a justification of their refusal to give us their transfer, is, in my opinion, and, I think your readers will agree with me, about as frivolous as it could be.

Now to deal with the case versus Byer Moor. He avers that our representatives never objected to the case being reconsidered. Well, I have an impression that they would never for a moment expect the committee to commit such an indiscretion, and create a precedent by not accepting the referee's report as final; and, besides, the case was dismissed at the last meeting, and the English law is that once a person has been considered innocent, no amount of fresh evidence can re-convict him; hence, I have no doubt, their faith in the case being again dismissed. Now, sir, I could make an addition to the anomalies, etc., already enumerated, but "cui bono" as I think that, despite your correspondent's last, I have made it plain to your readers that we have been partially dealt with; and I trust that when next he favours a meeting with his presence, he will endeavour to introduce a more impartial spirit into this would-be autocratic body. Again thanking you, I am, &c.,

HOBSONIAN.

Hobson, April 2nd, 1895.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above League was held at the Queen's Head, Leadgate, on March 27th. Referees were appointed for the following games:—

April 6th—Consett Town Swifts v Oakey's Lilywhites—J. Costello.
Dipton Reserve v Iveston Villa—J. Rose.
Kyo United v Exiles Reserve—W. Starford.
Tantobie United v Allendale Park—W. Bowes.
April 8th—Tantobie United v Dipton Reserve—W. Brydon.
April 10th—Dipton Reserve v Allendale Park—W. Hodgson.
Exiles Reserve v Oakey's Lilywhites—H. Cruddas or J. Osman.
Consett Swifts v Iveston Villa—W. Thompson.
Tantobie United v Kyo United—W. Starford.
April 12th—Kyo United v Dipton Reserve — W. Thompson.
Oakey's Lilywhites v Lizzie Celtic—J. Osman.
Allendale Park v Iveston Villa—J. Borrow.
Consett Swifts v Tantobie United—W. Bowes.
April 13th—Exiles Reserve v Lizzie Celtic—N. McKie.
Iveston Villa v Oakey's Lilywhites—W. Starford.
Tantobie United v Consett Swifts—J. Bell.
Allendale Park v Kyo United—J. Borrow.
April 15th—Tantobie United v Lizzie Celtic—W. Brydon.
Dipton Reserve v Kyo United—J. Haggon.
Allendale Park v Oakey's Lilywhites—J. Costello.
Iveston Villa v Tantobie United—J. Osman.

The games to be played on the ground of the first-named club.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The following table shows the position of the clubs forming the above league up to date:—

Club	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Marley Hill St Cuthberts	13	10	2	1	48	20	21
Lintz Rovers	12	7	5	0	36	16	14
Leadgate Park R	10	7	3	0	26	20	14
Lintzford	11	6	5	0	23	29	12
Spen Albion	12	6	6	0	22	28	12
Hobson Wanderers R	9	4	4	1	22	20	9
Axwell Rovers R	10	2	8	0	10	25	4
Byer Moor	9	0	9	0	13	41	0

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TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

Appended is the table of results to date in this competition:—

Club	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Mickley	17	11	2	4	57	18	24
Hobson Wanderers	14	10	1	3	42	19	21
Leadgate Park	11	8	1	2	38	10	17
Axwell Rovers	14	8	0	6	41	30	16
Hexham Excelsior	13	6	2	5	25	27	14
Wallsend Celtic	17	4	4	9	23	36	12
Jarrow Presbyterians	12	5	2	5	21	36	12
Heaton Rovers	16	4	3	9	24	46	11
Godfrey	16	3	3	10	21	53	9
Gateshead	13	3	0	10	12	34	6

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

The following are the results of the clubs forming the above league:—

Club	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Oakey's Lilywhites	8	7	1	0	32	10	14
Lizzie Celtic	7	6	1	0	22	12	12
Dipton Wanderers R	6	4	2	0	18	22	8
Consett Town Swifts	5	1	2	2	15	14	4
Tantobie United	5	1	3	1	10	13	3
Kyo United	7	1	5	1	14	26	3
Exiles Reserve	4	0	2	2	9	12	2
Iveston Villa	4	1	3	0	8	12	2
Allendale Park	4	1	3	0	5	12	2

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

The following are the results of the Northern Alliance Competition up to Saturday:—

Club	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Blyth	18	15	1	2	67	28	31
Shankhouse	19	12	1	6	46	26	25
Willington Athletic	18	11	2	5	58	24	24
Jarrow	18	10	3	5	40	33	23
Sunderland A.	13	8	2	3	33	18	18
Trafalgar	18	8	0	10	41	39	16
Gateshead N.E.R.	15	6	2	7	38	27	14
*Hebburn Argyle	15	6	3	6	25	31	13
Dipton Wanderers	17	6	1	10	35	64	13
*Rendel	18	5	3	10	26	34	11
*Newcastle United A	20	4	4	12	30	54	8
Southwick	17	1	0	16	15	74	2

*Rendel two points deducted; Hebburn Argyle two points deducted; Newcastle United A four points deducted for playing ineligible players.

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THE LEADERS GO DOWN: AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

Up till Saturday last Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's had only lost one game in the Derwent Valley League tournament, but on that day Spen Albion lowered the "Saints" colours after a hard game. I regret to have to record a sad accident which occurred during the game, and which, no doubt, considerably handicapped Marley Hill. Just before the whistle sounded for the interval, one of the visiting team (Gilbert) came into collision with Little (the Spen centre forward), with the result that the former got his leg broken. The unfortunate man was taken to Whickham to have the limb set, and afterwards conveyed to his home at Marley Hill. Much sympathy was expressed for Gilbert, who is a married man, and whose wife, I understand, is lying ill at the present time. The Spen players and supporters showed their sympathy in a practical manner after the game by subscribing the sum of £1 2s 6d for the injured player. It is to be hoped that it will not be long before Gilbert is able to get about again.

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MEMS.

It would serve no good purpose to go into details concerning the Tyneside League fixture at Leadgate, last Saturday, between the Park and Godfrey. The Newcastle men were never in it, and the home team scored pretty well when they pleased, finally winning in hollow style by nine goals to nil.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the Stanley and District Cricket Club have arranged a novelty match for Good Friday—under the title of Ladies v. Gentlemen—to take place on their ground. An additional attraction will be the presence of the Stanley Military Band, and as there promises to be plenty of fun the game should be well patronised.

After a severe struggle, Middlesbrough just managed to defeat Tow Law on Saturday under the auspices of the Northern League. The losers were only weakly represented, or the result might have been the other way about.

I would particularly impress upon correspondents to let me have their reports next week as soon as possible, as, owing to next Friday being Good Friday, we go to press on the Thursday.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Hedley Hill Harriers have all dates vacant; average age, 19. April 12, 13, and 15 at home; half gates and teas.—Apply, J. H. Heslop, 14, Hedley Hill, Cornsay, Durham.

Ouston Rovers would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 15 to 17. All dates vacant.—Address, William Thompson, Ouston Square, near Birtley.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[BY "OBSERVER."]

Miss Allen, of Gateshead, has been holding a special mission at Burnopfield, in the Wesleyan Mission Room. She is a capital singer, which proves a valuable part in making her services a success. Many will remember her visit with pleasure, and the society will have been much encouraged and strengthened by her earnest and faithful exhortations.

A series of meetings have been held at the Tanfield Lea Wesleyan Chapel, which have been ably conducted by Mr Smith, of London. Good audiences have been present at some of the services, and we hope much good will result from the special effort.

Mr J. F. Ray, of Arnside, professor of phrenology and physiognomy, has, during this last week, given some very interesting and instructive lectures in the West Stanley Co-operative Hall. These subjects will in time command respect and serious attention. For in a knowledge of them lies, to a great extent, the successes of life's mixed journey. There are many who sneer at these sciences, and declare them to be a fraud on the public. But the persons who speak thus show clearly that they have not investigated the matter, and are no authority whatever.

The Gospel Temperance meeting was held as usual in the Stanley Co-operative Hall, on Sunday night. Mr Tomlinson, of Newcastle, was the speaker. Solos were sung by friends of the cause. Professor Ray presided, and made some sensible remarks. A good audience was present.

On Saturday afternoon, a singular accident occurred at the Beamish air pit. The work had ceased for the day, and the workmen and youths were on their homeward journey. Several had ascended to the surface, and the process of raising others was going on in the usual way, when, through some misunderstanding in connection with the signals, a youth named William Fletcher, 16 years of age, who was attempting to get into the cage at the Shield Row Seam, was precipated to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of about fifty fathoms. The result was instantaneous death. The affair cast a gloom over the neighbourhood where the bereaved family resides. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, at St. Andrew's Church, Beamish. The pits where the accident occurred worked two hours earlier in order to allow the workmen and comrades of the youth to attend the funeral.

The funeral of William Fletcher was attended by a very large number of people including many young men and boys. The East Stanley Brass band played the "Dead March in Saul." Before starting, the hymn known as "Morning Flowers" was sung to the tune of "Saul." The workmen carried their banner, which was draped in mourning. The firm of Messrs James Joicey and Co was represented by Messrs W. Severs, J. T. Bolam, T. Grundy, M. Pearson, G. Lee, E. Hughes, and other officials. Regret and sympathy were manifest everywhere for the bereaved family who have been called to pass through so severe a trial and affliction.

The officials of these collieries are anxious for the welfare of all, and great precautions are exercised for the safe working of all in and about the mines. Safety catches are connected to all the cages where they can be affixed, so that in case of an over-wind, or a breakage in ropes, the chances are favourable for the safety of the workmen. Inspections are made daily of the machinery, shafts, ropes, signals, etc. It's plain to any observer that due regard is taken in all these important matters.

Winding enginemen hold an unenviable position. The slightest mistake on their part means destruction of life and property. It means that this class of men should be infallible and perfect, and we know that to err is human, consequently accidents will continue to occur. Great credit is due to this class, for so small a number of mishaps which do occur all round.

The other side of the question brings to our view the large number of workmen who have to descend into our mines. Their lives are precious and valuable, families are depending upon them, and the greatest possible care should be taken to ensure safety. This clearly shows that enginemen must of necessity be considered to be extremely careful in their duty, which demands it, also all others who are connected with signals and responsible positions. I believe accidents will, and do occur, in the best of men's hands, and that these men would rather have suffered death than be the cause of injury to others. There is nothing for it than to do our level best, one towards another, knowing that we are depending on each other for our life's blood. Let goodwill and unity of purpose be the order of the day, and let each bear and forbear. Then the struggle will be easier for us all.

All Fools Day has come and gone. Considerable merriment was caused in some quarters by the false errands which many had to encounter, and then have the laugh turned upon them.

The members of the West Stanley Co-operative Society have to consider at their next meeting the advisability of laying down an electric plant for the society's premises. I hope members will consider this matter carefully before giving their vote in its favour. I defy anyone to give substantial proof that this new system will prove the best plan. The greatest tests on the highest authority cannot get satisfactory results. There may be some instances where it has proved profitable, but other items must be connected with the whole before an accurate explanation is justified. If an engine is on any premises where the plant can be attached without extra cost of fuel, or generating motive power, or labour, then it will come in a favourable position which may prove profitable; but if a small plant is laid down which must of necessity require a practical person to attend it, then the person's wage will cut off the profit. It may be argued that no special agent will be required to attend it. If so, then it increases the liability of an inexperienced person receiving fatal injury, and what is worse than a shop full of people suddenly put in total darkness. It might suit thieves who could manage to effect their evil purpose; and without a practical man in charge this would often occur. A better plan, I think, would be to endeavour to secure a plot of ground and put down a small gas works, which could be worked without danger, and with profit, and, if more gas was generated than the premises needed, a ready sale could be effected in close proximity to the works.

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADES' COUNCIL.

REPORTERS EXCLUDED.

The monthly meeting of the Consett and District Trades and Labour Council was held on Saturday night, in the Co-operative Buildings, Consett. In the absence of the president (Mr Geo. Lowes), Mr W. McIvor was voted to the chair. There were ten delegates present.

A resolution was moved to the effect that the Council strongly disapproved of the action of Messrs John Wildsmith (secretary) and John Summerbell (ex-president) during the late County Council election for Consett as they supported the candidature of Mr George Ainsworth, J.P., general manager of the Consett Iron and Steelworks. They considered their action on this occasion tended to enslave rather than emancipate the worker.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that Messrs Summerbell and Wildsmith used their own judgment, and were justified in the action they took.

A Delegate argued that their own two representatives had acted contrary to a resolution passed at a previous meeting. If they did not pass the motion it showed they approved of the action of these two men. Consett was an industrial centre, and they ought to have secured a labour candidate so as to fight the division. As an employee he was opposed to employers representing him on any public body. It was from a matter of principle that he attacked this question. He considered it was the height of inconsistency for men to join trades unions, and to fight the employers, and then when they ever got a chance to turn round and run them for the several public offices.

Several other delegates spoke on the motion, which was accordingly seconded, and carried by five votes to two.

When the motion was passed Mr Wildsmith tendered his resignation as secretary, on the ground that it was a vote of censure. The resignation was accepted, and Mr Stifacker was elected to the office.

A circular was read from the Belfast Trades Council respecting the importation of foreign printing and the Merchandise Marks Act.

It was resolved that the Council should forward a resolution to the Belfast Trades Council, pointing out that they approved of the action they had taken in the matter, and that a copy of the resolution passed by the Belfast Trades Council would be forwarded to the hon. member (Mr Atherley-Jones) for the division.

The reports relative to the state of trade were as under:—Mechanics, bad; steel angle mills, poor; plate mills, moderate; iron mills, fair; platelayers and labourers, good; insurance, poor.

The question of the workmen's trip was discussed, and it was agreed that the secretary should ascertain the opinion of the various trade associations as to whether they wanted an excursion this summer or not.

Pursuant to notice, Mr HOLLIDAY moved that in future the reporters be excluded from the deliberations of the Council, and that the secretary should furnish to the press a summary of the proceedings of the Council meetings, without mentioning the names of the proposers or seconders of the resolutions, or those who took part in the discussions.

Mr LOUIS MATTHEWS seconded the proposition.

In the course of subsequent discussion it was elicited that the reason for this course was that at some places delegates had been "spotted" by their employers and had lost their situations through expressing their opinions.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that a compromise might be affected by allowing two press representatives to attend their meetings on their undertaking not to mention the names of the delegates who participated in the discussions.

Ultimately the proposition was adopted by six votes to four.

The reporters then left the meeting.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
Dipton Wanderers v Sunderland A, at Sunderland.
TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
Leadgate Park v Gateshead, at Leadgate.
DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
Hobson Wanderers Reserve v Leadgate Park Reserve, at the Hobson.
NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.
Consett Swifts v Oakey's Lilywhites, at Consett.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Iveston Villa, at Dipton.
Kyo United v Leadgate Exiles Reserve, at Kyo.
Tantobie United v Allendale Park, at Tantobie.
ORDINARY.
Hobson Wanderers v Leadgate Exiles, at the Hobson.
Consett v Crook Town, at Consett.
Blackhill Rovers v Blaydon, at Blaydon.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK v GATESHEAD.

The above teams meet at Leadgate to-morrow (Saturday), when the following will do duty for the Park:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, W. J. Foreman (capt.) and F. M. Foreman; half-backs, T Snowdon, R Wilson, and J T Willey; forwards, J Wilson and G Lock, left wing; J A Burnhope, centre; W Bell and R Graham, right wing. Referee, Mr T Amos, Hobson.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v SUNDERLAND A.

This match will be played at Sunderland. The Wanderers will leave Annfield Plain by the 12-25 train. The following team will represent Dipton:—Goal, R. Freck; backs, E. Beckwith and Thos. Rowell; half-backs, R. Coates, E. Buck, and J. Milburn; forwards, T. Crooks and W. Ellis, right wing; M. Temple, centre; S. Wood and T. Walker, left wing.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE v LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

To be played on the Hobson ground. Hobson team chosen from:—Wilkinson, McCue, Hindhaugh, W Hall, Croudace, Davison, Atkinson, R Hindhaugh, Layton, E Davison, Bell, and H Layton. Kick-off at 2.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

At Consett. The following team will represent the Swifts:—Goal, G. Eustace; backs, J. McKie and J. Finnigan; half-backs, T. Winter, B. McKie and J. Allison (capt.); forwards, J. Little and J. Rafferty, right wing; F. Bradley, centre; A. Daly and R. Russell, left wing. Reserves, J. Walton, R. Bradley, and P. Rafferty. Linesman, J. Turley. Referee, Mr J. Costello, Leadgate. Kick-off at 4.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE v IVESTON VILLA.

These teams will meet on the Dipton ground to play off their League fixture. The following team will represent Dipton:—Goal, J. Spinks; backs, R. Brewis and R. Spinks; half-backs, T. Turpin, M. Cain, and T. Anderson; forwards, M. Brown, T. Teasdale, Wm. Smith, J. Spinks, and J. Brown. Referee, Mr J. Rose, Stanley. Kick-off at 3-15.

HOBSON WANDERERS v LEADGATE EXILES.

This return game will be played at the Hobson. The home team will be selected from:—Goal, J. Brown; backs, J. Liddle and W. Henderson; half-backs, M. Smith, E. Henderson, and J. McNeil; forwards, J. Bell, W. Evans, J. Gilden, E. Muirhead, J. M. Maddison (capt.), and J. Lowen. Reserve, J. Weedy. Kick-off at 4.

CONSETT v CROOK TOWN.

The above teams meet on the Consett ground to-morrow (Saturday). The following team will represent Consett:—Goal, T. Lindsay; backs, C Pescod and J Bowen; half-backs, R Wake, J Carruthers, and J Simpson; forwards, J Adams and R Harkness, left wing; M Eustace, centre; J Blackwell and T Simpson, right wing. Reserves, A Frosdick, Sisterson, and Winter.

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1. Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
3. Report and Balance Sheet.
4. Election of Two Committee Men.
5. Notice of Motion—re Attendance of members at Committee Meetings.
6. Subscription to Consett Relief Fund.
7. Subscription to the Diglake Colliery Disaster Fund.
8. Revised Rent Scale for Co-operative Hall.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
The Members' Share Books will be Balanced and Given out on and after the 8th of April, 1895.
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AMATEUR CONTEST:
(For Bands who have not won a Cash Prize of over £15 before Entries close).
First Prize, £15; Second Prize, £8; Third Prize, £5; Fourth Prize, £2.
One Guinea will be given by Mr. R. T. WITTY, Hairdresser, Stanley, for the Best Performance on Solo Cornet in Selection.
Judge, Mr. R. STEAD, Choirmaster, Huddersfield.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.
EASTERTIDE HOLIDAYS.

