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THE FORSAKEN ROADS IN THE CONSETT DISTRICT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you allow me a small space to give your readers the state of the whole roads in the Consett district. I see "Progress" says "not only are they in a shocking condition, but they are dangerous;" but more than this, as regards cyclists, they are very expensive. Now, sir, I am a cyclist: I took a ride to Dipton on 24th ult., and readers of the *Guardian* will learn that there is no pleasure for them as a body for the next four months. The forsaken road from Allendale Cottages is, in my eye, a shame to our authorities, as you have to walk very near to Medomsley to save your tyres, the roads being nothing less than a complete mass of stones from beginning to end. And then we pass through Medomsley and cross the railway, and it means there dismount. From this point you have about 300 yards to walk and mount, knowing that you must, at the Hat and Feather public-house, again dismount and walk away to the next railway. You may there mount again, but bear this in mind you cannot ride far, as when you reach Leadgate and nearing the Redwell Hills Church you see before you a complete mass of stones, which is nothing fresh to the eye, and the cyclist thinks that he had better left his machine at home. Readers, this is only part of the road, then you find which ever way you go when arriving at Leadgate you have nothing but stones to ride over, or get off your machine and walk. (This is very unpleasant for cyclists.) Our local authorities ought, I think, to show to some extent their sympathy towards cyclists at the beginning of each season, as this is the time when most pleasure is experienced; and more than that, if the Local Board will insist laying these stones on the roads they ought to have a steam roller, which would prove a joy to cyclists and a paying thing to the Local Board, and a saving to all ratepayers in this forsaken district. Why should not the Local Boards in these localities join and go in hand and heart for a good steam roller, which they would find would be a saving to them and a blessing to the inhabitants of these localities. I might just state, sir, that I have been a lover of cycling for a number of years, and have ridden over a good many roads both in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, and I find in the latter county they are kept up to the mark, whilst in other parts of the county of Durham they are kept better than in the Consett district. Bicycles were certainly never made for such roads; nor did they ever steer over worse. I hope our authorities will take this matter up and deal with it in a favourable way, and make our roads in a travelling condition.—Yours, &c.,

CYCLIST.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Having spent part of my life among the Northumberland pitmen, and having had part experience of their character as working men, I always found them pretty straightforward and reasonable, and upon the whole law-abiding: but what shall we say about the Durham men in their strike? I happen to be one of the sufferers, therefore speak feelingly. At the same time I can afford to be honest.

Sir, I do think the miners have a perfect right to stand out for a fair and honest wage, and if the owners cannot show a fair case for a reduction, then we can scarcely blame the pitmen for making a stand of some sort; but has this been the case? I say no. The masters offered to submit their books to a proper chartered accountant, and settle the matter by arbitration. This the men refused; neither would they allow their own executive to meet the masters to try to effect a settlement. If they had followed the latter course, the masters might possibly have compromised the matter by a small reduction of 5 per cent.

This cannot be done now. They have missed their mark. The chances are they will have to go in for considerably less—say 10 or 15 per cent.—and I say the sooner they go in the better, or it may be 20 per cent., as the orders are gradually leaving this market, and we are now just entering on from three to five years of great depression, when pits will only be working half-time, which means low wages and a good deal of misery among the working classes. The men have hurried this on themselves fully a year sooner than the natural law of trade and commerce would have brought it round. Come it must, as we have got the sure signs all over the civilised world; but if it had not been for this unfortunate strike, 1892 would have been a fairly good year for both masters and men.

Now, sir, about the conduct of the men, under what we may call trying circumstances. To commence with, they have alienated all sympathy from the general public. Their conduct at several collieries has been simply disgraceful and cowardly. I may say the general run of the Northumbrian miners are not pleased with their behaviour. If a poor official has to be catechised for attending to some very important work about the pit, it can only be done by from 300 to 500 men. It took about 1,000 men to drive the *Chronicle* reporter from the field, and they talk about the tyranny of the masters! By the way, they are going to boycott the *Chronicle*. Just fancy, boycotting the *Chronicle!* By their conduct to this paper, they have increased the circulation by hundreds.

On Saturday, I sent a young lady to a well known bookstall (about 11 a.m.) for the latest edition. She was told they were all sold out, but a fresh batch was expected by the train now about due. She waited; the papers arrived, and were hurriedly opened out and bought up by a crowd of people who had been waiting for some time. Therefore, your humble servant had to go without one. Yet they talk of boycotting the *Chronicle*. Why? Because they have not pandered in any sentimental way to the men.

In their trade articles they pointed out what they honestly considered was right between masters and men, and all the evils attending a strike, if a strike should take place; and I am sorry to say a good deal has come true that they pointed out. When men lose all respect for the law, and the very soldiers have to be brought into the county to protect life and property, then I say it would be contrary to all commonsense and experience to think the men would benefit their cause by standing out any longer.

Sir, I think I have read nearly all the speeches delivered at the different meetings in the county. There has been some mild and some wild in their arguments, but I must say the most sensible, honest, straightforward, and practicable speeches have been delivered by Mr John Johnson, treasurer to the Miners' Union. His arguments are sound, and his advice good. He evidently knows prices have fallen somewhat, and that there is always two required to make a bargain. He has none of that childish talk about masters having two sets of books. I would advise the men to be guided by such an one, and they will have nothing to fear in getting an honourable settlement with the masters. It's a pity Mr John Johnson did not speak out sooner. He evidently has a good grip of the situation, and knows what he is talking about, and the men will find he is right in the end.

I had a paper sent me this morning with a leading article on the strike. The editor speaks of Hebburn "as the peaceful village of Hebburn." Now, what can this man know of Hebburn after the disgraceful scenes they have had at that colliery, simply because a few officials have been trying to save the pit from everlasting ruin, with the loss of a capital of about £200,000; for I understand if she is once drowned out she will remain so. Sir, I ask what friend is this to the working man to write in this sentimental strain as if the Hebburn men were poor, ill-used individuals? Well, sir, they have earned for themselves a name which I fear will not be recoverable in this generation.

I shall not say more than recommend the men to be guided by such leaders as John Johnson and the other members of the Federation Board, so as to bring this strike to an honourable close.—Yours truly,

JUSTICE.

Stanley, March 29th, 1892.

BURNHOPE MINERS AND THEIR ASHPITS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you allow us a small space in your paper to contradict a statement made by Mr J. E. Parker at the Rural Sanitary Authority, at Lanchester, on Thursday, March 31st. He states that the miners of Burnhope Colliery object to the cartmen clearing the ashpits during the strike. We protest against that statement, as it is not true. We have never stopped the cartmen from doing any sort of work. Moreover, the ashpits and waterclosets were in a disgraceful condition long before the strike commenced. It would have been better had the Inspector looked after the ashpits before now. Mr Collinson had a right to be surprised, as it is a base falsehood.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

A. HARTLEY, Treasurer.
JAS. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

THE CONTEMPLATED NEW CHAPEL AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—With your kind permission I should like to occupy a short space in your next issue to reply to Mr Hogg's letter, but before I do so, let me say a word or two in reference to "Outsider" and "Anonymous" letters, I would not waste paper and time to reply to them. I quite expected a little friction on this question; but, sir, never anticipated that two would enter into the field of this controversy who are afraid to give their names. Oh! what cowards. Just fancy, Mr Editor, two persons rushing their thoughts into print upon so delicate a subject, and yet afraid to give their names. Surely, sir, if the cause they have undertaken to defend is one that will uplift humanity they will not be afraid to come out like men. If they are not prepared to do this, then let them forever hold their peace; I do not like to fight in the dark. Their letters would have received a prompt reply had they come out like men. Now, let me deal with Mr Hogg's letter and his misrepresentation of facts—as he calls them. I frankly confess, sir, that I have failed to discover his "facts." Let us examine them. He says that I live about one mile-and-a-half from the site of the chapel. Well, to use a common expression, that is "a stretcher". Had he said a mile he would have been nearer the mark. Then, he says, "I have gone a little out of my way to meddle with things I have nothing to do with." Well, sir, I am surprised to see Mr Hogg himself in that manner. Surely, I claim the right to express my convictions on all public questions, even the question of building a Wesleyan Chapel. Every man on British soil has a right to utter his convictions on all public questions, and yet Mr Hogg says I have nothing to do with it. Well, sir, I leave that point for the general public to give their verdict on. Then, Mr Hogg says that the population of the village is 1,250; "Outsider" says somewhat over 1,900. Now, sir, they each have got their information from the one source. Then, he says that there are only seats in the Primitive Chapel for 300; "Outsider" says 350. These are some of Mr Hogg's facts, and then he says there are 950 unprovided for. What does he mean by that? Does he mean that the 950 are all Methodists or go to Methodist Chapel. If so, he is very much mistaken. He knows that out of the 950 there is a large number belongs to the Roman Catholic Church, also a large number belongs to the Established Church, several families go to the Wesleyan Chapel at Medomsley, several to the Free Church at Westwood, and yet he says there is 950 unprovided for. This is another of his facts! Then, again, sir, Mr Hogg says "the Wesleyan Methodists have not just come to Allendale as he would intimate." My letter intimated no such thing, and if he will read it over again he will find so. The very fact that they were going to build implied that they had been there some time. One thing Mr Hogg forgets to tell the public how they came there. When Mr Hogg and some more of his friends came to live at Westwood they went to the Wesleyan Chapel at Medomsley, but finding that too far off they would have a place nearer home, and so they secured the reading-room at the village. Now, sir, it would have been much better, and it is quite evident that the cause of Christ would have been augmented in the village had our Wesleyan friends joined in with the other churches and helped them in their struggle, instead of starting another Methodist cause just at the very door of the other places. Oh, when shall Methodists act differently to each other? But I suppose, sir, their starting another cause at this village *was an absolute necessity?* Then again, sir, Mr Hogg says—"What would become of the 120 children?" Why let them go to the other places, where there is plenty of room for them, as there are two chapels and a large school-room. But, sir, why does Mr Hogg introduce this question? This has nothing to do with the question of building the chapel. Then he introduces another thing, which has no bearing with the subject at all—that is, the preaching service on the Sunday morning. That has nothing to do with the building of another chapel, because they have a preaching service in the morning, and the other place in the afternoon. Does that justify them in their present action? Does that make it an absolute necessity? He will have to give stronger facts than these to justify them in their building of another Methodist chapel. Now, sir, Mr Hogg admits that at the London Eucumenical Conference there was a feeling that there should be no overlapping. Now, let me ask him has that feeling gone? If not, why not put that feeling into action in this case? But let me remind Mr Hogg that that is not the only expression of feeling by our Wesleyan friends on this matter. I have the January of this year, 1892, number of the *Methodist Times* before me, and in the annual address to the readers we have this expression—"We desired to do our utmost to promote the co-operation and ultimate union of all Christian churches," and in the same address the writer says—"No form of sectarianism has so little justification in scripture or in history as that which keeps Methodists apart." Now, I close by asking Mr Hogg to reconcile those statements with their present action. Suffer me, Mr Editor, to correct a statement I made in my last letter. I said that the debt on the Primitive Chapel was reduced to a comparatively small item. Now, I have been informed that their debt is still £300. Now, sir, I think our Wesleyan friends could not do better than give their brethren a lift before they build. Surely they will not begrudge it, for "Anonymous" says—"I consider a friend will not begrudge what another friend gets." Here is a good opportunity for them to act on that principle. Hoping, Mr Editor, you will pardon me for trespassing so much on your time.—I am yours,

IRVING CLARK.

Milkwell Burn, March 29th, 1892.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—With your permission I take the liberty to write a few lines upon the above scheme. It may be a direct encroachment upon ground I have no right; but I would like to point out where the evil is in establishing so many denominations, and I hope that these people will take a note of this (denominations), which I consider is uncalled for; and surely these people who call themselves Wesleyans do not think that they are omitted from heaven by entering into a Primitive Chapel. I have followed the letters very closely, and I find there is plenty of room for improvement. I have grave doubts of the true spirit of Christianity amongst these people that won't unite for the purpose of overcrowding the present societies. Then, sir, would be the time for another movement. To me, sir, it would not be to establish another denomination; no, but a movement to have a larger chapel. There are too many denominations. I expect we are all going to heaven. Denominations, sir, I have a list of these to the number of 250 from the Glassities down to the last formed, the Salvation Army, and all the brothers and sisters that have been taken away from these nominations will not enter heaven as such. I hope your readers, sir, will just allow me to call their attention to Wesley's dream—a beautiful illustration. Now, sir, I will take their mind to a small place where I worship my maker. In that village there are five different churches; there is the Church of England, Wesleyan, New Connexion, Presbyterian, and Primitive Churches, and if any of your readers would visit that place they would never find these places full at ordinary services, but some times almost empty. What is the cause of this? There are too many denominations, and where there are so many denominations they very seldom agree. It is so here. One denomination won't patronise another. Although we are all fighting for heaven, there is not the spirit of love there ought to be, because this one belonged to this denomination and the other one another, and until we all unite into one common brotherhood and one society here alike in heaven we will never be any better. Hoping you will pardon for this letter, with many thanks, I am, dear sir, yours,

A. FLETCHER.

Swalwell, April 4th, 1892.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In perusing the letter of your correspondent, "Diagama," in last week's issue in connection with the controversy about the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel Scheme at Allendale Cottages, I find a passage to this effect—"If the Wesleyans at Allendale Cottages are actuated with such a burning zeal and are in possession of such an abundance of surplus energy, it might be a deal more profitably employed in assisting the dying causes owned by that body at Ebchester and elsewhere in the immediate vicinity." Now, sir, I hold that "Diagama" has gone a long way out of his path in importing the Ebchester Society into this controversy, and I would like to know where he has got his information from, and where his proof that the Wesleyans at Ebchester is a dying cause. I also hold that the members that constitute the Wesleyan Methodist Society of that place have been grossly insulted, and as a member of twenty years' standing at Ebchester, I most emphatically deny the allegation, and I am also confident that if it were dead to-morrow "Diagama's" presence would not be desired at the interment. Perhaps he would like all the people at Allendale Cottages and neighbourhood to go to Medomsley Church, and the people of Ebchester and vicinity to go to some place of his liking. Let me inform "Diagama" that there are members connected with that society that are Methodists to the backbone. Numbers are not all. We may not be as numerically strong as we have been some times, but, spiritually, we are stronger. I have seen the cause in a worse condition when we had twice as many members. I am glad to say, sir, that our light is burning, and shall burn until the perfect day. Let me urge upon "Diagama" to catch some of the spirit of the master when there is a cause to be helped, or a soul to be blessed he must needs go through Samaria: "Go thou and do likewise;" and if he has so much surplus energy and time, let him go and pray with some dying brother and not carp over a dying church. In conclusion, I would say to Mr Hogg stick to your guns; God is more for you than all that can be against you.—Yours, &c.,

THOS. IRVING.

Westwood Farm.

A REPLY TO "TOW LAWITE."

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The letter in your last issue signed "Tow Lawite," is vulnerable at so many points that it is certain to be challenged. Its flippancy and the evident self-satisfaction of the author is very refreshing. Though his late strictures on the Wesleyan band have been emphatically refuted, and his veracity and fairness as a correspondent shown to be very unreliable, yet he quite lightly gets rid of his responsibility for propagating what is grossly untrue, by observing quite sarcastically, "If they told me lies, I hope they will repent before it is too late, and that those who feel they have been wronged by them will forgive them." Let me say here too the secret of his identity has been badly kept; every one, comparitively speaking, knows who he is. This gives his notes always the personal element they should avoid, and also causes bitterness in the other churches at times. Note his personal reference in his last week's letter—"Some men think it a very easy thing to be an official in a Trades Union, and when a strike takes place they should do so-and-so. If some of these outsiders had the situation they would talk different(?). You have the men, the masters, the tradesmen, and others to deal with, and it is a very difficult thing to please everybody." Might I suggest to him that it would perhaps be as well not to try to please everybody, but simply content himself with doing the thing that is right. I wish I could believe he was *not* the cause of the deputies being mobbed the other day, and thus the cause of the additional policemen being brought, and whose presence he so mourns over. His paragraphs in the *Guardian* and other papers *re* the deputies and enginemen, were, in the opinion of many, the cause of the proceedings that have so much disgraced his native town. Permit me to just refer to his recent weekly notes. There were four, and in each there was something very like a vindictive stab. The *first* was for the Wesleyan; the *second* for Rev A. Smith; the *third* for the deputies (one in particular); and the *fourth* for the colliery officials, who, seeing the possibility of a lengthy stand, through no fault of theirs had got an extra load of coals. "Tow Lawite" does not mention that he was able to get a load on the last day his pit worked. He says in his letter, "I have not said a single word in my notes that has passed between my friends and I in private conversation." This is utterly absurd, as his notes are a hash of his conversation, and there is nothing private to such a man. Finally, I would say to "Tow Lawite" emulate the example of the other efficient correspondent of the *Guardian*, and to those other correspondents I would say: See in "Tow Lawite" an example of how *not* to do it.—Yours, &c.,

NUDA VERITAS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I ask your favour for a space in your next issue for the purpose of calling the attention of "Tow Lawite" to a few facts. In his former notes he took up the deputies question.

1st—That they were not required in a mine when coal was not being sent out.

2nd—He was against one class of workmen being reduced in wage and not others. (I understood the position of "Tow Lawite" should have been to keep wages up, and not have such a strong feeling to take the wages of some men down).

3rd—He made a contrast between five loads of coals and none, for the purpose of roasting toes, he said.

I am sorry his letter in last week's issue is so wide of the mark that I have been necessitated to state his position on this occasion. I took objection to his position, and gave reasons for so doing, and he has made no attempt at defence, which is equal to saying—Beat again. In his last effort he wants to saddle all blame of mischief on other people, which is a compliment to his neighbours. If the deputies' question be a vexed one, why did he interfere, knowing nothing about it? He said deputies, stonemen, shifters, coal-hewers, &c., which we understand includes himself, say deputies are not officials. Well, suppose they have said so, it amounts to nothing in the face of facts. For the purpose of helping "Tow Lawite" out of his difficulty, we will try the case by the rule of logic.

An outsider having some conversation with coal-hewers a few days since, asked what is a deputy? The answer was a coal-hewer's servant. He pressed his question for a better definition, but the above was considered complete.

I ask who is he deputy to? We must all admit to the overman. What is an overman—an official? If an overman be an official, what is his deputy? Logical test says an official. I hope the case is clear to all. If deputies, &c., were idle, it was on account of complying with the rule of the association they stood identified with, which did not apply to those deputies who gave no notice or got none. So the case stands thus: Because some men were idle at their own wish, they would take away the liberties of others who had no part in the dispute, were not consulted by the Federation Board, nor yet allowed to take any part in the county ballot. My contention is this: Part of the officials have been deprived of their work by the Miners' Association while they were performing their own duties and interfering with no man's interests. "Tow Lawite" says no men could have behaved better than they have done at Tow Law. Well, I wish the man would speak the truth, or not speak at all. We have, and are a class of people at Tow Law, which will compare very favourably with any place in the county, according to my opinion, but in this case he should have made exceptions. There is no credit due to a man who would belittle the people in his own village. So I will leave the verdict for the people in our own village. What conduct was practised towards the deputies on their way from work on March 22nd by the throwing of half bricks and stones; and, strange to say, the leading hands in the insult were from a neighbouring colliery, where a certain man is an official of a trades' union, and himself a witness to the scene, and on the 25th ult. people were insulted in their own houses, and who was to blame I wonder? The man, for one, who sent falsehoods through the press. And it is news to me than an official of a trades' union has the responsibility of the affairs of men, masters, tradesmen, and others to burden his life. If he looks after the men, I think the rest are quite able to look after themselves. Besides, there are others who have a similar position to fill at Tow Law, but do not assume so much. Disputes we have had, but the manager has been able to put them right, that is true. What is behind that? There is more than one manager on the hill top. Suppose "Tow Lawite" had never been born, would the people of Tow Law have fared any the worse? There would have been this consolation, they would have been spared the inconveniences of one busybody. I wish the dispute was settled, shake hands, and go on again as if nothing had taken place. Just so, all right from that side.

I. O. U.

NUISANCES AT WEST KYO.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your paper to draw the attention of the Nuisance Inspector to the filthy and disgraceful condition of the ashpit at the end of Robert Street, belonging to the Oxhill Colliery. The ashpit wall is down to the ground, and the ashes and filth is right out into the street, so much so that even the passers by have to walk over the top of it. It is, I think, high time some one looked after it, as it is generally in the same condition, and it is right into the doors of dwelling-houses. Yours &c.,

A PASSER BY.

Kyo, April 5th, 1892.

THE ENGINEERS LOCK-OUT ON THE NORTH-EAST COAST.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you allow us, through the medium of your valuable paper, to state for the information of all whom it may concern, that we have received a fair share of the funds subscribed by the men in the various works throughout the United Kingdom, as well as many kind friends who have come to the rescue, as there seems to be an opinion abroad in some of the districts that the funds are appropriated by the engineers themselves to the exclusion of the unskilled workers. This we wish to emphatically deny; as we ourselves and many others whom we know have been repeatedly assisted by the direction of the Joint Committee through the Blaydon Local Strike Committee, we think it only fair to that committee to make this known, and to say we consider their disinterested exertions on behalf of the needy and helpless are very praiseworthy. Thanking you in anticipation, we beg to remain,

J. FORSTER.
WM. HALL.

Swalwell.

Trade Notes.

Mr Toyne, president of the Cleveland Miners' Association, addressed an open-air meeting of quarrymen and others in the Market Place, Stanhope, on Thursday se'nnight. Coun. George Race occupied the chair.

Volunteer Intelligence.

4TH V.B.D.L.I.

The members of the rifle club in connection with the Beamish companies of the above corps commenced the season on Thursday week, with a handicap competition at Stanley Burn range. The shoot consisted of seven rounds at 200 yards, 500 yards, and 600 yards, with no sighting shot, Bisley targets, h.p.s 105. There was a good light. The winners were all scratch men:—Priv. J. Grundy, 30, 30, 31, total, 91; Priv. F. Jackson, 31, 25, 24—80; Serg. T. Wrangham, 28, 23, 27—78; Corp. J. Johnson, 27, 29, 16—72; Priv. W. Kay, 33, 23, 15—71.

Cricket.

BLACKHALL MILL CRICKET CLUB.

FIXTURES FOR 1892.

April 15—Old Members, at Blackhall Mill.
May 7—Greenside, at Greenside.
" 21—Castleside, at Blackhall Mill.
" 28—Consett Fell 2nd, at Blackhall Mill.
June 4—Burnopfield 2nd, at Burnopfield.
" 11—Burnopfield 2nd, at Blackhall Mill.
" 18—Blaydon, at Blaydon.
" 25—Westwood, at Blackhall Mill.
July 2—Consett Fell 2nd, at Consett.
" 9—Castleside, at Castleside.
" 23—Greenside, at Blackhall Mill.
Aug 6—Blaydon, at Blackhall Mill.
" 13—Westwood, at Westwood.

Sporting Items.

PIGEON FLYING AT BLACKHILL.—A pigeon flying handicap was flown on Saturday, from Redwell Hills to Blackhill, in fine but dull weather, a distance of three miles, and was won by Wigham's Handy Andy in 3min. 3sec.; Polick's Will Monarch being second in 3min. 9sec.; Taggart's Shot and Robson's Old Slow finished a dead heat for third place in 3min. 11sec. Nineteen birds competed. A Taggart was handicapper, J Wilkinson timekeeper, and W Charlton, starter.

POINT TO POINT STEEPLECHASE AT WITTON GILBERT.

