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August 2nd, 1899. Architect

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CRICKET.

SENIOR LEAGUE

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. BURNMOOR.

This return Senior League engagement was decided at Burnmoor on Saturday in splendid weather and before a large number of spectators. The home men batted first on a splendid wicket, and though Nesbit and F. Blunt failed to do much, the Burnmoor pro. (Butler) and Bulmer made a capital stand, carrying the score from 22 to 112 before Butler was sent back, he having in a short space of time registered 77 runs, and from one over notched 20 runs, four 4's and two 2's. With but one run added Bulmer was disposed of by Leybourne, the outgoing batsman having played cautiously for 16. J. Nesbit (21) and J. Rutherford (18) also showed good form with the willow. When the last wicket fell the score stood at 169. The fielding of the visitors was very smart, and of the five bowlers tried Leybourne and Simpson proved most effective, capturing five wickets each. The Consett men failed entirely before the bowling of Combey and Butler, and the whole side was dismissed for the small score of 27, no less than five men bagging "ducks." Geo. Hamilton was top scorer with a dozen, and A. D. Wood came next with seven. This is the second time this season that Consett have been defeated by Burnmoor, but on the present occasion it is only fair to state that Consett were short of Dales, Lindsay, Walton, Charlton, and Lambert. Score:—

BURNMOOR.

W. Nesbit b Simpson	4
T. Bulmer b Leybourne	16
J. Swinboe c Raw b Simpson	5
F. Blunt c Hamilton b Simpson	2
Butler c Siddell b Leybourne	77
J. Nesbit c Richardson b Leybourne	21
J. Rutherford c Hamilton b Leybourne	18
J. Combey c Pratt b Leybourne	0
J. Coltman b Simpson	11
G. Blunt lbw b Simpson	1
W. H. Chatt not out	3
Extras	11
Total	169

CONSETT.

F. Richardson c Chatt b Combey	1
J. Siddell b Butler	0
E. Carlill c G. Blunt b Butler	4
Simpson b Butler	0
A. D. Wood b Combey	7
G. Hamilton b Butler	12
E. Pratt b Combey	0
J. Raw b Combey	0
W. Brodie b Combey	0
J. Eltringham b Butler	1
W. Leybourne not out	1
Extras	1
Total	27

CLOWNS v. PLAYERS.

There was a large attendance on the Blackfine enclosure on Saturday to witness the above teams play. The game ended in an easy win for the Players, for whom D. Aitkin (20), J. Turley (17), F. Lowery (16), A. Hurst (16), and I. Richards (13) showed capital form with the willow. Not one of the Clowns reached double figures, W. Richards being top scorer with seven. Score:—

PLAYERS.

J. Laidler c and b J. Lowes	5
J. Turley c Evans b McCone	17
J. Walton c and b Richards	1
D. Aitkin b Barnett	20
F. Lowery c Turnbull b McCone	16
A. Hurst c and b Richards	16
T. Swinscoe b McCone	0
I. Richards b Richards	13
McCourt b McCone	0
W. Reed run out	2
T. Cockburn not out	0
Extras	10
Total	100

CLOWNS

J. McCone b Hurst	5
J. Lowes b Laidler	6
F. Turnbull b Hurst	0
C. Lowes b Hurst	0
W. Richards b Hurst	7
H. Shaw b Walton	1
J. Barnett b Laidler	3
J. Harris c Laidler b Walton	2
E. Evans b Walton	0
J. Mason c and b Laidler	3
J. Richardson not out	1
Extras	8
Total	36

STANLEY II. v. LANGLEY PARK.

A cup-tie between these teams was played on Saturday at Stanley, and being in conjunction with the Cricket and Football Club sports, was witnessed by a very large number of spectators. The visitors bated first and ran up a score of 107, to which the home team could only respond with 72, Ardley and J. Lowes sharing the downfall of the Stanley wickets. Scores:—

Langley Park.

T. Ecclestone c Dixon b T. Shield	6
R. Rutter c Saggerson b T. Shield	1
J. Lowes c Dixon b Clough	11
R. Peel b T. Shield	35
E. Ecclestone c Saggerson b T. Shield	0
H. Ardley b Jewitt	4
M. Crawford c Clough b Tapper	35
J. Peel run out	7
J. Angus not out	3
G. Lowes not out	3
G. Peel b Tapper	1
Extras	4
Total	107

Stanley.

J. Dixon c G. Lowes b Ardley	8
J. Curry c G. Lowes b J. Lowes	16
T. Shield not out	13
T. Jewitt c and b J. Lowes	0
G. Shield b Ardley	0
A. Saggerson b J. Lowes	5
R. Knox b J. Lowes	4
W. Tapper c G. Lowes b J. Lowes	8
W. [illegible]ristopher c Crawford b Ardley	5
J. Shaw c T. Ecclestone b Ardley	0
G. Clough c G. Lowes b Ardley	11
Extras	2
Total	72

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. SOUTHILL.

Chester-le-Street entertained Southill on Saturday, when the citizens accomplished the excellent feat of beating their visitors by 257 runs and four wickets. Southill could do nothing against the bowling of Coyle and Child—who was assisting Chester-le-Street—and only managed to scrape together a paltry 29 runs. On the Chester-le-Street side, however, matters were very different, Halliday carrying his bat out for 130, while Coyle got 88. When stumps were drawn Chester-le-Street had scored 303 for the loss of six wickets. Scores:—

Southill.

C. F. Forster b Coyle	0
L. E. Woods b Coyle	10
Rev. Canon Firth run out	11
E. Wheeler b Child	1
A. Hinde c Coyle b Child	0
C. F. Cumberledge b Child	0
C. Wood c C[illegible] b Coyle	5
G. O. Hall not out	0
C. Bamborough c Hutchinson b Coyle	0
H. Dennis b Child	0
Stevens b Coyle	0
Extras	2
Total	29

Chester-le-Street.

E. F. Hutchinson c Cumberledge b Stevens	6
G. Halliday not out	130
Jas. Bewick c Hinde b Wheeler	44
A. Smith c Firth b Hinde	4
H. Hutton b Stevens	19
F. Coyle b Stevens	88
E. Walker b Hinde	2
H. P. Child did not bat	
W. Cowings did not bat	
J. G. Bell did not bat	
F. Taylor did not bat	
Extras	10
Total	303

SWALWELL UNITED v. BENWELL HILL.

Played at Swalwell, and resulted in a win for the visitors. [illegible]

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. MR. TOWN AND MR. COLE'S TEAM.

Played at Shotley Spa. Scores:—

Mr Town and Mr Cole's Eleven.

F. Cole run out	3
M. Johnson b Robson	7
C. Pumphrey b Robson	16
F. S. Strickland b Robson	4
A. Clarke b Robson	0
M. Brown run out	0
R. Renton c Forster b Small	8
J. K. Annandale b Robson	2
W. Spence b Small	3
S. Knott c Hunter b Robson	2
C. Beckingham b Robson	0
W. R. Town not out	2
Extras	1
Total	48

Shotley Bridge.

A. Small c Annandale b Renton	0
Leadbitter c Knott b Clarke	0
T. Lynn c and b Clarke	18
T. Raisbeck not out	24
J. Seed c Pumphrey b Clarke	0
J. Postle c Annandale b Clarke	7
M. J. Hunter b Clarke	10
L. Urwin c Beckingham b Strickland	7
R. Watson c Town b Clarke	0
J. W. Forster c Annandale b Strickland	2
T. Gorman c Cole b Knott	18
R. Robson c and b Knott	0
Extras	12
Total	98

HIGHGATE WHITE STARS v. CONSETT JUNIORS.

Played at Consett. Scores:—

Consett.

M. Wilkinson b Siddle	0
E. Malpass b Siddle	0
J. Nichol b Siddle	6
G. Siddle not out	20
E. Akerman b Leybourne	1
C. Tindle c Wilson b Siddle	0
A. Hewitson c Wilson b Siddle	1
R. Bell b Leybourne	0
W. Linnehan b Siddle	1
G. Wilkinson run out	0
A. Siddle run out	0
Extras	7
Total	46

Highgate Blue and White Stars.

Siddle b Siddle	0
Wilson b Siddle	0
Allison b Wilkinson	3
Barrett b Siddle	0
Brown b Siddle	1
Holmes b Wilkinson	1
Price b Siddle	7
Leybourne b Wilkinson	0
Richardson b Wilkinson	3
Twitchard not out	1
Seisa b Siddle	0
Extras	5
Total	21

SWALWELL UNITED WEDNESDAY v HARTLEY HASTINGS.

Played at Swalwell on Wednesday, August 2nd. Scores:—

Swalwell United.

S. Dove c Clarke b Brown	24
G. Lee c Dunlop b Summers	5
J. Coulson st Ripper b Summers	3
J. Spencer b Thompson	5
J. Bruce b Thompson	4
J. Walton c Pattinson b Thompson	17
V. Motherelll b Brown	4
E. Slater b Brown	7
G. Green b Clarke	6
H. Lockey b Brown	8
J. Robson not out	4
Extras	5
Total	92

Hartley Hastings.

F. Ripper b Walton	4
Dr. Dunlop b Dove	3
J. Brown c and b Walton	8
J. Thompson run out	13
T. Clarke b Dove	2
W. Summers b Dove	1
J. Jewitt c Slater b Dove	2
J. Pattinson c Lee b Dove	10
J. Goodfellow c Robson b Walton	6
G. Booth b Walton	8
F. Barron not out	2
Extras	3
Total	61

CRICKET NOTES.

By "L.B.W."

A Poor Show by Consett.

After their sensational victory over Chester-le-Street, it was confidently hoped by the partisans of the Consett club that the team would wind up the season in a manner somewhat befitting their reputation. And so perhaps they might could they put a decent team in the field; but to travel to Burnmoor with an eleven like that which represented the club on Saturday was practically courting defeat. I have been one of the first to point out that there are many promising players in the second team—players who in the natural course of events will take their places in the senior eleven—but at present their powers are not fully developed, and they want fetching on gradually. Some five or six of these second teamers accompanied what should have been the first string on Saturday, and two at least of them proved that in the near future they will be worthy of stepping up higher. It seemed a curious Consett team without Dales, Lambert, Lindsay, and one or two others, and it was little wonder that Burnmoor gained a very easy victory. As the Moorites also pulled it off at Consett, they can claim the satisfaction of having booked the double event at the expense of our local club.

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The home captain won the toss, and naturally elected to bat. However, Burnmoor did not make too gay a start, losing three men (all to Simpson's bowling) pretty cheaply. Then young Leybourne was given a trial with the ball, and clean bowled Bulmer, who had shaped very well for 16. With Butler and J. Nisbet in partnership the visitors were given some work, the latter eventually being caught off Leybourne for a well-played 21. Rutherford also contributed 18 and Coltman 11, but the honours in the batting line were easily borne off by the pro., who was in rare form. He treated all the Consett bowling with scant respect, and had compiled a splendid 77 ere Siddell held a chance off Leybourne's bowling. The venture ultimately closed for the good total of 169. Simpson and Leybourne were the only successful trundlers, and they divided the wickets between them. The second teamer undoubtedly distinguished himself, and will probably be given other opportunities of proving what he is made of.

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The Consettonians fully recognised that they were set a severe task—in fact, one beyond their powers—but they certainly expected to make a better show than actually turned out to be the case. Butler always seems a difficult bowler for the Consett players, and he quite upheld his reputation in this direction last week. Siddell and Richardson were the first pair of batsmen, but Frank was caught after making a single, whilst the skipper succumbed to a fine ball from Butler for a "duck." It may be said that Consett never recovered from this disastrous start, which no doubt unnerved the young players of the team. Simpson was bowled by the redoubtable Butler before he had scored, and although Carlill and Wood atempted to improve matters, their stay was short-lived. Geo. Hamilton—who has being doing such big things for the second team—shaped very pluckily for a dozen, but the rest of the innings was a procession, all being over for a paltry total of 27. Butler was ably partnered in the attack by Combey, the pair equally dividing the wickets. It was a very one-sided game, and who could expect anything else considering the composition of the Consett team?

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Tall Scoring at Chester-le-Street.

When Chester-le-Street lose a match they generally endeavour to make up for it, and this was the case on Saturday. After getting a severe beating from Consett they decided to rub it into Southill, which they did. Southill had the first innings, and the first wicket fell for none. The second, however, did not fall until 22 was reached. The third fell at the same total, and the fourth and fifth each fell for one run more. The sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth wickets each fell for 28, and the last two for 29. Seven men failed to break their "duck," and Canon Firth was top scorer with 11. The breakdown of the visitors is all the more surprising when we learn that they were represented by anything but a weak team, such noted bats as L. E. Woods, C. F. Cumberlege, A. Hinde, Canon Firth, and E. Wheeler assisting. However, they proved easy victims for Coyle and Child, the present and past pros. of the club respectively, who were in grand form, Coyle especially so. Analyses appended:—

	O.	M.O	R.	W.
Coyle	7.2	3	8	5
Child	7	1	19	4

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E. F. Hutchinson and G. Halliday commenced the easy task set the home team, but when the total was only 12 the former was caught by Cumberlege off Stevens. Jim Bewick next partnered Halliday, and knocked up 44 before Hinde caught him off Wheeler. A. Smith was the next comer, but he was caught by Canon Firth off Hinde after getting four. Harry Hutton, of Durham City, who was assisting Chester, came in, and put on 10 ere Stevens clean bowled him. Then came the best stand of the match. Coyle came to the wickets to partner Halliday—who now had about 80 runs to his credit—and after getting a few overs without scoring, the pro started hitting the ball to the boundary, and quickly had 30 runs to his credit. At this point a round of applause went up as the telegraph board announced that Halliday had got his hundred. Coyle continued to hit boundaries, but luck deserted him, for when he only wanted 12 to get his century Stevens clean bowled him. Halliday's display for 130 not out was faultless, and at the end of the match he was presented with £1 10s, collected on the ground. When stumps were drawn Chester-le-Street had 303 to their credit, thus gaining an easy victory. The result was a great surprise both to the home team and the visitors, the latter never reckoning upon receiving such an ignominious reverse. However, Chester were anxious to take it out of somebody for that unexpected defeat at Consett.

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Langley Park Victorious.

There was a big crowd to witness the discomfiture of Stanley 2nd at the hands of Langley Park last Saturday, and there was a unanimous opinion that the visitors thoroughly deserved their victory. Stanley had a strong team on, and matters did not look very prodigious when the whole of the visitors were dismissed for 107. Half the side were out with only 43 on, but R. Peel and Crawford made an invaluable stand, and between them added no less then 70 to the total, each being credited with 35. Crawford, who was smartly caught by Clough, had six fours in his score. From 43 for five the record was taken to 75 for six, and 97 for seven. Both J. Peel and Angus allowed themselves to be run out. [illegible]

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learn that the game was watched by a large and enthusiastic crowd. The home captain won the toss, and decided to give the visitors the first chance with the willow. Johnson and Cole were deputed to open the venture, facing the attack of Robson and Seed. Cole took the initial over from Robson, and should have been out first ball, but Lynn failed to hold the ball. However, the batsman did not benefit much by the let off, as he was unfortunately run out soon after, the first wicket falling with the total at four. Pumphrey then arrived, and with Johnson playing good cricket a lengthy stand ensued. A change was tried in the attack, Smail coming on for Seed, but this had not the desired effect, the two batsmen playing the bowling with ease. However, the partnership at last came to an end by Robson clean bowling Johnson. After the fall of the second wicket no one did anything of note except Pumphrey, who showed splendid form for his 16, but after his dismissal a procession took place, wickets falling rapidly before the bowling of Robson, who was practically unplayable, and the whole side was dismissed for 48. The bowling analysis will be found below, Robson's figures being very noteworthy:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
R. Robson	13	5	17	7
J. Seed	9	2	21	0
A. J. Smail	3.4	0	9	2

The home team had no difficulty in rubbing off the runs. Lynn (18), Milburn (10), and German (18) all played well, but the chief honours rest with T. Raisbeck, who went in at the fall of the second wicket, and carried out his bat for 24. He played a most patient innings, and all the bowling came alike to him. With practice and perseverance he will develope into a fine player. Special mention must be made of Clarke, who bowled exceedingly well for the scratch team. The game was of the most enjoyable character, and was played as cricket should be played. I trust that the groundsman received a substantial benefit, as he has worked hard on behalf of the club, and deserves a bumper. He was seen to wear a fine and large smile at observing such a number of friends present in his honour. It was an exceedingly kindly act on the part of Messrs Town and Cole to organise a team in order that the benefit game might not fall through.

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MEMS.

The Stanley Cricket and Football Clubs joined bands on Saturday.

For their first annual sports.

Which were a success.

Part of the programme was a cup-tie between Stanley 2nd and Langley Park.

With the team they had on, Stanley ought to have won.

But they were fairly and squarely beaten.

R. Peel and Crawford both batted well for the Park.

And Ardley and Lowes were in good form with the ball.

Stanley's play was disappointing.

It was a capital performance on the part of Langley Park.

Who proved themselves a capable all-round combination.

It was a stiff "second" team they had to face.

Ardley had five wickets for four runs apiece.

Consett came a sad cropper at Burnmoor.

They could expect little else with the team they took.

Still they should have been good for more than 27.

Geo. Hamilton rattled up a dozen of these.

He is one of the most promising players Consett possess.

Leybourne also bowled most creditably.

He shared the wickets with Simpson.

Not at all a small feat in such a match.

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THE LIBERAL EXCURSION TO NAWORTH CASTLE.

Interesting Correspondence.

We have been requested to publish the following correspondence, and do so with pleasure. We may mention that the subjoined resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting at Naworth Castle on Wednesday of last week, and the correspondence bears on that and Mr. Lief Jones' speech:—

"That this meeting, while sympathising with the legitimate grievances of the Outlanders, and welcoming the recent concessions made by the Transvaal Republic, deprecates most strongly the threatening attitude adopted by the Colonial Secretary, and desires to record its opinion that for Great Britain to force a change in their domestic policy upon a people to whom she has guaranteed "the entire control of their internal affairs" would be a breach of national good faith, a lowering of her prestige abroad, and provocative of racial ill-will disastrous to the orderly and progressive good government of the South African colonies."

Mr. Jones,—Dear Sir,—I venture to send you on a few remarks on the speech that you made at Naworth yesterday. I may say that I am no party politician, as I look upon them as being able to twist arguments to suit their purposes. When I first heard you, you were explaining out that there was a treaty between the Boers and the British to the effect that the Boers had not to be disturbed by the British, and in the resolution you proposed, you took your stand upon this treaty; but, sir, do you not think that the annexing of the Transvaal by the British, at the request of the Boers themselves, that the war and the Convention does away with the previous treaty that you seem to stand by. Would it not be better to stand by a later arrangement, say the Annexation of the Convention? Your next remarks were that because the Boers were afraid of the Zulus they asked the British to annex the Transvaal, which was done by Col Shepstone reading out a Proclamation. Then you go on to say that we went to war with the Zulus, and killed a few thousand of them; but I did not hear you say that there were any British killed, or that there was millions of British money spent over this transaction. Then you go on to say that Mr. Gladstone found out that we had made a mistake in annexing the Transvaal, and that one of the most generous actions of his life was giving their country back again; but you did not say that it was after Mr. Gladstone had gone to war with the Boers, and suffering defeat at Majuba Hill, that he acted so. This generous action you speak of was to my mind the greatest blunder ever he made. Had he carried on the war and kept the Transvaal under the British flag, there would have been no question of franchise to-day; every white man would have been on an equal footing, as they are in the British colonies adjoining, and how a man calling himself a Liberal can be in favour of any other policy I am at a loss to know. When speaking about your friend, Mr. Dodd, you said that he was secretary to an association, and would have to speak to please them; but sir, don't you think this is begging the question? If you care to answer these few friendly criticisms of your speech, you may do so by sending on this letter and your answer to the "Consett Guardian." Yours truly,

ONE WHO ENJOYED THE TRIP.

P.S.—The reason I withhold my name is because I don't care to be a politician.

Sir,—My thanks are due to the writer of the above letter (whom for brevity I will venture to call "X") for giving me the opportunity of re-stating the position of those Liberals—party politicians who are proud [illegible]

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within the region of probability to suppose that the attitude of the officials of the South African League in Johannesburg in relation to police and other authority there, was responsible for much of the tone and temper adopted by the Field-cornet and his officials towards the Cape boys and other strangers in the city. Be that as it may, I am convinced by the knowledge of facts which it is impossible to ignore that it is necessary to receive with caution and even with a large measure of suspicion, statements emanating from the officers of this organisation." Again Mr. Schriener, Prime Minister of Cape Colony, writes to the Governor of the Colony on behalf of the Cape Government on Jan. 24th, 1899:—"In the opinion of Ministers, the persistent action, both beyond and within this Colony, of the political body styling itself the South African League, in endeavouring to foment and excite, not to soothe and allay, ill-will between the two principal European races inhabitating South Africa, is well illustrated by these resolutions, the exaggerated and aggravating terms of which disclose the spirit which informs and inspires them." With these weighty pronouncements before us, we must surely receive with the utmost caution any statements emanating from the South African League. Into the grievances in detail, I have no space to enter; we may accept Sir A. Milner's verdict that "the true remedy is to strike at the root of all these injuries—the political impotence of the injured." So stated, the problem becomes comparatively simple, and its solution a mere matter of adjustment. Sir. A. Milner demands the full political enfranchisement of the Outlanders after 5 years residence. President Kruger, though filled with fear lest "they do not want the franchise, they want the country" (and can anyone in the light of past history pronounce the fear baseless or unreasonable?) nevertheless offers to make the Outlanders full Burghers after 7 years. Surely we must agree with Mr. Schriener that "President Kruger's Franchise proposal is practical, reasonable, and a considerable step in the right direction:" and we may accept it in the hope that the English who have decided to denationalize themselves, and to swear allegiance to the Transvaal Government, may be loyal citizens of the land of their adoption, and may yet retain so much affection for the race from which they spring as to set themselves to unite in bonds of abiding friendship the two white races who for better, for worse, must dwell side by side in South Africa.—Yours truly,

LIEF JONES.

Castle Howard, Aug. 5th, 1899.

BOY CHAMPION INTERVIEWED.

In Durham, many years ago, resided a youth named George Temperley, celebrated for his clever exhibitions in clog-dancing. At six years of age he was the Champion Boy Clog-dancer, and his exhibitions greatly delighted the miners. At the age of sixteen he went to sea. In March of teh present year he arrived at Ushaw Moor a village a few miles from Durham city, where his father ably discharges the duties of landlord of the Flass Inn, a popular resort for miners. It was here that a representative of the "Durham Chronicle" found him, and the story he related was, to say the least, remarkable.

Mr George Temperley, now a young man of 24 years of age, said, "As a youth I was robust and healthy, and until I was sixteen years of age ailed very little. Then my troubles began, and since then I have never been the same. At that time I determined to become a sea-going engineer. On my return journey from Baltimore to Bristol the weather was very rough indeed, and owing to being wet through and sleeping in my wet clothes I caught [illegible]

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CHESTER-LE-STREET GUARDIANS.

Under the new arrangement by which the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians will sit one fortnight, and the Rural Council the next, the first monthly meeting of the Guardians was held on Thursday last in the Board-room, at the Workhouse. Mr. P. Oswald presided, and there were also present Messrs H. W. Kerrich-Walker, J.P., R. J. English, J. Todd, R. Bolam, P. Hay, F. Harle, T. C. Renwick, G. Middlemas, R. H. Lonsdale, T. Arnell, R. Fowler, J. Mitchell, C. J. Banks, R. B. Clark, J. H. R. Garson, W. Hawking, H. E. Henderson, T. F. Brass, H. E. Purves, M. J. Starford, the Clerk (Mr. R. Dickinson,) and the Assistant Clerk (Mr. R. V. Dickinson.)

THE RELIEF CASES.

Mr. Mitchell said that hitherto they had had separate committees to deal with the relief cases in the Chester-le-Street and Harraton districts. He suggested that it might be advisable to take the whole of them in one room.

Mr. Hay objected. Mr. Mitchell first brought forward a motion to curtail the business, and now he wanted to do something which would have the opposite effect.

The Chairman pointed out that they had, by resolution, decided to have two committees to deal with the relief cases, and he did not think they could take them all in one room unless they rescinded their previous motion.

Mr. Mitchell said he merely threw it out as a suggestion. He was not interested at all.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Visiting Committee recommended that the tender of Mr C. Groves of £14 for hot water apparatus to the baths in the Workhouse be accepted. They reported that in their opinion a complaint made respecting the want of punctuality in the delivery of milk was justified. With reference to a letter from the Local Government Board concerning Nurse Branson, the Committee desired the Clerk to write pointing out that Miss Branson was trained for seven months at Durham County Hospital, two years at Stockton, and for eleven months, as second nurse at Chester-le-Street, she had so thoroughly satisfied them that they had unanimously promoted her; also that the medical officer and the matron were well pleased with her services. They were of opinion that a three years' training stipulation should be modified.

Mr. Mitchell moved the adoption of the report, and thought the Committee had come to a very wise conclusion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Clerk instructed to write to the milk contractor.

AN ADDITIONAL LOAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning a further loan of £2,000 for the erection of boundary walls, &c., at the Workhouse, the loan to be repaid in a period of 25 years.

A VISIT TO SEDGEFIELD.

Messrs Renwick, Banks, Arnold, Mitchell, and Purves were elected a committee to visit the patients chargeable to the Chester-le-Street Union in Sedgefield Asylum.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The Chairman drew attention to the question of boarding out children instead of keeping them in the workhouse, and said that this question was assuming a very important position. Perhaps they had noticed the remarks of the judge at Durham respecting the boarding out of children. He (the Judge) strongly recommended in particular that the boys should be boarded out. Continuing, the chairman said that if the lads got outside where the workhouse taint [illegible]

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PROPOSED LIGHT RAILWAY FROM GATESHEAD TO WHICKHAM

On Thursday morning, in the Assembly Rooms, Gateshead Town Hall, an inquiry was held by the Light Railway Commissioners into the application made by the Gateshead and District Tramways Company for an order of the Board of Trade permitting a light railway to be constructed to Wrekenton from old Durham Road, and another from Askew Road to Dunston and Whickham.

Mr. Gerald A. R. Fitzgerald and Col. Boughey, C.S.I., were the commissioners, with Viscount Emlyn as assistant-secretary. Mr. Sydney Morse, of London, appeared for the promoters (Gateshead District Tramways Co.); Mr. W. Swinburne (Town Clerk) for Gateshead Corporation; Mr. Thos. Lambert for the Whickham U.D. Council; and Mr. Dunnell for the N.E. Railway Company.

Mr. Morse opened the inquiry on behalf of the promoters, and stated that they were absolutely in agreement with the Gateshead Council, but had disagreed with the Whickham U.D. Council upon the question of purchase, and owing to telegraphic misunderstanding the Council had had practically the same terms given them as Gateshead. He asked the Commissioners if they granted the purchase clause to Whickham, to do so under certain conditions, namely, that if Gateshead should purchase, Whickham should at the same time be obliged to purchase at the option of the company. The company also asked that any such purchase clause should be without prejudice to any future extensions. The present order was being promoted so that the proposed extensions could be proceeded with at the same time as the lines included in the Bill before Parliament this session. Mr. Morse mentioned that the rental value of Dunston had increased 30 per cent. during the last seven years, and that the population was growing very fast.

Mr. Garcke, a director of the local tramway company, and managing director of the British Electric Traction Company, next gave evidence, and said the Light Railways order was sought in order to avoid delay. As to the question of concessions, there had been an unfortunate mistake, in the fact that a telegram had been sent in which the word "same" occurred instead of "save," and that obliged them to give Whickham concessions they would not have contemplated under other conditions, but they asked the Commissioners and the Whickham Council to let them down as easily as possible.

By Mr Lambert: In giving what Whickham asked for now, they wanted the matter to be clear that the agreement for purchase should not be brought up as a precedent with regard to future concessions.

Alderman John Lucas, of the Gateshead Corporation, gave evidence as to the agreement between the Corporation and the Tramway Company, and as the need for the facilities proposed to be afforded by the new tramway line. The Corporation had agreed to the present procedure because of the delay which would have ensued if another Bill had to be promoted.

Mr. R. T. Swinburn, a member of the Whickham U.D. Council, gave evidence as to the recent increase of Dunston, both in respect of population and number of houses. He thought the proposed line would meet a much felt want. Whickham was becoming a health resort, and the line would be much used by business people residing at Whickham [illegible]

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Morse, on behalf of the Newcastle
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Fitzhugh the Board of Trade's regula-
were sufficient to protect the large
of gas-pipes in Grace Road from
rrelytic action.
Sellers said he was sure they were,
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Morse then put a question in connection
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Commissioners approved.
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LORD DE la WARR.

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

Pelton Fell.

On Saturday last, the members of the Pelton Fell Floral, Horticultural, Industrial, and Live Stock Society held their second annual exhibition in the Recreation Ground, Pelton Fell. There was a very good attendance of spectators, and three large marquees—for the floral, industrial, and live stock classes—were largely patronised. There were 121 classes under the head-ing of flowers, fruit, vegetables, &c., and 137 classes for the live stock division, and the duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr. J. A. Hutchinson, and was supported by Messrs R. Pearson and T. H. Thompson as assistant secretaries. During the afternoon selections of music were played by the Pelton Fell Band, which were greatly enjoyed. The judges were as follow:—Floral and Horticultural Classes, Mr. T. Chalmers, Cocken Hall, Chester-le-Street; Mr. Thos. Hedley, Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street; Industrial Class, Mr. and Mr. H. Armstrong, Castle View, Chester-le-Street, and Mr. H. S. Headlam, Pelton Fell; Live Stock, Poultry, Mr. Geo. Hall, Sunderland; Rabbits, Mr. D. Bewley, Sykes; and cage birds, Mr. W. Blenkinsop, Rosegarth. The following is a

LIST OF AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Stove or greenhouse plants (3 varieties)—G. Bell, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; Hall Brothers, 3.
Fuchsia (hardy)—Hall Brothers, 1; G. Bell, 2; J. F. Grainger (varieties), 3.
Two geraniums, zonal—G. Bell, 1; Hall Brothers, 2; G. Bell, 3; W. Miller, 4.
Two cactus plants—Mrs. Whitmore, 1; G. Bell, 2.
Basket of flowers—J. F. Grainger, 1.
Two fuchsias—G. Bell, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2.
Two concombs—G. Bell, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2.

CUT FLOWERS.

Roses, six blooms (decorative)—W. Walton, 1; T. Thompson, 2; R. Hall, 3.
Six dahlias, double—J. Rattenbury, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; Hall Brothers, 3.
Six dahlias, pompon—J. Rattenbury, 1; G. Bell, 2.
Six cut flowers—T. Marshall, 1; Thompson, 2; W. Miller, 3.
Six cut flowers (annuals)—G. Bell, 1; H. Bicker, 2; Mrs. Whitmore, 3.
Six marigolds (African)—G. Bell, 1; J. Hails, 2; A. Whitmore, 3.
Six marigolds (French)—G. Bell, 1; J. Hails, 2; A. Whitmore, 3.
Six cut flowers, one variety—T. Marshall, 1; A. Whitmore, 2.
Six zonals—J. F. Grainger, 1; Thompson, 2; T. H. Foster (amateurs), 3.
Six fuchsias (amateurs)—J. F. Grainger, 1; A. Whitmore, 2; T. Thompson, 3.
Three buttonhole bouquets—A. Whitmore, 1; T. Rattenbury, 2; G. Bell, 3.
Bouquet of cut flowers—A. Whitmore, 1; J. Rattenbury, 2.
The largest basket of cut garden flowers—J. Rattenbury, 1; A. Whitmore, 2.

VEGETABLES.

