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

DIPTON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The general topic at Dipton is the coming School Board Election. It is rumoured that there are about fifteen candidates already in the field to fill the five vacancies that will occur. It is causing a great amount of interest and speculation, as some of them have started to canvass.

Miners of Dipton and district, this election belongs to you, band yourselves together, choose your own candidates, and put them in. Do not let any flunkeyism exist amongst you. It is stated that we are to be crowded out with colliery viewers and overmen, but I must trust to the sensibility of the miners themselves to put the drag in.

At the last election, addresses were issued to the effect that all the Board meetings should be published, and a reporter present. Has this been done? How much farther are the public learned in School Board matters now than they were three years ago? I would like some of the miners to answer these questions, and ask them to be more upon their guard in the coming election.

A MINER.

August 14th, 1893.

[It is not the fault of the Members of the present School Board that their proceedings have not been reported. The meetings, unfortunately, fall on days when other important meetings are held, in consequence of which our reporters are unable to attend —Ed., C.G.]

SMALL-POX AT THE SPEN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Kindly permit me to trespass on your space by correcting a mistake made in my letter of last week, re Inspector's name. I ought to have wrote Young, instead of Graham. I am happy to inform you, sir, that the hospital is now in use for the reception of small-pox patients. I am glad to inform you that no more cases have occurred since last week, and if people are cautious with regard to their water-closets, and their surroundings, there is not the least doubt but that the small-pox will be stamped out of this place. I am told that the people at Ramsay's Houses keep their fowls in their coal houses. I hope that those who keep their fowls in their coal houses, will take my advice, and have their pens put up at a reasonable distance from their dwellings.

Sir, I am told that there are some very savage dogs kept at the High Spen. A young man named Robert Leyburne has been severely bitten during last week. He had to go to the doctor and have it dressed. The dog in question belongs to one of the workmen, who insists upon keeping it. The father of the young man is in a sad way about him.

PAUL PRY.

Sporting Items.

PIGEON FLYING AT HIGH SPEN.—A good muster of spectators assembled at the High Spen to witness the decision of a pigeon flying match between James Leybourne's Slow Tommy and Thos Laing's Ostrich, for £5, from Coal Burns to the Spen, a distance of over a mile. James Leybourne's bird won by five seconds. Mr J Cookey, of the Spen, was starter, and John Greener referee and stakeholder.

WRESTLING AT STANHOPE.—This event took place at Stanhope Flower Show on Saturday. Results:—Joseph Wearmouth threw George Allison; Thomas Walton threw C Allison; J Walton odd man. In the second round, J Wearmouth threw T Walton; whilst Wearmouth, in the final falls, threw J Walton in the second and third falls, and won, claiming the cup. The Society offered a £5 5s silver cup, to be competed for in 1889, the conditions being that it had to be won three years in succession. Wearmouth won it in 1889, Joseph Walton in 1890, Wearmouth in 1891. No show or sports were held in 1892; and Wearmouth won it this year, as above stated. Having held it three years, we understand his claim will go before the committee. For 9½st. wrestling, John Nicholson was first, A Sanderson second, and T. Heatherington third.

ANNFIELD PLAIN ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The members of the Annfield Plain Athletic Company held their third annual gala and sports on Saturday afternoon, in a field granted for the occasion by Mr Joseph Lumley, of the Railway Inn, Annfield Plain. The weather was delightfully fine, and although Shotley Bridge Flower Show was taking place in the immediate neighbourhood, about 1,000 persons patronised the fixture. The South Derwent Prize Brass Band, under the able leadership of Mr Thomas Snowdon, played a capital selection of music. Mr Henry Bates, of West Kyo, the secretary, carried out all the arrangements, and the proceedings concluded with the customary ball. The sports, though not of exceptional merit, were of an interesting character, the sprinting being especially good. Details:—£15 120 Yards Footrace Handicap, 61 entries.—Heat 1—F Hall, Cutlers' Hall, 20 yards, 1; Wm Turnbull, Crookgate, 23, 2; G Mudd, West Stanley, 21, 3; J Gray, Iveston, 22, 4; Ovington, West Stanley, 21½, 5. Won by a foot. Heat 2—W McKenny, Westwood, 19, 1; O Keenan, Marley Hill, 21, 2; J Lackey, Cornsay Colliery, 20½, 3; J Armstrong, West Stanley, 20½, 4; J Buckley, Waskerley, 21½, 0. Won easily. Heat 3—W Davison, Moor Pit, 22, w.o. Heat 4—J Leslie, Consett, 20½, w.o. Heat 5—M Dixon, Pelton Fell, 19½, 1; T Smith, Burnhope, 22, 2; J Walker (aged 16 years), West Kyo, 22, 3; W Elsdon, Blaydon, 18½, 0; J Schofield, Durham, 16, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 6—J Walker, Annfield Plain, 20½, 1; A Coulthard, Byer Moor, 19, 2; T Mitchell, Felling, 18, 0; W Hanson Iveston, 17, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 7—G Greenthwaite, Pelton Fell, 20½, 1; J Wallace, Burnhope, 17, 2; C. Oliver, Winlaton, 18½, 3; J Railton, Newburn, 19, 4. Won by a foot. Heat 8—J Dennison, West Stanley, 17½ 1; H Hunter, Greencroft, 22, 2; P Mulholland, Westwood, 21, 3; J Black, Leadgate, 20, 4. Won by a foot. Heat 9—G Nicholson, West Stanley, 22, 1; W Harris, Consett, 21, 2; R Hodgson, Burnopfield, 23, 0; W Maley, Consett, 19, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 10—J. Andrews, Gateshead, 19, w.o. Heat 11—F Barrett, Annfield Plain, 22, w.o. Heat 12—J Masterman, West Stanley, 19, 1; W Reed, Byer Moor, 23, 2; J Dwyer, South Shields, 19½ 0; W Batey, Tow Law, 16, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 13—J W Robson, South Pontop, 19½ w.o. Heat 14—P Ryan, Consett, 19½, 1; Joe Humphrey, Gateshead, 22½, 2; W Thirlaway, Barcus Close, 23, 3; J Haggerstone, Leadgate, 21, 4. Won easily. Second round. — Heat 1 — Hall, 1; Leslie, 2; McKenny, 3; Davison, 4. Won by a foot. Heat 2—Walker, 1; Greenthwaite, 2; Dennison, 3; Dixon, 4. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 3—Andrews, 1; Nicholson, 2; Barrett, 3. Won by a foot. Heat 4—Robson, 1; Ryan, 2; Reed, 3. Won by a yard. Final heat—Walker, 1; Robson, 2; Andrews, 3; Hall, 4. Won by six inches; a foot between second and third, the fourth man being close up. J Black, of Leadgate, secured the prize, a silver medal, value 5s, for the neatest costume worn by the competitors. Mr J Thirlwell, Bond Hill, was handicapper and starter, and Mr M Patterson, Annfield Plain, referee. Old Men's Race, 50 yards (no contestants to be under 50 years of age).—Wood, 1; Elliott, 2. Association Football Competition.—First round—Lizzie Celtics beat Oakey's Lillywhites I. South Moor, scratch, beat Kip Hill; Kyo Gems beat Oakey's Lillywhites II. Second round—South Moor, scratch, beat Kyo Gems; Lizzie Celtics a bye. Final—Celtics beat South Moor by 2 goals to nil, and won. Referee, Mr Geo. Thornton, Dipton. Quoiting on the sward, distance 10 yards, 2 inch pins, 3 steps debarred; 62 competitors.—W Lambert, J Greener, J Errington, N Coyle, and McVitty, divided the prize money. Mr Wm Embleton, West Kyo, was referee and handicapper.—Obstacle Race.—Winners of heats, McElhone, Consett; B Orr, Annfield Plain; Holland, Shield Row; and P Orr, Annfield Plain. Final heat—Holland, 1; P Orr, 2; McElhone, 3. Girls' Skipping Competition.—E McGuire, 608 turns, 1; J Errington, 236, 2. Prizes were also given for boys' races, and a tug-of-war between teams of six men was not concluded when our representative left the field.

THE WEEK.

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.

THE riots in Bombay bring home to us by a forcible illustration one paramount advantage of British rule. Moslems and Hindoos in India are capable of a religious fanaticism the like of which is unknown in Western countries. From time to time it breaks out in violence which no purely native authority would be able to suppress. On Thursday Bombay was the scene of a furious commotion. A Mohammedan prayer-day unluckily coincided with a Hindoo festival, and while the Mohammedans were at their devotions the Hindoos played the tom-tom with their customary vigour. Even a European might be driven to bloodthirsty frenzy by this hideous instrument, which expresses the joy of the Hindoo in the crudest form of pure noise. To the Moslem, intent on silent self-examination, the tom-tom sounded like a distinct defiance from the infidel. Rushing out of a mosque about two thousand of them shouted "Din, din," not in allusion to the intolerable row made by the Hindoos, but in order to excite their co-religionists to a sectarian onslaught. Very soon the whole city was given up to tumult, which reached such a climax that the military and the artillery had to be called out. Traffic was suspended, and passengers on the tramcars were assailed indiscriminately by the blind fury of the zealots. If this can happen in Bombay, it is easy to imagine the condition of India if the secular arm of the British Government were withdrawn. As Moslems will never submit to be ruled by Hindoos, the prospect of native independence in India is somewhat remote. It is a pleasing theory that we hold the country in trust for the inhabitants, and that when they are sufficiently educated for their responsibilities they will relieve us of our chief Imperial burden. The theory is beautiful, but unfortunately it bears no manner of relation to the fundamental facts of race and creed. Oriental countries are not likely to absorb the Western spirit of civilisation, and deep down in the native Indian mind is a mass of tradition compared with which our civilisation is a thing of yesterday. Democracy in Europe and America may apply the representative principle with success; but, although the spread of useful education in India is very creditable, it is not in the least likely to mitigate those differences of caste and creed which few Europeans can understand, much less subdue. It will continue to be the mission of Britain for an indefinite period to shape the destinies of the Indian peoples, and should that task by any chance be relinquished it can only pass into the hands of Russia, under whose sway there would be considerably less independence than exists now.

SOCIALISTS AND ANARCHISTS IN SESSION.

"THE detailed accounts of the Socialist Congress at Zurich, furnished to the London *Star* by a caustic pen which many readers will identify, do not give us a very favourable impression of this Parliament of man. Much of the time has been spent in irrelevant wrangles. A debate on Anarchism was closed by a vote which was not intelligible to the Spanish delegates, whose language is not included amongst the official tongues of the assembly. Every day brings forth a new president, and the new president insists on making a wearisome presidential address. The conduct of the chair is reviewed in the course of the sitting, and the chances are that next day the president of the day but one before will be censured by one of the sections, as if this were a matter of immediate importance. The Anarchist discussion was ended by the closure, a happy device which came from the British section; but this did not prevent Herr Bebel on the day following from reopening the whole question by proposing a protocol. "No vote was taken on the protocol, which thus became something like an impertinence on the part of its few signatories, whose right to interpret a resolution passed by the Congress was by no means clear. Besides, the explanation did nothing to elucidate what was already as plain as words could make it." We are familiar with this procedure in "another place," but nothing in English experience of public assemblies approaches the happy irresponsibility of the Zurich Congress. One afternoon which threatened to be dull was suddenly enlivened by a debate on the admission of a delegate who had no credentials, but pleaded qualification on the ground of editorship of a paper which was one number old. The delegate proved to be a lady, who naturally threw the assemblage of men into a ferment. The correspondent of the *Star* points out that there was nothing to disprove the suggestion that the prepossessing intruder was a spy. However, she had her partisans, including the president of the hour. "One general vote was taken, with a result unfavourable to the fair one, for whom the president voted. He immediately and shamelessly, as the English thought, cancelled the decision, and proceeded to take the vote over again by nationalities. Five minutes' chaos ensued, Mr. Andreas Schen furiously denouncing the president with hammer-like blows of his fist on the translator's table, and an excited lady menacing Mr. Schen's hair from behind." The result was that the suspicious delegate was excluded, and after that the president, a Greek, by the way, bellowed at the Germans in "almost epileptic fury." The prospects of enlightenment from Zurich are discouraging.

TOLSTOI'S LAST BOOK.

COUNT TOLSTOI seems in a fair way to end his days in Siberia. He has written a book which contains a faithful account of Russian administration, and which confirms the worst charges that Mr. George Kennan has ever made against a brutalised bureaucracy. Even Madame Novikoff, who has been strangely silent of late, will scarcely venture to say that Count Tolstoi has any motive for deliberately fabricating unpatriotic accusations. The new book is quaintly entitled "The Kingdom of God Within Us." It probably contains a further demonstration of its author's eccentric views about the constitution of human society, which he wishes to see extinguished. We have nothing to do with that or any other craze with which Count Tolstoi's name has been associated since he left off writing literature and took to chronicling nightmares. But his account of Russian officialism is another matter. He vouches for its authenticity, and it appears to be characterised by the severe veracity of his earlier manner. Some refractory peasants in the Orloff Government were punished in the early part of last year by flogging. "The first of the victims was the father of a family, a man about forty years of age, whose probity had become proverbial, and who enjoyed the trust and esteem of his fellow-villagers." He was flogged into insensibility, and after fifty lashes the doctor certified that further punishment would endanger life. "But the unhappy Governor-General, more drunk than ever with his brief authority, became savage at the sight of blood, and ordered the punishment to proceed; and the torturing procession went on till the seventieth blow had been struck—seventy being for some unknown reason the sacred number below which it were an affront to justice to stop—and then taking his cigarette from his mouth he quietly said, 'Enough! bring forward the next.'" We quote from a translation made direct from the original manuscript by an English correspondent at St. Petersburg. Now, it is quite clear that if Count Tolstoi has authorised this translation, and its transmission to England, he has given mortal offence to the Russian Government. How they are to overlook such a defiance we do not know. The translation, if sent back to Russia, would certainly be stopped by the Censor, who is likely to be moved to make inquiries about the original. When Russia is stirred by pure benevolence to remonstrate with the Sultan about the treatment of the Armenians, the Sultan may respond with a friendly interest in the Orloff Government.

A DAY AT BLANCHLAND.

Never has Blanchland afforded greater enjoyment than it did on Wednesday last, to the Consett Wesleyan choir. The day was gloriously fine; real holiday jaunting weather; the arrangements perfect—thanks to Messrs J. S. Moon, and D. J. Swainston—and in fact, everything connected with the trip passed off splendidly.

The two brake-loads of Consettonians left the new church at 8.30 a.m. After a drive of three hours—the day was hot, and the driver humane—through some of the finest of English scenery, we arrived at our destination. Good motherly Mrs Bell received us with open arms, and gave us a right hearty reception. We took luncheon in the Wesleyan chapel and schoolroom, which were kindly placed at our disposal for the day; after which, feeling much refreshed and generously disposed to mankind in general, we placed ourselves in the hands of a young photographer—one of our company—who *posed* us now this way and now that, as it suited his fastidious taste, and at length our photos were "taken." About two o'clock we left Bay Bridge, and wended our way to Gibralter Rock, where we indulged in an hour's lounging. To the great annoyance of the couples, a photographer made his appearance and took a few snap-shots, thereby securing pictures of the most interesting situations and postures, perfect "plums" to the photo man. We found wild rasps and bilberries in profusion, and did them the justice the occasion called for. After having tea at five o'clock—delicious tea with an abundance of the very necessary yellowscum—we adjourned to the chapel, where we sang to the best of our ability for an hour or more, then thanking Mrs Bell, we left Bay Bridge and walked through Blanchland to the top of the hill. While waiting for the brakes, Mr Hobday gave us an Irish recitation and some conundrums, but the midges, to judge from the way they stung, did not appreciate our company, so the meeting was unceremoniously closed before the work of our entertainer was finished. The drive home was one of the distinguished features of the day. Again Mr Hobday's vocal powers were called into action with song and recitation; Miss Harwood with her "Rory O'More"; the witticisms of Mr Fawell; Mr Heslop's strong arms which he used to some purpose; Mr Bradley's *bon-mots*; the voices of Misses Lennox, Fawell, Allison, and Watson blending in the choruses, which woke the peaceful inhabitants of Riverside, Edmondbyers, and Shotley Bridge all helped in adding to the enjoyment of the day, and in ending a very happy holiday. We were looking forward to a solo from Mr J. Siddle, but he was engrossed in a duet on the driver's box which only he and his companion could hear. We reached home at 11.30 p.m., all charmed with the day's outing.—*Correspondent.*

FATAL ACCIDENT AT TANFIELD LEA.

An inquest was held at the house of Mr Matthew Snowdon, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, on Monday afternoon, before Mr John Graham, district coroner, on the body of Thomas Hessian, aged 42 years.—It appears that the man was at work at Messrs Joicey's Tanfield Lea Colliery, on Saturday last, when a fall of coal occurred. He was struck on the head, but was able to continue his work. Hessian went home and complained to his sister of a pain in his head, but never reported the fall from the roof to the colliery officials. The last person with deceased was John Reay, who left him at 10.30 that night, and he never mentioned anything to him about any accident. He was attended by Dr Gill, and died about three o'clock on the following (Sunday) morning.—A verdict of "Death from appoplexy" was returned.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING IN THE SPEN DISTRICT.

That the water is no better yet at Victoria Garesfield; and that several people have been made ill by it.

That it is a shame that the Garesfield people should have to go nearly a mile to seek water for tea, when they pay such a heavy water rate.

That a meeting ought to be called to consider what steps ought to be taken in order to get better water.

That they highly appreciate what "Paul Pry" said in his letter in your last issue anent our worthy doctor (Dr Colquohoun), Mr F. Priestman, and Mr Graham, the Blaydon Local Board inspector.

That your valuable correspondent, "Stanhope," records some "rich-uns" out of Weardale.

That if those five women of Chopwell Cottages had had a little more courage the other Saturday night, they would have caught the thief in one of our Chopwell gardens.

That our district was fairly well represented at the St. John Ambulance Review, at Gosforth, on Saturday week, and that they gave a very good account of themselves.

That the ambulance students are a useful class of men, and that more should join the class.

That the rolley (kindly lent by the Victoria Garesfield Coal Company) which was covered in with bushes, and temporarily seated out, made a capital conveyance for the ambulance men to Gosforth.

That it is no wonder that they had hundreds of "lookers-on" *en route* to the Review, after putting out such placards as they did.

That the ambulance students' conveyance was rightly named when it was christened "The Adventure Coach."

That a guinea was a lot to pay for a ride in the "Adventure Coach," especially when they had to bring their own pies and bottled beverages.

That it was a pity that the occupants of this coach could not get along Scotswood Road on their return journey without being annoyed by youths throwing dirt and stones.

That they are pleased to learn that the Blaydon Local Board has been successful in obtaining (after all the unnecessary bother) Chopwell Old Church for a hospital.

That the new palings have made a great improvement to the Victoria Garesfield Primitive Methodist Chapel.

That the children in connection with the Church of England Temperance Societies at Ryton, Blaydon, Victoria Garesfield, High Spen, Low Spen, and Greenside, enjoyed their tea and sports at the latter place, on Friday last.

That the Throckley St. Mary's Brass Band enlivened the proceedings at Greenside with their excellent playing.

That it would have been better if there had been conveyances to convey the little ones to and from the sports.

That it would have suited the people in this district better if the event could have been held on a Saturday.

That the Victoria Garesfield Primitive Methodist choir enjoyed their trip to Carlisle on Saturday week.

WATCHMAN.

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Cricket.

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

DURHAM COUNTY CUP COMPETITION.

FINAL TIE.

BURNHOPE v. SUNNYBROW.

Played at Durham, and resulted in a win for Burnhope by 96 runs. Score:—

BURNHOPE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
J Gair b Marshall	22	run out	17
Jos Robinson c Cameron b Marshall	6	c Cameron b Mitchell	0
A Heckels c Yeoman b Weatherall	5	c Carr	34
W Dyson run out	14	st Allison	7
J Lonsdale c Yeoman b Marshall	1	not out	14
W Simpson run out	1	run out	3
G Heslop b Marshall	0	b Marshall	0
T Dyson b Weatherall	0	c Wilson b Marshall	0
M Heslop b Marshall	1	b Cameron	5
H Young not out	5	b Mitchell	26
M Liddle st Allison	3	run out	28
Extras	5	Extras	13
Total	63	Total	147

SUNNYBROW.

Walker b Simpson	4	c and b Simpson	7
A Wilson b Robinson	9	c and b Simpson	4
R Carr b Robinson	3	c Robinson b Simpson	7
J Mitchell b Robinson	5	b Robinson	11
R L Weeks b Simpson	0	b Young	6
J Cameron b Simpson	0	b Young	0
J Marshall b Simpson	0	b Simpson	11
T Yeoman b Robinson	3	b Young	4
W Forster c Liddle b Robson	4	b Simpson	18
F Weatherall run out	1	c Heslop b Simps'n	3
R Allison not out	0	not out	5
Extras	2	Extras	11
Total	31	Total	83

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and ended in a very easy win for the visitors. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		SO. SHIELDS.	
W Middleton c Stainton b W Wilson	1	C Toomer b Crichton	37
T Middleton c F Wilson b W Wilson	6	Copeland (pro) b T Middleton	0
H Stephenson c Wilson b Copeland	0	W Stainton b T Middleton	12
D Crichton b Wilson	2	A Stainton b Crichton	12
J Bewicke b Wilson	8	Thompson c Routledge b Crichton	12
G Halliday b Copeland	7	W Wilson b Crichton	6
Jamieson b Copeland	1	J Gowans b T Middleton	19
A Routledge c Thompson b Copeland	6	Coulson b Bewicke	0
G Kerrich-Walker b W H Wilson	0	T F Wilson b T Middleton	15
T R Hall run out	3	Wheldon st Halliday b Hall	11
L Gray not out	0	Beanie not out	8
Extras	3	Extras	11
Total	37	Total	143

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Shotley Spa grounds, on the occasion of the Shotley Bridge Flower Show, the game being very eagerly watched by a large concourse of spectators. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
H Campbell c Walton b Seed	0	A S Godfrey c W E Charlton b Cant	0
M Charlton b Wilson	2	G Walton c R Cant b W Cant	10
R Lowes b Wilson	2	W Turnbull c M Charlton b Lowes	16
R Cant b Wilson	11	T D Dales b M Charlton	27
W Simpson run out	4	Wilson (pro) c W E Charlton b Lowes	12
Wm Cant c Wilson b Dales	4	J Seed b Lowes	3
M T Milburn c Walton b Wilson	3	J K Annandale b G E Milburn	4
R Charlton st Postle b Dales	1	W Oliver b Campbell	5
G E Milburn run out	4	J W Forster not out	6
W E Charlton b Dales	13	J Postle b Campbell	0
T Bramley not out	6	J W Lancaster c R Cant b M Charlton	1
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	56	Total	91

TANFIELD v. OXHILL.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

TANFIELD.		OXHILL.	
T Morson b Smith	9	M Ledger b Robinson	0
W T Brown b Smith	2	T Tindale run out	26
M Pattinson run out	6	G Collin c Brown b Robinson	0
J Watson c Middlemast b Smith	10	W Raine lbw b Robinson	19
J Charlton b Raine	9	J Middlemast c Robinson b Bowes	10
W Robinson b Smith	0	Jas Middlemast not out	2
R Robson b Smith	0	J E Smith b Robinson	6
E Bowes b Raine	5	R Palmer b Bowes	2
J W Buckton c Palmer b Smith	1	J Wilson b Robinson	0
T Swinburn not out	12	H Middlemast c and b Robinson	1
N Wilkinson b Raine	0	R Henderson to bat	
Extras	2	Extras	10
Total	56	Total	76

STANLEY AND DISTRICT v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

STANLEY.		BURNOPFIELD.	
J Hunter c Cooper b Robson	8	H Wood b Rutherford	4
P Harkness b Allan	8	J H Cuthbertson b Rutherford	4
J T Castle c Allan b Bell	15	G Cooper b Rutherford	0
W Rutherford b Bell	20	R Dent b Rutherford	3
T Jewitt c G Wood b Robson	6	W Hogarth c Knox b Jewitt	3
R Knox run out	11	T Robson not out	9
R Holmes b Allan	6	J G Allan run out	3
T Siddle not out	9	Geo Bell c Holmes b Rutherford	9
J Benfold c Cuthbertson b Hogarth	7	J Potts b Rutherford	0
J Curry b Bell	0	G Wood c Holmes b Jewitt	0
R Gailes run out	0	R Walton c Benfold b Rutherford	4
Extras	12	Extras	1
Total	102	Total	40

TANTOBIE LIBRARY 2ND v. BEAMISH 2ND.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

TANTOBIE.		BEAMISH.	
L Thompson b G Laverick	0	D Soulsby c Harrison b Thompson	2
W Armstrong b D Laverick	15	H Dixon c G Keilor b Thompson	3
A Rocketts c Brown b D Laverick	0	G Laverick b Rocketts	1
R Keilor b D Laverick	1	R Carr b Rocketts	0
T Atthey run out	0	R Brown b Rocketts	6
G Keilor b G Laverick	10	D Laverick c and b Rocketts	3
J Tyson b D Laverick	1	J Mason b Rocketts	[illegible]
W Hall run out	8	J Martin b Rocketts	[illegible]
G Harrison not out	2	G Gowland b Armstrong	1
C Cook run out	2	H Laverick not out	0
N Atthey b D Laverick	0	B Hanhett (sub) b Armstrong	0
Extras	23	Extras	3
Total	62	Total	26

LANGLEY PARK 2ND v. CORNSAY I.O.G.T.

Played on the latter's ground, resulting in favour of the visitors. Score:—

CORNSAY.		LANGLEY PARK.	
P C Newton b Eccleston	0	G Bell b Jones	19
G Nicholson b Vickers	5	R Cooper b Newton	5
G Whitfield c Peel b Vickers	0	J Cooper b Jones	6
J Lynn b Eccleston	1	R Angus b Newton	0
J Golightly b Vickers	3	W Potter c Lynn b Newton	1
R Lynn b Eccleston	0	T Eccleston c Mole b Jones	0
T Jones not out	10	H Winter b Newton	8
F Hardy st	9	J Peel b Newton	0
R Harrison b Ecclest'n	0	J Vickers not out	11
W Jordan b Eccleston	0	H Morland c Lynn	0
W Mole c Eccleston b Peel	2	R Lowes c Nicholson	9
Extras	8	Extras	4
Total	38	Total	63

OUSTON WANDERERS v. DURHAM ROAD PRESBYTERIANS.