The annual Point to Point Steeplechase, run in connexion with the North Durham Hunt, was held on Friday afternoon, over about three miles of fine hunting country, along the valley to the west of Langley Park. The day was beautifully fine, and the attendance both of horsemen and pedestrians was very large, the hillsides above the village affording a natural grand stand, from which hundreds of people obtained a capital view over the greater part of the course. Commencing at Biggen, the route to be covered by the competitors extended along the right side of the road to Langley Park, then across the road and up the valley as far as the North Farm, returning again down the valley to a a field adjoining the road from Langley Park to Hill Top, the whole distance being about 208 yards short of three miles. There were eleven competitors named on the card, the only absentee being Mr N. H. Scott's Come Again. The competitors weighed out at the railway station immediately on the arrival of the Durham train, and at once made their way to the starting point. Details:—

POINT TO POINT STEEPLECHASE; catch weights above 12st. About three miles.

Mr Leonard Brigg's ORACLE ....W Briggs 1
Mr P H Chapman's SWEEP ....Owner 2
Mr A T Crow's EARLY MORN ....Mr Menzies 3
Mr S Tyzach's First Flight ....Mr Deans 0
Mr E Vaux's Shillelagh ....Owner 0
Mr V T Thompson's Circlet ....Owner 0
Mr A Kidson's Molly Bawn ....Owner 0
Mr S Tyzach's Flax 0
Mr E A Weiner's Brickbat ....Owner 0
Mr W E Rogerson's My Lady ....Owner 0

Betting: 5 to 2 against Oracle, 4 to 1 against First Flight, 6 to 1 Shillelagh, 10 to one against others. Oracle Led the way from the start, with Molly Bawn and Brickbat next, Sweep fourth, First Flight next, and the rest in a cluster. Before they had gone very far My Lady fell, and directly after Shillelagh came to grief, breaking his leg badly in a ditch after clearing a fence near the Fining farm. Oracle showed the way up to the North farm, where she commenced the return journey with a fifteeen lengths lead of Molly Bawn, Sweep, ten lengths behind, being third, and First Flight next, other ten lengths away, Early Morn being the only other horse in the race at this point. As they came away down the valley no change occurred up to the second fence from home, where Molly Bawn refused, and Sweep went on second, with First Flight in attendance a few lengths behind. The favourite was never approached, and won easily by half a dozen lengths from Sweep, Early Morn getting up in the last few yards for third place, half a length in front of First Flight. The only other who finished was Molly Bawn. Mr Alan Greenwell was judge, with Messrs J E Rogerson, H T Peirson, and N H Scott assisting him as stewards.

BRAES OF DERWENT FOXHOUNDS.

On Wednesday week, these hounds met at Shotley Bridge, but, owing no doubt to the severe frost overnight and the fact of it being Sedgefield Steeplechases, there was only a small muster at the meet. The first covers tried were those of Mr Pumphrey's, of Elm Park, but all, unfortunately, were blank. However on the adjoining estate of Tinckler Hill, which has lately been purchased by Mr Richard Murray, C.C., an enthusiastic supporter of these hounds, we found a gallant fox in the smallest of small whin covers. He took to the open in view of the whole field, and skirted the hill to Benfieldside with every hound in full cry and close to his brush. Here he turned southward over the hill past Mr Shaw's knitting works, and on to Leadgate, and then shaping his course eastward, passed the refuse heaps of the Consett mines. Then he entered the Pont woods and following these eastward, passing Bradley on the left and High Stables and Pontop Pike on the right, he still kept the woods until arriving opposite Southfield, where he crossed the park in front of Hamsterley Hall (the residence of our great northern sporting writer, the late Mr Surtees, of Handley Cross fame), but being headed at the home farm he passed the back of the gardens and the blacksmith's shop, and on nearly to Priestfield, where he was again headed by some pedestrians when crossing the turnpike on his way to the Derwent. This caused a check, but the hounds were soon on his line again. Skirting the low side of South Medomsley he re-entered the Hamsterley woods to the north of old Pont Hall, and following the Pont Burn along nearly the same route as he had taken before, evidently intent on regaining his original quarters; but being pressed too closely he was unable to breast the high hills to the west, and making a short detour passed the south end of Leadgate, but he was gallantly pulled down in the open at Redwell Hills. This excellent run lasted exactly an hour-and-a-half, with only two checks of any moment. Every hound was up at the kill. Those we noticed going best were Mr R. Murray, the master, Mr J. Annandale, jun., Cusson, the huntsman, and whip. The hounds were then trotted off to Broad Oak cover, but these were blank. However Milkwell Burn, the next cover, proved more satisfactory, and the hunt was favoured with another half-hour's spin past New Houses, High Ashtree, Currick Farm, and holed him on Hedley Fell. This latter run was only slow, owing no doubt to the change in the weather, which had now become very cold.

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SUDDEN DEATH IN A WEST STANLEY HOTEL.

An inquest was held on Monday evening, at the house of Mr Thompson, Stanley Hotel, before Mr A. T. Shepherd, deputy coroner, touching the death of William Scott, aged 77 years, living at South Moor. It appears that at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Scott went into the Commercial Hotel bar, and looked somewhat pale. Harris, the barman, observed his condition, and shouted to the man Curren to catch hold of Scott as he was likely to fall. Curren seized hold of him and laid him on a seat, but the man expired before the doctor arrived. He was seen however, by Dr Anderson shortly after death. A verdict was returned that death resulted from syncope, caused by a rupture of a blood vessel on the brain.

THE LATE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION.

COUNCILLOR R. MURRAY AND HIS OPPONENTS.

We have been requested to publish the following correspondence:—

11, Middle Street, Consett,
March 29th, 1892.

SIR,—In the "Consett Guardian" of the 11th ult., in your speech after the declaration of the poll, you are reported to have said, speaking of the combination opposed to you, "and the two spies Daly and Kelly or rather Barry and Kelly." In conversation with Mr Aynsley upon this subject, he says that you told him you were wrongly reported, and that you never intended applying the epithet of "spy" to me. I have waited for two issues of the "Guardian" to appear expecting you would make the *amende honorable*, but none has been forthcoming as yet. I beg, therefore, to ask you to be good enough to say if what Mr Aynsley states is correct; or, if not, will you please say upon what grounds you base the assertion that I am a "spy." Nuttall's definition of the word "spy" is as follows:—"One on the watch to gain and send intelligence of transactions intended to be kept secret." I may inform you that I never attented an Irish meeting public or private. I never attended a Foster meeting public or private, and I certainly never attended one of yours. I, therefore, fail to see in what sense the term can be applied to me.—Awaiting your reply, I am, yours, &c.,

JAMES KELLY.

Mr R. Murray,
Benfieldside House.

Benfieldside House,
March 30th, 1892.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of yesterday's date. The report of my speech (in the "Consett Guardian"), after the declaration of the poll for the Consett County Council election, is not quite correct, which is not to be wondered at as the reception given me by my friends and supporters was of such an enthusiastic description that I could scarcely hear myself speak. So the reporter is excusable if he did not catch the exact words. What I said was, "I have been confronted by a combination of brotherhoods. There are the Brothers Foster; there are the Brothers Davison (who attempted to prove Foster a better man than their own father; there are the brother spies (who, according to their own evidence on oath at the last Brewster Sessions at Lanchester, had stood in the entry to listen and had peeped over the window blind to see what was doing in the Freemasons' Arms); and there are the Brothers Barry-Kelly." So you will see by this explanation that *I never called you a spy*, nor had I any intention or justification in doing so.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

RICHARD MURRAY.

Mr James Kelly,
Consett.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

The regular meetings of waywardens was held at Lanchester on Thursday afternoon week, Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding. Present: Coun. T. J. Muse, Messrs Geo. Hobson, N. Clark, Geo. Alder, J. Towns, R. Crowe, J. Cockerill, T. Lowden, Wm. Rutherford, W. Aynsley, R. Robson, the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard, and the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon reported that the present state of the weather had not been favourable to improve the roads—frost at night and a thaw during the day preventing the material being properly consolidated. He had received an account from the owners of Craghead Colliery for stone which had been carried over their railway for the past six or seven years. He had prepared estimates of the probable cost of maintaining and repairing the roads throughout the district, and supplied copies of the estimates to the waywardens of the various townships. He had experienced great difficulty in getting stones broken. The machine broken metal, however, has been much better than formerly. He wished the Board's instructions with regard to the tenders. He had been obliged to procure three truck loads of limestone for the Lobley Hill Main Road, at Crookbank.

THE DANGEROUS PLACES AT LANCHESTER.

The Surveyor mentioned that Mr Crozier, county surveyor, came to Lanchester and examined the dangerous walls, near the county bridges, and gave him verbal instructions to protect the same with posts and rails.

The CHAIRMAN thought that Mr Dixon should have had written orders.

THE EXPENDITURE ON THE ROADS:

MORE MATERIAL TO BE PUT ON.

The Surveyor submitted his estimate of the expenditure for the year ending 25th March, 1893, as follows:—

Balance in hand, £1,502 0s 1d; grant from the county, £5,213 3s 1d; and the rate of 6d in the pound realised £5,460 17s 0d, making a total of £9,086 0s 2d. The estimate of the expenditure during the coming year amounted to £7,243, with £100 contingencies for the steam roller, which would leave a balance next March of £1,743 1s 0d.

Mr RUTHERFORD urged that there ought to be more metal put on the main roads, which were rolled by the steam locomotive, especially where there was a good deal of traffic. The stones had embedded in the roads about the Annfield Plain district, and the subsoil was now uppermost, causing the turnpike to lift, and to be soft and spongy.

Coun. MUSE quite concurred with the remarks of the previous speaker.

Mr CLARK said it would be better to put extra material upon the roads now, and less a few years hence.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that they would not experience the benefit of the steam roller for the first two years. If they put an extra quantity of metal now on the roads, then they would feel the benefit of the roller.

Mr RUTHERFORD stated that some roads had been in a bad state for some years past.

The Surveyor mentioned that he had been rather restricted, in preparing his estimate, by the three years limitation of the County Council.

The Clerk said that if additional expense was incurred in the reasonable and proper maintenance of the roads, he did not think the County Council would object to paying the extra money.

The CHAIRMAN maintained that it was for the public benefit that more stones should be put on the main roads. The Board must try to recover the amount expended from the County Council, and if that body refused to pay the extra cost, then at the expiration of their three years contract, they must hand over the main roads to the County Council to keep in good order.

Coun. MUSE said that nobody begrudged the payment of the Highway rate.

The Surveyor, in reply to the CHAIRMAN said he had allowed an extra quantity of metal on the main roads where there was a good deal of traffic, but less on some of the bye-roads. He had not, however, dealt so liberally as he would have liked with some of the roads, if he had a free hand.

On the proposal of Coun. MUSE, seconded by Mr RUTHERFORD, a resolution was passed levying a highway rate of 7d in the pound, and that the Surveyor be authorised to increase the cost of repairing the main and district roads to the extent of £900 more than he had already estimated for.

This was carried nem con.

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A CONSETT MISSIONARY IN EAST AFRICA.

C.M.S. Station, Mochi.
East Africa,
January 27th, 1891.

DEAR ——, I am very late in beginning my letter this month, as the mail is due to-morrow; but I have put off letter writing until other writing was finished, which was of importance. I have only just completed the last page of the last writing of St. Matthew's Gospel in Kichagga, which is now to go to England. I have been working at it for nineteen months, but I am not fully satisfied. I cannot, however, improve it now, and it is important that one Gospel should be printed soon, although the translation is somewhat imperfect. This has been a great month with us for cultivation. Here, near the house, about half-an-acre of wild bushy land has been cleaned and hoed, and on it we have sown a large quantity of native potatoes, and several small beds of English seeds, besides, of which mustard, cress, turnips, and radishes are already above ground. Beyond this, we have planted about three hundred young bananas, which we hope will do better than the others; being planted before instead of after the rains, and having more attention paid to them. Last week, I selected ten of the boys, and went down with them to the lowest slopes of the mountain, and we encamped there three days. In that time we cleared a strip of ground from which we hope to get in May or June about fifteen thousand heads of maize, or food for about two months. When the corn is young we shall have to watch it by night against the inroads of wild pigs, and when it is ripening we must watch it by day against the troops of apes. But as there are a good many of us, this work will not be very heavy.

On January 8th, I went down to Taveta, with the Taveta boys, and four from Mochi. We had a terrible wet journey, but I am thankful to say I have not suffered from it. Two days afterwards (Sunday), I baptised Kadeghe by the name of Paolo (Paul), Kitao was named Stefano (Stephen), and Alolo Danieli (Daniel). We had a good congregation, Mr Frazer reckoned over a hundred, mostly men. We all came back to Mochi next day by the State of Kilema, sleeping one night on the way.

There is great trouble just now among the Masai. They are an entirely pastoral tribe, and the cattle plague has swept off their herds. Having no vegetable food to fall back on they have been driven to seek it on this mountain, and elsewhere. They sell their donkeys, their few remaining goats, their ornaments, and their salt; and when these have come to an end, they steal, and also sell each other's children. On some parts of the mountain, a child has been sold for a goat. Near us a few children were sold for two goats each, and were glad to come into their new homes, having experienced the miseries of starvation among their own people. Meli, the young king, gave me a donkey he had bought of the Masai. For want of training, the animal is not much good at present, but may improve. We can keep him for nothing. The Masai donkeys are not accustomed to be ridden, but carry loads fairly well up to about two hundred pounds. They are used to work in herds, and one by himself suffers from loneliness. Possibly, I may get another donkey to keep this one company.

February 3.—Arrival of the mail, bringing (among others) a letter from the coast. Mr Binns writes that the Bishop hopes to start with him on January 25th from Frere Town, and they expected to reach Taveta on February 6th. I have kept the mail men here, a few extra days, and propose to start with them to-morrow so as to meet the Bishop at Taveta, and all three come on here when we leave Taveta. Thanks for yours, and for all the letters received from home. I send a statement of the cash subscribed for my work here. The kind friends will perhaps like to see it.

February 8th.—Taveta. The bishop is here with Mr Binns. Yohana was confirmed yesterday. We expect to start to Mochi on the 10th.

February 15th.—I find that some of the porters who came with the bishop and Mr Binns are returning to the coast to-day, so I will send you what little additional news I have, as they will be in time to catch the mail. On the 9th we all three went from Taveta to visit the crater-lake of Chala, and spent the greater part of the day over the walk. It rained heavily at night, so we did not start to Chagga next day as we intended, but waited for the tents, &c., to dry. In the afternoon, however, we went for a walk, and viewed a spot where we shall possibly build church or school before very long. On the 11th we moved on, the caravan spending the night on the plain, while I went on with three boys to Mochi to have all ready for the bishop. He and Mr Binns are now occupying my house, while I go temporally to the printing office. We take meals all together, including Dr Baxter. Yesterday (Sunday), we had three services. The Lord's supper at 9 a.m. in English. Service in Kichagga at 11 a.m., at which the bishop preached, myself interpreting. At 4 p.m., service in Kiswahili for the porters and others here who understand that language, which Mr Binns conducted entirely. In the evening again a bible-reading by the bishop. To-day we are going to see King Meli. I hope that the bishop will stay at least ten days longer, and that two of the Mochi boys will be baptized next Sunday. On my birthday I asked Paolo to write out the Lord's prayer for you, and I enclose it in this, with the statement of cash as before mentioned.

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THE MINERS' STRIKE.

THE RESULTS OF THE STRIKE IN WEARDALE.

As a consequence of the colliers' strike and the paralised state of the labour market, a number of able bodied men applied to the Weardale Guardians on Friday for assistance. The Guardians could not grant the applications, but decided to open out a quarry east of the Workhouse to meet any pressure or emergency that may arise.

MEETING OF MINERS AT OUSTON.

A mass meeting was held on Saturday afternoon in the field adjoining the Miners' Hall, Ouston. About twelve collieries were represented. Mr Jos. Stoker, local president of the Miners' Union, took the chair, and urged the men to stand firm in the present crisis. He said that it was not a strike, but a lock-out, the masters having locked the doors against them, and would not let them in again. The usual resolutions were passed.

BURNHOPE MINERS AND THEIR ASHPITS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow us a small space in your paper to contradict a statement made by Mr J. E. Parker at the Rural Sanitary Authority at Lanchester on Thursday, March 31st? He states that the miners object to the ashpits being cleaned out during the strike. We emphatically deny that statement, as we have never stopped the cartmen from doing any sort of work. Moreover, the ashpits and water-closets were in a disgraceful condition long before the strike commenced. We also think the inspector should have looked after the ashpits before now. Mr Collinson had a right to be surprised, as it is nothing but falsehood.—Signed on behalf of the committee,

ANDREW HARTLEY, Treasurer.
JAMES JOHNSON, Secretary.

Burnhope Colliery, April 2nd, 1892.

MASS MEETING AT THE SPEN.

A large meeting of miners was held in a field at The Spen, on Thursday week. There were men from The Spen, Byermoor, Hobson, Westwood, Hamsterley, and Victoria Garesfield collieries present, accompanied by three bands. Banners were carried with the inscriptions, "Vote for Justice," "Hamsterley; No reduction," and "Sandgate Royal Fusiliers; No reduction," this last having reference to the medley of instruments that accompanied the contingent and produced the most agonising combination of sounds imaginable.

Mr JOS. ROBSON, The Spen, presided, and stated that the meeting had been arranged in a hurry, and a telegram had been received that morning saying that none of the agents could come on account of the short notice given. But he was glad to say that they had plenty of local talent on the platform, who would do as much good as the members of the Federation Board. (Cheers.) He was not going to say a word about that Board, because there were men on it whom he had known for years, and who were as honest and upright as any in England. (Hear.) He bespoke a fair hearing for the speakers to follow, and if they said anything that was not agreeable then the men could vote as they liked afterwards. And he would like to say that it was matterless what reporters were there, and whether they represented one paper or another. (Hear.) Let every man who was a reporter have free scope; this was a free country, and everything should be conducted openly.

Mr JOSEPH HODGSON (Victoria Garesfield) now moved—

"That we give power to our Federation Board to meet the owners to discuss the present crisis, and if they (the owners) still adhere to their present claim, viz., an immediate reduction of 7½ per cent now and 5 per cent in May, we still continue this movement. But if they modify their claim, full particulars to be conveyed back to the whole of the lodges comprising the Federation Board for our approval or disapproval."

The resolution, he said, might give rise to a considerable amount of divergence of opinion in that meeting, but he trusted that they would continue to be as fair-minded as they had always been, and would give a man a fair hearing. (Hear.) He thought that every-one would notice from the tone of the resolution that they were not putting the matter entirely into the hands of the Federation Board to settle. Far from it. They as an organisation had proved to the county that the owners would have to be more careful in the future and not force trade to such a standpoint as they had done to-day. Since 1878 they (the owners) had met the Federation Board and never repudiated the credit of that Board, and he did hold that they ought to have treated the Board in a better manner now, and they ought to have made all alike, and served the men with their notices at one and the same time. (Cheers.) They would let the owners know that they were not going to be played with and tampered with.

Mr COOPER, Byermoor, seconded, and said it was difficult then even to support a resolution such as had been read, because they were not sure whether it would go any further than that place or to the public press. A ballot was before the county, and, so far as they had seen, they could come to a pretty correct conclusion what the result was going to be. But they had no right to judge that; they must wait to see what the result really was. He believed that the owners were responsible for the strike. The miners of the county were ready to-morrow to put the question into the hands of the Federation Board, but on the lines laid down in the resolution. They were quite willing for the Board to go and meet the owners, but they (the men) were frightened that the masters would attempt to force a reduction and that the members of the Board would agree to it without consulting the county. Some members of the Board had said that they were willing to do what this resolution asked them to do; but not all. He confessed that if he was a member of that body he would not, in the face of the opinion in the county, make any agreement until the men had been consulted. (Hear.) He had every respect for the members of the Board. He had known some of them for a long time—especially Mr Johnson, who he believed was a man that was right and just, and who would sacrifice his life rather than his principles—(hear)—but he would say this, that if the Board wanted to exist in the future the members would never be parties to signing an agreement until the county had been consulted on it. (Cheers.) The present struggle had brought up things—such as the question of royalty rents, &c.—that had not been before them previously, and if they got their dispute settled to-morrow, he hoped that they would have meetings throughout the county to discuss these. Great reforms were never carried out without a crisis such as that. (Cheers.)

Mr MCCLANNING, Hamsterley Colliery, supported, and hoped that reporters that were admitted to meetings would tell the truth, and that some of these papers that had made such abominable statements would be corrected. At the Blackhall Mill meeting last Saturday he wanted to say that Mr John Wilson never converted him by his speech, as had been stated. He had every confidence in the members of the Federation Board, but he would never give that Board power to settle unless the masters could prove conclusively that a reduction was right. As far as the resolution went he (the speaker) might be prepared to go with it, but there was one thing that always struck him very forcibly. He wanted to keep the hands of the Federation Board clean, and not to allow them to go too far. He did not want them to step in and barter the interests of the men. They must not allow the Board to agree to any terms, but require them to report back to each individual lodge and through them to each individual member, and by so doing they (the men) would be able to say whether they approved or disapproved of the action of the Board. (Cheers.) And then, when a settlement was come to, whether with a reduction or without, the result would be accepted by the majority in the county, and they would go in and work and toil like men without any regret and without discredit to the Federation Board. (Cheers.) He believed that in their individual lodges they had sufficient intelligence to support what was right and fair and just. (Cheers.) But the masters, he believed, had never yet proved to the county that they had a real claim to a reduction.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr JAS. ROBINSON (Spen) moved:—

That we give our Federation Board power to allow the non-associated collieries to resume work at advanced terms.

Various non-associated collieries, he said, were offering 5 and others 10 per cent. advance for the men to return, and others would allow them to go in with no reduction at all. This, he argued, was a matter that should claim their consideration. (Cheers.)

Mr JOHN TUCKER (Victoria Garesfield) seconded, and hoped they would not disagree with him in asking them to go to work. He supposed they were not very keen to do it. He was not himself. (Laughter.) It was rather a critical undertaking to get up there and ask them to go to work, but the strong feelings he had on this point had led him to do it. Those who were in the Masters' Association, however, would blackleg the men if they had the opportunity—they were doing it in some places now—and in return he would set some collieries to work on certain conditions, and he would let them work four shifts. (Cheers.) If they let these men at the non-associated collieries go to work, on certain conditions of course, he could not see what harm it would do to the rest of the men. On the contrary, he considered that it would be doing them a great deal of good. (Hear.) There was another point—they would have a great many the less to keep while the strike lasted. (Hear.) He took particular notice of what happened in 1879. At that time the masters blacklegged the men, and dragged every colliery they could into work, and he did not see why the men could not do the same now. (Hear.) If they did not want to go to work he hoped they would be able to live for ever and two or three days after. (Laughter.) But he held that it they did go to work they would be doing their association a good turn, while they would be doing themselves no injury. (Cheers.)