Two cucumbers—G. Bell, 1; A. Whitmore, 2
Early cabbage—G. Emery, 1; A. Whitmore, 2; R. Martin, 3.
Cauliflower—A. Whitmore, 1; W. Miller, 2.
Six potatoes (kidneys)—G. Bell, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; Hails, 3; A. Whitmore, 4.
Three turnips—G. Bell, 1; R. Martin, 2; J. Hails, 3.
Three leeks—J. F. Grainger, 1; G. Bell, 2; J. Hails, 3.
Three carrots—J. F. Grainger, 1; G. Bell, 2; W. L. Anderson, 3.
Three beetroots—J. F. Grainger, 1; G. Bell, 2; W. Miller, 3.
Three roots of beet—J. Hails, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; G. Bell, 3.
Six string onions—G. Emery, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; G. Bell, 3.
Six parsnips—G. Bell, 1; W. L. Anderson, 2; G. Bell, 3.
Six potatoes (round)—G. Bell, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; W. L. Anderson, 3.
Three pots of herbs—J. Hails, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; G. Bell, 3.
Twelve pods of broad beans—J. Hails, 1; J. F. Grainger, 2; G. Bell, 3.
Twelve pods of scarlet runners—J. Hails, 1; G. Bell, 2; J. F. Grainger, 3.
Three varieties autichrismas—R. Pearson, 1; G. Emery, 2.
Hand bouquet of herbs—G. Emery, 1; A. Whitmore, 2.
Three varieties of vegetables—G. Emery, 1; J. Hails, 2.

VEGETABLES.

Three leeks—J. Hails, 1; G. Emery, 2.
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Two bowls of celery—J. Hails, 1; G. Emery, 2.
W. Kowling, 3.
Cauliflower—G. Emery, 1.
Six potatoes (kidneys)—J. F. English, 2.
Six potatoes (round)—J. F. English, 2.
Twelve pods of peas—R. Pearson, 1; T. Bell, 2.
Twelve pods of beans—T. Bell, 1; R. Pearson, 2.
Twelve pods of runner beans—J. James, 1; Welch, 2.

POULTRY.

Plymouth rock, cock—W. Gowling, 1; H. and E. Elliott (Jun.), 2.
Plymouth rock, hen—W. Gowling, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2.
Minorca, cock—J. Wilson, 1; J. Wilson, 2.
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Hamburg, cock—H. and E. Elliott (Jun.), 1; J. Lammonby, 2.
Hamburg, hen—R. Preston, 2; J. W. Lammonby, 1.
Modern game black or brown red cock—J. and T. Curruth, 1; J. Arnon, 2.
Modern game black or brown red hen—J. and T. Curruth, 1; J. Arnon, 2; J. and T. Curruth, 2; J. Metcalf, 3.
Game (any other variety), cock—J. and T. Curruth, 1; J. Arnon, 2; J. and T. Curruth, 3.
Game (any other variety), hen—J. and T. Curruth, 1; J. and T. Curruth, 2; Metcalf, 3.
Geese (any variety)—J. Lammonby, 1; Wharton, 2.
Ducks (any variety)—G. H. Proctor, 1; Lammonby, 2; J. and T. Curruth, 3.
Any other variety, hen—G. H. Proctor, 1; J. and T. Curruth, 2; J. Wharton, 3.
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Bantams, black or brown red cock—Foster, 1; J. and T. Curruth, 2; Mr. A. Thompson, 3.
Bantams, black or brown red hen—Foster, 1; J. and T. Curruth, 2; Mr. A. Thompson, 3.
Any other variety, cock—Foster and Shield, 1; T. Tardy, 2.
Black or white waterfowl cock—T. Davison, 1; Mr. A. Thompson, 2.
Any other variety cock—W. Levitt, 1; R. Preston, 2; T. Tardy, 3.
Any other variety hen—R. Preston, 1; T. Tardy, 2; W. Levitt, 3.
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Belgian hare—R. Leathead, 1; Cranmer and Gray, 2; W. Miller, 3.
Dutch—R. Robinson, 1; T. Wallace, 2; Little and Nearham, 3.
Silver—Price and Son, 1; F. W. Taylor, 2; J. Hall, 3.
Rabbits, any other variety—Price and Son, 1; Mrs. Whitmore, 2; Mrs. Matthews, 3.
Any other variety—T. Wallace, 1; R. Leathead, 2; Little, 3.
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CAGE BIRDS.

Norwich yellow—Stanger and Henderson, 1 and 2; Bewick, 3.
Norwich buff—Stanger and Henderson, 1 and 2; Bewick, 3.
Crested, any variety—Stanger and Henderson, 1 and special; G. Grimley, 2; A. Keeble, 3.
Foreign bird (except crested)—Stanger and Henderson, 1; Blythe, 2.
Canary, any variety—Bewick, 1.
Selling classes—Stanger and Henderson, 1; Owen Gemley, 2.

INDUSTRIAL CLASSES.

Patchwork quilt (not quilted)—Mrs Gib, Mrs Hutchinson, 2.
Quilted quilt—Mrs J. Burrows, 1; Mrs Pallister, 2; Mrs Gib, 3.
Knitted shawl—Mrs Moffatt, 1; Mrs Mathie, 2; Mrs Gib, 3.
Man's vest—Mrs Moffatt, 1; Mrs Mathie, 2; Mrs Gib, 3.
Wool antimacassar—Miss M. Anthon- 1; Mrs Johnstone (no 2), 2; Mrs Gib, 3.
Hemstitched handkerchief—Mrs Gib, 1; Miss Mathie, 2.
Wool stockings (ribbed)—Miss W. Wallace, 1; Mrs G. Pile, 2.
Wool stockings (plain)—Miss Brown, 1; Mrs Johnstone (no 2), 2; Mrs Gib, 3.
Wool socks—Mrs Johnstone (no 2), 1; Miss Anthon, 2.
Cake—Mrs T. Thompson, 1; Miss Mathie, 2; Mrs Gib, 3.
Pickles—Mrs H. Marshall, 1; Miss M. Anthon, 2.
Knitting work—Miss Moffat, 1; Miss Mathie, 2.
Case of stuffed birds or animals—Mrs Barker, 1; Mrs Gib, 2.
Fancy work, not classed, mats, work-basket, &c.—J. E. Wrightson, 1; J. Scott, 2.
Fancy work, not classed—Miss J. Oughton, 1; Hawthorn (head master)—Miss A. Harrison, 1.
Any other article lady's work—Miss Kell, 1.

SCHOOL SECTION.

WRITING.

Boys: Standard 1—J. Bland, 1; J. Miller, 2; Standard 2—W. Richardson, 1; M. Young, 2; J. Edgar, 3.
Standard 3—W. Kirkup, 1; J. Anderson, 2; J. Stewart, 3.
Standard 4—J. Stables, 1; O. Petrie, 2; W. Young, 3.
Standard 5—T. Stables, 1; W. Jackson, 2; J. Hall, 3.
Standard 6—R. Harding, 1; J. Dyson, 2; T. Stables, 3.
Girls—standard 1—E. Bugless, 1; E. Wallace, 2; S. Gillingham, 3.
Standard 2—E. Winn, 1; A. Wynn, 2; L. Hall, 3.
Standard 3—M. E. Moore, 1; E. Batchelor, 2; A. Taylor, 3.
Standard 4—J. Bell, 1; E. Askew, 2; M. J. Robinson, 3.
Standard 5—E. Williams, 1; A. J. Hutton, 2.
Standard 6—L. Brooks, 1; M. Brooks, 2; M. Robson, 3; M. A. Stewart, 3.

DRAWING.

Standard 3—R. Henderson, 1; W. Mason, 2; W. Miller, 3.
Standard 4—J. Anderson, 1; M. Christelow, 2; W. Miller, 3.
Standard 4—I. Wilson, 1; G. Cole, 2; W. Miller, 3.
Standard 5—J. Anderson, 1; J. Reed, 2; G. Reed, 3.
Standard 6—J. Anderson, 1; G. Cole, 2; G. Lodge, 3.

CUT MODELLING.

Standard 3—J. Hall, 1; R. Bell, 2.
Standard 5—D. Gray, 1; E. Musgrove, 2; A. Young, 3.

Tow Law.

On Saturday, the 42th annual exhibition of plants, flowers, fruit, vegetables, pigeons, poultry, cottage, and industrial work, in connection with the Tow Law Horticultural, and Industrial Society, was held in fields near the Vicarage, Tow Law, and although the weather was of the most disheartening description could not have been secured, the show was a great success, and a credit unto to the railway station, and almost unique in its position for the village, but also for the outlying districts. The day was fine, although rain fell during the forenoon, and set forth his beautiful rays on accounts of the heavy clouds that hung over the village. This did not, however, in the least mar the attendance, and it was a "merry, merry" day. The Tow Law Temperance Band were present from far and near. There were also, in addition to besides the ordinary special trains, run from various centres to Tow Law, which were heavily laden with people, and sufficient at the railway station were kept busy the whole of the day, and conveyed hundreds to and from the show. Besides the way of sidings, they coped with the traffic in a manner that was highly creditable, and was a general blunder for the majority of the visitors, and the thanks of the committee for the manner in which their places were closed. Some thousands of persons were present, and for a few minutes were jubilant over their success on the ground, but the arrangements were on a perfect character, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. The show secretaries were most assiduous in seeing that everything was carried out in the most satisfactory manner, and the judges, especially was this the case with regard to the cottage and industrial classes, but this was accounted for owing to the fact that Mr. Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle, was a splendid display of stove, greenhouse, and cut flowers, and Mr. Hedley met Reuben with an exceptionally good show. In many of the classes, Mr. Hedley was the only exhibitor, but he was fully entitled to the names of several well-known exhibitors. The cottage industrial and needlework, and the fancy work section, which was confined to residents of Tow Law, was a great feature of the show. The display in the open section of the industrial classes was also very good indeed. The works of art were worthy of an inspection. The exhibits in the children's classes exhibits indicated a great amount of genius and skill on the part of the exhibitors. There was one drawback in this section, and that is that the exhibits were not numbered, and there is no stated time for entry, and the prizes are captured by old prizewinners. The exhibits in the poultry section were also very good for the feminine sex, and the particular attention was paid to them during the early afternoon. The schools section proved quite an attraction, and the exhibits were placed in respective schools in the district, in the front of the marquee, and were worthy of attention. Amongst the exhibitors were many of the old prizewinners, and the work of the new exhibitors was not an enviable one. The latter class will be a great boon to the society, and the committee made a "new departure" this year in the introduction of the children's classes, which proved quite an attraction to the visitors, and the entries were numerous. For the three, classes there was a large number of entries, and the prizes were won by Mr. T. E. Lavis, Ropen, Mr. William Hall, Tow Law, and Mr. Thomas Hedley, and Mr. R. Freeman, Viewley Grange. Dorthen, Mr. Hedley, Lumley Castle. In the cottage industrial class there was a good turn out. The exhibits were very good, and the prizes were distributed as follows:—Mr. Hedley, Lumley Castle, Mr. T. E. Lavis, Ropen, Mr. William Hall, Tow Law, and Mr. Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle. In the fancy work section there was a good turn out. The exhibits were very good, and the prizes were distributed as follows:—Mr. Hedley, Lumley Castle, Mr. T. E. Lavis, Ropen, Mr. William Hall, Tow Law, and Mr. Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle. In the fancy work section there was a good turn out. The exhibits were very good, and the prizes were distributed as follows:—Mr. Hedley, Lumley Castle, Mr. T. E. Lavis, Ropen, Mr. William Hall, Tow Law, and Mr. Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle. The following is a

LIST OF THE AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS.

Stove and greenhouse plants—J. J. Tennesty, 1; Mrs. Hedley, 2; Mrs. Hedley, 3; Mrs. Hedley, 4; Mrs. Stanley, Crook, 5; T. Thompson, Tow Law, 6; Mrs. Hedley, 7; Mrs. Hedley, 8; Mrs. Hedley, 9; Mrs. Hedley, 10.
Fuchsias, two varieties—T. Thompson.
Fuchsias, one plant, three varieties—J. Tennesty, 1; Mrs. Hedley, 2; Mrs. Hedley, 3; Mrs. Hedley, 4; Mrs. Hedley, 5; Mrs. Hedley, 6; Mrs. Hedley, 7; Mrs. Hedley, 8; Mrs. Hedley, 9; Mrs. Hedley, 10.
Fuchsias, two varieties—J. Tennesty, 1; T. Thompson, 2.
Geraniums, one plant, three varieties—J. Tennesty, 1; T. Thompson, 2.
Geraniums, two varieties—J. Tennesty, 1; T. Thompson, 2.
Collection of annuals—J. Tennesty, 1; J. Summerson, 2.
Collection of annuals, two varieties—J. Summerson, 1; J. Tennesty, 2; J. Summerson; 3; W. Hesseltine, 4.
Collection of annuals, three varieties—J. Summerson, 1; J. Tennesty, 2; J. Summerson, 3; Wm. Bell, 4; Thompson, 5; Mrs. Hedley, 6.
Four stocks, four varieties—W. Bell, 1; J. Tennesty, 2; J. Summerson, 3; Mrs. Hedley, 4; Mrs. Hedley, 5.
Asters, dissimilar—J. J. Mackay, New Branspeth, 1; Mrs. Hedley, 2.
Asters, one plant, two varieties—J. Edmundson, 1; Mrs. Hedley, 2; Mrs. Hedley, 3; Mrs. Hedley, 4; Mrs. Hedley, 5; Mrs. Hedley, 6; Mrs. Hedley, 7; Mrs. Hedley, 8; Mrs. Hedley, 9; Mrs. Hedley, 10.
Asters—J. J. Mackay, 1; J. Edmundson, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. W. Anderson, 4.
Everlastings—No entries.
Collection of wild flowers—J. J. Edmundson; Mrs. Hedley, 2.
Carnations—J. W. Peacock; 2, A. Curry; 3, J. Edmundson.
Cut flowers—J. J. Mackay; 2, J. Edmundson.
Cut flowers, one variety, over one year—J. J. Mackay, 1; J. W. Peacock, 2; J. Lavelock; 3, J. Mackay.
Six ashes herbaceous blooms—J. J. Moses; 2 J. Mackay.

FRUIT.

Gooseberries (12 best flavoured)—G. Corney, Headridge; 2, S. Watson, Wolsingham; 3, Thos. Hedley.
Gooseberries (12 heaviest)—J. J. Mackay; 2, G. Corney, Headridge; 3, J. Moses.
Red currants—J. J. Mackay; 2, Mrs. Hedley.
Red currants—I. W. Craggs, Thornley; 2, G. Corney, Headridge; 3, Mrs. Hedley.
Black currants—G. Corney, Thornley; 2, J. Dowson; 3, A. Corney.

VEGETABLES.

Two early cabbages—T. Smith, Tow Law; 2, G. Spedding, Thornley; 3, A. Curry, North Bedburn.
Two red cabbages—G. Spedding.
Two savoy cabbages—I. W. Craggs; 2, Geo. Hall.
Two lettuces—A. Curry; 2, W. Hesseltine.
Three heads of celery—W. Bell; 2, Wm. Craggs; 3, T. Smith.
Three cucumbers—T. Smith; 2, J. W. Lavelock; 3, Mrs. Hedley.
Four leeks—W. Bell; 2, T. Smith; 3, Mrs. Graham.
Two parsnips—I. W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Gledson.
Two beets—W. Hesseltine; 2, W. Craggs; 3, W. Gledson.
Three carrots—I. W. Hesseltine; 2, A. Curry; 3, W. Craggs.
Three turnips—I. W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Hesseltine.
Two onions—W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Hesseltine.
Six potatoes—J. Gaston; 2, G. Spedding; 3, Geo. Hall.
Three cauliflowers—I. W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Hesseltine.
Three marrows—W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Hesseltine.
Two vegetable marrows—W. Craggs; 2, T. Thompson; 3, J. G. Graham.
Two kidney beans—W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Hesseltine.
Two runner beans—W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding; 3, J. G. Graham.
Two broad beans—J. G. Graham.
Two peas—W. Craggs; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, J. G. Graham; 4, R. Moore.
Two lettuces—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. Moore; 3, J. Graham.
Two parsley—J. Moore; 2, W. Hesseltine.
Two mint—J. Moore; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, G. Macfarlane.
Two sage—J. Moore; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, G. Macfarlane.
Two thyme—J. Moore; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, G. Macfarlane.
Two marjoram—J. Moore; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, G. Macfarlane.
Two savory—J. Moore; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, T. Thompson.
Two rhubarb—J. Moore; 2, G. Graham; 3, G. Macfarlane.
Two shallots—J. Moore; 2, G. Graham; 3, G. Macfarlane.
Two horseradish—J. Moore; 2, G. Graham; 3, T. Thompson.
Two tomatoes—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Hesseltine.

FRUIT.

Two cucumbers (flavoured)—W. Gledon; 2, W. Craggs; 3, G. Spedding.
Two cucumbers (unflavoured)—W. Craggs; 2, W. Gledson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two melons—W. Craggs; 2, W. Gledson; 3, T. Thompson.
Two melons, one variety—W. Craggs, Thornley; 2, W. Gledson; 3, T. Thompson.
Two melons, three varieties—W. Craggs; 2, W. Gledson; 3, T. Thompson; 4, W. Hesseltine.
Two pines—T. Dowson; 2, W. Craggs; 3, W. Gledson.
Two bunches white currants—W. Craggs; 2, W. Gledson; 3, T. Dowson.
Two bunches red currants—W. Craggs; 2, W. Gledson; 3, T. Dowson.
Two bunches black currants—T. Dowson; 2, W. Craggs; 3, W. Gledson.
Two bunches white currants—T. Dowson; 2, W. Craggs; 3, W. Gledson.
Early cabbage—T. Smith; 2, J. Graham; 3, W. Gledson.
Savoy—W. Gledson; 2, W. Hesseltine; 3, T. Thompson.
Two cauliflowers—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two heads of celery—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two vegetable marrows—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two kidney beans—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two runner beans—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two broad beans—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two peas—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two lettuces—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.
Two parsley—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, R. French.
Two mint—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.
Two sage—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.
Two thyme—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.
Two marjoram—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two savory—W. Hesseltine; 2, T. Thompson; 3, W. Gledson.
Two rhubarb—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.
Two shallots—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.
Two horseradish—W. Hesseltine; 2, R. French; 3, T. Thompson.

BUTTER, &c.—BREAD AND HONEY.

Six pounds of butter—Mrs. Hedley, Lumley Castle; Mrs. Pickersett, Wolsingham; 3 Miss R. Parker, Tow Law.
Three pounds of butter—Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Lowes, Tow Law.
Two loaves bread—1, Mrs Miller, Hoodcrook; 2, Mrs. Brown, Tow Law; 3, Mrs. Hedley, Lumley Castle.
Two loaves brown bread—Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Lowes, Tow Law; 3, Mrs. Hedley, Lumley Castle.
Two loaves, any variety—Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Lowes, Tow Law; 3, Mrs. R. Moore; 4, Geo. Hilltreth.
Specimen of honey—1, T. Hipperd, Satley; 2, R. Moore, Tow Law.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Useful or ornamental household article (1, Mrs. Hedley, Lumley Castle; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Thomas Dorothy, Dorthen; 4, H. Gledson.
Useful or ornamental household article (2, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Knitting, worsted, wrought iron or steel—1, H. Oliver; 2, T. H. Dowson.
Knitting, cotton—1, T. H. Dowson; 2, Thos. Hedley, Lumley Castle; 3, Mrs. Hedley.
Ornamental drawing—1 and 2—E. Taylor, Old Rod, Dorthen.
Case of stuffed birds—1, W. H. Gill, Hedleyhope; 2, Mrs. Hedley.
Case of stuffed animals—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley.
Collection of fossils—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley.
Oil painting—1, Miss N. Dowy, Wolsingham; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley.
Oil painting (crayon or pencil drawing)—1, C. E. Hodgson, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Dewey.
Drawing on china, glass, or terra cotta—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley.
Dent, Newton Ledge, Hickleton; 2, Mrs. Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton; 3, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton; 4, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton.
Map drawing—1, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton; 2, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton.
Best suite of drawings (seven outlines and crayon)—1, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton; 2, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton.
Watercolour—1, Miss M. J. Simpson; 2, Miss Christison.
Photography, or any useful or ornamental work—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Miss Smith.
Collection of leather work—1, Miss Christison; 2, Miss Simpson; 3, Miss Foster, Newlands Academy, Middleton.
Not classed—1, Geo. W. Hunter, Thornley; 2, Mrs. Hedley.

SCHOOL SECTION.

PUPIL-TEACHERS AND MONITORS.

Freehand drawing—1, T. Sullivan, Sunniside; 2, Miss Hedley, Lumley Castle; 3, Miss Hedley, Lumley Castle; 4, Miss Hedley, Lumley Castle.
The prizes in connection with the section open to children were won in a number of the schools in the district.

POULTRY.

Drake and duck, any variety—1 and 2, J. Christison, Tow Law.
Fowl any colour or condition, cock or cockerel—1, W. Hall, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Langshan or orpington, hen or pullet—1, Jos. Ayton, Brancepeth; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Minorca, cock or cockerel—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Minorca hen or pullet—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Any other variety, cock or cockerel—1, J. Robson, Prospect Place, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Any other variety, hen or pullet—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Pair of ducks, any variety—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Pair of geese, any variety—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Pair of turkeys, any variety—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Pair of pigeons, any variety, under four months—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Pair of pigeons, any variety, under four months—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Any other variety not classed—1, J. Foster, Dene, Newlands Academy, Middleton; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.

HORSE LEAPING, DRIVING, &c.

Horse leaping—1, T. E. Lavis, Ropen; 2, Wm. Hall, Tow Law; 3, Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Driving (open—Mare or gelding, any age, not exceeding 15 hands 2 inches—1, Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle; 2, R. Hodgkin Darlington; 3, A. Philipson, Tow Law; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Driving, tradesmen or tenant farmers—Mare or gelding, any age, not exceeding 15 hands, belonging to a tradesman or tenant farmer, residing within 10 miles of Tow Law—1, Thomas Hedley, Lumley Castle; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Collingwood, Howden-le-Wear.

CONSETT.

FUNERAL OF MR. WOOD.—On Thursday—afternoon of last week, the remains of Mrs Tarlo Wood, who died on the previous Monday, were interred at Shiblesden Cemetery, and was largely attended. Deceased was a native of Consett, and was 72 years of age. The remains were enclosed in a handsome polished coffin with brass mountings, and the bearers were Messrs Wm. Wood, Consett; Thos. Wood, Consett; Charles Wood, Wake, and Rothwell, while Mrs Wake and Mrs Campsley walked in front of the corteye. The burial service was impressively performed by the Rev. Canon Tristram, assisted by the Rev. J. Consett. A number of wreaths were placed on the grave. The relatives present included:—Consett others present we noticed:—Mr Robt. Fairfield, Mr T. L. Gladstone, Mr Thompson, Mr Wm. Wood, Mr Thos. Wood, Mr Charles Wood, Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Maughan, Mrs Charlton, Mrs Wake, Mrs Rowland, Mrs Bell, Mr and Mrs T. Wood, Mrs Wood, Mrs Evans, Mrs J. Pratt, Mr J. Poole, and others. The undertaker was Mr Wm. Wood, Consett. Floral tributes were supplied by Messrs T. C. Hawes and Co., Consett.

Minorca cock or cockerel—1, J. Robson, Prospect Place, Tow Law; 2, J. Lowes, Blackhall Rocks; 3, J. Pearson, Esh Winning; 4, W. Ellis, Hedleyhope; 5, R. D. T. Satterthwaite and Son, Ecrossion.
Minorca hen or cockerel—1, J. Clarkson, Silksworth; 2, J. Lowes, Cornsay Colliery.
Leghorn hen or pullet—1, W. H. Telford, Hedleyhope; 2, W. H. Gill, Hedleyhope; 3, Mrs. Hamburgh, any variety, cock or cockerel—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Hamburgh, any variety, hen or pullet—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Spanish cock any colour—1, W. H. Telford, Hedleyhope; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Spanish hen or pullet—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Any other variety, hen or pullet, not mentioned—1, H. Slater, Appleby.
Any other variety, cock or cockerel, not mentioned—1, J. Robson, Prospect Place, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Bantam cock or cockerel, not game, any variety—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Bantam hen or pullet, not game—1, Mrs. Hedley; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.

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Indian game, old English or modern game hen or pullet—1, James Lowe, Tow Law; 2, James Lowe, Tow Law.
Any other variety, cock—1, J. Christison, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Any other variety, hen—1, R. W. Milburn, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, Mrs. Hedley.
Any other variety, hen—1, R. W. Milburn, Tow Law; 2, Mrs. Hedley; 3, Mrs. Hedley; 4, M

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3RD CONCERT. Oratorio at popular prices not decided upon. GOOD FRIDAY, April 13th, 1900, Handel's "Messiah."
For further particulars see future announcements. 841a

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 16th day of October next, application will be made to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London at Quarter Sessions, in and for the City of London, at Guildhall, for an Order for diverting so much of a Public Highway called Port Hill, as leads from the Dwelling House of Thomas Hunter East at the Ford crossing Bobsdurn and a point about 100 yards West of High Garden Farm as may be diverted to a nearer, more convenient, and direct line from thence about to be erected over the said Bobsburn, and that the Lords of Justices having viewed the same, and the proof given to their Satisfaction that the Notices required by the Statute having been published, with the Order of the Lords of Justices thereupon will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Durham on the 5th day of September next.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1899.
GEO. ELLIOTT,
Surveyor of the Rural District Council of Weardale.

VICTORIA THEATRE, WEST STANLEY.

Lessee and Manager ... Mr. MARK H. LENDON.

GRAND REOPENING, MONDAY, Aug. 14th, 1899, and following nights.
The Grand Adelphi Drama, entitled—
THE UNION JACK.
Time and Price as usual. 16f

NEW THEATRE,

CONSETT.

Lessee and Manager ... Mr. HUGH ROBERTSON.
Also of the Royal Theatre and Opera House, Barrow-in-Furness, and

[Licen]sing Announcements.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE. ... JOHN NEVIN.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE. ... ALBERT HOWARD HIGGINBOTTOM.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE. ... WILLIAM JOHNSON.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE. ... JOHN FORSTER.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE. ... NATHAN ELSDON.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE. ... JOHN T. WESTON, Jun.

Sales by Auction

By Mr. N. Elsdon.

... Delves Lane.

NATHAN ELSDON, AUCTIONEER, VALUER ... DELVES LANE, CONSETT.

Mr John T. Weston, Junr.

... JOHN T. WESTON, JUN., AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION AGENT. ...

WILLIAM ROBINSON, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER ...

SPECIAL NOTICE. ...

J. JACKSON GREEN ...

Sales by Auction.

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

Under Deed of Assignment.
Important Sale of Confectionery, Fixtures, Baker's Oven, Copper Urns, &c., with all the Household Furniture, re John Salisbury, Refreshment Rooms, Front Street, Consett.

MR T. D. DRYDEN will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at an early date, all the Confectionery, Fixtures, Urns, Cutlery, Ware, Show Cases, Glass Show Jars.
For particulars see bills. 890e

Preliminary Announcement.
East Castle Colliery.
Re Thomas Severs, Deceased.
MR. T. D. DRYDEN, instructed by Mrs. Todd, Executrix, will SELL BY AUCTION at an early date, all the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Valuable STUD OF HORSES.
Anyone having Cattle or Horses can have them included in this Sale by applying to the Auctioneer.
T. D. Dryden, Auctioneer,
Front Street, Consett. 788e

MR. T. D. DRYDEN favoured with instructions by Mrs Purvis, 14, St Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside, will SELL all the Valuable Surplus FURNITURE, &c., at an early date. 789e

Re T. BEATTIE'S SALE.
THE PIANO, (which was sold at the Sale) will, owing to a dispute, be sold privately. The Auctioneer is open to receive offers.
T. D. Dryden, Auctioneer,
60, Front St., Consett.

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

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
MONDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1899.
10 to 15 Fat Cattle.
150 to 200 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves. Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
Stack Nets, Ladders, Ropes, Poultry, Harness, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
28f J. S. MURRAY.

TO FARMERS AND BUTCHERS.

A MEETING will be held at the Royal Hotel, at 4.30, on Monday next, to consider report from Sites Committee and other important Business in connection with New Mart Company, when all Farmers and Butchers are requested to attend. 5f

TIMBER SALE on the Show Ground at Shield Row, Saturday, August 19th. The whole of the TIMBER used in the Erections for the Show of the Consett, Pontop, and Beamish Agricultural Society, consisting of Rails, Posts, Gates, Hurdles, Planks, Spars, Battens, Flooring, Deals, &c.
Sale at Two o'clock.
29f J. S. MURRAY.

Saturday August 26th.—ROYAL AUCTION MART
SPECIAL SALE OF KEEPING LAMBS. Early entries solicited.
30f J. S. MURRAY.

Away-going Crops.—At the Loud Farm shortly. J. S. MURRAY.

Hay in Pike.—Shortly. J. S. MURRAY.

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

By Mr John Crawford

Sale of Furniture, etc.
The Furnishing House, Station Road, Waterhouses.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by G. T. Storey, Esq., who has sold the above premises, will SELL BY AUCTION the STOCK-IN-TRADE (FURNITURE and HARDWARE,) on Tuesday and Wednesday first, August 15th and 16th. Sale to commence on Tuesday at One o'clock, and on Wednesday at Six p.m. prompt. 22f

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

Business Announcement.

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, August 11th, 1899.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

IT IS CERTAINLY NOT a very savoury subject, but nevertheless the proper scavenging of the town is an important question, more especially on those few occasions during the year when we are favoured with very warm weather. We were assured when the Local Government Board issued an order compelling the Consett District Council to take the scavenging into their own hands, that the work would be much more satisfactorily carried out than under the old system. But experience has completely falsified this assurance. Ever since the Council took the work over complaints have been rife on all sides, and scarcely a meeting used to pass without the members having to devote a considerable amount of time to the unsatisfactory manner in which the scavenging was being dealt with. Mr. B. Whitfield was the first contractor, but he soon found out that the task he had undertaken was of greater magnitude than he had anticipated, and he would have been glad—had the Council permitted him—to have thrown up his contract long before the year was out. When the contract eventually terminated last March, a proposal was put forward to divide the work into districts, and have a contractor for each; but this was defeated, and the contract let to Mr. A. Stephenson. No doubt the Councillors fervently hoped that there would not be a repetition of the previous year's experience, but we are afraid that their troubles are by no means at an end so far as the scavenging is concerned, inasmuch as at last week's meeting of the Council the Inspector reported that the contractor had not done the work at all satisfactorily during the past month, and in consequence Mr. Shell had had to engage other horses and carts. It appears that Mr. Stephenson, like his predecessor, would now like to be relieved of the contract. During the course of the discussion Coun. Elsdon made a good suggestion, viz., that in connection with all new ashpits the Council should insist on them having a door opening from the street, as this would greatly facilitate the work of the scavengers. All the Council could do was to instruct the Surveyor to give the matter close attention during the hot weather. The new method has now had a fair trial, and has proved a dismal failure, as many of those best qualified to judge prognosticated would be the case when it was first introduced.

ASSUMING THAT WHAT WAS stated at the last meeting of the Lanchester Parish Council is correct—and we certainly see no reason to throw doubt upon it—then the village churchyard is in such a condition as to call for immediate attention. Coun. Hartley introduced the subject, and he unquestionably made out a strong case in favour of something being done to repair the existing state of affairs, and that without delay. Coun. Hartley prefaced his indictment by saying that he had not brought the question forward with a view to having a Burial Board formed for the parish, although his own opinion was that they ought to do something in this direction. He then went on to state that the churchyard was in a disgraceful condition, being more like a wilderness than a place for the burial of the dead. It appears that the churchyard is just about filled up, and Coun. Hartley assured his hearers that when graves were being made for new interments, "it was not surprising to see bones and other remains turned out to the surface, and left there for anyone to gaze upon." He also said that the other week a coffin, only partly decayed, was turned up wholesale, besides a skull and a number of bones. Several members corroborated Coun. Hartley's remarks, and from what was said it appears that the difficulty in the way of the enlargement of the churchyard is the obtaining of additional land at a reasonable figure. Coun. Hartley had moved at the conclusion of his opening statement that the attention of the vicar and churchwardens should be called to the matter; but Coun. Chapman rightly pointed out that the largest proportion of interments were from the Workhouse, and he therefore thought that the Board of Guardians should also be included in the motion. Coun. Hartley made no objection, and the resolution was unanimously passed as amended. The present condition of things is the reverse of creditable, and the sooner something is done to bring about an improvement the better. Coun. Hartley is deserving of the thanks of all right-minded people for calling attention to this matter.