Played on the latter's ground, the visitors winning by 50 runs. Score:—

PRESBYTERIANS.		OUSTON.	
Smith b Robson	1	Robinson b Scott	15
Gladwell b W Dorman	0	J Dorman b Smith	0
Scott c J Dorman b W Dorman	1	W Dorman b Smith	0
Elliott b Robson	0	W Lavender b Scott	1
Sanderson run out	0	Robson b Scott	6
W Sanderson b Robson	0	Heel lbw b Scott	6
W Lowrie b Dorman	0	Spurr b Scott	16
Thompson b Dorman	3	Carr not out	4
Wood b Robson	0	E Lavender b Scott	0
Robson b Robson	0	R Calvert b Scott	0
Turner not out	0	W Cockburn to bat	
Extras	0	Extras	5
Total	5	Total	53

CROOK WEDNESDAY v. ESH AND DISTRICT.

Played at Crook, and resulted in favour of the home team. Score:—

CROOK.		ESH.	
A Lax	25	J French	3
R Thompson	0	C Coates	1
J Thompson	6	C Johnson	3
J Batey	22	G Hare	23
G Powell	23	S Groucett	17
J Gibb	1	W Boville	1
T Seymour	7	G Bones	7
J Murray	5	Dr F Hare	19
W Gale	1	G Hooper	6
W Addison	1	J Gandan	0
R Turner	2	N Rippon	0
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total	99	Total	82

WHICKHAM v. ELSWICK WORKS.

Played at Whickham, the home team winning by 31 runs. Score:—

ELSWICK.		WHICKHAM.	
G Lambert b W Burn	2	J Hedworth b Lambert	5
J Peel c T M Burn b Atkinson	0	W Burn c sub b Robs'n	20
C Marshall b Atkinson	10	J Mowbray c Robson b Marshall	3
J Redpath c R Cook b W Burn	1	T Cheesman b Lambert	1
P Ridley b Atkinson	0	W Cook b Robson	2
H E Collins run out	2	T M Burn b Robson	6
T Warren c and b W Burn	2	W Thynn c & b Robs'n	1
W Brittain b Atkinson	0	R Mordue b Marshall	0
J Robson not out	0	R Cook b Robson	9
R Thynn (sub) b Atkinson	1	H Cook b Robson	1
Ismay (sub) b W Burn	0	T Atkinson not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	19	Total	50

RIDING MILL v. RYTON.

Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

RYTON.		RIDING MILL.	
J Charlton b T Pyke	0	T Pyke c Charlton b Oliver	7
W Freeman b T Pyke	1	J Knott b Iceton	0
W Lumley b T Pyke	3	Joe Pyke not out	1
G Purdy b T Pyke	0	J Statham b Purdy	2
A Benson b T Pyke	0	P Townsend b Purdy	1
T Oliver b T Pyke	0	J Trotter b Purdy	2
F Iceton b T Pyke	5	F Sisterson b Purdy	0
A Poole b T Pyke	3	T Davidson b Purdy	0
T Ramsay run out	0	T Dixon b Purdy	2
T Snaith b Statham	0	J Pybus c Charlton b Purdy	1
T Yeates not out	6	A Brentnall c Lumley b Oliver	0
Extras	1	Extras	5
Total	19	Total	21

WINLATON v. OLD GATESHEADIANS.

Played at Gateshead, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors. Score:—

WINLATON.		GATESHEAD.	
J Reed c and b Wraith	31	Wraith c and b Reed	7
R Hope b Wraith	3	B[illegible] b A Tebb	8
A Tebb b Wraith	9	E W Wraith b Reed	1
J Nixon b Bell	30	Collingwood b Reed	10
J Armitage b Wraith	0	Park c Blenkinsop b A Tebb	1
B Tebb c Collingwood b Bell	2	Henderson b A Tebb	1
J Blenkinsop b Bell	5	J W Eldon b A Tebb	0
H Tebb not out	11	C Collingwood b Tebb	1
R Forster not out	6	Bell b Reed	0
D Nicholson to bat		J Bowles b Reed	0
F Feather		A N Other b A Tebb	0
Extras	16	Extras	6
Total	113	Total	35

STANLEY TRADESMEN v. BEAMISH.

Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a draw. Score:—

STANLEY.		BEAMISH.	
R Noble lbw b Laybourn	6	A Kerr b Jewitt	14
R Knox b Laybourn	23	G Finlay b Benfold	0
T Shield run out	4	R Dodds c Benfold b Jewitt	3
T Jewitt b Finlay	11	J Iceton not out	12
P Harkness b Finlay	1	M [illegible] st Dixon b Jewitt	5
J Benfold b Finlay	28	[illegible] b Benfold	4
J Dixon c and b Laybourn	17	W Stoddart not out	2
R Liddell b Finlay	0	T Mole to bat	
R Pearson not out	1	Jas Lee to bat	
P Stephens c Wilkinson b Mole	2	J Wilkinson to bat	
R Walker b Mole	7	R Hesse to bat	
Extras	3	Extras	1
Total	[illegible]	Total	41

TEMPLETOWN v. LANCHESTER 2ND.

Played on the latter's ground, resulting in favour of the visitors. Score:—

TEMPLETOWN.		LANCHESTER.	
T Charlton b W Jackson	1	J [illegible] lbw b T Charlton	1
C Lowes b H Parker	6	J [illegible] c Young b J Lowes	7
G Charlton b Hunter	7	W [illegible] b T Charl'n	1
J Lowes run out	1	F Parker b C Lowes	18
M Lowes b Hunter	19	H Parker b T Charlton	0
W Thornton b Parker	3	J [illegible] b T Charlton	2
T Young b W Jackson	2	J Wilson run out	15
J Lowden b Hunter	3	R Hall c F Thornton b T Charlton	3
R Lowes c Lowery b Hunter	1	J Hunter run out	3
J Batey b W Jackson	0	W [illegible] b C Lowes	0
F Thornton not out	1	J Jackson not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	Total	[illegible]

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

USHAW MOOR v. SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Played at Durham, and resulted in a victory for Seaham Harbour. Score:—Ushaw Moor, 114; Seaham Harbour, 149.

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."]

BURNHOPE WIN THE CUP.

In right gallant style, Burnhope, on Saturday last, on the county ground at Durham, reached the height of their ambition, and defeated Sunnybrow in handsome fashion for possession of the county trophy for the season. It will probably be within the recollection of my readers that the tie was commenced on the previous Saturday, but a continuous downfall of rain prevented further play when Burnhope had lost three wickets for 49 runs. Fortunately, the weather of Saturday last was of the most favourable character, and this caused a tremendous gathering of the respective supporters of the two clubs to congregate to witness the concluding stages of the game.

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On continuing their innings, Burnhope made but a very moderate display, the remaining seven wickets going down before the excellent bowling of Marshall and Weatherall for an addition of only 14 runs to the total. However, Burnhope fully made up for their somewhat disappointing batting by a splendid exhibition of bowling and fielding, and Sunnybrew were all got rid of for but 31 runs, not a single man reaching double figures. Robinson and Simpson were in deadly form, and their antagonists could do scarcely anything at all with their deliveries. Burnhope were thus rather unexpectedly left with the useful lead of 32 runs.

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If Burnhope shaped only poorly in their first venture, they fully made up for it in their second innings, putting together the handsome score of 147. Heckels led the way with an admirable 34, and was well backed up by Liddle (28), Young (26), Gair (17), and Lonsdale (14 not out). Like their opponents, Sunnybrow fared much better at their second attempt, but could never get within hail of the Burnhope score. Forster (18), Mitchell and Marshall (11 each) batted very creditably, and in the end the aggregate amounted to 83. Burnhope were thus left with a handsome and decisive victory of no less than 96 runs. Simpson again bowled splendidly, Young and Robinson also doing useful work. Few, I think, will attempt to deny that the winners thoroughly deserve their well-won honours, and I hasten to congratulate them on the grand style in which they have upheld the honour of North-West Durham in the competition. It goes without saying that the news of the brilliant victory won by their representatives was received in Burnhope with the utmost enthusiasm, and nothing else was talked about during Saturday evening. I have no doubt but that some suitable recognition of the memorable event will be organised by the good people of Burnhope, who are extremely proud—and justly so—of their cricket team.

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After the conclusion of the game, the cup was presented, amid loud cheers, to Mr J. T. Forster (representative of the Burnhope club) by Dr Geo. Renton, who, in well-chosen words, gracefully congratulated the winners on their splendid victory. Mr Forster suitably replied; and after three cheers had been given for the losers, the proceedings came to an end.

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BURNOPFIELD BEATEN AT STANLEY.

Stanley and District entertained the Burnopfield team on Saturday, and administered a severe beating to the latter. The home men gave a capital show with the willow, topping the century by two. Rutherford (an exceedingly promising all-round player) was top-sawyer with 20, while useful scores were contributed by Castle (15), Knox (11), and Siddle. Not content with making head score, Rutherford was the chief agent in dismissing the visitors for a total of 40. He was credited with seven wickets for 19 runs, not one of the Burnopfield men getting into double figures.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET GO DOWN EASILY.

Seeing that the "citizens" have of late been compiling large scores, and altogether displaying grand form, their admirers had looked forward with some little confidence to their League game on Saturday last with South Shields. Therefore, it came as a great disappointment to the home supporters to find their favourites beaten in such inglorious fashion. The Chester-le-Street batsmen seemed quite powerless to withstand the attack of W. H. Wilson and Copeland, and their united efforts only realised the meagre total of 37; Jack Bewicke's eight being the top score.

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As may be readily imagined, the task set them proved a very easy one to the visitors. No less than seven men managed double figures, and, not to be outdone, Mr "Extras" (11) also achieved that distinction. The best display came from the old Northumberland county man, C. R. Toomer (37), followed by Gowans (19), T. F. Wilson (15), W. Stainton, A. P. Stainton, Thompson (12 each), and Weldon (11), the full aggregate amounting to 143. The cup-holders of last season appear to be playing most inconsistently, and, curiously enough, are more often seen to advantage away than at home.

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A GOOD WIN FOR WHICKHAM.

Elswick Works were the visitors to Whickham last Saturday, when the homesters turned the tables on the Works most decisively. W. Burn and Atkinson, as has happened very often this season, were once more found too good for the opposing batsmen, who could only muster 19 between them, although one man (Marshall) made no less than 10 of these. I have not the analyses of the two bowlers named before me, but they must have been well worth looking at.

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When Whickham started on the run-getting, "Billy" Burn, who went in first, finished up an excellent afternoon's work by contributing a creditable 20 (the head score of the day) towards the home aggregate of 50. R. Cook also showed up well, and altogether Whickham are entitled to congratulate themselves on an extremely clever victory.

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GOOD BOWLING AT RYTON.

The match between Riding Mill and Ryton, played on the latter's ground, was remarkable for the small scoring on both sides. The home team took first innings, but could do absolutely nothing against the fast bowling of Tom Pyke (the well-known Gateshead association footballer), who absolutely secured eight wickets (all clean bowled) at a cost of only five runs. The highest scorer was the old Wallsend player, T. Yeates (six not out), and the whole side were dismissed for 19.

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Small as was the total against them, the visitors had all their work cut out to win, which, in fact, they only accomplished by two runs. Purdy was the destructive agent on the home side, and trundled grandly. Thus, during the afternoon 20 wickets fell for an aggregate of 40 runs, or an average of only two runs per wicket. No less than nine men failed to score in the match—an unusually large proportion of cyphers.

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OXHILL V. TANFIELD.

Oxhill brought off a very good performance on Saturday, when they travelled to Tanfield and beat the latter club by 21 runs. The homesters compiled 56, the chief scorers being Swinburn (12 not out) and Watson (10). Smith and Raine both bowled admirably for Oxhill. Thanks to some capital batting by Tindale (26), Raine (19), and Middlemast (10), the visitors were enabled to claim an exceedingly meritorious victory.

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LANGLEY PARK 2ND WIN.

Cornsay I.O.G.T. and Langley Park 2nd antagonised on the former's ground on Saturday, the visitors coming off victorious. With the exception of Jones (10 not out) and Hardy, Cornsay did not fare very well against the bowling of Eccleston, Vickers, and Peel, all being out for 32. Eccleston took five wickets for 20 runs, Vickers three for four, and Peel two for four. Although P.C. Newton did most effective service with the ball for Cornsay—six wickets for 15 runs—the visitors were successful by 25 runs. Bell (19) and Vickers (11 not out) did useful work for the winners. It is worthy of note that Langley Park 2nd have only lost one game out of ten this season.

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TANTOBIE LIBRARY DISAPPOINTED.

The above team were sadly disappointed on Saturday, when East Stanley did not turn up to play their fixture, especially as the afternoon was such a beautiful one for cricket. It was certainly very shabby conduct—to put it mildly—on East Stanley's part.

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

STANHOPE.

This one of the pleasantest fixtures of the kind, was held in the grounds of the Rectory, kindly lent by the Bishop of Richmond, president, and Stanhope Brass Band enlivened the occasion with music, under the direction of Mr T. Woods, Newcastle. Mr J. A. Mason was *au fait* as secretary; Mr M. Yare, Croxdale, and Mr Hamilton, Hexham, judged the entries; and the function ended with a ball at the Town Hall. G. Moses took 23 prizes, R. Lambert 19, and the Tweddles and others were well up. An excursion from Middlesbrough and stations to Bishop Auckland conveyed a good freight of passengers. The prize list was as under :—

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Stove or greenhouse plants—1, G Moses; 2, C Tweddle.
Fine foliage plants—1, W Sinclair; 2, C Tweddle; 3, R Lambert.
Specimen plant—1, G Moses; 2, J G Bainbridge; 3, R Lambert; 4, W Sinclair.
Coleus (one entry)—J G Bainbridge.
Three fuchsias and one fuchsia—1, C Tweddle; 2, R Lambert.
Liliums—1, Miss Arnison; 2, G Moses.
Petunias—1, G Moses; 2, C Tweddle.
Begonias—1, G Moses; 2, W Sinclair; 3, J Bainbridge; 4, J Lonsdale.
Balsams—1, W Parker; 2, G Mosses; 3, J Bainbridge.
Geraniums, tricolour—1, R Lambert.
Geraniums, zonale—1, C Tweddle; 2, R Lambert.
Bronze geranium—1, R Lambert; 2, C Tweddle.
Twelve British ferns—1, W Sinclair; 2, Joe Gowland.
Six British ferns—1, W Sinclair; 2, C Tweddle.
Sixteen double dahlias—1, G Moses; 2, R Lambert; 3, T Moses (Tow Law).
Cactus—1, R Lambert; 2, J G Bainbridge.
Six roses—1, R Lambert; 2, R Chapman.
Six pansies—1, C Stothart; 2, T Moses; 3, R Lambert; 4, J Tweddle.
Six cut pansies—1, C Stothart; 2, T Moses; 3, R Lambert; 4, C Tweddle.
Asters—1, T Moses; 2, R Lambert; 3, G Moses; 4, Miss Arnison.
French marigolds—1, T Moses; 2, C Stothart; 3, R Lambert; 4, J G Bainbridge.
African marigolds—1, C Stothart; 2, J G Bainbridge; 3, G Moses; 4, R Lambert.
Gladioli (one entry)—J G Bainbridge.
Carnations—1, C Stothart; 2, W Tweddle, jun.
Phloxes—1, J Briggs; 2, R Chapman; 3, J J Mowbray; 4, G Curry.
Cut flowers—1, W Sinclair; 2, C Tweddle; 3, G Moses; 4, J Bainbridge, Newlandside.
Stocks—1, G Moses; 2, W Sinclair; 3, J Tweddle; 4, J Vasey.
Herbaceous—1, W Sinclair; 2, R Lambert; 3, R Chapman; 4, J G Bainbridge.
Annuals—1, H Colman; 2, J G Bainbridge; 3, R Lambert; 4, Parker.
Large bouquet—1, J Bainbridge; 2, W Sinclair; 3, R Lambert; 4, J G Bainbridge.
Hand bouquet—1, W Sinclair; 2, J G Bainbridge; 3, G Moses.
Buttonhole—1, J Elliott, Crawleyside; 2, W Sinclair; 3, W Tweddle, jun.; 4, Mowbray.
Basket of flowers—1, W Sinclair; 2, P Tweddle; 3, R Lambert; 4, J Bainbridge.
Wild flowers (one entry)—W Tweddle, jun.
Wild fruit—1, W Tweddle, jun.; 2, W Bainbridge.
Bouquet of wild flowers—1, W Sinclair; 2, W Bainbridge; 3, J Wallace.

DISTRICT CLASSES.

FRUIT.

Apples—1, Wallace; 2, Elliott; 3, G Patterson; 4, Mowbray.
Gooseberries, flavour—1, G Curry; 2, R Chapman; 3, Mowbray; 4, Wallace.
Gooseberries, weight—1, W Brown; 2, J G Bainbridge; 3, C Tweddle; 3, G Moses.
Black currants—1, W Brown; 2, Wallace; 3, J Briggs.
White currants—1, G Curry; 2, W Brown; 3, R Sinclair; 4, J Bainbridge.
Red currants—1, G Moses; 2, G Curry; 3, J G Bainbridge; 4, W Brown.
Rasps—1, J Bainbridge; 2, G Curry; 3, J Tweddle.
Cherries—1, J G Bainbridge; 2, C Tweddle.

VEGETABLES.

White cabbages—1, G Curry; 2, Wallace; 3, G Moses.
Turnips—1, Parker; 2, G Moses; 3, J Bainbridge; 4, W Sinclair.
Carrots—1, W Brown; 2, G Curry.
Cauliflowers—1, G Moses; 2, R Chapman; 3, T Robinson; 4, G Curry.
Peas—1, Rev F C Jagg; 2, T Robinson; 3, R Chapman; 4, W Brown.
Beans—1, Wallace; 2, W Brown; 3, Dennison; 4, G Mosses.
Eschalots—1, W Brown; 2, Parker; 3, G Moses; 4, W Tweddle, jun.
Onions, not Tripoli—1, W Brown; 2, Berry.
Onions, Tripoli—1, W Brown.
Rhubarb—1, W Brown; 2, G Moses; 3, W Tweddle, jun.
Potatoes, round—1, Parker; 2, G Moses; 3, Mrs Mason; 4, R Chapman.
Potatoes, kidney—1, F Bruce; 2, G Moses; 3, Parker; 4, W Brown.
Boiled potatoes—1, W Tweddle, jun.; 2, J G Bainbridge; 3, R Chapman; 4, Colman.
Beet—1, W Brown; 2, J Bainbridge; 3, Parker; 4, G Moses.
Parsnips—1, W Brown; 2, G Curry; 3, Parker.
Celery—1, G Moses; 2, Parker; 3, G Curry; 4, Colman.
Leeks—1, G Moses; 2, W Brown; 3, Parker.
Cucumbers—1, W Brown; 2, Wallace; 3, Parker.
Marrows—1, J Briggs; 2, G Curry; 3, Parker; 4, W Tweddle, jun.
Gladioli (sp.)—1, J G Bainbridge.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

"A glorious day!" Such was the expression of opinion heard on all sides on Saturday, when the 44th annual exhibition in connection with the Shotley Bridge Floral, Horticultural, and Industrial Society was held in the Spa Grounds, by kind permission of the lessees, Messrs Wilson Brothers. In respect to meteorological conditions, the executive of this flourishing institution are certainly highly favoured, for although there have been some dreadfully wet Saturdays during the course of the summer months, on the date of the floral *fete* and gala a finer or more beautiful day for the event could hardly have been vouchsafed. Indeed, it is a matter of notoriety that during the Society's long period of existence, there has been but one wet day, and that was when the venue of the show was at Low Waskerley Park. Last year there were certainly heavy showers in the morning, but the weather subsequently brightened up, and the afternoon was delightfully fine. No more charming and appropriate site could be found for such a show than this gem of the Derwent valley, or one more likely to be an inducement to the denizens of towns to take a half-holiday away from the close atmosphere of the streets. This fact, and the reputation which the Shotley Bridge Flower Show has attained for its high standard of merit, have rendered it one of the most popular fixtures of the summer season, and, when the weather is not actually of a forbidding character, it may always be calculated that there will be a large attendance from all the towns in the neighbourhood at this show. At the time this show is held, the grounds invariably wear their brightest and most picturesque aspect, and are seen in all the grandeur and picturesqueness of nature's summer garb. The committee, with the assistance of the energetic secretary (Mr W. Ramsay, Blackhill), is one of the most popular and enterprising bodies in the North, and as an extra spurt had been put forward this year, the present show eclipsed its predecessors in the variety of its attractions. Indeed, they launched out into unprecedented expense in the by no means unfounded hope that, with the aid of the excursion and relief trains which the railway company find it to their advantage to run, they might have even a larger number of people than has on any previous occasion shown their appreciation of the Shotley Bridge Show, and the lovely scenery in which it is located. There has always been an interesting programme apart from the show itself, and this year's array of attractions marks an epoch in the history of the society. Among the different items of the programme were the performances of Mr W. G. Hirst, "the King of the Wheel;" and those of "Spring Heel Parker," said to be the champion back and trick jumper of the world. Both these gentlemen did some really clever feats in their different lines, Hirst's performances especially being of an exceptionally marvellous character, his skilful manipulation of the bicycle being watched with intense interest by some thousands of spectators, who frequently greeted his tricks with outbursts of genuine applause. In addition to the foregoing were Signora Louise and Prof. Peyrani, who came direct from Berlin to this engagement. The former performed with *eclat*, taking her horse, "Splash," barebacked, over bars, gates, and hurdles of fire; and the latter did some wonderful things with his horse, Courtney, while it was in a mesmeric state. All the performers won much applause, and the committee had the satisfaction of feeling that their enterprise had received after the fact the warrant of public approval. The exhibits in the floral and horticultural department—always the leading feature—are more numerous than last year, while the industrial section, established only a few years ago, is growing in popularity. The committee offered some 570 prizes in the several competitions, and the number of entries reached a total of over 800, being some 130 more than received last year. The falling off in 1892 was doubtless due to the backwardness of the season. There has never been such a capital display of fruit and vegetables seen at the Shotley show. The cut flowers were also an excellent selection, and the herbaceous plants, phloxes, etc., were above the average, both in point of quality and quantity. The greenhouse plants, though not so strong numerically as last year's show, nevertheless fully maintained the reputation of this exhibition for the excellence of the display. The industrial section contained a comprehensive and interesting display of mechanical appliances, ladies' fancy needlework, school-children's work, butter-making, honey, horse-shoeing, bread-baking, photographs, oil paintings, models, and other attractions. A cricket match was played between the Shotley Bridge and Medomsley clubs, the fixture with Burnhope having to be cancelled, as this team was engaged in the final tie of the Durham Cup, which could not be concluded on the previous Saturday. Two admirably arranged programmes of music were performed by the Newcastle Military Band, under the leadership of Mr R. Smith. The attendance of spectators was variously estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000. Strange to relate, there was a considerable falling off in the number of people from a distance on this occasion, only 1,976 excursionists' tickets from Newcastle, Sunderland, &c., being collected at the gate, while 5,463 local inhabitants paid for admission. The falling off in the number of visitors can be accounted for by the strong attractions at Gosforth Park, Morpeth, and Stanhope. The amount taken at the gate, exclusive of members and subscribers' tickets, was over £150, or £50 more than last year's receipts. There were plenty of visitors of another sort, however, in the shape of swarms of wasps, which were attracted to the show-ground by the scent of the flowers, honey, spices, and sweets. Thousands of these pests came from the neighbouring woods, and buzzed about in close proximity to the people, and it was found expedient to burn brown paper to get rid of these pests. It is said that some children were badly stung by the wasps. A great feature in connection with the show was the open class collection of vegetables, for which there was an unparalleled entry. The premier prize was taken by Mr R. Charlton, Benfieldside Nurseries, who has carried off first honours at this show for many successive years. For the group of plants, arranged for effect, Mr W. Anderson, The Briary, secured the chief ticket. A very pretty piece of imitation carpet bedding, composed of the blooms of various flowers, not however for competition, was exhibited by Mr G. Cessford, second gardener at Beamish Park. Messrs Fell and Co., of Hexham, had an exhibition stand containing an interesting collection of flowers. The undermentioned ladies and gentlemen ably officiated as judges:—

Floral and Horticultural Department—Messrs F. Bolam, Axwell Park, Blaydon; S. Robson, Birtley; J. Thompson, The Hermitage, Chester-le-Street; W. Moult, Gosforth; and P. Blanchard, Jesmond, Newcastle.

Industrial Department—Mrs J. Booth, Summerdale; Miss Gibson, Snow's Green House; Mrs Richardson, Oakfield; Mrs Brookbanks, South Shields; Mrs Peile, Greenwood; Miss Appleby, South Shields; Messrs H. L. Burgess, Burnhope; T. Brookbanks, South Shields; T. Dixon, Shotley Hall; G. Erskine, Newcastle; W. Wilson, Shotley Bridge.

The stewards, upon whom the bulk of the work devolved, were as under :—

Floral Department—Messrs A. Trotter, J. Dixon, W. B. Thirlwell, R. Hall, M. Richley, W. C. Nicholson, and J. Spraggon.

Industrial Department—Messrs Jos. Eltringham, Geo. Rochester, M. Gibson, and the Misses Eltringham.

Subjoined is the

FULL LIST OF AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Six stove and greenhouse plants, dissimilar, in bloom (2 entries)—1, J Morris, Felling.
Four fine foliage plants, dissimilar (4 entries).—1, J Morris; 2, W Anderson, The Briary, Shotley Bridge.
One single and one double petunia (5 entries)—1, G H Brown, Shotley Bridge; 2, M Redshaw, West Law, Shotley Bridge; 3, W Anderson.
Group of plants, arranged for effect—space 50 feet—(3 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, H Smail, Shotley Hall; 3, P Doig, Selby Lodge, Consett.
Three fuchsias, dissimilar (4 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, G H Brown.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar (4 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, J Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge; 3, M Redshaw.
Three zonale geraniums, in 10 inch pots, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, G H Brown; 3, M Redshaw.
Three coleus (5 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, R Charlton, Benfieldside Nurseries; 3, H Smail.
Two tuberous-rooted begonias (7 entries)—1, M Redshaw; 2, J Thirlwell; 3, R Charlton.
Four exotic ferns, dissimilar (5 entries)—1, A Annandale, Shotley Grove; 2, P Doig; 3, H Smail.
Six British ferns, dissimilar (4 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, A Annandale.
Lilium auratum (4 entries)—1, M Redshaw; 2, R Kirsop, Pontop Pike; 3, H Smail.
Two pots of liliums, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, H Smail.
Two coxcombs (3 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, J Thirlwell.
Three balsams—No entry.
Three pots of achimenes, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, H Smail; 2, W Anderson.
Six gloxineas (4 entries)—1, R Charlton; 2, P Doig.