Mr POGUE (Swalwell) supported, and said the non-associated collieries were now offering them a splendid opportunity to pay into their unions. They came out on orders from the association, but there had been no strike; there had been no dispute with their masters. The associated owners said they could not live unless they got 10 per cent reduction, but some of the non-associated owners—the one at Swalwell, for instance—came forward and said to the men, "I will give you 10 per cent to go to work." (Cheers.) If this could be done, and the owners still live, what a grand argument it was against the demand for a reduction on the part of the masters enrolled in the owners' association. (Cheers.) And there was another thing. There were 12,000 men employed at the non-associated collieries and, if they were allowed to go to work, it would mean that they (the men) could give the amount of the advance and pay a levy also in support of the others that were out. They had sent a deputation to their masters at Swalwell pit, and he said to them, "I will allow you 10 per cent now until the strike is ended; then you can have your old rate of wages for six months, after which, if the result of the strike be a 10 per cent reduction, you will have to submit." He (the speaker) replied, "make the best terms you can." He would like the secretaries of lodges to write to Durham for the sanction of the officials to let the men at the non-associated collieries go to work and help the others who are out. He believed that if they were to do that, they would be able to stand out for six months if necessary. But he did not think they would be required to stop out a fortnight longer if such a thing as this came to pass. They had come to the time now when they needed consideration. He would like to have the thing spread far and wide over the county, and not only that but he wanted the thing carried out so that they (the men at the non-associated collieries) could support the wives and families of those who were out of work. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN: Let us go and fight and get the ammution to fight with. This is the best means to win the battle. Let the non-association collieries go to work and get funds to support us with. ("No, no," and cheers.)

The resolution was adopted.

Mr R. DOBSON (Victoria Garesfield) moved the last resolution as follows:—

"It is the opinion of this meeting that the time has arrived when the four sections of the Durham Federation should join the Federation Union of the Midland counties, and it further pledges itself to support any agitation that will lead to such a good issue, because unity is strength."

Mr J. WILSON (Spen) seconded.

Mr R. YOUNG (Rowland's Gill) supported.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and after thanks had been passed to the chairman and speakers and the owner of the rolley, the meeting separated.

FEELING IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

The special commissioner of the *Northern Echo*, who visited this district on Monday, writes:—

In the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, it is said, and though this may be perfectly true in the main it can hardly be said to apply to the existing struggle. Of counsellors there is the requisite multitude, for everybody with an itch for scribblings airs his views of what the remedy should be, but the suggestions are so numerous and so various that they rather confuse the issue than indicate any way out of the difficulty. Besides, none of them are at all likely to be accepted by the miners, who are really the persons who have to decide this question and who have already and repeatedly declined to entertain anything which implies the reduction of their wages. From what I gathered on Monday in a tour of the Consett district, however, I am led to think there are more hopeful signs of something being arrived at which will lead to an arrangement by which work may be temporarily resumed if the feeling exhibited in the north-west of the county extends to an appreciable extent in other districts. Though equally firm in the belief as are the pitmen in the eastern portion of Durham, that on the information they already possess there is nothing to justify the masters' demand for a reduction, still there is a generally-expressed desire in and around Consett, Leadgate, and Medomsley that the Federation Board should be empowered to confer with the masters, and that pending the result of the conference the pits should be thrown open and work resumed. As, however, by this they mean that the old rate of wages should be paid until a settlement is arrived at, it is problematical whether the coalowners would agree to such a course.

In the Consett district as elsewhere there is ample evidence of the disastrous effects of the strike, or lock-out as the men declare it to be. Groups of pitmen are seen lounging about the streets in twos and threes, generally accompanied by a terrier, and in some of the open spaces scores assemble either to play quoits or football or talk over the position. All the nine pits in the neighbourhood belong to the Consett Iron Company, and employ about 1,600 persons. With two exceptions the pits are free from water, and at these two there is no danger of any serious damage by the water. In talks with some of the representative pitmen, I ascertained that the majority are in favour of settlement being effected by the Federation Board on condition that the masters withdraw the notices and allow work to be resumed whilst negotiations are proceeding. It is pretty generally accepted that this will mean a reduction, but it is thought that to be equitable it should be about 3¾ per cent., and not 5 per cent. One of my informants said, "It is not what we have a right to that we shall get, but it is what we can obtain under the circumstances. We have to consider that though some of us can stand a long period without work, we are only as strong as the weakest important part; and it is the poorer pitmen we must consider, as they cannot manage to carry on a prolonged struggle. I do not see any possibility of us beating the masters on the question of resisting any reduction. I think we shall be obliged to take a reduction, and we can do this with most credit, and least loss to ourselves by getting the masters to withdraw the notices and leave the matter in the hands of the Federation Board. That to a great extent would mean a victory." He asserted that the present strike was not an unmitigated evil, as it would have the effect of a preventive against future demands of a similar nature; but if the men had submitted to a reduction quietly they would have had to undergo another loss of the same nature before very long. The present resistance, he argued, would cause the masters to be careful not to ask for a further reduction until it was absolutely out of their power to do anything else. There is a belief amongst the men here that a grave mistake was made when they aproached the masters in August, 1890, and asked for an advance, because the application was postponed from time to time—during which interval the price of coal rose enormously—and when the advance was granted of 5 per cent. the enhanced selling price was lost sight of, and the increase was on the first application, whereas the argument price of coal would have justified a further advance in wages of 7½ per cent. Arbitration finds few supporters here, the argument against it being that the arbitrator would only have just what figures the masters liked to furnish to guide him in his award.

As to the purely local aspect, there threatens to be a somewhat serious complication. The Consett Iron Company had a stock of something like 50,000 tons of coal when the strike commenced, this coal being "filled" by members of the National and Tyneside Labour Union, who ceased work at the same time as the pitmen in order to strengthen their hands against the masters. The company now desire to fill this coal, and it is currently stated that they intend to keep out the whole of the men for three months while the stock lasts. But as no men are forthcoming the furnaces have had to be damped down, and this has given rise to much ill-feeling between the furnacemen and the pitmen. The firm usually employs from 100 to 150 cokemen, who are all at present on strike, and it is believed that the company intends to import others to fill their places. I may mention that in this neighbourhood as elsewhere the pitmen's attitude is supported with the greatest unanimity by their womenkind.

CONSETT COKEMEN ASKED TO RETURN TO WORK.

Instructions having been given to a number of the cokemen formerly employed at the Consett Iron Company's Delves Lane coke-ovens to the effect that they had to resume their work during the current week, Mr Ernest Forster, secretary of the Durham Cokemen's Association, came on Saturday to Consett, and informed the men that they must not go back to their employment under any circumstances till the whole question in dispute between the miners and the colliery owners was mutually settled. A deputation was accordingly appointed to wait upon Mr Kinleyside, of Crookhall, the manager of the Consett Company's coke-yards, and that gentleman, while disclaiming any responsibility for sending out instructions to the foregoing effect, said that the old hands could return to work immediately at 10 per cent reduction in their wages, but, in the event of their failing to do so, the firm would be at liberty to engage other men. The cokemen, however, declined to return to work under any such conditions, and the local secretary (Mr Henry Thompson) wired to Durham the result of the interview with Mr Kinleyside. In reply thereto, a message was received from headquarters impressing upon the men the absolute necessity of remaining firm, and not go back to work. The men will, therefore, obey the orders of their agents at Durham.

MASS MEETING AT LANGLEY PARK.

A mass meeting was held in a field near Langley Park on Friday afternoon. About 3,000 people were in attendance. The collieries represented were:—Langley Park, Bearpark, Burnhope, Sacriston, and Edmondsley. The usual bands and banners headed the procession from each colliery. Mr G. Ashworth presided.

The first resolution, proposed by Mr JAMES HASWELL, was as follows:—"That this meeting of the various sections is of opinion that the Federation Board should be empowered to open out negotiations with the owners relative to their claim for a reduction, but that the question be referred back to the county for approval or otherwise."

The resolution was seconded by Mr CLAYTON, supported by Mr CHARLTON, and carried unanimously.

Mr GEORGE CHARLTON proposed the second resolution:—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, royalty rents and way-leaves are an unjust tax upon our industries; we, therefore, unitedly seek to have them abolished, and will not rest satisfied until they become a thing of the past."

Mr W. BROWN seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr S. GALBRAITH, and carried.

Mr JOHN WIGHAM proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers, which was seconded by Mr JOHN CLARK, and the meeting then terminated.

CROOK MINISTERS AND THE STRIKE.

At a meeting of Nonconformist ministers in Crook, a resolution was carried regretting the strike, and trusting that both masters and men would manifest a spirit of concession so that harmonious relations may be speedily restored.—It was resolved to forward a copy of the resolution to the Coalowners' Association and the Miners' Federation.

WEARDALE.

Owing to the price of coals—23s per ton—in Weardale, the gasworks at St. John's Chapel have been closed till further notice. There will now be no light for the Town Hall and places of worship except by oil lamps. The Stanhope Co-operative Society have issued a notice that during the present depression advances will be given on checks on the terms and conditions specified.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Company have, with some extra labour and expense, stocked in a supply of coals sufficient to last to the end of this month, when their contracts for lighting the public streets of the three Local Board districts will have elapsed. After that date the directors will probably have to take into consideration the question of paying a higher price for the coals if the unfortunate miners' dispute is not settled in the meantime. Owing to the scarcity of coals, which have now to be carted from Northumberland, Messrs John Annandale and Sons' paper mills at Shotley Bridge are working short time.

THE CONSETT DISTRICT.

The special correspondent of the *Newcastle Daily Leader* writing on Saturday says:—

Going round to-day among the collieries in the Consett district the same aspect of affairs is to be seen as elsewhere. Idle men and boys, either lounging about or amusing themselves in various ways; but nowhere that I have seen at least were there any attempt at rowdyism or disorder. I stood quite close to where the men who are called "blacklegs" were filling the coals into the waggons, but saw no one else take the slightest notice of them.

A story was told me that will throw a good deal of light on the causes of some of the disturbances that have taken place. Two "blacklegs" were enjoying themselves with "the cup that cheers" and does inebriate, when a wager was made that they would not pass by a particular corner which was a noted spot of *rendezvous* of the rising generation of miners. The wager was accepted. One of them walked down to the place with all the bravado that his recent potations could inspire, and, of course, as might have been expected, came to grief; but the other was a sly dog. He hired the landlord's trap and drove through the crowd that was just then very much occupied with his mate. They opened out on either side very courteously, and allowed him to pass through, not discovering who he was until he was far out of their reach. If such things as these are done we cannot wonder that disturbances do occur.

While standing at the station, what appeared to be a reinforcement of police arrived, and many were the comments made upon the country's money being wasted. But on inquiry I learned that it was "inspection day," and that these men were from some of the outlying districts, and had only come in for the purpose of undergoing inspection.

In conversation with a miner at this place he said, "We are not on strike, we are locked out." There was an understanding that no notices were to be given or received on either side during any negotiations for a change in the rate of wages. The employers broke through this agreement, which bound themselves and the Board of Federation, by giving notice to the men before the ballot, which was being taken at that time, was finished. He said, "We are in the right, and the notices must be withdrawn before we can go back to work."

Knowing this, why do you not give the Federation Board full power to settle? Surely, no compromise would be accepted by them with this breach of agreement before them. "They made compromises before. When we put in a claim for an advance of 20 per cent., the masters offered five, and the Board made a compromise with them and accepted 10 per cent. No we win'nt accept nee compromises this time. We'el hae nee reduction." But the matter will have to be put into the hands of some small body of men with power to settle? "Yes," he said, "the Board will have to settle it in the end, but the men wish to impress upon them that under no conditions whatever will they accept a reduction at the present time."

Such were the sort of opinions I met with on all hands in this district from the miners. Outsiders, however, varied much in their criticisms and opinion. One old gentleman—a farmer in appearance, and one whose opinions would have done Lord Salisbury's heart good to have listened to—was loud in his condemnation of the men. He did not know where all this was going to end. The men "didn't knaw" their place in these times. It all came of penny papers and "Schule Boards" that were just turning the men's "heeds," and making them forget themselves. But they would never succeed. Capital would be sure to win. It had always won in the past, and it would this time too. He would bring the "sowldiers doon" and make them return to their work at the point of the bayonet. He had no patience with the authorities for not ending the matter right off at once. Of course, old fossils like our friend are not often to be met with, but specimens of them crop up occasionally and serve to show us what used to be the ideas of our forefathers on these matters. At the hotel where I am staying there are several commercial travellers. One of them has been here a fortnight, and has never opened his order book yet. He says the merchants want his goods, but daren't take them, as they would not get paid for them if they sold them. In three weeks last year, on the same ground, he booked orders to the amount of £250. The accounts that have gone out respecting the high wages that miners were said to have been receiving have done a great deal of harm so far as public sympathy is concerned. People say that the miners have been receiving too much, and that they are quite able to suffer a reduction. They say also that if the men and their families are not well off they ought to be, and that it is their own fault in not taking care of their savings if they require any outside help at the present time.

MASS MEETING AT BURNOPFIELD.

On Wednesday afternoon, a mass meeting of pitmen was held at Burnopfield, representatives from eleven collieries in the immediate district being in attendance. Nearly all were headed by bands and banners as they marched into the village on the hill top, and generally the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting was held in a field close to the village, and the ground was occupied by a large throng of people. Councillor H. C. Wood occupied the chair, and he was supported by Messrs Duffy (Cokemen's Association), T. Oates, Snow (Mechanics' Institution), Charlton (Federation Board), Bulmer, and others.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, said that so far as could be gathered from the manifesto issued by the owners that morning, instead of the owners having a case, it showed that the miners had a case, and a very good one. (Applause.) He had always regretted, from the information that had come to his knowledge, that the men had not allowed the Federation Board at the beginning to negotiate upon this question to the fullest extent. They should have been permitted to get at the facts and the figures, and then come back to the county with full information upon the point at issue. (Hear). If they put the same power as that to which he had referred now into the hands of the Board, there was a danger of the owners interpreting it as weakness, and then they would stiffen their backs and probably try to get even more from the men than they were now doing. But they must remember this one fact—that the difficulty will have to be faced sooner or later; and he believed that the men of the county would be well advised to allow the Federation Board to open negotiations. As an outsider he believed such an arrangement would strengthen the position of the miners very much, as they would be reaping public opinion, which was so valuable in a case of that kind. (Cheers.)

Mr THOMAS OATES moved the first resolution as follows:—

"That we place the power in the hands of the Federation Board to negotiate with the employers upon the present wages question, and the results of the negotiations to be submitted to the county for approval or otherwise."

—He hoped that they would not jump to the conclusion that he was there to propose and advocate a reduction of wages. He had no sympathy with that view whatever. (Applause.) Nobody liked their wages reduced, and he for one did not. (Applause.) But the matter before the meeting was—were they pledged to put their case in the hands of the Federation Board, and give them full power to settle or not? He entirely approved of the idea of showing confidence in their Board. (Applause.) The Board was composed of men of ability; and they were of intellectual and moral worth, and who were prepared to look after the interests of the men. (Cheers.) If the idea that they were otherwise had entered his head he would not have supported that resolution. (Cheers.)

Mr SNOW (Mechanics' Association) seconded the resolution. He considered at the present time their wages were as low as they should be; but he thought that they had a difficulty to face. He thought the resolution pointed out the best ways out of the difficulty. (Applause.) He was assured with the previous speakers that the men at the head of affairs could be trusted. (Hear.) He belived they had done the best they possibly could. When he said that much he did not say that the men were wrong in demanding that they should come back to the county, and leaving them power to say whether they would accept any reduction or not. (Hear.) When the miners' wages were reduced the mechanics' wages suffered in the same way, and there was and, he hoped, would always be, a sympathy between the two. but he would say this: he was glad that the resolution was just what it was. He thought it showed them the best way out of the difficulty, and he believed that the Board were doing the best they possibly could. (Cheers.) They were in a position the like of which they had not been in before, and by their united action they had let the owners see one thing, and that was that in future the masters must see that they could not do just as they pleased and what they deemed best. (Cheers.) He hoped that they would continue in that struggle, if they must continue, calmly and temperately, and would always judge for themselves, and when the time came for going in again, whether immediately or a long time after, they would go in again hand to hand and altogether, and let the world see that they were still constituents and members of the Federation Board. (Cheers.)

Mr DUFFY (Cokemen's Association) supported the motion. To his mind the Federation Board had never on one single occasion asked for power to settle the question. (Voice: "That's a lie.") His friend was there; he knew him. (Laughter.) When the crisis came to a head they called together the four committees to see what was to be done. (Voice: "No, no.") Addressing the interrupter, the speaker said if his friend read his lodge circulars and attended to his lodge meetings he would know what he was saying was all right. (Cheers.) Continuing, he said there had been an attempt made by some means to push the responsibility on to the shoulders of the Federation Board, and some members had had tongues and consciences so elastic to appear one thing in the lodge committee and another outside. (Applause.) The question was sooner or later they must come to a settlement, and would they have outsiders take upon themselves to settle, who did not know anything of the whole question, or those who had the whole business at their finger ends? (Interruption, and a voice: "Shut up; this is not a debating meeting," and "Let the man be done with his speaking before you begin with him.")

The CHAIRMAN appealed for order.

Mr DUFFY, proceeding, said the question must be settled, but if it was settled on the morrow or six months hence, they would previously have to answer the question—who would settle it? (A voice: "The County Board," laughter, and "Shut up.") Could the owners meet the 80,000 men affected in one of the streets of Newcastle? (Laughter.) There would have to be a reduction to less than 80,000 men before they met the owners. (Voice: "They must get it from the county.") The speaker: "I know him. He thinks he is annoying me, but I can tell that he is not. (Laughter.) He may have more wind than I, and perhaps the company would not mind if there was an exchange of lungs." (Laughter.) The members of the Federation Board, he held, were satisfied that they were the best people to tackle the question. They had said so over and over again, but the Board, as a body, had not asked for the power of settling, which they were alleged to have done. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN again appealed to the company for order. There was plenty of room for them to discuss the question, and if anyone disagreed with the speakers, why they could vote at the end and express their opinion, for the resolution would be put fully and fairly before them.

Mr CHARLTON (Federation Board) said they would see from the owners' manifesto issued that morning the whole length of the time that the negociations for a reduction had gone on. All that time the owners were not prepared to show facts and figures, and that was the Board's position. He would like to have said much, but he would have preferred to have been at Durham, where the owners' manifesto was being discussed. The owners had made that which previously appeared as 11½ per cent. to now appear 17½. (Laughter.) He would not like to forestall anything, but they would hear much shortly. (Hear.) But looking further into the owners' manifesto they found a clause which was very interesting. (Laughter.) The owners said that from the beginning of the present difficulty they had endeavoured to lesson the disastrous effects of a stoppage as much as possible. In what way did they behave? Why, during the whole length of the negotiations they never intimated or said to the men's representatives anything of the sort; they never suggested the advisability of coming to some arrangement for the safe keeping of the mines in order that the men might start as soon as the difficulty was settled. There was no suggestion of such an agreement. (Applause.) They lived in days of development and improvement, and one of the most forward of the modern improvements was that of trades unionism. (Cheers.) This the owners had failed see. (Hear.) They had endeavoured to get round them in sections, and that failing they had given the men their notices; but they had discovered how by that movement the men of the whole of the sections of the county had unanimously come to a stand, and a stand in itself so complete that they had never seen the like before. (Cheers.) It was evident that the social system was out of joint when they found firms last year netting £78,000, or equal to 52½ per cent. whilst men under the same company had to content themselves with a basis of wages ranging from 2s 7½d upward. (Cheers.) He was pleased, therefore, to hear Mr Hugh Bell pointing to the Durham strike as a sign of the times. (Cheers.) But they had to deal with the question at issue. They must not unjustly show the country that the Federation Board was a vacillating one; but let the country see that they were one, and that there was no difference or distinction between the men and their representatives. (Cheers.) Personally he had so far discovered none—(hear)—but if they thought there was a difference let them choose other men, but don't destroy the Federation Board. (Loud cheers.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr BULMER moved—

That we in the County Miners', Mechanics', Cokemen's and Engineers' Association consider it advisable that our Board be members of the Midland Counties Mining Federation.

Mr ROBSON (Spen) seconded, and the motion was supported by Mr DOBSON (Garesfield), and carried unanimously.

Mr NICHOLSON (White-le-Head) moved, Mr ARNOLD (London) seconded, and Mr JONES supported the following, which was also carried unanimously:—

That we aim at the re-organisation of society for the emancipation of land and royalty rents and wayleaves and industrial capital from individual and class ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit. In this way only can the natural and acquired advantages of the country be equitably shared by the whole people.

The proceedings then terminated.

TOW LAW.

A large and representative committee, including ministers, tradesmen, and workmen, has been formed to deal with the distress, consequent on the strike that now exists in the town. The place has been divided into districts, and collectors will wait upon all householders.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the above society was held at the King's Head Inn, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday—Mr Wheatley presiding. There was a splendid gathering, most of the leading farmers in the district being present. The chief business transacted was the appointment of local secretary and the local committee, also for finance. The show site and prize list was also appointed. Apart from the business of the society, it was suggested to try and arrange for an entire cart-horse show next year in the Consett district, and after much discussion, it was resolved that Mr Wylam, of Consett, write to the principal breeders of horses to see what support could be got with a view of giving a substantial prize next spring, and report the same to the next quarterly meeting.

We hope that local breeders and others will be able to see their way clear to take advantage of assisting in promoting the welfare of the above object.

ASSESSMENT OF THE WEARDALE MOORS.

At the Durham Quarter Sessions, on Wednesday, before Mr J. L. Wharton and other justices, the appeal was heard of Mr G. W. Weolston, lessee of the grouse moors of Wellhope, Killhope, and Burnhope-in-Weardale, against an assessment made upon him in respect of the sporting rights over the moors by the Assessment Committee of Weardale Union. Mr Greenwell was for appellant, and Mr Strachan and Mr Simey for defendants.

Mr Greenwell, in opening, said appellant held the moors on a lease from the Weardale Lead Company, paying a rent of £250, which was the same rent as that paid by the company to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the moors. Burnhope Moor consisted of 5,500 acres, and Killhope and Wellhope moors of 2,483 acres. They were originally assessed—Burnhope at £125, and Killhope and Wellhope at £72 10s, which amounted to 5½d per acre for the former, and 7d for the latter. Last autumn, the Assessment Committee increased the rateable value in one case from £125 to £550, and in the other from £72 10s to £248, or about 2s an acre. On appeal they were reduced to £367 and £165 respectively, or about 1s 4d an acre for each. The difference in the one case was an increase of 10½d, and in the other of 9d. The appellant said that was absolutely unreasonable. There was not another grouse moor in the whole of the Weardale Union which had been increased in the same degree. That, he said, was unreasonable, on the ground that the moors in the Union, and by comparison with the others, were of much less value.

Evidence having been given for the appellant,

Mr Strachan, in opening the case for the respondents, said that the moors were formerly assessed on small assessments. Latterly, however, when they saw the prices at which moors were letting, the committee decided to increase the assessment on all the moors in the Weardale Union to 2s an acre. They had reduced that to 1s 4d per acre. Appellant was the only person who had appealed, and now the question was whether the moors for which he was assessed were of the value the respondents asserted.