THE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION of prizes at Elm Park School for boys was celebrated last week, under most favourable circumstances. The weather was ideal for such an occasion and the usual amount of interest taken by parents whose sons are being trained in the school was again evinced by their attendance at the annual function. The objects aimed at by the establishment of such an institution and mentioned by the master in his annual address should, and will, we think, commend themselves to the minds and hearts of those who have the best interests of their sons in view. The continuance of the support which Mr. Steggall has received during the past year from parents and friends of education is indisputable testimony of the thoroughness of the class of education taught, and also of the skilful manner in which every subject is dealt with. Of the thoroughness of the course of training there can be no doubt, but, if testimony were needed, there will be found abundance of it in the fact that several students were successful at the Cambridge Local Examinations, while another student of this school carried off the King's Scholarship at Durham a short time ago. Every pains is taken to make the system of instruction thorough, sound, and practical, without having the unpleasant and undesirable recurrence to the system of "cramming," so persistently adopted in many public schools in this, and other parts of the United Kingdom. The modern examination to which public schools are subjected is not always a fair and just test of the amount of knowledge possessed by the scholars examined, because in many cases it has been known that the scholars who have done the best work during the year, and have shown the most intelligent grasp of the subjects taught, have, at the examination, proved miserable failures through lack of confidence, while others who were known to all the school to be the biggest "dunces," have gone through the trying ordeal with wonderful credit. In Elm Park School it is the aim of the teachers to inspire self-confidence in their pupils, and at the same time impart education in a thorough and efficient way.

AT THE RECENT HALF-YEARLY meeting held in connection with the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms, the members took the opportunity of making a presentation to Mr. T. D. Dryden, who for a long time has officiated as auctioneer at the periodical sales of the newspapers and magazines taken in at this institution, without fee or reward of any kind. It was thought that Mr. Dryden's valuable services in the direction indicated merited some recognition, and when the matter was mentioned to the members it was warmly approved of. After mature consideration, it was decided to present to Mr. Dryden an auctioneer's hammer, but not one of the commonplace kind, as all who have seen the beautiful article will cheerfully admit. The hammer is a most handsome silver-mounted one of white ivory, and has been much admired by all who have seen it. Upon it is engraved the following inscription:—"Presented to T. D. Dryden, Esq., by the members of the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms. July 27th, 1899." The duty of making the presentation was entrusted to Mr. Jas. Oliver, who, it is almost superfluous to add, performed the task in an admirable manner, referring in well-chosen words to Mr. Dryden's services to the institution, and pointing out that that gentleman had sometimes officiated at their half-yearly sales even at great personal inconvenience. Mr. Oliver said he considered Mr. Dryden a model auctioneer, and concluded by hoping that the recipient would long be spared to use the hammer, and that his business as an auctioneer would continue to grow, and that each year would bring to him increased prosperity—sentiments that were re-echoed by all present. After Mr. Park had supplemented the Chairman's remarks, Mr. Dryden responded in appropriate terms, saying that what he had done on behalf of the institution had been a labour of love, and that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to conduct the sales. There have probably been few more popular presentations promoted in Consett than the one under notice.

IT IS WITH REGRET that we have to announce the death of the Rev. John Atkinson, an ex-President of the Primitive Methodist Conference, which took place at his residence, Bishopthorpe Road, York, on Sunday night. Several attacks of influenza had weakened a naturally robust constitution, and for some time he had been relieved of ordinary circuit work. Although far from well physically, he attended the Conference at Grimsby in June last, and presented his report of the two committees he was secretary for. The deceased gentleman, who was a little over sixty years of age, was a native of the Lake district, Cumberland. His first circuit was at Shotley Bridge, and from thence he was transferred to Berwick, South Shields, Sunderland, Hartlepool, London, and Ellesmere Port district. Not only was he a very able preacher, but he also showed great business aptitude, which qualified him for the appointment of secretary of the Chapel Aid Association, an appointment he held since its formation. He was also elected to the position of secretary of the Primitive Methodist Insurance Company. He further accepted the office of general missionary secretary, and discharged the duties appertaining to the same for a number of years with signal success. Whenever he preached, he drew large congregations, who listened with profound attention to his thoughtful and measured utterances. He is survived by a widow and grown-up family. One of his sons is a Primitive minister in Australia; a second is in the draughtsmen's department at Elswick; and a third is in business in London. Mr. Atkinson married a daughter of the late Mr. Wardhaugh, of Shotley Bridge. The interment took place this afternoon, at Benfieldside Cemetery.

AFTER SOMETHING LIKE fourteen years service, Mr. W. M. Patterson has severed his connection with the "Newcastle Leader," and was, on Friday, made the recipient of a handsome tea and coffee service, subscribed to by his immediate colleagues, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held amongst them. He leaves the "Leader" to take up a responsible position on the staff of another newspaper. Mr. Patterson will be remembered by many of our readers as at one time associated with the "Consett Guardian." This was about twenty-seven years since. Afterwards he went to Jarrow to act as editor of the "Jarrow Guardian," and he resigned this position in order to join the staff of the "Leader." He leaves with the genuine regret of his confreres, all of whom hold him in high regard. The position of senior sub-editor—which is the one Mr. Patterson has held for so many years—is a most onerous one, the responsibility, however, being but little understood by the outside public. Mr. Patterson has throughout performed the duties incidental to the post he occupied with marked success, and it gives us pleasure to wish him the utmost prosperity in his new sphere of usefulness.

A RATHER REMARKABLE fact reaches us from Weardale. It appears that at the Parson Byres limestone quarry of Messrs Bell Bros., a water wagtail has nested and reared a brood of four young ones, in a cleft of the rock upon which the quarrymen are working daily. The engine and trucks pass frequently within a yard of the nest every day. The men are breaking huge stones on the rock above, and even blasting all around. Shot after shot goes off daily just over the heads of the little family, and stones weighing a ton or more come crashing down upon the rock, under which the mother sits secure with her brood. Only the other day the men fired a big shot, using many dynamite cartridges, in order to dislodge a "clay back," which weighed tons. It fell on the rock below with a noise like thunder, but failed to disturb the feathered visitors. Scores of blasting shots are fired daily near the birds' retreat, and it is certainly remarkable that they should have picked upon such a place in which to build their nest. Yet they have reared their young amid all this din, which appear to in no wise affect them. While engaged in building, the birds would sit on the edge of a truck and sing, even within a yard or two of where the men were working.

THE HON. MR. AND MRS. VEREKER, of Hamsterley Hall, have been entertaining at East Cowes Castle, for the Cowes Regatta, Mary Countess of Mar and Kellie and Lady Maud Erskine, Earl of Portsmouth, Lord and Lady Edward Spencer Churchill and Miss Beryl Churchill, Viscount and Viscountess Gage, Lady Conyers, Lord and Lady Robartes and Hon. Everilda Robartes, Miss Clayton East, Miss Laline Craufurd, Mr. G. Clayton East, Mr. Atkinson Clark, Capt. Crookshank, Mr. Arthur Murray, etc.

"OLD CROW" WRITES AS FOLLOWS:—The gentleman who, at the recent meeting of shareholders of the North-Eastern Railway Company, "regretted that the policy which had been long adhered to by the company, of not affording special facilities for traffic on the Sabbath, had been greatly departed from within the last six months," is evidently able to do his travelling on a weekday, and has no need of recreation or relaxation on Sundays. One thing is abundantly clear, and that is, that his ideas are altogether out-of-date, and brimming over with a narrow selfishness that is regrettable. Shareholders such as Mr. Duncan should not be allowed to forget that Railway Companies are entirely out of their province when they attempt to dictate to the public conscience. They should just leave this severely alone, and direct their efforts to meeting the demands of their patrons.

NOTES FROM LEADGATE.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

THE FLOWER SHOW.

This event passed off most successfully on Saturday, despite the dullness of the weather and the many counter-attractions in the district. The appeal to the North-Eastern Railway Company to run a trip proved futile, the latter pleading as an excuse the nearness of the date to the August Bank Holiday, and consequent lack of carriage accommodation. However, the attendance showed an increase upon that of last year, the receipts amounting to £32 10s 6d, or over £6 more than last year. This must be put down as extremely satisfactory, and clearly shows that the exhibition is gaining in popularity. The committee are proceeding on the right lines to make the show a success, fully recognising that outside attractions are necessary in order to draw and amuse the public.

THE EXHIBITS.

The janitor at the gate was rather a comical cuss. On our representative intimating to him that he was present on behalf of the "Guardian," our friend wanted to know if he represented the Board of Guardians. A funny fellow truly. I scarcely thought the flowers, fruit and vegetables up to the standard of last year, although there were certainly some beautiful flowers. The poultry and pigeons claimed much attention, and were well worth a visit, some splendid birds being on show. The dogs were also good, being mostly collies and fox terriers—two popular breeds. The driving proved a great draw, and I was pleased at the creditable turn-out of our local men. The various sports were well patronised, whilst the youngsters enjoyed themselves to their heart's content in the shuggy-boats, &c. The arrangements were well-nigh perfect, and too much praise cannot be given to the hard-working and courteous secretary, Mr. George W. Goulden, who was assisted by a number of indefatigable committee-men. The result should be a nice little surplus. I heartily congratulate our local society on their success.

AT LAST!

Hurrah! A start has been made with the new urinals at last. It is said that every thing come to those who wait, and it has certainly proved true in this instance. It is only fair that I should say that the long delay in erecting these much-needed conveniences has not been due exactly to the fault of the Council, but has been the result principally of some dispute with the firm supplying them and the contractor who has to put them up. However, this has been all satisfactorily settled, and the work is now in progress. When completed the new urinals will be found to be decent, which is more than could be said of the old ones.

PROMISING MUSICIANS.

I was pleased to observe that in the lengthy list of successes gained by the pupils of Miss and Mr. E. J. Sloane, Mus. Bac., there figured the names of several young musicians belonging to Leadgate. Master J. R. Burnhope, son of Mr. John Burnhope, again distinguished himself, passing with honours in the Elementary Grade of the Pianoforte Examination. Miss Kate Williamson, of Durham Road, was similarly successful. Miss Beatrice Lumley, daughter of Mr. John Lumley, did a rare feat, securing the maximum number of marks (100) in the practical examination in connection with the London Musical International College. Miss E. A. Potts, of Crookhall, gained a first-class certificate in the Intermediate Division, whilst Master Francis McCabe and Miss K. Williamson passed in the Elementary Grade of the Theoretical Examination. It will thus be seen that we have a number of promising musicians in our midst.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

BY "ROSICRUCIAN."

OVERCROWDING.

The question of overcrowding is looming largely on the agendas of several local District Councils, and it is one which will require very careful handling on the part of the various authorities. Mr. Heslop, surveyor to the Tanfield Council, has made a most exhaustive inquiry by way of a house to house visitation, and he has formulated an elaborate report which will repay very careful study. To carry the law out according to the letter would mean a very serious hardship for many respectable families, but where there are gross abuses they ought undoubtedly to be removed. Cases were mentioned at the last meeting of the Lanchester Council, and an important letter from Dr. Hill to the Blaydon Council, respecting three rows of houses at Victoria Garesfield, will be found in another column. That there are many glaring cases is an undoubted and an admitted fact, and it is satisfactory to know that something like general action has been initiated.

THE REV. J. A. DIXON.

Having completed his triennial term, the Rev. J. A. Dixon has taken his departure from Stanley, but has left behind him a monument which for years to come will be associated with his name. It would be difficult to name a branch of any circuit where Wesleyan Methodism has been more persistently before the public than it has been in Stanley during the past two years. Afraid, many of them, of their own weakness Mr. Dixon has been mainly instrumental in demonstrating their strength, and he succeeded in creating general surprise. There is no doubt that the aggressiveness of the Wesleyans has had the effect of stimulating other denominations, and Mr. Dixon can safely look back with pride to his ministry in West Stanley.

THE BEAMISH AND PONTOP SHOW.

As one not immediately concerned in the management of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society's show at Shield Row, on Wednesday next, I was not a little impressed with the earnestness and enthusiasm displayed by the Local Committee at their final meeting, on Tuesday night, in the Board Inn, at Shield Row. Anyone, like myself, privileged to be present could not fail to come to the conclusion that the show is likely to be one worth going a considerable distance to see. The attention paid to details has been such that the Committee deserve if they cannot absolutely command success. Like all other mortals they are subject to weather conditions, but should they be favoured in this respect then I am certain they will have an all round success to record. The "Beamish, Pontop, and Consett" holds an honoured place in agricultural circles, and I am quite convinced the Stanley and district people will not be backward in coming forward to the encouragement of those who have worked hard for the success of the show.

WEARDALE NOTES.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

STANHOPE DENE.

Frosterley String Band gave concerts in Stanhope Dene on Monday, which were well patronised.

VISITORS NUMEROUS.

Stanhope never was so full of visitors before as it is now. They have been late in coming, but they have come with a rush this last week. Apartments to let are now scarce.

CAMP MEETING.

The Stanhope Primitives held their annual camp meeting on Sunday in the Dene. The day was fine but dull. A good company was present.

OPEN AIR SERVICES.

The Wesleyans of Stanhope held open-air services on Sunday, which were well patronised. The speakers were Newcastle gentlemen, and included Messrs Sanders, Redhead, Bone, and others. They made things lively with singing and speaking.

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.

The public are hoping the North-Eastern Railway Company will run a cheap train or two from Weardale to Darlington on Saturday, to give them the chance of seeing Barnum and Bailey's big show.

A MOTOR CAR IN WEARDALE.

A motor car went up through Stanhope on Tuesday morning from Bishop Auckland, with seven persons riding in it. It excited much interest and curiosity.

A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT.

James Wears, son of Coun. J. Wears, Stanhope, has done well at the recent science examinations, having secured a first-class in steam, a second in advanced machine construction, and a second for mining.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.

The grouse season opened on Saturday under promising conditions. Birds are numerous and strong on the wing on most of the Weardale moors. The cold, wet spring militated much against them during the nesting season. The broods reared then are very strong. The second broods are behind them a little, but fairly strong. There is a prospect of good sport.

A GOOD FRUIT CROP.

The fruit crop in Weardale this season has been generally speaking good, especially black currants, raspberries, and gooseberries.

A FAMOUS EXHIBITOR.

Mr J. Bell, Stanhope, took second prize with his collie "Queenie" at the Hexham Agricultural Show on Monday.

GOOD BUTTER.

Mrs Herdman, of Westernhope Burn, took premier honours at the Durham County Show for butter-making. It speaks well for Weardale butter.

THE HAY.

The hay harvest in Weardale is now well on. The bulk of the hay is won even on the hillsides and the out bye farms.

SUFFERERS FROM THE DRAUGHT.

Turnips this season have suffered severely from the drought, and are considerably behind other seasons, being both very poor and late.

POTATOES.

Potatoes in the fields are looking well, but have considerably high tops.

Local and District News.

Consett.

P.M. CHURCH.—The special preacher at this church on Sunday was the Rev. B. Dennison, of Gateshead, who preached two excellent sermons—morning and evening—to capital congregations.

On Wednesday last the Consett, Blackhill, and district tradesmen observed their annual holiday. All places of business were closed, and the North-Eastern Railway Company ran a special excursion to Darlington and Richmond.

A marriage is arranged, and will soon take place, between the Rev. A. R. Steggall, M.A., eldest son of the late Rev. F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, county Durham, and Dora Grace, youngest daughter of Mr. William H. Mould, head master of Soham Grammar School, Cambridgeshire.

COLLIERY APPOINTMENTS.—Mr Geo. Coulthard, jun., of Seghill, has been appointed overman at the Derwent Pit, Medomsley, and Mr. Shotton Charlton, of Shankhouse, has obtained the position of overman at the Tinmill Pit, Blackhill, both collieries belonging to the Consett Iron Company, Limited.

DEATH OF MRS. DEVINE.—The death took place on Tuesday week of Mrs. Elizabeth Devine, of 2, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. Deceased was the widow of the late Mr. John Devine, bookbinder of Felling. The interment took place on Thursday afternoon at the Benfieldside Cemetery. The cortege was followed by a large number of relatives and friends. The coffin was of pitch pine with brass mountings. The underbearers were:—Messrs J. Hagan, J. McGuckin, F. Hanson, D. Rafferty, P. Carr, and P. M. Malone. The burial service was performed by the Rev. Father Harding. The principal mourners were:—Mr. Hugh Devine (son), Miss Devine, and Miss J. A. Devine (daughters), Mr. Ward (brother), and Mrs. Ward and family, Mrs. Swan (sister) Mr. Swan and family; Mrs. Curtes (sister), Mr. Curtes and family; Mr. and Mrs. Devine (brother-in-law), Durham; Mr. and Mrs Swan, jun; Mrs. Thompson, Gateshead, and others. Amongst others present we noticed:—Mrs. Daglish, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Kempson, Mrs. Mullins, Miss Bradley (Walker), Miss Hanlon, McKeon, Misses Mulholland, Brady, Mc Geoghegan, Boyle, Hagan, and Rooney, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Mulholland, Mrs. McCown, Miss McKenna, and Miss Cooke (Blackhill), Mr. Thos. Dunne, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Bolan [ ]son), Mr. McKenny, Mr. Lamph, Mr. Casey, Mr. Donaghy, Mr. McGuckin, jun., Mr. French, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty, and others. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. Wm. Suddes, Consett.

Annfield Plain.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.—Monday being Bank Holiday all the shops in this district were closed for the day.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The children attending the above school had their annual tea and field-day on Pontop Pike on Monday afternoon. They day being fine the young people turned out in good numbers, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

UNITED FREE CHURCH MISSION.—On Sunday, July 30th, services were conducted in the afternoon by Mr. W. Horswill, of Kyo, who discoursed on "Vital religion." In the evening Mr. Thomas Robson, of Annfield Plain, preached on "God's immutability." Miss Eleanor Prinn sang "The Dream of Paradise."

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.—On Sunday the members of the Annfield Plain Mission Brass Band held their annual camp meeting in a field near the Primitive Methodist Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. C. F. Cooke, of Annfield Plain. Addresses were delivered by Mr. W. Foster, South Moor; Mr. J. Lowery, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. I. Clarke, Westwood; and Miss Thompson, of Carlisle. Collections were in aid of the mission band.

Blackhill.

A DISCLAIMER.—Mr. Thomas Siddle, of 80, Park Road, Blackhill, writes to say that he was not the Thomas Siddle referred to in a case at the County Court last week.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Tuesday evening, the Rev. Joseph Bacon, Consett delivered his farewell address to the worshippers of this church. There was a good congregation present. Mr. Bacon having laboured in the Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit for the ministerial term—three years—will shortly leave for the Durham circuit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the Sunday-school connected with the United Methodist Free Church was celebrated on Sunday last. There were three services conducted by the Rev. A. Crago, Blackhill. The services were attended by large and appreciative congregations. The discourses Mr. Crago gave were full of deep thought, and contained many practical lessons. The music rendered was of a high order, and the anniversary proved quite a success.

Burnopfield

FLOWER SHOW.—On Saturday afternoon, the flower show will be held, when there will be several new events. Given a fine day there is every prospect for this annual affair being a success.

SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES.—The following is a list of successful students in connection with the above classes for the session 1898-99—1st class, Lina Shaw, Burnopfield; 2nd class, Ursula Anderson, Burnopfield; C. Dewhurst, Marley Hill; Thomas Dickinson, Hobson; Emma Armstrong, Hobson; Mary Patterson, Hobson; Anne Reed, Marley Hill; Joseph Wilson, Lintz Green; Hannah Patterson, Marley Hill; Edward Bell, Hobson. Freehand Drawing:—1st class, Mary Patterson, Hobson; Robert Handcock, Barcus Close; Edward Bell, Hobson; Margaret A. Cooper, Byer Moor; John Kelly, White-le-head.—2nd class, Earnest Nichols, Hobson; Lidia Beattie, Hobson; Edith Jefferson, Hobson; Ursula Anderson, Burnopfield; Florrie Errington, Burnopfield; Mary Burnip, Hobson. Dora Johnson, Burnopfield. Model Drawing—1st class, Robert Handcock, Barcus Close; Thos. Dickinson, Hobson.—2nd class, Sarah Mason, Byer Moor; Margaret Cooper, Byer Moor; Mary Patterson, Hobson; Edward Bell, Hobson; Earnest Nichols, Hobson.

Byer Moor

COUNCIL ELECTION.—In connection with the election of an Urban District Councillor for the Whickham Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr R. Rotherford, a public meeting was held on Monday night in support of the candidature of Mr I. Bewley. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Brabban, and stirring addresses were delivered by the candidate and Messrs Walls and Fletcher.

Castleside

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached at this church in the afternoon by Mr. J. W. Muse, son of Coun. T. J. Muse, of Castleside House, and in the evening by the Rev. A. E. Salmon, Newcastle, formerly of the Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit. Large congregations were present. The collections were in aid of the lighting and cleaning fund.

FLOWER SHOW.—This annual event will take place on Saturday first. In addition to the exhibition of flowers and live stock, there will be a pony race for animals not exceeding 14½ hands. During the day the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Prize Brass Band will play choice selections of music, and in the evening at the ball.

Chester-le-Street

RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO CHESTER-LE-STREET should not fail to call at PETER HAY'S and inspect his enormous Stock of Drapery, Ready-mades, Millinery, Mantles, and Fancy Goods. His display is a great attraction and ought to be seen by all.

WIFE DESERTION.—At Chester-le-Street Police Court on Wednesday morning, Francis O'Neil, was charged, before Mr. H. Kerrich-Walker (chairman) and Mr. H. Armstrong, with deserting his wife and leaving her chargeable to the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians. After hearing the evidence, the magistrates sentenced the man to six weeks' imprisonment.

Dipton

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—On Sunday morning and evening special sermons were preached in the above place of worship by Mr. D. W. Richardson, of Newcastle, in aid of the trust funds. In the afternoon a sacred concert was ably rendered by the Blackhill Wesleyan Choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. Frankland. Mr. Richardson occupied the chair, and presided over a nice audience. The programme was opened by the anthem. "The earth is the Lord's," which the choir gave in a very creditable manner. Then followed the solo, "Eternal Rest," ably rendered by Miss Siddle. The choir next favoured with "Hark! hark! my soul," after which Miss Richardson gave a violin solo in good style. The anthem, "The radiant morn," was well rendered by the choir, and then Mr. Frankland sang that sweet old song, "Ora Pro Nobis." The choir gave the anthem, "Praise the Lord, O my soul," forcibly, and then Miss Leybourne sang sweetly, "The last milestone." After Mr. Pelliser, who played the organ accompaniments, had rendered an organ solo, the chorus, "The Heavens are telling," was given in good force and style by the choir, and the programme ended.

Greencroft

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The nominations closed on Tuesday afternoon, there being six candidates for five seats:—*James Mason Clavering-place; *Henry Greener, colliery manager, South Pontop; *Robert Mitchinson, mining engineer, Catchgate; *Thomas Urwin Ord, overman, Annfield Plain; Robert Hall, checkweighman, Greencroft Cottages; Frederick George Hooper, mining surveyor, Annfield Plain. *Old members. The poll takes place on 21st August.

Tow Law.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE CAMP.—The Church Lad's Brigade Camp at Saltburn this week has its representatives from Tow Law under Capt. Rogers and Staff-Sergt. Gilmour, with some 18 or 20 privates.

A FREAK.—Mr. J. Hall, of Baring Street, Tow Law, has just had recently hatched some ten ducklings. One of the number, which is a fortnight old, has four legs. It walks with two, whilst it carries the others.

SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES.—The following have passed the government examinations:—Freehand—A. Cuthbert, W. I. Brewer, D. Caffery, L. Ayton, J. I. Wilkinson, A. Hildreth, M. J. Hanblyn, Edith Watson. Geometry—William Jas. Brewer, pass. Model—Ethel Dixon (1st class), Ada Hildreth (1st class), Annie Cuthbert (2nd class). Physiography—1st class, Wm. James Brewer, 2nd class, E. Dixon, A. Cuthbert, M. J. Hamblyn. The secretary of the classes is Mr. W. Anderson.

Lintz Colliery

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—The annual Sunday School tea and treat was held on Saturday in a field kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. W. M. Annandale. The children were all supplied with a substantial tea by Mrs. and Miss Weightman, assisted by the teachers, Mr. A. Chapman, and Miss C. Weightman. Afterwards various sports and games were indulged in, numerous and valuable prizes being given. The children then sang a number of hymns, and recited portions of scripture and poetry, being attentively listened to by their parents and friends. Great credit is due to Mr. A. Chapman, Victoria Garesfield, for the manner in which he endeavours to train the children in the way in which they should go; also to Mrs. Weightman and family for the trouble they take in making the tea.

Marley Hill

TEA AND PIC-NIC.—The scholars of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School held their annual tea and pic-nic in a field near the chapel, kindly granted by Mr G. Atkinson.

COUNCIL ELECTION.—On Monday night a public meeting was held at Marley Hill in furtherance of the candidature of Mr Isaac Bewley for the seat on the Whickham U.D.C. rendered vacant by the death of Mr R. Rotherford. A good company assembled.

CHURCH BOYS' BRIGADE.—Through the instrumentality of the vicar of Marley Hill, the Rev J. Arbuckle, a batch of the Gateshead Boys' Brigade have during the week-end been camped in a field at High Marley Hill. On Monday the boys, together with a batches from Gateshead and Swalwell, engaged in a sham fight, which was watched with great interest by a large number of people.

Stanley.

A DANCE.—On Friday night last a dance was held in the Co-operative hall, West Stanley, under the management of and for the benefit of John McCabe. Messrs J. Wilkinson and J. Flinn were M.C.'s, and there was a good company present.

THE GLOBE CHOIR.—Mr Léon Vint's Globe Choir, consisting of twenty clever and talented artistes are entertaining large audiences in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, during the present week. The performers, which are varied and refined, have been greatly appreciated. On Sunday a sacred concert is to be given.

VAGRANCY.—At Stanley Police Station on Wednesday morning, before Mr. Jonathan Green, James Tinion, Peter Hall, and John Allan, were each sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment for sleeping out at Stanley Colliery on Tuesday night. Thomas Oldfield, Benjamin Oldfield (father and son), and J. McGee were similarly charged but this being their first offence they were cautioned and discharged.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CAMP MEETING.—On Sunday last, the fourth annual circuit camp meeting promoted by the Stanley Primitive Methodists was held in a field at the rear of the chapel, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. N. Clarke. In the morning the members of the different societies met at the Urban Council Offices, in Front Street, and marched in procession to the place of meeting. Another gathering was held in the afternoon, and addresses were given by the circuit ministers, and Messrs T. Foster, W. Willis, J. Gilliland, and A. Carrol. In the evening "love feasts" were held in East and West Stanley chapels, there being a large attendance at each.

BEAMISH PONTOP AND CONSETT SHOW.—The Stanley Local Committee of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society whose annual show is to be held on Wednesday next, at Shield Row, held their final meeting in the Board Inn, Shield Row, on Tuesday night. Coun. Welsh presided, and among those present were [ ] Atkinson (secretary), Coun. Swinburn (local secretary), the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., Messrs E. Wigham, Frater, Wilkinson, R. Johnson, Rider, J. Watson, Temple, Bates, Hodgson, Green, Dunwoodie, and Wylam. The secretary reported that they had received a very satisfactory local subscription list. The entries for the agricultural classes were well up to the average, and the dog classes promised to be exceedingly attractive, entries having been received from Scotland and various parts of England. An interesting feature would be the trotting handicap for which arrangements were completed on Tuesday night. Last year's entries being a record one might not be reached but the prospects were very promising, and so far as quality was concerned the show was likely to be one of the best held in the annals of the Society. Given fine weather a record attendance was anticipated.

Swalwell.

POSTMEN IN AXWELL PARK.—On Monday afternoon the Newcastle District postmen held their annual outing in Axwell Park, kindly for the occasion by the Rev. J. W. Napier-Clavering. The weather was fine and about 100 postmen were present.

SUDDEN DEATH.—About ten o'clock on Sunday night, James Oxley, 50 years of age, and who resided at Brewery Bank, Swalwell, died very suddenly. The deceased had just entered the house, and was only inside for a few minutes when he expired.

QUOITING.—On Saturday afternoon a large number of spectators assembled at the quoit grounds attached to the Wherry Inn, Swalwell, to witness the decision of a quoit match between; J. Knowles, of Winlaton, and M. Kelly, of Blaydon, who contested for £10 a-side. After an interesting game Kelly ran out the winner by 22 to 17. Mr J. Emmerson, of Gateshead, was referee.

UNITED ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.—A special meeting of the United Order of Oddfellows, "Rising Star" Lodge, No 3,01E, was held the other evening at the clubroom, Swalwell. Brother H. Frazer was in the chair, and he was supported in the vice-chair by Bro. Fee, D.D.M. Bro. Brown of Crawcrook, was book-inspector and officiated as "Inside Guardian." The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Three beautiful medals were laid upon the table for inspection, the same being offered to the three members who introduced the most new members during the half-year. Bro. Keir, D.C.M., and Bro. Stobbart gave an excellent report upon the Birmingham Conference, whilst the District Master gave a good report upon the district lodges. Bro. W. Smith (secretary) was presented with the emblem of the lodge, the same being handsomely framed. Bro. Smith suitably replied. Votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Shotley Bridge

FAREWELL SERMONS.—The Rev. J. Bacon preached farewell sermons at Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Church on Sunday. The evening service was brightened by the fine solo by Miss [ ] Consett, and by the performance of a sacred selection by the orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. T. Nixon. The title of the piece was "Cugns Animum," and it contains the following well known sacred pieces:—"I know that my Redeemer liveth," "Adeste Fideles," "Shall we gather at the river," etc. The organ accompaniments by Mr. J. Thomas was ably performed, though a trifle heavy at times. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. T. Pinchin, sang several old Methodist hymns, assisted by the congregation. The sermon by Mr. Bacon was a thoughtful deliverance on "Preaching and hearing," and was illustrated in a telling manner by stirring incident and apt quotation.

Tantobie

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF A WOMAN.—As reported in last week's "Guardian," Jane Herron, aged 52, years, and residing at Tantobie, died suddenly in her house on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Mr Coroner Graham held an inquiry at Mrs Snowdon's, Commercial Inn, on Thursday afternoon, when John Herron, husband of the deceased, identified the body. A little girl, grandchild of deceased, said she went into the house and found her grandmother lying in bed. Her grandmother asked her to go and get a shilling changed, and when she returned with the change she found her grandmother lying with her head on the floor, and her feet and part of her body resting on the bed. She went for a neighbour named Mrs Rockett, who was also called, and gave corroborative evidence. Dr Renison's assistant stated that he had been attending deceased for a week or two for heart disease. He saw her on Monday, and advised her to go to bed, but she refused. He attributed death to syncope accelerated by excessive drinking. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

Tanfield

THE LIGHTING OF THE DISTRICT.—The Tanfield District Council having some time ago passed a resolution in favour of one circuit for the electric lighting of the district Mr. Holmes, the Chairman, at the last meeting moved that the minute be rescinded, and that they substitute four separate circuits. He stated that he had made inquiries into the matter and was convinced that the single circuit system was not the best.—The Rev. T. H. Archdall seconded the motion, which Mr. Davis strongly opposed.—The Chairman's proposition, however, was carried with only one dissentient.