CUT FLOWERS.

Three button-holes (8 entries)—1, T Battensby, Hagg Hill; 2, P Doig; 3, R Charlton.
Nine cut roses, six varieties (12 entries)—1, M Wheatley, Greenside; 2, T Clark, Shotley Park; 3, R Hunter.
Twelve French Asters (11 entries)—1, M Davidson, Thornley; 2, M Redshaw; 3, J Abercrombie, Burnopfield.
Twelve globe asters (6 entries)—1, M Wheatley.
Six bunches of cut flowers, each bunch one variety (9 entries)—1, R Charlton; 2, H Smail.
Six herbaceous flowers, dissimilar (11 entries)—1, Jos Robinson, Shotley Bridge; 2, T Battensby; 3, T Charlton.
Six trusses of zonale geraniums (8 entries—1, M Redshaw; 2, W Anderson; 3, J Abercrombie.
Six stands of cut flowers (6 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, R Charlton; 3, W Anderson.
Six phloxes, dissimilar (6 entries)—1, J Robinson; 2, T Battensby.
Six carnations (5 entries)—1, R Charlton; 2, T Battensby, 3, M Redshaw.
Lady's spray (5 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, J Thirlwell; 3, R Charlton.
Six plants suitable for table decoration, in 6 inch pots, dissimilar (5 entries)—1, J Morris; 2, T Charlton.
Floral decoration for dinner-table (3 entries)—1, J Morris; 2, T Battensby; 3, W Anderson.
Lady's hand bouquet (4 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, R Charlton; 3, C Lovett, Greencroft Park.

FRUIT.

Two bunches of black grapes (6 entries—1, J Abercrombie; 2, H Smail; 3, L Richardson, Whickham Lodge.
Three bunches of white grapes (5 entries)—1, J Abercrombie; 2, H Smail; 3, A Annandale.
Melon, not to be cut (6 entries)—1, H Smail; 2, L Richardson; 3, W Anderson.
Six peaches (7 entries)—1, J Robinson; 2, W Anderson; 3, C Lovett.
Six kitchen apples (18 entries)—1, J Bruce, Shotley Bridge; 2, J Coulson, Shotley Bridge; 3, A Houliston, Shotley Bridge.
Six nectarines (4 entries)—1, J Robinson; 2, W Turnbull, Whickham.
Six plums (9 entries)—1, H Smail; 2, W Anderson; 3, R Hunter.
Six pears (9 entries)—1, C Lovett; 2, W Turnbull; 3, J Bruce.
Dish of cherries (8 entries)—1, W Anderson; 2, J Robinson; 3, T Mackay, Benfieldside.
Dish of strawberries (4 entries)—1, R Charlton.

VEGETABLES.

Collection of vegetables, six dishes, each dish one variety—1, Robt Charlton; 2, W Milburn, Shotley Bridge; 3, Not numbered; 4, T Battensby.
Brace of cucumbers (15 entries)—1, W Turnbull; 2, W Lee, Swalwell; 3, T Clark.
Six tomatoes (12 entries)—1, W Lee; 2, W Turnbull; 3, L Richardson.
24 kidney beans (13 entries)—1, J Robinson; 2, W Anderson; 3, H Smail.
Two vegetable marrows (12 entries)—1, R Charlton; 2, W Turnbull; 3, A Annandale.
Six kidney potatoes (17 entries)—1, R Hunter; 2, J Robinson; 3, C Lovett.
Six round potatoes (17 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, R Hunter; 3, J Ward, Dipton.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

PLANTS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, dissimilar (2 entries)—1, J Morris.
Two fine foliage plants, dissimilar (2 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, J Morris.
Pot of liliums (2 entries)—1, J Bruce; 2, J Thirlwell.
Three British ferns, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, R Hall, Shotley Bridge.
Three exotic ferns, dissimilar (2 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, J Morris.
Singular petunia (1 entry)—No award.
Double petunia (1 entry)—1, G H Brown.
Lilium auratum (3 entries)—1, J Morris.
Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar (1 entry)—No award.
Two coleus (3 entries)—1, J Morris; 2, J Thirlwell; 3, R Hall.
Tuberous-rooted begonia (3 entries)—1, G H Brown; 2, Thirlwell.
Shrubby begonia (2 entries)—1, G H Brown; 2, J Thirlwell.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar (1 entry)—1, J Thirlwell.
Fuchsia (2 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, G H Brown.
Two balsams (no entry).
Six miscellaneous plants in bloom, in pots of not more than six inches (4 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, G H Brown.

CUT FLOWERS.

Six dahlia blooms, show varieties, dissimilar (5 entries)—1, Not numbered; 2, H Surtees, Shotley Bridge; 3, W Hall, Lanchester.
Three gladioli spikes, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, W Hall.
12 French asters (5 entries)—1, Jos Robinson, Fondley Sett; 2, W Hall; 3, G H Brown.
12 globe asters (3 entries)—1, G H Brown.
12 French marigolds (9 entries)—1, J Morris; 2, R Hunter; 3, H Surtees.
Six zonale geranium trusses, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, G H Brown; 2, W Turnbull.
Six spikes of phloxes, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, H Surtees; 3, G H Brown.
Four stands of herbaceous flowers, dissimilar (7 entries)—1, W Wilson, Shotley Bridge; 2, T Battensby; 3, J Bruce.
Six stands of cut flowers (3 entries—1, T Battensby; 2, J Thirlwell.
Four stands of cut flowers, each stand one variety (7 entries)—1, J Thirlwell; 2, T Battensby.
Six cut roses, dissimilar (4 entries)—1, R Hunter; 2, T Battensby.
Lady's spray (4 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, J Thirlwell; 3, J Morris.
Six table plants, suitable for table decorations (3 entries)—1, J Morris; 2, J Thirlwell; 3, P Doig.

FRUIT.

Six pears (7 entries)—1, J Bruce; 2, W Turnbull.
Six dessert apples (9 entries)—1, W Turnbull; 2, A Houliston, Shotley Bridge; 3, W Wilson.
Six kitchen apples (8 entries)—1, J Coulson; 2, J Bruce; 3, T Battensby.
Six plums (4 entries)—1, W Turnbull; 2, A Houliston.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries (9 entries)—1, W Turnbull; 2, T Surtees, Shotley Bridge; 3, W Hall.
Pint of black currants (4 entries)—1, H Surtees, Benfieldside; 2, J Coulson; 3, W Turnbull.
Pint of red currants (7 entries)—1, J Coulson; 2, W Wilson; 3, R Hall.
Six heaviest gooseberries (5 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, W Turnbull; 3, R Hall.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes (8 entries)—1, Jos Robinson, Fondley Sett; 2, R Hunter; 3, M Davidson.
Six round potatoes (8 entries)—1, W Hall; 2, J Robinson; 3, T Battensby.
Two early cabbages (4 entries)—1, J Bruce; 2, W Hall; 3, J Robinson.
Three early turnips (7 entries)—1, G H Brown; 2, J. Robinson; 3, M Davidson.
Three carrots (4 entries)—1, Jos Robinson; 2, W Hall; 3, M Davidson.
Three parsnips (4 entries)—1, J Robinson; 2, M Davidson; 3, T Battensby.
36 pods of peas (8 entries)—1, J Bruce; 2, R Hall; 3, J Robinson.
12 pods of beans (4 entries)—1, H Surtees; 2, W Hall; 3, J Robinson.
Four leeks (3 entries)—1, M Davidson; 2, J Robinson; 3, W Hall.
Two heads of celery (8 entries)—1, J Robinson; 2, W Hall.
Two cauliflowers (8 entries)—1, W Thirlwell; 2, J Robinson; 3, W Hall.
12 onions (4 entries)—1, M Davidson; 2, W Turnbull; 3, W Hall.
Three roots of beet (6 entries)—1, W Hall; 2, M Davidson; 3, H Surtees.
Two red cabbages (3 entries)—1, T Battensby; 2, J Robinson; 2, W Hall.

COTTAGES' CLASS.

PLANTS.

Light fuchsia (5 entries)—1, W Dickinson, Langley Park; 2, J Thorp, Cutler's Hall; 3, T Snowdon, Ebchester.
Dark fuchsia (5 entries)—1, W Dickinson; 2, R Kirsop; 3, J Thorp.
Fine foliage plant (5 entries)—1, T Snowdon; 2, W Dickinson; 3, T Barron, Cutler's Hall.
Single petunia, in pot (5 entries)—1, T Barron; 2, T Snowdon; 3, J Thorp.
Greenhouse plant, in bloom (5 entries)—1, R Kirsop; 2, W Dickinson; 3, Barron.
Begonia (5 entries)—1, W Dickinson; 2, R Kirsop.
Zonale geranium, in bloom (3 entries)—1, W Dickinson; 2, J Thorp; 3, T Snowdon.
Two exotic ferns (2 entries)—1, J Thorp; 2, T Barron.
Three British ferns, dissimilar (3 entries)—1, J Thorp; 2, T Barron; 3, G H Brown.
Lilium auratum (2 entries)—1, R. Kirsop; 2, T Snowdon.
Balsam (one entry)—No award.
Pot of liliums (one entry)—No award.

CUT FLOWERS.

Four cut roses (5 entries)—1, J Thorp; 2, W Dickinson; 3, M Wheatley.
Four dahlia blooms, dissimilar (4 entries)—1, M Wheatley; 2, R Kirsop.
Six French asters (6 entries)—1, M Wheatley; 2, R Kirsop; 3, J Brown, Eaxton Burn.
Six globe asters (4 entries)—1, M Wheatley.
Three spikes gladioli, dissimilar (6 entries)—1, J Brown; 2, M Wheatley; 3, T Surtees, Shotley Bridge.
Six French marigolds (6 entries)—1, J Brown; 2, J Ward, Dipton; 3, R Kirsop.
Four stands of cut flowers (2 entries)—No award.
Twelve pansies, six varieties (4 entries)—1, J Ward; 2, M Wheatley; 3, R Kirsop.
Three spikes of phloxes, dissimilar (5 entries)—1, M Wheatley; 2, J Thorp.
Three stands of herbaceous flowers, dissimilar (7 entries)—1, J Thorp; 2, R Kirsop; 3, M Wheatley.
Four phlox drummondii, dissimilar, three trusses (6 entries)—1, J Thorp; 2, M Wheatley; R Kirsop.

FRUIT.

Six pears (2 entries)—1, J Spraggan; 2, T Snowdon.
Six desert apples (8 entries)—1, J Coxon, Cutler's Hall; 2, W B Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge; 3, T Snowden.
Six kitchen apples (8 entries)—1, J Nichol, Shotley Bridge; 2, W Oswell, Low Waskerley; 3, W B Thirlwell.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries (5 entries)—1, M Wheatley; 2, M Gibson; Shotley Bridge; 3, W B Thirlwell.
Pint of black currents (1 entry)—1, A Annandale.
Pint of red currants (3 entries)—1, J Spraggan; 2, T Snowden; 3, W Milburn.
Six heaviest gooseberries (4 entries)—1, W Milburn; 2, T Mackay, Benfieldside; 3, M Wheatley.

VEGETABLES.

Three early turnips (10 entries)—1, R Scott, Allandale Cottages; 2, W Milburn; 3, J Nichol.
Three carrots (6 entries)—1, J Ward; 2, T Snowden; 3, W Lee.
Two early cabbages (5 entries)—1, T Snowden; 2, J Spraggin; 3, M Wheatley.
Six onions (9 entries)—1, W Dickinson; 2, M Wheatley; 3, R Scott.
Three parsnips (6 entries)—1, J Ward; 2, W Lee; 3, R Kirsop.
Six kidney potatoes (11 entries)—1, R Scott; 2, R Kirsop; 3, W Lee.
Six round potatoes (12 entries)—1, W Lee; 2, T Snowden; 3, W Milburn.
Twelve pods of beans (5 entries)—1, J Ward; 2, J Spraggin; 3, J Nichol.
Twenty-four pods of peas (10 entries)—1, W Dickinson; 2, T Snowden; 3, J Ward.
Three leeks (3 entries)—1, M Wheatley; 2, W Lee.
Three roots of beet (11 entries)—1, J Spraggin; 2, R Kirsop; 3, W Milburn.
Cauliflower (10 entries)—1, T Snowden; 2, W Lee; 3, R Scott.
Two heads of celery (5 entries)—1, W Milburn; 2, T Snowden; 3, R Kirsop.
Collection of vegetables (3 entries)—1, J Ward; 2, T Snowden; 3, R Kirsop.

EXTRA PRIZES.

(OPEN TO COTTAGERS ONLY.)

Bunch of cut flowers (3 entries) 1, a watering pan (given by Mr W Strachan, Blackhill), T Surtees; 2, a new spade (given by Mr Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge), J Thorp.
Four bunches of cut flowers, each bunch one variety (not to be cut from stove plants (2 entries)—1, a new digging fork (given by Mr J Moon, Blackhill), J Thorpe.

OPEN CLASS.

Six blooms of pompone dahlias, distinct varieties (2 entries)—1, 5s (given by Messrs Fell and Co., Hexham), R Hunter; 2, 2s 6d, T Battensby,
Six rose blooms, dissimilar—1, eight H. P. rose plants, selected from list, value 6s (given by Messrs Robson and Sons, Hexham), M Wheatley; 2, four ditto, value 3s, W Turnbull.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

OPEN CLASS.

Pair of slipper tops, worked in wool—No entry.
Patched quilt (7 entries)—1, Miss Isabella Hall, Shotley Bridge; 2, Mrs Archer, Shotley Bridge; 3, Mrs Bruce, Shotley Bridge; h.c., Mrs Richardson, Shotley Bridge.
Pair of plain knitted stockings (5 entries)—Miss E Simpson, Frosterley; 2, Miss M J Simpson, Frosterley.
Pair of ribbed stockings (5 entries)—1, Miss Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge; 2, Miss E Simpson.
Carving in wood (2 entries)—1, T Davison, Cutler's Hall; 2, W V Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge.
Original local landscape, painted in oils. Prize given by Mrs J Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge (2 entries)—1, Hannah Moore, Shotley Bridge.
Three photographs, not being portraits or portrait groups (3 entries)—1 (given by the Society), John Sanderson, Blackhill; 2 (given by Mr W Ramsay, Blackhill), W E Galloway, Gateshead; 3 (given by Mr W C Nicholson, Benfieldside), S R Nicholson.
Picture frame, in wood (3 entries)—1, W Hardie, Blackhill; 2, M Gibson, Benfieldside.
Useful or ornamental article, made in steel (2 entries)—1, J Walker, Langley Park.
Useful or or ornamental article, made in wood (2 entries)—1, J Johnson, Shotley Bridge; 2, T Stephenson, Blackhill.
Dandy of honey, not less than 8lbs, 1893. Prizes given by Miss Gibson, Snow's Green House (5 entries)—1, J L Dent; 2, R Harding.
Six neat sections of honey, 1lb. Prizes given by Miss Gibson (10 entries)—1, G Rochester, Cutler's Hall; 2, W W Graham; 3, T Armstrong.
Section of honey, 1lb net. (9 entries)—1, R Harding; 2, G Rochester.

LADIES' SECTION.

(No machine work allowed, and no prize awarded to any article that has been waxed.)

Best made man's shirt (3 entries)—1, Miss M J Simpson; 2, Mrs Simpson, Frosterley.
Wool antimacassar (2 entries)—1, Miss Crofton, Waterhouses; 2, Mrs F. Rutland.
Tea cosey (3 entries)—1, Miss Connie Barclay, Shotley Bridge; 2, Mrs P Surtees, Consett.
Best knitted wool shawl (2 entries)—1, Miss White; 2, Annie Surtees.
Specimen of plain sewing (9 entries)—Equal 1, Miss M J Simpson and Mrs J Simpson; 3, Mrs Montgomery, Shotley Bridge.
Gentleman's nightshirt (1 entry)—1, Mrs Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge.
2 lbs of plain butter (4 entries)—1, Miss J A Walton; 2, Mrs Thompson.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Quilted quilt, prizes given by Mrs Houliston, Shotley Bridge (8 entries)—1, Miss E Simpson; 2, Miss M J Simpson; 3, Mrs Simpson; 4, Mrs Ridley, Cutler's Hall.
Loaf of white bread, prizes given by Mrs Annandale, The Briary (17 entries)—1, Miss Alice Wilson; 2, Miss Milburn; 3, Mrs Ridley.
Loaf of brown bread, prizes given by Mrs Richardson, Oakfield (13 entries)—1, Not numbered; 2, Miss S Watson; 3, Mrs Jewers, Benfieldside; 4, Miss Milburn.
Heathrug, any description, prizes given by Messrs J Dixon, J R Taylor, and Jos. Eltringham, Blackhill (5 entries)—1, John Mallaburn; 2, Miss Milburn; 3, J Walker.
Best done up gentleman's white shirt, prizes presented by Mrs Renton and Mrs Richards, Shotley Bridge (4 entries)—1, Miss Margaret Lowes; 2, Miss Simpson.
Darned stocking, hole to be worn, prizes presented by Miss Wheldon, The Villa (6 entries)—1, Miss Turner; 2, Mrs Simpson.
Six hen eggs, prizes given by Mrs Morgan, Shotley Bridge (5 entries)—1, J Calvert; 2, Mrs Booth, Summerdale.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

(Confined to the Benfieldside Girls' Friendly Society.)

Specimen of plain sewing; prizes presented by the Benfieldside Girls' Friendly Society (3 entries)—1, Laura Thirlwell; 2, Jane Moore.
Child's pinafore (1 entry)—1, Laura Thirlwell.
Patching and darning linen on calico—No entry.
Specimen of fancy work (4 entries)—1, Maggie Surtees; 2, Laura Thirlwell; 3, Isabella Hall.
Pincushion; prizes presented by the Misses Ross-Lewin, Benfieldside Vicarage, for G.F.S. candidates only (1 entry)—3, Miss M Lamb.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

(No machine work allowed, and no article to be washed.)

GIRLS' SCHOOL—NEEDLEWORK.

Over 12 years of age—Woman's night-dress (5 entries)—1, Harriet J Wardhaugh, Shotley Bridge Private School; 2, Clara M Mackey.
Over 11 and under 13 years of age—Child's plain night-dress—No entry.
Over 9 and under 11 years—Child's underskirt, with tuck—No entry.
Under 9 years—Child's pinafore (1 entry)—1, E M Hyden, Consett British.
Over 12 years—Pair of gentleman's knitted socks (2 entries)—1, Alice Richley; 2, Annie P Strachan, Shotley Bridge.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Shirt sleeve, ½ yd. long, showing specimens of seaming, felling, gathering, setting into band, stitching button-hole, setting button on wrist, and gusset (to be done in coloured thread)—No entry.

WRITING.

Aged 14 and 13 years—10 lines of poetry (11 entries)—1, Harriet J Wardhaugh; 2, M Maughan, Benfieldside Board School.
Aged 12 and 11 years—10 lines of smallhand (10 entries)—1, M E Wardhaugh, Shotley Grove School; 2, A Walker, Benfieldside Board.
Aged 10 and 9 years—7 lines of smallhand (6 entries)—1, I Hobday, Consett British; 2, M Coxon, Benfieldside Board.
Aged 8 and 7 years—7 lines of smallhand (3 entries)—1, Lucy Richley, Shotley Bridge Private; 2, M Weatherill, Shotley Grove.

FIGURES.

Aged 14 and 13 years—a sum in bills of parcels (8 entries)—1, M S Little, Consett British; 2, H Wardhaugh, Shotley Bridge Private.
Aged 12 and 11 years—a sum in compound addition (3 entries)—1, A P Strachan.
Aged 10 and 9 years—a sum in compound addition (3 entries)—1, M P Adamson, Shotley Grove; 2, S E Robinson, Shotley Grove.
Aged 8 and 7 years—a sum in simple addition (3 entries)—2, M Weatherill.

BOYS AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

Under 15 years of age—map (4 entries)—1, Harriet Wardhaugh; 2, M Mackey.
Freehand drawing, lined (4 entries)—1, E Pratt; 2, W E Jameson, Consett British.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

WRITING.

Aged 14 and 13 years—10 lines of poetry (4 entries)—1, Jas Kelsey, Benfieldside Board; 2, A Robson, Shotley Grove.
Aged 12 and 11 years—10 lines of smallhand (10 entries)—1, J A Lisle, Benfieldside Board; 2, W Little, Consett British.
Aged 10 and 9 years—7 lines of smallhand (6 entries)—1, Wm Hetherington, Benfieldside Board; 2, S Wilson, ditto.
Aged 8 and 7 years—7 lines of smallhand (4 entries)—1, M Edgar, Benfieldside Board; 2, Thos Watson, ditto.

FIGURES.

Aged 14 and 13 years—a sum in bills of parcels (5 entries)—1, A Robson, Shotley Grove; 2, I Coxon, ditto.
Aged 12 and 11 years—a sum in compound addition (8 entries)—1, F Nicholson, Benfieldside Board; 2, N Richley, Shotley Grove.
Aged 10 and 9 years—a sum in compound addition (6 entries)—1, W Hetherington; 2, S Wilson.
Aged 8 and 7 years (4 entries)—1, M Edgar; 2, R Watson, Benfieldside Board.

SWALWELL.

On Saturday afternoon, in connection with the Swalwell Band of Hope, a flower and gooseberry show was held in the Board Schools. In response to the many valuable prizes offered for competition, the committee received a numerous entry. The show of flowers, plants, fruit, and vegetables was an excellent one, and the following were the principal prize-takers :—Messrs George Harrison, J. Turnbull, E J. Spencer, W. Turnbull, T. Jobling, William Scott, J. Cawthorne. J. Battensby, G. R. Telford, Thomas Gardner, William Ornett, Miss M. Spencer, and Master Robert Banham. The best in the class for the heaviest berry were those grown by Mr William Spoor and Mr M, Harbottle, Mr Joseph Leybourne won the first prize for the twin berries, and for the heaviest eight berries Mr A. Leybourne was at the top of the list. In the evening, a concert was given in the Infants' school.

WITTON GILBERT.

The annual show of the Witton Gilbert Floral, Industrial, and Canine Society was held on Monday in two large fields near the village. The weather was everything to be desired, and in consequence there was a very large attendance from the surrounding villages and from a distance. The show of flowers and vegetables was above the average, and although the industrial department was not a large one, quality was well represented. For the first time a dog show was held, the entries and quality of stock being very high for a beginning, so good, indeed, that it will be renewed next year. Mr C. Thwaites, jun., Durham, was judge, and the Durham City Canine Club offered special prizes.

Awards :—St Bernard dog or bitch, 1st, John Storey, Annfield Plain; 2nd, F R Fenwick, Ryton; 3rd, J W Corner, Stockton. Spanish dog or bitch, 1st, T Jameson, Durham; 2nd, W E Alcock, Sunderland; 3rd, W R N Palmer, Durham. Collie (rough) dogs, 1st, Thos Wallace, Ryton; 2nd, R Rutter, Pallion; 3rd, W V and J A Coxon, Durham. Collies (rough), bitches, 1st, Mrs H Armstrong, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, W W Coxon, Chester-le-St; 3rd, E E Pearson, Stanhope. Collies (smooth), dog or bitch, 1st and special (given by the Durham City Canine Club), W W Coxon, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, Hastie and Swinhoe, Newcastle; 3rd, T Parker, Newcastle. Greyhound, dog or bitch, 1st, Hastie and Swinhoe, Newcastle; 2nd, W Winter, Crook; 3rd, Jacob Gowland, Stanley. Fox terrier (smooth), dog or bitch, 1st, Hastie and Swinhoe; 2nd, R S Magee, Hetton. Fox terrier (rough), dog or bitch, 1st, W E Alcock; 2nd, Hastie and Swinhoe; 3rd, J R Burnett. Terrier, dog or bitch (any variety except fox terriers), 1st, W E Alcock; 2nd, Hastie and Swinhoe; 3rd, Thomas Pattinson, Kimblesworth. Any other variety, dog or bitch, not previously classed, 1st, W E Alcock; 2nd and special, Mrs C S Brittain, Durham; 3rd, George Scott, jun., Edmondsley.

THE COAL TRADE CRISIS.

BLAYDON DISTRICT.

The opinion of the various lodges in the district surrounding Blaydon, seems to be pretty unanimous in favour of allowing the Durham Miners' Association to settle the question which has recently risen with regard to the demand for an advance in wages. There seems to be an impression amongst the majority of the men effected that the Association mentioned is more likely to bring the state of affairs to an amicable settlement than would the National Federation if entrusted with the task. Nothing is looked upon by the men with a greater feeling of dread and repugnance than the possibility of a strike in the Durham coal trade. The disastrous effects of last year's strike have not yet disappeared, and there is every probability that the majority of the men will do their utmost to prevent a repetition of the experiences of that time. Viewed in a general light, the situation of the coal trade in the Blaydon district now wears a much more improved aspect than that of six months ago.

SALE OF "THE FORD" ESTATE, LANCHESTER.