MESSRS WILSON BROS., Lessees of the above Grounds, have pleasure in announcing that they have arranged the following Programme for the above Holidays:—
MONDAY:
GRAND FOOTBALL MATCHES.
Semi-Final of Shotley Spa Challenge Cup Competition—
Shotley Bridge v Consett Swifts. Kick-off at Three o'clock.
Blackhill Rovers v Sleetburn. Kick-off at 4-30 o'clock.
TUESDAY:
Final of Shotley Spa Challenge Cup Competition—Winners of Monday's March v Allendale Park. Kick-off at Three o'clock.
Blackhill Rovers v Jarrow Borough. Kick-off at 4-30 o'clock.
THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S PRIZE BRASS BAND
Will be in attendance each day for discoursing Dance and Operatic Music.
Admission: Adults, 3d; Children, 1d.
No Pass-out Checks.
FIRST-CLASS REFRESHMENTS will be provided on the Grounds. 924q

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH CHOIR.
A GRAND PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL'S
"MESSIAH"
Will be given in the New WESLEYAN CHURCH, Consett, on Good Friday Evening, April 12th, 1895, by the above Choir, augmented by the kind assistance of a number of friends in the district.
A CHOIR OF 100 VOICES. ORCHESTRAL ACCOMPANIMENT.
ARTISTES:
Miss LIZZIE CALVERT, Middlesbro' (soprano.)
Miss MIMI BEERS, Newcastle-on-Tyne (contralto.)
Mr JOS. SIDDLE, Consett (tenor.)
Mr CH. DAVISON, Consett (tenor.)
Mr JNO. NUTTON, Durham (bass.)
Conductor - - Mr WM. LOWRIE.
Organist - - Mr C. STELLING.
Admission:—Reserved (numbered) Seats, 2s; Second Seats, 1s; Third Seats, 6d.
PROCEEDS in aid of NEW SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND.
Doors open at 6-30; Concert to commence at 7-15 p.m. Only ticket-holders admitted up to 7.
Carriages may be ordered for 10 o'clock. 976q

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. T. D. Dryden.

MR. DRYDEN has been honoured with instructions from Mr Jacob Handy, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, FOUR COTTAGES, situate 21, 22, 23, and 24, John Street, Consett, on Monday, April 8th, 1895, at 7 30 p.m prompt, at the Railway Hotel, Consett. For full particulars see Bills. Any other information to be had from the Auctioneer.
Office: 65, Front Street, Consett.
Anyone having Property or Shares can have them put in this Sale. 881q

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
T. D. DRYDEN, AUCTIONEER, FRONTSTREET, CONSETT.
Sales, Commissions, Valuations, and Auctioneering in all its Branches, at Moderate Charges, and Quick Settlements. T. D. D. has been commissioned by Judge Meynell to Levy Distress Warrants under the Agricultural Holdings' Act. Authorised Emigration Agent for the Allan, American, Guion, and Other Lines.
OFFICES—67, FRONT STREET, CONSETT
(Next Door to North-Eastern Bank.)

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Green.
Lanchester Auction Mart.
MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 1895, at 1-30.
10 Milch Cows and Heifers. 10 Veal Calves.
5 Strong Two-year-old Bullock.
Fat Cattle and Sheep.
917q J. GREEN, Satley.

By Mr. N. Elsden.
Consett Sale Rooms, Monday, April 8th, 1895.
NATHAN ELSDON will SELL on the above date a large assortment of DRAPERY GOODS and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, Iron Bedsteads, Down Beds and Mattresses, Pair of Brass Scales. Every Lot offered will be sold. Don't miss this chance of getting a bargain.
Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.
N.B.—Remember everything will be sold. No Trickery allowed. 977q

By Mr. John Crawford.
Monday First, April 8th.—John Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by a Brewer and Others to SELL by AUCTION, at the above Rooms, Show Jars, Pewter Measures, Decanters, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Feather and Rabbit-down Beds, Mahogany Drawers, Tables, together with the contents of well-furnished House.
Sale to Commence at One o'clock. 966q

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

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.
MR ROBINSON'S SALE APPOINTMENTS.
FARM STOCK IMPLEMENTS, SURPLUS FURNITURE, STACK OF HAY, &c., at "The Lodge", Lanchester, 17th April.
FREEHOLD COTTAGE PROPERTY at Shotley Bridge, April 24th. 876q

The Lodge, Lanchester.—Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, Surplus Furniture, Stack of Prime Old Land Hay, Harmonium, Violincello, &c., &c., on Wednesday, 17th April, 1895.
MR. WM. ROBINSON, favoured with the confidence of Mr W. Dixon, who is removing, will offer for SALE BY AUCTION, the whole of his FARM STOCK, SURPLUS FURNITURE, &c., &c., comprising 1 Dun Cow, 4th calf, due March 31st; 1 Red Cow, 2nd calf (both expected to be calved before Sale); 1 Roan Geld Cow; Coup Cart, Dog Cart, Set Cart Harness, 2 Sets Gig ditto, Sheep Rack on wheels, by Ord and Maddison, Sheep Dipper and Drainer, Horse Hay Rake (by Backstone), Chain Harrow (single horse), Large Grindstone, Stack Ladders, &c., &c.; Stack of Prime Old Land Hay (about 7 Tons); Splendid Harmonium (in Rosewood), Violincello, Couch (hair-seated), Iron and Wood Bedsteads, Pictures, Chairs, Books, &c.
For full particulars see Posters.
Sale to Commence at One o'clock prompt; Cows, Implements, and Hay at 2-30. 933q

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

By Mr James Turnbull.
MR JAMES TURNBULL'S SPRING SALE FIXTURES FOR 1895.
Wednesday, April 10th.—Farm Stock, &c., New Houses, Lanchester.
Monday, April 15th.—Fat Stock, Auction Mart.
Wednesday, April 17th.—Ford Grass Parks Let Lanchester.
April.—Croxdale Hall Grass Parks Let.
Thursday, April 25th.—Annual Spring Sale of Grazing Stock.
Monday, April 29th.—Fat Stock, Auction Mart.
Wednesday, May 1st.—Farm Stock, &c., at Langley West House, Lanchester.
Thursday, May 2nd.—Farm Stock, &c, High Usworth and Whittleburn Farms.
Monday, May 6th.—Furniture at Langley West House, Lanchester.
Tuesday, May 7th.—Pasture Fields and House Property, Chester-le-Street.
Wednesday, May 8th.—Farm Stock at Dun Cow Inn, Fence Houses.
Thursday, May 9th.—Farm Stock at Close House and Chowdene Farms, Ravensworth.
Springfield, Chester-le-Street. 949q

New Houses Farm, 1 Mile from Lanchester Station on the Consett Branch.
MR. JAMES TURNBULL, F.A.I., having been honoured with the confidence of John Buckham, Esq., who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 10th, 1895, the whole of his Valuable FARMING STOCK, HORSES, FAT CATTLE, &c., as under:
9 DRAUGHT HORSES.
Bay Mare, 'Beauty,' rising 6 years old, 16 h.h.
Bay Horse, 'Briton,' rising 6 years, 17 h.h.
Brown Horse, 'Cappie,' aged, 17.1 h.h.
Bay Mare, 'Diamond,' aged, 16.2 h.h.
Light Brown Horse, 'Bob,' aged, 16.2 h.h.
Black Filly, rising 3 years, 15.3 h.h., by 'Derwent Lad,' dam a Half bred Mare.
G. Colt, rising 2 years, by 'Derwent Lad,' unbroken.
Br. Colt, rising 2 years, by 'Equal,' d 'Beauty', (lot 1).
Bk. Yearling Filly by 'Derwent Lad' d. a H.B. Mare.
CATTLE & SHEEP.
9 Prime Fat Bullocks, really nice quality.
2 do. Heifers, do.
1 do. S.H. Bull, only 2½ years old.
1 Cow, due to calve late in May; date at sale.
1 Incalving Heifer, date at sale.
3 S.H. Steers, rising 2 years.
3 S.H. Stirks, 15 months old.
30 Prime Fat Hoggs.
IMPLEMENTS.
2 Long and 2 Coup Carts; Liquid Manure Cart; Drill Roller; Wood Roller; Turnip Drill; Hay Bogie; 1 Wood's and 1 Hornsby's Grass Cutters; Grist Mill, by Barford and Perkins; Sheep Rack; 2 Horse Hay Rakes (1 by Nicholson); 4 Bull, Drag, and other Harrows; 3 Ploughs; Corn Bins; Ladders; Feeding Boxes; Hand Tools; Cart, Plough, and Trace Harness; 20 New Hurdles, 150 Sheep Stakes; a quantity of Posts and Railings, &c.
An Excellent WHITECHAPEL by Angus & Son in almost new condition.
Sale with Implements at 1-30. p.m.
The Horses are a good lot, working up to time of sale; good ages, and the younger animals very promising. The Cattle will be found choice quality, also the Sheep. 858q.

The Ford, near Lanchester.
Annual Grass Park Let of 170 Acres.
MR. JAMES TURNBULL, having again been honoured with instructions from the Trustees of the Late M. Kearney, Esq., WILL LET BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 17th, 1895, the whole of the Rich Pastures of the above Parks comprising—

		Acres.
Lot 1.	—Pond Field and Park ...	25½
2.	—Part of Park ...	8
3.	—West Park ...	27½
4.	—Low Walls ...	21
5.	—High do. ...	16½
6.	—Broomielaw ...	20
7.	—Wood Field ...	9
8.	—Greenwell ...	10
9.	—Stone Stackyard ...	16½
10.	—Lodge Bank ...	6
11.	—Burnips Haugh ...	10

The Parks are Let up to 23rd November; are well fenced; have a constant supply of water, and experienced Herd in attendance.
N.B.—A Portion of the Parks have been Top Dressed this Spring.
Conditions of Letting at Sale. Luncheon at Ford, at 1 p.m. Letting at 2 p.m.
Further particulars on application to the Auctioneer, Springfield, Chester-le-Street. 848q

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart,
Alteration of Date of Sale to Thursday, April 25th, 1895.
THE ANNUAL SPRING SALE of GRAZING CATTLE, YOUNG BULLS, GELD COWS, KEEPING SHEEP, &c., will be held on Thursday, April 25th, 1895. Early Entries are respectfully invited.
901q JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

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

Sales by Auction.

By Mr J. Vickers
Broadwood Grass Park.
ANNUAL LETTING, Wednesday, April 24th, 1895. J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr John S. Murray.
SALE APPOINTMENTS BY J. S. MURRAY.
Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside—Weekly Sale of Fat and Store Stock.. Monday, April 8th.
Billingside—Farm Stock and Implements ...Wednesday, April 17th.
Ruffside—Farm Stock and Implements ...Saturday, April 20th.
Wheat Sheaf, Shotley Bridge—Furniture ....May.
Blackhill—Furniture........................May.
Greencroft—Grass Parks Letting ....May.
Special Spring Sale of Store Cattle at the Royal Auction Mart............Saturday, May 4th.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 1895.
SPECIAL EASTER SALE;
20 to 30 Prime Fat Cattle.
15 to 20 Specially fed Veal Calves.
1 Extra Grand Fat Bull, 5 Bullocks, 35 Tup Hoggs, extra quality, and 4 Grand Fat Lambs, from the Derwent Flour Mill (a special lot).
60 to 100 Fat Sheep.
Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
1 Pure-bred Black Polled Galloway Bull (a keeper).
Spring Cart, Coup Cart, Small Pony Phaeton, Harness, Large New Corn Binn, 1 ton of well-won Old Land Hay.
8 Prize-bred Belgian Hares, 6 weeks old.
10 Bags of Onions. Poultry, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
959q J. S. MURRAY.

BILLINGSIDE FARM STOCK SALE. Wednesday, April 17th, 1895. In addition to Mr. S. Mann's Farm Stock and Implements, there is now booked 30 Young Cattle, 6 Cows, Sow in Pig, 9 Horses, including some very promising Young Horses, 13 Mule Hoggs, very fresh; a Turn-out, comprising Whitechapel, 4 year-old Cob, Harness, Riding Bridle, &c. Further entries taken.
J. S. MURRAY.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside. 960q

Ruffside, near Blanchland.
FARM STOCK SALE on Saturday, April 20th, 1895, the property of Mrs Urwin. 3 Horses, 17 Cattle, 17 Sheep, Farming Implements, Dairy Utensils, and part of Household Furniture; Bees, &c.
763q J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by His Honour Judge Meynell to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

Business Announcements.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday (The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday). 648q.

MOST MONEY LENT
On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Gems &c., &c., at
J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England.
Established 1780
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Private Entrance: First Six Doors in High Friar Lane.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
CHEAP WATCHES.
GENUINE ENGLISH LEVERS £1 10s 0d
SILVER GENEVAS ....
SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
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GLENDENNING'S BEEF & MALT WINE
THE MOST RELIABLE WINE FOR INVALIDS.
Composed of Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract and old Port Wine. It forms a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength.
Prices: 3s. 9d. Per Bottle; 2s. Per Half-Bottle.
Prepared only by W. Glendenning, Newcastle.
LOCAL AGENTS:—
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—J. LUMLEY, Railway Inn
BLACKHALL MILL.—T. ARMSTRONG, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
BLACKHILL.—R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel, W. W. AYNSLEY, Grocer.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, Burton House.
CONSETT.—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c; T. D. DRYDEN, Grocers, &c.; THOMAS MILNER Chemist; JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer and Wine Merchant; GEORGE PATTRICK, Chemist and Druggist, 5, Front Street.
DIPTON.—R. ARMSTRONG, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
ESH.—WM. OYSTON, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
LEADGATE.—WM. AYNSLEY Grocer, &c.; JOHN SNAITH, Queen Victoria Hotel.
MEDOMSLEY.—R. RUTHERFORD, Royal Oak Hotel.
SOUTH MOOR.—M. DIXON, Oak Inn.
STANLEY.—WM. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.; T. FORSTER, Wine and Spirit Merchant; J. ROBINSON, Family Chemist.
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—M. ELSDON, Wheat Sheaf Inn.
SPEN.—R. BROWELL, Miners Arms.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, Pack Horse Inn.
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CRAGHEAD.—S. LEIGHTON, Craghead Hotel. E. OXLEY, Punch Bowl Inn.
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Agents in every town and village.
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TO NEWSAGENTS AND OUR READERS.

FRIDAY NEXT being GOOD FRIDAY, the "GUARDIAN" will be PUBLISHED on THURSDAY, at the usual hour.

ADVERTISERS and CORRESPONDENTS will oblige by sending their favours as early as possible to secure insertion.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, April 5th, 1895.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incado."]

STEELWORKERS AND THEIR HOURS.

So the steelworkers in the Consett district are displeased with Mr Dale's award. They could hardly have been otherwise, seeing that they have got next to nothing in reply to their application for a change for the better, in point of shortening the shifts by half an hour, and granting a half-holiday on the Saturdays. I do not say that Mr Dale erred in point of judgment as matters at present stand. To have granted unconditionally the prayer of the petitioners would have been to have incurred a measure of responsibility from which the most experienced arbitrators might well shrink. Few pressmen have had an opportunity of acquiring a practical acquaintance with the points at issue, but it is an open secret that the present writer is in that respect an exception to the rule. It is a peculiar circumstance that there is not a rolling mill on the north east coast with the routine of which I am not intimately acquainted—the Tyne, the Tees, and the Wear, as well as from Rotherham and Sheffield to Glasgow, and its environments. I heard the music of the wheels and pinions and the deep-toned lullaby of the mills at Consett for ten years at a stretch, and then I went my way and turned my experience to account. After buffeting me for a short season, just to see how I could stand that sort of thing, the fates turned over a new leaf and have dealt kindly by me ever since. For a long term of years I could in a sense come and go when I thought fit, and it was during my peregrinations that I had ample time and opportunity to add to my stock of knowledge, and acquiring a thorough acquaintance of the routine of almost every steel and iron rolling mills in the country. It was no uncommon occurrence for me to pass the night in the rolling mills in order that the last pound of flesh should be handed over to me in the morning—even Consett itself—well guarded as it is—being subject to my nocturnal visitations, for one night, not many years ago, I tarried in the Tin Mill all the night and heard the passing hours rung out from the grey spire of St. Mary's R.C. Church. I invariably got on splendidly with the men in the mills, but the officials were only frank from the teeth out, and I doubt not that not a few of them thanked their stars when they learned that I would disturb their dreams no longer, having stepped from the industrial and commercial ranks of my own accord, and taken up my grey goose quill to finish the chapter. It will be at once understood that with such an experience by way of reference, the case of the men is no enigma to me. That their labour is arduous, and their hours much too long, no mere man can very well gainsay. A shift extending over twelve hours is altogether out of date, and depend upon it that such a state of things cannot for long continue to exist. What the men should do, however, is to act with circumspection. To us who understand the business, it is palpable enough that a reduction of hours of labour cannot do other than circumscribe the output. A whip will quicken the pace of a horse, and additional fuel will send a railway train faster along the line, but the same force is inapplicable to either steel or iron, from the circumstance that in recent years everything that skill can devise has been done in that direction. It follows then that the proposed change really means a reduction of the output, more or less, and in view of this phase of the situation the men will have to lean on their oars for a season. The masters should be advised in the interim that the toilers will unite to press their claim with the view of bringing themselves on something like a level with other workmen in the land. By adopting such a course there will be no misunderstanding between the parties immediately concerned, and as the principals can calculate even to a decimal fraction the exact loss that will be sustained by the diminished output under the proposed regime, their new contracts can be based on the change. This, I think, is a sensible way of looking at the question at the moment, and I have no doubt whatever but the men will be guided by good counsel in a matter which may possibly be far reaching in its influences and effects.

THE REV. FOSTER RAINE.