CHILDREN'S TREAT.—On Saturday last the children and teachers of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Sunday Schools of Tanfield Lea (to the number of about 300) had another treat kindly given to them by Mrs. W. J. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park. The tea was served up in the Wesleyan Methodist new Sunday School. They afterwards adjourned to a field kindly lent by Mr. Swallow the manager of the Colliery, for their enjoyment, where a most pleasant evening was spent. Before the children separated they were called together, when a vote of thanks was moved by Mr John Bailey, one of the superintendents of the Wesleyan Sunday School, who said that that was a day always looked forward to. This was seconded by Mr. W. Armstrong, one of the superintendents of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School, who alluded to the fact that it always brought the Sunday Schools in more harmony together. The motion having been put, three hearty cheers were given by all present for Mrs. Joicey, and this ended a pleasant evening.

STANLEY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The result of the examinations held under the Science and Art Department for classes conducted during the past session at Stanley, are now to hand, and are very satisfactory alike to Committee and teachers. Results:—

Building Construction.—(Teacher, Mr P. L. Browne, of Newcastle)—Elementary Stage. (First Class): Peter Hall, and Christopher Wilson. Second Class: Sydney J. Young, T. Rowe, and William Fish. Advanced. (Second Class): Thomas Laverick.

Mathematics (First Stage).—Teacher, Mr Anthony Bolam. Second Class: J. W. Biggs, J. J. Long, J. G. Low, Sarah E. Brown, Thos. Brass, and W. I. Berkley. First Class: Dora M. Tindle.

Freehand Drawing.—(Elementary). Teacher, Mr R. W. Little. First Class: John Kay, H. C. Forster, J. J. Long, and Adeline Pringle. Second Class: Ethel Armstrong, Sarah Temple, James Pattison, Jane Boucher, Florence Wetherall, Robert H. Armstrong, Margaret J. Ledger, Maria Mumford, and Matthew Wilson.

Mining.—(Teacher, Mr James Wilson, Pelton Colliery).—Honours: John Geo. Biggs. Advanced: First Class, Joseph Heel, James Pickford. Second Class, Rob. G. Wilson, Thos. Hewn, Thos. Wood, Thomas Hogarth, and B. S. Field. Elementary: First Class, William Bulmer, Jas. Armstrong, Wm. Hermeston, Geo. H. H. Rowell, Thos. Fletcher, William Mewes, Alfred J. Wright, William Dixon, Michael Simpson. Elementary: Second Class: Patrick Carroll, John N. Humble, William Tinkler, John Rose, Jeremiah Barker, Thos. Johnson, and Henry Scott.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE, Monday.—There was a very large attendance at this holiday mart, a capital sale being effected, prices throughout being most satisfactory. Mr. John S. Murray had forward 278 sheep and lambs, 13 fat beasts, 4 calves, 3 milk cows, several horses, &c. Prices:—Sheep up to 44s 6d; lambs to 37s; fat beasts, £11 10s to £18 5s; calves, 14s to 41s; milk cows up to £9 17s 6d. Horses and ponies realised from £4 to £6 10s 6d, but were withdrawn. Stack nets, ropes, ladders, poultry, &c., were also sold.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Love is never found by seeking, and it never stays for pleading.

Seeing isn't always believing; we see lots of people we can't believe.

Ulsters and roll-top desks hide a great many things from the public.

The world may be a small place after all, but still there is always enough to go round.

The spots on a man's reputation look about ten times larger to others than to himself.

Mother: "Ah! now you're a little man." Fred (in trousers for the first time): "And now, ma, can't I call father Harry?"

Some women believe that powder on their faces has a similar effect to powder in the barrel of a gun. It assists them to go off.

Mother: "What in the world ever possessed you to give Mr. Biago a razor?" Daughter: "He never seems to realise how tender my face is."

He (in an argument): "Well, thank goodness, I'm not two-faced." She: "You ought to be thankful. One face like yours is enough."

M'Fingle: "Poor Broome! He's gone over to the silent majority." M'Fangle: "Why—I—when did he—is he dead?" M'Fingle: "No—married!"

"The idea of her having the nerve to claim she first saw the light in 1878." "I would not judge her too harshly. Perhaps she meant the arc light."

She: "Oh, John, baby has swallowed that piece of worsted." He: "That's nothing. She'll have to swallow more yarns than that if she grows up."

"I say, waiter, how many times are you going to pass here without bringing my steak?" "Please, sir, keep count for yourself. I have not the time."

A provincial newspaper, referring to a fatal accident which befell a prominent fellow-townsman, says: "He met his death at the hands of a horse."

Poor old Sokit got the sack again last week. "Booze?" "Yes; they tell me he drinks with avidity." "Oh, he'd drink with anybody who'd stand him one."

Chapley: "It's easy enough to get married; all a man has to do is to find a bigger fool than he is." Ethel Knox: "But in some cases even that would be rather difficult."

Small boy (who has become interested in coin-collecting): "Papa, what is the rarest coin that you know of?" Papa (sadly): "The sovereign, my son, the British sovereign."

"Have you given Mr. Stayleight any encouragement?" asked the impatient mother. "No, mamma," replied the confident daughter; "so far I haven't found it necessary."

Wife: "John, you have a very annoying habit of saying 'What's that?' whenever you are spoken to. Can't you break yourself of it?" Husband (reading): "Eh—what's that?"

Young doctor: "I find it hard to draw the lines between hay fever and influenza." Old doctor: "It is hard, my boy, but social distinctions have to be made; there's no help for it."

He: "Do you know that for the last hour I have been watching for a good chance to steal a kiss from you?" She: "Indeed! Don't you think it might be well for you to consult an oculist?"

"Do not speak to me of the telephone," said pretty Miss Milly, with a pout. "It is a ridiculous invention. When anyone speaks in my ear, I don't want his mouth to be several miles away."

"What a noble countenance Miss Bellefield has," remarked Mr. Gaswell. "Her mother has ordered a horseless carriage," added Mr. Dukane. "Well?" "Well, soon she will have an automobile countenance."

"What is that old proverb about the moss and the rolling stone?" queried the country girl. "A revolving fragment of the paleozoic age collects no cryptogamous vegetation," replied her cousin from Girton.

Shopkeeper: "Come here, Fido! Fine animal that. Your dog, sir?" Customer: "My dog? I hope not. Would not be followed about by such a cur as that." Shopkeeper: "Get out, you brute! I hate dogs."

Deacon Youngblood: "At least you will grant Dr. Heresy to be a very learned man. Why, he reads the Bible in seventeen different languages." Elder Orthodox: "That may be; but he can't preach it in even one."

Winter visitor (in Florida): "I should love dearly to go sailing; but it looks very dangerous. Do not people often get drowned in the bay?" Waterman: "No, indeed, mum. The sharks never lets anybody drown."

Roberts: "Time is precious." Smith: "It is, indeed, and I've wasted lots of it." R.: "By indulging in foolish pleasures, I suppose?" S.: "No, I lost it by being punctual in keeping my appointments with others."

"Here, my little boy," said a benevolent old gentleman to a weeping boy, "I wouldn't cry that way if I were you." "How did you cry when you were a little boy?" asked the weeper, during a temporary cessation of tears.

Klondike clergyman: "Walrus Bill, do you take this yere woman, Slanting Annie, for better or worse?"—Walrus Bill (frankly): "I hope it's for better, parson: it hain't for worse, anyhow, for she's as bad as she can be right now."

"John had five oranges, James gave him eleven, and he gave Peter seven; how many has he left?" Before this problem the class recoiled. At last one of the pupils struck a happy idea: "I don't know, because we always do our problems in apples."

"How did it happen that Miss Singleton refused to marry the young clergyman?" "Why, when he proposed to her, she, being a little deaf, thought he was asking her to subscribe to the organ fund. So she told him she had promised her money to some other mission."

Teacher: "Once upon a time there were two rich men, one of whom made his fortune by honest industry, whilst the other made his by fraud. Now, which of these two would you prefer to be?" Tommy (after a moment's hesitation): "Which made the most?"

They were two little children, and they were painting pictures in their school books. One youngster finished a cow in blue, and then remembered never to have seen a blue cow. "Never mind," said the other; "we will say the cow is cold."

Wife (to her husband, who is a great criminal lawyer, and who has found fault with the dinner): "There you go again, always finding fault with my cooking. You never see any redeeming qualities in me, and yet you have an excuse for every murderer that comes along."

James Kenny, when out cycling one day with a friend, chanced to take a wrong turning, and found himself suddenly on a very steep hill with no brake to his machine. "Take care," said his friend; "that's not the way to Cork." "No; but it's the way to kill Kenny."

Nanette: "Ah, but beauty is only skin deep, after all. How do I know that the man I marry will not become cold when I begin to fade?" Gladys: "Oh, don't worry about that. The man who marries you will banish beauty from his consideration at the start."

"Say, pa," queried Willie the other morning, while preparing his geography lesson, "how many motions has the earth?" "I don't know, Willie," replied the fond parent, as he bound a towel soaked in ice water about his throbbing brow, "but they're numerous, very numerous."

"It's queer," said the young widow, "that poor, dear John never said a word to me about remarrying. I really can't understand it." "I don't see anything so very remarkable about that," rejoined her bachelor uncle. "I suppose you are not the one he thought it was his duty to warn."

Someone took Charlie up and asked him if he was papa's boy. He answered, "Yes." "And you're mamma's boy, too?" "Yes," replied Charlie. "Well, how can you be papa's boy and mamma's both at the same time?" "Oh," replied Charlie, quite indifferently, "can't a waggon have two horses?"

WHICKHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

MR TAYLOR RETURNED.

Polling took place on Wednesday for the election of a councillor to the vacancy on the Whickham Urban District Council, vacated by the death of Mr R. Rotherford. There were two candidates for the vacancy, namely, Mr Edward Taylor and Mr Isaac Bewley. The result was declared shortly after 9.30 on Wednesday night, as follows:—

Mr Edward Taylor, manufacturer, Dardans, Whickham	770
Mr Isaac Bewley, builder, Ellison Road, Dunston	436
Majority	334

CRICKET.

STANLEY JUNIORS v. NEWCASTLE DEVONSHIRE.

Played at Newcastle, and resulted in a win for Stanley by 56 runs. Scores:—

Stanley Juniors.

J. Hodgson c Fairweather b Robinson	8
P. Harkness c Fairweather b Robinson	3
T. Robson b Robinson	0
T. Morton c Simpson b Nicholson	3
J. Irwin b Simpson	0
G. C. Sanderson b Robinson	40
R. Bouden c Fairweather b Simpson	2
G. Harrison c Woodmass b Simpson	2
W. Craigie c Nicholson b Simpson	0
R. Lamb b Simpson	2
G. Armstrong not out	3
Extras	4
Total	67

Newcastle Devonshire.

Stewart b Irwin	0
Merrick c Craigie b Irwin	0
Nicholson b Harkness	10
Robinson c Craigie b Harkness	0
Turner c Bouden b Harkness	0
Weightman b Irwin	0
Simpson b Harkness	0
Fairweather c Cririe b Irwin	0
Woodmass b Irwin	0
Woodmass b Irwin	0
Robinson not out	0
Extras	1
Total	11

Unique Exhibition at Consett.

In connection with the re-opening of Mr Hugh Robertson's pretty little theatre an almost entire alteration is the arrangement of the energetic resident manager, Mr Lloyd Clarance's "Irving Collection of Portraits" (so named by the kind permission of Sir Henry Irving, whose autograph portrait of "Hamlet" is included in the collection), exhibited in the large refreshment buffet and handsome smoking lounge attached to the dress circle. This collection of portraits of theatrical, political, sporting, and other celebrities, is supposed to be the largest in existence, and is divided into various sections, and the spacious walls are now occupied by the cricketing section, in commemoration of the eminently successful visit of the tenth Australian Team. This unique collection consists of large portraits of all the present Australian cricketers in England, as well as those of former teams; also all the English cricketers who have played against the Australians in this season's test and other matches, and includes almost every player of note of recent times. The portraits are all handsomely framed and form a most interesting and certainly up-to-date collection. In re-opening the New Theatre, Mr Hugh Robertson has certainly made a very judicious selection in the engagement of Mr F. B. Warren and his exceptionally talented company in Mr Warren's own play, "How Money's Made," which, we understand, is a new one, and has only been produced a few weeks; but we are decidedly of the opinion that the new drama has come to stay. It is a wholesome, well-conceived, intensely dramatic and interesting play, and interpreted by a company of experienced artistes of undoubted ability. The plot, besides being skilfully woven, has a decided air of freshness about it. The spirit of evil takes the form of a scoundrel who includes among his crimes the manufacture of spurious coins and "flash" notes. The usual murder is committed early on and is conveniently laid to the charge of Leonard Murray, the hero of the play. The climax is reached in the last act, when he is being tried for the murder. The judge, who is the uncle of the murdered man, makes a confession, believing himself to be guilty of the crime. The real murderer, who is of course the coiner, is, however, betrayed by a confederate. The last scene is calculated to work upon the feelings of any audience, and made an unmistakable impression on those present at the New Theatre on Monday night. Mr Dene Clarke figures admirably as the Judge.—Mr Joe Hastings, with his celebrated Koh-i-Noor Variety Company, makes a return visit next week, after which a most important engagement has been made with the eminent tragedian, Mr Edmund Tearle, who will appear in a round of favourite characters.

WEDDING AT KYO.

On Monday afternoon, July 31st, the marriage of Mr. Wm. Bates, third son of Mr. Matthew and Mrs. Margaret Bates, of Kyo, to Miss Nellie Bell, second daughter of Mr. Robt. Bell, of Tanfield, was celebrated at the Blackhill United Methodist Free Church. The Rev. A. Crago, of that place, officiated. The bride, who was adorned in a cream cashmere dress, trimmed with silk and chiffon, wore a hat to match, and carried a bouquet of lovely orange blossom and lilies of the valley, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss E. A. Bates, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Nellie Maltby, cousin of the bride, were attired in white muslin dresses, with white sashes, and hats to match. The "best man" was Mr. Matthew Bates, brother of the bridegroom, while Mr. Wm. Armstrong acted as groomsman. After the ceremony the happy couple journeyed to Edinburgh, where the honeymoon was spent. On returning to the bridegroom's house a reception was held on Monday evening, when the Catchgate Free Church Choir, of which the bridegroom has acted as secretary for a number of years, attended. Coun. John Storey, of Catchgate, presided over the gathering. Mr. Jas. Hosking, a member of the choir, made the presentation, on behalf of the choir, of a marble clock, to Mr. and Mrs. Bates, on the occasion of their marriage, as a slight token of the respect in which Mr. Bates was held. The rest of the evening was spent in a harmonious manner, songs, duets, etc., being contributed by several members of the choir.

[We regret to state that we are unable to give a list of the presents, as our contemporary, after definitely promising to let us have the list (in compliance with the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Bates) has at the last moment refused to carry out their promise.—ED. "C.G."]

Wedding at Dipton.

On Saturday morning the marriage of Miss Margaret Laverick, eldest daughter of Mr T. Laverick, of South Medomsley, to Mr Joseph Wilson, youngest son of Mr Moses Wilson, of the Moor Pit, was celebrated at the Blackhill Free Church, the Rev. A. Crago, resident minister, officiating. The bride was attired in a cream corduroy dress, and wore a hat to match, while the bridesmaids—Misses Wilson, sisters of the bridegroom, Miss P. Laverick, sister of the bride, and Miss Webb—all wore slate coloured dresses and white hats. Mr W. Oswald acted as "best man," and Mr Robt. Lumley as groomsman. Below is a list of presents:—

Mrs Laverick, quilts and household linen.
Mr Laverick, clock and dinner set.
Mrs John Daglish, pair of blankets.
Mr John Daglish, cheque.
Mr and Mrs Wilson, two large pictures.
Mr Mark Laverick, pair of ornaments and picture frames.
Miss Polly Laverick, tea set.
Mr and Mrs J. T. Wilson, white quilt and pair of sheets.
Miss E. Wilson, cheese dish.
Miss H. Wilson, wine decanter.
Mr W. Daglish, sen., pair brass candlesticks.
Mrs Daglish, pair of sheets.
Miss Daglish, pair bedroom towels.
Mrs Nicholson, pair bedroom towels.
Miss Dixon, flower stand.
Miss A. Dixon, sugar basin and milk jug.
Mrs Vipond, pair bath towels.
A [ ]nd, pair bath towels.
M[ ] Mason, silver teapot.
Mr B. Lumley, silver teapot.
Mr and Mrs T. Simpson, silver teapot.
Mr T. Clark, South Medomsley, silver cruet stand.
Mr and Mrs T. Cook, teapot and pair vases.
Mr L. Stoker, steel fender and tidy.
Dipton Free Church Sunday-school Teachers, fireside screen.
Mr Hewitson, pair models and work basket.
Mrs Hewitson, pair vases.
Mrs Lawson, picture.
Miss B. Lawson, Gipsy tablecloth.
Mrs T. Lawson, sideboard cloth.
Mr J. Mason, biscuit jar.
Mrs F. Alliker, cheese dish.
Mr M. Alliker, looking-glass.
Miss Harris, looking-glass.
Mr R. Stoker, chamber set and set blacking brushes.
Mr T. Whitfield, case spoons.
Mrs J. Stoker, set of ornaments and plush pin cushion.
Mr and Mrs Wilson, tablecloth.
Mr and Mrs Hopper, tablecloth.
Mrs Bertram, tablecloth and pillow cases.
Mr and Mrs Barron, table lamp.
Miss Webb, set of pillow cases.
Mrs and Miss White, paper rack and comb box to match.
Miss S. Stokes, fancy bread plate.
Mr and Mrs Shearer, cheque.
Mrs Anderson, fans.
Mr W. Thompson, pair bowls, sugar basin, and milk jug.
Mr W. Smith, breakfast cruet and bedroom candlestick.
Mrs Chipchase, sugar basin and milk jug.
Mrs Reed, pair of vases.
Mrs Magor, ornaments.
Mr and Mrs Goodrum, kettle and pair of wine decanters.
Mr G. Smith, pair of wine decanters.
Miss Reynolds, pair of photo frames.
Mr R. Stokoe, pair of photo frames.
Mrs Quinn, sugar basin, cream jug, and fancy plate.
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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Wolsingham Petty Sessions.

TUESDAY,—August 1st.—Before Mr. C. J. Backhouse (chairman), Mr. J. Rogerson, Mr. E. Stobbart, Rev. T. H. E. Espin, and Mr. J. W. Rodam.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were fined for being drunk during the month:—Thos. Hesseltine, 10/-; James Finnison, 12/6; Frank Hagan, 10/-; Robert Paley, 10/-; Alfred Stephenson, £1 (his 15th appearance); Robert Johnson, £1; Wm. Bell, 7/6; Isabella Maiden, 12/6; John Bowe, 12/6; Obadiah Charlton, £1 2s 6d.

PITCH AND TOSS.

George Dowson, Joseph Armstrong, Robert Hodgson, Joseph Hammond, Joseph Armstrong, Joseph Watts, John Watts, Patrick McMann, Wm. Storey, James Hall, Thos Elliott, John Galley, Thos. Lightfoot, J. Scott, E. Truce, J. Plews, and James Lord, were charged by Sergt. Taylor with playing at pitch and toss near Tow Law.—Scott, Plews, and Truce pleaded not guilty.—The Bench thought they should not have been present with the others, and fined them all 10/- and costs each, in all, 15/6 each.

OBSTRUCTING THE FOOTPATH.

John Barren was charged by P.C. Flynn with obstructing the footpath at Tow Law, by leaving his horse upon it.—Fined 1/- and costs.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

John Barren was also charged by the same officer with furious driving on July 3rd, in the streets at Tow Law.—Fined 6d and costs.

TRESPASSING IN SEARCH OF GAME.

Hopper Bell and Thos. Mitchinson were charged by P.C. Simpson, with trespassing on land belonging to Mr. G. Currey, Bishop Oak, Wolsingham Park, in pursuit of game, on the 21st ult.—Mitchinson had been previously warned.—The Bench fined Bell 10/- and costs, and Mitchinson, 15/- and costs.

DOMESTIC INFELICITY.

Thomas Dowson, of West Stanley, was charged by Elizabeth Dowson, of Redmyers Farm, Wolsingham (his wife), with assault and ill-usage, and she also asked for a maintenance order and custody of the child, they having separated.—Mr. E. Clark, Newcastle, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Dowson for defendant.—The Bench made an order on defendant of 5/- per week, with custody of the child.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, August 3rd.—Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, and Mr. Wm. Logan.

THE DRUNK LIST.

The following is the list of the cases of drunkenness, and the fines imposed:—John Brown, 5/- and costs; Thos. Smith, 5/- and costs; Jos. Hay, 5/- and costs; Albert Cook, 2/6 and costs; Patrick Jennings, 5/- and costs; John Hosker, 5/- and costs; J. Guardhouse, 5/- and costs; John Coyle, 5/- and costs; Wm. Connelly, 2/6 and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

John Oates was charged by P.C. Smith for having been drunk at Lanchester on July 29th, and also for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr. John Smith, of the Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester, on the same date.—John Smith testified to the effect that the defendant had committed the offence on his premises.—Inspector Waller stated that the defendant had been running about the whole of the public-houses on the day in question.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 10/- and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Robt. Ledger, Christopher Watson, and John March were charged by P.C. Thomas for having done damage to a field of grass by crossing it on their way to a bathing pond. The damage was assessed at 1d each, and the defendants were ordered to pay the damage, and a fine of 1/- each.

For a similar offence, Wm. Snaith was fined 1d damage, and 2/6 costs.

ASSAULT CASE.

Susanna Welch, of Stanley, summoned her half-sister Mary Ellen Wilkinson, a married woman, of Stanley, for having assaulted her in that town on July 20th. The complainant said she was going home from work, and when passing the defendant the latter took her fist and put it right into her face, for having, the defendant alleged, calling her to a neighbour. Complainant asked defendant to send for the neighbour referred to, but the latter replied in the negative, and said she would take it out of her (complainant's) b—— bones.—Sergt. Leadbitter, of Stanley, said he served the summons on the defendant, and read it over to her on July 29th, when she replied "Yes, I did assault her."—Defendant now denied this, and made a long statement in her own defence.—The Bench considered that they had heard sufficient of it, and dismissed the case, each party having to pay their own costs.

ALLEGED WIFE DESERTION.

Matthew Welch, miner, of Stanley, was summoned by his wife, Mary Ann Welch, for having deserted her on October 10th, of last year. Mr. J. Turnbull, of Chester-le-Street, defended Welch, and pleaded not guilty.—Complainant said that on the day in question defendant drew all the money out of the Store, and went away on the following day, but returned on October 14th. On July 10th, he sold all the furniture, and left her and her three children destitute. She had three children, whose ages were 8, 10, and 12 years respectively, for whom she asked the Bench to make a maintenance order on defendant. Defendant had frequently threatened to take their lives and burn the house down. His son was obliged to take her part. Defendant had been a bad man ever since she took him. They had been married for nearly 26 years.—In answer to Mr. Turnbull, complainant said that in October defendant gave her £5 for her to take care of, and when defendant asked for it complainant told him how she had spent it. Her son had not behaved badly to defendant. Defendant had never complained about the son. Complainant said she dare not live with the defendant. The children had never threatened to poison defendant. Complainant never told anybody she would not let defendant come back again. Defendant had behaved very badly in leaving them with the bare walls. Complainant told a man called Blakey that after defendant had left the house she had had peace. Complainant would not go back to live with defendant.—John Welch, son of complainant and defendant, said his father had been a very bad man. He had deserted his mother, and all the family in October of last year. When he left them he said if they could do for themselves he could do for himself, and would go across the waters. Defendant had sold all the things in June, excepting a bed. He left three children, and had never contributed one half-penny to them. Defendant had drawn all the money the family had worked for. Defendant thought more of witness than anybody until witness began to stick up for his mother. Defendant did not do much to get him (witness) out of the house. Witness had kept defendant, who had only worked three parts of his time. Witness had earned man's wages since he was 14 years old. Defendant had not threatened to sell up if witness did not clear out. Witness had never struck at his father, he only took hold of him, and tried to stop the auctioneer and defendant from selling all the "sticks." Witness did not strike defendant with the kettle, he only threw it on the floor in his anger. The summons which was taken out against witness was withdrawn on the request of the defendant.—Mr. Turnbull, for the defence, said the son was all the cause of the grievance. The cause of the disturbance was the appropriation of the money by the complainant and the family. His client had only threatened to leave them in order to frighten them, and restore peace in the house. He went away for four days, but returned and took all the money back. His client was willing to take the complainant and family back, with the exception of the son. Defendant did not leave his wife in order to get rid of her, but in order to get rid of the son.—The Bench stopped the case, and declined to make the order.

CRUELTY TO A PIT PONY.

Albion Heckels, manager of the Burnhope Colliery, summoned Sam. Bell, a putter for cruelly treating a pony on June 17th, in the above mine. The deputy saw the defendant kick the pony owing to the limbers having dropped on his (defendant's) toes.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said that "the kick he gave the pony would not knock a bug off a fellow's back." (Laughter.)—A fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

DANGEROUS PRACTICES.

Anthony Jacques, a miner, in the employment of the South Moor Coal Co., was summoned for a breach of the special rules in force, for firing a shot without having made a proper vantage, thereby not adhering to the regulations in force in the pit. Mr. H. Oliver, of Durham, who prosecuted for the Company, said the case had been taken to Court as a warning to the men.—Wm. Willis, deputy, said defendant had made a complaint to him about the want of air in his place. On examining it witness found that a blow-out shot, which helped to make the air bad, had been fired, without a proper vantage having been made. It was dangerous not to make a vantage.—The Bench took a lenient view of the case, and fined defendant 5/- and costs.

Thos. Patterson and Joseph Gibson were summoned at the instance of the South Moor Coal Co., for riding on a set of tubs without permission, and contrary to special rule 95.—Robt. Cartwright, back overman, gave evidence to seeing the defendants commit the offence in the Holmside Pit. As Gibson had been previously convicted for a similar offence, he was fined 20/- and costs, and Patterson 10/- and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

Geo. Stephenson, of Consett, was summoned at the instance of the Consett Iron Co., for having trespassed in search of game with a gun, on Consett Fell. Mr. C. D. W. Balleny, land steward for the Company, prosecuted, whilst Mr. W. Dickinson, of Shotley Bridge, defended.—P.C. Wilkinson, of Consett, said that he saw the defendant, in company with the farmer named Martin, ranging the whins with a gun, for the purpose of shooting.—Defendant thought he had a right to go when Martin had asked him to go.—The case was dismissed.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, August 7th.—Before Mr Jas. Annandale (presiding), Mr J. T. Potts, Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, Mr Wm. Aynsley, Mr G. Ainsworth, and Mr Jonathan Green.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

George Storey was charged under the Highways' Act with furious driving on the 24th of July.—Sergt. Newton said that at 20 minutes past nine o'clock at night he saw the defendant at Leadgate driving a horse and trap furiously. He collided with another trap and broke the shafts. Storey was under the influence of drink.—A fine of 7/6 and costs was imposed in Storey's absence.

WILD BIRDS' ACT.

Richard Bromley was charged under the Wild Birds' Act with cruelty to two grey birds.—P.C. Pemberton said that on the 14th July he saw a cage at defendant's door at Burnopfield with two grey birds in.—Defendant said he got them from a brother-in-law. He did not take them from a nest.—The Chairman said the Bench did not consider the case one for conviction, and defendant would be dismissed.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Elizabeth Storey was charged with having used obscene language in Nelson Street, Consett, on the 21st of July.—Sergt Dryden said defendant was in a yard off Nelson Street using very bad language.—She was fined 2/6 and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Patrick McGough was charged with having refused to quit the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on the 22nd of July.—Robert John Brodie, landlord of the hotel, said the defendant came into the house between 12 and one o'clock, under the influence of liquor. Witness refused to serve him, and he became very abusive. He was ordered to leave several times but refused, and P.C. Warwick had to be called in.—Defendant was also charged with having assaulted P.C. Warwick.—The officer stated that defendant tore the left sleeve off his tunic, and kicked him on the right shin. Witness estimated the damage to the tunic at 10/-.—The Bench ordered defendant to pay a fine of 10/- and costs, and the damage.

NEGLECTING A FAMILY.

Patrick Smith, employed as a puddler at Spennymoor, was charged with having neglected his wife and children, who had become chargeable to the Lanchester Union.—Mr. W. Ward, relieving officer, said that on the 20th of June, the defendant's wife, Mary Smith, and her five children, became chargeable to the Union, and had been maintained at a cost of £5 to the Guardians. Witness had just received a telegram stating that Mrs. Smith and the children had been withdrawn from the 'House by the defendant, on Saturday last.

The Chairman: He is charged with deserting them. How do you know he deserted them?

Witness said the defendant left them at Blackhill, without means of support. He left them on the 29th of May. He had been working at Stockton and St. Helens, in Lancashire. Since February he had only contributed 11/- towards the maintenance of his wife and five children.

The Chairman said it would be better to make some arrangement with the man.

Witness said if the man would provide a home for his wife and children the Guardians would be satisfied.

The Bench adjourned the case for a month, to give the defendant an opportunity of providing a home for his wife and family at Spennymoor.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS.

Patrick Quinn, landlord of the Masons' Arms, Consett, was charged with having permitted drunkenness on his premises on the 27th July. Mr. T. W. Welford defended.—Inspector Best said that about 9.30 on the morning of the 27th July, he visited the house with P.C. Waites. He saw five men in the bar. Three of them—James Riley, Thomas Gibb, and Michael Campbell—were drunk. Gibb and Campbell were leaning against the bar partition. The other two men were under the influence of drink, and had a pint pot of beer in front of them. Witness drew the defendant's attention to the men, but he made no reply. Gibb and Campbell fell down in the passage, and were afterwards locked up. Next morning they pleaded guilty, and were fined.—Cross-examined, witness said he did not see the men go in. They did not speak; they were too drunk to do so. The landlord was standing in front of them doing nothing. He did not see any of them take the beer because he put them out.—P.C. Waites corroborated Inspector Best's evidence.—Mr. Welford said the men had been on a spree, and had had a row. His instructions were that the police were looking for one of the men. They had hardly got into the house when the defendant told them they would not be supplied, and ordered them out. Just then the Inspector came in. None of the men had drink in the house that day.—Defendant went into the box, and stated that he knew something about a "carry on" the night before. He refused to supply the men with drink and ordered them out. He told them that if they did not go sharp the police would be after them. Just then Inspector Best came in. The men were only about two minutes in the house before the Inspector came in. The pots on the counter were empty, and witness was about to clean them.—Cross-examined by Inspector Best, witness denied having said to Supt. Benzies, "I don't know what made me fill them."—After hearing further evidence, the Chairman said the Bench had no doubt that defendant was guilty of the charge, and he would be fined 40/- and costs. The license would not be endorsed.

A second charge of having sold drink to a drunken person was withdrawn by Supt. Benzies.

BURNOPFIELD CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

Henry Brown Jackson was charged with having sold intoxicating liquors at Burnopfield, without a license, on and between the 27th January, and the 2nd of February. Mr. J. M. Aynsley prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, and Mr. G. Ward Newcastle, defended.