Mr James Turnbull, auctioneer, Chester-le-Street, offered for sale by public auction, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Durham, on Thursday se'nnight, the valuable freehold and copyhold residential and sporting estate, situate within half-a-mile of Lanchester Village Station, and known as "The Ford," Lanchester. The estate consists of about 700 acres, principally rich pastures, is beautifully timbered, has good shooting, and trout fishing (exclusive) in about three miles of river. There was a large attendance of bidders. For the whole estate, Mr Taylor-Smith, Broadwood, commenced the bidding with an offer of £10,000, also offering £12,000 and £13,000. Mr T. Maddison, Durham, bid £11,000 and £12,500. At £13,000 the property was withdrawn, and submitted in lots. Lot 1 comprised the mansion and parks, &c., and lands adjoining. No offer was made for this lot. Lot 2 comprised the land known as Hollybush and Bargate Farms, with farm buildings and cottages. Mr Phillipson, Newcastle, offered £2,000, and the property was withdrawn. Lot 3 was west of lot 1, and comprised some of the richest grazing land in the county of Durham. It also included the Roman Station. No bids were elicited. Lot 4 situate at the south-west of Lot 3, and consisting of nearly 40 acres, was next put up for sale, Mr Brotherhood, Lanchester, Mr Brown, and Mr T. Rushworth, Durham, taking the bids to £1,350, Mr Rushworth becoming the purchaser at that price. Lot 5, known as Greenwell, was withdrawn after the efforts of Messrs T. Rushworth and Brotherhood had carried the bids up to £2,350. Lot 6, known as Square House Farm, on south-east of lot 5, and adjoining the Lanchester and Cornsay road on the south-east, elicited some spirited bidding between Mr T. Rushworth and Mr Bowden for this lot, Mr Rushworth being the purchaser at £1,725. Lots 5 and 6 were previously offered together, but were withdrawn. Lot 5 was by request again put up, and Mr Brotherhood offered £2,400. No gentleman, however, offered a higher price, and the property was withdrawn. Messrs Leadbitter and Harvey, of Newcastle, were solicitors for the vendors.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM AT BIRTLEY.

The Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Birtley, was celebrated on Sunday, when Pontifical High Mass and Vespers were sung by the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Special sermons were preached both morning and evening by Rev R. W. W. Phillipson, ex pastor, and although admission was only by ticket, there were crowded congregations. The excellent choir was augmented by an orchestra under the direction of Mr J. J. Rogers, with Mr T. J. Swinburn as organist. The present church was opened in August 1843, since which time and down to the present the undermentioned Fathers, all of the Order of St. Benedict, have officiated :—James Joseph Sheridan, 1841 to 1850; John Bede Swale, 1850 to 1879; Michael Wilfred Brown, 1879 to 1880; Chas. Oswald O'Neill, 1880 to 1882; Arthur Richard O'Hare, 1882 to 1884; William Wilfred Phillipson, 1884 to 1891; Joseph Arthur Kershaw, 1891 to 1891; Francis Dunstan Chambers, 1891 to 1896. The Roman Catholic community in the immediate locality is estimated at 1,400, whilst the average attendance at worship is 400. At the close of the service a very large number of the congregation adjourned to the day schools for the purpose of presenting Father Phillipson with a substantial mark of their esteem. Mr Ralph Elliott presided, and said he felt it an honour and a pleasure in having been requested to present Father Phillipson with a gold watch by the Roman Catholics of Birtley as a mark of respect and gratitude for his labours in the parish. What the present lacked in money value, he hoped would be atoned for by the spirit in which it was given—a hearty goodwill. From 1884 to 1891 Father Phillipson had worked so assiduously for the Roman Catholic Church and its people in Birtley as to ruin his own health. —The inscription on the watch was—"Presented to Rev Father Wm. Wilfred Phillipson, O.S.B., by the Catholics of Birtley, August 13th, 1893."—The rev father was applauded on rising to accept the present. He feelingly alluded to the many ties which bind people to places; and sincerely thanked them for their unexpected and spontaneous generosity, praying that the blessing of God would rest upon the place and make their lives prosperous and happy.—The musical pieces given during the morning service were Turner's "Kyrie" and "Gloria," with organ and band accompaniment; the intermezzo from Mascagni's "Rustic Chivalry"; Gounod's "Credo," "Sanctus," "Benedictus," "Agnus Dei" (Murphy); and in the evening "O Salutaris" (Herman), "Tantum Ergo" (Rossi), "Adoremus" (Murphy), "Sanda Jerusalem" (Crookall).

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions, Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve man, but unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fevers Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs. Stanton's Cough Pill, will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1½d and 2s. 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 36 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggist Manchester.

PASSING EVENTS.

(*From a London Correspondent.*)

COURT NOTES—THE QUEEN'S HEALTH—THE LATE JEFFERSON LOWNDES—THE NAWAB OF RAMPUR—A LECTURING EX-HANGMAN—LITERARY AND ART GOSSIP.

The Queen has been sending for many of our best singers during the past few days, and they have entertained her Majesty at Osborne. I am not surprised to hear that all the artists invited to the Palace have received instructions to sing old fashioned music only, and to avoid the new opera. The Queen was always a great lover of ballads—specially of Scotch ballads, and it is said that the singing of Mr. Nicholl, whose delightful rendering of Scotch melodies is traditional, is more appreciated in Royal circles than that of any other tenor. Mr. Ben Davies, again, is very popular with the Queen, and for the reason, perhaps, that he chooses time-honoured songs, and modulates his voice exquisitely. Many operatic artists are a total failure at Court. They sing in a salon just as they sing on the stage, and the effect is disastrous. A few of the greater, however, Madame Albani first amongst the number, know her Majesty's taste exactly. Talking of music at Osborne, by the way, I hear that a certain well-known pianist is in great disgrace there. He was sent for to show one of the Princesses how to play a nocturne he had written, but being carried away by his enthusiasm, he almost pushed the young lady off her seat when she was doing her best with a difficult passage, and took her place saying, "That's dreadful." This rough and ready mode was very little to the liking either of the Queen or the pupil, who dispensed at once with the pianist and his music.

The rumours about the Queen's ill-health have come principally from the provincial papers. Admitting that they are not altogether warranted, they are yet in part confirmed by several people who were at Osborne last week. There is, nothing absolutely the matter, but her Majesty has suffered much from weakness since she has been in the Isle of Wight, and is less active than she was even a month ago. She now tires very easily, and has not walked out more than once during her stay at Osborne. The doctors believe that this weakness is to be attributed entirely to the relaxing air of the island and are seeking to hasten the journey to the North. The Queen suffered in the same way last year, so that the symptoms are less alarming than otherwise they would be. I am afraid, however, that her lameness is chronic.

I am much surprised that so little notice has been taken of the untimely end of the late Mr. Jefferson Lowndes, who committed suicide in Liverpool last week. Mr. Lowndes was, of course, the great Oxford oarsman, who won the Diamond Sculls at Henley so many years in succession, and was, if I remember rightly, one of the famous Hertford Four. Perhaps a finer amateur scull never rowed at Henley, and in educational attainments the deceased was scarcely less distinguished. He was for some time a master at Derby School, and was always a keen athlete, and a successful coach. His end was altogether pitiable, but his career seemed to escape notice entirely at the inquest held on his remains.

The Nawab of Rampur, the latest celebrity from India who has arrived in town, has come too late. He will see nothing worth seeing socially here for three months or more; but this, perhaps, is not his object. The young ruler has a hundred thousand people under him, and an annual income of more than fifty thousand pounds. He is making a tour of the world, and does well to visit London in the off season, since he has not brought his diamonds with him. Indeed, he apes the European in everything, and, lacking a hundred thousand pounds worth of gems on his breast, would be quite a failure in society. But he is described as a most intellectual youth, who, though only seventeen years of age, means to spend as much of his time here as possible in the House of Commons.

The Home Office, I am told, has given up the struggle with Berry, ex-hangman, and the lecturer will now be permitted to exhibit photos of criminals on the drop to any extent that pleases him. During the last two or three weeks the "late executioner" has been holding forth to select audiences in Belfast. A gentleman who had the pleasure of hearing one of these lectures favours me with a gem from it. The lecturer, having first shewn the photograph of Lipski under the scaffold, remarked, so far as my informant could remember, "Ladies and gentlemen, there is the body of the wretched criminal hanging, as the law dictates, for one hour. Meanwhile, I ask you, what are the sheriffs doing? They, ladies and gentlemen, have gone out to have a drink." This superb refinement staggered the audience, but their surprise was the greater when, a few moments later, Berry informed them that he was now in favour of the abolition of capital punishment. The entertainment altogether seems to be a masterpiece; but I should like to hear the Sheriffs' opinion of it.

A story comes from Cowes about the Prince of Wales and his books. On Monday, they say, his Royal Highness received a parcel of literature for consumption on the Osborne. On settling down to read in the afternoon, he was staggered to find that a most curious set of works had come to him. The first book he opened dealt with Arianism; there was Mr. St. Mivart's "Happiness in Hell," and half a dozen thick tomes of the "Origines contra Celsum" order. The Prince, naturally enough, was disgusted, but next day he received a letter of apology, and an intimation of the fact that he had received by mistake a bishop's parcel, and that the bishop had got his. The thought of a bishop settling down solemnly to "Gyp" and Guy de Maupassant quite recompensed his Royal Highness for the temporary lack of his literary food.

I hear the very highest accounts of Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson's new book, which is to be published at the beginning of next month. This is the continuation of the adventures of David Balfour, whom we met in "Kidnapped," a book which has been long expected. It is remarkable as containing one of the finest sketches of a woman which Mr. Stevenson has yet drawn. This fact alone will give it unusual interest.

There are rumours that Burlington House is to be done up. Some of the younger Academicians have long complained of the dinginess of the galleries, and have been bold enough to demand reform. To their great astonishment, they are likely to get their own way. The elder brethren shake their heads, confessing themselves unable to see how the Academy can retain its popularity if its rooms are decorated and its ceilings are cleaned; but they have given way. There is a sneaking feeling that the smartness of the New Gallery and of other galleries has helped, on this surrender; but there cannot be two opinions about the wisdom of brightening up the whole interior of the great house in Piccadilly. At the present moment its shabbiness is beyond description.

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L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES, Esq., M.P., Will ADDRESS the first of his usual AUTUMN MEETINGS With his Constituents, in the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, ON SATURDAY EVENING, 26TH AUGUST, 1893.

Chair to be taken at 6·45 p.m., by W. LOGAN, Esq., J.P., (President of the Divisional Liberal Association),

Who will be Supported by the Leading Liberals in the District. 9921

IVESTON FLOWER SHOW.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the above will be held in the School-room and Fields adjoining, on Saturday, Sept. 9th, 1893.

SPORTS:

Kicking at Goal (25 Yards distance)—First Prize, 7s 6d; 2nd, 5s; 3rd, 2s 6d. Entry 3d.

Bowling at Wicket (Roundhand)—First, 5s; 2nd, 3s; 3rd, 2s. Entry 3d.

Quoit Handicap—First, 15s; 2nd, 5s; 3rd, 2s 6d. Entry 6d.

Running High Leap.—First, 10s; 2nd, 5s. Entry 6d.

Three-legged Race — First, 15s; 2nd, 7s 6d. Entry 6d.

Sack Race—First, 7s; 2nd, 3s. Entry 3d.

Boys' Race (under 14 years)—First, 3s; 2nd, 2s; 3rd, 1s 6d; 4th, 1s. Entry Free.

A GRAND BALL will be held in the Schoolroom at Night, commence at 7·30 p.m. The Leadgate String Band will be in attendance. For Schedules, &c., apply to J. S. MILLER, Secretary, Boggle Hole near Leadgate.

TENDERS WANTED for Refreshments, Swings, Roundabouts, &c.

NOTICE.

CASTLESIDE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY will hold their FOURTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Flowers, Plants, Fruits, Vegetables, and Butter, on Saturday, September 2nd, 1893. A Special Prize for the best Three Leeks (confined to Castleside Village only), a Trouser Piece, given by Mr Smith, Hexham. For the best Three Gladioli (dissimilar), a Trouser Piece, given in Cottagers Class by Mr D. McCallum, Stanhope. (Open to all.) For the best Case of Stuffed Birds or Animals, a Silver-plated Cup value £1 10s; Second, 10s; Third, 5s. Entrance 1s. For the best Smooth haired Cur Dog, First, 10s; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance 1s 6d. For the best Smooth-haired Cur Bitch, First, 10s; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance Fee 1s 6d. For the best Rough-haired Cur Dog, First, 10s; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance Fee 1s 6d. For the best Rough-haired Cur Bitch, First, 10s; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance Fee, 1s 6d. For the best Fox Terrier Dog, First, 10s; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance Fee 1s 6d. For the best Fox Terrier Bitch, First, 10s; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance Fee 1s 6d. For Dogs of any Class, a Silver-mounted Meerschaum Pipe, value 12s 6d, given by Mr H. Rollins; Second, 7s; Third, 3s. Entrance Fee 1s 6d. 120 Yards Handicap Foot Race, First, £2 10s; Second, 15s; Third, 5s. Entrance Fee 1s. No gambling allowed. Also Runing High Leap, a Bicycle Lamp. Entrance Fee 6d. All Entries close Monday, August 28th, 1893, except the Handicap.

All Entries to be sent to the Secretary,

J. DOWN, Castleside.

MEDOMSLEY FLORAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE 19TH ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS, FRUIT, and VEGETABLES will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 1193, in a Field, known as the Kitchen Field, situate close to the Vicarage, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr JOHN HUNTER, Grange Farm. Valuable PRIZES are Offered for Competition.

SPORTS:

ONE MILE

PONY RACE

FOR PONIES, NOT EXCEEDING 13½ H.H.

First, £4; Second, 30s; Third, 10s. (Entrance 5s.)

BEST MARE OR GELDING IN HARNESS.

First, £2; Second, £1; Third, 10s. (Entrance 2s 6d.)

Entries close August 23rd. Pony Race at 4 p.m.

Bowling at the Wicket—First Prize, 10s; 2nd, 5s; Entrance 6d.

Quoiting, 9 to 12 Yards—First, £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. Entrance 6d.

A CRICKET MATCH WILL BE PLAYED.

The CORNSAY BRASS BAND will be in Attendance, and Play a choice Selection of Music during the day.

A Grand BALL will be held in the Evening, commence at 7. Music, Orchestral Band.

Refreshments will be provided on the Grounds.

Admission—From One till Three p.m., 1s; after Three p.m., 6d; Children under 12, Half-price. To Ball, Gentlemen, 1s; Ladies, 6d.

Prize Lists on Application to

8951 W. E. CHARLTON, Secretary.

Medomsley, R.S.O.

Public Notices.

THE OLDEST AGRICULTURAL SHOW IN THE NORTH.

THE WOLSINGHAM and WEAR VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their ANNUAL SHOW on Wednesday, September 6th, 1893, on the same Site as the County Show of last year. For Schedules apply to R. E. STOBBS, Secretary. Entries close August 26th. Excursions from all parts. 9301

A GRAND CRICKET MATCH

Will be Played on the Ground of the CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB,

ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD, NEXT, CHESTER-LE-STREET VETERANS v. CONSETT AND DISTRICT VETERANS.

The Players in this Match will appear in Silk Hats—Old English Style.

Admission 6d; Ladies Free. Wickets pitched at Two p.m. 9561

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION OF COUNTY OF DURHAM.

ALL LIBERALS and NATIONALISTS in this Division are urgently requested to examine the Lists on the Church and Chapel Doors, to see that their Names appear thereon; and, *if not*, to apply, at once, to the undermentioned; at the same time taking care that in the event of their having removed from one Dwelling-house to another between the 15th July, 1292, and the same day in 1893, they are put down on such Lists as SUCCESSIVE OCCUPIERS. LODGERS occupying Rooms of the value of Ten Pounds a year are also requested to apply for Forms of Claim to Mr Thos. F. Foster, 12, Front Street, and Mr. John Hopkins, 20, King Street, Consett; Mr John G. Cooke, Durham Road, and Mr John McCann, 28, West Row, Blackhill; or to

HENRY R. FOGGON,
Liberal Registration Agent,
11, Murray Street, Blackhill.

REMEMBER THE GREAT

WILD WEST SHOW

AT LEADGATE,

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH.

AFTERNOON & EVENING PERFORMANCES

ADMISSION 6D. 9371

KYO FLOWER SHOW.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

EXHIBITION

OF FLOWERS, FRUITS, PLANTS, VEGETABLES, AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS,

Will be held in a Field belonging to G. R. HOBSON, Esq., Catchgate, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 1893.

Gates Open at One o'clock.

The Services of the ABBOT MEMORIAL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BAND Have been secured to play on that occasion

For full Particulars of Sports and Special Prizes see Bills.

Refreshments on the Grounds at Reasonable Prices.

A GRAND BALL will be held in the Marquee after the show is closed.

ADMISSION to the Show — Adults, 6d; Children, 3d each. No checks given.

GEORGE BULLERWELL } Secs.
GEORGE PACE }

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1893.

16 Fat Cattle.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
12 H.B. Bullock Stirks.
Geld Cows.
Poultry, Harness, Stack Nets, and Sundries.

Sale at One o'clock.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Farmers and others are earnestly desired to have their Stock forward a little earlier so that the Sale may get commenced at the proper time, which will be much more convenient for both vendor and buyer.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. 3m

THE SPECIAL SALE OF LAMBS, on Saturday First, August 26th, for which there is a good Entry of all sorts, will commence at One o'clock.

4m J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

HAY

FOR SALE BY AUCTION, in the Cottage Field Little Greencroft, on Tuesday Night, August 22nd, 1893.

18 PIKES Splendid Well-Won OLD-LAND HAY.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

5m Sale to commence at Six o'clock.

EDMONDBYERS.

IMPORTANT SALE OF FELL SHEEP, FARM STOCK, HAY, WINTER EATAGE, &c., belonging to Mrs ROBINSON, Edmondbyers, who is declining Farming, on Thursday, August 24th, 1893, Blanchand Fair Day.

MR J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Inventory:

120 Fell Sheep.
5 H.B. Ewes.
3 Cows.
5 1-to-1½ year old Stirks.
2 Finger Calves.
Pony and Foal.
Trap and Harness.
Dairy Utensils.
Hay Rakes and Forks.
Horse Hay Rake.
Dining Table, Press and Sewing Machine.
24 Pikes of Well-won Old Land Hay.
35 Acres of Winter Eatage.

Sale to commence at Two p.m.

Royal Auction Mart Sale-Office, Benfieldside.

LAMBS.—Saturday, August 26th.

SPECIAL SALE OF KEEPING LAMBS at the Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. Also, 20 GRAZING STIRKS. Entries to day of Sale.

6m J. S. MURRAY.

44, Medomsley Road, Consett.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1893, at the Freemasons' Arms, Consett, subject to conditions which will there be read,

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer,

All that FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, containing 4 Large Rooms, Scullery, Nursery, and Out-Offices, with a Frontage of 20 ft., and depth of 60 ft. now in the occupation of Mr. Spencer.

Also, a Splendid Corner BUILDING SITE adjoining the above, being about 130 Square Yards.

Sale to commence at Half-past Seven.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or J. G. MURRAY, Solicitor, Consett and Newcastle. 7m

TO LET, in Dixon Street, Blackhill, a HOUSE of Six Rooms, suitable for a SHOP.—Apply, J. S. MURRAY, Whitehall Lodge. 8m

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY, THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

SPECIAL EMIGRATION.

For cheap Rates to AMERICA, SOUTH AFRICA, &c., apply to A. PHILLIPSON, who Agent for all the best Lines, and who takes Passengers and their Luggage to Newcastle Free of Charge. 4711

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Sale of Contractors' Horses, Carts, Harness, Saddles, &c.
Crawford's Auction Mart, Gibson Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by a Contractor and others, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Mart, on Wednesday First, August 23rd, 1893,
11 Useful HORSES and PONIES,
Grey COB, 4 years old, about 14·2 h.h., quiet in all Harness.
PONY, 40 inches high, been used with Children. Coup Cart, Spring Cart, 2 Butchers' Carts, 4-Wheeled Phaeton, 4-Wheeled Dog Cart, 5 Sets of Heavy Cart Harness, Trace Chains, 6 Sets of Spring Cart and Silver-Mounted Harness, Set of Double Harness for Ponies, Saddles, Bridles, Whips, Gig Lamps, Corn Bins, and other lots too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at above place at One o'clock.
See Posters. 10m

John Crawford's Sale-rooms, 6, 13, 23, and 25 Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Rooms, on Monday, August 28th, 1893 a splendid Consignment of Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, which arrived too late for last sale, consisting of Splendid Walnut Suite, Mahogany Drawers, Brass-mounted and other Bedsteads, Feather, Rabbit, and Down Beds, Kitchen Chairs, Tables, &c.
Particulars in Posters.
Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt as the lots are numerous.

FOG.—TO LET 10 ACRES of FOG upon the Sewerage Farm, Stanniffordam, near Consett.—Apply, JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Consett. 11m

Mr. J. Storey.

MILESTONE INN YARD, TOW LAW.—Next Horse, Pony, and Cob Sale, Saturday, September 2nd. Entries invited.
JOSEPH STOREY, Auctioneer.
Office: High Street, Tow Law. 9801

Mr. Wm. Cook.

Allanshields, Blanchland.

MR WILLIAM COOK is instructed by Mr A. JONES, who is leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises, on Saturday, September 2nd, Household FURNITURE, Dairy Utensils, Governess Car Horse, 15 h.h., nearly thorough-bred, Cow and Calf, about 25 Tons of Old Land Hay, Eatage of 17 Acres Rich Fog and Pastures, Garden Produce, &c.
Sale at One o'clock p.m. Terms Cash.
Further particulars in Handbills.
14, Hencotes Street, Hexham, 16th Aug., 1893.

By Messrs. Iveson.

Sale of Corn Crop.—Friday, August 25th, at 3 p.m.—Horsegates, midway betwixt Wylam and Lintz Green.

MESSRS IVESON, favoured with instructions from Mr M. RENWICK, will SELL BY AUCTION,
20 Acres of BARLEY.
20 Acres of TARTAR OATS.
11 Acres of EARLY OATS.
Sold on the Premises, subject to measurement and credit conditions. Sixpence in the pound discount for Cash.
Hexham, August 15th, 1893. 9871

By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.
(Please Note Alteration of Day and Hour.)

THE next SALE of Milch Cows, Fat and Grazing Cattle and Sheep, will be held on MONDAY, Aug. 28th, 1893, at 10·30 a.m. Early Entries solicited.
FIRST SPECIAL SALE for LAMBS, August 30th. Early Entries invited to ensure full publication. 9691
J. GREEN & J. DOWSON, Managers.

By Mr. N. Elsdon.

The Consett Popular Sale Rooms, Front Street.

MR NATHAN ELSDON will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above Rooms, on Monday Aug. 28th, 1893, a fine and valuable Selection of NEW and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, consisting of a Fine-toned Walnut Piano, in Iron Frame; a Sweet-toned American Organ; Mahogany Tall-boy Chest; Drawers and Bookcase; Splendid Arabian Brass Bedstead; French Bedstead; Spring and Straw Mattresses; Feather, Flock, and Down Beds; Stained and Polished Chests of Drawers; Walnut Occasional Table; Oval Mirror, in Mahogany Frame; Revolving Perambulator, in first-class condition; Ditto, with cover; Carpet, about 5 yds. x 4½ yds.; Three-fold Screen; Child's Cot; Leather Studded Couch; Half-dozen Hair-seated Chairs; 3 Smoke Do.; 12 Half-smoke Do.; 6 Birch Polished Chairs; Child's Small and Table Chairs; 6 Balloon-back Leather-seated Chairs; Fenders; Fireirons; Spades; Shovels; Hay Forks and Rakes.
Also, a large Quantity of first-class China and Earthenware, specially consigned to the Auctioneer, direct from the Staffordshire Potteries, which must be sold without any reserve whatever, and is therefore particularly worth the attention of the Public.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Sale Rooms and Office, Front Street and Delves Lane, Consett.
Persons having surplus Furniture to dispose of, may rely on having favourable and expeditious treatment. 1m

By Mr James Turnbull.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart.—Monday, August 21st, 1893, at 11 a.m., prompt.

SPECIAL LAMB SALE in conjunction with FAT STOCK SALE. Present Entries comprise 1,700 HEAD OF FAT AND GRAZING STOCK.
15 Fat Cattle.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
2 Veal Calves.
10 Grazing Cattle, 2 years old.
1 Ayrshire Cow, milking well.
20 Young Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve, direct out of good hands.
30 Young Pigs, 8 to 12 weeks old.
1 Chestnut Pony, 14·2 h.h., quiet, and a good worker.
1 Cream-coloured Pony, 4 years old.
Harness and Conveyance, Patent Blocks, &c.
Also 1,650 Keeping Sheep and Lambs:—
1,350 Half and Three-parts Bred Lambs, Tops.
150 Mule Keeping Lambs, Tops.
150 Half-bred Shearling Sheep for turniping purposes.
The above Lambs are all tops, and comprise some of the best Lambs that will be offered at any sale in the county this season, being consigned direct from some of the principal breeders in Northumberland and Durham, off Eltringham, Sewing Shields, Moss Kennels, Herds House, Holmside Old Hall, Broom House, Tetholm Mains, Sherburn Tower, Tipper Moor, Carrow, Field House, Darras Hall, Finchale Abbey, Plawsworth, Nafferton, Urpeth, Ellemore, Burn Hall, and other noted Hirsels.
Trucks at the Station.
Note: Order of Sale—Milch Cows at 11 a.m., to follow with Calves, Fat Cattle and Sheep, and Pigs.
Sale of Keeping Lambs at 2·30 p.m. prompt.
9941 JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Sale of Timber, Show Yard Fittings, &c., at Chester-le-Street.

MR JAMES TURNBULL, having received instructions from Mr W. NORMAN, Contractor, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Tuesday, August 22nd, 1893, the whole of the TIMBER, HURDLES, POSTS, and RAILS, and FITTINGS, used at the Chester-le-Street Horse and Dog Show, and the Beamish and Pontop Agricultural Society's Show, as under:—
150 Strong Hurdles.
10,000 Lin. Ft. 6½in. x 1in. Feathered and Grooved Red Wood Deals, good quality.
2,300 Lin. Ft. 7in. x 2½in. Red Wood Battens.
1,100 Do. 6in. x 2½in. Do.
1,400 Do. 7in. x 2½in. White Wood Battens.
Also a large Quantity of Goods, Posts, and Rails, and other Timber used at the Show.
Sale at Three p.m. 9721

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

T. D. DRYDEN, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
Begs to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has secured the Auctioneer and Valuer's License, and trusts by Prompt Attention, Moderate Charges, and Quick Settlements, to merit a share of their Patronage. Sales, Commissions, Valuations, and Auctioneering in all its Branches. T. D. D. has been commissioned by Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress Warrants under the Agricultural Holdings' Act. Authorised Emigration Agent for the Allan, American, Guion, and Other Lines.
OFFICES—67, FRONT STREET, CONSETT
(Next Door to North-Eastern Bank.)