Subjoined is an extract from an editorial note in the "Lancaster Times" in reference to the Rev. Foster Raine, a native of Shotley Bridge, a gentleman who some twenty years ago took an active interest in social as well as religious concerns on the banks of the Derwent, and the breezy uplands which overlook the peaceful valley:—

"So the Rev. Foster Raine is going to leave us. That is not pleasant news—will not be pleasant to a great many people here who have learnt to esteem and like the genial pastor of Brock street Church. Mr. Raine is a human being as well as a parson—a parson without starch or buckram, who can laugh heartily, who does not believe in a saint—if there be any saints nowadays—pulling a face as long as a fiddle, but who is ever intent on doing good serious work for all that. He does not claim to be an eloquent preacher, but yet he can draw congregations to Brock street Church large enough to fill that building. In fact, he has made Brock-street jump since he came here four years or so ago. Before that, the Church had a lingering and sickly existence; since, vigorous vitality and growth have been the features of the Church's history. He found a debt on the Church building of £250; he will leave that debt extinguished. He goes to Sheffield next August, to take charge of a much larger church than this at Lancaster. His departure will be a loss to our local Liberal party; but they must send us an equally good Radical in his place to balance it. Success go with him."

I am confident that those of my readers to whom the rev. gentleman is known will rejoice to learn that his force of character and native worth have won him many friends in and around the vineyard in which his lot has for the past four years been cast. It may be taken for granted that he will give quite as good an account of himself when, in the harvest time, he pitches his tent among the seven hills upon which the huge town of Sheffield stands. Personally, it is the source of no little satisfaction to me that so worthy a specimen of the North of England should take up his abode in the town named, because during my sojourn in that quarter I learned that the good people seemed to be in blissful ignorance of the existence of the river Tweed, as they regarded as Scotsmen all those who hail from the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, and hence if my quondam friend is not exactly a Scot, I know right well that he is good enough, and clever enough to pass for one at Sheffield.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Consett Baptists will hold their usual anniversay, our readers will see by advertisement, on Sunday and Monday next.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, a meeting of cyclists and others is called for Wednesday first, at the New Town Hall, for the purpose of considering the advisability of securing a building for a gymnasium, &c.

On Wednesday evening, the scholars connected with the Blackhill Primitive Methodist Sunday School gave a repetition of the cantata "Queen of the Seasons," in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, to a fair audience.

Mr. Geo. Williams, manager for Messrs Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., Town Hall Buildings, Consett, has secured the post as organist for Castleside Parish Church.—The members of the church are to be congratulated on this appointment. Mr. Williams was the recipient of a silver-mounted baton, from the hands of Mr. Geo. T. Hydan, head teacher of the Consett British Schools for services rendered in the musical line line in connectio with this schools' entertainment, that was given in the New Town Hall, Consett, with so much succes a short time ago.

Consett Mission Band.—We understand the members of this band have engaged the services of Mr. J. Ord Hume, the premier British composer and arranger of military and Brass Band Music, of Gateshead, as their teacher. The remarkable inventive powers of this gentlemen are well-known throughout the Kingdom, as his music is performed by every military and brass band in existence. The Consett Mission Band should therefore fare well at his hands, and thus become noted for their abilities.

Madame Lloyd's Italian Operatic Choir.—Last (Thursday) evening this well-known and ... combination ... entertainments in the New Town Hall, Consett. There was a good audience present. The entertainment was in every way charming and meritorious. The young ladies, nine in number, were neatly and prettily dressed in rich Italian costumes, and they possessed voices which were delightful to listen to. Their singing, and dancing elicited, and deservedly so, the most marked expressions of enthusiastic appreciation throughout the evening. The first portion of the entertainment consisted of pretty songs, choruses, and instrumental pieces and dances. The lights were afterwards lowered and the audience, conducted by Mr. S. Lloyd upon a "limelight" tour through picturesque Wales, when a series of beautiful dioramic views were displayed. These were interspersed with vocal and instrumental performances and very pretty sketches.—All lovers of this kind of entertainment should pay this choir a visit.

BLACKHILL.

Baptist Schoolroom.—On Monday evening, an interesting and instructive lecture was delivered in the above place by Mr Fred Walker, F.I.C., on "Chemistry in every day Life." The lecturer gave a graphic description of the elements of chemistry which affect us more in every day life, and there showed how heat acted on the various elements, especially on air and water. The lecturer described pure air and water, and then showed how they became contaminated. Then in lucid language described the best methods of getting rid of such impurities. The relative influences of heat and cold were admirably demonstrated. All the great principles which the lecturer enumerated were illustrated by experiments, in which Mr Walker was assisted by Mr John Sanderson, and all the experiments were successful. Mr Walker concluded an able lecture with the following words:—"In conclusion, I have only to point out that modern science has done much to clear away the mystery that surrounds the operations of nature, and that encompasses our daily path. But the more we know, the more we feel the smallness of our knowledge, and however clearly we may trace the laws by which the world is governed, true wisdom consists in acknowledging that these laws are but secondary causes in the hands of Him who ruleth by His power for ever. The chairman was Mr C. J. R. Annandale, of the Briary, and he presided in a very efficient manner. The audience was large and select, and showed great appreciation of chairman and lecturer. Votes of thanks to both and to Mr Sanderson were enthusiastically passed at the instance of Councillors J. Heymer, C. Parnaby, and Rev E. W. Jenkins. Mr Walker was requested to give a course of lectures on the same subject, which he has consented to do when arrangements are made, and he has consented to deliver the same lecture at Shotley Field on Wednesday evening next.

Social.—On Friday evening, a social was held in the Benfieldside Edge Road School, the promoters of which were the teachers connected with the above named schools. About 60 guests were present. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with much spirit until two on Saturday morning. Some excellent songs were contributed at intervals by several ladies and gentlemen, while the Misses Harker, Blackhill, rendered two violin and piano duets in splendid style. Refreshments of first-class quality were supplied by Mr A. McKean. The music, which included all the latest and most popular selections, was contributed by Mr John R. Wood, Consett, and gave the utmost satisfaction. The gathering was a most enjoyable and successful one.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—In connection with the Band of Hope a very interesting entertainment was given in the above place, Shotley Bridge, on Tuesday evening, by the members of the Blackhill Presbyterian Church choir. Mr A. Seed occupied the chair, and his racy remarks were much appreciated by the audience. Solos were rendered by Miss Mathieson and Mr J. E. Thompson. Recitations were given by Miss Young, Miss M. Clark, Miss L. Lovett, and Master B. Allen, and an action song contributed by Miss Sarah Gibb. The choir, under the leadership of Mr Richardson, is entitled to special praise, while the duties of accompanist were ably performed by Mr J. E. Thompson. Votes of thanks terminated an enjoyable evening.

Sale of Farm Stock at Elm Park.—The farm of Elm Park, near Shotley Bridge, having changed owners, the stock, implements, dairy utensils, &c., belonging to the present tenant, Mr Joseph Whitehead, of Consett, were on Wednesday sold by Messrs J. S. Murray and N. Elsdon, auctioneers. The sale commenced punctually at one o'clock. The weather was exceptionally fine, and a large company was present, but before the implements—for which there was keen competition at exceedingly good prices—were disposed of it came a downpour of rain and sleet. Fat cattle made up to £16 5s, incalving heifers to £10 12s 6d, stirks to £8 15s, outlying Irish heifers £9 10s, outlying geld cows £9 7s 6d, finger calves, £2 2s to £3 9s. Half-bred ewes and lambs, 67s per couple. Horse, £26 10s, mare, £14 10s, mare £21 10s, mare £32 10s, three year-old filly £18 5s, three-year old colt £21 10s, yearling filly £12 15s. Sow, and pigs three days old £6 2s 6d, 50 hens 2s 6d each. The dairy utensils, furniture, &c., sold equally well.

LEADGATE.

Wesleyan Band of Hope.—The winter series of entertainments, in connection with the above, was brought to a close on Saturday night. Recitations were given by Miss M. Graham and Master A. Salisbury; dialogue by five little girls; reading by Mr J. Parker; harmonium solos by Mr R. Bartle, and selections by the choir. The outgoing session has been a fairly successful one, excellent entertainments have been provided, and a good number have signed the pledge. As usual, valuable assistance has been rendered by the band of hope choir and their diligent and painstaking conductor, Mr R. Bartle.

HEDLEY HILL.

Ball.—The Hedley Hill quadrille party held a successful ball in a large room adjoining the Moor Cock Inn, on Friday night. There was a large attendance from Tow Law, Esh, Cornsay, and surrounding districts. Dancing was kept up with spirit till the following morning, and songs and recitations were given by Misses Abbott, English, and Calvert, and Messrs E. Abbott, R. Eales, W. Allison and —Brammah. Mr W. Allison acted as M.C. to the satisfaction of all present. The music, which was faultless, was supplied by Mr H. Abbott, of Hedley Hill, assisted by Mr J. Hall, of Tow Law.

EBCHESTER.

Wesleyan Band of Hope.—The Band of Hope concluded their winter's campaign on Monday night, by giving an entertainment consisting of solos, duets, &c., by Mrs Graham, Misses Waggott, Stoddart, and Nichol; recitations and dialogues were given by Misses Irving, Snarr, Waggott, Ewart, Smith, Lonsdale, and Mr T. Ewart. A dialogue was given by eight young women in a creditable manner, and was well received by the large company that was present. Miss Stoddart presided at the organ, and Mr Thos. Irving occupied the chair.

CATCHGATE.

At the Evening Continuation classes held under the Greencroft School Board, the following students presented themselves for examination and were successful in obtaining Mr. Isaac Pitman's Elementary or third Grade Certificate for proficiency in Phonetic Shorthand:—P. Cockburn, Dipton; Wm. Mackay, Catchgate; R. Goodrum, East Pontop; Wm Watson and John Rosemergey, East Castleside; W. Barron, Iveston; Wm. E. Simpson, Shield Row; Frederick and Ernest Pigford; Kyo; Alex Harvey, Annfield Plain.—Teacher Mr J. Cockburn, East Castle.

RYTON.

Property Sale.—On Monday, Messrs B. March and Son offered for sale at the Black Horse Inn, Greenside, Ryton, a stone-built copyhold dwelling-house of three rooms, with pantries, coalhouse, and other conveniences, and flower garden in front; large blacksmith's shop with two dwelling rooms above, two vegetable gardens, and in the rear a two-stalled stable with loft above, the whole covering an area of 855 square yards or thereabouts, and situated between the Black Horse Inn and Rockwood Hills, Greenside. There was a good attendance of capitalists, and a keen competition resulted. The first bid of £150 was made by Mr Lynch, and this was met with an offer of £180 by Mr Fellis. Mr Moses Moore, of the Mill, then bid £200, but after a few more offers Mr Fellis eventually secured the property at £300.

BUTSFIELD.

Ratepayers' Meeting.—The annual meeting of the ratepayers was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, West Butsfield, on Tuesday evening, to elect waywarden and collector for the ensuing year. ... elected Chairman. It was proposed and seconded Mr. Wm. Fawcett, of the Grange, Satley, was that Mr. James Ross be re-elected waywarden for the ensuing year, and also that Mr. John Ross be re-elected collector for the same period, at the usual salary of £6. This was unanimously passed by the meeting. After discussing the question of detached portions of road in the several townships belonging to the Highway Board of Lanchester, which is intended to be annexed to Butsfield township, the meeting deemed it very unfair. A vote of thanks to the chairman, terminated the meeting.

POSITION IN SLEEP.

How should we sleep—on the right side or on the left? This is a question very frequently asked, and before giving an answer it may be remarked that perhaps no bodily act is more under the influence of habit than that of the position of the body during sleep. People can accustom themselves to a variety of ways. The [illegible] Americans require a soft [illegible] ... the Chinese and Japanese [illegible] made of wood. People in northern countries want room to stretch themselves out of bed; in the south they [illegible] themselves up. The Russians in winter sleep in a hot room, often over a stove; the Laplander crawls into a bag made of reindeer skin. The German sleeps on and under a feather bed. The hygienist sleeps on a hair mattress, with a hair pillow, and an open window, and he sleeps on his right or left side, as is most agreeable to him; generally he changes from one side to the other during the night, often in his sleep without waking. This change in beneficial, for it relieves the pressure on one side, and gives a chance for the blood to flow more evenly in different parts of the body. It also relieves the internal organs of too long continued pressure in one way. Sleeping on the back is not advisable, and sleeping with the mouth wide open is wrong. Sleeping so that the light will strike the eyes before it is time to wake in the morning is by no means to be recommended.—"Family Doctor."

THE SHOCKING FATALITY AT BEAMISH AIR PIT.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Monday, an inquest was held at the police station, West Stanley, before Mr. John Graham, coroner, to enquire into the circumstances relative to the death of Wm. Fletcher, aged 16 years, who was killed at the above pit on Saturday last. Mr. John Oliver was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr. Hedley, inspector of mines was present. After the jury had seen the body, John Philip Fletcher said he was a miner and lived at 2, Joicey's Square, Stanley. The deceased, Wm. Fletcher, was his brother. His father, John Fletcher, who was also a miner, was dead. His brother was 16 years of age and was employed at the Beamish Air Pit as station boy at the endless rope hauling in the Shield Row seam. He was killed just at the end of the shift by falling down the shaft, and his body was afterwards removed home. He lived with him, his life being insured in the Prudential Assurance Company, and in the Permanent Fund. A splendid working model of the shaft was sent from the colliery, and was explained by the engineer (Mr. Storey). He said that there were double decked cages and the west cage which was standing at the seam had somehow been set by. The lad would fall about 56 fathoms. Joseph Lee, living at 93, Joicey's Square, said:—I am onsetter at the Shield Row seam of the Beamish Air Pit. The shift finished at one o'clock. The pit worked an hour shorter on Saturday and everybody was loosed then. I was at my place at the south side of the pit where there are proper gates to fence the shaft. I was standing about a yard off the shaft from the centre so as to be within reach of both gates. The place was well lighted by gas-light. The east cage was standing at the seam, high deck. The gates were closed. I rapped three for the men to get in. There were men and boys waiting to get in including Fletcher. When I rapped three, the bank down-rapper rapped one which meant cage clear for men and boys to get in. I then opened the gate for the east cage and it stood open. I told Fletcher to get in. He went forward to do so, and the cage went down over just as he was stepping into it, and the top beam of the cage knocked him down past the cage down the shaft. I rapped "hold" and the cage stopped after going down about two or three fathoms.

Mr. Bell: Was there a crush to get into the cage?

Witness: No, sir, there is never a crush.

Continuing, witness said that Fletcher was first to get in. He had been on-setting four years at the same seam.

Cross-questioned, witness said I had the signal one from the bank. I signalled three and received signal one from the bank.

Mr. Walker (a juryman): Two cages of men and boys had ridden safely before.

Witness: Yes.

Robert Allison living at Havannah Houses, Stanley, said he was working as bankman at this colliery, and was at bank on Saturday about one o'clock. Two or three minutes past one, I got three raps from the Hutton seam at the bottom, and both men and boys came up the west cage to bank. I then got three from Shield Row seam, and then four from Hutton seam showing that there was no work out, and cage clear. As the east cage was then at the Hutton seam, I rapped back to Shield Row, men and boys rode with that cage. I next was rapped three from the Hutton seam and the west cage was then down. I rapped back one to Hutton seam and Hutton seams rapped to Shield Row three. The east cage went down empty to Hutton seam. I then got four raps from the Hutton seam and then I got three from Shield Row I gave signal one back and the east cage ascended from Hutton seam to Shield Row. Men; I expected were on the lower deck from the Hutton seam. They rapped five from the Hutton seam which meant "away to Shield Row." The cage stopped at Shield Row and men got in at Shield Row I expect, for I got three from Shield Row, and the cage went to bank with the men, and they came safely. I then got four raps from the Hutton seam, which meant no work and cage clear. I called to the brakesman to send the cage away to Shield Row and the east cage went down to Shield Row. I then got four raps from Shield Row, and I rapped one, as I expected to Shield Row, and then the cage went down.

Re-examined, the onsetter said after I had rapped away the cage, before the one which caused the accident, and whilst the cage was running in the shaft, I rapped three. That was to let the bankman and brakesman know there were more men to ride from the Shield Row seam. I did not give the next three until after the cage came down to Shield Row, and I had opened the gates for Fletcher to get in.

Re-examined, the bankman said I admit that whilst the cage was running, Lee rapped three from Shield Row. Questioned as to whether the bankman and brakesman get the same signal, witness said "Yes."

Mr. House: Mr. Onsetter, did the bankman signal back one after he got four, (To the bankman): why did you give one when he rapped four? Are you the regular bankman? Witness: I was assistant bankman and have been at the colliery about two or two-and-a-half years but only acted as bankman occasionally. The last spell I had was the longest and lasted about a fortnight. I acted as bankman an odd day now and then and every day to set the men to their "bates."

Mr. Bell: Are the signals stuck up in a proper place? Witness: Yes, the rap signals are printed and stuck up on the heapstead.

James Conn, living at 23 East Street, Cross Lanes, Stanley, said: I am brakesman at the Beamish Air Pit. I have been so now for a year and 10 months. I know all the raps. I got the signals from Hutton seam for the last cage that came to bank with men. It was the east cage, and stopped at Shield Row seam in coming up for more men. The signal I got from Hutton seam was three. I then got five to stop cage at Shield Row seam, from the Hutton seam. From Shield Row I got three raps. I set the cage away, and then I got three before the cage came to bank whilst the cage was running, which meant "men going to ride again from Shield Row." After the cage got to bank and the men were out I got four from Hutton seam. The bankman (Robert Allison) called to me "Howay lad, Shield Row," I then sent the east cage down to Shield Row, I lowered the cage down so that the top deck was on the level of the flat sheets at Shield Row, and I let the cage hang there. The engine was then between centres. Almost as soon as the cage was stopped the rap went four at Shield Row. I am certain about that. I then set the cage below Shield Row, and then heard of the accident.

Cross-questioned: You knew that three raps meant men to ride, and the pit was done. Why did you believe you had received four raps, and no work out, and no men to ride? Witness: It did strike me as singular but as it is my duty to obey signals, I did so. I did no know what was going on below. Questioned as to whether there was any sound of the signals down below witness said "None, whatever."