Evidence having been given, the Bench upheld the appeal, and reduced the rateable value from £550 to £300, and gave costs against the Assessment Committee.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr J. S. Murray had forward at this mart on Monday, 24 fat cattle, which sold up to £18 15s; 48 fat sheep, to 53s 6d; 20 keeping hoggs, 16s 9d; 8 calves, to 21s 6d; 7 pigs, 19s 6d to £5 10s; 9 cows, to £18; 7 geld cows, to £12; 21 store cattle, £3 7s 6d to £8 7s 6d. A two-years-old colt brought £12 5s. Three tons of hay realised £4 per ton. A number of hams, poultry, &c., were also sold. There was a large company present, and trade fairly good, although prices were not good, with the exception of sheep, which were exceptionally high, most of them making close on 10d per lb. Beef, 7s to 8s per stone; pork, 7s 6d per stone.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 45 dairy cows and heifers, 23 fat cattle, 4 store cattle, 12 calves, 104 fat sheep and hoggs. Calved cows made up to £18; cows to calve, to £19 10s; fat cattle, to £18; store cattle, to £8; calves, to 35s; fat half-bred hoggs, to 55s—top, the Right Hon. Viscount Boyne, Brancepeth Castle; fat black faced wethers, to 39s—top, Mr T. Wilson, East Biggens, Frosterley.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 105 fat cattle, 16 incalving and new-calved cows, 12 grazing cattle, 2 fat bulls, 5 veal calves, 150 fat sheep and hoggs, 20 keeping hoggs, 10 young pigs, horse, blocks, saddle, &c. There was a large attendance of buyers, and trade for both cattle and sheep was fairly brisk at late market rates. Grazing cattle and milk cows were a dull slow trade. The following are the prices:—Fat cattle: Bullocks, to £24 15s—top, Birtley Iron Co.; heifers, to £20 7s 6d—top, Messrs Joicey and Co.; cow and suckler, £23 10s; cows, to £18 15s—top, Mr Gray, Sherburn Tower. Calves, to 28s. Bulls, to £21 15s—top, Mr Gray. Grazing cattle, to £10 10s; milch cows, to £14 10s. Fat lambs, to 51s—top, Birtley Iron Co.; fat shearlings, to 60s; fat hoggs, to 61s—top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme; keeping hoggs, to 26s. Horse, £22 17s 6d. Pigs, to 25s. Blocks, to 25s.

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THE INFLUENZA AND ITS EFFECTS.—The Weardale union relieving officer says that, as a result of the influenza ravages of last winter, from 70 to 80 persons have been added to the list of permanent paupers.

LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS.

BLAYDON.

The counting of the votes in this election was completed on Tuesday by Colonel Cowen, chairman of the Board. The result was as follows:—

Blaydon Ward—ELECTED.

James Douglas	978
George Ballerwell	942
Edward Aiston	881
James Jenkins	868
NOT ELECTED.	
James Robinson	725
Robert S. Holmes	600
Henry Rogers	564
W. B. Colquhoun	522
Joseph Hall	404

Chopwell Ward—ELECTED.

W. B. Colquhoun	290
NOT ELECTED.	
William Richardson	74
William H. Stonehouse	49

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

The result of the election was made known on Wednesday. There were seven candidates. The three retiring members were Messrs O. C. Wallis, W. R. Lamb, and Dr Smith. The result was as follows:—

Dr Smith	672
J. Wilson	568
O. C. Wallis	467

Mr J. B. Simpson was the returning officer.

LECTURE AT STANHOPE ON DAIRY MANAGEMENT.

An able and interesting lecture was given in the Town Hall, Stanhope, on Tuesday evening, on "The management of the dairy and how to make it profitable," by Miss Maidment, public lecturer and demonstrator on butter making to the Royal Agricultural Society. Ald. Livingstone presided. There was a good attendance of the farming classes. Miss Maidment illustrated her lecture by magic-lantern views of model dairies, butter factories, dairy cows, southern dairy maids, and microscopical views of cream, butter, globules, &c. She also gave practical demonstrations of butter-making before the audience, and also showed up the process of cream separation from the milk. She said that the object of the County Council Dairy School at Stanhope and other places throughout the county of Durham was to enable farmers' daughters to attain a better knowledge of butter-making, so as to compete with the foreigners, who imported into this country tons of butter annually of a superior quality to that made at home, despite the fact that we in the British Isles possessed some of the finest grazing land in the world, the best dairy cows and dairy maids as will. She spoke of the prejudice and dislike of the new system by the matrons of this country, who said they had made butter for years past that fetched a good price, and was considered good in those days. They had made it, and their mothers before them, and she found them loth to abandon the old methods for the new. Yet to-day it was the Danish butter that obtained the best prices in the west-end of London. When Danish butter was selling at 1s 4d and 1s 3d per pound, first and second quality, Yorkshire dales butter only realised 1s and 11d per pound. But in a few years, with the improved methods, they would beat the foreigner out of the market. (Applause.) Good dairies should have healthy cowsheds, properly ventilated and drained. They should also be scrupulously clean, for if they are kept in a dirty state it affects the milk to a certain extent. A good dairy was the next best thing, and they should be white-washed every three months. They should have a concrete or cement floor and should be kept dry, as damp generates fermentation, and is injurious other ways. They should not have a drain, nor should they be used as a larder. Nothing should be kept there but milk, cream, or butter. It is a mistake to keep fish, game, meat, or vegetables in the dairy as milk is susceptable to and readily takes up these offensive smells. Great care should be taken to have everything in the dairy scrupulously clean—the utensils and even the cow's udders should also be kept clean and the hands of the milkmaid when milking. The cows should also be well stripped, that is milked dry, as the last milk is generally the best and contained some 15 per cent. of cream. She said it was a good thing to skim the milk in the dairy every twelve hours. The dairy should be kept at 55 or 57 degrees in summer, and 59 or 60 in winter. She also dwelt upon the ripeness of cream, and gave instructions for testing it. In the churning process she said it should never take less than twenty minutes nor more than forty minutes to produce butter.

The lecture was interesting throughout, as were also the demonstrations in churning, butter working, and those of the cream seperater. Most of the *elite* of the place were present and seemed to take a deep interest in the proceedings.

At the close of the lecture, Alderman Livingstone announced that they were going to have a cookery school at Stanhope.

WASKERLEY ST. JOHN AMBULANCE CLASS.

The course of five lectures gratuitously given by Dr Wylde to the St. John Ambulance Class at the above place, was very successfully brought to a close on Sunday last. The examination of candidates, 30 in number, being the whole class, was conducted on the same day by Dr Chalmers, of York, one of the Association's examiners. It need hardly be mentioned that as a result of Dr Wylde's painstaking teaching, and the enthusiasm displayed by the class for acquiring this most useful branch of knowledge, all the members passed successfully. That this is no vain boast, it may be stated that the examiner, at the conclusion of his task, complimented Dr Wylde on the great success of his teaching, more especially in his having so well laid a sure foundation for acquiring a more extensive knowledge of the subject studied. At the same time, Dr Chalmers praised the class for the correct manner in which they had replied to the very searching questions proposed. He also stated that he was highly satisfied with the efficient manner in which they performed the practical part, as regards applying splints and bandages, and the arresting of hemorrhage.

In moving a vote of thanks to Dr Chalmers, Mr J. J. POTTS, class secretary, took occasion to refer to the very pleasant manner in which the doctor conducted the examination.

The motion was seconded by Mr GEORGE THOMPSON, chairman of the general meetings, and supported by Mr ROBERT SHERLOCK, chairman of the Management Committee, and enthusiastically responded to by the class.

On leaving the room in which the examination was held, hearty cheers were given both for the examiner and instructor. Great credit is due to Dr Wylde for so successful a termination to his most praiseworthy and self-sacrificing efforts for the promotion of the object for which the class was formed.

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100	King Cole Safety, Balls throughout except pedals	9 0 0	6 15 0
101	King Cole Safety, balls throughout except pedals	9 0 0	6 15 0
395	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, Balls throughout except pedals	12 0 0	7 7 0
396	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, balls throughout except pedals	12 0 0	7 7 0
397	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette balls throughout except pedals	12 0 0	7 7 0
398	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette balls throughout except pedals	12 0	7 7 0
399	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette balls throughout except pedals	12 0 0	7 7 0
400	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette balls throughout except pedals	12 0 0	7 7
1574	Rudge Model M Balls throughout except pedals handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	8 0 0
1575	Rudge Model M. Diamond Frame balls thr'ughout except pedals handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	8 0 0
1576	Rudge Model M. Diamond Frame balls thr'ughout except pedals handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	8 0 0
1577	Rudge Model M. Diamond Frame balls thr'ughout except peda's handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	0 0
1578	Rudge Model M. Diamond Frame balls thr'ughout except pedals handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	8 0 0
1579	Rudge Model M. Diamond Frame balls thr'ughout except pedals handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	8 0 0
1580	Rudge Model M. Diamond Frame balls thr'ughout except pedals handsomely enamelled and lined	13 10 0	8 0 0
80	Centaur Safety ball head and pedals	19 0 0	8 0 0
450	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8 0
451	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8 0
452	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8
453	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8 0
454	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8 0
455	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8 0
456	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette best quality cushion tyres handsomely enamelled and lined	14 5 0	8 15 0
457	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, cushion tyres	14 0 0	8 8 0
458	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, best quality grey cushion tyres, handsomely enamelled and lined in two colours	14 5 0	8 15 0
459	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, best quality, grey cushion tyres, handsomely enamelled and lined in two colours	14 5 0	8 15 0
460	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, best quality, grey cushion tyres, handsomely enamelled and lined in two colours	14 5 0	8 15 0
461	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, best quality, grey cushion tyres, handsomely enamelled and lined in two colours	14 5 0	8 15
462	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, best quality, grey cushion tyres, handsomely enamelled and lined in two colours	14 5 0	8 15 0
463	No. 3 Rudge Bicyclette, best quality, grey cushion tyres, handsomely enamelled and lined in two colours	14 5 0	8 15 0
63267	No. 2 Rudge, Diamond Frame, Bicyclette, ball pedals	15 10 0	8 15 0
300	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
301	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
302	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
303	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
304	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
305	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
306	King Cole, cushion tyres, painted and lined	10 10 0	9 0 0
63268	No. 2 Rudge, Diamond Frame Bicyclette, spring forks, ball pedals	16 0 0	9 0 0
63270	No. 2 Rudge Diamond Frame Bicyclette, painted and lined, ball pedals	16 0 0	9 0 0
63271	No. 2 Rudge Diamond Frame Bicyclette, painted and lined, ball pedals	16 0 0	9 0 0
63272	No. 2 Rudge Diamond Frame Bicyclette, painted and lined, ball pedals	16 0 0	9 0 0
63273	No. 2 Rudge Diamond Frame Bicyclette, painted and lined, ball pedals	16 0 0	9 0 0
992	No. 1 Rudge Bicyclette, balls throughout, including head and pedals	19 10 0	9 0 0
880	No. 1 Rudge, Diamond Frame, detachable gear wheel, ball pedals	19 10 0	10 10 0
883	No. 1 Rudge, Diamond Frame, detachable gear wheel, hollow rims, ball pedals	20 10 0	10 10 0
7	No. 2 Rudge, Diamond Frame, 1¼ inch cushion tyres, ball pedals	18 10 0	12 12 0
200	No. 2 Rudge, Diamond Frame, 1¼ inch cushion tyres, ball pedals, lined	18 15 0	12 12 0
369	No. 1 Rudge, Diamond Frame, 1¼ inch registered cushion tyres ball head and pedals	22 15 0	14 14 0
1364	No. 1 Rudge Spanish Model, 1¼ inch registered cushion tyres, ball pedals and head	22 15 0	15 0 0
718	Model D Rudge Bicyclette, 1¼ inch registered cushion tyres, new pattern, ball head and pedals	23 10 0	16 0 0

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ON SUNDAY, April 10th, 1892, TWO SERMONS will be Preached in the above Chapel, by the REV J. E. CLARKE, of Headingley College. Service in the Morning at 10.30, and in the Evening at 6.30. In the Afternoon, at Two o'clock, the popular SERVICE OF SONG, Entitled "Mother's last Words," will, by request, be rendered by the Choir. Reader, Rev J. F. Clark. Soloists, Mrs Sutton and Miss A. Wilson. Organist, Miss Wilson; Conductor, Mr J. Johnson. Collections after each Service in aid of Trust Funds.

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Public Notices.

NOTICE.—The Annual BAND FESTIVAL of the Annfield Plain Y.M.C.A., will be held on August 6th. 965b

BOOTS SOLED and HEELED in 30 Minutes, by NUGENT. Men's Soled, 2s; Women's, 1s 3d; Children's, 11d. Address—Raglan Street, Consett.

1000 PAIRS of Real ARMY BLUCHERS (second-hand), 2s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. per pair. NUGENT, Raglan Street, Consett. 122i

UNITARIANISM.

SERVICES will be held on Sunday, April 10th, in the Smaller Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, to be conducted by Mr P. ROBSON, of South Shields. Subjects—Afternoon at 2 o'clock, "Palm Sunday," Evening at 6 o'clock, "Eternal Punishment." Collection at close. 144i

STANLEY TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION LECTURES.

STUDENTS who attended above LECTURES and wish to go for Examination, send Name and Address, not later than 18th inst., to ROBERT KAY, South Tanfield, Stanley, R.S.O. 113i

CONSETT BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY FIRST. Rev. T. L. EDWARDS. Monday First, PUBLIC TEA, from 4. Evening, PUBLIC MEETING at 7.15. Chairman, C. P. DOUGLAS, Esq. Speakers, Rev. T. L. EDWARDS, A. A. SAVILLE, E. W. JENKINS, and T. DURANT. See Bills. 127i

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

IN connection with the above, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Sunday Night First, April 10th. To commence at 8 o'clock. Collection. Pledges. All seats free. 812z

THE First Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society will not hold Subscription Night on Tuesday, 19th inst., being Easter Tuesday. If paid on the 26th inst., no Fines will be charged for the 19th.—On behalf of the above, J. GIBBINSON, Secretary. 151i

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

CO-OPERATIVE HALL, CONSETT.

ON Thursday, April 14th, 1892, Rev. WALTER WALSH, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, will give an Address, subject—"The Outlook of Christendom; or, where are we going." Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m., by the Rev. A. BROMLEY. Collection to defray expenses. Do not miss this opportunity of hearing this popular preacher. 153i

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

GOOD FRIDAY.

THE Choir of the above Chapel, assisted by several friends, will give a Performance of GAUL'S "HOLY CITY," on the above date. Doors open at 6.30; to commence at 7 o'clock. Tickets 6d. each; Front Gallery, 1s. each. Proceeds in aid of Trust Fund. Conductor, Mr. W. LOWRIE; Organist, Mr. C. STELLING. 143i

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members will be held on Saturday night first, the 9th inst., in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, to consider the Committee's Report—Re-Secretary and Manager. Chair to be taken at 6-30. 145i

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY

ANY Person Removing, Altering or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company will be prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order, M. RICHLEY Secretary.

THE STANLEY BRASS BAND CONCERT.

THE Committee of the Stanley Temperance Brass Band wish to inform the Public that owing to the unsatisfactory Concert recently given in aid of the Band, they will give a FREE CONCERT in the Co-operative Hall, Stanley, as soon as convenient, at which a Collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the Hall. At the same time, the Committee wish to express their regret that the Concert Party were not of the class they and the public naturally expected. 137i

CONSETT WESLEYAN NEW CHAPEL.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, Rev. Dr. STEPHENSON, President of the Conference, will Preach in the New Town Hall, Consett. Service to commence at 10-30 a.m., and 6 p.m.

A CHILDREN'S SERVICE will be held in the Afternoon at Two o'clock.

On Easter Monday, Rev. W. GOUDIE, from India, will Preach in the same Hall at 3 p.m. Tea in the Nelson Street Schools at 4-30. Tickets, 6d. each. Mr. GOUDIE will LECTURE in the Evening at 7. Subject—"Ten Years in India." Collection at each Service. A few Reserved Seats to Lecture, 6d. Chair to be taken by Councillor T. J. MUSE, Castleside. 152i

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!!

WM. WILKINSON, FURNITURE BROKER, and IRONMONGER, Catchgate, begs most respectfully to thank his numerous Friends and Customers for the liberal patronage given him for 24 years he has been in Business. Now he wishes to draw the attention of the Public to his large STOCK of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Bedding, Perambulators, Ironmongery, Clocks and Watches, Jewellery, and Fancy Goods. As W. W. is leaving the Neighbourhood, and must be cleared out, he will Offer great Bargains for Cash. 691

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

(COUNTY CUPHOLDERS.)

A

GRAND BAZAAR

AND SALE OF WORK

To Liquidate the Debt incurred in Laying the New Cricket Ground, &c., will be held in the BENFIELDSIDE BOARD SCHOOLS, ON EASTER TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (April 19th and 20th next.)

THE BAZAAR WILL BE OPENED BY COUNCILLOR JAMES ANNANDALE ON THE TUESDAY, AT TWO O'CLOCK.

Various ENTERTAINMENTS will be given each Day, including Special Performances by the BLACKHILL ETHIOPIANS, Also, Punch and Judy, and the Turkish Dwarf.

TEA AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Admission—First Day, from 2 to 6 o'clock, 1s.; after 6, Sixpence; Second Day, 6d. 117i

SHOTLEY SPA GROUND

EASTERTIDE HOLIDAYS.

MESSRS WILSON BROS., LESSEES, of the above well-known Grounds, beg to Announce the following Attractions:—

MONDAY.

GRAND EXHIBITION OF THE GAME OF BASEBALL between Teams from CITY OF NEWCASTLE AND ELSWICK WORKS. (To commence at 2.30 o'clock.)

FOOTBALL MATCH.—BLACKHILL ROVERS v. SOUTH SHIELDS HOLY TRINITY. (Kick-off at 2.30.)

TUESDAY.

FOOTBALL MATCHES UNDER RUGBY AND ASSOCIATION RULES.

THE TANFIELD LEA BRASS BAND will be in attendance both Days.

Admission—Adults, 2d; Children under 12, 1d

500,000 DOLLARS.—BEATTY'S ORGANS at Bargains.—For particulars, catalogue, address, DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey. 801h

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Sales by Auction.

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

Monday, April 11th, 1892.—Victoria Sale-Rooms Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany, and other Household Furniture, Fine-toned Pianoforte, and other Effects.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, April 11th, 1892, the Superior Modern FURNISHINGS of a Gentleman declining housekeeping, including Mahogany Wardrobe; Chiffonier; Press; Mahogany and other Chairs; Brass mounted and other Bedsteads; Bedding; Feathers and Fire Irons; Ready-made Clothing; and a great variety of Miscellaneous Goods, with a Fine-toned Pianoforte, nearly new.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.971

Thursday, April 14th, 1892.—Laurance Terrace, Chester-le-Street.—Sale of Superior and Valuable Household Furniture, including Fine-toned Pianoforte, by Lange, Drawing, Dining, and Bedroom Furniture, Feather Beds, Wringing Machine, Joiners' Tools, 80 Volumes of Books, Fine lot of Fishing Tackle, Superior Gas-fittings, and other Effects.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed by the Executors of Mr. John Bremner in Laurance Terrace, Chester-le-Street, on Thursday, April 14th, to sell the whole of the Superior HOUSE FURNISHINGS of Mr. JOHN LOTHIAN, who is about to Emigrate.

Sale to commence at One o'clock, as the lots will be numerous. 991

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY in every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, to which Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind on the Cheapest Offices noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr John S. Murray.

J. S. MURRAY'S SPRING SALES.

April 11th—Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside.
April 21th—Auction Mart, Consett.
April 29th—Low Bradley, Farm Stock.
May, 4th—Grey Mare Inn, Whickham, Farm Stock.
May 5th—Wargate Farm, Whickham, Farm Stock.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1892.

10 Fat Cattle.
60 Fat Sheep.
4 Prime Fat Lambs.
Pork and Bacon Pigs.
Yeal and Finger Calves.
Cows, Stirks, Heifers, Potatoes, and Sundries.
Sale at One o'clock.

132 J. S. MURRAY.

Carriboro, near Consett.—Important Farm Stock Sale, Wednesday, April 27th, 1892.

MESSRS J. S. MURRAY and W. NICHOLSON, favoured with a commission from Mr. Thomas Young, Farmer, Carriboro, UTH SELL BY AUCTION, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, and Part Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising, 6 Supreme Dairy Cows,
13 Superior Short-horn Young Cattle.
8 Horses,
30 Sheep,
50 Head Barn-door Fowl, Geese, Ducks, &c.
A Large Field of Implements, Dairy Utensils, and part Household Furniture.
Sale at 1 o'clock.
Full particulars next week. 1338

Low Bradley, Farm Stock.

MESSRS. J. S. MURRAY and W. NICHOLSON, favoured with a commission from Mr. JOHN ANDERSON, Low Bradley, Farm, near Lanchester, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Friday, 29th April, the whole of the FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, POULTRY, DAIRY UTENSILS, POTATOES, HAY, STRAW, and Part Household FURNITURE, BEDS, &c.

Particulars in next issue. 1139

MR. J. S. MURRAY, favoured with the confidence of Mr. T. GRAHAM, Waggs Farm, Whickham, will SELL, on Saturday, 30th, 1892, the whole of his VALUABLE FARM STOCK, &c. 1411

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

By Mr James Turnbull.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

THE First Annual SPRING SALE of Grazing Stock will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, 1892. Entries are respectfully solicited.
83i JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Barrow Gate Farm, Lanchester.

MR JAMES TURNBULL, honoured with instructions from Mr. JAMES WILSON, to SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 13th, 1892, the whole of his VALUABLE FARMING STOCK, &c., as undermentioned :—

8 HORSES and PONIES, comprising—
3 Draught Horses,
1 Draught Brood Mare, 9 yrs. old, 16·2 h.h., in foal to "Sir Garnett."
4 Ponies, 4 yrs. old, 11 to 12 h.h., useful sorts.
52 HEAD OF CATTLE, comprising
34 S.H. Bullocks) from 1 to 3 yrs. old, well-bred,
14 S.H. Heifers) and very forward in condition, some nearly Fat.
2 Incalvers (dates at Sale); 1 Cow with Sucklers, 4 months old.
About 80 Head of Poultry.
IMPLEMENTS.

Samuelson's Combined Machine; Metal and Cambridge Rollers; Iron Harrows; Wheel; Swing and Double Mould-board Ploughs; 3 New Sheep Hay Racks; 2 Hold Hecks; Gorrels, Colemans; 3 Horse Cultivators; 2 Horse Hay Rakes; Iron 4 Bull, Square and Chain Harrows; Grubber; Scrubber; Scuffler; Corn Crusher, with Driving Shears; new Oilcake Crusher; Winnowing and Weighing Machines and Weights; 2 Turnip Cutters; 6 Sheep Nets and Hurdles; Set of Gears; 2 Ladders; Cart Shelvings; 2 Pairs of Hen Cheeks; 2 Ladders; Cart Shelvings; 2 Pairs of Hen Coops; 2 Ladders; Cart Shelvings; 2 Pairs of Steelyards; Double and Single Blocks; Chains; 14 Sheep Troughs and Turnip Troughs; Hand Tools; Large Barrel Churn; Garden Rollers; Harness; and Assortment of Useful Sundries.

Sale at 1.30 p.m.

The Stock being all well bred, and very fresh in condition, the Auctioneer particularly recommends them to the notice of intending Purchasers. 851

THE FORD GRASS PARKS, LANCHESTER, will be LET BY AUCTION, on Wednesday April 20th, 1892. Particulars later.
264 JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Newton Hall, near Stanley.—Sale of Moor Lease, Farms, near Brancle, Durham.

MR. JAMES TURNBULL, honoured with the confidence of A. L. MAINARD, Esq., who is retiring from Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Thursday, May 5th, 1892, the whole of his Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c. Particulars to follow. 1411

Pea Farm, Stanley, R.S.O.

MR. JAMES TURNBULL having received instructions from Mr. GEBBY, will SELL BY AUCTION, on the premises, the whole of his Valuable FARMING STOCK, &c. Particulars and date of Sale next week. 1421

By Mr. John Crawford.

APRIL 20th, 1892, is the date fixed for the SALE BY AUCTION OF FARM STOCK and IMPLEMENTS, belonging Mr JOSEPHEN CLARE, Sunniside, who is leaving the Farm.

JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer.
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Full particulars next edition.

John Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will hold his SALE OF Valuable FURNITURE, on Monday, April 11th, 1892. 1005

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

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

60, Derwent Street, Blackhill.—Wednesday, April 13th, 1892.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with the confidence of Mr. Geo. Newcastle, who is declining business, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION on the above date, the whole of his Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Grocers' Scales, Weights, Silver-Mounted Set of Harness, Splendid Pony Phaeton, Also his Gentle Shire Gelding, Handsome Large Weight-Carrier, Valley's, to Weigh One Ton.

The Shop Contains—2 Counters, with Drawers, 8 feet long; Excellent Flour Bins, 8 Compartments; Double Treasle Chest, with Tyne Drawers; Set Shelves with Tap; 2-Gallon do.; Dresser; Tea Caddies; Pair Iron Brass Counter Scales and Weights; Set Grocers' and Weights; Flower do. and Weights; Potatoe do. and Weights; Set of Small Blocks; Farm Gear for 5 Sets Chamber Ware; Tea Pots; Milk Jugs; Hot Water do.; Sugging Pots; Biscuit Jars; Cups and Saucers; Dinner Plates; Vegetable Dishes; a quantity of Tin Ware; Scrubbing Brushes; Bannister do.; Door Protectors; Hearth and Tile Plates; Furniture Paste; Black Varnish; Haircombs; Dress do.; Spittoons; Shop Steps; Sugar Cutter; Dozen Large Leather Aprons; Leather Belts; Pewter Measures; Path Tiles; and a numerous lot of other articles belonging to the trade.

The Plant comprises—2 Large Meal; Tallow Boilers; Hollow Press; Cutting Machine; Dipping Mould, with Blocks and Rods; Large Pitching Tub; Corn Bins; 3 Large Boxes; Pair Weighing Beam Barrow; Black Pitch; Grindstone; Small Table; Bandale Vice; Rack; Chair; Weighing Machine; 3 Hay Rakes; 4 Shearing Hooks; Skin Carriage Bag; Horse do.; Carriage Lift; a Quantity of Phaston, with Cushions, &c.; Silver-mounted Set of Harness.

Sale to begin at One o'clock prompt. 711

Preliminary.

HAMSTERLEY GRASS PARKS ANNUAL LETTING will take place on Wednesday, 27th day o' April, 1892. Particulars next week.
1261 J. OLEY, Auctioneer, Consett.

JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
15, WOOD STREET BLUEBELL BRIDGE.

By Mr. George R. Robson.

East Kyo, near Ouhill.—Thursday, April 14th, 1892

MR. G. R. ROBSON, instructed by Mr WILLIAM THOMPSON, who is declining Farming, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the following STOCK, etc :—

STOCK.

1 Grey Pony, about 13 h.h., in foal to "Young Fireman."
1 Bay Pony, about 12 h.h., 2 years old.
1 Do. about 13 h.h., aged, quiet in all yokes.
1 Gelid Cow, very fresh.
1 Blue-Grey Polled Heifer, 2 years old.
5 Sows in Pig.

Trap, Harness, Etc.

1 Pony Trap, with cushions complete, in first-class order; 1 Sets Silver-plated Harness; Riding Saddle and Dairy Utensils; Forks and Rake; Cow Bands and Chains; Pig and Hen Troughs; Grindstone; Hay Knife; 2 Scythes; Wheelbarrow; Shovels, Gripes, and a Quantity of other Sundries.

Sale at 1 o'clock.

Sale to Commence at 2 o'clock.

Any Entries accepted.

Sale Office: Catchgate, Lintz Green.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS'S SALE APPOINTMENTS—
April 4th—Special Sale Horses, Cattle and Sheep, Tow Law Mart.
" 11th—Moor Sheep, Thimbley Hill, Stanhope.
" 21st—Broadwood Grass Parks, near Lanchester
" 23rd—Annual Sale Fat Stock, Tow Law Mart.
" 26th—Farming Stock and over 200 Moor Sheep, &c., Sandyford, Blanchland.

Date not fixed—Farming Stock, &c., Broadwood, Forestburn.
Do. —Fat Stock, &c., Consciffe, Darlington.
Others indefinite. 1191

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, April 11th, 1892.—60 to 80 Dairy Cows and Heifers, 12 Fat Cattle, 135 Fat Sheep and Hoggs, including some very prime lots, 9 Finger Calves. Entries to day of Sale.

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2 S H Bull Stirks
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BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
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The members of the Burnopfield Co-operative Society have determined to grant their Employes a half-holiday on "bon" Saturdays, and the committee have been instructed to so arrange the working time that no employe should work more than fifty hours per week.

Business Announcements.

THE STRIKE!

NOTICE:—
DURING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PRESENT UNFORTUNATE DISPUTE
AT THE DURHAM COLLIERIES, IT
IS HEREBY INTIMATED THAT THE
CELEBRATED QUININE AND IRON TONIC
PREPARED BY J. ROBERTS, THE WELL
KNOWN NEWCASTLE CHEMIST, WILL BE
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WINE MERCHANT, CONSETT, THUS
SPARING THE USUAL POST CHARGES
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KOPS ALE!

KOPS ALE.—The author of this invaluable nonalcholic beverage, in a long and interesting letter, published at length in the *London Daily Telegraph* of Friday, May 29th last, thus refers to the Name and Title, "KOPS ALE."

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

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WEATHER CHART FOR APRIL.

By R. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for the month:—A rather wet month, but generally fine about 12 days round the 15th. Gales round the 3rd and 26th. Bad weather from the 22nd to the 30th. Thunderstorms about the 10th and 11th. Temperature; Warm during the first week, about the 15th, and for the last three or four days. Cold from the 10th to the 14th, and for a week round the 22nd. Rain; About two inches on the whole, chiefly at the beginning, about the 16th, and heavy frequently between the 22nd and 30th. [Average rainfall for London, 2·1in.; Glasgow, 2·1in.; British Isles, 2·6in.] Prevailing winds; S.W., and S.E. Westerly winds predominate.

TO NEWSAGENTS AND OUR READERS.

OWING to our next publishing day falling on GOOD FRIDAY, the *Guardian* will be published on Thursday. Newsagents will please make a note of this.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

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

A BLACKHILL PARISHIONER.—Too personal. We certainly disapprove of the action taken by the party referred to; but the insertion of your letter would only tend to stir up strife.

REPORTS of Tow Law Local Board, Tanfield School Board, Consett United Temperance meetings, Science Lectures at Burnopfield, &c., will appear next week.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1892.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGNITO."]

A NOTABLE LOCAL FAMILY.

It is not too much to say that the removal of the Beadle family from Shotley Bridge will create a void that will not soon be filled. For the past 20 years or more the face and form of Mr John Brodie have been as familiar within the environments of Shotley Bridge as the lullaby of the ever-flowing Derwent. Mr Brodie took a kindly interest in all social reforms, and notably religious and temperance work. When demonstrations took place, Mr Brodie was invariably to be seen riding in the van, mounted on a chesnut pony, which seemed to renew its age like the proverbial eagle referred to in Holy Writ. No man nor woman spoke evil of Mr Brodie, and the sundae concerns seemed to prosper like the green bay tree. It is not always, you see, my reader, that well-doing meets with its own reward in the flesh; but Mr Brodie worked so faithfully that men united to do him honour. Shakespeare says there is nothing in a name, but the family name of Brodie is indissolubly linked with the rise and progress of the town of Consett, more than one of its representatives having done yeoman service in establishing what the poet delightes a local habitation and a name.

INNOVATION.

Infatuation is so closely allied to a certain mental distemper so prevalent in our day and generation that infatuation have been built all over the country for the incarceration of its hapless victims: infatuation is but a mere flash in the pan. It is by cool sat'sic reasoning and tailing that men make the world better than they found it, and hence we are enjoined to be temperate in all things. I was saturated by the fresh traits of thought by the announcement last week that Mr Thos. F. Foster was not the mouthpiece of the temperance party, but only "an infatuated temperance orator." Here was a declination in the source of much conclusion to me, inasmuch as I would be at once overwhelmed if, FitzJames like, I was met by an opposing host. But apart from that, I am of opinion that Mr Foster must have got on its own bottom. Mr Thos. F. Foster—dominated presumably by a spirit of infatuation—in the prologue of his latest epistle, says he has yet to learn that writers, &c., are exempt from criticism. It seems to me Mr Thos. F. Foster has yet to learn many things, and it may be that when the spirit of infatuation is cast out—as it will be in due course—he will become a shred of proof, nor to explain what was meant by the elastic term "some." It was enough, I suppose, for Mr Thos. F. Foster had spoken, although, truth to tell, such a course of procedure reminds one of the opinion held by the worthy who constituted

"When I ope my mouth, Sir Oracle, let no man speak."

Mr Thos. F. Foster did speak, but neither wisely nor well. He dubbed infatuation "criticism," and the thrashed-out theories touching the untrodden future as "statements," the erroneousness of which he challenges me to prove. Nay, more, Mr Thos. F. Foster actually got the length of speaking about foemen and cold steel, but such fancies arise 50 doubt from the latest development of his "infatuation." I have no desire to assert that Chinaman's chopping sticks would better serve his purpose than steel; but then, you see, there is no accounting for tastes. Mr Thos. F. Foster evidently stands very high in his own estimation, and to prate about reason and argument in his state of "infatuation" is really too much of a joke. Instead of being "enraged," as he conjectures, I was simply amused at his expense at Blackhill Station last Friday evening, when I read his infatuated lubrication that my elder and I were "a pest" about which he raves exists only in the fevered brain of this "infatuated temperance advocate," as also did the "coarse," "vulgar," "personal abuse," and such like words and style" which he dreamed he found in my last note. The fact is that I threw down the guantlet to Mr Thos. F. Foster, prepared to prove that I had done more in the interests of my fellow men in a year than he had done in his life. That, I think, was the best and most practical way of disposing of the insinuation brought against me. But my would be critic declined to take up the lest which he characterised as being "amusingly absurd." Mr Thos. F. Foster longs for all the glory to himself, and he calls his townsmen to witness that he deserves it.

TIME AND OPPORTUNITY.

It was written "in the days that were earlier" that there was a time and a place for everything under the sun. There was, it was said, a time to sow and a time to reap, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. It would be a good thing for the best of us did we adhere to the letter and text of those grand old injunctions, but we are too much the creatures of our many-sided inclinations—forgetting the old and following the new. I learn from the last issue of this popular journal that another successful musical service was held in the Methodist Hall at Consett. I am glad to know that meetings take place after church hours—a very important feature in a Sabbath evening service.

THE CRISIS IN THE COAL TRADE.

The horizon in North-Western Durham is less overcast than it was a week ago. It may be that the change is scarcely perceptible to the general observer, but there is a change all the same, however slight. It appears that the Joint Board, to which Mr John Orr presided, a resolution was passed to the effect that the colliery owners be requested to withdraw the notices and allow the men to resume work at the old rate of wages *pending action pro tem.* This was a step which, had it been entertained by the owners, would in all probability have led to an amicable settlement all round. Let us hope that the next few days will witness another forward movement in the same direction. It appears that the employers would offer no objections to the men returning to work on the old rate, provided they were willing to allow the existing difference of opinion to go to arbitration. That, as I regard it, does not seem to be a very stringent stipulation, and by accepting it the men would regain public sympathy and even support in the event of their claims being disallowed. It may reasonably be assumed that definite steps will be taken by the leaders, now that the circle has been completed and unconscribed. Arbitration is but another name for commonsense and reason, and it will be a dark epoch in our history when men ignore the commonsense plea, and decide to use strength in the place of reason.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

UNITARIANISM.—Services are announced to be held in the smaller hall, Consett, on Sunday and Sunday afternoon and evening, to be conducted by Mr P. Robson, of South Shields.

On Thursday next, Mr Walter Walsh, of Newcastle, will give an address on "The outlook of Christendom; or, where are we going to?" in Co-operative Hall, Consett. We invite all our readers not to miss this opportunity of hearing Mr Walsh.

As announced in another column, Consett Co-operative Society will commence with the Annual special services conducted by Rev. J. Edwards, of Stockton. On Monday evening, there will be a public tea in the chapel, to be followed by a public meeting in the evening.

SALE OF PROPERTY AND SHARES.—On Monday, a sale of property and shares was held at the house of Mrs Breen, Back Front Street, Consett, when Mr Adam Brodie officiated as auctioneer, when a large and influential company was present. The first lot offered was a freehold house situate at Mount Pleasant, for which there was brisk bidding, and was withdrawn at £270. A £200 appropriation in the 74th Consett Star: Bewicke Building Society was then put up, entitling the purchaser to that amount free of interest for 12½ years, and was sold to Mr W. Thompson for £225. Another appropriation in the same society was afterwards sold to Mr John Kidd for £15 10s. Fifteen £10 fully-paid B shares in the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company were sold to Mr John Thirlwell, of Shotley Bridge. Twenty shares in the Consett New Town Hall Company were sold at £1 each.

BLACKHILL.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The closing meeting of the winter session was held in the Wesleyan School-room, Blackhill, on Monday night. The meeting was presided over by Mr *M. Frankland*, of Bolton, who is on a short visit to Blackhill, and was heartily welcomed by the Blackhillites and friends of this occasion. The programme, which was of a most interesting character, consisted of selections rendered by the Blackhill Mission Brass Band; solos by Miss English, Blackhill; recitations by Miss Hall, Consett (Junction) and Miss Hannah Robson; and last, but not least, was the very able address given by Mr. H. Fallier, the chief guest, who was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

STANHOPE.

A cookery school is to visit Stanhope at the close of the day school now open.

A new school is about to be opened in the High Street Chapel, Stanhope, by the Misses Ayliffe and Johnson, of Lanchester.

A SHEEP FETE WEEKS WITHOUT FOOD.—Mr Robert Hilley, Stanhope, has a sheep which has been without food fully five weeks. During a snowstorm it had taken refuge in a Scotch quarry in Crawley Edge, and had been missing all that time, but with the exception of a few days it turned out and was found in a very weak and exhausted state, but by careful tending and feeding it has come round. It had not had so much as a bite of grass or food of any kind where it had been during the five weeks, and as they do not think the food it could get was snow.

WESLEYAN HOME MISSIONARY MEETING.—The Wesleyans of Stanhope held their home missionary meeting at Stanhope, on Monday evening last. Rev. Thomas Cain, C.C., presided. The principal speakers were the Rev Mr Lumsday, of Willington, and the Rev. Theodore Bishop, of Hanbay, Auckland.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The first meeting of the newly-elected Board for Stanhope Parish was held on Tuesday last. Mr J. Bell was the only absentee. Alderman Livingstone, with compliments and congratulations, was elected chairman, and Mr. Fawkes, of Wolsingham, vice-chairman.

WEARDALE.

A SUCCESSFUL YOUTH.—Master Russell Race, Front House, St.-John's-Chapel, Weardale, aged 13, has passed the first stage Cambridge examinations for youths of 16 with premier honours.

WEARDALE SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary meeting of the Weardale Board of Guardians was held on Friday, at Stanhope—Alderman Livingstone presiding. After the routine business was over, the chairman asked the workhouse master if there had been some unpleasantness with Johny Baker, an inmate, who was a porter, messenger, and general factotum, and is as it was stated a most useful man. The master said Baker went away to Frosterley and left the dinners for the men, and afterwards abused him and interfered when he (the master) was engaged with other persons. Next recently correcting two women when Baker took the pet, and was going to fight him, and he had to put him out of the kitchen.—Mr W. Rippon: He was always that way, taken occasionly with bad fits. Mr Fawkes: I know him a bit. Baker was not brought in before the Board, and said he's calling me lazy, and a great many ways I am not doing my duty.—The chairman appealed to Baker to let things go peaceably as of yore.

A MISTRESS'S COLLIERY.

LARGE EGGS.—A hen belonging to Mr Jameson, Carrhouse Colliery, laid on June 5 on 8 ozs in weight, with two shalls or one egg within the other. Eight days after, the same hen laid an egg 6¼ ozs. in weight. Eggs can be seen at time at the above address.

J. PROSTERLEY.

QUARRY ACCIDENT.—A workman named Joseph Jacques, of Hill End, near Frosterley, had his leg broken by the fall of earth, at the Fell Pitt Bern quarries of Mr J. V. Walton. The men at these quarries have been working for the present at "baring"—that is, shifting the earth and debris from off the limestone—during the strike.

LANCHESTER.

The inhabitants of Lanchester are promoting a testimonial to Police-Inspector G. Mitham, lately removed to Chester-le-Street.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

CO-OPERATION.—The balance sheet issued to the members of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society by the committee compares favourable with recent reports as to the stability and desirable condition of the same. During the quarter 243 members have been enrolled, and 241 have withdrawn; whilst 3,703 on the books. The aggregate sales of all departments are £47,478 18s 9½d, an increase of £2,000 on the corresponding quarter of last year, making a net profit of £9,532 10s 8½d, which with interest and dividend from Co-operative Wholesale Society, Derwent Flour Mill, balance from last quarter's profits, &c., of £846 6s makes a total profit of £10,393 17s 6½d, which will be appropriated as follows :—Interest on share-account and savings bank, £750 9s 0d; dividend to bought, £24 2s 6d; donations, £13 16s 0d; dividend on members' purchases, at 4s in the pound, £8,314 1s 0d; leaving as the sum to be passed, £932 16s 7½d; reduction of buildings and fixed stock, £113; reserve fund, £50; leaving a balance to carry forward of £250 11s 4d.

MEDOMSLEY.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—On Wednesday night, in connection with the Medomsley Polling District of the Chester-le-Street Conservative Association, a smoking concert was held in the long room attached to Mr R. Rutherford's, Royal Hotel, Medomsley. Mr R. Rutherford, sen., being in the chair, and Mr G. Lane, vice-chairman. Among the gentlemen present and taking part were Dr Mann, Dr Charles, Messrs Moffatt, S. Mace, sen., G. Hunter, J. Winter, J. McKinney, R. M. Rutherford, J. Mace (cashier), and a host of others, who spent a very pleasant evening, some groups, songs being contributed by Messrs J. Bailey, J. Royston Booth, and Dr Mann. Mr J. Royston Booth, Unionist agent for the division, was present, and addressed the meeting on "Working class reforms," for which he was, on the proposal of Mr Hunter, seconded by Dr Mann, awarded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr S. Mace, jun., acted as accompanist. The evening was most enjoyably spent.

WOLSINGHAM.

Well done, Wolsingham! In these days, when record-breaking has become an almost everyday event, the old town has come to the front once more.

At the Petty Sessions, held on Tuesday, there was not a single charge of drunkenness before the Bench for a whole month—a circumstance hitherto almost unknown. Tramps and temperance seem to be the order of the day.

A WOLSINGHAM APPEAL.—At the Durham Quarter Sessions, on Wednesday, the appeal of Robert Foster was heard. This was an appeal by William Hidley, the younger, against a conviction by Mr. Jas. Rose Mackworth, chairman of petty sessions of the county palatine of Durham, and Mr. Morris, Paley, Finlay, and Keegan, for being on enclosed pasture, 10s and costs, which the Bench dismissed.

IN POSSESSION OF RABBITS.—*Thomas Gregg*, Heslehopeye, was charged at Wolsingham on Tuesday, under the Poaching Prevention Act, with being in possession of rabbits on the 20th March.—Sergt. Christison stated that he found defendant on the highway, near Thornley Colliery, with five rabbits in his possession.—Defendant called several witnesses to prove he had got the rabbits at a sporting.—The Bench considered there was a doubt in the case, and gave the defendant the benefit.—Case dismissed.—Mr J. J. Davey defended.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

QUADRILLE PARTY.—On Wednesday night, the above party held their final gathering for the season in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. The party has been exceedingly successful, and carried on in a manner which reflects the greatest credit on those who have taken a leading part in the organization and supervision. The members and friends gathered together on the above occasion numbered about 30 couples. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock, and was continued with great vigour until 12 30. Refreshments were provided by the committee, and proved most conducive towards the happy meeting. Dancing was ably looked after by Miss Robson. The music was rendered by Messrs T. Nixon and Jo. Urwin, and great credit is due to them for the efficient manner in which they executed their part of the programme. Messrs J. Bell and T. B. Wilson acted as M.C.'s, and performed their onerous duties to the entire satisfaction of all present.

LEADGATE.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The last of the 1891-92 series of fortnightly entertainments, in connection with the above Band of Hope was held on Saturday night, the chair being occupied by Mr N. Parker. Solos were sung by Miss Williamson, Mr G. W. Proctor, and Mr F. Harrison, duets, Misses Dunn and Proctor, and Mr J. Broadbent, Blackhill, recitation, Mr G. Williamson, selections by Band of Hope Choir, address by Mr W. W. Shield. These meetings have been held almost uninterruptedly every fortnight for the past six months, and the success in numerous attendances must have been duly appreciated. They come as a welcome relief from monotony, as they do the monotony of the long winter evenings, and afford a happy meeting, refined, and instructive entertainment. One of the main features in connection with the Band of Hope here, is the assistance that has been rendered by the choir, under the able conductorship of their zealous and energetic conductor Mr R. Bartle.

EBCHESTER.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—On Tuesday evening, a temperance meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Ebchester—the vicar presiding. Recitations, readings, duets, and pianoforte solos and duets were given by Mrs Cameron, Miss S. Snowdon, Miss S. Charlton, and Mr Chayter, and an appropriate address by the Rev T. Cameron bearing on the temperance question, in the course of which he stated that previous to the passing of the Forbes Mackenzie Act there were 6,000 convictions per year at Edinburgh, but afterwards the number decreased to 2,000, and he hoped they would do what they could to secure the closing of public-houses on the Lord's day.

LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS.

LEADGATE.

The result of the voting for four members to serve on this Board was declared at four o'clock last (Thursday) evening, by Mr Geo. Nicholson, returning officer, as follows :—

ELECTED.

1. Nicholson, merchant	333
W. Robson, joiner and farmer	303
2. Chas. F. Scott, mining engineer	259
John Snaith, innkeeper	209

NOT ELECTED.

2. Robson, builder	212
W. White, farmer	188
Hy. Carss, gentleman	187
Thos. Lamb, quarry manager	160
Nicholas Parker, newsagent	133

There were 114 blank and spoiled papers; the Blanes neutralised 4 votes being 74. Each marked thus (a) were members of the retiring Board.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH.)

Dipton Wanderers v Sunderland St. Peter's, at Dipton Field.
Leadgate Exiles v Hedley Harriers, at Stanley (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Leadgate Exiles 2nd v Fence Houses, at Fence Houses.
Medomsley v Newcastle North-Eastern, at Newcastle.
Ebchester Rovers v Tudhoe 2nd, at Blackhill.
Tanfield Lea v Jarrow, at Tanfield Lea.
Tanfield Lea 2nd v Wallsend N.E. 2nd, at Tanfield Lea.
Pelton Fell Harriers v Newcastle Portland, at Newcastle.
Esh Tree Blues 2nd v Derwent Cottages Ramblers 2nd, at Esh.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Consett Stocktakers, on the former's ground.
Tow Law Juniors v Consett Fell, at Tow Law.
Corsney v Sacriston, at Corsney.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Cambois, at Marley Hill.
Byer Moor v Heaton North End, at Byer Moor.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's 2nd v Cambois 2nd, at Marley Hill.

STANLEY HEDLEY HARRIERS V LEADGATE EXILES.—This return Alliance fixture will be brought off at Stanley, when a good game is sure to be witnessed, as both teams are playing well just as present. The Exiles will be represented by the following:—Goal, J. O'Neil; backs, P. Hurbes and J. Monaghan; halves, J. Wilson, Gallagher, and Armstrong; forwards, Peter Hughes and O. Hughes, right wing; J. Costello, centre; Jas

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.