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. T. Swainston.

Preliminary Notice. — Consett Sewage Farm.—Thursday, August 24th.

MR THOS. SWAINSTON, Auctioneer, Consett, is instructed by the Consett Local Board, TO LET about 25 ACRES of FOG, and to SELL about 5 ACRES of OATS, One ACRE of BARLEY, also about 1½ ACRES of CABBAGES. The Lots will be put up to suit Purchasers. The Sale will take place at the Farm, at Stanniffordam, on Thursday, August 24th, at Five p.m. prompt. Further particulars see Bills. 13m

By Mr J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, August 21st, 1893.—40 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 16 Fat Cattle, 150 Fat Sheep; 40 Fat Lambs; 7 Store Cattle; 10 Finger Calves.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Lambs! Lambs!! Lambs!!!
Tow Law Auction Mart

FIRST SPECIAL SALE of KEEPING LAMBS Thursday, August 24th, 1893. Entries comprise over 1,500 Top, Mule, and Twice-cross Ewe and Wether Lambs from Greenridge, Red House, Waskerley, Burnhill, Lumley Ling, Tunstall House, Slatyford, Heatherlea, Stanley, Park Wall, Rose Hill, Rookhope, and Derwent. Ewe and Wether Lambs sold separate.
Additional Entries expected.
Ballot drawn on Monday Evening.
Sale at 12 o'clock.
Special Train from Tow Law at 5·10 for Bishop Auckland, Darlington, &c. 9851

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
W. AYNSLEY, Esq., JAMES OLIVER, Esq., HEDLEY NICHOLSON, Esq. } Trustees.
The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 28th August, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place.
Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

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VENETIAN BLINDS MADE TO ORDER. OLD BLINDS CLEANED, MADE EQUAL TO NEW.
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PRICE: 3s. 9d. PER BOTTLE; 2s. PER HALF-BOTTLE.
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LOCAL AGENTS:—
CONSETT.—RICHARD MURRAY, WINE MERCHANT. T. D. DRYDEN & Co., FRONT STREET. THOMAS MILNER, CHEMIST; W. AYNSLEY, GROCER, &c.
WITTON GILBERT.—J. HODGSON, STATION HOTEL.
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL. W. AYNSLEY, GROCER, &c.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, PACK HORSE INN.
BLACKHALL MILL.—T. ARMSTRONG, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
SOUTH MOOR.—R. DIXON, THE OAK INN.
TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE.—JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. W. AYNSLEY, GROCER, &c. 989h

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SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW 789

WEATHER CHART FOR AUGUST.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for August:—A warm month; with more rain than in July. Rain in Ireland quite up to the average. Thunderstorms about the 5th and 26th. Boisterous round the 28th.

TEMPERATURE.—High throughout the month, except the last few days. Very high readings about the 2nd, 15th, and 24th.

RAIN.—About two inches and-a-half; under average. Chiefly about the 5th, 14th, 17th, 22nd, and 28th.

Average rainfall: London, 2·7in.; Glasgow, 3·6in.; British Isles, 3·1in.

PREVAILING WINDS.—N.E., N.W., and S.W. Northerly winds predominate.

The Consett Guardian
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

IN THE DARK.

The sewerage farm is the latest incubus which has for years past hung around the necks of the ratepayers of Consett. They had to pay dearly for the introduction of the scheme, but as hope is said to "spring eternal in the human breast," they were led to believe that all would be well, and that there was a good time coming. But "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and so there was a breeze at the last ordinary meeting of the Consett Local Board. Mr Daly led the attack in the name of the ratepayers, and never did leader of a forlorn hope acquit himself nobler. He was assailed in front, flank, and rear; but when the smoke cleared away he was seen standing unmoved—waving his battle-blade and calling upon his adversaries to trot out a balance-sheet.

TO LET.

Nothing would give the ratepayers of Consett more satisfaction than for the Board to let the farm at what it will bring. The members of the Board who are against the carrying out of such a step have failed to support their flimsy contentions by either rhyme or reason—not to speak of logic. To declare that if the farm was let the Board would have to pay a man £100 a year to watch the farmer to the end that the sewerage would be properly distributed, is among the most absurd nonsense ever read or written. It would be to the farmer's interest to see to that himself, as the fertilizing power of sewerage is well-known in agricultural circles. But granting that the farmer was foolish enough to neglect his own interests, the Board could take steps to make him carry out the terms of agreement, just as anybody else is compelled, if need be, to carry out the details of any contract which may be entered upon. In the event of the farm being let, all that would be necessary, as far as the Board is concerned, would be a periodical walk over the land by the Surveyor—that is all and nothing more. The members of the Board may depend upon it that some change will have to be brought about, and that soon. The ratepayers are up in arms, and if they have to pay cash down when they need not, it may be assumed that they will demand to know the reason why. During the present week I have been brought into contact with more than one of them, and when the conversation turned on the rates in connection with the sewerage farm, the all-round exclamation was, "It is awful!"

OUT OF FASHION.

About a quarter-of-a-century ago, or rather more, farming became a craze. Wealthy merchants flocked from our towns and cities and bade more for land than it was worth, with the result that men were ruined by the hundreds. The reaction came, and the price of land fell to such an extent that rather than let their farms at current offers, the landowners preferred to take them into their own hands, in order that all the profits should come into their own net. The principle may look well in theory, but it worked very indifferently in practice, with the result that to-day farms all over the country have been let to the highest bidder, the proprietors having determined to let their farms at any price rather than leave them in the hands of managers. Farm managing became ruinous, and as a natural sequence it has gone out of fashion. The result of experience has demonstrated the unproductive character of such an arrangement, and the sooner the members of the Consett Local Board follow the lines adopted by practical men who have paid for their experience, the better it will be for themselves and the ratepayers generally. What is standing in the way in the meantime is the lack of experience and the grasp of details on the part of the Board. Let the farm be let and then—and not till then—will the ratepayers know the actual amount of profit and loss.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

On Tuesday, a man named Gardiner, employed as a mason's labourer, while at work in the Consett Steel Angle Mills, was knocked down by a truck, and was lamed in one of his legs.

As our readers will see by our advertising columns, that Mr T. Swainston, auctioneer, will offer for sale by auction at the Sewage Farm, Stanniffordam, on Thursday first, five acres of oats, one acre of barley, and about 1½ acres of cabbages, in lots to suit purchasers. About 25 acres of fog will be let by auction at the same time and place.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached—morning and evening—in this chapel at Consett, by County Councillor T R Dodd, Lemington. In the afternoon, an address was given by Coun. Dodd; and solos were sung by Madame Catherine Bellas-Dryden, Misses Elliott, Consett, and Mr Edward Robinson, Blackhill; pianist, Mr T. Elsdon, Consett. Collections were taken in aid of the school funds. Good congregations attended each service.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr Arthur Jefferson, the lessee, announces an important production next week, of a new and realistic drama, in a prologue and three acts, entitled *Spellbound*, written by Messrs Vaughan and Mackay, author of *Black Diamonds*, etc. This drama deals largely with that powerful and mysterious agency known as hypnotism, and is brimful of interest from start to finish. It will be produced by an able company, under the management of Messrs Vaughan and Charlton, and includes that well-known artiste, Miss Helen McCullock.

Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., who is now located at Ebchester with a view to holding his annual meetings with his constituents, will address his first autumn meeting in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Saturday evening, August 26th. The chair will be taken at 6·45 p.m. by Mr W. Logan, president of the Divisional Liberal Association, and he will be supported by the leading liberals of the district.

ACCIDENT AT A WEDDING.—On Tuesday morning, as a cab conveying a wedding party, in connection with the wedding of Mr Butchart and Mrs Cannon, (who carries on a refreshment business in Thomas Street, Consett), was leaving the residence, a girl named Haggon, aged 13 years, whilst picking up some money which the bridegroom had thrown out, was caught by one of the wheels of the cab, and the same passed over one of her arms. The girl was conveyed home, and medical aid procured, and it was ascertained that she had sustained a broken arm.

CONSETT NATIONAL SCHOOLS.—We notice that our worthy vicar (Rev F. Steggall) takes a great deal of pride in beautifying and renovating the above schools, so as to make the lives of the children who attend the same bright, pleasant, and happy. The whole of the buildings have once more been thoroughly cleaned, painted, and decorated. The work has been entrusted to Mr J. Siddle, decorative painter, of Newmarket Street, Consett, and the same has been done in a most satisfactory manner. In fact, the interior of the buildings are worthy of inspection, and shows the interest the vicar takes in the welfare of education.

We note with pleasure that on Wednesday evening next, a public presentation is to be made in the New Wesleyan Church to Rev J. H. Taylor, Wesleyan minister, in recognition of his very efficient and valuable services rendered during his three years' residence in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, and more especially on account of his indefatigable efforts in connection with the erection and completion of the handsome new church erected in our town. The address, which is handsomely illustrated, by Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Co., of Newcastle, may be seen on view at Messrs Foster Bros', Front Street, Consett.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—The Sunday-school anniversary, in connection with this church at Consett, was commenced on Saturday, when the teachers and scholars were provided with tea. Afterwards, they proceeded to a field at Templetown, where games amusements were indulged in. On Sunday, the services were continued by the Rev J. P. Beel, of Sunderland. On Monday night, a public meeting was held in the church, the Rev T. Dusant, the esteemed pastor, being in the chair. The choir and children sang and recited on each occasion, under the direction of Mr J. Cockburn. Mr J. H. Cockburn presided at the harmonium. There were good congregations, and the collections were in aid of the Sunday-school funds.

BLACKHILL.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH.—On Sunday afternoon, a flower service was held in this church, at Blackhill. Rev T. J. Storey, Vicar of Blackhill, preached the sermon. There was a large congregation. The offertory was in aid of the Sunday-school.

THE RAPE CASE.—In our report of the rape case at Blackhill, tried at Lanchester on Thursday week, a statement was attributed to the defendant that he had previously had intercourse with complainant. As a wrong interpretation has been put upon this expression, we are requested to state that the words defendant used was that "he had previously had *conversation* with the young woman."

BRASS BAND CONTEST.—Our readers will see on reference to our advertising columns that a brass band contest has been arranged to take place at Blackhill, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Several well-known bands have entered the contest, and other attractions will be provided in the shape of cricket and Rugby football matches, &c.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH MAGAZINE for August contains an account of St. Aidan's rest, a chronicle of church events, and a copy of "The Dawn of Day."

EXTRAORDINARY CROP OF RASPS.—Mr Robert Charlton, of the Benfieldside Nurseries, has one of the most extraordinary crops of rasps that is to be seen anywhere in this district. The bushes are literally laden with the fruit, which is of large size. The name by which they are known is "Serfer Fidelis." As far as 12 quarts a day have been picked, and yet, when looking at the bushes, one would imagine that not a single quart had been gathered, so heavy is the crop.

EXCURSION.—The *employees* and friends connected with the Shotley Grove and Lintz Ford Paper Mills, belonging to Messrs Annandale and Sons, have had their annual "outing." The place fixed upon was Carlisle, and the company to the number of something like 600 were conveyed to their destination by a special train. The day was exceedingly fine, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all in visiting the various places of interest, and admiring the most enchanting scenery surrounding the town.

We are requested by Mr U. A. Ritson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to contradict the report that he intends to remove to Shotley Bridge. He has no intention of leaving Newcastle at present.

EBCHESTER.

At Ebchester Church, on Sunday, the lessons were read by Mr. Atherley Jones, M.P., and the Rev. P. Cameron, who was the preacher, discoursed on decision of character, his object being to try and make people lead less aimless lives, and to avoid the gregarious or mob life—the mob of the drawing room as well as the mob of the street. The Bible he commended as the best book for forming or shaping character.

SATLEY.

The thermometer at the Grange, Satley, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday forenoon, registered 96 degrees in the shade, and 110 in the sun.

LEADGATE.

CHOIR TRIP.—On Saturday, the choir of the Primitive Methodist Society at Leadgate, held their annual trip to South Shields. The weather was beautiful and fine throughout the day, every-one returning home fully satisfied with the day's outing.

WILD WEST SHOW.—Our readers will please remember that the great Wild West Show (postponed on account of the weather on Saturday, Aug. 5th), will be repeated to-morrow (Saturday). There is an afternoon and evening performance, the charge for admission being reduced to sixpence.

TOW LAW.

On Saturday evening, a lecture, entitled "Varnish," was delivered in the Primitive Chapel, Tow Law, by the Rev Mr Lewins, of St Helen's. After the lecture, a coffee supper was held. On Sunday afternoon, the choir again rendered the service of song, entitled "Crown after Cross."

LANCHESTER.

Arrangements are being made for holding the flower show at Lanchester, as usual, this year.

GRAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL TREAT.—On Friday last, in response to the most kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Hedley, the teachers and scholars of the Lanchester Sunday-school went to Burnhopeside Hall, and had a most enjoyable and successful treat. The party met at the school at two o'clock, and went in procession down the village, headed by the vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn), the scene being made very festive by the number of flags carried by the children. Arriving at Burnhopeside, the party was received by Mr and Mrs Hedley, who were accompanied by Mr George Hedley, the Misses Carpenter, of Beckenham, Mr Charles Armstrong, and others. Everything that was most appropriate for the occasion was lavishly provided for the children's amusement, and the music of the South Derwent band enlivened the occasion as only music can. After a splendid tea, the children and the teachers and various guests, including Mrs Glyn, Mrs Brotherhood, Mrs Towns, Mrs Brown, Mrs Parker, Mrs T. Waugh, Mr R. Walton, etc., were photographed by Mr Edwards; and then the games were renewed until about 7·30 p.m., when the party assembled near the large tent which had been erected for the occasion, and the 32 handsome prizes for the successful competitors in the races were distributed by Mrs Hedley; and then the vicar proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Hedley for their exceeding kindness, and to their many helpers who had worked so unselfishly to make the occasion a success. The children responded by loud and continuous cheers, which were taken up with fresh vigour when Mr Hedley most kindly alluded to Mr and Mrs Glyn, Mr White, and the teachers. The party got back to Lanchester about 8·30 p.m., and testified to the enjoyment they had had by their hearty cheering through the village.

WATERHOUSES.

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS.—The opportune weather will undoubtedly be most gratifying to the farmers, as on every side the corn is ripening, and promises, should the fine weather continue, shortly to be ready for the reaper. For the last few days the heat has been intense, which, owing to the moisture of the earth caused by the recent wet, will in no way effect the cereal crops. Turnips look generally healthy, while the potatoe crops are deemed average crops. Hay in some instances is yet standing in pikes, which generally is short and light, and predicts a higher rise in consequence.

WOLSINGHAM.

A CAPITAL SHOT.—On Pikestone moors, which lie south of the Wear Valley, between Wolsingham and Stanhope, on Monday last, one of the sportsmen shot 26 birds in one drive. The total number killed in that drive was 50 brace by seven guns. The bag for the day was over 150 brace.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

THE THOMAS SEXTON BRANCH OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.—The above branch held a public meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall, Annfield Plain, on Wednesday se'nnight. There was a good attendance, the chair being occupied by Mr John Campbell, president of the branch, and he was supported by Messrs. M. Scully, John Orr, P. Reay, Mr. Ryan, organising secretary, and the secretary of the branch, Mr. Owen Tennyon. The following resolution proposed by Mr. M. Scully and seconded by Mr. John Orr, was carried *nem. con.* "That we tender our best thanks to Mr. Gladstone for the firm and courageous policy he has pursued in pushing forward his great measure of peace and consolation to Ireland, and that we express our confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party, a confidence heightened by their conduct during the progress of the Home Rule Bill, and pledge ourselves to accord them our heartiest support." Votes of thanks were accorded to the speakers and chairman. A good number of names were added to the branch, and there are still more to follow. The branch gives evidence of great success. Arrangements were made for holding a regular weekly meeting.

GREENCROFT.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday night last, an entertainment was given in the above place, by the choir, to a good company. On Sunday afternoon, Mr T. Cowey, of Annfield Plain, preached an impressive sermon. At night, the choir gave a beautiful service of song, entitled, "Sweet Violets." The chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers. The singing was most delightful, and was rendered in a way which ought to bring credit to the choir. Large congregations were present, and good collections were taken. On Monday night, Mr R. Turnbull, of Consett, gave one of his popular lectures, subject:—"Peter, the Galilean fisherman" to a good company. Mr J. Guy Ward occupied the chair. The doxology brought all the services to a close.

BLAYDON.

TRADE AND LABOUR COUNCIL.—The monthly meeting of the Blaydon and District Trade and Labour Council was held on Wednesday se'nnight, in the Station Hotel, Mr J. W. Leadbitter in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and adopted, a letter from the Blaydon Local Board was read by the secretary (Mr R. Young), in reply to one sent by him to that body anent the alleged insanitary condition of Blaydon and Winlaton. A discussion arose thereupon, and it was moved by Mr Davidson "That a deputation of four members of this Council wait on the Local Board to point out to that body the insanitary condition of the district." This motion was seconded by Mr Laidler, and carried by a large majority. The reports of the different delegates in relation to their trades, were all moderate, with the exception of the miners which is improving; and the engineers, which is bad.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Friday, Andrew Lynn, aged 66 years, died suddenly at Cornsay Colliery. He was quite fresh and hearty up to the time of his death. Lynn had been to Newcastle on Thursday, and came home with a horse and cart loaded with casks of paraffin oil. He was in the act of unloading them on the following day, in his own backyard, placing the barrels on their ends, being assisted by his son, Joseph Lynn. He suddenly fell down between one of the casks and a wringing machine, and when picked up was found to be dead. No inquest was held.

MILKWELL BURN.

FAREWELL SERMON AT MILKWELL BURN FREE CHURCH.—On Thursday week, a good congregation assembled together to hear the farewell sermon of Rev A. Bromley, who is leaving this circuit for Sunderland. The text was the 2nd epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, 13 chap., 11th verse. The pastor, during his sermon, gave every encouragement to still go on in the work set before us, and made many impressions, which, if retained, will be of great benefit to those who have listened to his counsel for the past four years of his ministry. The Milkwell Burn and district mission band missioned the various places before the service.

BURNOPFIELD.

The annual flower show takes place at Burnopfield to-morrow (Saturday). This is one of the best and most popular exhibitions in the district, and is worthy of a visit.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY.

INDECENT ASSAULT.—Mr Forster has written to us stating that the man charged with this offence, at Lanchester Police Court, does not reside at Burnhope Colliery.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The 123rd quarterly meeting of Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society was held in the society's large hall on Saturday evening. There was a crowded attendance. Mr R. Hamilton, president, occupied the chair. The report showed that there was a membership of 4,180 with a share capital of £80,158 18s 7d and the sum of £10,384 6s 6d was paid out as dividends during the quarter. The sales in all departments during the quarter realised the sum of £48,068 15s 3d showing a slight decrease upon the previous quarter, but an increase of £6,296 7s 2d upon the corresponding quarter of last year. A dividend of 3s 2d in the £ was declared, being a reduction of 5d in the £ upon the previous dividend.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION.—On Saturday, the Primitive Methodists of the Chester-le-Street Circuit, held their 20th annual demonstration in a field near Lambton Park, kindly lent by the Earl of Durham. The weather was beautifully fine. A sermon was preached by the Rev M. P. Davison, of Newcastle. Afterwards, a tea was held in the school, and subsequently a public meeting in the evening, presided over by the Rev J. Young, superintendent minister. Addresses were delivered by the Rev M. P. Davison and Messrs J. Clark, and J. Duncan. On Sunday, the annual camp meeting was held on the Bourn Green. There was a large attendance. Sermons were preached by Messrs J. Duncan, Nettlesworth, J. Clark, Shildon, J. Parker, Hetton, and T. J Harrison, Derby. The Rev Jas. Young conducted all the services.

WEARDALE.

ACCIDENT TO A CYCLIST.—On Sunday afternoon, a young man named Smith, belonging to Bankfoot, Crook, was thrown from his machine at Cowshill, and received severe injuries. It seems that in coming down the steep hill from Allendale to Cowshill, he lost control of the machine, and riding round the sharp curve in the road at the latter place, was thrown. Dr Izod, one of the sportsmen staying at Cowshill, dressed the young man's wounds.

At a meeting of the committee of the Bent Agricultural Society, a vote of sympathy and condolence was passed, and directed to be sent by the secretary to the widow of the late Mr Joseph Thompson, Pry Hill, on the very sudden death of her husband. Mr Thompson had been a member of the committee and a steward since the formation of the society, and was much esteemed by the committee for the great interest he took in its welfare.

THE HARVEST.—Even before the hay harvest is over, corn is ripe, and ready for cutting. The hay harvest has been wet, and hindersome until these last few days, when it takes little or no winning, the hot sun drying it very quickly.

STANHOPE.

Over £100 was raised by the Frosterley Primitives last week at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of their new Sunday-school at the Bridge End. Mr Thomas Proud, of London, late of Stanhope, preached two excellent sermons on Sunday, for the Stanhope Wesleyans to large audiences.

CAMP MEETING.—The Primitives held their annual camp meeting on Sunday afternoon last, in a field beside the Dene entrance, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr John Vickers, Horn Hall Farm. A good company was present. The speakers were Messrs J. Foster, J. Milburn, and the Rev R. Walton. In the evening, a love-feast was held in the chapel.

FLOWER SHOW.—Lord Thomas Wilkinson, the weather prophet, visited Stanhope flower show, on Saturday, and promised the farmers two months' fine weather, for the corn harvest. He predicted a wet hay harvest, when he forecast the weather in the spring, his prediction being verified to the letter.

WEST STANLEY.

The police station is fast approaching completion, and when finished will be an architectural improvement to Stanley. The new institute in connection with St. Andrew's Church is also steadily going up.

On Monday last, Mr Joseph Watson commenced harvesting operation with a Brantford harvester and self-binder in a field of barley, which is a particularly heavy crop. During the work the field has been visited by almost all the neighbouring agriculturalists. The machine has been at work all the week, and has given every satisfaction.

FREE METHODISM.—The Church and Sunday-school in connection with the above have just held their special services, and never in the history of the Free Methodist cause has the attendance at the Church Sabbath-school anniversary been so large. The services held on Saturday and Sunday last were conducted by Rev M. Hutchinson, of Southport, who preached two powerful sermons. In the afternoon, a service of praise was given by the choir, assisted by Mr R. Pearson's string band. The organist for the occasion was Mr S. Armstrong, Gray Bros'. agent, West Stanley. The young friends acquitted themselves admirably at each service, solos and duets being rendered well.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—Notwithstanding the tropical weather we are experiencing here just now excellent houses are being maintained, a fact that speaks volumes for the judicious management of the above popular place of entertainment. This week, Boucicault's famous Irish drama "The Shaughraun" is being performed with gratifying results. Mr Mark Lindon essays the *role* of "Capt. Molyneax" with immense success, and as "Robert Ffolliott" Mr Arthur Hurst appears to great advantage. Mr W. H. Newsome is a capital "Father Dolan." Mr C. Gower gives due effect to the part of "Cory Kinchild," and as "Harvey Duff" Mr Frank Coston plays with great credit. As "Conn the Shaughraun" Mr David Collins keeps the audience in the best of humour. Mr W. Lawless as "Sergeant Jones" and Mr F. Hall as "Sullivan" each render efficient aid. Miss Ada Garratt displays decided ability as "Claire Ffolliott" and as "Arte O'Neil" Miss M. Keighley gave entire satisfaction. Miss Florence Gray as "Mrs O'Kelly" was a typical old Irishwoman. Miss Beatrice Spence as "Moya" was very pleasing, and as "Nancy Malone" Miss C. Dumbar does very well. Next week, "Orphan and Outcast" and "Jessie Brown" are announced.

WINLATON.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Thursday se'nnight, at Blaydon, under the presidency of Mr Isaac Clark. The Clerk (Mr Henry Dalton) presented accounts for payment to the amount of £160 17s 2d, which were passed and ordered to be paid. Miss Frances A. Atkinson was appointed head-teacher in the infant department of the Winlaton Board Schools, at a salary of £70 per annum. It was resolved to advance the salary of the assistant teacher in the boys' department of the Winlaton Board Schools from £70 to £75 per annum.

HOLMSIDE.

SALE OF LICENSED PREMISES AND LAND.—On Friday afternoon, at the Lambton Arms Hotel, Chester-le-Street, Mr James Turnbull offered for sale by auction a fully-licensed inn, and two small fields. Lot 1, consisting of the Wardle's Bridge Inn, and about 2⅔ acres of land, was offered first, and elicited spirited competition, Mr Lovibond bidding £500, £650, £825, and £875; Mr Panilla, £600, and £800; Mr Stephenson, £700; Mr Oxley, £750; and Mr Wears, £850. Mr Lovibond was the purchaser at £875, for the Newcastle Breweries Company, (Limited), as he also was of lot 2, viz., 1a. 1r. 22p. of land adjoining lot 1, for the sum of £170. There was a good company present, and the bidding was keen, as the district in which the property is situate is likely to develope quickly.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The fine weather of the past fortnight has given the farmer an opportunity to clear his fields of the hay crops. The corn harvest is quite brisk, and may be said to be in full swing. The little corn that is grown in the neighbourhood, will, in a few days, have fallen before the sickle or reaper, and the husbandman will have sung his song of "harvest home."

If the fine weather continues a few more weeks, we may very naturally expect a big day at Castleside, on September 2nd, the day fixed for the Floral and Horticultural Society's fourth exhibition of flowers, plants, fruits, vegetables, and butter; also, dogs, stuffed birds and animals. There will be footracing, running high leap, etc., terminating with a grand ball in the evening. The music will be supplied by the St. Mary's (Blackhill) Brass Band. Some excellent prizes are being given. Special prizes:—Silver cup, trouser pieces, meerschaum pipe, and 10s for the neatest costume. All we want is a fine day, and the success of the show is secured.

The latest production in garden produce is umbrellas and paper bags. There has been a splendid crop of glass bottles this season.