Robert John Collinson, living at Havannah, Stanley, and employed as onsetter at the Hutton seam said that shortly after one o'clock he heard the noise of the lad coming down the shaft. The bottom was dry and he heard a thud on it on the east side of the shaft. I took my lamp down and looked and found Wm. Fletcher lying at the bottom, dead. The Hutton seam was between 50 and 60 fathoms below the Shield Row seam. In support of the onsetter's statement that he rapped three previous to the accident three witnesses were called. The first was Thomas Lee (no relation to the onsetter), who said he lived at 92 Joicey's Square, and was employed as a putter, at the Air Pit. At about one o'clock I was standing to ride at Shield Row seam. I was next to Fletcher. Joseph Lee was the onsetter at the Shield Row seam. I know that Joseph Lee rapped three, being the last raps before the accident, because I was near enough to see him pull the handle of the rapper wire. I am certain he pulled three times, I heard the rap down. Questioned as to the meaning of the raps he said that one rap down meant cage clear for them to get in after the three raps had been given. The cage was standing level when the one rap came. The onsetter Lee then opened the gate, and Fletcher went to get in, and went down with the cage.

Joseph Roddam, Shield Row, working as a miner at the same colliery said: A little after one o'clock on Saturday I was standing to ride at Shield Row. I was near to see Lee pull the rapper wire three. After he rapped, the cage came to the level. I then heard rap one from the bank. Lee then opened the gate and Fletcher got in. I am sure Lee pulled the rapper three.

Questioned: If the onsetter had rapped four would the bankman have rapped one? No, sir.

John Smith, living at 42 Joicey's Square, said he was a miner at the same pit. He was close to the shaft at Shield Row seam. He didn't notice Roddam. It was a little after one o'clock and he was waiting to ride. He didn't know how many raps Lee gave, but he did know that rap one came from the bank. The cage was standing at Shield Row as he came out of the cabin. The gate was then opened by Lee and Fletcher was getting in when the accident happened. The brakesman could not hear the signals given down.

The bankman (Robert Allison) questioned said he rapped back one whilst Lee was grabbing four, thinking that he only meant three.

That was customary.

Mr. House: Is it customary to do this sort of thing when human life is at stake?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Severs: Is that customary Lee that they do this?

Lee: They don't generally.

Mr. Wm. Severs, said he was under manager at the Air Pit. I saw the onsetter on Saturday about five or ten minutes after the accident. I asked him how it happened. He said he didn't know as he'd rapped three and had received one back that the cage was clear, and when he opened his gate Fletcher was the first to go in, and in stepping into the cage, it went down, taking the boy with it. I then came to bank to the enginemen, and asked him how it had happened, and he said he had got four raps so that the cage was clear. I then went to the banksman and asked him how many raps Lee had rapped, and he said four. I asked him why he had rapped one; and he said that as soon as three raps were given he had a hold of the wire at the time, and he gave it a pull, and he wasn't sure that he rapped down one or not. They both knew of the accident before I got to them. There was no time lost. I saw the lad out first.

The coroner said that there was nothing wrong with the plant at the colliery. The question was what number of raps were given to the banksman and the brakesman. Were there three or four raps given. After the jury had discussed the matter privately over a quarter-of-an-hour, the coroner called the witnesses in, and said that the jury had found "That Wm. Fletcher was killed on the 30th March by falling from the cage down Beamish Air Pit shaft, through a mistake in giving or receiving signals between the onsetter, banksman, and the brakesman, but the evidence being so conflicting, the jury leave it as an open verdict." The enquiry lasted over three hours.

WEARDALE GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope, on Friday—J. W. Roddam, J.P., presiding.—In reference to the vaccination question, Mr. J. H. Atkinson wished to explain his position. A minute on the books in reference to the prosecutions of two Frosterley working men, who conscientiously objected to have their children vaccinated, not being rescinded, he voted through that with the minority in favour of the prosecution. Having explained how it was he intimated that he was, and always had been, opposed to the vaccination business, and was against prosecutions for non-vaccination, as much as any man on the Board. Had it not been for that minute standing on the books he would have voted with the 12 who opposed prosecution, against the six, so that the members showed by 13 against five, were not in favour of prosecuting non-vaccinators.—It was decided to put out the Wolsingham gas lamps after the week end, on account of its cost. Some terse remarks were made in reference to it.—It was decided that the relieving officers' room should only be used by him on pay-days, and Board meeting days in future.—Mr. Dawson, Government Inspector, was present and suggested several improvements about the Workhouse which the Board seemed inclined to carry out.

STANHOPE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting was held on Friday, at Stanhope—Mr. J. W. Roddam, J.P. presiding. A letter was read from the Wolsingham Parish Council in respect to the collection of the tolls of Wolsingham Market Place.—Mr. Mainprize contending that the tolls should not be collected in the interest of private individuals; but for the peoples' use.—The Parish Council based their claims on a circular issued by the Local Government Board giving the District Council power to use waste marrow lands for public good. Wolsingham Market Place has been let by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for 21 years, and Mr. Mainprize contended that the Parish Council have the right to collect the tolls.—The Clerk and Mr. Mainprize were instructed to look the matter up.—A circular was read on the influenza epidemic.—Another circular from the Local Government Board was considered a piece of red tapeism.—The members present were—Messrs J. Harrison, G. Mainprize, R. Watson, G. Muschamp, O. Monkhouse, J. H. Atkinson, G. Currey, J. A. Snowdon, M. Reid, Rev. F. C. Jagg, Rev. P. C. Jones, H. Featherstone, J. Maddison, J. Robinson, and the Chairman, Messrs W. Rippon, J. Smurthwaite, and J. Crawhall also came in at the close for the Guardians' meeting.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

A VICAR AND THE SCHOOLS.

The first meeting of the new Board was held at Stanhope on Friday—Mr. T. E. Fenwick, in the chair, pro. tem.—Ald. Livingstone, J.P., was again elected Chairman, and Mr. T. E. Fenwick, vice-chairman.—The School Board election expenses were reported to be £69 15s 7d. about £12 below the last cost.—Wolsingham uncontested election was reported to have cost £4 3s 0d. The cost of the education given by the Board was stated to be 8½d in the pound for the past year, and on the average for a number of years previous 6d in the pound.—In respect to the election of managers of the Schools, the Rev. W. R. Hartley, vicar of Rookhope asked the Board to nominate him as manager for the Rookhope Schools. He thought he had a claim as he had more Rookhope votes recorded for him than Mr. Vickers, the other member for Rookhope.—Mr. Vickers asked how the vicar knew, as they voting was by ballot. (Laughter). He thought Mr. Hartley got no more votes in Rookhope than he, if as many, which he disputed.—Eventually, Mr. Vickers was elected by a large majority as manager of Rookhope School; Dr. Livingstone was also chosen manager of Stanhope School; Mr. Rippon for Frosterley South; and Mr. Maddinson for Frostearley North; Mr. Featherstone for Westgate; Mr. Watson for St. John's Chapel; Mr. Harrison for Wearhead; and Mr. Monkhouse for Lanehead.—A smart passage of arms took place between Dr. Livingstone and the Rookhope vicar in reference to the rescinding of a motion passed at last meeting of the old Board in reference to the employment by the Board of two local female teachers for Rookhope School.—The Chairman said the vicar was not even a member of the old Board, besides being out of order, and the meeting ruled the vicar out of order, and the latter accordingly gave notice to bring the matter up at the next meeting, and also for questions in relation to Bible reading, and saying grace in school.—The Chairman: You must not come here thinking you are the only religious man on the Board.—He then asked if he could go into the schools as a Board member at any time he choosed.—The Chairman: Yes; but not to worry the masters with questions.—The vicar also asked if he wanted any information respecting the Board or the schools, where was he to get it?—The Chairman: Either from the Chairman, the Clerk, or the Education Department.—The Clerk: I don't think I am under any obligation to be questioned by the vicar at any time he chooses to come.—There are the books which he can come and inspect; but I object to be perpetually bothered with questions in any such way.—At the close of the meetng, the Dr. and the vicar had a few sharp words.

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 description free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

Remarkable Affair in Yorkshire.—The daughter of Mr. J. Bridges, 42, Foljambe-road, Eastwood View, Rotherham, has been the theme of a well-authenticated report in the Yorkshire papers, the facts having been investigated, and the lady and her parents seen, by press representatives. Miss Bridges at seventeen was described by her parents as "prematurely old." She could not eat, had no strength, and was nearly copper-coloured, suffering severely from palpitation of the heart. But when seen by the reporter she was in the bloom of health, eating and sleeping well and quite free from heart trouble, with complexion like the rose—a recovery entirely due to the now famous remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. When a girl is pale, weak, easily "tired out," troubled with headache, backache, pain in the side; when her temper is fitful and her appetite poor—she is in a condition of extreme peril, a fit subject for the development of that most dreaded of all diseases—consumption. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will assist the patient to develop properly and regularly; they will enrich the blood, and danger of consumption and premature death will be averted. Prudent mothers will insist upon their daughters taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills upon the approach of the period of womanhood, and thus avoid all chances of disease or early decay. The same medicine cures rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, nervous headache, scrofula, chronic erysipelas, and Influenza. A specific for the female sex. In men they cure all cases from worry, over-work, or excesses. Sold by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn Viaduct, London, and by chemists, at 2/9 a box, or six boxes 13/9 post free. Only genuine in pink wrapper with full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

THE BOLTON SQUARE TRAGEDY.

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CHAPTER XVII.

LUKE DAVIS, CONSOLATOR.

Olivia Dangerfield had found it impossible to remain in the same room with her successful rival—as Dora Tremayne was in her eyes. When she left the drawing-room, on the occasion of Dora's visit to Mrs. Redfern, it was all she could do to keep the passions which were raging in her breast from appearing in her face. She felt as if she must be alone, and made her way at once to her own room, forgetting that it was just then undergoing a process of cleaning. On reaching it she heard the sound of voices, and suddenly remembered that it was no refuge for her. Where could she betake herself? In what corner would she be secure from interruption? In the library. Since the doctor's death it had been avoided by every member of the family. No one would disturb her there.

Softly descending the stairs, Olivia reached the entrance-hall; and pausing there for a moment, she took from a small closet a large railway rug, for she remembered that there would be no fire in the library, and that the room would be as cold as the street, on which the snow was falling fast. The library door was locked; but the key was outside, so that it was easy to open the door. Then, transferring the key to the other side, she locked herself in, and at last found the solitude she needed.

The room was gloomy as well as cold, for the afternoon was waning, and the blind was drawn. The snow outside deadened the sound of the footsteps of the few people who were passing, and made the noise of the carriages which occasionally crossed at the other side of the square dull and distant, as in a dream. Throwing herself on the couch—the couch on which a few weeks before Dr. Redfern's dead body had rested—the girl gave herself up to the indulgence of her feelings. There is always a luxury in giving the reins to any strong emotion, even grief itself; and in Olivia's heart more than one feeling was struggling for the predominance. At one moment grief, pure and innocent in itself, overcame her. The loss of Captain Everett was more than she could bear; and the poor girl foolishly spent many minutes in recalling his face, his looks, the kind words he had sometimes spoken to her, the pleasant talk, and the merry laugh with which the room was always brightened when he entered it. How proud she would have been of her soldier husband! How happy she would have been with him, and how happy she would have made him. Then a flood of tears relieved her; and before they were dried she heard voices and steps in the hall. It was Dora on her way out.

This turned Olivia's thoughts into a new channel. How she hated that girl, with her quiet, reserved air, and her dignified carriage! Gladly, at that moment, would the child-like creature lying on the couch have done her rival a mortal injury. She clenched her hands till the tiny nails bit into the skin, as she thought that *she*—the girl whom she had never liked, who was a contrast to herself in every particular—should rob her heart of its treasure. She felt as if revenge would be sweeter than the gratification of love itself.

And by degrees this bitter feeling spread to the man who had been the cause of her humiliation and her suffering. What right had he, after behaving himself so as to cause her to lose her heart, to seek another? He was the one to blame. She hardly knew whether she loved or hated him most. It was with a savage joy that she remembered that he, too, was suffering. In the midst of her mental wanderings Olivia heard a footstep, not in the hall, but on the steps which connected the library with the surgery. It had not occurred to her that she might be disturbed from that direction.

Instinctively she raised herself to a sitting position, and then remained perfectly still. The door opened, and Luke Davis entered hurriedly. Going straight to one of the bookcases, he selected a volume, and then, crossing to the window, he pulled up the blind and began to turn over the leaves of the book he wished to consult.

Olivia remained perfectly still. He had not noticed that any one besides himself was in the room. Perhaps he might go out without perceiving her.

But as he closed the book and took a step towards the bookcase to replace it on the shelf, he caught sight of Olivia, sitting erect and pale on the sofa. So thoroughly was he startled, that the book fell from his hand. He stooped to pick it up, and when he raised his head he was blushing like a girl. Olivia gave a little laugh at his discomfiture.

"I beg your pardon, I am sure, Miss Dangerfield; I had no idea you were here. Don't you find it very cold?" said the young doctor.

"No; not particularly. I came here for a little quiet."

"Something has happened to disturb you—to distress you," he said, gently, drawing nearer as he spoke.

"Oh, no;" and Olivia turned her face away.

"I wish you would tell me what is troubling you—that is, if I can be of any use."

Olivia said to herself that she wished the man were gone; but it was only a pretence. She was feeling very lonely; and though she could not tell him the cause of her misery, his sympathy was pleasant to her.

"It is nothing of any importance," she answered, still keeping her face averted.

"If I only had the right to comfort you," cried Dr. Davis.

If Olivia had been told five minutes before that she would have listened to such words with tolerance, and even with something of complacency, she would have rejected the idea as an insult. But that would only have been because she did not know her own heart. Most people say they are astonished when they hear of a rejected lover marrying somebody else in six months, and they talk of broken hearts which are easily healed, and so forth. Nine out of ten of them would do exactly the same thing. The soul is as intolerant of pain as is the body; and when it is injured it craves a healing salve, as much as does a wounded limb. Few are strong enough to reject such consolation as they can come by; and even with them, it is as often pride as any deeper feeling which makes them faithful to an unrequited and barren affection.

But Olivia did not intend to accept Dr. Davis's sympathy beyond a certain point.

"You are very kind," she murmured, still without looking up.

Dr. Davis's love had been so long kept on very small crumbs of comfort that he was delighted with this reply. He fancied, too, that it was spoken in a gentler tone than he had been accustomed to; and this encouraged him to go on.

"You know it would be the dearest wish of my life to guard you from all trouble and annoyance—from everything which could bring so much as one tear to your eyes," he said earnestly.

Olivia made no reply. It was very gratifying to find that in one heart, at least, she still reigned supreme. If only he would stop at that point of devotion!

"Dear Miss Dangerfield," said the young doctor, taking the girl's slender fingers in his own, "if only you would accept my love!"

He could hardly have spoken better, but Olivia was not pleased. "I do wish you wouldn't revert to that subject," she said, irritably snatching away her hand. "I am very glad to have your friendship, and I am grateful for it; but when you go on in that way you spoil all."

Luke Davis saw that he must be patient. He sighed and turned away.

"Surely he will go now," said the girl to herself. But she did not really wish him to go; and so long as he could remain near her, Luke Davis had no mind to depart.

"Wasn't that Miss Tremayne who was calling a little ago?" he asked, selecting the first topic that occurred to him.

"Yes."

Dr. Davis was not quick of perception; but the tone in which this was said did not escape him. "Olivia dislikes her," he said to himself; "can it be that she is jealous of her?" Half-a-dozen little things not thought of at the time—tones, looks, unimportant words, smiles—recurred to his memory. He had long before settled in his own mind that it must be Captain Everett whom Olivia preferred to himself. If she was jealous of Dora Tremayne, it seemed clear that it must be because Captain Everett preferred Dora to her. If so, surely that promised well for him, Luke Davis.

As the young doctor turned these things over in his mind, Olivia's thoughts were busy in another direction. All the bad passions which Dr. Davis's presence had dissipated, returned in full force at his mention of Dora's name. The light which gleamed for a moment in Olivia's eyes was fierce in its hate. She even allowed wild, impossible thoughts of revenge to take possession of her mind. Could not Dr. Davis, she wondered, manage to give this creature a sleeping-draught from which she would never wake? She wondered whether it had really been he who poisoned Dr. Redfern. She told herself that if her lover would consent to be the instrument of her vengeance her hand should be his reward. She did not really mean it. She did not seriously contemplate marrying a murderer or becoming one herself, but it pleased her to gratify the longing for revenge in her heart by indulging in these fancies.

"I had an idea that Captain Everett admired Miss Tremayne," said Luke Davis. He said it merely as a feeler, and he was not prepared for the answer which followed.

"She has engaged herself to him."

"Is it possible? Poor thing!" Davis exclaimed involuntarily.

"I don't see why she is to be pitied," said Olivia sharply.

"Not to be pitied! Engaged to a man with such a dreadful charge hanging over his head!"

"But he must be acquitted. He cannot be guilty." Then, suddenly struck by something in her companion's face, she added: "You do not suppose for a moment that he is really guilty?"

"Oh, of course not."

"Dr. Davis, do you really mean that people generally *do* think him guilty?"

"I am afraid they do," was the answer, given after a little hesitation.

"But why should suspicion light upon him any more than upon you or me, or anyone else in the house?"

"Because he had an opportunity, at least he may have had an opportunity, of administering the poison."

"But you had that, and Bankes, the butler, as well as he."

"Miss Dangerfield," said the doctor in a low tone, "there is an old proverb that is a pretty sure guide in such cases. It bids us ask *Cui bono?*—that is, Who would benefit by it? Now, any one might reap *some* benefit accidentally, as it were, by another's death; but, apart from that kind of thing, what member of this family stood to profit by the death of the poor old gentleman? Not Mrs. Redfern, certainly, nor you, nor any of the servants. Nor Harvey Prescott. He did not take anything under his step-father's will, and he knew he would take nothing, as he has means of his own; Dr. Redfern did not stand in his way in the slightest degree. Then there is myself, and Captain Everett. I put myself out of the question, for even had I desired to give the poison, I had no opportunity of doing it—and for that matter, the only one, practically, who had the opportunity was Captain Everett.

"But the point is this. Captain Everett was the one to benefit by his uncle's death. He, knew that his uncle had made a new will, by which he was (so to say) cut off with a shilling; and he knew that that will only needed his uncle's signature."

"But——"

"I know what you are going to say—that they were reconciled that evening. But how are we to know that? Supposing that Captain Everett were really guilty, do you think it likely that he would admit that he left the house that night unreconciled to his uncle? The admission would have put the rope around his neck at once. If the reconciliation did not take place, it is plain that Dr. Redfern's death meant wealth instead of poverty for his nephew—and the old man dies of poison half an hour after his nephew leaves the house!"

For some moments Olivia said nothing. By this time it had become nearly dark; it was too dark for Dr. Davis, who stood a little way off, to see the expression on her face.