Mr. Aynsley said the case was taken under Section 3 of the Licensing Act of 1872. On the 28th January, and the 2nd February, John Rogerson visited the Burnopfield Constitutional Club, and was there supplied with drink. The defendant had not a license. These proceedings had been taken in consequence of certain evidence given in a recent Assize action at Newcastle. He submitted that if the prosecution proved the sale of the drink, and the absence of a license it would rest on the defendants to prove that the drink was sold at a bona fide club, and that the profits for the sale were handed over to the members for their use, and not for the defendant's own individual use. He quoted a case against the Percy Supper Club. In that case the club was run by a limited company. The profits were not given to the members of the Club, and it was there held that because the profits went to the company, and were not divisible among the members, the Company needed an Excise license; otherwise they were guilty of a breach of the Licensing Act. He submitted that the defendants would have to prove that this was a bona fide club, and that all drinks sold in the club were sold to members, and to nobody else. They would also have to prove that the whole of the profits derived from the sale were accounted for to the members, and not applied to any one individual. Unless the defence proved these three things, he submitted the Bench would have to convict, and if they convicted, he would ask them to impose such a penalty as would be a warning to people running clubs, and show them that the slightest breach of club law would be very much to their disadvantage. In clubs of this sort it was always very difficult to get up a case, because of the absence of police supervision, and the right of entry, and he, therefore, asked the Bench to inflict such a penalty as would prevent this sort of thing in the future. Members could go in at all times of the day, and all times of the night, and be supplied whether they were drunk or sober. Having so many advantages the law ought not to be stretched in their favour.

P.C. Pemberton, stationed at Lintz Colliery, said from instructions received, he visited the Burnopfield Constitutional Club on the 28th, 29th, and 30th, of January last. There were a good few people there. He saw the defendant supply several drinks, and receive payment for them.

Mr. Ward: Is there a club carried on on these premises?—I expect so.

People were supplied with drink. Do you know whether they are members or not?—I could not say.

Was the liquor sold by Jackson?—He sold it.

John Rogerson said he was an ex-Police Constable, and was a pensioner of the Durham County Constabulary. He was a member of the Club, and had been so since the commencement.

Mr. Aynsley: Do you remember when Jackson first went?—At the beginning. He went as caretaker.

Mr. Ward: I don't think that has anything to do with this case. We have certain dates before us.

The Chairman: That is just a little padding.

Mr. Aynsley: Did you have any conversation with Jackson?—I have had many a one.

With regard to his being there?—He told me he had the Club taken, and paid so much a week.

Will you give his conversation.?—I cannot.

When was this?—I cannot say. It was within the last twelve months.

What did he say?—He said he had the Club.

Mr. Ward: I object to that. Within the period of twelve months is not evidence with regard to particular dates with which we are charged.

Mr. Aynsley: Very well. Did you visit the Club in January?—Yes.

What dates?—On the night of the 28th January, and on the afternoon of the 2nd of February.

Did Jackson supply you with any drink?—He did.

With what?—Whisky.

Did you pay for it?—I paid for it.

Did he supply anybody else at that time?—I should think so.

Did you see him supply anyone?—I did not take any particular notice of any other person.

Mr. Ward: You are a member of this Club?—Yes.

You think he supplied other people besides yourself?—Oh, yes.

Do you know whether or not they were members?—I think so, as far as I know. I never saw anyone but members supplied with anything.

If a visitor was there, the members paid for the drink? Yes.

As far as your observations went was this a bona-fide Club, managed in the ordinary way?—As far as I know.

Do you know to whom the liquor belonged?—Not until lately. The only thing I know is the decision at the Assizes. I did not know who it belonged to until then.

And that case was not in regard to these particular dates?—Oh, no.

The Chairman: Have you ever received a yearly statement of account?—Oh, yes.

As a member?—Yes.

When was the last one you got?—Sometime within six months.

Did it include the quantity of liquor sold?—I think it would. I know it related to the takings of the Club.

Mr. Aynsley: Did you ever receive any dividend?—Never.

Sergt. Lawson, stationed at Dipton, said the defendant came to him, and asked him what he had served him with a summons for. Witness told him it was for selling drink without a license. Defendant said he would beat them when they went to Consett. He said he had entered into a legal agreement between the directors of the Club and himself, and that it had been drawn up by Mr. Ward.

Mr. Ward: Did you warn him that this would be given in evidence against him?

Mr. Aynsley: The man came and volunteered this. He said this agreement was signed by the directors and himself.

The Chairman (to witness): Did he show you the agreement?—He did not show me the agreement. He said the agreement——

Mr. Ward: I object to that.

Mr. Aynsley: We don't know that he had the document in his possession.

Witness: He told me he had power to buy and sell all the drink that came into the Club on payment to the directors of £3 a week. He said: "I have all the profits above that, and if there is any loss I have to stand it. The directors have nothing to do with the buying and selling."

Mr. Aynsley: So that at the time of selling this drink he was acting under this agreement?—Yes.

Mr. Ward: Was it a Limited Company or a Club?—He said the directors of the Club.

Have you got the agreement here?—I have not. He said he would bring it here.

Do you know anything of this Club? Do you know there is a Limited Company?—Just what I have heard.

Have you seen the notice "Registered Office of the Burnopfield Constitutional Club, Limited?"—I have seen the notice on the door.

Do you know apart from the shareholders there are members of the Club?—I could not say.

Mr. Aynsley intimated that that was the case for the prosecution.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Ward submitted that he had nothing to meet. His friend opened with an extraordinary suggestion, namely, that instead of proving the offence it was the duty of the defendant to prove that he was innocent—a most ridiculous thing. Mr. Aynsley set forth that it was not for him to prove that there was a sale within the meaning of the Act, but that it was for the defence to prove that they did not sell. That was not the law at all. Mr. Aynsley had referred to the Percy Supper Club case, but in that case the facts were that a man went into the Club, and asked for some liquor. He was supplied, on filling up a form of application to become a member, but he was supplied before having been elected, and, as a matter of fact, he never was elected. Again, that case was not a question of a Club; it was a limited company, who bought the liquor. The Burnopfield Club did not do that. The case which had really decided the matter, was that of Newell v. Hemingway. The manager of the Club formed a Limited Company, the shareholders in which constituted the members of the Club, and it was contended that it was not liable criminally under the Licensing Act of 1872, for the sale at the Club to members. In that case the Magistrates convicted, but the Court above upset the conviction, and in that case it was a much stronger one than they had there that day. Newall was not even a member of the Club. Lord Chief Justice Coleridge said that what Newall did was nothing like a sale within the meaning of the Act. His was merely the hand that handed over the liquors to the Club. To call that a sale, and a breach of the Act of Parliament would be to go too far.

The Clerk (Mr. Ornsby): In that case the manager was proved to have no interest.

Mr. Ward said that was not proved. There was no evidence as to whose the liquor was, and there was no evidence that day.

The Chairman said until the conversation was denied they had it that defendant paid £3 a week, and took all profits or stood to lose.

Mr. Ward said there might have been a limited partnership. They had not the agreement there.

Mr. Aynsley: Where is the agreement?

Mr. Ward: It is for you to produce it. You can only prove the contents of a written document by production of the document itself.

The Chairman: The defendant said he only was doing a certain thing.

Mr. Ward: If you want to show the exact terms you must have the document.

Mr. Ainsworth: We don't want the exact terms; we only want the bold facts.

Mr. Ward: If he was only selling to bona-fide members of the Club certain liquor, which was joint property, or was his own property, but that the profits were not taken by him, but by the members of the Club, he only taking a certain portion by way of seling, then there is not sufficient detachment of the parties to make it a sale within the meaning of the Act. I don't think I need call the defendant. I admit there is something—there is the transfer from one member to other members of the Club, but there is not one tittle of evidence that there was any person there who was not a bona-fide member. If this liquor had been bought by the Limited Company, as apart from the Club, then they would have brought us within the law in the same way as the Percy Supper Club was brought in. If there is no outside sale there is no action, but if it is supplied by the Limited Company, then you are within the meaning of the Act. The case is simply this, that there was a sale to the members of the Club by Jackson.

The Clerk: Then the sale is unlawful.

Mr. Ward: We say there was no sale within the meaning of the Act, and it is not for us to prove that there was not. It is for the prosecution to prove that there was a sale within the Act, otherwise there is no offence.

Mr. Aynsley: I think I have proved there was a sale.

Mr. Ward: It is just the same with the Co-operative Society. It requires no license. We have evidence that there was an agreement, and that they were working under that agreement. My friend must produce that agreement, otherwise we cannot be charged.

The Chairman: The agreement is in the hands of your people.

Mr. Ward: Yes, but my friend can subpœna someone. I admit there was a "prima facie" case against us, but immediately we show there was a bona fide club, and that the sale was only made to members, then it is for my friend to go further, and prove that the liquor was the property of Jackson. In Evans v. Hemingway, the Justices were of opinion that it was not a bona-fide club, but was a pretence, and, in fact, that the manager was the proprietor of the establishment. But here there is no suggestion or evidence that Jackson was the proprietor.

Mr. Aynsley: In that case it was held if the Magistrates were satisfied that a sale had taken place within the meaning of the Act, they were right in requiring the man to prove that he was the manager of a bona-fide members Club, and my friend must prove that this was a Club, and that drink was sold to members only, that the profits were accounted for to the members, and that Jackson did not pocket the profits other than £12 a month.

The Chairman: Have you anything further with regard Jackson's position, or do you leave your case where it is?

Mr. Ward: I leave it, that we have shown it to be a bona fide Club, but I can call evidence.

Richard Abbott, examined by Mr. Ward: You know the Burnopfield Constitutional Club as a Limited Company?—Yes.

It is registered under the Act?—Yes.

You know the premises where Jackson was selling liquor?—Yes.

Are those the registered offices of the Company?—Yes.

Was there carried on at these premises a Club?—Yes.

Were you a member of it?—I was.

Were only persons who were bona fide members of Club and visitors introduced, entitled to be on the premises?—Yes.

Was the Club managed in the ordinary way?—It was.

There was a chairman, secretary, and treasurer?—Yes.

Was Jackson a member?—He was.

Were the shareholders of the Company, not members, allowed to have the privileges of the Club?—No.

Although a person might be a shareholder he had to be elected a member before he could have the privileges?—Yes.

Do you know ex-Police Constable Rogerson as a member?—I do.

Mr. Aynsley: Have you got the agreement dated 14th December, 1897, between the Club and Jackson, in your possession?—I have not.

Have you ever had it in your possession?—I don't know whether I should answer that question.

Why?—Because supposing there is a conviction against Jackson, which there ought not to be—(laughter)—it might incriminate all the shareholders, and I am therefore entitled not to answer.

Mr. Aynsley: That is for the Magistrates. Have you ever had this agreement in your possession?

Mr. Ward: I am here representing Jackson, but as a matter of fact, I am solicitor for the Company, and so far as this witness is concerned he is perfectly right. He is not bound to answer any question which may incriminate himself. Under Section 4 of the Act an occupier in any unlicensed premises, in which liquor is sold, shall be liable to penalties, and as a shareholder, the witness ranked as an occupier.

The Chairman: We uphold the objection.

Mr. Aynsley: You were president of the Club?—No, never. I was chairman of the directors until last August.

Were you president from the commencement of the Club?—I was chairman.

As Chairman of the Club, I take it that the accounts for the purchase and sale of liquor came before you?—For some time they were.

When was any alteration made?—A question of that description might incriminate me.

Mr. Ward: There is another objection. It is trying to get hearsay evidence of the accounts. If Mr. Aynsley wanted them they could have been produced.

The Clerk: You have put a member of the Club into the box, and he is seeking to ascertain how the Club was managed.

Mr. Aynsley: I submit that they are withholding the evidence. He admitted that the accounts came before him for a time. I ask when the change took place, and he says it will incriminate him to answer. I submit it is a proper question to ask.

The Chairman: You must answer.

Witness: In June, 1897.

Mr. Aynsley: Will you tell us why these new arrangements were made?—I think I must object to that.

At one time you had the accounts brought before you. What accounts were brought before you after the change?—You see you are again asking questions I should not answer.

And you are withholding answers which you ought to give. It is not for you to say whether they will incriminate you or not.—I appeal to the Magistrates. I shall answer any of the questions they may order.

The Clerk: It will not incriminate him.

Witness: I was a shareholder, and, as such, an occupier.

The Chairman: We think it quite a legitimate question to ask. You have said that before 1897 certain accounts for liquors were brought before you.

Mr. Aynsley: Did the directors buy the liquor after June 1897?—No.

Who did?—Jackson.

I suppose Jackson was the servant of the Company. Was he a servant before June, 1897?—He was.

What were his wages?

Mr. Ward: I object. You are trying to get from this witness the text of the document. Jackson's position is defined in the agreement. This witness cannot tell what the effect of the document is. It is carefully drawn up document——

The Clerk: I have no doubt. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ward: And was submitted to Queen's Counsel.

Mr. Aynsley: Was Jackson a servant of the Company, and receiving wages for his work at the time of the alteration of accounts?—Yes.

Was he paid in wages after that time?—I am sure I don't know.

Was Jackson accountable to the Club for money after June, 1897?—I don't know.

You were chairman of the Club?—For some time.

In July, 1897?—Yes.

Did Jackson pay to the Club £3 a week?—Is that a question I should answer?

The Chairman: Yes, certainly.

Mr. Aynsley: Did Jackson pay the Company £3 a week?—He did.

Did you, as directors, give him a receipt for it?—I don't know but I think the book would be signed.

How many cheques were the directors, on an average, in the habit of signing, before the alteration took place?—I have no idea.

Did you sign cheques?—Yes.

After 1897?—Oh, many a cheque.

An arrangement was entered into between Jackson and the Company, by a written agreement?—Yes.

Did you sign that agreement?—I believe I did not.

And the change was in consequence of that agreement?—I should think the agreement was in consequence of the change.

Do you know when the defendant left?—No.

Were you a member?—Yes.

Are you a member now?—Yes.

Are you a director now?—No.

Since June 1897, I take it that you supplied members of the Club with statements of accounts at the end of the year, and these accounts were accounts of receipts and payments?—Yes.

Have you an account for last year?—No.

Mr. Ward: You were chairman of the Limited Company?—I was.

When did you cease to hold that office?—In August 1898.

There have been various changes with regard to Jackson's position? Yes.

His position when you resigned the chairmanship was that described in the written document?—It was.

Do you know what changes have taken place since you resigned?—No, I do not.

The Chairman: After the change, when the agreement was entered into with Jackson, did you ever sign a cheque for liquor?

Witness: Oh, yes.

For the Club?—Yes.

Mr. Ward said that was his case, and he submitted there was no evidence against his client. They had evidence that only members of the Club were entitled to the privileges, and it was for his friend to prove that it was not a bona-fide club, and that the liquor was Jackson's property.

After a lengthy consultation, the Magistrates returned into Court, and the Chairman said that the Magistrates found (1) that it was a fact that Jackson sold liquor on the 28th January, and other dates, and received payment for it; (2) they also found that defendant had to pay £3 per week for the privilege; (3) the premises on which the sale took place were not licensed. They found the case proven, and ordered defendant to pay a fine of £20 and costs, and in future cases the full penalty of £50 would be imposed.

Supt. Benzies said he would ask permission to retain the defendant in custody till the fine was paid, as he had heard it was the intention of the defendant to bolt.

Mr. Ward said he thought Supt Benzies was rather out of place in asking for the defendant to be retained in custody. He applied to the Bench to allow the defendant reasonable time to pay the fine. He was a householder, and the police had a remedy if the money was not forthcoming.

Supt. Benzies said in the case of a distress warrant, he would ask for the defendant to be retained in custody, till he satisfied himself that the defendant had goods to distrain upon.

Mr. Aynsley said he did not know what might be the opinion of the Bench on the question; but seeing the difficulties that had been put in the way, he did not think that defendant was entitled to the least consideration.

Mr. Ward said they had simply fought on lines which they considered they were legally entitled to, in order to defend the charge. The decision of the Magistrates was against him, and he was now asking for them to grant the defendant time to pay the fine.

Supt. Benzies: If the President and Vice-president of the Constitutional Club will become sureties for the payment of the fine I will have no objection to the defendant having time.

Mr. Braidford, jun., said he for one would not become surety for the fine being paid.

Supt. Benzies: Surely you will not desert the defendant at the eleventh hour. (Laughter.)

In answer to Mr. Aynsley defendant said he had a furnished house, but a certain party furnished it for him.

The Chairman said after what they had heard they could not give the defendant time to pay the fine without security.

Later on, Mr. Ward intimated to the Bench that Mr. Braidford, jun., had consented to become surety for the payment of the fine.

The Chairman said they would allow defendant to be liberated on the understanding that the fine was paid within a month.

Mr. Braidford agreed to this proposal, and Jackson was released.

THEFT OF HOOPS AT SOUTH GARESFIELD.

Harry Clough (12), was charged with stealing a quantity of iron hoops from South Garesfield Colliery, near Friarside, on the 25th ult., the property of the South Garesfield Colliery Company, Ltd.

William Braidford, jun., said he was a colliery manager, and resided at South Garesfield. On Tuesday, July 25th, P.C. Pemberton showed him eight tub wheel hoops, which he identified as similar to the hoops that were used at the colliery. He valued the hoops at 8d.

P.C. Pemberton said about 11.30 on the morning of the day in question he was on duty near South Garesfield Colliery when he saw the defendant leaving the colliery yard with the tub wheel hoops in his possession. Witness asked defendant where he had got them, and he replied at the pit. Witness took the defendant to the colliery yard and there charged him with stealing the hoops, and he replied, "I got them to play at quoits with."

The Chairman reprimanded the boy, and on the father promising to chastise his son for what he had done, the Bench dismissed the case.

A BURNOPFIELD LICENSING CASE. CURIOUS POINT.

George W. Turnbull, of the firm of Turnbull Bros., grocers and provision merchants, The Leazes, Burnopfield, the holders of an off-license for the sale of beer and spirits, was proceeded against for selling two pint bottles of ale to a drunken person, named Michael Burns, on Saturday evening, July 15th. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) defended, and pleaded not guilty to the offence.

P.C. Robson averred that on the night in question, about 7.45 he was on duty at the Leazes, Burnopfield. On passing the defendant's premises he saw a man named Michael Burns very drunk inside the shop. He also noticed that two pint bottles of beer were handed to the man from over the counter. Witness walked over the road in the direction of the shop. Just as he (witness) got over the road Burns came out of the shop, carrying the two pint bottles of beer—one in each hand. Witness then saw that the man was in a very drunken state. Burns walked up the road, staggering from side to side, and when he happened to stop he staggered backward. After travelling up the road some 60 yards, Burns fell down, and rolled into the gutter by the roadside. Witness called the defendant out of the shop, but before Turnbull got outside Burns had fallen down and was partly concealed amongst the long grass. Witness asked defendant if he had sold two bottles of liquor to Burns, and he acknowledged doing so. Witness then asked defendant if Burns was in a fit state to sell beer to, and defendant laughed, and stated that it did not matter as he had not a public-house, and only an off license. Witness told defendant he was just as responsible as any licensed holder and liable to be punished. Defendant replied, "Oh, no, I am not." Witness afterwards stated that if defendant disputed the man's condition he had better have a walk up the road, and see Burns lying on the ground for himself. Defendant said he would not do so. Witness walked up the road, and found three men lying on the grass, including Michael Burns, James Convory, and another old man with a grey beard, whose name he did not know. Witness proceeded down the road, and informed P.C. Pemberton of what had taken place. This officer accompanied him back to the scene, and saw the condition of the three men for himself. When Burns was supplied with the liquor there were five persons in the shop.

Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: The time was 7.45 when he saw Burns in the shop. He did not speak to Burns or the other two men when lying on the grass. He did not tell them they would be summoned. Witness would be about three feet off Burns when he came out of the shop. The men were lying among the long grass drinking the liquor from the bottles. Convery tried to get up when he was present. There were five persons in the shop when Burns was supplied with the two bottles of ale. He did not know Mrs. Ferguson. Defendant did not say that the man was not drunk. They had not had a few words previous to this case. He never remembered saying anything to Turnbull about the District Councillors. He had never spoken to the defendant about anything that had caused a little unpleasantness. He had only been twice in the defendant's shop. He remembered on one occasion defendant asked him to have some tomatoes, and he forgot to call for them. He was not aware that the man's name was Michael Comesky. All he knew was that the man went by the name of Burns. Carrick's public-house was next door to the defendant's premises. All he saw was the two pints of ale handed over the counter, but by whom he could not say.

P.C. Pemberton said on the night in question he saw Burns, who was very drunk, and he was lying amongst some grass by the roadside.

By Mr. Welford: He did not speak to Burns. The man was sick, and lying full length on the grass. Convory was also present, and he was likewise very much under the influence of liquor.

Mr. Welford: Because the man was sick, and lying on the grass you came to the conclusion that he was drunk.

Witness: He was reeling backwards and forward, and when he attempted to have a drink from one of the bottles he commenced to roll about. When Burns handed the bottle to the other man to have a drink he fell forward.

Mr. Welford said from the evidence he would bring forward he thought the Bench would have no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that the police had made a mistake regarding the condition of Burns. It was not his intention to say anything about Convory as there had been no evidence submitted about him going to the shop. The man, whose real name was Comesky went to the shop and purchased two pint bottles of ale which had to cost 6d. The man tendered the money, and he was informed by Turnbull that he would have to leave 2½d on each bottle as he did not know him. The man was perfectly sober, and complied with the request. Comesky afterwards returned with the empty bottles and obtained other two pints, and finally brought back the last two empties and received his 5d deposit. All the liquor Comesky had partaken of that day was two pints of beer previous to going to Turnbull's shop. One of these pints was consumed shortly after opening time in the morning. He would call a woman who was present in the shop when Comesky was served with two bottles of ale, and she would tell them that the man was perfectly sober. He would call Comesky's landlady, who would also tell them that when Comesky returned home with her husband he was not under the influence of liquor.

Defendant, sworn, said he was an off-licensed holder, besides being a grocer and provision merchant at Burnopfield. On the day in question Comesky entered his shop about 6.15 p.m. and obtained two pint bottles of ale. He told the man seeing that he did not know him he would have to leave a deposit on the bottles. The man tendered a 1/-, and he took out of it 11d—5d for the bottles and 6d for the beer. Comesky returned to the shop about 7.50, and he was perfectly sober. The man asked for other two pint bottles of beer. Comesky gave him 6d, left the 5d deposit, and handed him the two empty bottles. There were four or five children and a lady named Mrs. Ferguson in the shop at the time. One of the apprentices was also present. If the man had not been sober he would not have brought the empty bottles back. P.C. Robson came to the door, and motioned for him to come outside. The officer asked him if he knew that he had supplied a man with beer that was drunk, and at the same time pointing to a man down the road. He told the officer that the man whom he had pointed out had never been in his shop. He denied ever saying to the officer that he was not liable in the same way as a fully-licensed holder. He distinctly told the officer he was fully conversant with the Licensing Act, and he was just as liable to be punished as an ordinary fully-licensed holder. The officer never asked him to go and see the man. If he had done so he would have obtained the services of a medical gentleman and had the man examined. About six weeks ago he called the officer's attention about some people camping by the roadside, and he pointed out to him that it was his place to see that the people did not commit a nuisance. The officer told him the District Council did not know very much. On another occasion they had some conversation about the work of the District Council when the officer made some very unpleasant remarks. He had to stop the officer, and told him that his shop was not the place for such conversation, and he ordered him out. Where the man was lying was fully 72 yards from his shop.

By the officer: The man talked, walked, and discharged himself like a sober man when in his shop. He considered it was not like the action of a drunken man to return with the empty bottles. Part and parcel of what he (the officer) had said was nothing but lies. He emphatically denied that the officer asked him to go and see the man.

The officer said he had no recollection about any gipsies camping by the roadside.

Defendant said he mentioned the fact to the officer one day when he was returning from the Spen. A letter afterwards came to the Council to say it was the duty of the Council and not the police to interfere in the matter.

Michael Comesky said on the day in question he had a pint of liquor at Owen's public-house shortly after opening time in the morning. He had no more drink till four o'clock in the afternoon when he was at Burnopfield posting a letter. He called at Welch's public-house and procured a glass of beer. About 5.40 he obtained a pint of beer at Carrick's public-house. He afterwards purchased the two pints of beer at Turnbull's shop. Witness gave Turnbull a shilling and he returned his one penny change. They had a few words about leaving the 5d deposit on the two bottles. Defendant explained to him the reason, and he left the shop. His mate Convory consumed the liquor in one bottle, and he drank the other. Witness returned to Turnbull's shop about eight o'clock and obtained other two pint bottles of beer, and left the two empties. Witness did not fall over when travelling along the road, and he was never sick. The police did not speak to him. Witness went home with Convory, and he was perfectly sober when he returned to the shop with the last two empty bottles, there was a woman and a boy in the shop.

In answer to the officer witness said he was not put out of Carrick's public-house. It was not a fact that he had six pints of ale from defendant's shop. Convory did not take him home at nine o'clock.

Mrs. Ferguson said she resided at Syke Lane, Burnopfield. She remembered this particular Saturday evening, she was present in Turnbull's shop. She saw Comesky before he entered the shop. He walked a distance of 70 yards in front of her. She saw Comesky supplied with two pint bottles of ale. This was between seven and eight o'clock, and she considered the man was perfectly sober. Comesky did not stagger in the least.

By the officer: She saw the man in the shop between seven and eight o'clock. She did not take particular notice of the man; but she knew he was not drunk.

The Officer: What kind of clothes was Comesky wearing?

Witness: The same clothes as he has on now.

The Officer: He was wearing a black suit. (Laughter.)

Mrs. Convoy said on the night in question Comesky came home with her husband about nine o'clock. He was perfectly sober.

By the Officer: The men were not drunk, although both of them had partaken of liquor. She did not say in the presence of the officer, "I told you you would get a summons for coming home drunk."

The Chairman: How was Comesky dressed on this particular night?

Witness: He was wearing a dark tweed suit.

Mr. Welford: The suit the man is now wearing is a dark tweed. (Laughter.)

Hugh Convoy said he was in the company of Comesky on the night in question. They drank four pints of beer from defendant's shop. Comesky was quite sober. They each had a few pints of liquor, but they were not intoxicated.

Edward Wheatley, miner, said he was present in Carrick's public-house, when Comesky and Convory came in and were each supplied with a pint of beer. Comesky was "solid and sober." (Laughter.) He saw them leave the house after they had drunk off the liquor. Mrs. Carrick entered the bar, and taking hold of one of the men's pots she told Convory he had better go home for his tea. The men left the premises and said they would go to Turnbull's shop.

In answer to the Officer, witness said Mrs. Carrick simply told Convory to go home for his tea.

James Glendinning, apprentice in defendant's shop, said he was present when Comesky came in for the liquor. He was supplied with two pint bottles of ale on two separate occasions. The first time defendant supplied them, and charged Comesky for the bottles. The man was perfectly sober.

Cross-examined by the Officer: When Comesky brought the bottles back he got the 5d. he had deposited for the bottles.

James Sinclair, miner, also tendered evidence to being in Carrick's public-house when Comesky and Convory were each supplied with a pint of ale. He noticed Mrs. Carrick enter the room, and inquire of the servant who had filled the drinks. The servant replied that it was "Lil," meaning Mrs. Carrick's daughter. Mrs. Carrick pulled one of the pots to one side and said to Convory that he had better go home for his tea. He considered that Comesky was sober.

In answer to the officer witness said he was a teetotaller, and while in the public-house he was drinking nothing but small lemons and port wine. (Laughter.)

After a short consultation, the Chairman announced that they considered the case proved. Defendant for selling the liquor would be fined 10/- and costs. Burns for being drunk would be fined 5/- and costs.

James Convory was likewise charged with being drunk and lying by the roadside on the night in question, and he was fined 5/- and costs.

EMPLOYERS' AND WORKMEN'S ACT.

James Dougherty, and William Reilly, miners, were proceeded against by Mr. T. Bowes, undermanager, Annfield Plain, on behalf of Messrs Bowes and Partners for leaving their employment without working the necessary 14 days' notice.—Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted, and explained that the Company claimed £1 12s 6d from Dougherty, and £1 15s 9d from Reilly as damages. Defendants tendered their notices but failed to turn up to work the necessary 14 days.—Defendants stated that when they engaged themselves there was nothing said about notice.—Mr. Bowes tendered evidence, and said what the defendants had failed to comply with was the custom throughout the County.—The Magistrates made an order for the sums claimed and costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. J. Walton-Wilson (chairman), and Mr. W. Aynsley.

THE DRUNK LIST.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and the fines imposed:—Jas. Snowdon, 5/- and costs; Jas. Dale, 2/6 and costs; Wm. Laverick, 5/- and costs; Ed. McMahon, 5/- and costs; Jos. Bradley, 5/- and costs; Hy. Makepeace, 5/- and costs; Pat Kelly, 2/6 and costs; Michael Matthews, 2/6 and costs; Jos. Foster, 5/- and costs; John Williamson, 5/- and costs; M. McLeer, 2/6 and costs; John Curtis, 5/- and costs; Joseph Tedd, 2/6 and costs; Wm. Craig, 5/- and costs; John Blackburn, 5/- and costs; John Cameron, 2/6 and costs; John Dodds, 5/- and costs; Geo. McCarty, 2/6 and costs; Matthew Scott, 2/6 and costs; John Lamb, 5/- and costs; Stephen Green, 2/6 and costs; Jos. Young, 2/6 and costs; Pat Crosgrove, 2/6 and costs; Jas. McKenna, 7/6 and costs; Robt. Laverick, 2/6 and costs; Wm. Thompson, 2/6 and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Jos. Evans and John Carradice were charged by P.C. Robson with having played at pitch and toss on July 29th at Burnopfield.—Defendants pleaded not guilty.—The officer said he saw the defendants playing near the late Dr. Watson's house.—P.C. Pemberton corroborated.—Carradice said he never threw one penny up. He had never pitched a penny in his life.—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

Ed. Lakey, Ed Lamb, Frank Embleton, Pat Morris, Sam Westgarth, Michael Wearmouth, George Stammerman, and Anthony Morris were summoned by P.C. Dobinson for having gambled with cards on July 28th, near Flint Hill.—The officer said he saw the defendants playing on a footpath between Flint Hill and Wood Houses. He had let them off before, and had also previously warned them. He watched them for five minutes.—All the defendants pleaded not guilty, and said the officer neither saw cards nor money. They were only sitting when he passed. One of the defendants said that a youth named Curry told them the policeman was coming, and they stopped playing. The policeman could not see them. They only went along to the place to avoid the public-house and mischief.—A fine of 7/6 and costs was imposed.

DEAR MUSHROOMS.

John Elliott and Thos. Clough were charged by Mr. John Simpson for having ranged his field in search of mushrooms on July 22nd.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and a fine of 1/-, 1d damage, and costs was imposed.

A NEAR CUT.

John Milburn and Robt. Scott were charged by P.C. Hunter for having trespassed in a field at the Hat and Feather for a "near cut," which saved about one minute's walk. The hedge had been broken down.—A fine of 1/-, 1d damage, and costs was imposed.

MISCHIEVOUS YOUTHS.

Thos. Davison and Fred Price were summoned by Michael Hall for having done damage to the fruit and the garden of the headmaster of the Benfieldside Schools.—A fine of 6d, and 6d damage and the costs was imposed.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Jas. Brown and Geo. Brown were summoned by P.C. Pemberton for having committed a breach of the peace on July 30th, at Lintz Colliery.—The officer said he saw the defendants fighting at the end of the rows.—Geo. Brown denied the charge, and said he was trying to get away to his sister's house.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

John McGlynn and Frank McGlynn were charged by P.C. Ayre for having committed a breach of the peace in Princess Street, Consett, on July 29th.—The officer said he saw the defendants fighting. One was without his shirt.—Frank said he was not guilty, and only tried to get away from the other defendant.—John was bound over to keep the peace and pay the costs, while Frank was discharged.

AN IMPUDENT ASSAULT.

Patrick Kelly, labourer, Consett, was summoned by James Lyons, a contractor under the Consett Iron Co., for having assaulted him on August 4th. Mr. W. Dickinson, Shotley Bridge, prosecuted.