There have many many visitors this summer from all parts of the kingdom—London, North and South Shields, Jarrow, Newcastle, Gateshead, Wallsend, and Walker Gate. If the village continues to grow as it has done of late, the enterprising villagers keep abreast of the times, and the value to health of the mineral springs is made more widely known, the number of visitors will increase annually. There is one thing we lack yet—the lighting of the village in the winter months.

I was pleased to notice that some of our youths and maidens are climbing the ladder of fame. Councillor Muse's second daughter and eldest son have each taken honourable positions at the late examination in connection with the Science and Art Classes held at Consett. Mr T G Ripley, second son of Mr J Ripley, has been to London, sitting in examination for the civil service, but the result is not to hand as yet. I hope he, like the above-named, will be successful.

The Board School children's annual field-day was held on Wednesday se'nnight, in a field kindly lent by Mr C. Robinson, Castle Hills. There was a large muster of children present, and a large number of adults and young people came at night, who indulged in the games to their heart's content. After sundown, two balloons were set off, to the delight and amusement of the bystanders. Each balloon had a postcard attached, addressed to the master (Mr T. Duckworth), for the finder to state time and place of finding. The first despatched was found at Peelflat Farm, Slaley, at nine o'clock the same night, having travelled some ten miles in a few minutes. The second one dropped its postcard after rising a few feet into the air, and has not since been heard of. Perhaps it is travelling still. If anyone should learn its whereabouts, please let Mr T Duckworth know.

The teachers connected with the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school, held their annual flower services on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday night, a public meeting was held in the chapel. The chair was ably filled by Mr T. Raine, the oldest teacher connected with the above school. The speakers were Revs W. Raistrick and R. B. Hanley, the newly-appointed ministers, and Coun. J. W. Winter, Leadgate. Afterwards, Mr T. Proud, London (who for some few years has preached the anniversary sermons, and who has recently been married), was presented with a beautiful drawing-room clock as a mark of esteem, and for valueable services rendered gratuitously in the past. Mr Proud is much loved as a man and a preacher, and I can fully endorse all that your Stanhope correspondent says about him. Mr Proud's choice for life (or bride) is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D Kemp, Parkfield, Lee, London, S.E., and granddaughter of the late Rev Moses Lupton, a very popular minister in the Sunderland district, who filled the highest offices in the connexion, and was president of the Nottingham Conference in 1870.

The Primitive Methodists held their annual camp meeting on Sunday last.

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d, tins 1s 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr. Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr. Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."

THE sister of a philosopher asked her brother—"What is mind?" "No matter," was his response. She then asked—"What is matter?" "Never mind," he replied.

"TOM," you're the laziest man I ever met. You are always leaning on a gate." "I don't think I'm lazy. I left my brother at home: he said he was too tired to lean on a gate."

NOBODY COULD SPELL IT.—Doctor—"Why, how is this, my dear sir. You sent me a letter stating you had been attacked by measles, and I find you suffering from rheumatism." Patient—"Well, you see, doctor, it is like this. There wasn't a soul in the house who could spell rheumatism."

A VERY poor actor having played the part of the ghost in "Hamlet" for many years, Saphir, the German wit, on seeing him, said, "It would be a good thing if this man gave up the ghost, so that somebody else could take his part."

"You love my daughter?" ejaculated the old man. "Love her!" he exclaimed passionately; "why, sir, I would die for her. For one soft glance from those sweet eyes I would hurl myself from yonder cliff and perish upon the rocks two hundred feet below." The old man shook his head. "I'm something of a liar myself," he remarked, "and one is enough for a small family like mine."

COLLECTOR: "Won't you subscribe something to our fund, Mr. Brief?" Lawyer: "Have you asked Bronson?" Collector: "No." Lawyer: "Well, I'd advise you to ask Bronson. He'll give you something handsome." Collector: "But your subscription?" Lawyer: "Oh—I? Oh, yes. Well, I won't charge you anything for my advise about Bronson. Good-morning."

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, August 14th.—Before W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, (Chairman), F. PRIESTMAN, and J. T. POTTS, Esqs.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS AT CONSETT.

A LANDLORD FINED.

Michael McNally, landlord of the Fountain Hotel, Medomsley Road, Consett, was charged with permitting drunkenness on the 2nd inst. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett), defended, and Mr J. Patrick (Durham) represented the owners of the premises.

Sergeant Dryden deposed that on this particular day about 3·45 p.m., he visited this particular house, in company with P.C. Milburn. On going into the bar, they found two women and a man standing in front of the counter. There was a glass of beer standing in front of the man, Michael Hanlon, and he was very drunk. The women were having a small whiskey a-piece. He asked the landlady (Mrs McNally), if Hanlon was drinking, and she replied "No." After further questioning the landlady about the hotel, she said that Hanlon should have no more, and Miss McNally then came forward and told Hanlon that he must go out, as the sergeant said he was drunk. The man commenced to stagger, and before leaving the house said, "Let me have my beer first."

Cross-examined by Mr Welford, the officer said he did not see Hanlon drink any of the liquor in his presence. He called attention to the man, as he was not informed that Hanlon had been in the house before and ordered out. He asked the landlady if they were supplying Hanlon with liquor in this state, and she said "No! I am supplying these women." There were three glasses on the counter. When he entered the bar Hanlon was standing in front of one of the glasses. He was not prepared to say whether the whiskey or the beer belonged to Hanlon.

At this stage, Mr Welford drew attention to the fact that unless the magistrates were satisfied that the man was partaking of the liquor, the landlord should not be convicted. The officer, therefore, did not see Hanlon drink the liquor, and he held there was no case.

The Chairman: There is Hanlon's own statement to the effect when requested to leave the premises:—"Let me have my beer first." The Act does not say that the man should be seen drinking. He was found upon the premises intoxicated, and the case should be proceeded with. Mr Welford's point would be considered by the Justices.

P.C. Milburn corroborated.

In answer to the Sergeant, witness said that when the glass of beer was taken off the counter, and Hanlon requested to leave, the latter said, "Let me have my beer." He did not see the man partake of any of the liquor.

Mr Welford said the defence was that the beer belonged to a woman in the bar, and she wished it changed for whiskey, because the beer was "soft." Hanlon had previously been ordered out of the house, and on his return it was emphatically denied that he was served with liquor.

Kate McNally, daughter, averred that she was present when Hanlon was requested to leave the house. However, he returned the worse for liquor, and she told her mother not to fill Hanlon any drink, because he had had quite sufficient wherever he had been. After requesting him to go home, she went to another portion of the house, and there she heard Hanlon's voice. On making to the bar, she met the officers in the passage. When in the bar, Hanlon said, "Hello, sergeant, is that you." The sergeant then questioned her mother about filling the man with drink, and she denied doing so. There were only two glasses on the counter when the sergeant came in, and one of the women said the beer was rather "soft," and it was changed for a small whiskey. When Hanlon was told to go home, he said he would do so, as he would be the last man in the world to get them into trouble.

By the Chairman: The glass of beer was in her mother's hand when the sergeant entered the bar.

In answer to the Sergeant, witness said she would not swear that the beer had been tasted to ascertain whether it was bad or not. There was only two glasses in use, and Hanlon was not being supplied with drink.

Mrs McNally testified that she was present in the bar when two women, named Mrs McVeigh and Mrs Hanlon, entered. Hanlon had been in the house previous, and when these women came in he returned with them. One of the women ordered a glass of beer and a small whiskey. Mrs Hanlon said the beer was "soft," and it was changed for a small whiskey. When she was attending to this the officers entered. Hanlon was not drinking, and had not been in the house eight minutes. Witness's daughter ordered the man out, and he accordingly left. The man had not a drop of drink in their house.

The Chairman: Was the glass full of liquor?—Witness: Yes; the liquor was tasted by Mrs Hanlon.

Mr Priestman: Was the glass in front of Hanlon or the woman?—Witness: The glass was in front of the woman.

The Chairman: I will ask you again. Did the woman partake of any of the liquor?—Witness: The woman put the glass to her mouth, and then said the beer was "soft."

Replying to the police, witness said there was a little jollification going on. She did not spill the beer in seizing the glass quickly off the counter when he entered the bar. She had the beer in her hand when the officers came in, and she put the same down to get the small whiskey. When questioned she believed she did say that the man was the worse for liquor, and she was not going to fill him any more drink. Mrs McVeigh had a small whiskey in her hand.

The Officer (to the Bench): I wish to call your worship's attention to this: That it has been stated that there were two glasses on the counter, and now we have one in Mrs McVeigh's hand.

Mrs McNally: I am not quite sure about that.

The Officer: Why do you say so, if you are not certain?—(No answer.)

Mr Welford: The woman does not understand what the officer wants to know.

The Officer: I appeal to Mr Welford to be quiet.

The Chairman: I quite see the point that the officer has raised.

Mr Welford: That may be; but the woman has given an answer to a question that she did not understand.

The Sergeant: I will not cross-examine witness any further.

Rose Ann McVeigh, beer-house keeper, of Derwent Street, Blackhill, stated that she remembered going into this house on this particular day, along with Mrs Hanlon. She ordered a small whiskey and a glass of beer. The latter was found to be "soft," and Mrs Hanlon said she would have a small whiskey instead. By this time the man Hanlon had followed them into the house, but he was not supplied with any drink. The beer was taken away, and Mrs McNally was in the act of serving Mrs Hanlon with the whiskey when the officers entered the bar. Mrs McNally told the officers that she previously told Hanlon to leave, and when ordered the next time he left with the party.

By the Sergeant: Witness said Hanlon left the house with them. The beer was not filled for the man Hanlon.

Mr Potts: Did you hear Hanlon say when ordered to leave, "Let me have my beer first?"—Witness: No, I did not.

Mr Welford: Was there any beer supplied to the man Hanlon in your presence?—Witness: No.

Margaret Hanlon adduced similar testimony.

In answer to the Sergeant, witness said the man Hanlon was not a "drop of relation to her." (Loud laughter.)

The Chairman: Have you any idea how many half-glasses of whiskey there were filled?—Witness: There were only two filled.

After a lengthy consultation, the Chairman said they were unanimous of opinion that the case was proved, and seeing that there was no previous conviction against the defendant, he would be fined £2 and 12s costs, the license not to be endorsed.

Mr Patrick said he would like to point out how the owners of this houses were desirous of having the best tenants possible to conduct their business. In the first instance, if it was the desire of the Bench the tenant would be turned out at once; but he thought some consideration ought to be given to Mr McNally, seeing that he had been a publican for 30 years, and this was the first conviction received against him.

The Chairman said they were not disposed to give any advice in the matter, but they desired that Mr McNally should suffer no more than really was necessary.

Mr Patrick said that Mr McNally had already suffered by having his goods destroyed when the premises were burnt down, and the owners were anxious to do the best for the man.

The Chairman: I think this will be a sufficient warning to him.

Michael Hanlon was fined 10s and costs for being drunk on licensed premises.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT CONSETT.

Thomas Wilson, a labourer, of Sand Street, Consett, was brought up on remand on a charge of unlawfully wounding Mary Fittes, a widow, formerly of Stoney Heap, but at present residing in Sand Street, on the 1st inst.

Complainant deposed that she was a widow, and formerly resided at Stoney Heap, near Iveston. She had been living with the prisoner for about two years. On Tuesday, the 1st inst., about 5·0 p.m., she was in the house of Thomas Cranley, Sand Street, when the prisoner said he wanted two pints of beer. She objected to the beer being sent for, and he kicked her on the hip. She fell down, but got up again, and ran to the door. Prisoner followed her, and caught her by the hair of the head, and felled her with a shovel (produced). It was something heavy. She then lost her senses, and remembered nothing more until the doctor was dressing her head.

By the prisoner: She might have had a glass or two of beer. She did not know for certain what it was he struck her with. She was not exactly sober.

Rose Carroll, a single woman, of Sand Street, said she lodged with Thomas Cranley. On the date named, about five o'clock, she was in the house, and prisoner and Mary Fittes were also present. The prisoner said he wanted two pints of beer sent for. Fittes objected to the beer being sent for. Prisoner then seized hold of complainant's hair, and kicked her on the hip, and then struck her on the head with the shovel, and she fell, bleeding from the head. Complainant had had a good deal of drink.

Dr William John Shannon said that on August 1st Sergt. Mitchell sent for him to go to see the complainant at her house. He examined her, and found her suffering from a scalp wound about an inch long, and nearly down to the bone. She had lost some blood. He dressed the wound, which was a comparatively dangerous wound. The shovel produced would be likely to cause such a wound. The wound was going on all right.

Sergt. Mitchell deposed that on Tuesday, Aug. 1st, about 5 p.m., he was called to Sand Street, where he found complainant lying on the street with a wound on the top of her head. She was unconscious, and bleeding very much. He had her removed into Mr Crawley's house, and sent for Dr Shannon. He afterwards apprehended prisoner, and charged him with unlawfully wounding complainant with the shovel, on the same day. Prisoner replied "I did not do it."

By the prisoner, witness said prisoner was not bathing complainant's head when he came up.

In answer to the charge, prisoner said they were drinking together on the Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. About five o'clock on Aug. 1st, by some means or other, a row started in Crawley's house, in which he was struck several times, but complainant and himself had no trouble at all, and the blow she got was intended for him. He was wounded all over in the row.

Prisoner was committed for trial at the forthcoming Durham Quarter Sessions, bail being refused. On leaving the court, prisoner used some threatening language to one of the witnesses.

GAMING AT SHOTLEY FLOWER SHOW.

Thomas Wood, of Gateshead, and *William Hughes*, of Newcastle, were charged with gaming on the highway near to Shotley Bridge Flower Show, on Saturday last.—P.C. Kispin caught the men enticing others to indulge in "Billy Fairplay."—They were fined 5s each and 5s 6d costs.

DAMAGING TELEPHONE INSULATORS.

Two boys, named *William Rosell* and *John Mackin*, were fined 5s each and costs, besides 6s 9d damages, for throwing stones at telephone insulators along the Consett Hall Road.

DAMAGING A GATE.

Michael Mee, John Cudding, Michael Quigley, and *William Leman*, boys, were fined 6d, 5s 6d costs, and 6d damage each, for wilful damage to a gate in Berry Edge Road, Consett, on the 28th ult., the property of the Consett Iron Company.

WILFUL DAMAGE TO TARES AND OATS.

William Dixon and *Luke Westhorpe*, labourers, of Leadgate, were mulcted in a penalty of 5s, 5s 6d costs, and 1d damage each, for doing wilful damage to oats and tares, the property of William Brown, farmer, Redwell Hills, on the 24th ult.

DAMAGING TURNIPS.

Edward Wigham, miner, of Allendale Cottages, was charged with doing wilful damage to turnips to the amount of 1d., the property of John Hunter, farmer, Medomsley, on the 28th ult.—Fined 2s 6d, the costs, 5s 6d, and the damage.

ASSAULT AT CONSETT.

Bridget McCann, married woman, was summoned for assaulting Ellen McShane, married woman, of Spencer Street, Consett, on the 30th ult. Mr Welford (Consett) prosecuted, whilst Mr J. McCartan (Consett) defended.—After hearing a certain amount of evidence as to the value of the assault, and an admission of guilt from Mr McCartan, defendant was fined 2s 6d, and 17s costs.

The defendant was further charged with doing wilful damage to a window and a pane to the amount of 6s, the property of Elizabeth Collins, married woman, of Steel Street, Consett, on the 29th ult. Mr McCartan defended.—For this offence defendant was fined 5s, and ordered to defray the damage and 5s 6d costs.

A STAND-UP FIGHT AT MOUNTSETT.

James Reid, and *Wm. Miller*, were accused of committing an assault upon Philip McGuire, at Mountsett, on the 4th inst. Mr Wm. Dickinson (Consett), defended. It was alleged that through some trouble about some water, a quarrel arose, and the two defendants attacked complainant, and gave him a sound thrashing.—For the defence it was stated that prosecutor brought it all upon himself by striking one of the defendants, and through his wife throwing bricks and a quart can at the defendants.—The Bench fined each of the defendants 5s and 10s 6d costs.

The defendants were further charged with assaulting Jane McGuire, at the same time and place.—After hearing the evidence, the Bench fined Reid 5s, and 7s costs, and dismissed the charge against Miller.

WHEN SHALL WE LIVE IN PEACE?

Mary A. Walton was summoned for assaulting Mary Young, at Westwood, on the 8th inst., by striking her with a shovel.—Defendant was fined 10s, and 14s 6d costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

The cases of *Robert Williamson* and *Mary Shield*, under the Education Act, instituted by Mr W. Ward, at the instance of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee, were adjourned for a month.

The charge against *James Connolly*, of Lintz Colliery, for his three children, was dismissed.

FEMALE TIPPLERS.

Margaret Keenan and *Margaret Atkinson* were charged with being drunk at Consett.—The cases were proved by P.C. Railton and Sergt. Dryden respectively.—Keenan was fined 5s and costs, and Atkinson 2s 6d and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Thomas Riley and *Robert Robson* were proceeded against by Sergt. Nicholson, for fighting at Leadgate, on the 6th inst.—A warrant was issued against Riley, and the other defendant was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and pay 6s 6d costs.

THREATENING LANGUAGE.

Annie Colman was summoned by Jane Foy for using threats towards her at Consett, on the 4th inst.—The case was dismissed, complainant having to pay 14s costs.

DOG LICENSE.

Andrew McPherson, Lintz Colliery, was summoned for keeping a dog without a license, on the 24th ult.—The Magistrates dismissed the case, defendant having procured a license for the animal in the meantime.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Sarah McNally and *Catherine McBride* were fined 1s each and 7s costs for using obscene language at Consett, on the 31st ult.—P.C. Carruthers proved the case.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Arthur Henderson, miner, Tantobie, was fined 2s 6d, 5s 6d costs, and 1d damage, for wilful damage to turnips, the property of Mr Wm. Swinburn, farmer, Waggon Hill, on the 26th ult.

Trade Notes.

WOLSINGHAM STEELWORKS.

Several of the foremen and staff at the Stanner's Steelworks, at Wolsingham, were paid off last Saturday.

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STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had a grand display of stock forward at this mart, on Monday, and for all class of stock there was a good demand. Numbers and prices:—19 fat cattle made up to £19 17s 6d, top—Mr J. E. Nicholson, Manor House. 160 fat sheep and lambs; sheep, to 50s, top—Mr William Thompson, Southfield; lambs, to 35s 6d, top—Mr R. Gledson, Highfield. 39 pigs, 22s to 85s each. 1 calf, 41s; 12 stirks, £3 12s 6d to £4 10s. Trap, £7. Several lots of harness, poultry, two horses, a number of cows &c., were also disposed of.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 46 dairy cows and heifers, 24 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 7 calves, and 170 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £21, fat cattle, to £19, store cattle, to £5 10s, calves, to 40s. Fat b.f. ewes, to 21s, top—Mr Gregson, High Brandon; fat h.b. ewes, to 27s, top—Mr Gregson; fat lambs, to 29s, top—Mr R. Lee, Low Esh.

LANCHESTER.—Messrs Green and Dowson had forward on Monday, 16 cows, which made up to £18, top—Mr J. Hobson; 13 fat cattle, to £16, top—Mr Crawford West Belsay; grazing cattle, to £8 10s; sheep, to 35s, top—Mr Jamieson, Greenwell; lambs, to 26s 6d, top—Mr J. Parker, West Butsfield; 7 calves made only poor prices. Cows met a brisk trade, all being sold at the conclusion of the sale. Fat cattle met a ready market, making fully market prices. Sheep sold with a better feeling, as everyone was sold.

TIT-BITS.

DOING ALL SHE REASONABLY COULD.

"If," he murmured, as she gazed up into his eyes, "if I had only a little more money to count on——" Then he stopped. "What would you do?" she asked. What would you do?" "I—I would have a home of my own. I would, there!" This seemed like business. "How much have you got?" she said, and her voice sounded firm. "Fifteen shillings a-week." He hung his head. "How much do you give a week now for your room?" "Five shillings." "Stuff; we can get a room plenty good enough for both of us, and a pantry to cook in, for that. How much do your meals cost?" "Seven shillings a-week." "Pooh! we can both live for that, cooking at home. What do you do with the other three shillings?" "Well, I—I smoke, you know." "Well, you can give that up, anyhow; you don't spend three shillings a-week on smoking." "No, oh, no. Of course there are expenses; other fellows and such——" "Well, you can stop those, too. What else?" "I try to save a little." "That is talking. How much have you saved?" "Eleven pounds." "That's plenty for the minister and a start, and some to spare for a necktie or something for you to stand up in. Well?" "Well, Mary!" "Go a-head. I can't do everything, you know. You've got to ask me."

HIS WIFE'S PORTRAIT.

I am a photographer. It was about noon one day, when I heard a faint sigh in the other room. I peeped and saw sitting in the sitters' chair a beautiful lady. "I want my portrait, will you set at work at once, please?" I went to work as usual to take the picture. It seemed to me that it was going to be very successful, and I turned from my camera to tell the lady so. To my astonishment she was gone. I had not heard her open the door, nor had I even heard her move from her seat. In a week she came again. I heard that curious sigh, and there she stood in the room, near the window. She smiled as I spread the pictures on the table, and looked very much pleased. She selected a picture from the pile. "Put that in your show-case for luck," she said, and write Margaret Arlington beneath it." I thanked her, and she held out to me a sovereign, and I ran down stairs to get the change at the shop in the lower part of the building. As I went, I put the photograph in my case, that the lady might be pleased by seeing it as she passed out. "Mr. Pillbury," said I to the druggist, "will you kindly change this for me, so that I can give twelve shillings to a customer?" "What is it?" said Pillbury. "A sovereign," said I. "But *where* is it?" said he. I looked at the hand stretched out toward him. Certainly, I held nothing between the fingers. I looked on the counter. We both looked. The clerk helped. It was not to be found. I rushed back to the studio. What *should* I do if the money was really gone, and the lady waiting for her change? I thought I would at least *tell* her about it. "Madam," I began; but there was no one there. A year from the time of her visit a gentleman walked into my studio. "Sir," said he, "you have a photograph of a beautiful blonde lady in the case below. Is the name written below it Margaret Arlington?" "Yes," I said—"that is the name." "It is my wife's portrait," said the gentleman, "and her name; but I did not know she had had her photograph taken." "When did this happen?" he asked. "A year ago," I answered. "My wife has been dead five years," said the gentleman, turning pale. I told him the whole story, we settled it between us that his wife's spirit really had returned to have a photograph taken. I gave him the five pictures, he insisted on paying for them. I refused, but he left a ten pound note on the table. That is my queer story; everybody has one. No one else ever believes a word of another's queer story, but I assure you that this is only the solemn truth. The photographer looked as if he had been drinking hard.

WOMEN LIKE PRAISE.

"Jack: "I'll tell you what's the matter, George. You don't praise your wife enough. Even if things don't go right, there's no use growling. Praise her efforts to please, whether they are successful or not. Women like praise, and lots of it." George: "All right. I'll remember it." George (at dinner, same day): "My dear, this pie is just lovely! It's delicious! Ever so much better than those my mother used to make." George's Wife: "Huh! You've made fun of every pie I ever made, and now"—— George: "But this is lovely." George's Wife: "That came from the baker's."

A BOOK AGENT WHO KNEW HOW TO SELL TO WOMEN.

He rang the door-bell with the air of a man who was in quest of information, and when the door was opened by a lady with an angry light shooting from each eye and her brow loaded with a thunder-cloud he politely took off his hat and said— "Madam, pray excuse me if I detain you a moment." "What is it?" she snapped. "I have been told," he calmly began, "by every lady I have called on that the most intelligent and accomplished lady in this town lives at this number, and as the firm I represent positively forbids me from selling to the most refined and highly cultured I will beg you to tell me whether I have been correctly informed before proceeding further?" The stern look in the lady's face had gradually softened as he spoke, the angry light in her eyes was driven away by a pleasant glance, and when he had finished she smiled sweetly and asked— "What have you for sale?" The book agent swiftly undid his pack and said: "Madam, I have here the most complete edition of——." And he sold a copy in five seconds.

"I PASSED your house yesterday, sir." "I hope you always will," was the response of Mr. Randolph.

"JOHNNY," said a Sunday-school teacher, "when your father and mother forsake you, who will take you up?" "The police," responded the youth.

A LADY said to "Garrick: "I wish, sir, you were taller." Garrick replied: "My dear madam, I should be happy to stand higher in your estimation."

PHOTOGRAPHER'S Assistant—"Mrs. Van Perkins complains that her portraits don't look like her." Photographer—"Complains, does she? She ought to be grateful."

"SALLY," said a fellow to a girl who had red hair, "keep away from me, "or you'll set me on fire." "No danger of that," said she; "you are too green to burn."

A SECRET TORTURE;

OR, OTTILIE ASTER'S SILENCE.

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CHAPTER XV.

THE OLD STORY.

Francis sprang up and bent over Ottilie.

"I knew it," he said, with hasty self-reproach. "I said all this would be too much for her."

Betrand sprang up alarmed, also.

"Ottilie," he called, "dear Ottilie, what is it? Give me that wine, Francis—quick, a napkin!"

They moistened her lips and temples with the wine. She was not unconscious; she had only swooned for a second, and she now exerted herself to take a sip of the wine which Francis held to her lips. Cold perspiration broke out from every pore and stood in heavy drops on her forehead; there were buzzing sounds in her ears.

"I am all right. There is nothing—to be done," she said, with an effort.

"You must go to bed at once and get some rest," said her husband, decidedly.

But once more her iron will gained a victory over her failing strength.

"No," she said clearly in a decided tone. "Francis must tell us all, first."

"He has told us all," Aster spoke gloomily. "He has named the name of that arch-traitor, that accursed assassin of the king!"

"His attempt was unsuccessful, and he committed suicide to rid the world of his presence."

"To equalize the other crime, I presume."

"And on his account, shall his brave innocent child be for ever damned?" asked Francis, excitedly.

"No," said Aster, more moderately, "such hardheartedness is far from me. But the officer who serves his dear sovereign faithfully cannot marry the daughter of the criminal who attempted that monarch's life."

"You forget, Bertrand, that it is not your king, but the king of Prussia whom I serve."

"It is one and the same," answered his brother, with unbending severity. "Germany is one empire. And every official must judge and estimate all treason, not as if it were committed against a neighbouring ruler, but against his own sovereign. Your honour as an officer of one of the German states forbids this marriage. If you were an independent man, you could do as you pleased. Even though you paid no attention at all to my official position."