"Then what weighs so heavily against Captain Everett is, that it is supposed he had a strong reason for desiring his uncle's death?"

"That and the fact that he knew where the poison was kept, and that he alone had the opportunity of administering it."

"But if it could be shown that Dr. Redfern and he really *did* part good friends——?"

"I should think that would secure his acquittal. I don't see how any jury could convict him if that were proved. But how could it be proved?"

"Dr. Davis, it is getting very dark," said Olivia, suddenly. "Really, I ought not to stay here any longer, but I find this chat with you has done me so much good; it has quite driven my headache away."

And almost before the young doctor could utter a parting word Olivia had reached the door. With a single adroit movement she turned both the handle and the key at the same moment, so that her companion should not be able to perceive that the door had been locked; and then, having gained the hall, she hastily retreated to the upper part of the house.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A NEW PIECE OF EVIDENCE TURNS UP.

It was with pardonable pride that Dora told Mr. Jenner the result of her researches among Dr. Redfern's papers. She was so anxious to communicate the important news of the diary that she did not put off time by sending for the lawyer, but coaxed Mrs. Fairfield to let her pay him a flying visit in person.

"I saw the little memorandum-book myself," said Dora, as she told her story; "and I saw it was in Dr. Redfern's own handwriting. Don't think that I bring any charge against Dr. Davis," she added suddenly. "He may be as innocent as you or I. But, as I understand it, Captain Everett's danger arises greatly from this—that he had (or may have had) a motive for wishing for his uncle's death. Now I can show that somebody else had such a motive as well as he. Then there is the leaf torn out of the letter-book on the very date of the entry in the little diary—the 12th of September."

Mr. Jenner nodded gravely. In truth, he was thinking that he would almost change places with Everett, if only he had such a lovely advocate to give her brain and heart and tongue in his cause. And indeed, Dora did look beautiful, in spite of her thin cheeks and the dark spots under her eyes, as, her cheeks flushed with the excitement of hope, she poured forth her little story.

"There can be no question that you have made a most important discovery, Miss Tremayne," said the lawyer, at length. "But I am afraid that it will lose half its force unless we can show that Dr. Davis was in the library, or, at least, that he might have been there, after the coffee was brought into the room. Captain Everett said at the inquest, you will remember, that he could not recollect whether Dr. Redfern had drunk his coffee before he left the library to accompany his nephew to the hall-door, or not. I will see Captain Everett again, and ask him to try to refresh his memory on that point. Everything turns upon it, you see."

"But he would not be able to give evidence, would he?" asked Dora, timidly.

"No; but what he could say would be most useful for cross-examination. There is one other point," added Mr. Jenner, as Dora rose to go. "I think it would be prudent to give notice to the Crown authorities of the existence of this diary or memorandum-book. If it were sprung upon them at the trial they would do what they could to throw doubt upon its authenticity; and, in fact, it would come before the Court with a certain aroma, as it were, of suspicion attaching to it. Mrs. Redfern did not wilfully conceal it from the police, did she?"

"She found it accidentally, only last night," said Dora.

"Then she has no reason to object to showing it to them. I will mention it at the office of the Solicitor to the Treasury. And I will see whether Captain Everett's memory can recall the information we want; and let you know the result."

That very day Mr. Jenner visited the prison, and questioned and cross-questioned his client, all to no purpose. Captain Everett did not remember Dr. Davis coming into the surgery while he was there. Had Dr. Davis been there he would certainly have noticed it at the time, and would probably have remembered it. Yes; Dr. Redfern stood with him at the hall door a good while—perhaps, three or four minutes. But on the all-important point whether Dr. Redfern took the coffee before he accompanied his nephew to the door or not, Captain Everett could not speak with certainty. He had seen Dr. Redfern make the coffee in the glass machine; but he could not remember seeing him drink it.

When Captain Everett heard of the exertions which Dora had made for him the tears sprang into his eyes, and for a moment he could not trust himself to speak. But when the lawyer told him of the discovery of the entry in the memorandum-book and of the missing leaf in the letter-book he was fairly startled.

"I could not have believed it," he said at length.

"Could not have believed what?"

"That Dr. Davis could have done such a thing. He always seemed to me a civil, pleasant fellow—a little weak, perhaps, but with no harm in him. The fact is," continued Everett, "I had a suspicion before that Davis must have had something to do with it; but I put it from me, and mentioned it to no one."

"If it was his object to get Dr. Redfern's practice, he has succeeded," said the solicitor. "I am told that he has established himself in your uncle's place by this time. Well, I think that things look much brighter for you now." And with these words the lawyer took his leave.

From the prison Mr. Jenner went to the office of the Solicitor to the Treasury, and asked for an interview with the official who was charged with the prosecution of Captain Everett—a Mr. Brady.

"I have called," said Mr. Jenner, as he took his seat, "to inform you of a circumstance that has come to our knowledge—to the knowledge of the defence, you understand—in this case. You may remember the name of a Dr. Davis, who was Dr. Redfern's assistant, and lived in his house?"

Mr. Brady nodded.

"Now, it is one of your strong points against my client that (excepting for his own assertion) there is nothing to show that he had not a very strong interest in his uncle's death."

Mr. Brady nodded again, preserving a grave, impassive look.

"It now turns out that this Dr. Davis, who, as well as Captain Everett, remember, knew that this poison was kept in the surgery, had also a very strong interest in desiring the death of his employer. He held a very good position at Dr. Redfern's, and, no doubt, looked forward to succeeding to the practice. And he had a private reason for wishing to continue being an inmate of the doctor's establishment. But we have every reason to believe that he had received notice of dismissal, and that the notice had only a few days to run at the date of Dr. Redfern's death. It was a question for him of an assured position and a comfortable income, against being turned out into the world, with, I fancy, not very flattering testimonials."

Mr. Jenner then mentioned the missing leaf in Dr. Redfern's letter-book, and the entry in the memorandum-book of the same date, and continued:—

"Supposing that this Dr. Davis had made up his mind not to allow Dr. Redfern to stand in his way, it was a very easy matter for him to slip out of the surgery into the library, and drop the poison into the old doctor's coffee."

"But Captain Everett and Dr. Redfern himself were both there."

"Dr. Redfern left the room for some minutes to see his nephew out. There was ample time for him to have done the deed."

The official made no answer for some minutes. He sat as if absorbed in thought.

"You have done very properly, if I may say so, in bringing me this information," he said at length. "I will send for that memorandum-book and letter-book at once."

Nothing more seemed to be forthcoming, and the visitor rose to go.

"Sit down a moment, Mr Jenner," said Mr. Brady, with grave politeness. "You have been frank with me, and I will be equally frank with you. It is usual for the prosecution to place their case fully before the magistrate when a prisoner is committed for trial. The accused person thus knows the strength of the case he has to meet. But since Captain Everett was committed a new piece of evidence has turned up."

"Something of importance?" put in Mr. Jenner, seeing that the other paused.

"Something of great importance. I have made up my mind to communicate the circumstance to you."

Mr. Brady rose, and going to a cabinet he unlocked it, and from a drawer he took a folded piece of paper. This he unfolded, and took from inside it another piece of white paper, creased, as if it had been crushed up in the hand.

Going back to his seat the official laid this on the desk before him and went on.

"Shortly after Captain Everett was committed for trial, he asked for his overcoat, a large ulster which he had on when he came to the prison, on the plea that (although his cell was kept tolerably warm) he felt cold.

"The request was granted; but the warder who gave him the coat searched its pockets carefully before taking it to the prisoner. They seemed to be empty; but at the bottom of one of the outside pockets the officer found this scrap of paper rolled up in a little ball. You will observe," he continued, pointing to the little piece of paper on his desk, "that it has been torn. A piece was torn off under my directions, and submitted to an eminent chemist, and he found that beyond any possibility of doubt the paper had contained——"

"What?"

"Lithane."

A deep silence followed. A cinder which fell from the grate echoed through the room.

"The poison Dr. Redfern died from!" murmured the lawyer.

"The same."

"You will see that this is a piece of ordinary note-paper, probably torn from an old letter," said Mr. Brady, after a pause. "Our theory is that during a temporary absence of Dr. Redfern from the library"—and it flashed at that moment through Mr. Jenner's mind that Captain Everett had told him that his uncle *had* been absent from the library for a minute or two—"Captain Everett went into the surgery. He had tried to persuade his uncle to forgive him, and had failed—that is our idea, you understand. In the surgery, he knew, was kept this poison, which Dr. Redfern had said in his hearing eluded all known tests. So it does, by the way, after it has passed through the digestive organs—or, rather, I should say, so it was believed until Dr. White discovered a test for it in this case of Dr. Redfern. But a very small quantity of it can be detected when it has not been swallowed; and, in fact, some grains of it are adhering to this paper now," and Mr. Brady gently touched the fatal morsel of paper before him.

"Well, our idea is that Captain Everett could not carry the bottle of lithane (which he knew by its peculiar shape) into the library with him, for fear that his uncle should come in and surprise him with it in his hand. He therefore hastily pulled out an old letter, tore off this blank sheet of paper, and having got the bottle of lithane, he poured a little of it into the paper, and thus carried it into the library. Having dropped the poison into his uncle's coffee, he crushed the paper up in his hand."

"He might have burned it," interrupted Mr. Jenner.

"Probably he was too agitated to think of that, and thrust into his pocket, meaning to destroy it when he got home."

"But he surely would have done so."

"Criminals often make the strangest slips," returned Mr. Brady. "In the agitation of that night, and of what followed, he may very well have forgotten it until he was in prison. Then he remembered it, and asked for his ulster, on purpose that he might get hold of it and destroy it. At any rate, there it is, a damning piece of evidence against him."

Mr. Jenner was silent.

"And you will see that this entirely disproves your theory that Dr. Davis might have committed the crime. For according to that theory, Captain Everett was standing at the hall door, with his overcoat on, at the very moment when Davis was dropping the poison into the coffee. Yet here is the paper which, beyond any reasonable doubt, contained the poison, found in the pocket of that very overcoat. I have learned from the butler that Captain Everett was wearing that ulster when he called that night."

"Someone may possibly have dropped it into his pocket afterwards," suggested Mr. Jenner.

"I have ascertained that Captain Everett has not been at his uncle's house, except at the inquest, and perhaps on one other occasion, since the evening of the murder; and I have positive information that on none of these occasions did he wear that particular overcoat. No one could have gone to his rooms and put anything into his pocket there without his knowledge."

And with these words Mr. Brady rose, to intimate that the interview was at an end.

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LANCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Thursday week in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester. Mr W. Logan, J.P. (chairman), presided over a good muster of delegates.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

The following is a list of the applicants sent in for the post of assistant inspector of nuisances at salary of 35s per week:—

George Orr, Causey Arch; Jos. Baxter, Oxhill; Robert Nicholson, Lanchester; John A. Greener, Annfield Plain; W. A. Love, Sunnybrow; W. Davison, Hedley Hill; F. M. Foreman, Leadgate; Robert Robinson, Mountsett; W. E. Twitchet, Blackhill; Robert Tweddle, Catchgate; Nicholas Parker, Leadgate; Henry Lodge, Blackhill; John Moore, Newcastle; T. C. Wood, Hobson; R. C. Crawley, South Moor; Robert Herron, Dipton; J. A. Dorman, Tow Law; J. D. Miller, Boggle Hole; Wm. Robinson, Blackhill; R. Burdon, Newcastle; Robt. Dixon, South Moor; T. Carr, Tow Law; J. Chapman, Causey Row; Geo. J. Adamson, Heaton; J. Ramshaw, Oxhill; J. Sheffield, Blackhill; R. T. Middleton, Andrew's House; J. W. Winter, Leadgate; J. T. Watson, Annfield Place; Jos. Dunn, West Kyo; J. T. Curry, East Stanley; W. Lamb, Chester-le-Street; P. Reay, Annfield Plain; J. J. Moutrey, Blackhill; J. A. Sykes, Thornaby; W. D. Robinson, Medomsley; G. Errington, Dipton; Geo. Watson, Leadgate; T. Amble, Burnopfield; F. Vickers, Templetown; J. Bell, Sunniside; Thomas Charlton, Consett; C. V. Thornton, Dipton; C. Chesters, Stanley; J. W. Stokoe, Consett; J. Hetherington, Pontop Colliery; J. Hogarth, Craghead; E. Carr, Birmingham; R. A. Basson, Newcastle; J. Collin, Bradley Lodge; J. Stoddart, Ebchester; W. Johnson, Cornsay; S. Dent, West Kyo; J. Lyons, Consett; J. B. Kell, Chester-le-Street; W. Inness, Lanchester; and J. S. Martin, Chester-le-Street.

The following were selected from the batch:—

W. A. Love, W. Davison, J. Moore, J. Dorman, J. G. Adamson, P. Reay, J. Errington, J. R. Sykes, J. Davison, J. Chapman, J. Lyons, and W. D. Robinson.

The voting resulted as follows:—

	Votes.
P. Reay	6
Jos. Davison	2
W. D. Robinson	3
J. Lyons	1
J. Errington	1

The other candidates selected received no votes, and were accordingly struck out along with J. Lyons and J. Errington.

Second round.

P. Reay	8
J. Davison	4
W. D. Robinson	1

On the proposition of Mr BURLEIGH, seconded by Mr COLLINS, Mr Reay was accordingly elected to the post.

Mr WILKINSON inquired if the position was permanent? He failed to see what they were going to do with the new man to do if the whole of the district, who were applying, succeeded in getting urban powers.

The CHAIRMAN said the appointment was made on the understanding that three months' notice could be given on either side.

NEW PLANS.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he temporarily engaged a man to prepare certain plans for the use of the Council, the same to be prepared from the award at Durham. This man was refused, and he accordingly sent a letter, and he received a reply to the effect that they could send a man to make a copy of the plans required, but according to the charge to be made he found the Council would have to pay no less a sum than £8 4s per week before they could get a copy of the plans. The Commissioners were only the custodians of the plans, and he failed to why they should charge such an exoritant fee.

The members considered this was a burning shame, and it was decided that the Chairman should write Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., on the matter.

THE ENCROACHMENT AT CATCHGATE.

With respect to an encroachment on the footpath abutting the main road at Catchgate, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr H. C. WOOD, seconded by Mr JOHNSON, that the attention of the County Council should be called to the same.

A DILAPIDATED FARMSTEAD.

Mr WILKINSON drew attention to the condition of a farmstead occupied by a farmer named Newton and his family, Fellside, near Horsleyhope, which he considered was unfit, in its present condition, for habitation.

This was referred to the Inspector to attend to the same.

INFLUENZA.

The circular from the Local Goverment Board respecting the outbreak of influenza was read.

THE CLERK'S SALARY.

It was agreed that the Clerk should be paid for his half-year's salary the sum of £25.

PRECEPT.

It was decided that a precept for 4d in the pound should be issued.

PROPERTY AT DERWENT COTTAGES.

It was resolved that the Consett Iron Company should be written to respecting the condition of their houses at Derwent and Bradley Cottages.

CRONIWELL SEWERAGE WORKS.

It was agreed that the Croniwell sewerage works should be proceeded with at once.

BLACKHALL MILL SEWERAGE WORKS.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Blaydon District Council respecting this sewerage works.

KYO PARISH COUNCIL.

A large number of complaints were sent in by the Kyo Parish Council, and Mr Reay was informed that the same would be attended to as far as possible.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The following reports were read:—

Medomsley District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—The following cases of infectious diseases have been notified since the report I sent you last month:—Three cases of scarlatina at Old Westwood Cottages, one case of erysipelas at Ebchester Hill, one case of erysipelas at Ebchester Hill, two cases of scarlatina at Blackhall Mill, and one case of diphtheria at Croniwell.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, March 26th, 1895.

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

MR CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—The following catching diseases have appeared in this district since my last report:—Twenty-three cases of scarlet fever, two cases of whooping cough, and three of measles at Langley Park, three cases of measles and two of scarlet fever at Ushaw Moor, three cases of whooping cough at Esh, four cases of scarlet fever at Wilk's Hill, six cases of scarlet fever and one of erysipelas at Cornsay Colliery, one of diptheria at East Hedleyhope, one case at Old Hedleyhope, and case of scarlet fever at Greencroft Cottages.

The sanitary work has not yet been commenced with at Upper Houses. If the owner will not do the work which is neccessary to make the dwelling-house habitable, then the District Council should order the house to be closed as unfit for habitation.

I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, March 28th, 1895

The reports were adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Parker) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that I have again visited the Hamsteels School, and on inspecting the premises find that in its present condition it is not in a state injurious to health; although I am of opinion that the ashpit should be covered in and the floor cemented and made watertight to meet modern sanitary requirements. The premises are drained into the sewer belonging to this Authority. The School yard is uneven in places and not paved. I am of opinion that the cellar room should be cleaned out.

On inquiring into the cause of complaint from the Tanfield Parish Council with respect to a house at Tantobie, I find that the premises in question have previously been reported upon and notices served to amend their condition. The occupier of the premises on my visit informed me that the complaint to the Parish Council was a mistake and had no reference to structural condition of the house.

I accompanied Dr Hill on the 21st to Derwent Cottages and district. At Derwent Cottages the long row should be spouted, the top storey rooms or garrets should be ceiled, as the occupiers in the present condition of the dwellings are subject to varying conditions of temperature, the footway should be sunk below the level of the house floors and paved with impervious paving, as the house floors and walls in many instances are damp and unhealthy. Dr Hill afterwards visited Bradley Cottages and confirmed the reports previously submitted by me to your Authority with reference to the condition of the two lower rows—viz., that the houses should be spouted, some uneven yard paving taken up and re-laid, and the ashpits covered over and made watertight.

The Lodge, Annfield Plain, is in an insanitary condition, the house walls are damp and cracked.

I have examined the Award plans for Annfield Plain and district, and found that the width of the road from Annfield Plain to Hare Law is 60 feet.

The Kyo burn is still occasionally polluted with coal washings.

The Magistrates at Lanchester, on the 7th inst., made closing orders for houses which are unfit for habitation at Burnopfield, of which Mr King is the occupier; at Clough Dene, of which I Harrison is the owner and occupier; and inflicted a penalty of 1s and costs against L. Gartland for refusing to comply with a notice issued by your authority requesting him to vacate the house previously ordered to be closed.

The block of condemned houses at Hill Top, Dipton, of which Wood and Urwin are the owners, are in a filthy condition.