Mr. Dickinson, in his opening statement, said Lyons was a contractor at the Consett Iron Works. The defendant was working for him at the cutting, and on Friday afternoon went to his client and demanded his money (2/3), which Lyons refused. Lyons told defendant to go back at the proper time on Saturday, and he would get his money, when defendant used threats, and became so violent that his client was obliged to protect himself by pushing defendant away from him. Defendant then got hold of a large stone, which he threw at Lyons, but which fortunately missed him. Defendant threw other stones, one of which caught complainant, and inflicted so serious a blow upon him that he staggered. Defendant also used violent language. He would call evidence to prove the offence, and if the Bench considered the case proved he asked them to deal with it as it deserved, because taking place where it did, it was not only a nuisance to the other men, but a serious stoppage to the work.

Complainant called and sworn, said defendant asked him for his b—— money. He was drunk. He had 2/3 "lying on," and had been "subbed" to the extent of 7/6. Complainant refused it, whereupon defendant said, "You'll not get up that b—— bank unless you pay me." Defendant also said he didn't care about the policeman. Complainant protected himself and knocked him down, and defendant threw a stone at him which missed him. Defendant with another stone caught him between the shoulders, which staggered him. The "ganger," James Spencer, was there at the time, and Mr. Kirkhouse and Mr. Gilmore went on the scene also, and took the stones from him. Defendant said he would do "time" for him (complainant). Witness then went for the policeman, gave the prisoner into custody, and charged him before the policeman with the assault. Witness had given defendant no provocation whatever.

James Spencer, foreman under Mr. Lyons, said that about 5 o'clock in the afternoon he saw defendant take up a stone and throw it at complainant. Defendant told witness he would demand his money before Mr. Lyons had "subbed" any of the men. Witness saw defendant take up some stones, the third of which hit complainant on the back. Defendant had the fourth stone in his hand when Mr. Kirkhouse took hold of him and stopped him. Defendant threatened Lyons. Mr. Gilmore took the half-brick out of defendant's hand.

In answer to a question by Kelly, witness said he saw defendant's nose bleeding when he went round the end of the waggon.

Mr. E. Kirkhouse, a manager at the Consett Works, said he was standing close to a furnace where the contractor Lyons was carrying on his work, when a man told him there was a fight going on further along. Witness proceeded to the spot and saw Kelly take up a stone with which he hit Lyons a good "souse" in the back, a "bat" he would not liked to have had himself. After that he (witness) tried to induce the man Kelly to leave the place, but as the latter refused, he walked away and left him standing. The stone would be about 2 or 3 lbs. in weight. It was a good hard blow, and witness heard the sound of it 20 or 30 yards away.

P.C. Armstrong was next called. He said from information received he went to the place of disturbance where the navvies were working. Defendant, who was drunk, renewed the disturbance, and he (witness) had to stand between the two men. Lyons made a complaint of having been assaulted by Kelly, which the latter in his presence did not deny.

John Boyle, a witness for the defence, said he was with Kelly when the disturbance happened. Lyons knocked Kelly flying on to his back, and sent the blood flying from Kelly's nose. He saw Kelly throw the stone which hit Lyons on the back but which he (witness) thought would not hurt him. Kelly only said, "I want my money, Jimmy." The man was sober. Witness said that defendant told complainant that if he did not give him his money he (complainant) would not get up the bank.

Kelly, in his defence, stated that on Friday night he left Berryedge and went to Mr. Lyons to get the rest of his money. He asked Spencer, the "ganger," for Mr. Lyons, when the latter replied that he was in the town, but would be back in a minute. On seeing Mr. Lyons he (defendant) asked him for his money, when complainant said he could not get it, and that he (defendant) had gone there for mischief, and drawing out complainant hit him two blows on the nose, and made it bleed. He (defendant) did not use threatening language nor threats.

A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed.

WHAT A BATTLESHIP'S ARMOUR WEIGHS.

"The first English ironclad was the "Warrior," whose plates were 4½ inches thick. As the years went on, and the power and force of the big guns were increased, armour plates were made thicker and thicker, until the "Inflexible" was coated, or rather great-coated, with 22 inches of iron. But it was, of course, impossible to go on increasing this thickening indefinitely—the weight of the armour threatened to be more than the ship could carry. In 1877 a forward step was made by the invention of compound armour by Mr. (now Sir) Alexander Wilson, the present head of the firm of Charles Cammell and Company, the largest armour-making establishment in the world. The new material consisted of a facing of hard steel, with a backing of tough wrought-iron. In the present day the average thickness of most armour plates—at any rate, for belt armour—is about six inches, although plates of as much as twelve inches in thickness are made for special positions. This is a very different state of things from that which obtained in the days of the old ironclads, with their 22-inch armour. Recent improvements have all tended to making armour thinner, while, at the same time, a much higher degree of impenetrability to projectiles has been secured. But, for all that, the weight of a ship's armour is still very great, that of a first-class battleship being not much less than 3,000 tons."—From "The Making of an Armour Plate," in the August number of the "Windsor Magazine."

MR. C. NAPIER HEMY, A.R.

A PARTICULARLY attractive-looking article on "C. Napier Hemy and his Pictures" is contributed by Wilfrid Klickmann to the August number of the "Windsor Magazine." Of Mr. Hemy's career the writer says: "He was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 1841, and the British boy's natural taste for the sea was whetted during a voyage to Australia. At the age of ten young Hemy could have satisfied the most critical examiner concerning the design, build, rig, and component parts of a sailing-ship. Three years later, on returning to England, he attended the School of Art at Newcastle, and soon afterwards commenced to train for the Dominican priesthood. The see-saw of temperament again asserted itself, and the boy ran away to sea. Parental authority fetched him back, and for a year or two the Church of Rome had a pupil more or less promising. The battle between the cloister and the sea continued, and at seventeen years of age he shipped on board a trader, but was invalided home. He abandoned the idea of joining the priesthood only in his twenty-second year, and then vigorously pursued his hobby of painting. Very few years sufficed to show him that to utilise properly a natural gift for painting, long and careful study with lessons learned and perseveringly assimilated under the guidance of a recognised master in the art, was absolutely necessary. Mr. Hemy decided to go to Antwerp. The artistic treasures of this and other Continental cities were well known to him, for in his roving days, when his vessel put into any port, he would slip away to museum or picture gallery to satisfy his longings for art. Mr. Hemy placed himself in Antwerp under Baron Leys. No master was ever more slavishly copied than Baron Leys was imitated by Hemy. Gothic and religious paintings were regarded by the latter as the chief desideratum of art, and the secret influence of the cloister over the sea was all but triumphant. It is a singular thing how many artists have studied life with the idea of entering the Church and the Catholic priesthood. Probably Mr. Hemy had no more vocation for painting those romantic pictures in imitation of Baron Leys than he had for becoming a monk. His real, natural temperament (though it took him a long time to discover it) was in favour of the sea."

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GARDENING NOTES.

If any reader who is in a difficulty with reference to his garden will write direct to the address given beneath, his questions will all be answered free of any charge, in full detail, and by return of post.—ED.

Some correspondents omit to add their names, or merely end with initials. In these cases it is obviously impossible to reply.—ED.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN IN AUGUST.

ARTICHOKES, GLOBE.—Cut down the plants as soon as the heads are used, and during October or November remember to give the young leafage a protective covering of dry, light litter after slightly earthing it up.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS.—Sow in the open ground one ounce of seed to four square yards in shallow drills 12 inches apart, and cover with half-an-inch of fine soil. The seedlings should be pricked out into moderately rich ground only, to stand the winter, being thence moved into very rich land to mature in spring. During severe frost a little dry, light litter will be found a desirable protection.

CAULIFLOWERS.—Make small sowings of Early London and other tolerably hardy kinds in sheltered spots on sunny borders. After pricking out the seedlings later on, prepare hand-lights, frames, and mats, to protect them from frost. If an old cucumber frame can be spared, give the soil a dressing of lime, and winter some portion of the plants in it, or else pot and stand them in the frame. Give plenty of air when there is no frost, and remove the lights during mild weather.

CELERY.—Continue earthing up, as advised last month, being careful to prevent crumbs of earth getting into the heart of the plant.

CORNSALAD.—The leaves make a very wholesome addition to spring salads, and for this purpose a sowing ought to be made now about one-third of an inch deep, an ounce of seed being used to a row of 60ft. Thin out the plants early to six inches apart in the rows, keep clear of weeds, and protect with a little dry litter in winter.

CUCUMBERS.—It is now time to think about preparations for the winter crop of cucumbers, which are very profitable when well grown. The best results are obtained in light, turfy loam, admixed with from one-third to one-half its bulk of well-rotted manure and enough sand to prevent the compost feeling sticky, to prevent porosity. Temperatures should range between 60 and 65 degrees by night, and 70 and 75 in the shade during the day. Practically no ventilation is needed in winter, and but little—and that only from the top of the house—in spring. All possible light and sunshine must be admitted to young plants and to winter crops, but thin, light shading is essential during hot, sunny summer days, to prevent the leaves scorching, as they are liable to do, especially when the foliage is wet. Abundant water is necessary to prevent flagging, sufficient water that has been standing in the same house or frame long enough to become of the same temperature being given to ...

... yellowish brown, dies. Fir tree oil is a useful insecticide also. When assisted by a hot, dry atmosphere, or bright, sunny weather, the pestiferous red spider causes irretrievable damage in frame and greenhouse, its attack being first indicated by the whitening of the upper surfaces of infested foliage. Copious syringing and the maintenance of a moist atmosphere will destroy the mites, but in cases where such treatment would be likely to injure the plants, the removal of badly effected leaves and an occasional wetting will do much to mitigate the evil, especially if the heating pipes be made to give off sulphurous fumes by painting them with a paint of mixed sulphur, clay, and water before heating them gently. Slugs and snails may be caught by systematically examining the house at night with a light, when the creatures usually feed. Small heaps of bran, cabbage leaves, and pieces of other vegetables form useful traps by providing attractive food and hiding places.

Fungus Diseases.—The development of fungus diseases of crops is encouraged by a warm, moist atmosphere, by extremes of temperature and humidity, and by draughts. Sulphur is undoubtedly the best remedy for surface-mildews, which may be destroyed by dusting the upper and under surfaces of affected leaves with the dry powder when they had been damped by syringing. Mixed into a thin paste with clay or lime and water, oil or milk, sulphur may be most effectually smeared on the hot-water pipes and other heating-surfaces of the house where it cannot possibly take fire, as the fumes of burning sulphur are fatal to plants. Occasional treatment will prevent mildew. Damping-off is a fungus disease prevalent amongst seedlings and cuttings. The stems become brown and contracted near the surface of the soil, and in a short time rot and fall over. The trouble is augmented by a close, moist atmosphere, by crowding, and by injudicious and careless watering. The sudden application of too much water to cuttings actually suffering from dryness of the root is a prolific cause of damping-off. At the first appearance of the disease, the surface-soil must be dried, air admitted, and the seedlings pricked out in fresh, uninfected soil.

Cucumber Pests.—Moisture keeps red spider in check, and aphides are destroyed by persistent and light fumigating with tobacco smoke. The troublesome spotted mite and root-knot eelworm are discussed amongst the pests of tomatoes. Mildew, a serious trouble if not remedied early, is apparently induced by too ..., close atmosphere and too succulent, sappy foliage growth. The fungus produces on the leaves light green patches, which afterwards becomes white and mouldy, as though dusted ...wder. Remedial measure lie in drying the house by increased heat, the admission of fresh air (only from the apex of the house), and the thorough dusting of the foliage from above and beneath with powdered sulphur. Fumes arising form sulphur painted heating-surfaces are beneficial.

Lettuce Pests.—Greenfly is exceedingly troublesome in badly managed, too warm houses, but weekly tobacco fumigation, commencing at the first pricking off, will prevent the appearance of the enemy. Lettuce root causes the outer leaves of infested plants to decay and collapse on the soil. The trouble, for which no remedy is known, can be prevented by using porous, sandy soil (containing little manure), the surface of which is kept as dry as possible and well stirred occasionally, by properly controlling the temperature and moisture, and by leaving the plants dry at night. Thoroughly drying the house by raising the temperature and admitting air judiciously sometimes wards off imminent attack. Lettuce mildew is controlled and checked by good management and by sulphuring the heating surfaces. Draughts, sudden and violent changes of temperature, watering too late in the day, and sappy, flabby growth resulting from too much moisture and heat are all conducive to fungus disease. The browning of leaf-tops, a kind of scorching known as lettuce burn, is avoided or mitigated by the use of very porous soil and by careful watering and ventilating.

Melon Pests.—Weekly fumigation with tobacco will obviate attacks. Red spider and other mites are prevented or destroyed by keeping the house moist by syringing and by burning badly affected leaves. It is possible to almost clear the foliage of these pests by forcible syringing. The best method of eliminating mealy-bugs, which generally appear in the axils of leaves, is that of knocking them off by a hard stream of water. Mildew-affected leaves become more or less covered with mouldy, frost-like patches, total destruction of the leaf often following. This disease is easily prevented or checked by carefully controlling the temperature and atmospheric moisture and by painting the heating ...

PESTS OF VEGETABLES UNDER GLASS.

AGRICULTURE.

A WELL-ABUSED GRASS.

CLOVERS AS MANURE.

WILLIAM TOOGOOD, Southampton.

BLAYDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Blaydon Urban District Council was held on Thursday night last in the Temperance Hall, Blaydon. Mr. E. Aiston (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Councillors J. W. Tucker (vice-chairman,) J. C. Robson, Rev. A. B. Tebb, J. Cunningham, R. J. W. Powell, J. Raine, W. Archer, W. Crooks, W. Scott, A. Skidmore, A. Smith, Jos. Robson, the Clerk (Mr. H. Dalton,) the Surveyor (Mr. G. Symon,) and the Inspector (Mr. R. Biggins.)

THE CLERK.

The Chairman said before they commenced the business he would like to offer a word of welcome to their Clerk. He was sure it was a pleasure to them to see him back again after his long and severe illness. (Hear, hear.) He would only hope that Mr. Dalton's health would improve and that he would long be amongst them. (Hear, hear.)

The Clerk thanked the Council for their kind expression of welcome. He was quite as pleased to be there again as they were to see him. He also thanked them for the kind vote of sympathy they passed some time ago. (Hear, hear.)

OVERCROWDING AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

Mr. Archer said there had been some communication from the County Medical officer respecting the wooden houses at Victoria Garesfield, and he would like to have it read.

The Clerk said in the first place Dr. Hill wrote stating that he had received a complaint about the condition of certain dwellings at Victoria Garesfield, and he proposed to visit them. He had done so, and on the 26th of July he wrote as follows:—

"As you are aware, I have had a complaint as to overcrowding and want of ventilation in wooden houses at Victoria Garesfield Colliery in your district. There are three rows of these houses, viz., View Terrace, or High Duckets, Victoria Terrace, or Low Duckets, and Railway or Jigger Terrace. These houses are all built of wood, mostly containing two rooms, and are in fair repair. I find, however, that many of them are overcrowded; thus of 22 houses in Victoria Terrace 8 have 7 or more occupants, and of 14 houses in View Terrace 7 have 8 or more occupants. In 7 houses in Victoria Terrace, in 3 houses in View Terace, and in one house in Railway Terrace one or more lodgers are taken in by the tenant, although, as you can understand from the smallness of the houses and the size of the families, there is no proper accommodation for them. For instance, in one house of two rooms in View Terrace there were nine in the family, and in addition two lodgers were taken in. I think that steps should be taken either by the District Council or by the owners to prevent the tenants taking lodgers into these small houses, and it would also be in the interests of the health of the occupants if all families of seven persons or more could be provided with larger houses. The overcrowding in many of these wood houses in aggravated by the fact that the ventilation is generally very defective; thus in every house, with perhaps one or two exceptions, only the centre pane, measuring 11 inches by 7 inches, of the window is made to open. In View Terrace and Railway Terrace the houses are without front doors, and generally in these two rows the bedroom is absolutely without any proper means of ventilation, the fire place being bricked up and the window and the door leading to the kitchen being on the same side of the room. In all these rows the present windows ought to be replaced with proper sash windows, opening top and bottom along their entire width, while in Railway and View Terraces the fire places in the bedrooms ought to be opened out, and the position of the door leading from the kitchen to the bedroom so altered that the door would be on the opposite side of the bedroom to the window, thus allowing a certain amount of through ventilation. In the interests of the health of the occupants, very many of whom are children, the improvement of the ventilation of all the houses is, apart from the question of overcrowding, most important. In Railway Terrace I noticed that the only means of drainage provided for the houses was an open channel, and it would be a great improvement if it were replaced by a proper sewer and house drains. Will you kindly let me know what action your authority decides to take with regard to the matter referred to in this letter?"

The Health Committee reported that they had had the question brought before them by the Inspector, and they recommended that a copy of the letter from the County Medical Officer should be sent to the owners of Victoria Garesfield Colliery, and that they should be asked to remedy the evils complained of, and also that they should be requested to state what steps they proposed to take.

Mr. Skidmore moved that the report of the Health Committee be adopted.

Mr. J. C. Robson seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

FINANCE.

Mr Crooks presented accounts amounting to £639 14s 3d. In addition there would be £180 for wages, £45 1s 9d for water supply, and £2 10 for public offices. He moved that cheques for the amount be signed.

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

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr R. Brown, Medical Officer, reported that during the month 15 cases had been notified to him as follows:—Scarlatina 7, diptheria 1, membraneous croup 1, enteric fever 3, and erysipelas 3. No deaths from infectious diseases had been notified by the registrar with the exception of one case of membraneous croup which was not removed to the hospital as the child was too ill to bear movement. Of the eight inmates in the hospital all were doing well except one little girl admitted two months previously. The general health of the district was exceedingly good, although during the last few days there had been more diarrhœa, especially infantile, due to the excessive heat. The Inspector had given him notice of a case of overcrowding at Winlaton. He had visited it, and agreed with Mr Biggins. The room was one opening off Church Street. The family consisted of the father, mother, and seven children, and two dogs. (Laughter.) He saw the wife (Mrs Smith) who appeared a very clean and respectable woman. The room was also kept in a clean state, but was much too small for the family. The worst thing was a cellar opening out of the room and strewn with refuse and dirt, rotting mattresses, and a stinking pillow on which a child died sometime ago. The stairs leading to the cellar were completely blocked with ashes and filth. Mrs Smith informed him that the place was in that condition when they took the house, but it was too great a task to clear it away. She also stated that the stench at times in the mornings was unbearable. They had tried to get another house. Dr Brown advised that the owner should be compelled to have the room emptied and the whole place made sweet immediately.

The Chairman said he thought the only course they could take was to condemn the house.

Mr. Tebb said the Inspector had power to deal with it.

The Clerk said the Council had power to deal with it, but if they served a notice on the owner he would put the people out.

Mr. Crooks thought they would be better out.

The Clerk said they had no other place to go to.

Mr. Crooks moved that they endorse the opinion of the Medical Officer, and that the Inspector be instructed to have the matter attended to.

Mr. Tebb said it was desirable to make the owner clean the cellar out at once. It was a disgraceful and a dangerous state of affairs and should not be allowed a single day.

Mr. Biggins said it was a tenemented house and there were four rooms. The whole affair wanted cleansing.

In reply to Mr. Skidmore, Mr. Biggins said there was a family in each room.

Mr. Powell seconded Mr. Crooks' motion which was agreed to.

RIDING THE BOUNDARIES.

On the motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. J. C. Robson, it was decided to ride the boundaries and make an inspection of the district, the date to be fixed by the Chairman and Clerk.

SPEN TO VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

Mr. Tucker moved that a quantity of stone kerbing lying at the Spen should be used this summer for kerbing the footpath between Spen and Victoria Garesfield. He said the footpath at present was about level with the road and there was no protection for foot passengers. As they had stone lying there he did not see why it should not be used for effecting an improvement.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Skidmore said he would have no objection to the motion providing the road was wider. At present it was difficult for one conveyance to get past another, and if there was a kerbed channel it would be worse.

Mr. Symon said there was not a great deal of stone. There was not as much as would carry the work out.

The motion was carried.

CHOPWELL MILL TO BLACKHALL MILL.

Mr. Tucker moved that a footpath be formed from Chopwell Mill to Blackhall Mill this summer. He said there was a town being built at Chopwell, and in due course they would be paying a great deal of the rates. Large numbers of people went from Chopwell to Ebchester Station, and in winter time they had to go along a fearful road. There was no provision for foot passengers.

Mr. Symon pointed out that it would be somewhat difficult to get a footpath, as the road only varied from 19 to 23 feet.

The motion was not seconded.

POLLUTION OF THE DERWENT: A WARNING.

The Clerk read a notice from the County Council to the effect that, at the expiration of two calendar months from the 3rd of August, proceedings would be taken against the Blaydon Council, in pursuance of the Rivers' Pollution Prevention Act, for having on the 30th May and other dates put, or allowed to be put, solid and liquid sewage into the river Derwent at Cronswell. He remembered that some time ago the County Council wrote and asked what they were going to do. He wrote to the Lanchester people and they said they were going to do nothing. That being so, the Blaydon Council could do nothing. He suggested that they should communicate further with the Lanchester people and see what they were going to do, as no doubt they would have got a notice as well.

It was resolved to appoint a Committee to meet the Lanchester Council, and to communicate with the County Council to that effect.

BLAYDON QUAY.

The Chairman said they had a quay at Blaydon, but they had made no use of it for years. He would like a committee appointed to go into the question of dredging the river frontage. They had a valuable quayside 150 feet long, and application had been made for a thousand tons of sand a week if they could get boats near the quay. They could get other merchandise to the quay, and he would like to utilise it in order to bring them in some revenue. If a committee were appointed the question of right of way could also be gone into. The North-Eastern Railway Company were encroaching, and the Council would have to take the matter up.

After a short discussion, Mr. Crooks moved, and Mr. Skidmore seconded, that a committee be appointed.

The motion was agreed to, and the meeting ended.

A Year's Working of the Compensation Act.

Increase of Fatal and Non-Fatal Accidents.

The "Daily News," London, publishes some instructive statistics with reference to the great increase of accidents during the past twelve months in industries coming within the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The figures are extracted from "The Labour Gazette" for each of the twelve months since July of last year, when the Act became operative. The following gives the monthly returns for the several occupations under which the accidents are separately reported:—

RAILWAY SERVICE.

	Killed: Year of Compensation Act.	Killed: Previous Year.	Injured: Year of Compensation Act.	Injured: Previous Year.
July	49	50	967	1,250
August	46	42	1,135	1,081
September	54	39	1,174	1,052
October	45	50	1,100	1,188
November	41	36	1,306	1,081
December	56	68	1,231	1,222
January	45	36	1,297	1,030
February	41	42	1,236	1,096
March	37	38	1,222	1,195
April	42	41	1,063	900
May	35	25	1,034	873
June	34	38	1,021	889
	522	505	12,992	12,837

MINES.

	Killed: Year of Compensation Act.	Killed: Previous Year.	Injured: Year of Compensation Act.	Injured: Previous Year.
July	67	68	325	396
August	82	96	367	373
September	83	70	399	360
October	78	47	400	425
November	46	64	429	463
February	88	77	384	315
March	73	63	372	366
April	42	44	343	317
January	78	72	357	385
May	90	59	384	323
June	72	64	398	327
	906	805	4,582	4,418

QUARRIES.

	Killed: Year of Compensation Act.	Killed: Previous Year.	Injured: Year of Compensation Act.	Injured: Previous Year.
June	6	6	398	327
July	6	11	132	67
August	14	8	147	57
October	23	9	153	74
November	21	9	142	86
December	8	7	107	102
January	15	5	119	107
February	12	11	113	89
March	14	8	103	114
April	7	10	73	80
May	7	10	97	90
September	5	9	145	63
	135	101	1,729	1,256

FACTORIES.

	Killed: Year of Compensation Act.	Killed: Previous Year.	Injured: Year of Compensation Act.	Injured: Previous Year.
July	39	40	4,218	2,828
August	46	35	4,248	2,665
September	51	32	4,912	3,094
October	56	39	5,092	3,094
November	59	51	5,261	3,149
December	71	54	5,151	3,353
January	62	39	4,430	2,856
February	65	42	4,961	3,303
March	48	44	5,541	3,794
April	64	45	4,504	3,312
May	49	38	4,985	3,722
June	50	45	5,325	3,444
	660	504	58,628	38,555

MISCELLANEOUS.

(Including Workshops under the Factory Act, 1895, and under Notices of Accident Act, 1894)

	Killed: Year of Compensation Act.	Killed: Previous Year.	Injured: Year of Compensation Act.	Injured: Previous Year.
July	13	22	724	457
August	25	17	805	424
September	13	17	995	523
October	15	13	934	565
November	22	15	1,009	605
December	19	23	1,030	566
January	14	19	881	553
February	25	11	924	569
March	15	18	876	588
April	22	12	791	597
May	18	19	967	606
June	29	17	956	653
	238	203	10,892	6,676

TOTAL INJURED.

Taking the total of non-fatal accidents for the foregoing set of occupations, we find that the following are the comparative figures:—

	Year of Compensation Act.	Previous Year.
Railways	13,992	12,837
Mines	4,582	4,418
Quarries	1,729	1,256
Factories	58,628	38,555
	89,823	63,742

Or an increase of 38 per cent.

TOTAL KILLED.

The following are the comparative totals of fatal accidents:—

Railways	522	505
Mines	906	806
Quarries	135	101
Factories	660	504
Miscellaneous	238	203
	2,461	2,119

Or an increase of 14 per cent.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Messrs J. R. Parkington and Co., 24, Crutched Friars, London, report:—The almost tropical heat which prevailed during the past month necessarily affected sales of wines and spirits; the light wines of France and Germany naturally benefitting at the expense of more highly alcoholised productions. Complaints are very general as to the comparative scarcity of orders, more particularly as regards the Metropolis, and now that the London season is fast drawing to a close, we can look for no improvement until the termination of the summer vacation and the advent of Autumn. The shipments of Port for July amount to 6875 pipes (Great Britain 2528 pipes) making 60,666 pipes for 7 months against 59,774 in 1898. The sherry shipments were 3,513 butts, making 23,657 butts for 7 months compared with 31,378 butts for the corresponding period of last year. The demand for claret has been fairly good, but entirely confined to the cheaper description, to the practical exclusion of the more expensive wines. Champagne continues to maintain its prestige, and now that the 1892's are rapidly disappearing from the market, the 1893's will doubtless secure that share of popular favour, to which, on their intrinsic merits, they are fully entitled. The whiskey trade does not call for special comment; sales have probably attained an average level for this period of the year. It is somewhat singular that the rum market, notwithstanding the great heat, should continue to exhibit almost phenomenal activity; sales have been brisk at enhanced prices, with every indication of a further advance in quotations in the near future. Reports from the vine growing centres of France are very satisfactory, though the yield in the champagne districts will assuredly be seriously prejudiced by the spring frosts. The vines of Burgundy are very forward and the tropical heat is greatly in favour of fine quality, but quantity will be small; the growers therefore expect to realise high prices. Accounts from Oporto are most encouraging, and should climatic conditions remain propitious during the next few weeks, it is confidently anticipated that this year's produce will take high rank in the annals of port vintages.

Consett and District Junior Football League

A special meeting of this body was held at the headquarters, Black Horse Hotel, Consett, on Tuesday evening week, Mr. J. Ross (chairman) presided, and representatives were present from Consett United, Consett Shamrocks, Blackhill St. Cuthbert's, Leadgate Park Juniors, South Moor United, Stanley Athletic, Derwent Cottages, Allendale White Stars, Annfield Plain, and Blackhill United, together with the secretary (Mr. Jos. Hamilton.)

A RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

A post-card was read from Annfield Plain, asking to be allowed to withdraw from the league, owing to their inability to secure a field. However, the Annfield Plain representative was present, and he requested that the resignation be withdrawn, as the club had made arrangements with the Celtic to use their ground.—The meeting acceded to the request.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Representatives from Catchgate attended the meeting, and asked that their club be admitted to the second division of the league.—In answer to questions put by the chairman, Mr. Rutherford (the Catchgate secretary) said that the club was the same one that was in the league last season, and that they would probably be playing six or seven of last season's players.—The Chairman thought that that being the case, Catchgate ought to join the first division; but Mr. Rutherford said he was not prepared to do this.—The representatives then withdrew, when the meeting unanimously decided that Catchgate should be admitted to the league on condition that they joined the first division.—The Chairman announced the result to Mr. Rutherford, who promised to lay the matter before his committee, and communicate their decision to Mr. Hamilton.

RULES.

The rules were then dealt with, and several alterations made. A new rule was also added, to the effect that when a player has taken part in a game in any other league he must have a seven days' transfer before he can again play in the Consett Junior League.

After other business had been transacted the meeting adjourned.

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PRESENTATION TO THE REV. J. A. DIXON, OF STANLEY.

On Sunday last, the Rev. J. A. Dixon, who by the rule of Conference has terminated his ministry in West Stanley, delivered his valedictory addresses to large congregations at the morning and evening services. The rev. gentleman's remarks, which were closely listened to, were appropriate to the occasion. In the evening, Mrs. Dixon, who has been energetic in assisting her husband in the arduous task connected with the building of the handsome new church and schools, sang a solo with great acceptance.

On Monday evening there was a large gathering in the School-room, for the purpose of presenting testimonials to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon prior to their departure for Barnard Castle. Mr. John Oliver presided, and he was supported by Mr. Jonathan Green, J.P., Mr. Moore, Mr. H. Armstrong, Mr. W. Simpson, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. J. Calvert, Mr. George Stacey, Mr. J. Ellison, and many other leading members of the Wesleyan society and congregation. The presentations took the form of a handsome marble timepiece and walking stick to Mr. Dixon, and a beautifully illuminated album to Mrs. Dixon. The timepiece bore the following:—"Presented to the Rev. J. A. Dixon by the Society and congregation of the New Wesleyan Church, Stanley, County Durham, as a token of their regard, and in appreciation of his arduous and successful labours, 1896—99.—August 7, 1899." On the stick were inscribed the words, "Presented to the Rev. J. A Dixon, Stanley, 1899." The inscription on the album read:—"Presented to Mrs. J. A. Dixon by the Society and congregation of the New Wesleyan Church, Stanley, as a memento of three years' happy association in church work.—August 7, 1899."

The Chairman, in his introductory remarks, said he personally felt very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon for the services they had rendered. They had been to him a source of great interest and joy. He believed they might attribute a great deal more than they did to the efforts of Mr. Dixon in connection with the grand new chapel in which they were privileged to worship. He knew that hundreds of pounds had been got which they never would have got otherwise. If they looked at the opening services they would find that they never had a disappointment. Many came from parts from which they never would have thought of seeking. They came heartily and willingly, and brought influence with them which they could never have thought about. Financially too, Mr. Dixon had been a source of great advantage to them. He now had great pleasure in asking Mr. Simpson to make the first presentation.

Mr. Simpson said that when he first met Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, on the platform at Shield Row Station, he thought they were the right people for Stanley, and he still held that view. He did not intend to say much, but he would ask Mrs. Dixon to accept the album as a token of the esteem in which she was held by the friends of the Church, and by the congregation. (Applause.) He hoped she would be long spared to assist her husband in the work in other circuits, as she had assisted him in Stanley. (Applause.)

Mr. Jonathan Green then presented the timepiece and stick to Mr. Dixon. He confessed he had a great desire to shirk that part of his duties, and Mr. Dixon would know perfectly well why. He did not like to go to funerals. He thought he could say without egotism that he had had more time with Mr. Dixon than any other member of the Society or Church. He thought Mr. Dixon and himself would never forget the very humorous and very trying journeys they had had together on begging excursions. He believed that half in joke and half in earnest Mr. Dixon thought of writing a book. They had come across the cheerful giver, the grudging one, and the one who took a long time to consider what the subscriptions were like, and, after looking at the book, would calmly tell them that he could not give them anything. (Laughter.) As a rule he did not believe very greatly in testimonials, but there were exceptions where he thoroughly and heartily joined in them. This was one of them. It was not every year they built a church, and they did not want to do so; but in the work which they had been engaged Mr. Dixon had been with them heart and soul, not only in travelling, but in brain power, not only in the morning, but at other times of the day. It was because of these works that he was pleased to be there to present some small token of their regard, and as a happy reminder of three years of pleasant work amongst them. He had very great pleasure in presenting the timepiece, and he hoped Mr. Dixon would live long, and travel many Methodist circuits, always remembering the three years he had spent in Stanley. (Applause.)