SPEN DEN V. LISTERDON 2ND.—Played on the ground of the latter in fine weather. Result—Spen, one goal; Listerdon, nil.

CORNSAY ROVERS 2ND V. WATERHOUSES WANDERERS.—Played on the latter's ground on Thursday, and resulted in an easy victory for Cornsay by seven goals to one.

CASTLESIDE ROVERS V. T. PRICE'S SCRATCH TEAM.—Played at Castleside, and after a pleasant game the scratch team were victorious by two goals to one. T. Price played each for the winners.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVES V GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted as follows:—Wanderers, four goals; Greencroft, nil.

CORNSAY THE PLOUGHS V CROOKHALL WANDERERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by four goals to one.

HAMSTERLEY WANDERERS V DIPTON RANGERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to nil. (No score was sent with this match.)

EAST DIPTON RED STARS V KYO GEMS.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a rough and quarrelsome game ended in a win for the home team by two goals to one.

ANFIELD PLAIN TRUE BLUES V LIZZIE TOSH HOTEL.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for Anfield Plain by six goals to one. Taylor, Foster, and Hetherington played a splendid game for the winners.

LANGLEY PARK ROVERS V EAST TOSH BLUES.—Played on the ground of the former on Wednesday, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to one. The Rovers played their reserve team.

BRAMHOPE TERR. HARRIERS V ANFIELD PLAIN DAISIES.—Played on the ground of the latter, and after a very rough game resulted in a victory for the Tyne three by one goal to nothing. Beamish were the only representatives.

ANFIELD PLAIN THIRD BLUES V ANFIELD PLAIN HUNTERS 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the latter by seven goals to two. Taylor and Foster played a good game for the winners.

STANLEY HARRIERS V OUSTON ATHLETIC.—This match was played at Stanley. The Harriers had an easy task on hand, and won by three goals to nothing.

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES V ANFIELD PLAIN RED STARS.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good game ended in a win for the Lilywhites by three goals to two.

ANFIELD PLAIN RED STARS V OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted after an even game, in a win for the Red Stars by two goals to one.

STANLEY HEDLEY HARRIERS V PELTON FELL HARRIERS.—This match was brought off at Stanley on Tuesday, before a large number of spectators. The Stanley lad much the best of the game, and won by three goals to one.

ANFIELD PLAIN RED STARS 2ND V DIPTON RANGERS 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, in splendid weather, and ended in the home team's favour by six goals to one. J. Errington played well for the losers.

EAST TOSH BLUES V LANGLEY PARK ROVERS.—Played at Esh, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors by three goals to none. Trewick, Wilson, and Gott were absent from the Rovers' ranks, their places being filled by three reserves. The winners played a splendid game, and should have scored more often, but had bad luck, the ball going past the side and over the top frequently.

ANFIELD PLAIN JOLLY TARS V LEADGATE LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.—Played at Anfield Plain on Saturday, and after a good game victory rested with the League by four goals to one. The winners played a capital game throughout. The following was the Leadgate team:—Lee, J. Robertson, Bell, Hall, and Robertson; F. Ulark; half-backs, F. Matthews, C. McAleon, and T. Hanlon; forwards, T. Toole, J. Daly, P. Casey, N. Hill, and H. McQuillan.

LEADGATE PARK ALBION V LEADGATE YOUNG ESTHER.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the Albion by three goals to two. The Esther disputed the third goal, claiming that the home team, but the referee gave a goal. The Albion were represented by Lee, Robertson, Graham; backs, G. Jonling and D. Gow; half-backs, Geo. Graham, J. and R. Jonling; and T. Hall; forwards, J. Noble, R. Birtley, S. Lock, L. Hardy, and A. N. Other.

ANFIELD PLAIN TRUE BLUES V KYO.—This game was played at Anfield Plain on Monday, before a large concourse of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and elected to defend the entrance goal. Play in the first half was fast, and at the interval the True Blues were leading by four goals to nil. The second portion was very one-sided. Taylor (the home centre) was responsible for 12 goals, and by the end of the game standing—

Anfield Plain ..... Eighteen goals
Kyo ..... One goal

LUMLEY V. SPEN.—Played at Lumley and before a large muster of spectators. From the commencement the homesters pressed, and scored three goals in succession. Some good play by Irwin and Rule enabled the latter to score with a splendid swift shot. Shortly before half-time Lumley again scored, and at the interval the record stood—

Lumley ..... Two goals
Spen ..... One goal

The second half was mostly in favour of the home team, who added four more goals to their total, one of which was disputed. The visitors scored once, and the result was—

Lumley ..... Five goals
Spen ..... One goal

PELTON FELL HARRIERS V STANLEY HEDLEY HARRIERS.—The above fixture was played at Pelton Fell on Friday, when a good game was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The game opened very fast, and play was of an even character until the interval, when the score stood—

Pelton Fell ..... One goal
Stanley ..... One goal

Soon after commencing the second half, the homesters assumed the upper hand, and but for the good play of the visiting custodian, would have made a large score. The Stanley goalkeeper fisted out right and left, and saved all sorts of shots. The visitors never, however, managed to score twice, and the visitors once, the game ending as under—

Pelton Fell ..... Three goals
Stanley ..... Two goals

CORNSAY THE PLOUGHS V HAMILTON OUSTON ALBION.—Played on the former's ground on Friday. Before a large number of spectators. The home captain won the toss, and elected to kick with the wind. Play in the first half was very fast, and at half-time Lyon putting in some fine shots for the home team, and at the call of half-time the score was—

Cornsay ..... Two goals
Hamilton ..... Nil

After an interval of five minutes, the game re-started, the visitors not rather the best of the play, although at last the home team maintained a stubborn defence, and only allowed the Albion to get one through. The result was—

Cornsay ..... One goal
Hamilton ..... One goal

The Cornsay team was as follows:—Goal, Johnson; backs, Brown and Nicholson; half-backs, Pilgrim, Anderson, and Knox; forwards, Robins and Lyon, right wing; Clarke and Stephenson, left wing.

ANFIELD PLAIN RED STARS V SOUTH MOOR ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground in splendid weather. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play downhill. The Stars set the leather in motion, and play was confined to the Rovers' goal a few minutes, when the former forwards made a dash down the field, and E. Rostron scored the first goal. The homesters now began to press, and were soon hovering round the visitor's goal, and the call of half-time found the score as under—

Anfield Plain ..... Three goals
South Moor ..... One goal

On re-starting, it was soon seen that the home team were going the best of the game, and were soon by no means a run up the field, and beating the backs, shot another goal for the Stars. The home team still continued to press, but were unable to add to their total until, from a well-placed corner by Ellis, Foster headed through. Score—

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TOW LAW ATHLETIC V WOLSINGHAM (SCRATCH TEAM).—Played on the ground of the former. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play down the hill. Gill kicked off for the Athletic, and the leather was soon in the visitors' goal, but was quickly returned by their backs. Play now became very even, and remained so for the rest of the first half, the score at the interval being—

Athletic ..... Nil
Wolsingham ..... Nil

After changing ends, it was soon apparent that the Athletic were going to have the best of it, as the ball was mostly in the visitors' goal; but Burke saved some grand shots, and it was not till after about 20 minutes' play that, during a scrimmage in the goal, Mallen managed to put through the Athletic. Not many minutes after, W. Bailey, one of the Tow Law backs, received, but knocked the leather behind, which decision marred the pleasure of the game. Shortly before time was called, and when the whistle blew the score stood as under—

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League ..... Nil

After a little breathing time, a start was again made. Each side went in for long kicking, when the home forwards again showed their mettle, and by so doing cut off the visitors. Lambie, in saving almost kicked more than a third goal, which he very cleverly cleared immediately afterwards. The League forged their way to the other end, where Hilkes was twice grassed. Things began to look rosy for the visitors until Hildreth threw away. From here play was mostly about the home side ahead. Two easy chances of scoring generally presented themselves to Hildreth, but after attempting to kick the ball away, mulled it, and had the opposing forwards been on the spot, a second goal more would have resulted. However, it was not to be. The home centre-forward was attacked, but the defence of McCarthy and McGuire was safe. At half-time the score was—

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[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

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The meeting of those old rivals, Dipton Wanderers and Medomsley, was the means of bringing together a very large assemblage on the Medomsley ground on Saturday last. The encounter was one under the auspices of the North-West Durham Alliance, and was looked upon as a certain "win" thing for the Wanderers. And on form this was undoubtedly a reasonable anticipation. But form at football, like most other things, is a most deceptive article, and one to the prophet who trusts entirely to form. Although one or two clubs have not yet entered the ranks of first teams, each club placed its strongest available eleven in the field. The day was in good condition, and everything pointed to a good game.

The Medomsley men displayed a wonderful improvement on the form they exhibited when last visited by the Exiles. In fact, it is safe to say that they have played a better game. They put plenty of life and energy into their play, and their shooting was distinctly good, as I have no doubt Frank would freely admit. It must not by any means be supposed that the Wanderers played badly, because such would be an erroneous impression. No doubt the regrettable absence of Tuson weakened them considerably; but they did their utmost to make up for his loss, and never lost heart. They happened to meet Medomsley in one of the latter's best moods, and when they are that way inclined, they can give most clubs a pretty warm time of it.

Taking the losers first, it must be admitted that Frank could not be blamed in the slightest degree for one of the four goals scored against him. He had three times the work that fell to Beadling's share, and acquitted himself excellently. Barring one mistake, Turpin played a splendid game, his kicking especially being very fine. J. Walker was very safe, and fully sustained his reputation. Bruce was in magnificent form at ball, and got through a tremendous amount of work. He was responsible for one of the two goals. T. Walker, Gillard, and Crozier were very prominent amongst the forwards, but their play was not the most effective, but they rather dwelled their passing and combination. They centred more than once often, and not played so much to the gallery. With a little less selfishness, they would be a bad wing to beat.

For Medomsley, Beadling had not a very great deal of work, though through what he had to do more creditably. Mansell and Baron were as safe as back as the proverbial stone wall—the latter playing a sound and judicious game, while Mansell cleared in his best style. The halves were very conspicuous, Moon as the spectacular man, and the one to the ball, while Walton and H. Cant were but little behind him, and had a great deal to do with the victory. But the greatest improvement was seen amongst the forwards. Hunter displayed splendid form, his runs and centres being one of the features of the afternoon's play. W. Cant worked hard on the left wing, and played a really good game. Taylor and Charlton made a most formidable pair on the right wing, and it was due to the latter's clever centre that Taylor was enabled to score the first goal. Taylor was also responsible for the second goal, which was a splendid shot, and was unstoppable. Charlton, who is usually seen just before the whistle sounded for half-time, the score was as follows—

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EDDA'S BIRTHRIGHT.

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CHAPTER XV.

BEREAVED OF WAR.

The sudden revelation of Edda's presence in the library was a severe shock to Mr. Upham. He, the rescue Powys and to Mr. Upham. But, the revelation being made, nothing remained for Edda but to take her self-possession, and to put the best face possible upon it. Being a remarkably cool-headed young lady, she was not at all abashed or alarmed. She sprang up lightly from the recessed sofa, and, desire to be thought, she whipped up the fallen screen, and replaced it in her right. screen, and replaced it in her right.

Then, in all probability—considered in the light of that vivid blush—that Edda loved some one else, and that her own daughter, you'll have to make room. scarcely dampened his ardour. If so, that love was only another obstacle to surmount.

"I will not accept a refusal, Miss Brend," said Upham after consideration. "If you have ever appreciated my girlish fancy for some one you have known upon that wild Yorkshire moor where you first saw me, you will grant me a hearing. I shall remain in your drawing-room," she explained. "I should have told you so when you first came in, Miss Powys, if I had supposed that you were going to talk secrets; but I decline to be made a fool of. Good night."

"Miss Brend has already declined you and your friendship, Mr. Upham," said Miss Powys' coolly. "Her history is nothing to you."

"By heaven it is!" answered Mr. Upham, with heat. "I shall marry Miss Brend, despite her refusal just now. Many a man has been rejected before to-day, and has lived to thank his sweet persistency. I shall win for better reasons still. Miss Brend is a woman of the world, and knows that a man's success means the success of his wife, and the shadow of ancestral disgrace, Agnace, are you content to be the mother of Miss Brend's child?" trying to shield the memory of Edda's father. "You were a young girl—a mere child—when you knew him. I was jealous of him because he seemed to worship you after a mad fashion. But that was over. We never dared suddenly, leaving you to wear the willow. Now if Miss Brend is to be his daughter, he must have been married at that very time—or was he a widower?"

"He was a widower," she replied.

"Excuse me if I refuse to submit to this 'cross-examination,' she said. "Miss Brend is clever. Let his memory die too."

Mr. Upham's face flushed, and he cried out:

"I have sometimes feared, Agnace, that you have lived single on account of that handsome scoundrel, and I believe it's true—upon my soul, I do. And I believe you know all about Miss Brend's history. And I believe you have been a fool to lend a hand in wronging her."

Miss Powys grew white as death.

Upham saw that his shot had told. He looked amazed, yet exultant.

"I begin to see," he ejaculated slowly. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." You discovered that Brend was married when he made love to you, and you found out his wife and child. Now, you have come down here, and have found and revenged yourself in some way upon them! It sounds—but I'll endeavour to be calm. Agnace, in the name of practicability, I begin to see," he repeated. "Better tell me the whole truth, Agnace, and consent to my marriage with Miss Brend, or I'll unearth your secret."

Miss Powys's lips curled in an ineffable scorn.

"Wretch! to threaten a lady, and your own cousin!" she exclaimed. "I defy you. If you have any knowledge, you accept a dastardly course. I have nothing to fear from you. Miss Brend, I desire you to attend me to my room."

Miss Powys swept out of the library in her haughtiest manner.

Edda followed her without looking at her suitor, but he, nothing daunted, walked beside the girl and whispered—

"Forgive me, Edda, but my love shall win return. I shall find out a secret of your cousin's, and make it known to you. And then I shall claim my reward."

Edda made no reply, but passed on, following Miss Powys to her boudoir.

That lady shut the door behind them, and paced to and fro the library with a strange excitement and agitation.

"Edda, you understand the cloud that has come between us?" she said, in a voice that betrayed the struggle she was making to control herself.

"The girl has a look of Brend," he muttered; "and now I remember there's something about her that reminds me of Agnace. Is—can it be that Agnace is her mother?"

He paused around him, as if he feared the very walls might hear him.

"Whose was Agnace nineteen years ago?" he continued in a whisper. "The girl is nineteen, she said. Agnace was married then—a girl of fifteen or sixteen—yet it might have been. I believe I have stumbled upon the root of the mystery."

He sprang up again, walked excitedly back and forth, and then quitted the library, hurrying toward his cousin's rooms.

Meanwhile, Miss Powys and Edda had seated themselves in the former's boudoir. The lady had flung herself upon a low, silken couch, and at her request Edda had taken possession of a low chair beside her. Miss Powys's white hand was toying with the girl's short, curly, delightful, golden hair, whereas herself was gently trying to win the confidence of her young companion.

"My dear," she said, "you know by this time that I am your friend, and yet you do not treat me as one. I know no more about your affairs than you came to me, and I would give much to hear all about your past life. You are cold to me, Edda, and you cannot wonder at it."

"What shall I speak of, Miss Powys?" said Edda, in a frightened way. "Shall I tell you that I had a carpet in my own room till I came here? That a cousin of Mr. Upham's presented me with a locket at Rocket Hall? That I never knew my father? And that the greatest toilet discovery of the age, after my last governess went away, and I had no one to care for me?"

Miss Powys winced.

"No, I do not wish to hear of these things," she said, in a pained voice. "I never knew—I never suspected, Edda—let me call you Edda. Miss Brend—were there no bright spots in your life to make you love the place? Had you no friends? I was glad when I heard you say that you did not love Mr. Upham, but when he asked you if you loved another you blushed. Why did you blush?"

"Do you love someone, Edda?"

"By what right do you ask the question, Miss Powys?"

The girl's clear eyes searched the lady's face keenly.

"By the right of—of a friend."

"A friend gives confidence for confidence. You have given me none."

Miss Powys covered her face with her hand, and made no answer. But the shiver that swept through her frame from head to foot showed that she was suffering.

Edda felt a sudden pity for her.

"I don't mind telling you," she said, thought fully, "that I have had a lover. I don't know what he is, nor whether I shall ever see him again. He came up to hunt upon the moors last June. He said he should come again this year; but of course I shall never marry him. He is—he comes of a proud old family, and he is already on bad terms with his relatives, and a marriage with me would ruin him. I would be only a disgrace to him, you know—and yet—and yet we are engaged to each other."

"Engaged! Edda, you must not see him again. My poor child, I did not dream that under all your bright sadness, so much of sorrow was concealed. Edda, you must not see him again. You must not marry. If I could but suffer for you! Edda, believe me—I would gladly give my life for your happiness!"

She bent forward swiftly, and kissed the girl's face with passionate earnestness.

Edda drew back in surprise.

And just then the door opened, and Mr. Upham entered the room, agitated and excitement.

"Excuse me, Agnace," he said, "but I have found a new argument to advance in favour of my suit; and I am come to urge it. I think you will grant me a few minutes' hearing. I have come to urge her to accept me—and even urge me to marry her," he added, triumphantly. "I believe I have found out a secret which will enable me to unravel the whole mystery. I believe that you are her—"

Miss Powys leaped to her feet, and pointed commandingly to the door.

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"He was a widower," she replied.

"Excuse me if I refuse to submit to this 'cross-examination,' she said. "Miss Brend is clever. Let his memory die too."

Mr. Upham's face flushed, and he cried out:

"I have sometimes feared, Agnace, that you have lived single on account of that handsome scoundrel, and I believe it's true—upon my soul, I do. And I believe you know all about Miss Brend's history. And I believe you have been a fool to lend a hand in wronging her."

Miss Powys grew white as death.

Upham saw that his shot had told. He looked amazed, yet exultant.

"I begin to see," he ejaculated slowly. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." You discovered that Brend was married when he made love to you, and you found out his wife and child. Now, you have come down here, and have found and revenged yourself in some way upon them! It sounds—but I'll endeavour to be calm. Agnace, in the name of practicability, I begin to see," he repeated. "Better tell me the whole truth, Agnace, and consent to my marriage with Miss Brend, or I'll unearth your secret."

Miss Powys's lips curled in an ineffable scorn.

"Wretch! to threaten a lady, and your own cousin!" she exclaimed. "I defy you. If you have any knowledge, you accept a dastardly course. I have nothing to fear from you. Miss Brend, I desire you to attend me to my room."

Miss Powys swept out of the library in her haughtiest manner.

Edda followed her without looking at her suitor, but he, nothing daunted, walked beside the girl and whispered—

"Forgive me, Edda, but my love shall win return. I shall find out a secret of your cousin's, and make it known to you. And then I shall claim my reward."

Edda made no reply, but passed on, following Miss Powys to her boudoir.

That lady shut the door behind them, and paced to and fro the library with a strange excitement and agitation.

"Edda, you understand the cloud that has come between us?" she said, in a voice that betrayed the struggle she was making to control herself.

"The girl has a look of Brend," he muttered; "and now I remember there's something about her that reminds me of Agnace. Is—can it be that Agnace is her mother?"

He paused around him, as if he feared the very walls might hear him.

"Whose was Agnace nineteen years ago?" he continued in a whisper. "The girl is nineteen, she said. Agnace was married then—a girl of fifteen or sixteen—yet it might have been. I believe I have stumbled upon the root of the mystery."

He sprang up again, walked excitedly back and forth, and then quitted the library, hurrying toward his cousin's rooms.

Meanwhile, Miss Powys and Edda had seated themselves in the former's boudoir. The lady had flung herself upon a low, silken couch, and at her request Edda had taken possession of a low chair beside her. Miss Powys's white hand was toying with the girl's short, curly, delightful, golden hair, whereas herself was gently trying to win the confidence of her young companion.

"My dear," she said, "you know by this time that I am your friend, and yet you do not treat me as one. I know no more about your affairs than you came to me, and I would give much to hear all about your past life. You are cold to me, Edda, and you cannot wonder at it."

"What shall I speak of, Miss Powys?" said Edda, in a frightened way. "Shall I tell you that I had a carpet in my own room till I came here? That a cousin of Mr. Upham's presented me with a locket at Rocket Hall? That I never knew my father? And that the greatest toilet discovery of the age, after my last governess went away, and I had no one to care for me?"

Miss Powys winced.

"No, I do not wish to hear of these things," she said, in a pained voice. "I never knew—I never suspected, Edda—let me call you Edda. Miss Brend—were there no bright spots in your life to make you love the place? Had you no friends? I was glad when I heard you say that you did not love Mr. Upham, but when he asked you if you loved another you blushed. Why did you blush?"

"Do you love someone, Edda?"

"By what right do you ask the question, Miss Powys?"

The girl's clear eyes searched the lady's face keenly.

"By the right of—of a friend."

"A friend gives confidence for confidence. You have given me none."

Miss Powys covered her face with her hand, and made no answer. But the shiver that swept through her frame from head to foot showed that she was suffering.

Edda felt a sudden pity for her.

"I don't mind telling you," she said, thought fully, "that I have had a lover. I don't know what he is, nor whether I shall ever see him again. He came up to hunt upon the moors last June. He said he should come again this year; but of course I shall never marry him. He is—he comes of a proud old family, and he is already on bad terms with his relatives, and a marriage with me would ruin him. I would be only a disgrace to him, you know—and yet—and yet we are engaged to each other."

"Engaged! Edda, you must not see him again. My poor child, I did not dream that under all your bright sadness, so much of sorrow was concealed. Edda, you must not see him again. You must not marry. If I could but suffer for you! Edda, believe me—I would gladly give my life for your happiness!"

good looks. Did you consider yourself a Christopher Columbus, and that my beauty belonged to you by right of discovery?" said your voice was full of gentle sarcasm. "If you have ever occasion here, if you please, and now. I've said enough. That's enough!"

Such a plump, decidedly negative ought surely to have satisfied a man of spirit, but a new and satisfying passion—that of jealousy—was at work in Mr. Upham's heart. He was watching Miss Brend, and was urge her to accept me—and even urge me to marry her," he added, triumphantly. "I believe I have found out a secret which will enable me to unravel the whole mystery. I believe that you are her—"

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held at Lanchester on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr Wm. Logan (chairman). The Guardians present included Councillors R. Murray, J. A. Curry, and T. J. Muse, Rev P. C. Fortin, Messrs Geo. Hobson, John Collinson, W. Aynsley, P. Kirkup, J. Lax, N. Clark, W. Rutherford, W. Gray, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Present No. of inmates	170
Corresponding period last year	154
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	16
Corresponding period last year	14

OUT-DOOR POOR.

Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, eastern district, reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	64
Females	127
Able-bodied (temporarily disabled)	4
Females (in health)	36
Temporarily disabled	0
Children under sixteen years	179
Total	410

Amount of relief in money, £63 3s 11d.

Mr John Moon, western district, likewise reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	48
Females	95
Able-bodied—Males	6
Females (in health)	77
Temporarily disabled	0
Children under sixteen years	286
Total	512

Amount of relief in money, £73 2s.

TOTALS.

Adults, not able-bodied	334
Able-bodied	123
Children	465
Total	922

Amount of relief, £136 5s 11d.

Figures for the corresponding period of last year:—

Adults, not able-bodied	333
Able-bodied	123
Children	437
Total	890

Amount of relief, £136 10s 6d.