The houses known as Darling's Houses, Lintz, are in a defective condition—the roofs are bad, there is a want of spouting, and the walls should be pointed.

One of the sewers at Langley Park became stopped, and I have had is re-opened and put right.

There are many houses in Quebec village which are in a damp condition, owing to a want of spouting and pointing, and in some cases the sides of the streets should be paved and the ashpits repaired. I wrote to the owners, and they have replied that the work would be commenced for the improvement of this place at once.

There are several houses at the lower side of the Square, Dipton, which have damp floors. I am of opinion that some of the earth against the house walls should be removed and a properly constructed footpath made along the front of the houses, with a channel to carry away the water; the spouting and walls should also be overhauled and repaired.

There is a foul cesspit in Maddison's yard, Dipton, which should be drained away and filled in.

The back walls of Waterson's buildings, Dipton, should have a cavity constructed between the earth, which is above the floor level, and the house walls, as the latter are damp and detrimental to health.

Catchgate Quarry is now being used as a free deposit for ashes and rubbish, some of which step up the entrance to the drain consequently in wet weather and afterwards, a quantity of water accumulates in the quarry, forming pools which are dangerous to children who have free access to the quarry.

I attended the meeting of the Medomsley Parish Council for the purpose of explaining the proposals of your Authority to construct sewage disposal works for Croniwell, Westwood, &c. That Council generally approved of the scheme, but suggested that the mixing house should be removed farther from the road; this modification can easily be effected.

The drawings for the proposed Blackhall Mill joint sewerage scheme are now ready for consideration and if practicable the work should be proceeded with during the summer months, as it is proposed to bring the sewerage under the river Derwent to the outfall works provided for Croniwell and district.

The Kyo sewage disposal works are now approaching completion.

A detailed account of the result of my inspection of 31 villages will be found in my journal.

The following houses are ready or shortly will be ready for habitation:—

1442—One house at Castleside for T. and L. Westgarth.

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The house recently erected at Maudville, Castleside, for Mr Howie, is now provided with water, and a water certificate is provided for the same.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. E. PARKER.

Lanchester, March 28th, 1895.

The report was approved of.

This was the whole of the business.

Cricket.

Langley Park C.C. have several vacant dates for first and second teams, and would like them filled up at once. Apply, John Angus, Langley Park, Durham.

Burnhope Juniors would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Average age, 17. Apply, M. H. Heckels, Burnhope Colliery, Lanchester.

GOLF.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The following is the result of the bi-monthly handicap:—

	Gross	Hcap	Nett
Mr F Cole	107	18	89
Mr G Rennot	123	33	90
Dr Dawson	114	33	93
Mr A E Carr	129	35	94
Mr W Willis	124	22	98

Several players made no return.

Volunteer Intelligence.

4TH V. B. D. L. I.—D COMPANY.

BEAMISH RIFLE CLUB.—The third fortnightly competition was held on Stanley Burn Range on Saturday afternoon, in very wet and dull weather. In spite of the adverse condition some excellent scoring was made. Conditions, seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards, with sighting shot at each distance. Sergt. J. Johnson was in charge of the range. The following are the principal scores.—

	200	500	600	Start	Total
Private J. W. Potts	28	25	18	27	98
Corpl. J. Grundy	29	34	31	1	95
Private. R. Atkin	31	32	31	Sc	94
„ J. Eland	28	30	29	7	94
Sergt. J. Johnson	26	28	33	4	91
Private T. Clough	28	30	30	2	90

Trade Notes.

DURHAM COUNTY ENGINEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Durham Enginemen's Association was held at the Shakespeare Hall, Durham, on Thursday week. Mr Nicholson, of Ferryhill, presided, and the whole of the lodges connected with the association were represented. The auditors' report and balance-sheet showed that the accounts of the association were in a flourishing condition, so much so that the question of removing the credit capital of the association in the bank to some remunerative investment was considered.—Mr W. H. Lambton, the secretary of the association, presented his quarterly report, which stated that the quarter had been one of the worst the coal trade has experienced for some time past. The unemployed list, as a consequence, had been considerably augmented, and the funds had and were being rather severely taxed. Trade was in anything but a satisfactory condition, and the look out was not of a cheering kind. In the opinion of the executive, competition was one of the, if not the most important question that presented itself to them, for whether they looked upon it as a county or national subject, they could not get away from the fact that their powers of production seemed to be largely in advance of the requirements at hand. The request to the owners' committee for an increased basis wage for winding enginemen had not been considered, but a request for the reduction of the hours of underground men the owners had agreed that individual owners be advised wherever possible, that arrangements be made for a discontinuance of these hours of labour.

Sporting Items.

At a committee meeting of the Chester-le-Street Rowing Club, held at Crown Inn, on Tuesday night, it was unanimously carried that the club join the National Sporting League, and be represented at the meeting at Olympia on Monday next.

TANTOBIE.—In the presence of some 300 spectators, a rabbit sweep, organised by Mr Edward Gaffney, who added 30s to an entry of 3s 6d per lot, was decided at the Commercial Hotel Grounds, Tantobie. Results:—First round—Watson's Furniture Man, 18½, beat Smith's Miss Dollar, 16; Miss Dollar (2nd lot) beat Errington's Sandgate Nell, 16½; Furniture Man (2nd lot) beat Watson's Kate Kearney, 17½; Burdon's Monkey, 17½, beat Carley's Candy Jack, 18½; Sandgate Nell (2nd lot) beat Clasper's Sister Jane, 16½; Hall's Skemmy, 16½, beat Burdon's Little Wonder, 18½; Rowell's Gladstone, 20, beat Monkey (2nd lot); Sister Jane (2nd lot) beat Clark's Little Engine, 18½; Little Wonder (2nd lot) beat Greener's Molly Morgan, 17½; Watson's Bonny Rose, 16½ beat Skemmy (2nd lot); Greener's Little Hero, 17½, beat Gaffney's Whipper In, 19; Kate Kearney (2nd lot) beat Clark's Gipsy Queen, 16½; Clark's Rosebud, 18, beat Pearson's Sleeping Beauty, 18½; Sleeping Beauty (2nd lot) beat Errington's April Fool, 16½; Whipper In (2nd lot) beat Little Hero (2nd lot); Sister Jane (2nd lot) beat Sandgate Nell (3rd lot). Second round—Furniture Man beat Miss Dollar, Furniture Man beat Monkey, Sandgate Nell beat Skemmy, Sister Jane beat Gladstone, Little Wonder beat Bonny Rose, Little Hero beat Kate Kearney, Rosebud beat Whipper In. Third round—Sandgate Nell beat Furniture Man, Sister Jane beat Furniture Man, Little Hero beat Little Wonder, Rosebud a bye. Fourth round—Little Nell beat Sister Jane, Rosebud beat Little Hero. Final—Sandgate Nell beat Rosebud, and won. Robert Bell acted as judge; Henry Scott, pistol-firer, and M. Robinson, bookkeeper.

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SHOCKING FATALITY AT BEAMISH PIT.

On Saturday afternoon a sad accident occurred at the Beamish air pit, belonging to Messrs James Joicey and Co., Limited. It appears that a lad named William Fletcher, residing at Joicey's Square, Stanley, was in the act of getting into the cage for the purpose of coming to bank when he fell to the bottom of the shaft, death being instantaneous.

A MEDOMSLEY MINER KILLED IN NEW MEXICO.

Intelligence is just to hand to the effect that Mr Tom Parker White, who left Allendale Cottages, near Medomsley, county of Durham, six years ago, for America, was killed in the White Ash Colliery explosion, which occurred on Wednesday, 27th February last. The colliery is situate three miles from Cerrillos, in New Mexico, and White was amongst other 23 men who unfortunately lost their lives. The explosion occurred some 2,000 feet from the entrance of the mine, and as about 70 men were employed therein at the time of the calamity, great anxiety prevailed in the immediate locality, as it was impossible to make an entry into the pit to commence the work of rescue till some time had elapsed. The men were mostly married and had families, while White leaves a widowed mother, who still lives at Allendale Cottages.

CURIOUS APPEAL FROM HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

In the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice last Friday—before Mr Justice Cave and Mr Justice Wright, sitting as a Divisional Court—the case of the Queen v. Justices of Durham came on for hearing. In this case a rule nisi had been obtained on behalf of William Robert Newton for a mandamus calling on the justices of Durham and one Mary Jane Merrington to show cause why they should not hear an appeal against a bastardy order made by the justices of Houghton-le-Spring. The latter had directed that the appellant, whom they adjudged to be the putative father of Merrington's child, should pay her 3s 6d a week. The man appealed, but when his case was called on at Quarter Sessions the recognisances he had entered into to prosecute the appeal were objected to on the ground that they had been entered into before a magistrate of Northumberland, in the district where he resided, and not before the justices of Houghton-le-Spring or one of them residing in that Petty Sessional division. The Quarter Sessions had upheld the objection, and refused to hear the appeal, and a rule nisi for a mandamus to compel them to do so had been granted. Mr Scott Fox now showed cause against the rule, and contended that the recognisances should have been entered into before a justice of the Houghton-le-Spring Petty Sessional Division, and that notice should have been given to the respondent. Mr Strachan, in support of the rule, pointed out that the Act said the recognisances might be entered into in a Court, and did not specify any particular Court.

Mr Justice Cave said the recognisances had been properly entered into, and under those circumstances the rule would be made absolute. The learned judge added that some objection had been taken to the form of the recognisances, but as they were not in Court the judges could not go into the question, and he expressed no opinion on it.

Mr Justice Wright concurred.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

On Thursday week a meeting of this body was held in the Board-room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester—Mr William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding.

Mr J. GREEN, on behalf of the Stanley District Council, pointed out that they admitted their liabilities with respect to the precepts, with the exception of one for the first year, from May, 1892, to May, 1893. They were prepared to pay for all from the time they had representation on the Board. He considered they ought to be relieved of the charges for the year mentioned.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we should agree to the proposal.

Mr GREEN: I think the matter in dispute can be settled without going to the Local Government Board.

The Clerk said that after the amount in dispute had been agreed upon he could write the Local Government Board anent the question. He pointed out that it would be better if the Stanley Council could come to terms and pay the first precept. There were other precepts standing against them and it would not make any difference.

It was decided that the Clerk, along with Mr J. G. Ridley, clerk to the Stanley Council, should meet, and agree to the amount in dispute, and have the whole matter settled.

This was all the business of importance.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A special meeting of this Council took place in the Public Offices, Front Street—Coun. L. Nicholson, J.P. (chairman) presiding.

THE ERECTION OF A BRIDGE.

Mr Nowell, of the firm of Messrs Nowell and Sons, contractors for the making of the passenger railway to Annfield Plain, waited on the Council respecting the closing of Watling Street Road to traffic, during the erection of a stone bridge at Watling Street Crossing. Mr Nowells pointed out that they would leave the road open for foot traffic, but they wished to have all cart traffic stopped during the excavating and erecting of the bridge. If the road was stopped they would be able to do the work in two months, whereas if left open, it would take them four months to complete the bridge.

Eventually the members came to the conclusion that they could not see their way clear to close the road.

FINANCE.

The several accounts were ordered to be paid, so as to close the financial year.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr T. Longstaff) submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour of submitting my report to you from the first March to the end of the financial year. The following work has been done:—Seventy tons of limestone, and a few loads of slag put on your Durham Main Road, and about 20 loads of slag carted laid on the road; also a quantity of slag put on the footpaths in Iveston Village, and a quantity of small slag carted, and laid on to Stockerley Bank. Part scraping done and carted off on Durham and St. Ives' Roads. The alleged obstruction in Tinn Street, caused by the snow, which was reported last meeting, would have been attended to when the snow plough was out, if some of the parties living in that street had not had their clothes out drying, with the result the snow-plough was not able to proceed up the same.

I wish your instructions about summoning people who stretch their clothes lines across the street, as the same is a breach of your bye-laws and the Highway Act. I consider this a very dangerous practice.

Annexed are the monthly paybills:—

	£	s	d
Durham Main Road—			
Manual Labour	4	16	0
Team Labour	1	12	0
Other Roads—			
Manual Labour	5	12	0
Team Labour	3	4	0
Total	£15	4	0

I am, gentleman, your obedient servant,

T. LONGSTAFF.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Thos. Longstaff) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last meeting I have to report that a considerable number of the ashpits, privies, &c., have been cleaned out, but there are still some that need attention. If the same are not attended to promptly I will have to take steps to summons some of the worst offenders.

The nuisance complained of in Plantation Street has been attended to by the East Castle Coal Company.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

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The reports were adopted.

This was the whole of the business.

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INSPECTOR DAVISON, FORMERLY OF LANCHESTER.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DARLINGTON POLICE FORCE.

Inspector Davison will receive well deserved congratulation upon his promotion to the rank of Superintendent of the Darlington Police Force. The appointment, which will date from the 1st of May, is made in consequence of the retirement of Superintendent Goodman. During the 20 years of Inspector Davison's connection with the force in different parts of Durham, he has earned the highest opinions of all with whom he has in any way been associated. For the first four and a half years of his connection with the force he was at Jarrow-on-Tyne, and there he had the benefit of the instruction and advice in the elementary principles of police duty, of the then Superintendent of that division, the late Mr T. S. Salter, who was an energetic and zealous officer. Later he was on duty at Whitburn, near Sunderland, where the high wages paid attracted a rough class of workmen, and Mr Davison had a busy time in dealing with the crime that prevailed. In dealing with several important cases in the district he gave evidence of his capability. He was there promoted to the rank of sergeant, and was moved to Barnard Castle, where he remained eight years. During four or five years considerable difficulty was experienced in dealing with the men of the militia regiment which was stationed there for the annual training. During the last few years of his association with Barnard Castle the friction between the police and the militiaman had almost entirely disappeared. He here had to deal with a large number of offenders many of whom were wanted for serious offences in various parts of the country. For the twelve months following he was stationed at Staindrop. His connection with the force there earned for him the high respect of the inhabitants, and when he left in June 1882 to take charge of the Lanchester Petty Sessional sub-division—he having been raised to the rank of inspector—he was presented with an illuminated address and the hearty good wishes of the inhabitants of Staindrop. Mr Thomas Hough, who was present at the gathering, bore high testimony to Mr Davison's work, and said that he aimed at the object for which policemen were appointed—that of preventing crime, and not merely of punishing the criminal. When he took up his appointment at Lanchester, the miners were on strike at Ushaw Moor. He had charge of the constables stationed at the colliery, and was present at several disturbances between the strikers and the new workmen. He was also present at the evictions during the strike at South Medomsley, which caused so much excitement in the country. In August, 1890, he was transferred to Darlington, and in the early months of 1891 he was present at the evictions during the Silksworth strike. In October, 1893, he was sent in charge of 50 to assist in keeping order amongst the miners on strike in Derbyshire, and did duty in various parts of that county, mainly in the Chesterfield district, acting under the directions of the deputy Chief Constable (Mr E. Carline).

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CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street—Coun. George Ainsworth (chairman) presiding. The other councillors present were—J. W. Davison, Wm. Aynsley, G. Wade, G. D. Powell, J. Daly, J. Kempson, J. Lowes, J. Wildsmith, A. D. M. Macintyre, G. T. Hyden, R. C. Foster, J. Summerbell, the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon.)

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This report was read as follows :—

The Committee considered a plan for four houses in Taylor Street, submitted by Messrs J. W. Davison and Sons, and recommend that it be passed and sealed as soon as the duplicate is produced.

The Committee considered a plan for a tenement house in George Street, submitted by Mrs Ann Rogers, and they recommend that it be passed and sealed upon production of a duplicate.

A letter, dated March 27th, from the Consett Iron Company was read, offering a deposit for refuse on Martin's Fell on payment of 2d per load, and subject to a month's notice being given to terminate the arrangement, and the committee arranged to view the place.

PLANS.

It was resolved that the plans submitted by Messrs Davison and Sons and Mrs Rogers should be passed and stamped.

THE QUESTION OF A DEPOSIT.

Mr DAVISON reported that three of the Committee appointed to go into this question visited the ground that was offered to them on Martin's Fell by the Consett Iron Company for a refuse deposit. Mr Martin showed them the place, and they came to the conclusion that it was a most suitable place to be utilised for such a purpose. There would have to be a road made to the place.

The CHAIRMAN: Was Mr Balleny, the Consett Iron Company's agent, present when you visited the ground?

Mr DAVISON: No.

The CHAIRMAN said he understood there was already a road made that would lead to the place that was offered for a deposit. The road to be used was the one that led to Messrs Davison's powder magazine. It was rather a pity that Mr Balleny was not present.

The Clerk said he had no instructions to advise Mr Balleny to be present.

Mr DAVISON stated that the ground pointed out to them was not near the magazine.

Mr AYNSLEY: I think we might settle now whether we think 2d per load for refuse deposited on the ground too much to pay.

The CHAIRMAN: The Council will not have to pay for the refuse deposited on the ground by the Consett Iron Company. I thought the farmers generally took away a great portion of the town refuse.

The Surveyor: Sometimes they do. They only do the work when they cannot get on to the land.

The CHAIRMAN: Are we bound as a Council to find a deposit for the refuse?

The Surveyor: Well, the occupiers are demanding one now. If such a place is not provided how do you expect people to get the ashpits cleaned out.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't think the Consett Iron Company will provide land to be turned into a deposit for the whole of the refuse from the town.

Mr FOSTER: I think the committee, along with Mr Balleny, should inspect the place again.

Mr POWELL said the Council ought to provide two deposits for the district, and thus prevent nuisances arising.

Eventually, it was decided that the Committee should visit the ground again and come to a definite understanding.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that the following accounts were passed and recommended for payment :—

	£	s	d
Mr Rippon—Wages	50	14	6
Mr Rippon—Bills	0	18	4
Loan Commissioners—Repayment of loans	235	6	8
Repayment of interest	269	0	10
Consett Iron Company—Rent of stoneyard	1	2	1
Mawson, Swan, and Morgan—Stationery	4	3	6
Knight and Co—Stationery	0	12	8
John Shaw and Sons—Stationery	0	6	6
Urban District Councils' Association—Subscription	1	1	0
T. W. Welford—Insurance	0	15	0
G. Hobson—Seed, &c., for farm	8	11	8
J. D. Brown—Salary and wages	16	6	8
Brown and Wilson—Plants, &c., for farm	0	14	10

It was agreed that the cheques should be signed.