The Rev. J. A. Dixon, who was heartily applauded, said he had to thank them most sincerely. The timepiece they had given him was a beautiful, tangible, and useful expression of what he believed to be the sincere affection in their hearts. (Applause.) He believed it was possible for people to give their affection. He believed it was possible for people to give presentations, from other motives than those of affection. What pleased him most in the testimonial they had given him that night was the fact that he believed that in their society and church at Stanley, during the past three years, he had added many new friends to the list of his old ones. He thanked them for that expression, because it was a cheering thing to know that one had not laboured in vain. They did above everything else, as Methodist preachers, desire to know that they had accomplished something. He thanked them for the expression of their regard, because he had no hesitancy in accepting it. He was convinced that so far as his personal relationships with those present and those outside were concerned, there was none but wished him well. (Applause.) He could truly say from the depths of his heart that he wished well to every individual in Stanley. (Hear, hear.) He had not made a foe, and he felt that that was saying a great deal. He might have raised criticism, but he pitied the man who never did. He was either a very sleepy individual, or else he was not worthy of a place in the working world. But while they had raised criticism he was bound to say, at the same time, that they had brought out of the neighbourhood a great deal of admiration towards the Methodist people, and a great deal more regard towards our Lord Jesus Christ. He believed there were people in that town who believed more in religion than they did three years ago, because they saw that they, as Methodist people, would like to give their very best to the Lord Jesus Christ. When he thought of all that had been done he was bound to say there was love of Christ. Best of all there was the sense of the presence of Christ in all their Church gatherings. He felt it when he came there, and to him that was the grandest source of encouragement. He ventured to think that what they had done, had been in the line of the Lord Jesus Christ, but if they had had that work to do, he believed the spirit, and disposition, and spiritual life of their church would have yielded them a magnificent harvest to the Glory of God. As regarded bricks and mortar, he never thought he would have much of that to do. If he had thought so he believed he would never have gone into the ministry. (Laughter.) His dear wife was no speaker. She did speak. (Laughter and applause.) She spoke to him. (Renewed laughter.) But they did not know how much they owed to his good wife. (Applause.) She had helped him amazingly in what he had been able to do, and he could assure them that her heart was true to the Methodist people of Stanley. She had no warmer affection towards any people than towards the Wesleyan Methodist Church in that place. She desired him to thank them most heartily for the handsome album they had presented her with that evening. They would take the gifts away with them, and prize them, he was going to say, almost above anything they had. They would be highly valued for their sakes. (Applause.)

Mr. Calvert moved a resolution thanking Mr. and Mrs. Dixon for their past services, and wishing them every blessing in their new sphere at Barnard Castle.

Mr. J. Ellison seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. J. A. Dixon again returned thanks, and wished to acknowledge the kindness of the press, and the assistance they had received from the local papers. That assistance had been worth more than money to them. It was a very easy matter for a newspaper to help a thing, and it was very easy for it to hinder a thing, but they had had what they believed to be fairplay, fair criticism, and kind hearty support. He thought that meeting would not be satisfied unless they thanked the editors of the local papers. He hoped they would continue to keep church things as far to the front as possible. Their friends outside their church had also encouraged them very much, and he wished to acknowledge their kindness. (Applause.)

Mr. Humble moved a vote of thanks to the press, and to all who had assisted them.

Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion, which was carried.

During the evening, solos were rendered by Miss Humble, Stanley; and Mr. Tom Holland, Catchgate; and a gramaphone performance was given by Messrs Black and Son.

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LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this authority was held on Wednesday night, at the Board-room, Leadgate. Coun. W. F. Lane (vice-chairman), presided, in the absence of the chairman, and there were also present—Couns. W. Robson, C. Clegg, J. Costello, T. Keenleyside, J. W. Winter, H. Cheesmond; Mr. J. H. Coupland (clerk), and Mr. T. S. Longstaff (surveyor.)

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Mr. Madgin attended the meeting on behalf of an electric lighting company, and in the course of a lengthy statement, said that his company would like to arrange with Consett, Leadgate, and Benfieldside for the supply of cheap lighting powers. He asked the Council not to oppose the order before Parliament giving his company power to put down an installation in the district.

The Chairman asked if any plants had been put down recently?

Mr. Madgin said it was the custom to establish separate places for each part of the country. Their last one was at Kidderminster.

The Chairman inquired if the company had supplied any places in the county of Durham with the electric light?

Mr. Madgin replied in the negative.

Coun. Keenleyside: Do you profess to supply the electric light cheaper than gas?

Mr. Madgin said he could not exactly say that, but there were other advantages.

Coun. Winter moved that the matter be referred to the next monthly meeting.

This was seconded by Coun. Keenleyside, and carried.

Mr. Madgin was then thanked for his attendance, and withdrew.

WATERING BYE STREETS.

The Clerk reported that the Highway Committee had not met to discuss this question.

The Chairman said that Coun. Cheesmond and himself attended the meeting, but no one else.

Coun. Winter said he did not want to exaggerate, but he knew for a fact that several people in the back streets had had their dinners spoiled owing to the dust. He thought that something should be done.

Coun. Robson moved that the matter be swept off the board, as he thought it too late in the year to deal with it now.

Coun. Cheesmond seconded.

Coun. Winter proposed that it be referred to the Highway Committee.

Coun. Costello seconded.

The Chairman thought that nothing could be done this year.

Coun. Winter objected to the business being done in this fashion. If the Highway Committee did not intend to do anything let them say so.

The Chairman thought it no use discussing the matter any further.

On being put to the meeting, Coun. Robson's motion was carried by four votes to three.

NEW APPROACH TO THE STATION.

The following letter was read:—Dear sir,—Referring to your letter of the 20th June last, I have to inform you that the question of making a new entrance to the station and providing an overbridge, as suggested by your Council, has been considered by our General Manager, and it has been decided that the circumstances are not such as to justify the expenditure which the erection of a foot-bridge would involve.—Yours truly, CHARLES A. HARRISON.

The Chairman pointed out that the letter did not state that they would not make a new entrance.

Coun. Keenleyside moved that the note be kept in case an accident did occur.

The Clerk said that the letter would be kept.

Coun. Keenleyside: They will not do anything until someone is killed.

The Chairman thought it seemed a shame after the Council had met Mr. Watson on the platform, and it was definitely stated that a new entrance would be made. He thought that they could not let the matter rest.

Coun Winter moved that the Clerk write the Company again about the entrance.

Coun. Robson seconded.

Coun. Costello: Is there any other authority we can appeal to?

Coun. Clegg: Have the Board of Trade anything to do with it?

Coun. Robson: They passed the plans.

Coun. Winter: We did the same.

Coun. Robson said they were anxious to have the railway first. They could now see what else they wanted.

Coun. Winter: We cannot force them to do anything.

Coun. Keenleyside: I think we could force the footbridge as much as the other.

Coun. Cheesmond: If we are likely to get anything it will be the footbridge.

The motion was then carried.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the scavenger, Robt. Laidlaw, had had a lot of work cleaning up after the heavy rains. The Consett Iron Company's contractor for the building of the privies, &c., was only moving on slowly. He would like to ask the Consett Iron Company to get the keys given over to those parties that had to have them—he meant belonging to the new privies. The Consett Iron Co. had done nothing towards making larger inlets to the drains behind the houses that were flooded in West and Plantation Streets. He would like the Consett Iron Co. written to, asking them to put two larger inlets to the drain behind houses in Watling Street, known as Iley's Corner and Ruddick's Corner. The contractor, Wm. Maddison, had got started with the two urinals. The question of the time for lighting the gas lamps wanted to be considered. As collector he had paid over to the treasurer on account of the General District Rate, the sum of £28 7s.—P.S.—He would recommend to the Council, as soon as they possibly could, to buy a plot of sound ground on which to erect sewerage works on similar lines to those at South Moor, and to borrow the money over a period of years. To purchase a piece of ground near Bradley Cottages slag heap might, he thought, be suitable for it.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

It was agreed that the following members should form a committee to consider the whole question of sewage disposal, and report to the Council:—Couns. Palmer, Keenleyside, L. Nicholson, G. Nicholson, Cheesmond, Costello, and Winter.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that he had been giving attention to the watercourses after the heavy rain at the fore part of the month. There had been a few days' carting of sand, debris, &c., on to where the roads were washed, and damaged. Mr. Ormerod, contractor for cementing, had got his contract finished. He expected they would give their consideration where to start next spring. He expected it would be on the north side of the railway. There were a lot of rough footpaths in front of the workmen's cottages. At the Watling Street Railway Bridge the North-Eastern Railway Company had put in two new extra grates, with large gullies. He expected this would make an improvement in wet weather. The monthly pay-bill was £15 6s 7d. A plan will be before you for alterations to what was a joiner's and blacksmith's shop lately occupied by G. Stokoe, in Back Durham Road. It is now intended for a slaughter-house for Coun. T. Keenleyside.

The reports were adopted.

SPECIAL MEETING.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Council should be held at the Council Chamber, on Monday night first, at 8.15, to consider various matters.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. W. Allen (Medical Officer) submitted the following monthly report:—Since the last meeting of your Board there has been a case of enteric fever reported from 331, South Cross Street. The patient is being treated at her own home. There is a history of the sink at the back door of the premises having been choked up, but this was remedied at the date of my visit on the 28th July. With the exception of this case the health of your district is very good at present.

AN IMPORTANT WARNING.

In his quarterly report, Dr. Allen said that the season when enteric fever was usually rife was approaching, and, through the Council, he would wish to remind the inhabitants of Leadgate of the advice he tendered last year. Every householder who threw vegetable refuse into the midden in this season was thoughtlessly cultivating a dose of typhoid germs for his own family or his neighbours. One way to prevent that catastrophe was for everyone to consume the vegetable refuse of his own house behind his kitchen fire. In the absence of a public destructor that was the only way to prevent the decomposition of vegetable matter, and to ensure its success the practice must be universal.

The Chairman hoped that the Press would give as much prominence to this as possible.

ARREARS.

It was decided that the Clerk be instructed to write those property-owners who have not yet paid their apportionments for the making of Back Durham Road.

FINANCE.

Cheques for sums amounting to £200 odd were ordered to be signed.

This was all the business of importance, and the Council shortly afterwards rose.

LOCAL PATENT APPLICATIONS.

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

15,562. July 29th, 1899. W. C. Blackett, Sacriston. Improvements in screening coal, coke, and other materials.

WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday evening, in the Board Offices, Whickham, Councillor R. Winship, J.P., presiding. The other members present were—Councillors Wm. Blackbird, G. H. Snowball, Wm. Walls, W. R. Handyside, Geo. Forster, T. Brabban, and R. W. Berkley; Mr. J. Dobson (Deputy-Clerk), Mr. J. McGregor (Surveyor), and Mr. J. Dinsdale (Inspector).

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee reported that after all cheques had been signed there would be a balance at the bank of £261 10s. The rates collected during the month amounted to £422 2s 7d., leaving a sum of £832 3s 6d to be collected.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector reported that on the 3rd of the past month the Medical Officer notified to him a case of scarlatina fever at Beech Grove, Swalwell, also a case of enteric fever, at Dunston. On the previous Saturday a case of scarlatina fever was notified to him in Market Lane, Swalwell. In each of these cases a plentiful supply of disinfectant had been supplied. Mr Charles Slater's surface drainage.—During the past month Mr Slater had laid the necessary metal piping down to the channel to drain the surface water, with the exception of the last house near the stone quarry. This matter was allowed to stand over. Ditch at Crookgate.—The Inspector reported that he had had no further notice with respect to the cleaning out of this ditch. Pump water.—Authority had not yet been given him to take a second sample of water from the village pump at Whickham, for the purpose of analysis. It was decided that the Whickham Committee should attend to this at once. Water supply.—Nothing further had been received in regard to a proper supply of water at Whickham Hill Cottages. This matter was allowed to stand over. Privies and ashpits.—The Inspector reported that the privies and ashpits in the district were in a fairly clean and sanitary condition. Holiday.—Mr Dinsdale made application for his usual fourteen days' holiday, which was granted.

The report was considered satisfactory, and adopted.

KEELMAN'S BRIDGE.

Coun. Blackbird drew the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory condition of the Keelman's Bridge at Swalwell, and urged that the same should be repaired.

It was decided to comply with this request.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. A. D. Attwater) reported that during the past month there had been 11 deaths—one at Whickham, four at Swalwell, two at Marley Hill, and four at Dunston, making a death-rate of 13 per 1,000 per annum. The number of births had been 30—six at Whickham, six at Swalwell, four at Marley Hill, and fourteen at Dunston, which was equivalent to a birth-rate of 35.46 per 1,000 per annum. The report went on to state that three cases of infectious disease had been notified during the past month, viz., case of enteric fever at Chapel Street, Dunston; one of erysipelas at Swalwell; and one of scarlatina in Market Lane, Swalwell. Otherwise the health of the district had been good, and very little sickness prevailed.

DUNSTON STREET PAVING.

The Deputy-Clerk reported that sanction had now been received for the loan in reference to the Dunston Street paving.

It was resolved that tenders should be procured for the carrying out of the work at once.

THE PROPOSED TRAM SERVICE.

The Chairman said that an inquiry had been held that day by the Light Railway Commissioners, in reference to the proposed train service for the district. All the different points that the Council had asked for were granted. Of course, the Light Railway Bill was the title, but the Council had got all the advantages that the Tramways' Act gave. In less than two years he hoped that a tramway service would be established in the district.

MARLEY HILL WATER SUPPLY.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the question of procuring a proper water supply for High Marley Hill and Sandy Gate reported as follows:—The question of a water supply for High Marley Hill and Sandy Gate having been referred to the Marley Hill Committee, we now beg to report as follows:—At High Marley Hill there are five dwelling-houses besides Mr Berkley's house. The present water supply is from two wells—one at a distance of 520 yards is good water, and a sufficient supply. The other at a distance of 210 yards appears to be fairly good water, but is not always sufficient in quantity, and the well is not effectively protected from cattle. As even the nearest well is at a considerable distance we have considered alternative sources, and find that the Consett Water Company have no pipes nearer than their service tank 750 yards off, and at the school-house 410 yards off, and the pressure is not good enough to bring the water to the houses in question unless the pipe is connected to the main before it enters the service tank 750 yards off from the houses. The houses are the property of Lord Strathmore, and are let to Messrs Bowes and Partners, who are willing to lay a branch pipe into each house if the water is brought to the houses. At Sandy Gate there are three dwelling-houses. The present water supply is from a spring 220 yards from the houses. The quality appears good, and the quantity sufficient. The Consett Water Company's pipes are 70 yards from the houses. The houses are the property of Lord Strathmore, and let to Messrs Bowes and Partners, and the occupiers are their employees.

After discussion it was resolved to send a copy of the petition formerly received from the inhabitants, to the Consett Water Company, with a view to having a proper water supply.

This was all the business of note, and the meeting terminated.

THE MUSIC SCHOOL, BLACKHILL.

Annual Examination in Music.

We have much pleasure in publishing the subjoined list of successes gained by the pupils of Miss and Mr. E. J. Sloane, Mus. Bac. T.C.T., Organist and Choirmaster of St. Mary's Church, Blackhill, at the various local Theoretical and Practical Examinations in music held in connection with the London College of Music; the Incorporated Society of Musicians; and the Musical International College, London, at the Blackhill and Newcastle-on-Tyne centres, on July 11th, 12th, 15th, and 19th. The examiners were Dr. E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc. Cantab, Organist of Ripon Cathedral, and A. F. Smith, Esq., Mus. Bac. Cantab., A.R.C.O., Derby (The Incorporated Society of Musicians); Dr. Frederick J. Karn, Mus. Bac. Cantab., and Dr. Charles E. Allum, Mus. Doc. Trinity College, Dublin (The London College of Music); Dr. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc. Trinity University, Toronto (Musical International College, London.)

THEORETICAL EXAMINATION IN MUSIC.
(London College of Music, July 12th.)
Dr. Frederick Karn, Examiner.

SENIOR GRADE.

Master Herbert W. Brown, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside, obtained a First Class Certificate in the Senior Division, and gained 98 marks out of 100.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

Miss Greaves, Bishop Auckland, passed in the First Class Division with 95 marks (maximum 100). Miss Edith A. Potts, Crookhall, Leadgate, gained a First Class Certificate, and obtained 90 marks.

JUNIOR HONOURS GRADE.

Miss Gertie Best, Victoria House, Consett, passed with honours and gained 95 marks out of 100. Master William Ripley, Castleside, passed with honours, obtaining 88 marks (maximum 100).

JUNIOR PASS GRADE.

Miss Marian Gertrude Ramsay, Ivy Cottage, Castleside, obtained a First Class Certificate, and gained 84 marks (maximum 100.)

ELEMENTARY GRADE.

Master George Alfred Rodgerson, Foster Street, Consett, passed in the First-Class Division, obtaining 81 marks; Master Francis McCabe, St. Ives' Road, Leadgate, obtained 79 marks in the Second Class Division; Miss Annie Brown, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside, 77 marks; Miss Josephine Iley, Rowley, Castleside, 74 marks; and Miss Kate Williamson, Durham Road, Leadgate, 67 marks. (Master Ripley—Junior Honours Grade—was prepared by Miss Cornforth, A. Mus., L.C.M., Consett; and Miss Kate Williamson—Elementary Grade—was prepared by Miss A. Robson, Front Street, Leadgate).

PIANOFORTE EXAMINATION, JULY 15TH.
(Dr. Charles E. Allum, Examiner.)

SENIOR DIVISION.

Mr. William J. Ramsden, North View, Hamsterley, Witton-le-Wear, obtained a First Class Senior Certificate, and gained 82 marks.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE.

Master Charles E. Aytnn, Jessamine Cottage, Benfieldside, passed in the First Class Division, with 79 marks.

ELEMENTARY GRADE.

Master John Robert Burnhope, Durham Road, Leadgate, passed with honours, obtaining 92 marks out of 100. Miss Mary Oliver, Hurbuck Farm, Consett, also passed with honours, obtaining 91 marks in 100. Miss Kate Williamson, Durham Road, Leadgate, obtained honours, and gained 86 marks out of 100. Master William Ripley, Castleside, passed in the Second Class Division with 69 marks. (Miss Kate Williamson, and Master Ripley, were prepared by Miss Robson, Leadgate, and Miss Cornforth, A. Mus., L.C.M., Consett).

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS.

Practical Examination held on July 19th, at the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Miss C. Graves, Bishop Auckland, successfully passed in Pianoforte playing (Elementary Grade). Examiners—Dr. E. J. Crow, and A. F. Smith, Esq., Mus. Bac. A.R.C.O.

MUSICAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, LONDON.

Practical examination held on July 11th, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Miss Beatrice Lumley (age 11 years), Durham Road, Leadgate, passed the Primary Pianoforte examination and gained 100 marks—the highest number obtainable. Miss Mary Florence Spark (11 years of age), Dixon Street, Blackhill, also passed the Primary examination in pianoforte playing, and obtained 100 marks, the highest obtainable number. Dr. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc. Trinity University, Toronto, was the examiner.

Upwards of 300 certificates and several Diplomas and United Kingdom Medals have been gained by Miss and Mr. Sloane's pupils.

STANLEY CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CLUBS' SPORTS.

On Saturday last, the Stanley and District Cricket and Football Clubs united for the purpose of holding their first annual sports, and from the success which attended the initial venture, there is every probability of the event becoming one of the most popular fixtures of the year. Committees of the two clubs, headed by their secretaries, Messrs J. Bennett and C. Crute, had drawn up a most attractive programme, and the liberal prizes which were offered were enough to draw large entries for the various events. In fact, so ample and complete were the arrangements that favourable weather alone was necessary to guarantee success. In this respect the promoters of the sports were fortunate, and as a result, the attendance was a large one. The programme included a cricket match between Stanley and Langley Park, which was followed by a trotting handicap, a quarter-mile handicap, and juvenile events, while in the Co-operative Society's field adjoining, a large crowd was attracted by a 120 yards' handicap. For the latter event £15 was offered as first prize, £3 10s as second, £1 as third, and 10/- as fourth. In spite of the fact that a large number of sprinters were seeking honours and prizes at Morpeth and Seaham Harbour, the entries numbered no less than 160. These were divided into 25 heats, and with two or three exceptions each heat was well represented. Mr. J. Charlton, of Victoria Garesfield, drew up the handicap, and also officiated as judge, he had the satisfaction of seeing his calculations work out effectively. Hanson, of Annfield Plain, 22½, broke the tape in the final, after a splendid race with Curry, of Bank Head; Knight, of Blackhill; and Longstaff, of Thornley, who finished in the order named, and all close up. "Grey" of Stanley, secured a popular victory in the quarter-mile event, for which £3 10s was offered as first prize, £1 as second, and 10/- as third. Mr. H. Hutchinson was pistol-firer. Councillor Swinburn ably superintended the arrangements for the trotting handicap, which claimed a large share of attention. Mr. Watson's pair, "Forester" and "Miss Forester," had no trouble in taking first and second, the former getting round in stylish fashion, and being admirably handled by Mr. Joe Watson. The two clubs are to be congratulated on the success of their joint effort, and great credit is due to the committee, the secretaries, and the officials generally, for the capital way in which the programme was carried out. Results:—

120 Yards Foot Handicap.—Winners of heats: —T. Graham, Milkwell Burn, 25 yards; G. Carr, Beamish, 22½; R. Armstrong, Stanley, 21½; J. Knight, Blackhill, 20 (walk over); C. Curry, Stanley, 22½; J. Aylord, Durham, 21½; J. G. Smith, Hamsteels, 23; J. Coxon, Ryhope, 22½; G. Carter, Bedlington, 19½; J. Curry, Bank Head, 22; E. Wandless, Birtley, 23; J. Jones, Blackhill, 23; G. Foster, Jarrow, 17; H. Wood, Blackhill, 19½; G. Nevin, Long Row, 23; W. Hanson, Annfield Plain, 22½; J. Blaylock, Newcastle, 22½; J. Bell, Annfield Plain, 22½; T. Soulsby, Mickley, 22; M. Grey, Stanley, 23; R. Rudd, Jarrow, 20; J. Longstaff, Thornley, 20½; T. Watson, Blackhill, 21½. Winners of ties:—Knight, Curry (Bank Head), Hanson, and Longstaff. Final heat:—Hanson, 1; Curry, 2; Knight, 3; Longstaff, 4. Hanson made the most of his concession and won a splendid race by a few inches from Curry, who just got home in front of Knight, with Longstaff close up.

Quarter Mile Handicap.—Heat 1—R. Pearson, Stoney Head, 36 yards, 1; W. Hall, Benwell, 22, 2; J. W. Tate, Stanley, 25, 3. Heat 2—J. Maughan, Beamish, 32, 1; R. Armstrong, Stanley, 31, 2; J. Barbour, Barlow, 37, 3. Heat 3—G. Davidson, Spen, 33, 1; J. Grey, Stanley, 30, 2; T. Graham, Milkwell Burn, 35, 0; J. Dagmar, Blackhill, 34, 0. Final heat—Grey 1, Hall 2, Pearson 3, Maughan 0, Armstrong 0, Davidson 0. Grey soon had the measure of his opponents and won well.

Trotting Handicap.—Heat 1—Mr Temple's Little Roger, 14.1½ hands, 1; Mr Pearson's Mary, 14, 0; Mr Metcalf's Sandy, 14.1, 0. Heat 2—Mr Watson's Miss Forester, 13.1, 1; Lints Colliery Co.'s Sir Roger, 11.3, 0; Mr. Wadge's Darkie, 13, 0. Heat 3—Mr Watson's Forester, 13.3, 1; Mr Workman's Commercial, 14.1½, 2. Final heat—Forester 1, Miss Forester 2, Little Roger 3. Won very easily, Little Roger being out-classed.

Boys' Race (under 10 years)—Robinson 1, M. Coulson 2, J. Barker 3.

Boys' Race (10 to 13 years)—W. Jobling 1, H. Crozier 2, T. Pratt 3.

Skipping for Girls (10 to 13 years)—J. Harkness 1, A. Potter 2, A. Brown 3.

Skipping (under 10 years)—H. Bates 1, W. English 2, L. Burt 3.

Bowling at the Wickets.—For this event there were 55 entries for two prizes. Ralph Smith secured first and Isaac Harkness second.

Swalwell Band of Hope Gooseberry Show.

The annual gooseberry show held under the auspices of the Swalwell Band of Hope, took place on Saturday in the Board Schools, Swalwell. The exhibits, although they showed a slight decrease, were equal in quality to those of former years, with perhaps the exception of gooseberries, which were a shade less than those placed upon the tables last year. A splendid sample of berries were nevertheless placed on view, and the leading prizes were captured by Mr John Laybourne, of Winlaton Mill, whose berry turned the scales at 24dwt. 13 grs. Mr. Wm. Spoor was second, whilst Mr. George Boe was third. An item which attracted a good deal of attention was a huge stem of rhubarb, which weighed 15lbs., being one of three stems exhibited by Mr E. J. Spencer, and for which he deservedly secured first prize. The cut flowers were particularly good, and constituted a grand display. Roses were fully up to former exhibits, and formed a feature of the show. In the fruit department, competition was as keen as usual, whilst the quality was correspondingly good. The judges were Mr J. Lawson, Gateshead, and Mr L. Richardson, Whickham, whose awards met with approval. During the day a large number of people visited the show. Appended is a list of the awards:—

Heaviest single berry—J. Laybourn, 1; Wm. Spoors, 2; Geo. Boe, 3; Wm. Laybourn, 4; Wm. Billclough, 5; J. Knotts, 6; L. Meeks, 7; T. Ellison, 8; R. Fenwick, 9; Geo. Brooks, 10; R. Shield, 11; J. Laybourn (Whickham), 12; Jas. Massey, 13; T. Jobling, 14; T. Newton, 15; Geo. W. Bennett, 16; J. Mason, 17; G. Dunn, 18; A. Laybourn, 19; C. Laybourn, 20; J. Foster, 21; R. Clark, 22; J. Dobson, 23; T. Gardner, 24; Wm. Blackbird, senr., 25; Jos. Laybourn (Whickham), 26; Thos. Gardner (Swalwell), 27; T. Wright, 28; Jas. Johnson, 29; Wm. Fletcher, 30; Wm. Blackbird, junr., 31; Wm. Lumley, 32; Wm. McGregor, 33; E. J. Spencer, 34.

Best quart gooseberries—Wm. Spoors, 1; Wm. Bennett, 2; Jas. Johnson, 3.

Best pint red currants—Robert Shield, 1; Jas. Johnson, 2.

Best pint white currants—Robert Shield, junr., 1; Jas. Johnson, 2.

Best pint black currants—Jas. Forster, 1; R. Shield, 2.

Best pint rasps—Wm. Scott, 1; Jas. Forster, 2.

Best six kitchen apples—George Dunn, 1; G. W. Bennett, 2.

Heaviest three stalks rhubarb—E. Y. Spencer, 1; Jas. Johnson, 2; Thos. Gardner, 3.

Best three ten weeks stocks—Wm. Spoors, 1; Henry Forster, 2.

Best table bouquet—Thos. Gardner, 1; J. A. Gardner, 2.

Best hand-bouquet—Mrs. Battensby, 1; Wm. Lumley, 2; Wm. Spoors, 3.

Best six roses—Wm. Scott, 1; J. Cawthorn, 2.

Best hand-bouquet (cottagers)—Wm. Spoors, 1; Thos. Gardner, 2; J. Cawthorn, 3.

Best three bottles cut flowers—Wm. Spoors, 1; J. Battensby, 2; J. Cawthorn, 3.

Best six dahlias—J. Cawthorn, 1; Wm Spoor, 2.

Best pot of musk—Hy. Forster, 1; J. Fraser, 2.

Heaviest twin berries—G. W. Bennett, 1; W. Blackbird, 2; Wm. McGregor, 3.

Best greenhouse fuchsia—Thos. Gardner, 1; Jos. S. Gardner, 2.

Best window plant—Thos. Gardner, 1; J. S. Gardner, 2.

Best six asters—J. Cawthorn, 1; Wm. Spoor, 2.

Best six pansies—J. Cawthorn, 1; Thos. Gardner, 2.

Best bouquet of wild flowers—Miss L. Smith, 1; Miss E. Battersby, 2.

Best hardy fern—Mrs Battersby, 1; Thos. Gardner, 2.

Best handwriting (open to boys under 13 years of age, attending Swalwell Schools)—Geo. Smith, 1; Wm. Errington, 2; A. Pearson, 3.

Best handwriting (girls)—Daisy Dryburgh, 1; Ada Morrison, 2; Margaret Harbin, 3.

MATRIMONIAL CASE FROM WHICKHAM.

HE LOVED HER WITH ALL HIS HEART?

SHE OBJECTED TO BE "KISSED AND CUDDLED."

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, before Mr J. G. Hodgson (presiding), and Mr C. B. Palmer, George Lodge was charged with persistent cruelty towards his wife, Margaret Lodge. Both the parties reside at Whickham. Mr Wynn Parry appeared to defend.

The prosecutor stated that her husband on one occasion struck her and knocked her against the bed. About five months ago he seized her by the hair of the head and pulled her down, and he had also taken hold of her by the throat. On a subsequent occasion he blacked her eye and struck at her many a time. In consequence of his treatment towards her she was now afraid to live with him.

Cross-examined by Mr Parry: They had only been married two years. Her sister and husband had been lodging with her. The cause of the dispute between witness and her husband had not been caused through these persons not paying sufficient for their support. Her husband had never complained about her sister and her husband lodging with them. The defendant always turned his money up. He had not said that he was not going to keep her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs Clough. Her husband had not asked her to go and live elsewhere. These people had paid something towards their support. She was now living with her mother at the Felling.

Mrs Clough, a witness for the prosecution, said that she had seen the accused strike his wife. If they wanted to know what caused the dispute it was this. The defendant came into the house and wanted to "Kiss and cuddle" his wife when she stopped him, and he struck at her. Mrs Lodge objected to her husband kissing and cuddling her. The prosecutrix allowed her husband to "cuddle" her once just to please him, and he wanted her to do it again. Mrs Lodge had had many a black eye.

The prosecutor's mother was the next witness. She stated that her daughter had only been married to the defendant for about five weeks when she came home with two black eyes.

Cross-examined by Mr Parry: The defendant came to her house and told her that he loved his wife with all his heart. (Laughter.) Witness told him that he had a queer way of showing his love, and that she would not like her husband to show his love in such a manner.

The Chairman, after a short consultation with his colleagues, said that the Bench had come to the conclusion that there had been no doubt an assault committed, and it was possible that during their married life things had not gone on as they ought to have done. At the same time there had been no evidence produced to show that the defendant had been guilty of persistent cruelty, therefore the case would be dismissed.

The prosecutrix left the Court weeping.

BAZAAR AT CASTLESIDE.

Opened by Coun Wm. Aynsley, J.P., of Consett.