"I was not aware," said Francis, very excited now, "that our honour was different from the honour of every free man. Anything which I must avoid from regard to my sovereign, would not be permissible to me as a man, and must I, as an officer of the government, refrain from anything which I as a citizen might do? The law of honour is always the same, and secures to every gentleman the same liberty, whether he wears the coat of a soldier, or a civil servant, or of a plain citizen!"

"Now, that's the blind self-assertion of an Englishman. A man loses within certain bounds the rights to live out of his own personality as soon as he accepts office in the service of the state."

"Well, then" cried Francis, highly incensed, "then I will rather leave the service of a country in which I am to lose all my personal independence. You deceive yourself with your overzealous scruples; of that I am certain. If Sabine and I should go to your king and throw ourselves at his feet, and I should say: 'See, this is the daughter of a regicide,' he would be magnanimous, as he has been all his life long, and raise Sabine and put her in my arms."

"Without doubt. But the king would be the only mortal, after all, who would overlook it. Try the experiment. Turn the eyes of all Germany upon yourself and upon us. Then you can satisfactorily prove of how much importance is the king's gracious word in enabling you to retain your social and political position," said Aster.

Like the sound of the last trump, Aster's every word came to Ottilie. She battled for, strength enough to interrupt the men's excited conversation with one question.

"How did you become acquainted with her?"

"That's a matter of no moment," said her husband, almost roughly. He had mounted his hobby now and did not care to be interrupted. But Francis gladly seized the opportunity to speak of the girl whom he loved.

"One day, not more than four weeks ago, a young, slender, dark-haired girl attracted my attention on the street by a certain resemblance in figure to—I hardly know whom. I walked behind her for a short distance, trusting that I might be able to catch a glimpse of her face, which I soon did, for she turned to look at a picture in a window. As I saw the dark eyes, the delicate white face and the beautiful eyebrows, a feeling came over me that somehow I was looking at a countenance which I knew quite well. The girl carried a box of paints and was tastefully and modestly attired, just as any other well-bred young girl would dress who did not wish to be conspicuous on the street. I saw her enter the Royal Art Academy with her old and respectable-looking companion. In a quarter of an hour, I forgot all about her, but the next day I met her again at about the same place. It was my hour for taking a walk, and evidently it was hers for taking a lesson. As she came toward me, along the sidewalk, threading her way among the multitude of promenaders, it suddenly occurred to me whom she was like. She reminded me of Ottilie."

Ottilie, who was eagerly drinking in every word, closed her eyes.

"The next day, I endeavoured deliberately to meet her again, and, following her discreetly, I found out where she lived. The janitor told me that it was a young lady who was living as a boarder with a Herr Bottcher, in a suite on the third *etage*. Herr Bottcher is a government official like myself, and the young lady had come to Berlin to study painting, but the janitor did not know her name. The old lady who always went out with her was Madame Böttcher. All that sounded very respectable and very discouraging. It is easy to get an entrance into the fashionable world or into Bohemian society, but the homes of these middle-class Germans are like snails' houses; there's no room there for any but the occupants.

"For some days I watched her comings and goings, and the feeling of interest which I felt for her soon grew into one of deep love. She had noticed me, too, but made no sign except at first a shy glance, and, later, a conscious flush on her cheeks. One day she and her companion did not return home as usual, but went in another direction. Naturally, I followed. They stopped at Gurlitt's. Just as I entered the shop, Sabine was handing a little water-colour to the dealer—the same picture which I have just given you, Ottilie. I stepped up at once before the picture and cried—I will admit before I had a chance to see what the picture was—'What a charming picture!' Sabine coloured. The dealer smiled and agreed with me promptly. He, too, thought, he said, that it was quite worthy of praise. I said I should like to have the picture if it was for sale. The old lady looked upon me and answered: 'Of course it is for sale. We have just brought it here as long-a place for it, in order that it might be sold.' 'What is the price?' I asked. The picture-dealer hesitated. He said the artist had named no price as yet, and he looked at her questioningly. Sabine whispered something to him; she was very much embarrassed. The dealer took her to one side. He declared that the price which she had named was much too small, and he added that, as he should beg more work for her, he wished to have a fair price put upon this first production of her brush. Sabine knew little of prices, and finally left it to the shopman to decide, which he, with the assistance of Madame Bottcher, soon did. I paid, unquestioningly, what they asked. And now, for the first time, I heard Sabine's name as she gave it with her address. After a little idle conversation with the dealer, I left the shop. Naturally, I went at once to Herr Böttcher. The good man was, I could see, very much annoyed that I had been ushered into his presence as he sat sipping his coffee, comfortably attired in an old, red dressing-gown, with a little cap of the same colour on his bald head. The old man apologised for his wife's absence, and seemed to think it necessary to make some remark to cover his embarrassment. I said I knew she was out, because I had just left her at Gurlitt's, where I had purchased a picture by Sabine Othmer, and that the ladies were [illegible]. I then told him without further parley that I loved Sabine, and desired his permission to pay my addresses to her. I told him who and what I am, and where he could make inquiries concerning me. I explained to him that I am an English landowner, and gave addresses of references in England as well. All this, that he might understand that my intentions toward Sabine were honourable."

"And then?" asked Ottilie. It was the feeblest whisper that came from her lips.

Aster sat frowning and silent.

"Then she came in with great frightened eyes. I can't tell you all that followed," said Francis, with a bright smile; "how I found her a thousand times sweeter and lovelier and gentler than I had pictured to myself; and when I found that my love was returned, no words can describe how happy I was."

Ottilie's heart was almost bursting with its weight of sorrow and joy. Her poor, homeless child was loved, tenderly and devotedly, by this man whose nobility of soul she knew so well.

She threw her arms around her brother-in-law's neck, and her tears were moist on his cheek.

"Then came the shadows," he continued, while the light in his eyes died out. "She told me she was the child of misery, who must hide herself forever from the eyes of the world and from love—since she had been reared and educated by a poor clergyman and his wife, now dead; and her mother was earning money for her somewhere in Germany, under a strange name—she did not even know her mother's name nor did she know her address, for she very seldom saw her, and only held communication with her through the medium of an old kinswoman. But she knew well that her own name was a curse upon her, for it had separated her from her mother who could only support her where Sabine's very existence was unknown. She felt that if she could earn so much by painting one picture, she could soon earn enough to relieve her mother of all necessity to work, and that then they two could live happily together unnoticed by the world."

"Oh!" sighed Ottilie, completely overwhelmed.

"Does not that speak for her heart? We decided, however, that before she should add this new burden of uncertainty to the many cares of the solely tired mother, I should first tell you, and then, when I had your blessing, we should seek out the poor mother in her seclusion. Sabine trembles at the thought of the moment when she shall tell her dear one of her happiness," concluded Francis.

"And this blessing we cannot give," said Aster, in gloomy, stern accents.

"Why not?" asked Francis, paling. "I will resign my office in Germany and return to England, my native country, as a citizen."

"Still, it cannot be. A Counsellor Aster, who has accepted benefits from his sovereign, can never be allied with the daughter of such a man, even though his sovereign should be dead," said Bertrand.

"What do you mean?" cried Francis; "I should not have believed it true that in your great loving heart there was such an ossified corner whence all feelings of humanity were excluded, and only the privy counsellor reigned supreme."

"Francis!" cried Aster, in threatening tone.

"And, you, Ottilie! Dearest, best of sisters—my mother—are your tears not the witnesses of your sympathy? Have you no word for me!" said Francis, beseechingly.

"Give Bertrand time," she murmured.

"Yes, that is better. I will not believe that the last word on this subject has been spoken, for before I leave you, I shall strive to banish all scruples. Good-night!"

Ottilie threw her arms around his neck. Aster paced the room with impatient strides.

"Ottilie," whispered Francis in her ear, "Sabine is here with her old friend, Madame Bottcher. I beg you to see her and learn to know her."

But Ottilie gave no answer. Heavy and lifeless, she sank to the floor.

"You have killed her!" cried Bertrand, passionately. He kneeled by his wife and took her head in his arms. He kissed her closed eyes and pale lips, and called to her with tender voice.

Francis stood over her, wringing his hands, the picture of despair.

"Call Minna!" said Aster.

Francis returned with the word that she was not there. Minna slept in a back part of the house, and, as it was long past midnight, had gone to bed, regarding her day's labours as over.

"We had better lift her and carry her to her bed," said Aster, softly. It seemed to him that some life was coming back into her face.

And the two men carried her slowly into her sleeping-room. There Francis left them together.

With awkward and trembling hands Aster unfastened her clothes and placed her in a more comfortable position. And a second later, with a deep, choking sigh, she regained consciousness.

"My love! My Ottilie! What is it?"

"I am much better now," she gasped, giving him an earnest glance.

He did not know how it was, but that glance reminded him of the last one his dying mother had given him.

"Do try to rest and not think. I'll go now and tell Francis that not one word of this unfortunate affair is to be mentioned between us to-morrow."

Ottilie moved her head and closed her eyes. It looked like an affirmative gesture.

And Aster, in his anger, ordered his brother most peremptorily not to mention the subject on the morrow. Then, with a hesitating, uncertain hand-pressure, they separated for the night.

When Aster returned to his wife's bedside, he found her apparently fast asleep. He stood by her for a long time, in order to observe her breathing. She breathed regularly, but every now and then a low, piteous moan came from the poor wife's lips, which told him that sleep had not brought surcease of anguish to her aching heart.

Aster went to bed with a determination to stay awake all night, so that he could answer his wife's faintest call or request.

He had risen, however, at six o'clock on the previous morning, as was his habit, in order to take his wonted long walk before breakfast; now it was two o'clock, and he had had a wearisome day, without a moment's rest.

Three times he aroused himself, and he found his lids closing over his weary eyes. But Ottilie still appeared to sleep the quiet, deep sleep of exhaustion, and soon he, too, was overcome with drowsiness that he fell into a sound slumber, altogether forgetting the duty of nurse which he had assigned to himself. For another half-hour, all was still in the room; only the man's heavy breathing was to be heard.

He had not extinguished the light, but had turned it low, and the pale image of the milk-white globe was reflected in the mirror before which it stood.

Ottilie watched the shadows on the ceiling for an hour or more, and then, assured by her husband's heavy, regular breathing that he would not easily be disturbed, she rose softly from her bed. Noiselessly she threw on a morning wrapper, then she took up the lamp, and, without waiting to cover her bare feet, silently left the room. The door creaked a little as she closed it. The lamp set the glasses on the buffet to sparkling as she crossed the dining-room. The curtains in the library had not been drawn on the previous evening, and, as she entered the room, she could see the light grey mist which lay on the windows, a sure forerunner of approaching day.

Ottilie went at once to her writing table and set the lamp down on it. She took with trembling hands a sheet of paper from it and wrote hurriedly:

"You must remain here. Francis loves Sabine. Sabine is under the same roof with you at this minute. I will come to you—perhaps by seven o'clock or later.

OTTILIE."

She put the letter in an envelope, sealed it, and addressed it to Valentine Othmer.

By this time, the first cold light of morning was breaking into the room. Ottilie peered out of the window and then turned out the lamp. It was light enough now to distinguish objects in the room.

She went with her noiseless tread to the door, and opened it softly; then she returned to the table, and took from a small drawer a coin, and left the room.

A faint light was burning in the hall, which to Ottilie's eyes seemed to grow brighter as she mounted the steps to the storey above, where on the landing she stood still for a moment to gaze up at the large, coloured-glass window which cast its light down from the roof.

Before her were three doors, which led to upper stories of the house. The middle one led to the [illegible] belonging to them. She laid her hand upon the black wooden latch. It was broken, and as she opened it with a little click, the unoiled hinges of the door gave a hoarse creak.

Ottilie crossed the long, uncarpeted hall and had to stop once to remove a large splinter which had broken off from the old flooring and stuck into her foot. She stooped, when she entered the attic-room, to avoid the clothes-line, which stretched across it, hung with a couple of Minna's dresses. The cold morning air coming in fresh and penetrating from an open roof-door chilled her to the bone. Yonder in the corner behind a latticed partition stood the cradle in which Axel and Mary had slept, a red-and-white crumpled linen cloth covering it. This latticed room had been the children's play-room for years. Mary's doll still lay on the cradle in a dilapidated condition, and Axel's hobby-horse stood near by. It seemed to Ottilie that it was watching her with its glass eyes.

She turned her face away, and this time ran against the clothes-line, which gave her an unpleasant graze under the chin. A shudder ran through her body, and then getting another breath of the keen wind, she felt for the moment that she was going to have a severe chill. She went hurriedly into Minna's little room, and up to the narrow bed by the wall, upon which her little servant was sleeping soundly.

"Minna!"

The girl turned on her side, gave some muttering reply, and was sound asleep again in a second, and it required repeated calls and shakes to finally arouse her.

"I want you, Minna, to go at five o'clock to the 'Crown Prince' and give this *thaler* and letter to the night porter and tell him to deliver it at once to Herr Othmer. It is absolutely necessary that Herr Othmer should have it by five o'clock, as he thinks of leaving for Berlin at six. So you had better go at half-past four."

Minna mumbled something, which sounded like a sleepy affirmative.

Ottilie picked up the little alarm-clock which stood on the floor by the bed, and set the alarm at half-past four. Then she placed it with the *thaler* and letter close beside the bed. She felt sure that when the alarm aroused the girl, the sight of the letter and money would bring her mistress's order again to her mind.

Minna looked at her with a dazed glance, and then turned again on her pillow.

Ottilie felt relieved. She left her maid's stuffy little room, and felt refreshed by the spring wind coming in at the attic-window, to which she turned.

She looked out over the sea of roofs, and then she kneeled down by the broad window-seat and rested her chin on her hands.

The clear grey of morning had lighted up the old city with a silvery sheen. All objects appeared in this light larger and nearer. Above the roofs rose the red and grey of the double towers of the old Theatiner Church. A moisture lay on all the tile projections. The elm-trees, whose tops reached almost up to the window at which Ottilie kneeled, were bursting into leaf, encouraged by the sunshine and warmth of the past two days. No smoke cloud ascended to the clear heavens, whose faint blue was slowly changing to a rosy hue. The cold peace of this mellow spring morning seemed to freeze the very heart in the lonely, wakeful wife.

Suddenly there came a cry, a distant shrill cry. The whistle of a locomotive, which was answered at once by one yet more distant, told of reawakening life in the city, as surely as in the farm-yard the crowing of the cock heralds returning day.

And now the heavens grew brighter, and the towers stood out like silhouettes against the dawning day.

It was the moment when the day frees herself from the night's embraces. It was to be a glorious day. Was it not Whitsunday! Thousands had prayed for just such weather for the festival.

But was the daylight a signal for the bearing again of burdens on the backs already sorely bent? Was it not the end of rest and peace—the beginning of toil and care? Dreams had folded the mantle of royalty around many; the waking reality showed them their beggar's rags. Sleep said to the poor starving wretch: "Be of good cheer," and hunger greeted him with the morning. Darkness hid no longer the skeletons of the rich, and with the clear day they must once more turn the key upon the closet.

(*To be continued*).

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THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism. 306

REV A. BROMLEY'S FAREWELL SERMON.

On learning that Mr Bromley was to deliver three valedictory discourses, and impelled by a very great respect for him as a man and a preacher, the writer visited the cosy little Free Methodist Chapel at Blackhill, on Sunday morning. A very respectable and intelligent audience was assembled, whose marked, thoughtful, and earnest aspect betokened an event of more than usual importance. Admirers of Mr Bromley will have noted that while utilising scripture as a whole, that part between Isaiah and Malachi seems to be specially congenial to him, so that we were not astonished to find his text lay in Isaiah 1st chapter 25th verse (revised version)—"And I will turn my hand upon thee and thoroughly purge away thy dross, and take away all thy alloy." The preacher illustrated the text in his usual easy and masterly style. Nations were most exalted when they exalted God, and conversely those which neglected and ignored God were inevitably humiliated and degraded. Thus the children of Israel by their disobedience to God had passed through a period of deep humiliation. Preserving the outward profession and ritual of divine worship while indulging their own appetites and passions they had wandered away from God. Far from being an irrational being or an arbitrary tyrant, God displays his fatherly yearning for His erring children. "Come now, let us reason together," saith God, "though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow." While He was powerful He was also merciful. Yet God must punish the wrong doer, not in anger but in pity and love. Tribulation was also a definite instrument for our salvation. It was the refining fire which separated the inferior metal from the gold of our nation, and it afforded an explanation of the work of redemption. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." Redemption was something immensely grander than the narrow view of it so prevalent that it was a mere deliverence from hell. "Now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be." Pursuing this train of thought, the preacher enforced the principle of suffering as the instrument whereby God refines and purifies the characters of his children. The children of God were not made saints at their conversion, but by long, faithful, and self-denying bearing of the cross. As Christ had borne His cross so must all His followers.

Such were the bare, bald, outstanding thoughts in a sermon always profound and solid, yet ever interesting lightened as it was with abundance of well-chosen illustrations, and delivered in language forcible, often eloquent. Being otherwise inevitably committed we were debarred from hearing the second portion of his subject, "The condition of a useful life," which was his topic at the two o'clock sermon, while the evening he very appropriately took up with a retrospect of his four years' ministry in the district.

As a man and as a preacher Mr Bromley has undoubtedly made his influence felt, combining, as he does no mean learning with a style at once simple and pleasing; and to many it will be a matter of regret that he takes his departure to another field of usefulness and hardiwork. We wish him God-speed in his new circuit (Sunderland), where we trust he will have larger and more brilliant success, which no one can deny his accomplishments and talents entitle him to.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Offices on Wednesday week, Mr Wherly presiding. Present: Messrs Telford, Teasdale, Emmerson, and Rowe.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr John Hillary) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

Gentlemen,—Repairing of flags and raising of crossings in your streets will soon be completed, the good flags from Wesley Street being nearly all used up. In the present hard and dry state of your roads, in my opinion, it is better to defer bringing the steam roller for a month or two, they would need to be hacked to get the metal in. The gutter opposite Keeper's Row Well has been piped with an 18in. pipe for about 20 yards, and the place levelled up and covered with ballast. That portion of the cemetery wall which is falling over should have early attention. I present a plan of proposed alterations to the Co-operative Society's property, which I shall explain. I have wound up both general district rate and gas account, and banked to your credit, during the month, £155 14s 9d.

There are some outstanding arrears I wish to consult you about.

Monthly Wages Bill.

	£	s	d
Sewerages—wages	1	19	7
Street works—wages	8	5	2
Gasworks—wages	6	7	4
Establishment—wages	0	8	0
Cemetery—wages	2	8	0
Main roads—			
Manual labour	0	19	2
Materials—breaking stones	6	2	6
	£26	9	9

Leaving £5 3s 8d due to me.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN HILLARY.

Tow Law, Aug. 9th, 1893.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Inspector's (Mr W. Garraway) report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

Gentlemen,—I submit my report for the month ending July 31st, 1893, which will be much the same as your Medical Officer's report for last month. Something like 12 or 14 notices have been sent out to different parties respecting the abatement of nuisances, but only one has received attention, and in most cases no acknowledgement whatever has been given. A detailed list of nuisances will be found by referring to my last report. Respecting the convent privies and dung-bill, and also the privy and dung hill at Harrison Street, these were inspected by your Chairman and myself, and he may probably report on the same. The cleaning out of ashpits and privies, &c., throughout the Board's district is far from satisfactory. Inkerman and North Street requires better attention, as nuisances exist by liquid oozing inside the privy doors at North Street, which needs immediate attention. I again call your attention to Ridley Terrace, which is the most unsanitary terrace within the Board's district; the smell from the open channel and the cleaning out of ashpits is beyond a definite description, and is reported time after time, but still exists. Gilmour's nuisances are still unabated. With reference to Park Terrace, this requires some attention as a nuisance oozes from privies. As previously reported, quick-lime is much needed in the white-washing of privies in many parts of the district.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. GARRAWAY.

PAYBILL.

The Clerk presented a paybill for £124 2s 8d, and the same was passed.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

The Clerk read the quarterly report of Dr Hill, Medical Officer for the County Council, and the Board decided to serve the necessary notices to comply with the requirements.

PLANS.

A plan of proposed alterations to Mr Gilmour's property was presented and referred to the Sanitary Committee.

A plan for alterations at the Co-operative Store was also passed.

THE SANITARY COMMITTEE

Was asked to report specially on St. Alban's Street

REPAIRS.

The Board decided to have the corner of the cemetery wall repaired, and also repair the crossing at the goods station gates.

COMPLAINTS.

The Clerk was directed to communicate with the cemetery caretaker respecting certain complaints against him.

RUPTURES.—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive catalogue with testimonials & Prices to J. WHITE AND CO. (Limited), Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell you imitations of our Moc-main. J White and Co. have no agents.

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

GROUSE SHOOTING.

WEARDALE.

The 12th in Weardale was the finest inauguration of grouse shooting imaginable so far as the weather and bloom on the heather is concerned. There was an abundance of game well matured. By sunrise sportsmen had taken to the several moors, where uniform excellency of sport was found. On Middlehope, Messrs Foster's, Stockton, and Mr Colling and son, the popular jockey, Hurworth-on-Tees, made capital bags, as did Mr Cochrane and son, Flass Hall, Durham, on Harthope. The premier party was that from Cowshill Hotel, who shot over Ireshope and Burnhope, and killed over 150 brace in a limited time. The members of the latter group of London gentlemen are Mr Wolston, Mr Gadstone, Dr Izoid, Mr Keer, Mr Woodruff, Mr Wilkins, Mr Suden, Mr Robertson, and Mr Barren (Darlington). All the above were busy again on Monday, and big returns are reported.

Football.

Langley Park Rovers (members of the Durham Football Association) have still several vacant dates, and want them filled up. Address—J. Agar, Quebec Street, Langley Park.

South Moor Rovers would like to arrange matches with good teams. Apply to Thos. Wood, Forster's Houses, South Moor, Chester-le-Street.

Flint Hill Albion would be glad to arrange games with good junior teams. All dates vacant. Address—R. Ramsey, Flint Hill, Lintz Green.

HAMSTEELS R.F.C.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the Hamsteels Colliery Hotel, on Thursday se'nnight—Mr J. Wilson presiding. The hon. secretary and treasurer's reports were passed as satisfactory. Mr Thos. Lowden was re-elected president, and a long list of vice-presidents were chosen; Mr J. Hasson and Mr E. Rutter were re-elected captain and vice-captain respectively of the first fifteen; Mr R. Smith was elected captain and Mr J. Maycock vice-captain of the 2nd team; Mr J. B. Johnson was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and county representative; Mr E. McDonald was appointed assistant hon. secretary and treasurer. The following were selected to act on the committee:—Messrs A. Dodds, J. Wilson, E. McDonald, W. Davison, J. Heighley, R. Caile, C. Brown, G. Collinson, W. Cleghorn, and G. Richardson. An excellent list of fixtures has been arranged.

MICKLEY A.F.C.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

The medals won by the Mickley A team in the West Tyne League and Acomb competitions during last season, were presented to the players on Saturday evening, in the Mission Room, Mickley Square. Previous to the presentation, the large company present sat down to a substantial supper, served up in excellent style by the lady supporters of the club. Mr I. Baty, Hexham, president of the West Tyne League, was unable to make the presentation, as originally intended, owing to indisposition, and Mr George Bates, Mickley Colliery Office, ably filled his position. The medals, which are of silver, with gold centres, were much admired by those present. The after proceedings took the form of a concert, songs, &c., being rendered in capital style by the following gentlemen:—Messrs Henderson, violinist; Scott, McFloyd, Bell, and Jackson, vocalists; J. Lee, negro comedian; and Robson, accompanist. Votes of thanks to the chairman, Mr John Wilkin, and to all who had contributed to make the affair a success, concluded the proceedings.

BLAYDON RUGBY F.C.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Blaydon Rugby Football Club was held at the Stella Staiths Inn, Blaydon, on Wednesday se'nnight. There was an exceedingly large attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr Edward Liddell.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The secretary's report showed that the first team had had an exceptionally successful season. They had played 26 matches, 17 of which were won, 4 lost, and 5 drawn.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The treasurer's report was most satisfactory, showing the club to be in a very healthy financial condition.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing season was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Dr R. Brown; vice-presidents, Major Douglass, Messrs E. Alexander, J. Heath, J. H. Rogers, Thos. Adamson, W. Patterson, J. Jenkins, H. Askinson, D. Brown, J. Sowerby, and R. Dowson; captain 1st team, Mr A. James; vice-captain, Mr R. Dunn; 2nd team captain, Mr J. J. Nicholson; vice-captain, Mr J. Robinson; hon. secretary, Mr J. Burns, 8, Flass Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; treasurer, Mr E. Liddell; committee, Messrs T. Marsh, E. Leighton, C. Atkinson, W. Carroll, T. Newcombe, and F. Heather; Mr Alexander was appointed to represent the club on the Durham Rugby Union.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.

The Hon. Mr and Mrs Vereker invited the members of the Durham and Northumberland branches of the English Church Union, and other friends, to a garden party at Hamsterley Hall, on August 9th. About 200 responded to the invitation, amongst whom were—Sir John Riddell, Bart., Hepple; Canon and Mrs Carr; Canon Kynaston; Mrs Bewicke, Close House; Canon Brutton, Canon Scott, Rev P. and Mrs Cameron, Rev W. and Mrs Coskin, Canon and Mrs Churchyard. The band of the "Wellesley" Training Ship played a charming selection of music, and addresses were given on the subject of religious education and the Welsh Suspensory Bill.

The Hon. Mr VEREKER expressed the pleasure it gave him and Mrs Vereker to welcome the members of the English Church Union, and to introduce Canon Kynaston, who had kindly promised to address them on the subject of religious education, which question was one of the most important of the present day, owing to the skilful attacks made on it by the materialists, and under this name he included all those who deify matter by whatever name they may call themselves. This form of belief was re-introduced by the philosophers of the last century, and was therefore thought to be modern; but as a matter of fact, it was a very old form of belief, and in spite of our limited knowledge of the ancient mysteries, the God Pan may be taken as its emblem in the heathen world of Greece and Rome; and such a horror had the early Christians of this creed that they took Pan's image as the emblem of Satan. Materialism was overthrown by Christianity, and in spite of abortive attempts to revive it by Julian the Apostate and others, had been suppressed until modern days. It is for some minds a very fascinating form of belief, but at the same time one of the most insidious and dangerous enemies of all religions. The only known way of combatting it is by dogmatic teaching, and he called on Canon Kynaston to tell them what he considered the best way of obtaining this object.