A STONEYARD WANTED.

The Finance Committee reported that they wished to bring their recommendation of the 21st February before the Council again, and further recommend that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan of a piece of ground belonging to the Governors of the Sherburn Hospital, adjoining and running behind Mr Lowes's property, showing the quantity of ground required for a stoneyard and general station.

After a short discussion, raised by Mr Powell stating that he did not think it was necessary to prepare another plan of the ground when there was already a block plan of land in the possession of the Council, the recommendation was agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This Committee reported as under :—

Letters, dated 23rd March, from the Local Government Board, and 25th March from the Public Works Loan Commissioners asking for the balance of loan (£161) to be paid to the Commissioners, were read, and also letters from Mr R. Robinson, dated 23rd and 26th March, to the effect that he had accepted a tender of £4 4s for mounting the plan of sewerage works, and that the same be chargeable to the Sewerage Works Loan account.

Letter, dated the 1st inst., from Mr A. Skidmore, asking for the payment of an account amounting to 8s for repairing drain in Ark Street, was referred to the Surveyor for his attention.

Letter read, dated the 1st inst., from Mr J. W. Harker, saying that the Delves Lane Sidings would be closed from the 4th inst. until further notice, and the Committee recommend that Mr Harker be asked how long the North-Eastern Railway Company propose to keep the sidings closed.

The Clerk having submitted an estimate for proposed general district rate, the Committee recommend that he be instructed to prepare a rate of 1s in the pound.

MR SKIDMORE'S ACCOUNT.

The CHAIRMAN: What does the Council say about Mr Skidmore's account? The substance of the letter is to the effect that when the new sewer was laid down in Back Ark Street the Council's workmen are blamed for not connecting the branch drain properly to the sewer. The work has now had to been done by Mr Skidmore, and the account for such work is now before you.

The Surveyor explained that his workmen made the connection properly when the drain was laid down. During the past four years something has gone wrong with the branch sewer, and some unexperienced man had opened out the same, but had failed to connect the junction properly.

Mr AYNSLEY: Are you sure the branch drain was properly connected.

The Surveyor: Yes. The owners of property were continually opening out branch drains.

Mr HYDEN stated that the owner said he never interfered with the drains. When anything went wrong they were always remedied by the Council's workmen. It was contended that this work was done by their own workmen.

The Surveyor: The drain has been interfered with since it was laid down. It had been alleged that the steam-roller had caused the stoppage.

Mr POWELL: I think when these drains are opened out the Surveyor should see that the connections were properly made

The Surveyor: I do; but I cannot stand over the men all the time. I do think this a most unreasonable claim.

On the proposition of Mr POWELL, seconded by Mr HYDEN, it was resolved to pay Mr Skidmore 6s 3d for the labour done in improving the drain.

DELVES LANE SIDINGS.

Mr LOWES: I think the question of the closing of these sidings should stand over for a month.

The CHAIRMAN: Why? Is there anything to answer?

Mr AYNSLEY said the Railway Company were simply giving them notice that the sidings will be closed.

Mr DAVISON: Yes; the Company has done the same thing to all the tradesmen.

Mr LOWES: I think we should ask the Railway Company to see that the work is pushed on as rapidly as possible so as not to cause a great amount of inconvenience.

The CHAIRMAN: The Clerk is going to write to see how long the sidings will be closed. If it is only for a month or two we don't want to start to lead the limestone from Leadgate.

The question then dropped.

A NEW RATE.

On the motion of Mr HYDES, seconded by Mr FOSTER, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a new rate of 1s in the pound.

THE LANCHESTER HOSPITAL BOARD.

Mr LOWES inquired if their representatives could give them any information why the precepts from the Lanchester Hospital Board is such a heavy on this time? They had been called upon to pay £298 without a word of explanation.

The CHAIRMAN: I must say myself that it is a heavy precept.

Mr POWELL said he was appointed the representative on that Board from the Council, but through some mistake he had never been summoned to several important meetings, and he was not prepared to give a report.

The CHAIRMAN: Whose fault was it?

Mr POWELL: According to the statement made by Mr Ritson, it was the fault of our Clerk, through not sending in the notice that he (Mr Powell) was appointed the representative.

The Clerk said it might be an omission on his part, but he would now attend to the matter.

Mr POWELL said the Board was going to build a new hospital at Langley Park to cost £3,000, and they were going to get the money in by precepts.

The Clerk stated that the Board had purchased the land for the new hospital, let the contract, and this would be their portion towards the cost.

The CHAIRMAN: What; £298 our portion of the cost of the land.

Mr POWELL: I should think not. A portion of the money will have to go towards the new hospital.

The discussion ceased.

THE NEW RATE AGAIN.

The CHAIRMAN said that the 1s rate would scarcely be sufficient to cover their expenditure during the ensuing six months, and it would be necessary to a certain extent to draw on the balance in hand.

Mr FOSTER pointed out that such would not have been the case if there had not been such a heavy precept from the Lanchester Hospital Board.

The CHAIRMAN considering the heavy expenditure they had had to meet, they were doing exceedingly well. It behoved them, during the heavy depression in trade they were passing through, and likely to pass through, to be as careful as possible, and endeavour to keep the rates down.

FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A letter from the Consett Water Company, dated 16th March, offering to put in the water at Stannifordam, as requested, for the sum of £21 12s 8d, was read, and the Committee recommend that the matter stand over for the present.

The Farm Manager's report was read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,—The work of the month consisted of spreading manure in the upper fields, clearing cabbage area, dyking, ploughing, and delving. Also, the lower grass fields are being irrigated. A breadth of tares has been sown.

J. D. BROWN.

The Committee ordered a farm balance sheet to be prepared for the past year.

On the motion of Mr MACINTYRE, seconded by Mr DAVISON, the report was approved of.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

It was agreed that a motion should be entered on the minutes to the effect that a letter was read from the Local Government Board granting the necessary power to the Council to appoint the overseers for the parish of Consett.

This was proposed by Mr AYNSLEY, and seconded by Mr WADE.

On the proposition of Mr DAVISON, seconded by Mr KEMPSON, the following gentlemen were appointed the overseers:—Messrs Aynsley, Powell, Daly, and Ainsworth.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Clerk to the Guardians of the appointment.

A short discussion took place as to who had control over the appointment of the assistant-overseer.

It was decided to wait and see if the Local Government Board issued an order.

A COMPLAINT.

A letter was read from Mr J. Cant, Front Street, Consett, calling attention to Mary Street. He said that the street had been made 2ft. 6in. below the ground level, with the result that his out-buildings would have to be underset.

The letter was referred to the Roads' Committee.

DEFECTIVE SPOUTING.

A letter was read from Mr Scott, of Edith Street, Consett, calling attention to the Council's defective spouting round their premises.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us have this spouting remedied.

The Surveyor: Very good.

Mr DAVISON said there was other property in the town whose spouting required attention.

The CHAIRMAN: I think the spouting trade is the only one that is brisk just now. (Laughter.)

This was also left in the hands of the Surveyor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett District Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to submit to you an annual report on the health and sanitary condition of your district for the year ending December 31st, 1894. There is a certain degree of satisfaction to me, as Medical Officer of Health, in presenting this report, because it will be found to be the most favourable I have had the honour to submit to you for some years. Since my connection with the Consett Urban Sanitary Authority, there has been no year, excepting 1890, which has shown such a satisfactory record. During the year, there has been no striking feature to unduly attract the attention of the sanitary power. There has been no serious outbreak of infectious disease, and nothing even approaching the nature of an epidemic. The general death-rate is lower than it has been since 1890; the zymotic death-rate is almost infinitesimal; the infantile mortality is distinctly lower; the deaths from phthisis, and from the respiratory organs, have distinctly decreased, and the general health, and comparative freedom from serious sickness throughout the district, have been distinct features in a somewhat remarkable year. The birth-rate suffers by comparison with many former years, but, I am not convinced that, that fact is a subject which a Sanitary Authority need condole about.

Vital Statistics.

In the year 1894, the births registered were 258, and the deaths 142, being a decrease of 47 births and a decrease of 26 deaths, as compared with 1893. Eleven of the deaths were not registered as having taken place in your district, but as they were persons removed from Consett to the Lanchester Workhouse, where their deaths occurred, they have to be included in the death list for the district. Taking into consideration the natural increase of births over deaths, and the number of new houses inhabited since the census of 1891, I feel justified in estimating the population of your district at 8,650.

Infectious Diseases.—The diseases under this heading, which have been notified to me, and others, which have come under my observation, are small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, continued fever, puerperal fever, and erysipelas. Other diseases of this class not not notifiable (why?) were measles and whooping cough. It is interesting to remark, that the only deaths from infectious disease were due to the non-notifiable diseases, measles and whooping cough.

Small-pox.—It will be remembered that in my annual report for 1893, I drew your attention to an outbreak of small-pox, which might have proved serious but for the prompt action of your Sanitary Authority. As it was, only 13 cases were noted, and the source of infection in each instance distinctly traced. During 1894 only five cases were notified.

Scarlet Fever.—Sixteen cases of this disease were notified to me, and were all of a sporadic character.

Diphtheria.—Of this disease, only two cases were notified, and were both from the same house.

Enteric Fever.—There were eight cases of this disease notified to me during the year, but there was no mortality from it.

Continued Fever.—One case under this indefinite nomenclature was notified to me.

Puerperal Fever.—One case only was notified.

Erysipelas.—This disease was prevalent during the whole of the year, and, to an almost unprecedented extent. Seventy cases were notified.

Diarrhœa.—As might have been expected from the cold and wet summer and autumn, diarrhœa was never prevalent. There were, however, two deaths registered from it, but these were not characteristic of summer diarrhœa.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
GEO. RENTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Blackhill, March 25th, 1895.

The Councillors expressed their satisfaction with the report and adopted the same.

The Surveyor was instructed to pay strict attention so as to see that all offal from the several slaughter-houses were carted away.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the annual meeting should be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 17th.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Rippon) submitted the following report :—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Your macadamised highways are in fair good order, the sides of them only requiring to be water-tabled, and dressed up for the summer, the delay in the work being solely owing to your workmen having been, during the early part of the month, engaged in removing the snow and ice from the sides thereof, and in the latter portion they have been employed in covering the slopes on the sides of Sherburn Terrace with red shale.

A subsidence has recently taken place on the Leadgate Road, a short distance on the east side of Carr House Crossing, and the attention of Mr C. P. Scott was promptly called to the same, and he promised to look after it.

The main sewer leading across Medomsley Road from the top of John Street to a point opposite Mr Simon Rowe's property does not seem to be acting properly, which I am afraid is owing to the treacherous nature of the ground through old ironstone workings and consequently find that it will be necessary to open the ground in Medomsley Road in order to remedy this defect.

Frequent and close inspection of your district have been made, and 23 notices served for abatement of nuisances which have been fairly well attended to. A number of carts are daily busy carting refuse from Consett, yet there are several of the ashpits in which a larger quantity than usual has accumulated; but this I expect to have remedied on an early date, the only difficulty being the finding of a suitable deposit for the said refuse.

The General District Rate has been closed, and my books balanced up to the 31st March, 1895, ready for audit.

Gas burnt during the month, 217 hours.

The following amounts have been paid in to your treasurer :—

	£	s	d
General District Rate	35	18	5
Private Street Improvements	13	1	1
Market Tolls	1	17	0
Penalties	0	2	9
National Telephone Company, Rent of Poles	2	1	0

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. RIPPON.

The report was adopted.

This was all the business.

A PUTTER'S FATE AT CATCHGATE.

On the 14th March, a youth named William Webb (16), living at Catchgate, complained of receiving a blow on his head while at work in the Moor Pit, but he continued to follow his employment till the 20th ult. On the following day, Dr Doe was called in, but the young man succumbed on Wednesday last.

SPORTING ITEMS.

ANGLING.

Proposed Club for Chester le-Street and District.—A meeting of Chester le-Street and district anglers was to have been held on Saturday night at Mr. Tom Burn's, Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le Street, for the purpose of forming an angling club for the district. Unfortunately for anglers from the out side villages, the state of the weather made it quite impossible for them to attend, and the attendance was so small that those present did not feel warranted in proceeding to the formation of the club and election of officers. It was therefore resolved to adjourn the meeting to a suitable date, to be agreed upon; Mr. Wm. Lancaster, Chester le-Street, to receive any communications.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

EBCHESTER BRANCH.

The last of these monthly meetings, which are usually held during the winter season, was brought to a close on Wednesday night in the schoolroom. Mr Ramsay acted as chairman in the absence of the Rector, Rev P. Cameron. The attendance, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was large, the chief attraction of the evening's programme being a sketch, entitled, "Mixem's Matrimonial Agency," by permission of the publishers, Messrs Abel Heywood and Sons, Manchester, which was executed admirably, causing roars of laughter. There were six characters, namely Misses Dodds and Hunter, and Messrs J. W. Wardle, J. Dixon, and T. J. and G. Morland. Mrs Ramsay, in efficient manner, gave a reading, and Miss Lottie Elsom, who gave a recitation, is deserving of a word of praise. Miss Priestman, the hon. sec., is to be congratulated for successfully arranging the meeting.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

The fortnightly meeting of the above was held on Monday evening in the Church Institute.—The chair being occupied by the Rev. L. M. Chesters. After the meeting had been opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing," the chairman called on Miss May Welsh for a selection on the piano. Mr. R. D. Grundy followed with a song, "The boys of the old Brigade." Miss Leak then gave a very interesting reading, "the little bronze shoes" after which Mr. H. Herdman favoured with a song "The Pilot," next was a song by Mr. Ed. Reay, "Allan Water." The chairman then said it was his turn for a short address. In the course of his remarks Mr. Chesters said that, as most people in the district knew he was shortly to leave the Parish to go to the South, and as a Temperance worker he wished to say a few words on this his last evening—at least for some time, at the Temperance entertainments. In a short review of the work of the society he said, when he came there in the spring of 1893, there was no Temperance Society in the village. The person to whom the origin of this society was probably due was not present. He came from Burnopfield to live in Stanley, and in speaking to him (the speaker) he said what flourishing society they had at Burnopfield, and they ought to have one in Stanley. So, it came to pass that in November, 1893 the Society was formed. They took 55 pledges at the first meeting and kept increasing till they had between three and four hundreds. The entertainments were most successful the room being crowded at almost every meeting, and many present would know. But such enthusiasm could not last for ever and gradually it cooled down; but still the work went on, although some of the members fell back; but it has always been a practice in the Society to present a true report, keeping on the books the names of those only who are members, (i.e.), those who have paid their subscriptions up to a reasonable date. There have been many changes in Stanley since the Society was started. It has grown wonderfully. It is now recognised by the Authorities as a town or Urban district. Other places of amusement have been built and many people have gone to them in preference to the Temperance meetings. Mr. Chesters then spoke chiefly to the choir, and asked them to stick together, and as what they, as a choir, could to help on the work of Temperance. He also said that many other Temperance Societies were now working in Stanley, and he was pleased when he thought of the good-will with which they worked together; especially in cases of legislation in opposing new licenses, etc., by which they had achieved good results. In closing his remarks he said that there would be someone coming in his place and hoped that he would be a better worker than he had been. He hoped that the parishioners would help the new man to work, and that when he went to the South he would hear of nothing but success in connection with the Beamish branch. After the applause which followed this address had subsided, Miss Whittaker gave a selection on the piano, which was followed by a duet, "Two Lives," by the Misses Storey and Ramshaw. Next was a song by Mr. Grundy "Hilly Hooly." Mr. Reay again favoured with a song, "The dying boy," which was followed by a song "To the rescue" by Mr. H. Herdman. Miss Storey then finished the programme with the song "Pretty Birdie," which was most sweetly rendered.

Before closing the meeting Mr. Chesters said he would like to thank all those who had helped him in the Temperance work and especially the vicar who had always been ready to help, and always had helped in many different ways of which people generally did not know. (Loud applause). The vicar, Rev. J. Crennell then rose and said, he was afraid his share had been small and everybody knew that Mr. Chesters had been the main stay pillar of the society and he had great pleasure in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Chesters, which was carried unanimously, and practically. Mr. Chesters then rose and said it was impossible for him to adequately express his thanks in words; but he knew they would understand. The meeting was then closed, and the audience dispersed. At a committee meeting held later in the evening it was agreed the entertainments should cease until the beginning of September. But there will be a special meeting of the members on Saturday evening week.

STANHOPE.

Mrs Sanderson, wife of Thomas Sanderson, The New Bank, Stanhope, died very suddenly on Thursday night week, after an hour or two's illness.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 27th—Before H. W. Keirrich-Walker, Esq., (in the chair), George Ridley, Esq., and George Duberley, Esq.

Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.

For those offences twenty-three persons were summoned, and fined in sums ranging from 2/6 upwards, costs following in each case.

Idle Boys.

Matthew Stobbs, James Massey, Thomas Dawson were charged with doing damage to underwood, the property of Lord Ravensworth at Urpeth, on the 19th March. P.C. Ogleby said he saw the boys walking through the woods. He was instructed by Mr. Wallace, his Lordship's agent, to say the damage was a penny each. Fined 2/6 each, penny damage and costs.

A Turbulent Customer.

Samuel Hardman was summoned for refusing to quit the Joiners' Arms public house, Chester-le-Street on the 11th March.

John R. Middleton, landlord gave formal evidence, and stated that defendant came to the house very drunk, and refused to quit when told to do so, and threatened to throw a stone through the windows. Fined 10/- and costs.

Unlicensed Dogs.

Charges were laid against the following persons for having kept dogs without having licenses:—Sarah Rabighn, Plawsworth, ordered to pay costs; Edward Preston, Edmondsley, fined 7/6 and costs; Geo. Elcoase, Lamesley, fined 7/6 and costs; Thos. Simpson, Eighton Banks, fined 7/6 and costs; Thos. Jackson, Eighton Banks, ordered to pay costs.

Highway Act.

Wm. Rutherford and John Stephenson were charged with an offence under the Highway Act at Pit Hill on the 9th inst. P.C. McGee said he saw the pony and cart belonging to defendants standing for an hour and a half, without anybody looking after it. Defendants did not appear and were each fined 2/6 and costs.

Kicking a Horse.

Michael Gallon said to belong Gateshead, was charged with ill treating a horse, by beating it, at Plawsworth on the 12th inst. Defendant admitted the charge, and P.C. Scott said he saw defendant kicking and striking the horse, in a violent manner. He examined the horse and found two cuts upon the horse's leg.