THE EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.

Judging from the enormous number of applications for relief before the Guardians, the effects of the Durham miners' strike are beginning to be keenly felt in this hitherto prosperous part of the county.

THE NURSE'S BONUS.

An application was received from Miss May, the infirmary nurse, applying for a bonus.

The applicant was called into the room, and the CHAIRMAN said he did not understand the request.

Miss May said she wanted a bonus in lieu of her beer.

The CHAIRMAN: When you were engaged, was it specified that you should have an allowance of beer?

Nurse May: No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Then there is an end to your application.

THE WORKHOUSE CONTRACTS: A MISSING TENDER.

Some correspondence was received from Mr C. F. Cooke, grocer, Annfield Plain, with regard to his tender for the groceries required at the Workhouse for the ensuing half-year, and considered at the last meeting of the Guardians. It appeared that Mr Hobson, a member of the Board, called and told Mr Cooke, after the last meeting, that his samples were duly received, but there was no tender along with the goods, therefore his contract could not be considered. Mr Cooke, having made enquiries, wrote to Mr Hobson the same night to the effect that the parcel of groceries, together with the letter containing the tender carefully tied up, was delivered to the assistant surveyor at Lanchester on the morning of the Board meeting. It looked as if the paper had been tampered with, and he (Mr Cooke) trusted that Mr Hobson would make further enquiry into the matter, and bring the subject before the Board. There had evidently been some "loose business somewhere."

In a subsequent post-card, Mr Cooke said the parcel was duly delivered, and whatever came of the tender it was done after delivery.

In a letter to the Board, Mr Cooke complained that the tender had been tampered with after delivery, and he trusted the Guardians would fully investigate the matter, and remove the suspicion resting on the officials that the parcel and tender had been tampered with. The letting of the other tender, he argued, was illegal.

The CHAIRMAN said the initial mistake was made by Mr Hobson in calling and informing Mr Cooke what had been done at the Guardians' meeting that day. He did not think that was any part of Mr Hobson's duty to go and tell Mr Cooke that his tender was missing, and it was not right for any Guardian to divulge what transpired inside that Board-room.

Mr HOBSON warmly repudiated the insinuation of the chairman that he told outside what happened in that Board-room. He had done nothing wrong. He merely called and asked Mr Cooke as he was returning home, "What have you done with your tender, Mr Cooke? Your samples were there, but not the tender." If that was a fault, he had made a great many mistakes in his lifetime.

The CHAIRMAN replied that there were several Guardians besides Mr Hobson who were far too eager to divulge outside what had taken place in the Board-room.

Mr HOBSON: There was no harm in what I said. What was Mr Cooke to think when his tender was not accepted?

The CHAIRMAN: If Mr Cooke felt aggrieved, he could have communicated with the Board through the proper channel—our clerk.

Mr HOBSON (indignantly): I deny that I have been guilty of any fault. I put it to the Guardians present if I committed any grievous mistake in asking my friend Mr Cooke what had he done with his tender. Mr Cooke and myself have been long acquainted, and for many years he contracted to the Board for groceries with satisfaction to all concerned. It used to be said that Cooke was sure to get the contract, because he was a friend of Hobson's. (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: I never said that.

Mr HOBSON: No, it was before your time.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that Mr Cooke had not evidently read the instructions contained in the form of contract, which specified that sealed tenders must be delivered to the clerk. He had no right to send a boy to the Workhouse with a loose tender, which could be handed to the surveyor, master, or anybody else about the place.

The Clerk said his assistant and the surveyor both acknowledged receiving the parcel of grocery goods all right, but there was no tender.

Father FORTIN stated that it could be scarcely said the tender was safely delivered, when in fact it had never been received.

Mr RUTHERFORD thought it would be a good idea to have the tenders sent separately by post.

Father FORTIN: Some of the tenders were put inside the parcels.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that sealed tenders had, according to the instructions, to be delivered to the clerk on the Wednesday before the Board meeting, whereas by Mr Cooke's own letter, it was not handed in till the Thursday—the morning the Guardians met.

Father FORTIN said that, according to the terms of the advertisement, the parties were quite justified in sending the tenders along with the samples.

On the proposal of Mr RUTHERFORD, seconded by Councillor CURRY, it was decided that in future the tenders should be sent separately to the clerk by post.

COST OF ASYLUM PATIENTS.

The Clerk read a letter from the asylum authorities fixing the charge for pauper patients at 10s 6d per week.

The Clerk explained that the charges formerly varied a little.

The CHAIRMAN said they got 4s per week back for each pauper patient in Government grant.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting was afterwards held, under the chairmanship of Mr W. Logan.

PRECEPTS AND SPECIAL PRECEPTS.

Precepts were ordered to be issued for a general sanitary rate of 1d in the pound, and precepts for special sanitary work were made for the following townships:—Esh, £500; Healeyfield, £200; Medomsley, £300; and Tanfield, £800, in part payment of the sewerage works.

ESH WINNING SEWERAGE.

The Inspector presented an alternative plan for filtration works on Lieut.-Col. E. Leadbitter-Smith's land in connection with the Esh sewerage scheme, and the same was approved of.

SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR BURNHOPE.

The Building Committee reported that, in view of a large number of new houses about to be erected at Burnhope, the present was an opportune time to carry out the contemplated sewerage works there.

The Inspector was accordingly directed to draft a plan of the proposed scheme.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

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

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit an alternative plan of the proposed filtration works at Esh Winning, which are entirely situated upon Lieut.-Col. Leadbitter-Smith's land. The portion of land substituted for that belonging to Sir Frederick Smythe, which was, on the original plan, proposed to be taken, is not quite so suitable, in my opinion, for filtration purposes, and will require more draining.

The Consett Water Company have commenced operations for laying the mains for the water supply of Causey Rows and Andrew's Houses, but will be unable to complete the same during the present miners' strike, as they are unable to get the pipes conveyed to the necessary unloading stations.

I have not yet received a reply from the Whickham Local Board as to the proposals for disposing of the Burnopfield sewage.

The Castleside, Stanley Square, and South Moor new sewerage works have been examined by me, and they are in a satisfactory working condition. The several contractors will, therefore, on the 16th proximo, be entitled to the balance of their accounts, which was specified to remain in the hands of your Authority as a guarantee fund that the works had been satisfactorily carried out.

The Medomsley and Tantobie and White-le-Head sewerage works have made considerable progress during the month.

Twenty-eight villages have been inspected since my last report.

The following buildings will shortly be ready for habitation:—

1118—Additions to business premises at Annfield Plain for the Annfield Co-operative Society.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. PARKER.

Lanchester, March 31st, 1892.

DOCTORS' REPORTS.

The Medical Officers submitted the following reports:—

Medomsley District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The health of the Medomsley district has greatly improved during the month. Only two cases have been noted up to the 23rd, of zymotic disease—viz., one case of scarlet fever at Derwent Cottages and one case of erysipelas at Westwood. Ebchester continues free from infectious disease.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, March 30th, 1892.

Lanchester District.

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

MR CHAIRMAN and GENTLEMEN,—The following are the fresh cases of catching diseases that have appeared in this district since my last report:—One case of erysipelas at Quebec; two cases of scarlet fever at Hamsteels Colliery; two at Cornsay Colliery; three at East Hedleyhope; two at Wagtail Cottages; and one case of typhoid fever at Greencroft Cottages.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, March 31st, 1892.

Eastern District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Although scarlatina is prevalent in the district, it is shewing every sign of abatement. The number of cases notified to me during the month was 24. Excepting a single case at Oakey's, Stanley, and Havanna respectively, the whole occurred in the villages of Dipton, Catchgate, and those immediately adjoining. Whooping cough has been imported into The Causey and neighbourhood, but the cases following have not been numerous. The four weeks' mortality is excessive. Forty-eight deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 29 per 1,000. This high death-rate is not attributable to infectious disease, as only five cases resulted from that cause.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

March 29th, 1892.

The other business has already been reported.

THE PROPERTY MARKET.

CONSETT AND BLACKHILL.

On Tuesday night, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, Mr J. S. Murray, auctioneer, offered by public competition a few lots of important business premises and dwelling-house properties situate at Consett and Blackhill. There was a very good attendance at the sale. Details:—

Lot 1—All that large and commodious freehold shop and dwelling-house of two rooms and a kitchen, together with a covered-in yard and conveniences, situate in Victoria Street, Consett, in a capital business street, and right in the midst of a dense thriving population, lately in the occupation of Mr William Brand. Bidding started at £300, and rose to £515, when the reserve of £600 was put in. There were no further offers, and the property was consequently withdrawn.

Lot 2—Copyhold dwelling-house of six rooms and blacksmith's shop and conveniences, situate in Durham Road, Blackhill, in the occupation of Mr Robt. McDonald, together with building site adjoining, embracing an area of 240 square yards or thereabouts. Speculation varied from £250 to £350, and no additional bids being forthcoming, the lot was withdrawn. The blacksmith's shop and house was subsequently offered separately, when there was but one offer of £200, and no sale resulted. For the adjacent building site, prices rose from 2s 6d to 3s 7d per yard, the reserve figure being 4s.

Lot 3—Two newly-erected freehold dwelling-houses, situate in Thomas Street, Blackhill, containing three rooms and scullery each, and let to respectable tenants. Offers ranging from £100 to £140 each were made, and the lot was withdrawn.

Lot 4—One excellent freehold dwelling-house, situate in Queen Street, Blackhill, containing four rooms and every conveniences. The premises are just completed, but not yet tenanted. Speculation ruled from £200 to £240, and the auctioneer withdrew the lot.

Mr J. G. Murray, Consett, acted as solicitor for the vendors.

CONSETT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

LECTURE ON AMERICA AND CANADA.

On Tuesday night, in the new Science Room of the National Schools, Consett, a very interesting and highly instructive lecture, illustrated by lantern views, was delivered by Mr T. Moffett, of the Newcastle Y.M.C.A., on the subject of his recent visit to America and Canada. There was a good attendance, and the remarks of the lecturer, as he recounted his various experiences and observations, were listened to very patiently, and with evident delight. Embarking at Glasgow, Mr Moffett described in a very clear manner the experiences of the emigrant during the voyage across the Atlantic, and the various means resorted to by the passengers to while away the time. On arrival at New York, the principal public buildings were exhibited, and the characteristics of the inhabitants described, special mention being made of the Government depot for emigrants as being eminently useful for new-comers. Washington was the next city visited. Each place of interest was shown on the screen and described by Mr Moffett in a clear and racy style, and afterwards the Rocky Mountains and the city of Chicago were treated in the same manner. A large number of excellent views described the Niagara Falls, the Rapids, and the adjoining scenery, after which the lecturer treated at some length on Canada, not omitting to mention the benefits of Sunday closing of public-houses in Toronto. The descriptions of the various places visited by Mr Moffett during his tour were very complete, and contained a deal of useful information with regard to the advantages and disadvantages offered to strangers. Special reference was also made by the lecturer to the usefulness of the Y.M.C.A. in America and Canada, and instances were given of their great value to young men who have gone as strangers from this country.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Rev C. S. WILSON, and seconded by Mr G. D. POWELL, was heartily accorded to Mr Moffett for his very successful efforts.

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NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

It was well-known in Stanhope on Saturday last that the hounds were coming. The day being fine, and the men off work, a very large number availed themselves of the pleasure of going to the hunt. A fox, which had been caught during the week, was brought to Stanhope and kept alive until Saturday for the hunt. The dogs were only of the harrier class; they thought to set off an old fox before them, he would soon bid them good day unless they gave him something to stupify him a bit. So it was decided to put a gill of whiskey into bold renny. While the thing was being done, two or three regular wet 'ans sorely begrudged the mountain dew, and said it was too bad to put such good stuff into a fox. Their mouths watered over it, but it was all of no avail. Reynard broke teetotal, at least they compelled him to do so, and the whiskey was put into him by force. He grinned at it very much, but was made to swallow it whether he liked it not, much to his disgust, as he had drunk nothing but water all his life, and was a much better and truer teetotaller than many who had taken the pledge and donned the blue ribbon. After being made tight he was taken to the west end of Stanhope and given his liberty. At least he was given a quarter-of-an-hour to get himself off out of the roads of the dogs and men. After he was let out the air took hold of him, or else the glenlivet, or perhaps both, but he staggered about. He felt thoroughly ashamed; everything was running round with him, and do as he would he could not get along. Every now and then he fell neck-over-crop into the gutter, but gathering himself up again, he ran up the riverside to near Howl John, when, disgusted with himself and the world, he actually committed suicide by drowning himself in the river, and gave up the ghost just as the dogs arrived to worry him led on by Turpin and brown bess. The stalwart farmer and the dogs rushed into the water, one let to worry him and the other to brush him, so that between being drowned and worried, and brushed, he left this wicked world in sheer disgust another victim to the cursed drink. Had he been allowed his favourite beverage he would undoubtedly have been crossing the moors day by day between Weardale and the Derwent still, and perhaps might have given the hounds many a jolly good run; but rather than become a drunkard he actually committed suicide.

The Bishop of Richmond has done a kindly act in handing over £5 every week during the strike to the poor of Stanhope and those of the breadwinners who have large families. With no work, and no money coming in, it will be difficult to keep the wolf from the door; but the kindly-hearted act of the bishop will help in many cases to stave off the wolf. "Handsome is that handsome does." Acts like those will endear the bishop to his parishioners far more than eloquent sermons or dishes of prayers could ever do. It is the practical religion to-day that succeeds, the same as it did in the days of the Galilean teacher.

The Bishop of Richmond has set an example worthy of imitation, which it is to be hoped others will emulate. There are those who are never much behind in any good word or work, who cannot well get out of lending a helping hand to their more unfortunate townspeople, especially when he has such an example set them by the bishop. There are lots of men out of work through no fault of theirs, whose families are taking hurt. A little timely help at such a crisis would prove a boon to many who are now battling for bread for the little ones at home.

A good story is told of an amateur gardener at Wolsingham, who planted a few rhubarb roots in his garden recently. His neighbour also planted a few at the same time. He went the other day for a few stalks for a cake. Feeling rather "warsh" he imagined he could eat a rhubarb tart. His mates had grown up clever, but his was conspicuous by its absence. So his mate and he commenced to search for it, and, after some time had been spent in searching for it with spade and shovel, they came upon it—planted root upwards, and a New Zealander helping himself to a few stalks of the precious meat and medicine as rhubarb is sometimes called. The story has got into the steel works and this amateur gardener is having a royal time over his rhubarb planting.

Milk with 12 per cent. of cream in it is bad enough, but milk with only four per cent. is much worse. A cow that gives no better milk than that should be made into corned beef forthwith.

Johnny Baker, the factotum or porter at the Workhouse, has been dubbed as a lively pauper. The Workhouse Master and he have fallen out, and were both on the carpet on Friday, before the Guardians. The chairman admonished Johnny to be good, and go on as he used to do. Johnny has been used to have much of his own way, but a new king has arisen who knows not Joseph, and Johnny now must be subject to discipline and order.

The dairy school continues to be the popular event in Stanhope. There are pupils and pupils. The butter-makers are not the only pupils, nor yet the aptest pupils. There are some far more attentive than the butter makers, who can report progress quite as well as the matrons and maidens who have taken lessons every day.

It is not often that such a galaxy of pretty maids are gathered together for such a purpose as that of the migratory dairy school at Stanhope. Miss Maidment has not often had such a lot of good looking damsels for pupils as she has had at Stanhope. The old adage still holds good.

For health and beauty nowt surpasses,
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NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

Speaking at Newcastle the other evening, Dr Spence Watson paid a high tribute to trades unionism and workmen's combinations generally. There is perhaps no gentleman in the north able to express an opinion on such a subject with greater authority. Dr Watson has arbitrated in close upon fifty cases of trade disputes, and for many years past has familiarised himself with the working men, their movements and their progress. We don't hear from Mr Watson any regrets that the working man of to-day is not what he was twenty years ago. On the contrary, he rejoices to think that he is a very different individual, in that, whereas twenty years ago the working man was comparatively speaking a nonentity, he is now—thanks to combination and the thousand and one opportunities for raising himself unenjoyed by his father before him—a very great power in the land. And Dr Watson prophesies for him a still higher position ere long. "Let me ask you to believe," he says, "that dark as the industrial sky is in this part of the country at the present time, things are infinitely better than they were before trades' unions were realised. In the days when men were doing that which was against the law if they combined, it was impossible for them to meet masters on equal terms, and I do not know one single employer in the north of England for whom I have any respect who will say it is not as I have stated."

The unhappy dispute in the coal trade shows little, if any, indication of a speedy settlement. The men—or, at least the vast majority of them, still maintain a firm stand and are unwilling to allow the Federation Board to negotiate with the masters. For some reason or other, best understood by themselves, they hold that if the Federation Board obtained power to settle the result would be a return to work at reduced wages. At the commencement of the lock-out they passed resolutions expressive of a determination not to return to work on any such basis of arrangements, believing the masters' demand altogether uncalled for and unjustifiable. To place the matter for settlement in the hands of the board now, they feel would be a sign of weakness. The fact is clear that they have not the confidence in the board they ought to have, and are afraid that once the board become authorised to settle "a peace at any price" policy would be observed by the members in order to end the dispute. They feel this in spite of the repeated assurances on the part of the members of the board that only honourable terms would be arranged, and the best possible in the interests of the men. How far they are justified in regarding their leaders in this light it is not, from an outside view, easy to see. It is, however, the position of affairs at the moment. There is now a disposition to have recourse to arbitration, and if the opinion grows amongst the men in the course of the next few days, as it has been growing since Thursday last, there may be reason for hoping that a brighter prospect will have shown itself before this time next week.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The severe frosts which prevailed a few days ago have given place to a milder temperature. The snow having disappeared, the songs of the lark, thrush, and blackbird are again heard. The farmer has again found employment for his plough, and the cottager for his spade. As the Canadian say "Hurry up" is the watchword—all is hurry and bustle now.

Notices were posted on church and chapel doors in the village and at Rowley, of the yearly meeting of ratepayers, for the purpose of receiving nominations of eligible persons to serve as overseers; also to appoint waywardens for Healeyfield and Rowley district. Coun. Muse occupied the chair, and the attendance was large. Mr W. J. Scott, in reply to the chairman, said he had left his books and accounts at home, and those who wished to see them or ask questions respecting them, could do so between the hours of 10 a.m. and four p.m. Mr Scott stated that he had nominated the overseers, and that his nominations had been officially received and made public. Mr Muse was appointed waywarden for Rowley. Votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

An adjourned meeting of the Graveyard Improvement Scheme was held on Saturday night, under the presidency of Councillor Muse. The principal business was the appointment of a caretaker to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr J. Collings. Applications were made by tender. There were five candidates for the post, and the voting was by ballot. Mr W. Robinson, who secured the most votes, was appointed at a salary of £6 per annum.

The trustees of the old Primitive Methodist Chapel made final arrangements for the sale of the old place on Saturday, when Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, Consett, met the trustees on behalf of Mr T. Robinson, the purchaser of the property. It is exactly 50 years ago on October 19th since the first deed was made out for the old chapel. The land for the site at that time cost £2 14s, which was the property of Mr John Greenwell, and was purchased by Mr W. B. Earl, the first male member in the Primitive Methodist Church at Castleside, who afterwards became a member of "The Dead Poll" in the Primitive Methodist Connexion. The first trustees were Mr J. Lee, Mosswood; Mr J. Brodie, Shotley Bridge; Mr J. Proud, Consett (late of Castleside); Mr J. Pattison, Ebchester; Mr M. Ward, Consett; Mr William B. Earl, Castleside; Mr John Featherstone, Castleside, but now of Stanhope, and who is the only surviving original trustee. A new trust was formed eleven years ago, and they all met on Saturday night for the purpose of signing their names to the new deed, excepting Mr J. Proud, who is now in Australia, and Mr Jacob Pattinson, who is in America.

Many questions and enquiries are being made respecting Mr Walton's notice of motion, which appeared in last week's issue. Some are asking what good purpose will it serve? Others are wishing to know the motive that is prompting him to take such a course? Perhaps it would not be wise on our part, and at this juncture, to give our opinions, but allow people to read between the lines. A full explanation will follow in due corse.

Have you seen the badger? is the latest enquiry. If you have not seen it, call at the house of Mr T. Milner, late landlord of the Fleece Inn. This very obliging gentleman will most readily show you one of the finest specimens of the badger family, caught a fortnight ago in the woods on the banks of the Hysop, near Spring House. When dug from its hiding place two young ones were found, but both have since died. This harmless little creature, until late years, was a stranger on the bands of the Derwent and Hysop. I am informed they are becoming numerous. I don't mean that they are becoming a plague, like mice in Greece.

The latest venture I have heard of has been made by an enterprising young barber who has opened a barber's shop on Sunday mornings under an arch in the Hown's Gill Bridge. This young knight of the razor and scissors hails from Consett, and has either forgotten or never learnt the fourth commandment. Unless he is either an expert at the work, and commands a following, and can steer clear of rent and rates, I am afraid his venture will not be successful.

There has passed from our midst another old standard in the person of Mrs Davison, of the Smelters' Arms Inns, widow of the late Mr T. Davison, in the fifty-fourth year of her age. Mrs Davison was a woman with a kindly nature and well disposed, and much respected by her neighbours. Much sympathy is felt with and for her sorrowful family.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, the 115th quarterly meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a large attendance, and the chair was taken by Mr George Lowes.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

The following was the report:—

In presenting the balance sheet and report for the 115th quarter, we have pleasure in stating that the cash received for sales is £473 19s 6d over the corresponding quarter last year, the figures being for the 115th quarter £17,654 10s 8d, against £17,180 11s 2d in the 111th quarter; the total profit is £2 923 13s 9½d, thus enabling us to meet the usual charges for interest, &c., and reduce fixed stock and buildings by £100, and pay a dividend of 2s 9d in the pound on members' purchases.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE-MEN.

There were two committee-men required, and Messrs W. Hogg, W. R. Cook (Westwood), Jas. Inglis, Best, and Thompson were nominated, and the two first-named re-elected.

THE CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS.

Mr W. HOGG (Westwood) brought forward the question of sending a deputation to the Co-operative Congress.

This was seconded and carried with two dissients.

SECRETARY AND MANAGER.

The report of the committee re-secretary and manager was read, and on the suggestion of the chairman, it was resolved that the same should be considered at a special meeting to be held on Saturday night first.

On Monday evening, the educational quarterly meeting was held. The chair was occupied by Mr J. W. Leybourne. There was a fair attendance. The report showed that the reading-room and library continued to be well patronised, and books at the rate of 135 per week during the quarter had been issued.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr J. T. Symington was re-elected secretary, Mr W. Clayton editor of *Record*, whilst Mr P. Surtees was elected a committee-man. The usual papers and magazines were sold by auction, and realised capital prices, Mr John Crawford being auctioneer.

MARLEY HILL.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—Excellent sermons were preached in the above chapel at Marley Hill, on Sunday, by Mr John T. Gardner, of Frosterley (instead of Mr Reay, who has been very ill.) Mr Gardner, though very young, is an excellent preacher, and no doubt in the near future he will be amongst the most popular of preachers.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The last meeting of the Board, as at present constituted, was held on Wednesday evening—Mr G. Ainsworth presiding. Also present:—Coun. R. Murray, Messrs J. T. Potts, J.P., J. Collinson, J. W. Davison, W. Aynsley, J. Daly, G. D. Powell, G. T. Hyden, Dr A. D. M. Macintyre, the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), the treasurer (Mr T. L. Gledstone), and the surveyor (Mr William Rippon).