On Wednesday afternoon, the parishioners of Castleside held a bazaar in their school-room in aid of a fund to carry out certain improvements to the Parish Church, including the erection of a screen. The Vicar (Rev. J. Wallis) and his co-workers laboured unceasingly to make the gathering a success. The building was neatly decorated, and the six stalls all being heavily laden with useful and ornamental articles, gave the whole a very unique appearance. The weather was fine, and there was a large and fashionable company present at the opening ceremony, including the Rev. J. Wallis (vicar), Rev. A. Watts, M.A., Witton Gilbert; Rev. J. Ingham, Muggleswick; Rev. George Jepson, Lanchester; Coun. Wm. Aynsley, J.P., Hilcrest, Consett; Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett; Mr. H. Nicholson, Consett Park, and Mr A. Richardson, Rowley (churchwardens); Mr. W. J. Scott, The Sycamores, Rowley; Mrs A. Watts and family, Witton Gilbert; Mrs Geo. Jepson and family, Lanchester; Mr and Mrs J. S. Murray, Blackhill; Mrs and Miss Powell, Consett; Mrs George Ainsworth and Miss Ainsworth, Consett Hall; Mrs Ingham, Muggleswick; Coun. and Mrs George Nicholson, Leadgate; Mr H. Nicholson and family, Consett Park; Miss Oliver, Blanchland; Mr and Mrs T. Duckworth, Castleside; Mr T. C. Elliott, Dene Howl; Mr Edgar Askwith, Consett; Miss Rumford, South Shields; Misses Muse (2), Castleside House; Coun. Joseph Eltringham and the Misses Eltringham, Blackhill; Mrs A. Harrison, Seaham Harbour; Mrs. Murray, Hilcrest; Consett; Mr Thos. Raine, Castleside; Mrs Marshall, Castleside; Mrs Kelsey, Heaton; Mrs Gardner, Seaham Harbour; Miss Nicholson, Newcastle; Mrs Wilkinson, Castleside; and others.

The Vicar, in introducing Coun. Wm. Aynsley to perform the opening ceremony, said he had a very important duty to perform in introducing to them a gentleman from the Consett parish, who was, perhaps, well known to the majority of those present. Mr Aynsley took a great interest in church work, inasmuch as he had been vicar's warden at Consett for a long number of years. (Applause.) He was pleased so many of their friends from a distance had favoured them with their presence that afternoon. The ladies of the parish had worked very hard for some time, and they now saw the result of their efforts. The various stalls looked exceedingly pretty, and he hoped that at the close of the day's sale all the beautiful articles would be sold. The proceeds were in aid of a fund for carrying out certain improvements to the church. He need hardly say how delighted he was to have Coun. Aynsley with them that afternoon. When he went to see Coun. Aynsley about opening the bazaar he rather hesitated at first, because he considered some other person should have the honour. However, when he (the vicar) pointed out to him that it was only right that he should favour the parish, in which he once resided, with his services, he willingly consented to come. It now gave him great pleasure to call on Coun. Aynsley to open the bazaar. (Applause.)

Coun. Aynsley, who was well received, said he thought in the first place a little explanation was required as to why he was filling the position of opening the bazaar. In his opinion the honour ought to have been left in the hands of some lady. He had attended a great many bazaars during his life, and he had always noticed how well ladies could fill that important function, because he contended they were more fitted for it. (Hear, hear.) Another reason why some lady should have performed the opening was because the bazaar was promoted by ladies. As he looked round that room he could not help but admire their handiwork, and it was only right that some lady should have had the honour. However, it was left with the vicar to explain how he had failed to secure the services of some lady in the district, although he was given to understand that he asked two, but could not obtain their consent. He was afraid, seeing that their worthy vicar was a bachelor, he did not approach the ladies in the right way. (Laughter.) Well, that would hardly apply, seeing the number of lady workers he (the vicar) had connected with his church. He could only hope that the next time they had a bazaar, Mr. Wallis would be more successful in this direction. As a parishioner belonging to the adjoining parish he took it as a great honour in being asked to perform the opening ceremony. Their vicar was to be congratulated on having such a large number of energetic workers in his parish. The various stall were heavily laden with a nice lot of articles, and no doubt the promotion of that bazaar had caused the stall-holders a great deal of anxiety and labour. He trusted that their efforts would be amply repaid by a magnificent sum being raised, which he was informed it was their intention to devote in carrying out certain improvements in their church. When he resided in the parish he frequently attended their church, which he considered to be a most perfect one, and did not require a great deal in the way of improvements. He noticed they had got amongst them several ladies who were formerly connected with the Consett church, where they were recognised to be a go-ahead lot. They had at the Consett church a screen, and he understood it was their intention to follow the example of the Consett people, and likewise have a screen for their church. He wished them every success, and it gave him great pleasure to declare the bazaar open. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. J. Wallis moved a vote of thanks to Coun. Aynsley for opening the bazaar.

This was seconded by Mr. H. Nicholson, who said he was pleased to see Coun. Aynsley amongst them that afternoon, and to give his support to the cause they all had at heart.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Coun. Aynsley briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Mr. W. J. Scott proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all the workers for their services. He said he could not refrain from mentioning the name of Mrs. Nicholson, who had done a lot of hard work, especially in connection with the waxworks exhibition.

This was seconded by Mr. H. Nicholson, and carried.

The sales were afterwards proceeded with, and the stall-holders very soon began to be busy. The ladies in attendance at the stall were as follows:—

Fancy and drapery stalls.—Mrs. H. Nicholson, Mrs. C. Almond, Mrs. E. Lee, Mrs. P. Bates, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. Thos. Wilkinson, and Miss Scott.

China Stall.—Miss Harrison and Mrs. Gardner.

Refreshment and confectionery stall.—Misses Nicholson.

Flower stall.—Miss Matthews.

A capital tea was provided in a large marquee erected in the grounds adjoining the school-room, and was well patronised. The tables were presided over by the following ladies:—Mrs. W. Ripley, Mrs. W. Pearson, Mrs. S. Davison, Mrs. Brownlee, Miss Yates, and Misses S. J. and G. Milner. During the afternoon and evening, songs, duets, and pianoforte selections were given by the following artistes:—Miss Rumford, Misses Nicholson (2), Miss Matthews, (Consett Park), Miss Stoker (Rowley), Miss Yates, (Castleside), Miss Powell (Consett), Mr. Judge (Shotley Bridge), and Mr. J. Symington (Consett). The accompanist was Geo. A. Williams (Consett). This part of the programme was entrusted to Mr. T. Wilkinson.

In the Vicarage Grounds a splendid programme of music was rendered by the Consett Amateur Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Geo. A. Williams. There were other attractions, including an exhibition of tableaux vivants, modelled by Mrs. Nicholson, and under the management of "Professor Show-em-off, F.R.A.S." The following characters were pourtrayed:—"Over the garden wall," "The fortune-tellers," "The dancing girl," "Three little girls from school," "Cherry ripe," "The rose queen," "Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup," "The warrior's return," "Three old maids of Lee," "A vain endeavour," "School for scandal," "How happy could I be with either," "The midnight son," and "Patience on a monument smiling at grief." In a small tent palmistry was foretold by "Senora S. Millthorp," who did a good business during the afternoon and evening. A social was also held in the large marquee in the evening, and was well attended. The music was supplied by the Consett Amateur Orchestra. The M.C.'s were Messrs Yates and Bates. The stage manager and decorator was Mr. Milner. Amongst those whom we noticed taking a prominent part in carrying out the various arrangements were:—Messrs W. J. Scott, A. Richardson, H. Nicholson, Brownlee, W. Ripley, T. Wilkinson, Lee, Bates, J. Ripley, and others. For the bazaar a large box of toys was forwarded by Mr. Harry Watts, of London. A telegram was also received from Mr. Dixon, of London, wishing the bazaar every success. The day's proceedings realised a handsome sum.

Gooseberry Show at Swalwell.

The annual gooseberry show, promoted by Mrs. Isabella Danby, of the Highlander Hotel, Swalwell, was held on Saturday. The entries this year outnumbered those of former years, but the gooseberries exhibited showed a slight deficiency in size. Cut flowers constituted a magnificent display, and the roses were an attractive lot. The judges were Mr. George Dunn and Mr. A. Laybourn, whose awards gave satisfaction. Appended is a list of the awards:—

Heaviest single berry—Geo. Boe, 1; J. Knotts, 2; T. Ellison, 3; J. Laybourn, 4; Wm. Bilclough, 5; Robt. Brooks, 6; Maxwell Massey, 7; Wm. Laybourn, 8; T. R. Knotts, 9; Jas. Hunter, 10; Robt. Shield, 11; Jas. Massey, 12; Geo. Vinton, 13; Hy. Harm, 14; J. Mitchison, 15; Ridley Batey, 16; Geo. Hutton, 17; Jos. Gardner, 18; Thos. Gardner, 19; Thos. Ellison, 20; J. Laybourn, 21; T. Newton, 22; Geo. Dunn, 23; J. Brown, 24; R. Harbottle, 25; Wm. Blackbird, sen., 26; Geo. Bennett, 27; R. Clark, 28; T. Jobling, 29; A. Laybourn, 30; T. Battensby, 31; Jas. Smalles, 32; J. Laybourn, 33; J. H. Danby, 34; Geo. Clark, 35; Geo. Brooks, 36; Wm. Colling, 37; Jas. Grandleworth, 38; Jas. Johnston, 39; Wm. Harm, 40; Geo. Cornish, 41; Wm. Lee, 42; Jos. Briggs, 43; Wm. Blackbird, jun., 44; Edward Taylor, 45; R. Shield, 46; C. Norvell, 47; Jas. Oxley, 48.

Heaviest twin berries—Thos. Ellison, 1; Thos. Battensby, 2; Geo. Boe, 3.

Best hand bouquet—Jos. Laybourn, 1; Jno. Brown, 2; Jos. Smiles, 3.

Best 3 bottles cut flowers—J. Brown 1; R. Laybourn, 2; Geo. Cornish, 3.

Best pint rasps—Ridley Batey, 1; Maxwell Massey, 2; Thos. Newton, 3.

Best six roses—Jos Gardner, 1; Ridley Batey, 2; Thos. Gardner, 3.

INTERESTING MARRIAGE AT MEDOMSLEY.

A wedding that created a great deal of interest in the usually quiet little village of Medomsley was solemnised at the Parish Church on Monday last. The contracting parties were Mr Geo. Surtees, second son of the late Mr William Surtees and Mrs Surtees, of Benfieldside, and Miss Elizabeth Jane Calvert, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Calvert, of Medomsley. The bride's parents have carried on a prosperous business in the village for a large number of years, and are held in the highest esteem by a considerable circle of friends, whilst the bride herself is a great favourite with all classes by reason of her amicable and courteous disposition. The officiating clergyman was the Rev W. Cockin, M.A. (vicar of Medomsley.) The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress of French grey veil, with lace trimmings, and white hat to match. The bridesmaids were Miss S. Calvert (sister of the bride) and Miss L. Surtees (sister of the bridegroom), who wore white muslin dresses with hats to match. They also carried (as did the bride) handsome bouquets, the gift of the bridegroom. The "best man" was Mr Geo. P. Stephenson, of Blackhill, whilst Mr W. Surtees (brother of the bridegroom) acted as groomsman. Mr G. B. Morris, of Medomsley, presided at the organ, and played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the church. A large number of the villagers assembled in the sacred edifice to witness the ceremony, at the conclusion of which the bridal party and several friends returned to the residence of the bride's parents, where a "recherche" repast was in readiness for them. This having been thoroughly appreciated, the Rev W. Cockin, in the course of an eloquent address, referred to the many good qualities of the bride, and to the exemplary manner in which she had conducted herself in their midst. He trusted that all success would attend the newly-wedded pair. Mr. G. Surtees suitably replied, thanking the vicar for his kind wishes. Mr G. P. Stephenson proposed the health of Mr and Mrs G. Surtees, and was supported by Mr J. F. Thompson and Mr G. E. Milburn. A reception was held in the evening, and an enjoyable time was spent in singing, dancing, games, &c. During the day Mr and Mrs Surtees left for Edinburgh to spend the honeymoon. The presents were numerous and costly. Amongst the invited guests were the following, nearly all of whom were present:—The Rev W. and Mrs Cockin, Medomsley; Mr and Mrs Joseph Calvert (uncle and aunt), Sedgefield; Miss Calvert (cousin), Sedgefield; Mr and Mrs Ralph Calvert (uncle and aunt), Leadgate; Mr T. Calvert (cousin), Blaydon; Mr and Mrs John Calvert (uncle and aunt), Stanley; Miss Calvert (cousin), Stanley; Mrs Clark (aunt) and Miss Clark (cousin), Gateshead; Mrs Clarkson and Miss Clark, Gateshead; Mrs Surtees (mother of bridegroom) and family, Benfieldside; Mr and Mrs Jacob Walton, Medomsley; Mr and Mrs John Hunter, Town Farm, Medomsley; Miss I. Walton, North View, Medomsley; Mr and Mrs G. E. Milburn, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thompson, Medomsley; Mr and Mrs R. Moffitt, Medomsley; Mr and Mrs John Hunter, Grange Farm, Medomsley; Miss R. Moffitt, Medomsley; Mrs. Golightly, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. T. Burdon, Medomsley; Miss Simpson, Westwood; Mr and Mrs J. R. Lowes, Consett; Mr M. T. Milburn, Medomsley; Mr Jos. Beck (uncle), Medomsley; Miss Bowman, Medomsley; Mr. G. B. Morris, Medomsley; Mr and Mrs E. Proud, Shotley Bridge; Mr W. Hurst, Medomsley; and others.

CHESTER-LE-STREET P.M. CIRCUIT.

On Saturday last the 25th annual circuit tea and camp meeting was held in the P.M. Church, Chester-le-Street. During the afternoon a sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. R. de Winter, of Hetton, and this was followed by a public tea in the school room. The chief event was the reception of the new ministers—the Rev. A. J. Campbell and the Rev. T. Fawcett—which took place in the evening in the P. M. Church, Mr T. Telford occupying the chair. Short speeches welcoming the new ministers to the Chester-le-Street circuit were given by the Rev. W. R. de Winter and Messrs J. Smith, Birtley, and J. Simpson, Waldridge Fell. The Rev. T. Fawcett, in replying, said he stood before them that night in an altogether new position; it was quite a new experience for him. He was not going to enter into the work before him blindly; he did not want to go about feeling that the work he had to do was planned for him. He wanted to put his heart into the work. They heard a great deal of talk about the dignity of the ministers. A minister was never so dignified as when he was doing God's work. (Applause.) He congratulated them upon their circuit and himself upon being appointed to such a splendid station. He thanked them for the hearty reception they had accorded him. (Applause.—The Rev. A. J. Campbell, the new superintendent of the circuit, said that although he was not quite at home among them yet he was doing his best to make himself at home. He had been six years at the last circuit he was at, and, if he possibly could, he would stop at Chester-le-Street ten years. (Applause.) He would always do his best for them. They should always follow that old, worn path, prayer. He was glad to have Mr Fawcett as his colleague. He was very glad to be among them. He felt that his ministry would be blessed with prayers. (Applause.)—A hymn was then sung and the meeting shortly after concluded.

CYCLING NOTES.

The Wednesday section of the Dipton and District Cycling Club had their fortnightly run to Chester-le-Street on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Some fifteen cyclists met at headquarters, and after a pleasant spin arrived at the terminus of the journey. For recreation and a change some took to rowing on the river—at least attempted to do so. One party got fairly well away, but did not see that there were several men bathing here and there, and ran over one chap who swore he would capsize the boat when it returned. True to his word, he looked out for our heroes, who managed to persuade him that he had made a mistake in his identity of the rascals who sent their boat over him. Whether he carried out his foul purpose with the next set of passengers who passed him I cannot tell, for once my mischievous young friends had passed him they skedaddled to land as quickly as possible. This little incident quite suited "Dada," who looked upon the doings of his clever children with a high degree of delight.

About eleven o'clock on Sunday night a bicycle accident occurred at Swalwell by which a man named Mason, an employe of the Whickham Council, residing at Dunston Hill, was severely injured. At the time stated a cyclist was proceeding down what is known as Garden House Bank, near Swalwell, when he ran into Mason. The cyclist was thrown from his machine and received a severe cut on the chin. Mason was knocked violently to the ground, the machine striking him in the stomach. He could not rise, and had to be carried to the residence of Mr. Teasdale, Garden House Farm, where he was attended to by Mr. Kindred and others. Dr. Forster was sent for, and arrived shortly before twelve o'clock. It was then found that Mason was suffering severely from shock, besides being injured about the stomach and cut about the face. The cyclist's injuries were also attended to. Mason was unconscious for about an hour.

It afterwards transpired that the cyclist concerned in the accident above referred to was Mr Thomas Borthwick, of Crookhall, who was able to proceed to his home on Monday morning. The man Mason was also sufficiently recovered to allow of him being removed to his home at Dunston Hill.

Respecting the trip of Mr G. Teasdale and party, mentioned in last week's issue, I understand that Mr S. Freick acted as pacemaker, and that he cut out the work in rare style. In fact, were he hard up for a job it is every way likely that he could make a good living as one of the Dunlop pacers. Steve sets his mates a rare pace—so much so, as a matter of fact, that I am informed that at times the small distance of ten miles separated various members of the party. However, they all finished up together.

BIRTLEY PARISH CHURCH JUBILEE.

On the 17th of June last, Mrs Sheppee, wife of Col. Sheppee, of Birtley, opened a bazaar in the Mission Hall, Birtley, in aid of the funds for providing a new organ for the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist. It was at that time stated by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Yeld, M.A., that the new organ was being built by Messrs Blackett and Howden, of Newcastle, at a cost of between £400 and £500, towards which a considerable sum had already been obtained. The desire of the Church workers was that the opening of the new organ should be co-incident with the celebration of the jubilee of the Church, which would occur on the 9th of August, the edifice having been consecrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Maltby, Bishop of Durham, on the 9th of August, 1849. The site was marked out on the 24th of April, 1848, and the work of erection was commenced on the 15th of May of the same year, the cost of the building, about £4,000, being raised by public subscription. In the year 1887 a further expenditure of £1,500 was incurred, it being found necessary to add transepts of new vestries. The Rev. F. W. Bewsher was appointed to the Vicarage on the 8th February, 1850, and on his death in 1881, he was succeeded by the Rev. Guest Williams, who, in turn, was succeeded in 1889 by the Rev. R. H. Yeld, the present vicar, who is assisted by the Rev. A. G. Baldwin, B.A. The old organ, which has been removed after fifty years' service, was presented to the Church by Mr Warwick, of Birtley Spring. The new instrument, a very handsome one, has nine stops on the grand organ, eight on the swell, three on the pedals, three couplers and accessories. The great organ comprises manual compass C.C. to G., open diapason 8 feet, salicional 8 feet, Hohl flute 8, harmonic flute 8, principal 4, octave quint 22, super octave 2, trumpet 8, clarionet 8; swell, Bourdon 16, open diapason 8, Viol de Gamba 8, Voix Celeste 8, Rohr flute 8, Gemshorn 4, horn 8, oboe 8, tremulant; pedal organ, open diapason 16, bourdon 16, violincello 8; couplers, swell to great, great to pedal, swell to pedal; three compositions to great, three compositions to small, pneumatic action to pedals. All the pipes are of best spotted metal, those in front being on an oak cove. It was arranged that the dedication ceremony was to have been performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Sandford, D.D., but owing to a family bereavement his place had to be taken by the Rev. Canon Body. Holy Communion was celebrated in the morning, and in the afternoon a special choral service was held, at which there was a large congregation. The hymn, "Oh God, our help in ages past," was sung as a processional, and at the close Canon Body, standing in the chancel, dedicated the organ in commemoration of the Jubilee of the church, to the glory and service of God, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Ordinary evensong was then proceeded with, the lessons being read by the Rev. A. G. Baldwin, curate, and the Rev. E. J. Day, vicar of Newbottle. Prior to the anthem, "Oh, how amiable are they dwellings" (Pattison) being sung.

The Vicar said that Bishop Sandford desired him to express his great regret that he was not able to be with them that afternoon owing to a very severe domestic bereavement. He (the vicar) was sure their hearts would go out to the Bishop in his great sorrow. He was glad to be able to announce that when Canon Body dedicated the organ that afternoon it was absolutely free from debt, thanks to the generosity of their friends in Birtley. The offertories that day would be devoted to the erection of a screen, and to the providing of other requirements of the Church.

Canon Body prefaced his address from the pulpit by saying it was with very mingled feelings he came before them that afternoon. It was always a pleasure to him to come to Birtley. For many years now his interest in it had been very deep and sustained, and on an occasion like that, when they were gathered together to celebrate the jubilee of the consecration of their parish church, it was a joy to be able to be with them. Yet there was nothing ever quite perfect here on earth. Something came to mar the joy of the gladdest day. They had been already told of the reason of the absence of Bishop Sandford. He was suffering perhaps the very severest of domestic afflictions, or almost so. No words of his were needed to say how during many years of loving and faithful ministry in the diocese Dr. Sandford had entwined himself around the hearts of clergy and laity, rich and poor. He was quite certain that in all the joy of that day they would not be so selfish as to forget the Bishop, but that they would pray that he and his family might be comforted with that consolation wherewith God comforted his people in their hour of affliction. That day to them was one of very special interest. Fifty years ago, as on that 9th day of August, that Church of God was dedicated to His service. From that day to this its courts had rung continually with His praise, and it had been an instance of His wonderful workings upon the minds and hearts, and wills of man. He asked them to thank God for his blessings in their midst during those fifty years. He then delivered a homily on the Psalm beginning "Oh, how amiable are Thy dwellings."

The service was concluded by the singing of a hymn, and the "Te Deum," followed by the benediction. Mr Martin Pringle, organist of the Church, presided at the new instrument.

After the service a tea was held in the Church Institute, when a large number sat down to tables given by the following ladies:—Miss Anderson, Mrs Bain, Mrs R. Brown, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Newall, Mrs W. J. Richardson, Mrs C. Robson, Mrs A. Smith, Mrs D. Wilson, Mrs R. K. Wilson, Mrs Auton, Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Ironsides, Mrs Macgregor, Mrs T. Richardson, Mrs Rippon, Mrs Sheppee, Mrs Stoker, Mrs R. Wilson, and Mrs Yeld.

After the tea a garden party, kindly given by Col. and Mrs. Sheppee was held in the grounds of Birtley House, when the large company which had assembled were treated to an ably performed programme by the Wellesley Training Ship Band, under the leadership of Mr J. Shutt, late bandmaster of the Royal Scots. Fortunately the weather, which had been threatening earlier on, broke out fine, and enabled the visitors to thoroughly enjoy themselves. At eight o'clock there was another large gathering in the Church to hear an organ recital by Mr F. S. Newall, who demonstrated the beauties of the organ in the performance of the following programme:—March in Scipio, Handel; Andante, Alex. Guilmant; selection from Mendelssohn; selections, Merkel; selections, Handel; two preludes, Henry Smart; Andante Pastorale, C. E. Stephens; Noels, Alex. Guilmant; "The Lost Chord," Sullivan; "War March in Athalie," Mendelssohn. During an interval the Vicar sang "The Lost Chord" with much effect. A collection was taken during the recital.

Death of Mr. Thomas Watson Dobson, of Consett.

On Monday, the death took place of Mr. Thomas Watson Dobson, of Front Street, Consett. Deceased, who was in his 69th year, was a native of Bolihope (Weardale), and was the eldest son of the late Mr. T. Dobson, farmer. Deceased being one of this old Weardale family was well-known, especially throughout North-West Durham. In his early days Mr. Dobson followed the occupation of an agriculturalist and a quarryman. From Frosterley Mr. Dobson removed to Sunniside Farm, near Wolsingham, where he resided for five years. For a number of years Mr. Dobson farmed successfully Square House and Greenwell Farms, belonging to the late Mr. Matthew Kearney, of the Ford, Lanchester. When Mr. Dobson left these farms he took up his residence at Langley Park, and commenced business as a butcher, which he carried on for four years. About 25 years ago Mr. Dobson came to Consett, and started business as a contractor. For a period of 20 years, and up to the time of his death he held the contract for executing the cartage for the Consett Waterworks Company. Deceased carried out many important contracts in the way of making new streets in the district. He also did a great amount of contract work for the Consett Iron Company. Deceased, who appeared to possess a robust constitution, and did not know what it was to have a day's illness until during the last three years, was most industrious. It was not till last Thursday that deceased was practically confined to his bed, when his medical adviser was called in, who held out very little hopes from the first of his recovery. Mr. Dobson was well respected by the people of the district. He was a Conservative in politics, and a member of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society. Mrs. Dobson predeceased her husband about a year ago, and there now remains a grown-up family of three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral takes place this (Thursday) afternoon.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

OPEN BOAT HANDICAP.—On Monday evening last, the "Jacob Hall" Challenge Cup was rowed for on the River Wear at Chester-le-Street, before a large number of spectators. There were six heats in the first round, but none of the heats provided any excitement, the quality of the racing being very moderate. The results were as follows:—First round, heat 1, W. Grieveson, 33 seconds start, 1; W. Armstrong, 11 seconds start, 2; won by two lengths.—Heat 2, J. Bankhead, 28 seconds, 1; J. Thompson, 25 seconds, 2; won easily.—Heat 3, C. Smith, 12 seconds, 1; W. Beaty, 15 seconds, 2; won on a foul.—Heat 4, P. Waugh, scratch, 1; J. Daley, 21 seconds, 2; won easily.—Heat 5, G. Smith, 2 seconds, had a row over.—Heat 6, J. Selkirk, 14 seconds, 1; T. Andrews, 10 seconds, 2; won easily.—Second round, heat 1, J. Bankhead 28 seconds, 1; W. Grieveson, 33 seconds, 2; won easily.—Heat 2, G. Smith, 2 seconds, 1; P. Waugh, scratch, 2.—Heat 3, C. Smith, 12 seconds, 1; J. Selkirk, 14 seconds, 2. Selkirk gave up before the winning post was reached.—The final was rowed on Wednesday night. Result as follows:—J. Bankhead 1; G. Smith, 2. Won by five lengths.

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Victoria Theatre, West Stanley.

During the vacation, which closes this week, Mr Mark H. Lindon, the popular lessee and manager of the Victoria Theatre, West Stanley, has had his house set in order, and for its size it is now one of the most comfortable places of amusement in the North of England. Neither expense nor trouble has been spared in thoroughly renovating and adorning the interior, and patrons on Monday night will see at a glance that from floor to ceiling the decorator's artistic touch has been at work. The seating in all parts of the house has been greatly improved and cannot fail to be more comfortable and more convenient to large audiences. The plush seats in the circle have been re-covered and the seating accommodation behind desirably enhanced. At the rear of the circle an extra gas jet has been fixed and this will at once remove what many have regarded as a grievance. The walls have been coloured, papered, and varnished, and the varnishing of the whole of the furnishings give a bright, sweet, and pleasing aspect to the auditorium. A fine border sets off the proscenium in a most effective manner, and gives a charming tone to the whole of the interior. Mr Lindon has also given attention to the entrances, exits, and dressing rooms, and he is having the bar attached to the theatre elaborately decorated with mirrors, sketches, and photographs. A few alterations have also enabled him to secure more storage room, and thus he has shown consideration all round. A capital beginning is to be made on Monday night when Messrs Pettitt and Grundy's powerful drama, "The Union Jack," is to be produced under the direction of Mr Henry L. Osmond, who will himself take the part of "Jack Medway." The drama, which is in five acts, is one of the many successes of the able collaborateurs and should be a great draw during the week. Mr Lindon, it may be mentioned, has made arrangements with most of the best touring companies and every date for the ensuing season is filled up. The Christmas productions this year will be "Sindbad the Sailor."

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

CURRY—BURNLEE.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, Hetton-le-Hole, on the 31st July, by the Rev. J. A. D. J. Macdonald, assisted by the Rev. F. S. Chesters, John Parkinson Curry, of Jarrow-on-Tyne, to Annie Blackett Burnlee, of Hetton-le-Hole.

KIRTLAN—WOOD.—Stephen's Green Methodist Church, Dublin, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. J. D. Lamont, Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan, B.A., B.D., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Saidee Wood, R.I.A.M., sixth daughter of the late Rev. Charles Wood.

SMITH—HULL.—At St. Columba's Church, Gateshead, on August 5th, by the Rev. J. Short, Robert Leigh Hunt Smith, to Emily Hull, both of Gateshead.

SURTEES—CALVERT.—At Medomsley Parish Church, by the Rev. Wm. Cockin, vicar, on the 7th inst., George, son of the late Wm. Surtees, Benfieldside, to Elizabeth Jane (Jenny), eldest daughter of Thomas Calvert, Medomsley.

Deaths.

ANDERSON.—High Howlett, Pelton Fell, 6th inst., aged 28 years, John William, son of Robert and Jane Anderson.

ATKINSON.—At 63, Bishopthorpe Road, York, on the 6th inst., the Rev. John Atkinson, an ex-President of the Primitive Methodist Connexion.

BROWN.—At Stanhope, on the 6th inst., Ann, widow of the late Thos. Brown, aged 73.

BEATTIE.—At the Infirmary, Sunderland, on the 3rd inst., (suddenly), aged 58, Elizabeth, wife of Richard Beattie, of 30, James Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

BLENKINSOP.—South Shields, at 63, Broughton Road, on the 7th inst., John Blenkinsop, husband of Agnes Blenkinsop, and son of Mary and the late John Blenkinsop, tobacconist, of Gateshead.

CHEESMAN.—Whickham, 7th inst., in her 53rd year, Jane, wife of William Cheesman.

CROOKS.—On the 5th inst., at Catton, aged 16 years, Eleanor, third daughter of William Crooks, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

DOBSON.—Consett, 66, Front Street, 7th inst., aged 67 years, Thomas Watson Dobson.

DUNBAR.—Colliery Inn, Chester South Moor, August 3rd, aged 22 years and 10 months, John William Dunbar, son of Peter and Ann Dunbar.

HARDY.—Prudhoe Station, 7th inst., aged 54 years, Joseph, husband of Mary Hardy, late of Nenthead, Alston.

McCANNA.—Friarside, 7th inst., aged 6 years and 10 months, Thomas, son of John and Hannah McCanna.

HERRON.—Tantobie, 1st inst., aged 52, Jane, the beloved wife of John Herron. Interment at Tanfield, Friday; lift 4 p.m. All friends kindly invited.

PRINGLE.—Triune Cottages, Birtley, Durham, August 2nd, aged 70, Elizabeth Joyce, wife of George Pringle.

REED.—Fishburn, at Bridge House, 2nd inst., Lionel Reed, late of Dove Cote Farm.

RIXHAM.—Winlaton, 29, Front Street, on the 5th inst., Thomas Rixham, aged 81 years, late sergeant 50th Queen's Own Regiment.

ROBINSON.—Leadgate, 3o7, Tin Street, on the 8th inst., aged 39 years, Mary Ann, beloved wife of Geo. Robinson. Interment at St. Ive's, on Friday; to lift at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

SCOTT.—At the residence of her son-in-law, West View, Evenwood, 4th inst., aged 62 years, Mary, wife of Thomas Scott, late of the Clippers' Inn, Chester-le-Street.

SIMPSON.—Victoria Terrace, Catchgate, on the 9th inst., aged 73 years, Mary, widow of the late John Simpson, of Iveston. Interment at Harelaw, on Saturday, at four p.m. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

In Loving Memory of our mother, Jane Hobday, who departed this life August 12th, 1898, aged 70 years. Loved in life and, remembered in death by her family. J. T.

In Loving Memory of Margaret Jane, the dearly beloved daughter of the late William and Mary Armstrong, late of South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton, who died, August 5th, 1898, aged 20 years. Ever remembered by her brothers and sister.
"Thy will be done."

In Affectionate Remembrance of Jenny, the dearly beloved wife of Sergeant John Brown, of County Buildings, Durham, and eldest daughter of Mr. G. Scott, Springwell House, who departed this life August 7th, 1898, aged 34 years and 10 months, and was interred at St. Oswald's, Durham.

Weep not for me my friends so dear,
I am not dead, but sleeping here;
My race is run, my grave you see,
Prepare yourselves to follow me.
We miss her kind and willing hand,
Her fond and earnest care;
And, oh, how dark is life around us—
What is home without thee?
Ever Remembered.

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