Albert M. Mace said he saw defendant lashing and kicking the horses; he saw the horse's leg bleeding. Fined 20/- and costs.

An Old Poacher.

Frank Kenney was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game at South Hill, Chester-le-Street, on the 16th inst.

P.C. Scott said he saw defendant in Black Dene ferreting. Mr. C. J. Forster, J.P., of South Hill, had the shooting there. Defendant had no leave to go. Fined 20/- and costs.

About Marbles.

James Sanderson was charged with assaulting James Buston a boy, at Chester-le-Street on the 19th inst. Complainant said defendant and other young men were playing at marbles. Defendant asked him for the loan of a "penker" and because he would not lend it to him, he took witness by the hair of the head and struck him several times, finally knocking him down against the wall near Mary Burn's door.

Mary Burns said she heard the noise of the boy falling against the wall, and on going out found the boy lying on the ground; she picked him up, but he was so much felled that he rolled down again. Fined 5/- and costs.

Larcenies.

James Fairley was charged with stealing three hen's eggs: the property of John B. Turnbull, Pelton Grange, on the 18th inst. Mrs. Turnbull, wife of prosecutor, said she heard a noise among the hens, and on looking saw Fairley and three other boys coming from then hense-house; Fairley had three eggs. She did not know the other boys.

Wm. Wilson, a boy, said he was passing the farm with Fairley, who left him and went to the hen-house. He afterwards saw Fairley again with the eggs in his pocket. P.C. McGee also gave evidence. Fined 10/-.

Till Robbery.

John Telford, a labourer, belonging Birtley was charged with stealing 24/- the property of Elizabeth Brown, landlady of the Shamrock Inn, Birtley on the 15th inst.

Mrs. Brown, said prisoner and another man came [illegible] on the Friday night about half-past nine; they were served with a glass of beer each. She had occasion to leave the bar, and go to the kitchen. While there for a few minutes she heard a noise at the till. She could see from the kitchen to the bar, and saw defendant with his hand in the till. She spoke to him, and he ran away out at the back door. She said he need not run away, she knew him well enough. She missed 24/.

Cross-examined by Mr. John Turnbull for the defence, she was quite sure about the 24/-, there might have been more.

Sergeant Hutchinson, said he visited the prisoner's house, and found 3/7½ in one of his boots; and [illegible] in a cupboard. He charged prisoner who said he would speak the truth. He took 5/-. Witness knew that prisoner had been "spreeing" about [illegible] in a very jolly way.

Mr. Turnbull on behalf of prisoner expressed contrition for the offence; and said defendant bore a most exemplary character. They admitted the 3/- and hoped the Bench would in view of defendant's previous good character, deal leniently with the case. The Bench having regard to defendant's previous good character imposed a fine of 20/-.

A Chester-le-Street Youth Complimented by the Bench.

Alexander Sanderson, and Joseph Tait were brought up in custody charged with stealing 1/6 from the shop till of Thomas Crofton seedsman, Chester-le Street, on the 13th inst.

Mrs. Crofton, wife of Thomas, said on the day named she saw Sanderson in front of the till, with his hand in it; he had a shilling and sixpence in his hand. She shouted to him, and he leapt over the counter and ran away. Her husband gave chase. She saw another man but could not say it was Tait.

Thos. Crofton said he followed Sanderson but lost him.

Samuel Bruce, said he was standing at the head of Middle chair and saw prisoners sitting on a step near Crofton's shop. He heard Mrs Crofton shout, and saw them run away. Sanderson ran up Pelaw Bank, and Tait up Newcastle Bank. Witness gave chase to Sanderson and caught him in Whitehill Woods. Sanderson struck and kicked him; witness sat down, but after a struggle witness prevailed and brought prisoner back to Chester-le-Street.

Wm. Ainsley said he saw Tait going northward through the Sandy Cut.

P.C. Elwood said he received Sanderson into custody at Mr. Crofton's shop.

Sergt. Mann said he arrested Tait at Newcastle. He charged them. Sanderson said he was guilty and Tait was with him. Tait denied it. A day or two later he heard the two in separate cells talking. Tait told Sanderson to try and get him off by saying he (Tait) was not there.

Inspector Heslop said Sanderson voluntarily gave him the address of Tait.

There was a long list of convictions for all sorts of offences against the prisoners, who were discribed by Supt. Rutherford as thieves of the worst class. The Bench ordered prisoners to prison for three months with hard labour; and complimented Bruce for the part he had taken in the affair, and thanked him for coming forward in the way he had.

A Hen Stealer.

Edmund Russell, was charged with stealing a hen the property of John Charlton, at Ravensworth, on the 19th inst.—Mrs. Charlton said prisoner was brought to her house. She identified the hen as hers; it was worth 5/-.—P.C. Ogleby said he met prisoner at Watergate carrying the hen. He arrested him and took him back to Mrs. Charlton, who identified the hen. When charged he admitted taking the fowl. Fined 10/-.

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PRESENTATION AT OXHILL.

A pleasing incident took place at Oxhill Mission Church on Wednesday evening. After the usual practice of the choir, when all were present, including the vicar (Rev. J. Crennell, and the choir-master (Mr. J. Robinson), a meeting was held for the purpose of presenting a marble time-piece to Rev. C. M. Chesters. Mr. Robinson, who acted as chairman, said as they knew Mr. Chesters was shortly going to leave them. He was sure they all felt they were losing a good friend, and it would afford him, as choir master, to think they so appreciated his good services, as to make him a presentation. It was proper that the ladies they appointed as committee should carry it through, and he then called upon Miss Story, who said—it was only a fortnight ago they had a meeting to consider how they could best show their appreciation of Mr. Chester's good services, and it was agreed that they should make a subscription and purchase a marble time-piece to present to him. Miss. Smith, Miss Ramshaw, and herself were appointed to call on each member of the choir, and she was pleased to say that every member was anxious to subscribe with such good results that they were able, when they went to Newcastle to purchase that beautiful clock. They thought it most appropriate that the ladies should present it, as Mr. Chesters was a bachelor. They were sorry that they could not call on some of the gentlemen to make a presentation to a Mrs. Chesters. (Applause). They all felt sorry at losing Mr. Chesters. He was always so good to them all, and always so earnest in helping their choir. They were happy to know that he was going to be raised to the position of Rector of Knapton. She then called on Miss Smith to make the presentation. (Loud applause). Miss Smith had great pleasure in presenting—on behalf of the choir, the beautiful marble timepiece to Mr. Chesters, who was worthy of all the honour they could pay him. The inscription reads, "Presented to the Rev. L. M. Chesters, by the Oxhill Mission Choir, April, 1895." Mr. Chesters in reply said, he would call them friends, having seen some of them grow up from little people to manhood and womanhood. Surprises are not always pleasant, but he could assure them that this is a pleasant surprise—the pleasantest he had ever experienced, as he had no idea that anything of the kind was going on. It is the first public present he had received. (A voice: Let us hope it won't be the last), and he would prize it very very much. He had always taken a very deep interest in the Church work at Oxhill, and he had always felt proud of the choir. He hoped they would all stick together and work hard so that when he came back again to visit them, he would have the pleasure of seeing all their faces again in the same old places. He then complimented the ladies on their good taste for it was really very beautiful. (Applause). Miss Ramshaw said they were all pleased to know that Mr. Chesters was so delighted with his present. It was their object that he should know nothing about it till to-night. They scarcely hoped for success, but she was pleased to find they had succeeded. She was sure they would all join in wishing him every happiness and prosperity in the new sphere of work to which he is going. (Applause). The Chairman, in closing the meeting said he hoped that every time Mr. Chesters saw the clock he would think of Oxhill Church Choir

LANCHESTER.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of this Union Buildings, Lanchester, on Thursday week.—Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding, it was unanimously decided that the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) should be paid £50 for his services to the Committee during the past year.

WOLSINGHAM.

DEATH OF MR HENRY BUDD.—The death has occurred of Mr Henry Budd, which event took place on Friday morning at his residence, Upper Town. The deceased had been ill during the last three weeks. He was widely known in the neighbourhood, and very much respected. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss. For a considerably period Mr Budd was one of the overseers for the Wolsingham parish, and was 75 years of age.

WHITE-LE HEAD.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Saturday evening, a miscellaneous entertainment was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel White-le-head, by the members of the Tanfield Lea Primitive Methodist Band of Hope Choir. A capital programme of music was rendered, also an amusing dialogue entitled "The Pawnbrokers Shop," by 9 characters. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Smith, who delivered an interesting address on the evils of drink. The customary votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

DIPTON.

At the examination held at the Durham College Bowes, Dipton, Durham, satisfactorily passed his of Science, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in January, John Bowes, Dipton, Durham, satisfactorily passed his examination, and has been granted a certificate of competency as under manager of a mine, by one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

Wesleyan Methodist Church.—The annual Home Mission services were held on Sunday last, when Rev. A. E. Salmon, of Leadgate, preached morning and evening. On Wednesday evening a public meeting was held, Mr. W. Ellison presiding, when suitable addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Irwin. The collections taken were in advance of last year.

WEST STANLEY.

On Saturday last the Rev. P. McPhail, of Waterhouses, delivered a lecture entitled "Social Parasites," in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thompson Spark, of Stanley, and there was a fair attendance. On Sunday, Mr. McPhail preached morning and evening at the same place of worship.

Concert and Singing Contest.—On Monday night, a concert and singing contest was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley. There was only a moderate attendance. In the comic contest, the entries were:—Fred Thomas, A. O'Donaghue, J. Summer, J. Hanson, J. Coyle, and Will. Johnson, The first prize, a splendid double case of carvers, being won by John Coyle; whilst the second prize, a case of jam spoons and butter knife, was carried off by Will. Johnson. In the sentimental contest there were five entries viz., M. Maughan, G. Harrison, A. O'Donoghue, Fred. Thomas, and Will. Johnson; the first prize, a silver medal, in case, going to Will. Johnson, second prize, a meerschaum pipe, to A. O'Donoghue; and the 3rd. prize a cruet stand to G. Hamson. The judges were for sentimental contest, Mr. Thos. Holland, in place of Mr. Robinson; and for comic contest, Mr. James Weams, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

ROWLEY.

On Wednesday week, the incoming tenant of Middleheads (Mr Thomas Raw, of Waterhouses), was entertained to a ploughing day by several neighbouring gentlemen. Those who sent draughts were:—Messrs Reed, Knitsley; Hardy, Knitsley; Gibson, Newbiggen; Anderson, Whitehall; Angus, Healeyfield; Angus, Horsleyhope; Johnson, Derwent Grange; Nixons, The Alders; Errington, Rowley; Kirton, Lyre Dene; and Bowey, Middleheads. Other friends who had prior engagements promised a complimentary days ploughing as early as possible. The horses were in excellent condition, and the display of tasteful adornment reflected considerable credit on the men in charge. The arrangements were in charge of Mr James Robson, of Waterhouses, in the absence through illness of the incoming tenant. Mr and Mrs Bowey, with their family and friends, contributed much to the comfort of the visitors by their kind assistance and advice.

CROOK.

PARISH MEETING.—The first annual parish meeting for Crook and Billy Row was held in the Board Schoolroom, Crook, last week, when the Rev J. King, M.A., presided.—The accounts of the Lighting and Watch Committee, which were adopted, showed a total expenditure for the year of £204 10s 3d leaving a balance in hand of £51 19s 2d.—The Parish Council recommended that the sum of £240 be expended under the Act during the ensuing year, and after some discussion that was eventually passed by the meeting.—Reports were read anent the market tolls and the Burial Board, and a statement was made by the Chairman respecting the probable opening of the old Sunniside Incline as a public footpath at an early date. The Chairman likewise alluded to the improvements in the township affairs, the expenditure for which, including structural alterations and new furniture, will cost about £50.—The Rev A. G. Barton reported that the market toll question had now been placed on a satisfactory basis, the income being considerably augmented, and the occupiers generally satisfied.

CRAGHEAD.

Entertainment.—The officials and their friends of the Holmside and Craghead Collieries were entertained to an assembly by the owners of the above collieries on Friday evening last in the Hedley Memorial Schools, Craghead, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Dancing was led off at 8.30 p.m., by Mr. James Fairley, agents, and Mrs. Pedelty, and was enjoyably indulged in until early morning. Those who did not partake in the light fantastic, were entertained with games, songs, etc., in one of the adjoining rooms. The programme was interspersed by songs, kindly rendered by Miss K. Fairley, and Messrs B. Mordaunt, R. Abbott, T. Gibbon, J. Roxborough, and J. Gowland. During the interval a letter was read from Mr. Mark Archer, on behalf of Messrs Thomas Hedley and Brothers, conveying their good wishes for a most pleasant evening, which was heartily applauded by all present. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the owners for their liberality, and one of the most enjoyable evenings ever held in the village was brought to a close in the usual manner.

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A meeting of this Board was held on Thursday evening, March 28th, at the Cemetery. The attendance was fairly representative. Five grants of right were signed, sealed, and issued for purchased graves. Three precepts were signed and issued to the Overseers of the Poor for the Parishes of Benfieldside, Consett, and Knitsley to pay contributions from poor rates in liquidation of No. 2 Loan Account. The whole of the March quarter accounts were examined and found correct, and signed accordingly. Other accounts received during the quarter were also examined passed, and ordered to be paid, amounting to £15 14s 2d, leaving a balance of £54 1s 1d in hand for the ensuing year.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

I beg to remind my readers of the concert to be given in the Consett Wesleyan Church on Friday next (Good Friday) the 12th inst. On that occasion a performance of the "Messiah" will be given by the members of the Choir connected with the Church, assisted by a number of friends in the district. There will be a chorus of a hundred voices and the soloists, specially engaged are Miss Lizzie Calvert (soprano), Miss Mimi Beers (contralto), Mr. Charles Davison (tenor), Mr. Joseph Siddle (tenor), and the veteran and always welcome Mr. John Nutton (bass). Mr. C. Stelling will preside at the organ and Mr. Wm. Lowrie will conduct. The proceeds will go in aid of the New Schools and Lecture Hall Building Fund. The choir has been a long time in practice for the performance which promises to be a big success.

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I see that a concert is announced to be held in the Board Schools, Castleside, to-morrow, (Saturday) evening on behalf of the funds of the parish church. The programme is to be contributed by the Stephenson Family, of Weardale, who seem never weary of doing useful work in this direction. It has never yet been m- pleasure to hear them.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

GARNET.—Quaking Houses, South Moor, on the 17th ult., the wife of William Garnett of a son. 923q

MARRIAGES.

FOREMAN—JONES.—Lanchester, at the Register Office, 30th ult., William Foreman, of Crookhall, to Marian Jones, of Blackhill.

HEYMER—ALLAN.—Medomsley, Parish Church, on the 28th ult., by the Rev W. Cockin, Ridley, eldest son of John Heymer, Benfieldside, to Eleanor Maud, daughter of Wm. Allan, Dene House, Hamsterley Colliery. No cards. 930q

DEATHS.

ALDERSON.—High Shipley, Hamsterley, 28th ult., aged 20 years, Beatrice, daughter of William and Jane Alderson, West Stanley.

ARMSTRONG.—Lintz Colliery, 1st inst., aged 39, Elizabeth, wife of John Armstrong.

ANGUS.—At Fyland's Bridge, near Bishop Auckland, 1st inst., John, son of Joseph Angus, Crawleyside, Stanhope.

BOOTH.—Derwentcote, 31st ult., aged 86, Sarah Booth, late of Houghton-le-Spring.

DYSON.—Chester-le-Street, 3, Lucy Street, 31st ult., aged 80, Charlotte Dyson.

EMMERSON.—Westwood Colliery, 31st ult., aged 8 years, Ethel, daughter of George and Sarah Emmerson.

FLETCHER.—Killed at Beamish Air Pit, 30th ult., aged 16, William Fletcher.

GARNET.—Quaking House, South Moor, March 23rd, aged 31 years, Mary, wife of William Garnett, and beloved daughter of Emmerson Angus, Lanchester.

GUSTARD.—Leadgate, 45, Bradley Cottages, aged 61, Mary Ann, wife of Wm. Gustard.

HUMPHREY.—Birtley, 31st ult., aged 51 years, Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph and the late Jane Ann Humphrey.

LOWDON.—Consett, 15, Spencer Street, 31st ult., aged 55, Margaret Ann, wife of Matthew Lowdon, formerly of Haydon Bridge.

NEWBIGGEN.—Blaydon, Bridge Street, 29th ult., aged 1 year and 2 weeks, Margaret Ellen (Nellie), daughter of Willie and Sarah Bell Newbiggen.

ROBSON.—10, Buddle Street, Consett, on the 3rd inst., aged 11 months, Ann Maud, the dearly beloved daughter of George and Caroline Robson. 862q

RUSSELL.—South Moor, 3rd inst., aged 26 years, Robert Henry Russell. To be interred at Stanley Churchyard, Sunday, April 7th. To leave the residence at 3.30 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 964q

SNOW.—Beamish Red Row, 29th ult., aged 76, George, husband of Ann Snow, over sixty years joiner on Beamish estate.

SOULSBY.—At Etherley, near Bishop Auckland, 28th ult., aged 86, Ellis, widow of the late John Soulsby, of Matfen, Northumberland.

SANDERSON.—New Bank, Stanhope, 28th ult., aged 53, Hannah, wife of Thomas Sanderson.

STEPHENSON.—Castleside, 29th ult., aged 79 years, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of George Stephenson.

SEDGWICK.—At 45, Edith Street, Consett, on the 3rd inst., aged 4 years, Mary Elizabeth, beloved daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth Sedgwick. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Saturday, 6th inst. Lift at 3.30 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 944q

THOMPSON.—47, Bradley Cottages, 1st inst., at the residence of her brother-in-law, John Graham, Isabella, widow of the late Robert Thompson, late of Hunstanworth, aged 66. 945q

WALTON.—Stanhope, 28th ult., aged 72, Ann, widow of the late Thomas Walton, chemist.

WATSON.—At Bollihope, near Frosterley, 1st ult., aged 3 years, John Herbert Watson, son of Edward Watson.

In loving memory of Thomas Parker, the dearly beloved son of A. and M. Parker, who died at Hobson Colliery on April 6th, 1894, aged 5 years and 6 months.
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