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

recommended payment of the under-mentioned accounts:—

	£	s.	d.
W. Rippon—Wages	55	1	9
W. Rippon—Bills	0	17	0
J. D. Brown	14	12	3
Christopher and Brannigan	80	0	0
John Allison	53	16	0
Ord and Maddison	1	1	0
J. Siddle	0	2	8
T. W. Welford	0	15	4
R. Jackson	1	6	0
Bank of England	511	14	8

(The last item being interest on loan connected with the sewerage scheme).

The report was adopted.

ESTIMATE AND NEW RATE.

A FURTHER INCREASE.

The following are the particulars of the estimate for the half-year ending Nov. next, together with the estimates in the two preceding half-years:—

	Estimate.	1891 rates. May.	1891 rates. Nov.
	£.	£.	£.
Manual and team labour	220	200	200
New sewers	100	100	100
Hospital	25	25	25
Limestone	120	100	120
Sanitary materials	23	25	25
Footpaths	125	100	125
Water	10	10	12
Public lighting	250	250	250
Salaries	150	130	230
Incidentals	100	100	100
Re-payment of loan— Principal / Interest	520	180 / 220	500
New urinal	—	150	130
Snow-cutting	—	—	50
Jan. expenses	100	—	—
Totals	1725	1590	1847 10

The Finance Committee accordingly recommended the levying of a general district rate of 1s 2d in the pound.

On the motion of Mr COLLINSON, seconded by Councillor MURRAY, it was decided to levy a rate of 1s 2d in the pound for the period specified.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee recommended that the two plans of the Sherburn Hospital for the east and west side of Medomsley Road be referred back for further consideration; that the two plans of the Consett Iron Company for Mr Scott's house and 24 cottages be passed and stamped; that Mr J. Moon's plan be passed; that Mr W. Ward's plan be referred back for further consideration; that Mr Wm. Ridley be asked to submit a block plan; and that the Board allow Mr Aynsley to withdraw his block plan stamped on the 4th of September, 1882, and substitute a plan dated April, 1891.

(Signed) W. AYNSLEY.

THE ENCROACHMENT IN MEDOMSLEY ROAD:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The Building Committee's report stated in reference to the foregoing matter:—

"The Committee recommend that Dr Macintyre be allowed to withdraw his block plan stamped by the Board on the 29th May, 1891, and to substitute an amended block plan dated 29th February, 1892."

The Building Committee's report was adopted, on the proposal of Mr HYDEN, without comment.

A ROAD SWEEPING MACHINE.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr POTTS, that the Surveyor be authorised to procure a road sweeping machine at cost of about £30.

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.

The Surveyor stated that owing to the strike, he had not been able to procure certain syphons for taking off the sewage gas.

The CHAIRMAN did not think the sanitary requirements of the district should be interfered with because the pitmen were on strike.

It was agreed that the Surveyor should try to secure the necessary pipes in Northumberland.

THE BOARD'S TEAM WORK.

Two tenders were submitted for the execution of the Board's team work for the ensuing twelve months—viz., Messrs Dan Donnolly, Consett, and Boaz Whitfield, Dyke Nook, Consett, but the former was incomplete.

Mr DALY proposed that Mr Donnolly's tender be accepted. That person had done the work satisfactorily in the past, and he was opposed to the other man because of the difficulty of direct communication with the contractor and the Surveyor in cases of emergency.

The CHAIRMAN said that the contract had been changed from day-work to piece, the Surveyor believing that the Board had been losers by the old system. Mr Donnolly did not seem particularly anxious for the work, now that a change had been effected. There was practically only one tender before the Board.

Mr AYNSLEY said it was unfair for the Board to take into account Mr Donnolly's tender, however sorry he might be that that gentleman was losing the contract.

Mr DAVISON moved, and Mr POWELL seconded, the acceptance of Mr Whitfield's tender.

This was carried, Mr Daly dissenting.

FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee recommended that the farm manager's account for £14 12s 3½d be paid.

A letter was read from Mr Potts, dated 31st of March, complaining that a spring which belongs to him is polluted, and also that the sewerage was brought to a field in front of his house.

A letter was also read from Mr Nicholas Slack, dated 31st of March, complaining that his drinking water was polluted with sewerage, and saying that he would make a claim against the Board through his solicitor.

The Committee had bought seeds for covering seven or eight acres with Italian rye grass, and seeds for eight acres of corn.

The farm manager's report was read as follows—

GENTLEMEN,—The diversion of sewerage, as mentioned by Mr Potts, has been inquired into. The chief work on the farm has been spade cultivation when weather permitted, and fencing. Mr G. Beveridge has ploughed 1½ acres of land. Oats and Italian rye grass seeds are now required to be sown this month. According to a winter's experience on the sewerage farm, I advise the Board to make a willow bed of the undrained low-lying field alongside the wood. I very much wish the two valves brought here last December could be put in without delay. J. D. BROWN.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Robinson, C.E., asking him to have the valves put in at once, and the pipes put in for Mr R. Anderson's supply of water.

WM. AYNSLEY.

The communications from Messrs Potts and Slack having been read by the CHAIRMAN,

Mr AYNSLEY explained that the Farm Committee had taken prompt action in the matter, and had given the necessary directions to the farm manager not to allow such a state of things to recur in future.

Mr POTTS said he was quite satisfied with what the committee had done to remedy the nuisance complained of.

With regard to Mr Slack's complaint, the Board decided not to take any action in the matter till after the receipt of the solicitor's letter.

Dr MACINTYRE complained that sewerage was still standing in pools on the roads after the overflow of sewerage.

The CHAIRMAN thought it was wrong for the Board to allow any nuisance to exist.

A MAGISTRATE AND THE BOARD'S OFFICERS:

ANOTHER SWEEPING MACHINE WANTED.

Mr POTTS said he had been told that the farm manager, when the complaint referred to in his letter was discussed by the committee, stated that he (Mr Potts) had simply brought forward the matter because there was some feeling existing between himself and somebody else. The Clerk replied: "You have just about hit the right nail on the head." He wished to point out that the Clerk was going out of his province to make such unwarrantable and unfounded remarks, even if they were true. This was rather a personal matter, and he would give the Clerk a direct answer that he would treat his remark with profound contempt.

The Clerk replied that he made use of the expression at the finish of the meeting in a "joking" way, after the chairman had vacated the chair, and the minute book was closed and put away.

Mr AYNSLEY, as chairman of the committee, said it was very childish and injudicious on the part of any member going outside and telling such petty tales. Moreover, it would be far better for Mr Welford to keep these "jokes" to himself.

Mr POTTS maintained that it was a most unjustifiable remark for Mr Welford to utter, seeing that he (Mr Potts) made no charge against anyone in his letter.

Dr MACINTYRE essayed to speak, but

The CHAIRMAN did not think it was strictly within the province of the members to discuss such a matter. He had allowed Mr Potts and Mr Welford to speak, but he did not think there was any need for further discussion.

Dr MACINTYRE asserted that Mr Aynsley was still in the chair when the remark was made.

The Clerk: Mr Aynsley was not in the chair at the time.

Dr MACINTYRE proceeded to speak at length in describing the nuisance which Mr Potts called attention to, and added that the farm manager gave very distinct denials to the greater portions of the statements made by Mr Potts.

The CHAIRMAN: It is useless to go into these details. It is simply re-opening the whole matter.

Dr MACINTYRE thought the bulk of the committee believed that there was a spirit of animosity existing between Mr Potts and Mr Anderson, and this was the result. So far as he (the speaker) could see——

The CHAIRMAN: Excuse me. Mr Potts instanced the remarks made by the Clerk, and not what the farm manager said.

Mr POTTS: I referred to both officials. I contend that it is not within the province of the Clerk to make these uncalled for remarks, especially upon a complaint which has a good sound foundation. He simply called attention to the sewerage lying as he described it.

The CHAIRMAN did not think there was any dispute about the justification of the complaint which had been attended to by the Farm Committee.

Mr AYNSLEY said he recollected the Clerk using the expression, but maintained that this system of telling outside what was done in committee ought either to be put an end to, or else the reporters would have to be admitted to their committee meetings. (Hear, hear.)

Mr POTTS said the Clerk gave utterance to remarks which damaged his reputation, and without the slightest justification for doing so.

Mr COLLINSON: We are only wasting the time of the Board by talking such nonsense. I have forgotten that any such expression was used. If they had to consider at that Board what every individual member thought and said about the other, they would never get through the business.

Dr MACINTYRE pointed out that the effect on the committee of the remarks of Mr Brown, which were endorsed by Mr Welford, tended to throw discredit upon the statements embodied in Mr Potts's letter.

Mr AYNSLEY replied that such remarks bore no weight with him whatever in the performance of his duty. The committee themselves were perfectly competent to consider whether such complaints were justifiable or not.

Mr POWELL, who was present at the committee meeting, said he did not recollect such an expression being used.

Mr COLLINSON proposed that they should proceed to the next business. He was sick of listening to such stuff.

The discussion then collapsed.

A RATEPAYER'S GRIEVANCES:

PULVERISING THE BOARD.

Mr J. Bates, joiner, Consett, personally attended the Board, and disclosed certain grievances. He said that he had some of his sons punished for obstructing the thoroughfares, and 13 months ago he interviewed the Board with reference to several nuisances, which were still in existence. There was still another grievance—the Inspector was trying to "boycott" him as a working tradesman. Some time ago, he received notice from Mr James Todd, the trustee of the estate of Mr J. Johnson, Durham, requesting him to erect a wood shed in Mr Hanlon's yard, in Harvey Street. Mr Rippon had, however, stopped him before he got the building finished. He maintained that that Board, the Inspector, or any body of Magistrates had no power to prevent a man from finishing a day's work. He told Mr Rippon that he had orders to complete the erection; but at length he received instructions from Mr Todd to cease work. Mr Todd's agent came and saw Mr Rippon, who would hardly hear tell of any complaint, but insisted upon the shed coming down, without assigning any reason. He (Mr Bates) could mention a score of places where sheds had been erected within the last 12 months, without any interference on the part of Mr Rippon. Their Surveyor was trying to "boycott" him, and when Mr Todd's deputy came to see him, Mr Rippon was very nasty, and told him that a summons would be taken out at Court on Monday if the shed was not pulled down immediately. Mr Bates also complained of the obstruction and annoyance caused to the residents of Victoria Street and the inhabitants generally by the auction sales every alternate Monday, and likewise condemned the practice of tradespeople putting boxes and other obstacles on the main thoroughfares. Mr Bates then enumerated various yards where wood erections were allowed to be built within the past few months, without any interference on the Surveyor's part.

Mr AYNSLEY: Are you representing Mr Todd in this matter?

Mr Bates: It is a ratepayers' question. Mr Aynsley was in the chair when I was here last time. The Board ought to order all these obstructions to be shifted, and the Surveyor ought to have said——

The CHAIRMAN: This Board can do its own business. You can't tell us what Mr Rippon ought to have said. We instruct our Surveyor what he has to do. We are willing to listen to any complaints you have to make; but we can't sit here all night and listen to a long speech as to the duties of a Local Board and its Surveyor.

Mr Bates: Mr Collinson was here the last time I came before the Board. I must say the ratepayers cause these obstructions, which ought to be shifted.

The CHAIRMAN: But the Board came to a different conclusion——

Mr Bates: What I say is the Board should not make fish of one and flesh of another.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well. You have two grievances—the auction sales obstruction in Victoria Street, and Mr Rippon requesting that the shed in Hanlon's yard should be pulled down, while other wood erections are allowed to remain. Have you any more grievances?

Mr Bates: Yes. Mr Rippon is boycotting me as a tradesman.

The CHAIRMAN: You have told us that before. Anything else?

Mr Bates: I could go on talking for an hour and-a-half about other things. (Laughter.) I demand satisfaction, and I mean to have it.

The CHAIRMAN said that having related his grievances, Mr Bates might safely leave the matter in the hands of the Board.

Mr Bates: But the Board will not take any notice. They did not the last time I complained.

The CHAIRMAN: How do you know?

Mr Bates: There was nothing done at that meeting; but I can't say what was done the following month. There was no report in the *Guardian*. I wish the reporter to take a lengthy report of this meeting, and let the ratepayers see what is done.

The CHAIRMAN: We can't interfere with the length of the reports in the papers.

Mr Bates said he wished to show the inconsistency of the Surveyor. Some time ago, when Mr Potts altered his premises in Middle Street, he was obliged to put up a scaffolding to protect the public. Now Mr Murray was going on with an erection adjoining the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, and there was no boarding or scaffolding erected. He wanted this matter thoroughly incensed into the members of the Board. He wanted no "hunker-sliding" about the business. (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that all the grievances of Bates had been thoroughly "incensed" into him. (Laughter.)

Mr Bates: I could talk for another hour-and-a-half yet if the members care to hear. But they would likely not take the complaints into consideration.

The CHAIRMAN told Mr Bates that he had said enough, and he said if any of the members desired to hear anything further from Mr Bates, or did they fully understand his grievances?

Mr HYDEN said that Mr Bates could not tell them anything more if he talked for another hour.

Mr Bates: But you did nothing with my last complaints. There was no report in the paper about the Board doing anything.

The CHAIRMAN: We are not responsible for the reports in the newspapers. Your grievances must have been considered. The proprietor of the *Guardian* publishes what is of interest to the general public, and he evidently thought that your grievances were not of sufficient interest to the ratepayers to be worth inserting.

Mr Bates: But everything that transpired at the Board ought to be published in the *Guardian*.

Mr POTTS did not think that everything that was done and said at the Board could be published, or the *Guardian* would have to be enlarged.

The CHAIRMAN: Or a supplement issued.

Mr Bates: But if it is not published in the *Guardian* how is a ratepayer to know if his complaints are attended to? As servants of the ratepayers, all the business of the Board should be published, and the ratepayers should be dealt with, and the result published in the *Guardian*.

The CHAIRMAN: But the reporters are not our servants, and they please themselves as to what is published. We have nothing to do with the reports.

Mr Bates: Then how is a ratepayer to know whether he gets satisfaction if no report is given? He wished the complaint to be "incensed" in the *Consett Guardian*. (Laughter.) If no report is published, I would like to ask you as reasonable gentlemen how I am to get to know what is done? The members should have everything published at the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: We have nothing to do with anything that goes in or is kept out of the newspapers.

Mr POTTS: There is no law to compel newspapers to put in everything that passes here.

Mr Bates: But there have been too many speeches here. (Laughter.) If anybody comes here with a grievance, he ought to be heard.

Mr AYNSLEY enquired if Mr Bates wanted the Local Board to have a paper of their own, giving full reports of the Board meetings?

Mr Bates said he would not go so far as that, but the Board ought to let things go in the *Guardian* so that the ratepayers could see if they got satisfaction.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr Bates for his valuable information, and that gentleman withdrew.

Mr DAVISON then complained of the obstruction caused by lads congregated at the corners of the streets, and said it was a matter the police should take in hand.

The Board agreed that it was not in the public interest that any step should be taken in relation to the fortnightly auction sales, unless there was a general complaint from a large section of the ratepayers.

The Surveyor, having produced the bye-laws, remarked that the reason he objected to this wood erection was because this was a registered lodging-house, and the owners must conform to certain requirements before the premises could be duly licensed.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr POTTS seconded, that in future no wood erections be allowed to be built without a plan first being submitted to the Board.

Mr MURRAY promised to rectify the complaint in reference to the building in progress at Blackhill by putting up scaffolding.

RENTING A QUARRY.

Mr McNally asked the Board's permission to rent an old common quarry in Medomsley Road. The Clerk said the Board had not power to let any place common to the inhabitants. The Board some years ago obtained counsel's opinion on the subject.

Mr POWELL proposed that the legal opinion be produced at the next meeting.

This was agreed to.

AGRICULTURAL SMALL HOLDINGS.

It was resolved to pass a resolution placing authority for securing grants of land into the hands of the local authority instead of the County Council, an amendment that the question be adjourned for a fortnight being lost by a single vote.

SUNDAY CLOSING OF PUBLIC-HOUSES.

A petition in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill, which was to be introduced in Parliament that (Wednesday) evening, was presented, and Mr DAVISON proposed that the chairman sign it on behalf of the Board.

Mr POWELL seconded the proposal.

Mr MURRAY, as an amendment, moved that the memorial lie on the table, and pointed out that increased facilities for drinking in their private houses only tended to illicit drinking and more intoxication. He instanced Cardiff as a case in point.

Mr AYNSLEY argued that the members of the Board were elected to administer the Public Health Act and attend to the sanitary requirements of the place, and not to decide the question of Sunday closing, which was not germane to their business.

The CHAIRMAN: It is our business if we make it so. They all had their opinions on this burning question.

Mr HYDEN said he was not prepared to vote either way.

Mr POWELL averred that it was a question the Board had a right to consider, and the publicans would be glad of a Sabbath rest.

Mr MURRAY said it was not for the trade, but the general public, to determine. This was a subject upon which the majority of the ratepayers were adverse, and the Board had no right to judge according to individual opinions.

Mr DAVISON retorted that there were several matters dealt with touching which the ratepayers were not consulted.

Mr AYNSLEY said any private individual could sign the memorial and send it to Parliament, but the Board had not right to speak in the name of 10 000 persons.

On being put to the vote, the voting was as follows:—For Sunday closing, 2—Messrs Davison and Powell; against, 4—Messrs Murray, Aynsley, Potts, and Hyden.

The amendment was therefore carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

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

GENTLEMEN,—All the roads in your district have had attention during the past month, and the road metal required for the season having been duly laid on, and taken on the whole they are now in good order. I am also expecting the steam roller daily, so that the rough portions will speedily be rolled in, and made smooth and firm for the summer months. Messrs Christopher and Brannigan are proceeding with their contract at Sherburn Terrace, and Mr Allison is pushing on with his contract in Harvey Street and Medomsley Roads, also Mr Ridley is getting on with the main sewer in the old brickworks as fast as pipes come to hand, but they are very difficult to obtain just now. The proper season has now arrived for doing such work as kerbing, channelling, &c., and I would suggest that materials be ordered, and a mason engaged to commence at an early date. I have certified six houses built by Mr John Kidd in Park Road, and two by Mr Jos. Hall in Taylor Street, and Mr Jos. Murray's property in Middle Street, as recently rebuilt, to be, in my opinion, fit for human habitation. I have repeatedly inspected your district, and found the privies, ashpits, and water-closets in fair order.

The following amounts have been paid to your treasurer:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
General district rate				4	12	7
Consett Industrial and Provident Society				11	8	9
T. W. Welford—office rent				8	10	0
N.E.R. Co.—cable				0	2	0
National Telephone Company				2	13	0
Overseers, Conside and Knitsley, Board Room				4	0	0
Private improvements, per W. Dodds	3	8	7			
J. Marshall	6	14	2			
W. Elliott	3	11	6			
				13	14	3
Market tolls				1	5	9

I have closed the rate and balanced my books up to the 25th March ready for audit.

The Surveyor was empowered to purchase fifty yards of flagging for the streets, and the Roads Committee will inspect the streets which required fresh kerbing and channelling.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOOL.

Mr HYDEN proposed that Messrs Jenkins, Ainsworth, Macintyre, and Hyden be appointed a special committee to confer with the representatives appointed by the Local Boards of Leadgate and Benfieldside, with a view of the amalgamation of the three Local Board districts for the purpose of effectively carrying out a scheme for promoting technical education.

Mr AYNSLEY seconded, and the resolution was carried.

THE LATE SNOWSTROM.

Mr POWELL called attention to the heaps of dirt which accummulated in John Street and Gibson Street between the recent snowstorms.

A MEASLES EPIDEMIC.

Mr HYDEN mentioned that measles were very prevalent in Consett, the attendance at the different schools only averaging between 50 and 60 per cent. He suggested that steps should be taken to close the schools.

The CHAIRMAN explained that action could only be taken upon the report of the medical officer.

A VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr AYNSLEY proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Jenkins for his services as chairman during the past twelve months.

Mr COLLINSON seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the same to Mr Jenkins.

WEST STANLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Yesterday (Thursday), Mr W. H. Ritson, clerk to the Lanchester Union, received the provisional order from the Local Government Board, constituting West Stanley and the surrounding area into a Local Board district, under the title of the Local Government District for Stanley, in conformity with the recommendations of the County Council.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

DISTURBANCES NEAR WESTWOOD.

The villages of Allendale Cottages and Westwood are now in a disturbed condition in consequence of seven or eight deputies, living at the first-named place, having gone to work at the Consett Iron Company's Derwent Pit at Medomsley to open the air-courses. It appears that a large crowd of some 200 men, women, and children assembled and caused an uproar, and eventually broke in the windows of the houses of the men, and seriously damaged the doors, which were not broken, however, the houses being partly wrecked. Only P.C. Hadwin was on the scene, and was powerless to quell the disorder or protect the property. On Wednesday night, there was a renewal of the disturbance. Supt. Oliver and a contingent of police proceeded to the village, and soon after their arrival, the crowd commenced to yell and hoot them, and indulge in most abusive language. A number of stones were fired at the police, but owing to the thick mist and darkness of the night, the missiles missed their mark, and glanced off doors and walls. The police repeatedly requested the crowd to return indoors, but it was not until they threatened to charge the mob that they dispersed. At eleven p.m. everything was quiet.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

LEADGATE—Church Square, 31st ult., the wife of William Gill, of a son.

LEEDS—West View, 5th inst., the wife of T. E. Lamb, of a daughter. 1281

MARRIAGES.

WHICKHAM—Parish Church, Henry James Bates to Sarah Annie Maria Ripley, late of Stanhope.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—20, Palmerston Street, 1st inst., aged 17 years, Edward Henry Appleton, dearly beloved son of Edward and the late Mary Appleton. 1261

Middle Street, 7th inst., aged 7 years, William Shearer, beloved son of Ninian and Sarah Jane Bell. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. To lift at Three o'clock prompt. Friends, please accept this intimation. 1351

BLACKHILL—39, Derwent Street, 3rd inst., aged 2 years, Annie Mary, beloved daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Jane Rudge. 1104

CUTLER'S HALL—3rd inst., aged 77, John Forrester.

TOW LAW—Ironworks Road, 3rd inst., Margaret Ann, wife of John Campbell.

EAST TANFIELD—2nd inst., aged 61, Thomas H. C. Moody.

BLAYDON—School House, 2nd inst., aged 20, Ann, daughter of Thomas Sewell.

SOUTH MOOR—2nd inst., aged 77, William Scott.

WYLAM—30th ult., aged 82, John Appleby.

PRUDHOE—29th ult., aged 81, Thomas Robinson.

BRANDON—31st ult., aged 16 years and 8 months, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Andrew Kerr.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—John Street, 1st inst., aged 89, Robert Rowell.

BURNOPFIELD—1st inst., in her 82nd year, Mary Ann, widow of the late George Bailes.

GREENSIDE—2nd inst., aged 21, George, son of Thos. Spence.

RYTON—5th inst., aged 72, Jane, widow of the late John Hall.

VENTNOR, I.W.—3rd inst., aged 83, Francis Thompson, nephew of the Rev. P. B. Thompson, of St Cuthbert's Vicarage, Benfieldside.

TUDHOE COLLIERY—5th inst., aged 18 years and 7 months, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Jonathan, second son of Joseph and Sarah Cuthbertson, late of Consett and Leadgate. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m. Friends, please accept this intimation. The cortege will arrive at Sherburn Terrace at 3 p.m. [The members of the "Derwent Valley" Lodge of Mechanics are requested to meet at Sherburn Terrace at 3 p.m.] 1071

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