Canon KYNASTON said that it was difficult to convince many people that the present legislation was not doing the work of education, because they believed that the compromise of 1870 did ensure religious teaching; but Mr Athelstan Riley had opened their eyes to the facts, and he had persistently carried out his purpose of revealing the condition of things. He had made it known that there was no guarantee for religious instruction, for such instruction was conditional upon the omission of all doctrinal teaching; and, further, there was no guarantee of the teachers being even Christians. The English Church Union ought to take up the matter earnestly.

Sir JOHN RIDDELL, Bart., President of the Northumberland District Union, next gave an address on the Welsh Suspensory Bill, which he condemned as unfair, because it would injure the work of the Church in Wales. It was not so much out of concern for the Welsh Church that the Bill was brought in. No, it was to secure the votes of the Welsh members for the Home Rule Bill. It was the duty of everyone of them to defend the Church in Wales, not only as being their own Church, but as part of the true Church of Christ. He then spoke of the present work of the English Church Union.

A vote of thanks to Canon Kynaston and Sir John Riddell was passed.

Canon CHURCHYARD then moved, and the Rev W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Vereker for their kindness in bringing them together, and entertaining them there.

Mr VEREKER, in returning thanks, said that Mrs Vereker had been an associate member of the English Church Union for 18 years, and it was her earnest wish to promote its objects and interests in every way she could.

Six people joined the Union.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

TO BOTTLE TOMATOES.

Have in readiness some perfectly clean and dry wide-mouthed bottles. Pick the fruit, which must be sound and freshly gathered, and not too large; rub it well with a soft cloth, and place it into the bottles. Fill up with nice clear rain-water. Cork the bottles tightly, and tie a piece of moistened bladder over them. Place the bottles in a fish-kettle full of cold water, and pass hay round each bottle, so as to prevent its breaking. Bring the water to the boil, and let it simmer for a quarter of an hour; then lift the pan off the fire, and leave the bottles in the pan till the water is cold. Store the fruit in a cool, dry place.—*Pearson's Weekly.*

MEAT HARMFUL IN SUMMER.

Considering the excessive meat-eating habit of our people, diarrhœa will doubtless be, as usual, prevalent during the present summer. Meat spoils very quickly in hot weather, and poisons are then developed in it which cause vomiting and purging. Some people are more susceptible to these poisons than others. Probably the most susceptible are the young, and those adults who suffer from digestive disturbances in which the liver is involved and unable to do its work properly, in other words, those who are termed bilious. One office of the liver is to protect the system from poisoning. It destroys certain noxious agents, and particularly those of a putrid character. Of course there is a limit to this power in a healthy liver, and it must be materially lessened in one deranged. Those who cannot afford to keep their ice chests well filled should buy fresh meats only in small quantities, to be eaten at once. A more economical and safer plan is to forego meats entirely during very hot weather, and depend upon fruits and vegetables.

SUMMER CUPS.

Hearth and Home gives the following rules for cup-concocting: (1) When a cool cup is to be made its greatest adjunct is ice in lumps, which may either be retained in the cup, or, what is preferable, a portion of pounded ice should be violently shaken with the mixture, and afterwards strained off. To pound ice wrap a block in a napkin and beat with a mallet or rolling-pin. To break into conveniently-sized pieces with accuracy, use a large needle or other sharp-pointed instrument and strike with a hammer. (2) The rind of lemon and orange is of great service in flavouring. Pare as thinly as possible. When using lemon-peel reject the white part altogether as worse than useless—it imparts an unpleasant flavour, and tends to make the beverage muddy and discoloured. (3) Borage should rank first among herbs for flavouring. A small sprig placed in any cool drink imparts a peculiarly refreshing and delicious flavour. (4) When borage is not obtainable use a thin slice of cucumber-peel. A small piece from the outer rind of the stalk is considered to possess superior excellence. (5) Balm, mint, and sweet-scented verbena are among other herbs suitable for flavouring, but only pleasant when introduced in judicious proportions. The leaves should be bruised with the finger and thumb just before adding.

PROPER CLOTHING.

Some attention should be paid to clothing, so as to adapt it to the change of seasons. It is evident says the *Family Doctor*, that the body requires more clothing in winter than in summer, and more in autumn than in spring. In all seasons, however, days may intervene of unexpected mildness or inclemency; but it is highly imprudent to adopt a change too rashly, as the weather will in all probability return suddenly to its previous temperature, and being unprepared for it, a cold is likely to result. Flannel should be worn next the skin both winter and summer; but in order to derive due benefit from it, it should be taken off at night on retiring to rest. The feet should always be kept warm and dry, and in bad weather boots should be worn with a double sole and double upper-leather. Linen should be aired previously to being put on, as it is impossible to rely on any laundress in this particular. Waterproof clothing is injurious on account of checking the perspiration. A greatcoat or cloak is preferable, with an umbrella over the head; and if the clothes can be changed soon after coming into the house, very little mischief can accrue. The chest and shoulders should always be kept warm; and for the furtherance of this object, a double-breasted waistcoat, which may be buttoned over or back at discretion, is very appropriate. Wrappers for the neck are not beneficial, and certainly not necessary. When the wrapper is on, the throat attains an unnatural degree of heat, and when taken off a chilliness is experienced, not unlikely to superinduce sore throat. One article of ladies' attire cannot be deprecated too strongly for the general manner in which they are adjusted—we allude to stays, which in many cases are laced so tightly as to act most injuriously on the health—for no female under such circumstances can feel well or be well; besides which it is most unnatural to contract the waist to a fourth part of the size which Nature intended it to be, thereby interfering with the digestive organs, and making a figure which, after all, is the reverse of beautiful. Clothes should never be made to fit too tightly; in other words, comfort should not be sacrificed to fashion. Boots especially are open to this remark. Comfort should be the first thing studied, and in doing so fashion need not necessarily be altogether repudiated; on the contrary, it is just as possible to have comfortable clothes with fashion as it is to have them without.

HOW TO ARRANGE FLOWERS.

The profusion of flowers in which we rejoice at this season of the year is sometimes embarrassing, by reason of their different sizes, tints, and forms, so that, in cutting flowers for a bouquet, it is well to have a clear idea which to select. In considering this question we must first of all decide where the bouquet is to stand, and also the size and shape of the vase or glass which is to contain it, for much depends on these points. For instance, for the centre of a dinner-table height is necessary (a soup-plate full of flowers would look ridiculous), while on a small occasional table a low group of pansies, or other short-stemmed blossoms, can be used with good effect. Nature itself is the best guide as to the length of stem which should be allowed to each blossom in a bouquet, but as it is easy to shorten and impossible to lengthen the stems when once plucked, it is well to make it a rule to cut all flowers with the fullest length of stem which can be had without destroying buds. For such blossoms as have long stems naturally we must have tall glasses. Special flowers need special attention; for instance, roses, lovely as they are, seldom look their best when mixed with other flowers, though they may be well used in a mass, with some of their own foliage only, arranged in an old china bowl. A graceful basket, too, tin-lined, is an admirable place for cut roses; few objects are more perfectly lovely than a well-arranged basket of roses, while a rosebud, not more than half-open, can be best displayed in a slight-stemmed specimen glass, with a spray of its own green only, unless maidenhair fern can be added: Pansies seldom look well when cut; their short stems totally unfit them for a mixed bouquet, and they look best in a small frosted specimen glass, two or three contrasting tints arranged together, with sprays of Asparagus plumosus, or small ferns, to complete the group. Or a quaint low majolica dish will hold them well, with a few bits of their own foliage to keep each blossom in place. Sprays of passion flower, clematis, or other creepers can be arranged to hang over the edge of the mantel-border with charming effect more of the same plants being used to climb up the carved woodwork of the mirror, and peep out on the little brackets, or hang from the shelves which usually form a part of it. Everyone who studies the subject of floral decorations for their own home will discover special little nooks which are well suited to special flowers, by reason of their light and shade and surroundings, and a little consideration, with a few experimental arrangements, will often produce the happiest effects.—*Amateur Gardening.*

NICE DISHES.

RASPBERRY PUDDING.—Line a mould or basin with thin slices of sponge cake; take a pound of raspberries with half a pint of red currant juice, sweetened to taste, and pour in the lined basin, and cover the top with more slices of cake. Stand in a plate to catch any juice that may overflow. Set a saucer on the top and in the saucer a weight. Leave till next day in a cold place; turn out and pour round any juice there may be. Ornament with whipped cream.—*The Table.*

PORTABLE SOUP.—Portable soup is an excellent thing for those about to camp out, either in house-boats or otherwise. It is infinitely better when made at home, for the varieties to be bought mostly owe their temporary solidity to gelatine, and not to the real excellence of their material. Here is a recipe for it. Take a leg of pork, a leg of veal, and a bit of skin of beef, some carrots, turnips, onions herbs, and peppercorns. Boil till a complete jelly. Strain and stew again more than once, carefully removing the fat each time, until when cold it is of the consistency of glue. Then put it in an oven not too warm, and finally in the sun to dry.

CONTEMPORARY CHAT.

Unlike some scholarships, that termed the "Erard Centenary," announced for competition at the Guildhall School of Music during October, is worth the winning. It is open to all British born subjects of either sex between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one, who are not students of the two other great metropolitan musical institutions—the Royal Academy and Royal College. The successful candidate will be entitled to three years' free tuition at the Guildhall School and the loan of an Erard grand pianoforte during that period. The prize will not necessarily go to the competitor who at the present moment shews most proficiency. The judges are to give it to the aspirant who displays the greatest promise of future distinction as a pianist. Applications must be forwarded to the secretary of the Guildhall School before the 31st inst. and the preliminary examinations will be held in various centres next month.

Intelligence has been received of the death of the Rev. Dr. George Henry, medical missionary at the Free Church Mission, Livingstonia. Dr. Henry was a native of Newburgh. He was educated at the Newburgh Public School and the Aberdeen Grammar School, being both silver and gold medallist at the latter school. He afterwards graduated M.A. at Aberdeen University, and likewise took his medical degree. In 1887 he went out to Africa in connection with the Livingstonia Free Church Mission. He was an accomplished linguist, and constructed a grammar of the Chinyanja language, which proved of great service to planters and traders. He also translated a hymn-book into the same language, as well as the Book of Genesis, and he hoped to translate the entire Bible. His translation of the "Pilgrim's Progress" was in the press at the time of his death. Dr. Henry recently travelled over the Lake Nyassa district.

That portion of Thoby Priory, near Chelmsford, the residence of Colonel Chandos Arkwright, which was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening, while the family were at church, and which dates back to the reign of Henry VII., has unfortunately been completely gutted, while a fine collection of armour of the same period has been ruined. Within the modern additions to the ancient Priory were many valuable paintings and a considerable library, and these were fortunately removed with the family plate on to the lawn in safety, remaining there all night under the protection of a strong force of police. That this precaution was needful (says the *Daily Telegraph*) is proved by the fact that some of the choice wine that was transferred from the cellars to the grounds was appropriated by visitors, of whom some thousands assembled to witness the fire. Thoby Priory stood on the site of a religious house founded between 1141 and 1151, for the Canons of St. Augustine, by Michael de Craps and his wife and son, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St. Leonard. Tobias is the first mentioned prior, hence the transition of the title first to Tobie, and afterwards to Thoby.

The man Moore, who fired the other day at M. Lockroy, has (says the Paris correspondent of the *Morning Post*) written many inflammatory articles in the revolutionary papers which are to be bought in Paris for a sou, and he has sometimes turned his thoughts into rhyme. Some of his productions have appeared in the paper called the *Tocsin*. He began with an ode against Thiers the "accursed," and he also wrote one against Ferry. He himself regards his works as "subversive," and this is how he accounts for not being able to find a publisher. Being a propagandist of the Social Revolution, he went about declaiming his verses until his figure became familiar to half Paris. Sometimes he found himself at funerals, recited his rhymes to the company about the tomb, and sometimes he was arrested for repeating his "humanitarian poetry" in unsuitable spots. His intimate friend was Victor Hugo; this he thinks because he was for 10 years Victor Hugo's favourite cabman, and "his colleague as poet." They several times dined together. It was at Victor Hugo's house that he made the acquaintance of M. Lockroy and "other men of letters." A dozen years ago—I give this story in Moore's own words—he began to tire of driving a cab. He felt himself growing old, and longed for a situation which might allow him to live in peace and devote himself to literature. One day he met Victor Hugo, who treated him as a brother poet, Hugo promised to help him, and this the great poet would certainly have done had he lived. His death was a great loss for Moore as well as for the country. Moore went to the poet's funeral and wrote a poem. But he was forced to return to his box, and collaborated with another friend until he had written two volumes of verse. M. Lockroy is the victim of his refusal to "patronize" the volumes. To cut a long story short, Moore went several times to see M. Lockroy, who always threw up his engagement with him. Unable to find M. Lockroy he resolved on revenge. He is glad not to have killed M. Lockroy, who is a man of talent and merit, but he is not annoyed to have wounded him, as this will teach him and others not to laugh at other people. It is quite true that Victor Hugo treated Moore with what the latter had every reason to call "distinguished consideration." He invited the man to dinner with other guests, and listened to him declaiming his verses until nearly midnight, politely silencing by a gesture some of his other bored friends.

The death of Sir Edward Hamley removes from among us a man whose position and character were, says the *Standard*, at once complex and unique. He was by far our best known and most distinguished writer on the theory of war, and had probably done more than any man to induce the officers of the Army to appreciate the practical importance of sound views as to the experience of the past. His literary activity was, however, by no means limited to his military work. We hope that some collection of his many and varied writings may now be made. We imagine that the versatility of the knowledge and power displayed in them will astonish those who have known him chiefly as the author of the "Operations of War." But, unquestionably, his most masterly writing was shewn in the form of destructive and somewhat savage criticism. His review in *Blackwood* of "Lothair" is perhaps as tremendous an onslaught as was ever made on a work to which a distinguished Statesman had certainly devoted immense pains, and on which he had largely staked his reputation as an author. Thackeray, who at one time had a great dislike to him, used to talk about him as "that gunner whom Blackwood always has with him." But it is recorded that on one occasion, when, at Mr. Blackwood's table, Thackeray was, greatly to his host's annoyance, running down Hamley, the latter took a quiet revenge, which, as he always boasted, brought Thackeray to his knees at once. "I am thinking of asking Hamley," he said, "to review your works, Mr. Thackeray." "O, for heaven's sake, don't! I unsay all that I have said if you will spare me, is the reported reply of the most brilliant writer of the day. An almost equal tribute to Sir Edward's power was paid by Lord Randolph in the House of Commons. Speaking on certain matters military in the House Lord Randolph remarked casually, "These gentlemen," the military members, "are men of action, not of words; it is always easy to take a debating advantage of them," but in a moment he cautiously added, "always excepting the honourable member for Birkenhead."

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NEWCASTLE	Dep.	6 10	8 5	9 42	11 0	12 15	2 35	4 5	5 20	7 30
Elswick	,,	6 14	8 9	9 46	11 4	12 19	2 39	4 9	5 24	7 34
Scotswood	,,	6 18	8 13	9 50	11 8	12 23	2 43	4 13	5 28	7 38
Swalwell	,,	6 24	8 18	9 55	11 14	12 29	2 49	4 19	5 33	7 44
Rowlands Gill	,,	6 33	8 27	10 4	11 23	12 37	2 57	4 28	5 42	7 53
Lintz Green	,,	6 40	8 34	10 10	11 30	12 43	3 3	4 36	5 47	8 0
Ebchester	,,	6 52	8 45	10 21	11 40	12 54	3 14	4 49	5 58	8 13
Shotley Bridge	,,	6 56	8 49	10 26	11 44	12 59	3 18	4 55	6 3	8 19
CONSETT	Arr.	7 [illegible]	8 55	10 28	11 50	1 5	3 23	5 2	6 10	8 25

CONSETT	Dep.	7 10	8 58	10 31	1 12	3 25	6 11	
Knitsley	,,	7 21	9 9	10 46	1 23	3 36	6 12	8 18
Lanchester	,,	7 30	9 18	10 55	1 32	3 45	6 21	8 47
Witton Gilbert	,,	7 38	9 25	11 2	1 40	3 52	6 40	[illegible]
Aldin Grange	,,	7 45	9 33	11 11	1 47	4 0	6 49	[illegible]
DURHAM	Arr.	7 50	9 32	11 17	1 52	4 5	6 5[illegible]	[illegible] 7

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DURHAM	Dep.	7 25	9 40	11 50	2 35	5 20	8 [illegible]
Aldin Grange	,,	7 32	9 47	11 57	2 41	5 27	8 23
Witton Gilbert	,,	7 40	9 54	12 4	2 48	5 35	8 32
Lanchester	,,	7 [illegible]	10 2	12 12	2 58	5 45	8 44
Knitsley	,,	8 0	10 13	12 23	3 8	5 55	8 54
CONSETT	Arr.	[illegible] 11	10 25	12 33	3 18	6 5	9 0

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CONSETT	Dep.	8 13	9 5	10 35	12 40	3 25	5 26	6 10	9 5
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Ebchester	,,	8 22	9 14	10 43	12 48	3 34	5 33	6 19	9 14
Lintz Green	,,	8 30	9 24	10 53	12 57	3 44	5 42	6 29	9 23
Rowlands Gill	,,	8 35	9 29	10 58	1 1	3 50	5 47	6 34	9 28
Swalwell	,,	8 42	9 36	11 6	1 7	3 57	5 54	6 42	9 35
Scotswood	,,	8 48	9 42	11 13	1 13	4 3	5 58	6 48	9 41
Elswick	,,	8 55	9 50	11 19	1 20	4 10	6 6	6 55	9 48
NEWCASTLE	Arr.	9 0	9 55	11 24	1 25	4 15	6 11	7 [illegible]	9 53

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE	7 20	7 15	CONSETT Dep.	8 40	8 20
Elswick	7 24	7 19	Shotley Bridge	8 44	8 25
Scotswood	7 28	7 23	Ebchester	8 48	8 29
Swalwell	7 44	7 29	Lintz Green	8 57	8 39
Rowlands Gill	7 53	7 38	Rowlands Gill	9 1	8 44
Lintz Green	8 0	7 45	Swalwell	9 9	8 52
Ebchester	8 13	7 55	Scotswood	9 14	8 58
Shotley Bridge	8 19	7 59	Elswick	9 21	9 5
CONSETT arr.	8 25	8 5	NEWCASTLE ar.	9 26	9 10

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

	PM
NEWCASTLE Dep.	10 50
Elswick	10 54
Scotswood	10 58
Swalwell	11 4
Rowlands Gill	11 13
Lintz Green	11 19
Ebchester	11 30
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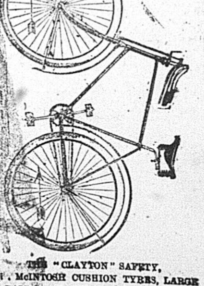
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1892, cattle 30, sheep 41, agr. horses 63, field and road horses 120, swine 5, butter 22, eggs 15, poultry 111, implements 3, horse shoes 0, dogs 163, extras 0—Total 573.

1893, cattle 33, sheep 46, agr. horses 68, field and road horses 101, swine 16, butter 10, eggs 6, poultry 110, implements 7, horse shoes 10, dogs 149, extras 12—Total 568.

Judging was commenced at ten o'clock, and proceeded very expeditiously, almost all the stock having being got through by one o'clock. In fact, the whole of the business connected with the show was finished at 4·30 p.m. It is with pleasure that we are able to state that the quality of the exhibits was also eminently satisfactory. The catalogue bristled with good names, and in most departments there were animals or birds which are well-known throughout the country, and not a few further afield, as exhibits which have gained high show-yard reputation. To attempt to indicate the previous achievements of all of them would occupy more space than we have at command; but this year's show will be too recent in the minds of our agricultural readers for them to require to have their memories refreshed. It may be stated that in the implement department, besides the stands of those who are indicated below as having taken prizes, there were interesting exhibits by Mr Roger Errington, Sunderland; Messrs Henry Pooley and Sons, weighing machine makers, Newcastle; the London Counties Cattle Medicine Co., Newcastle; and Messrs G. and W. S. Burrell, Tyne Manure Works. Mr Ed. Wylam, Freemason's Arms, Consett, and Messrs Rowe and Co., Consett, catered for various kinds of refreshments on the field. Luncheon was held in the middle of the day in a large tent in the yard. Mr N. Clark, Beamish Park, occupied the chair, and Mr John S. Murray, Benfieldside, took the vice-chair. Among the toasts proposed was that of "Success to the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural show." The Chairman, in submitting this toast, said he had watched the society from its small beginning develop into its present dimensions, congratulated the society upon the success which had already attended it, and expressed the hope that continued growth and property awaited it in the future.—The Secretary (Mr A. Atkinson) briefly acknowledged the toast, and said that he had done all he could to render that show a success, and was glad to feel that his efforts were appreciated.

The judges were as follows:—

Shorthorn cattle, sheep, and pigs—Messrs J H Stephenson, W Vickers, and F. Johnson.

Draught horses—Messrs Neilson and Johnson.

Horses for field and road—Messrs Hutchinson and Spraggon.

Butter and eggs—Mrs Darling, Mrs Turnbull, and Miss Emmerson.

Poultry—Mr E Hutton.

Implements—Messrs P Oswald, J Tully, and Hall.

Horse-shoeing—Mr Hunter, M.R.C.V.S.

Dogs—Messrs Castle and J Douglas.

The following gentlemen acted as stewards:—

General field steward—Mr E Wilkinson.

Cattle—Messrs Jos Thornton, J Wilkinson, Jos Hedley, A Parmella, S Kirkup, and H Oliver.

Sheep and pigs—Messrs R Oswald, J Sinclair, John Thorton, J E Nicholson, and Bushby.

Agricultural horses—Messrs Jos Watson, Ed Wylam, G Harrison, G Turnbull, J B Turnbull, and W Hogarth.

Horses for field—Messrs R Murray, W Kirkup, M Adamson, J Pumphrey, and G. W Kirkup.

Butter, eggs, and poultry—Messrs J Heslop, J Towns, W Liddle, and J Lumley.

Dogs—Rev T H Archdall, Messrs J W Ryder, T Wilson, J Storey, and W Jenkins, jun.

Luncheon—Messrs Jas Oliver, J Kirkup, and G Hobson.

Grandstand—Messrs J Richards, E Adamson, G Ridley, J S Murray, and N Elsdon.

Subjoined is the

FULL LIST OF AWARDS:—

CATTLE.

Some very good animals were to be seen among the cattle classes. Golden King, belonging to Mr Vickers, of Morpeth, was honoured with the chief decoration for bulls upwards of two years of age. This animal is a prize-winner of considerable note, and took first prize at Coquetdale show at [illegible] last week, beating Mr Hutchinson's, of [illegible] Hall, Brilliant Hero. Stpdley Knight, owned by Mr T. Dambert, of Elrington Hall, Hexham, came second. He was first at the Tyneside show at Hexham last week, and was highly commended at the Highland and Agricultural Society's show at Edinburgh this year. Lord Boycott, a Yorkshire exhibit, only got a commended ticket at Chester-le-Street, but has a good previous record. He was first at Northumberland, and second at Durham this year, and was reserved at Yorkshire last, and commended at the Royal Chester this year. The principal prize-winners in the other cattle classes were Mr G H Procter, of Flass House, Durham, the Birtley Iron Co., and Messrs Annandale and Sons, Lintz Green. The following is a full list of the awards:—

SHORTHORNS.

Bulls above two years old—1, Mr J Vickers, Catchburn, Morpeth; 2, Mr T Lambert, Elrington Hall, Hexham; c, Mr G Harrison, Under Park, Leatholm, Grossmont, York.

Bulls above 1 and under 2 years of age—1, Mr W Ridley, Shilford, Stocksfield; 2, Mr G H Proctor, Flass House, Durham; hc, the Birtley Iron Co., Ouston Farm, Chester-le-Street.

Bull calf, under twelve months old—1, Birtley Iron Co.

Cow in calf or milk, or having a live calf within the last six months—1, Mr G H Proctor; 2, the Birtley Iron Co.

Heifers in calf or milk, above two and under three years old—1, Messrs Annandale and Sons, Lintzford; 2, Birtley Iron Co.

Heifer above one and under two years old—1, Mr W Armstrong, Chester-le-Street; 2, Birtley Iron Co.

Heifer calf under twelve months old—1, Birtley Iron Co.; 2, Messrs Annandale and Sons; c, Mr G H Proctor.

Cows for dairy purposes—1 and 2, Mr J E Nicholson, Lanchester; 3, Mr G Heppell, Chester-le-Street; hc, Mr T Swinburne, Park Nook Farm, Beamish.

Grazing steers or heifers, not to have more than two broad teeth—1, Mr J Thornton, Durham; 2, Mr R Shepherd, Durham; c, Mr P Oswald, Harraton Hall; and Birtley Iron Co.

SHEEP.

In ten classes there was a capital show of sheep, and it will be noticed that among the principal prize takers were Mr W Ridley, Stocksfield; Messrs Annandale and Sons, the Earl of Durham, Mr J E Nicholson, and Mr G H Proctor. The awards were as follows:—

LEICESTER SHEEP.

Aged tups—1, Mr W Ridley; 2, Mr P Oswald; c, Messrs Annandale and Sons, and the Earl of Durham.

Shearling tups—1 and 3, Messrs Annandale and Sons; 2, Mr W Ridley.

Tup lambs—1 and 3, Mr W Ridley; 2, the Earl of Durham.

Pen of three ewes that have reared lambs this season—1, Mr P Oswald; 2, Mr R Stoker, Stocksfield; 3, the Earl of Durham.

Pen of three shearling gimmers—1 and 2, Messrs Annandale and Sons; c, the Earl of Durham.

Pen of three gimmer lambs—1, Mr T Pattison, Saltwell Farm, Gateshead; 2, the Earl of Durham.

Pen of three mule sheep—1 and 2, Mr J E Nicholson.

Pen of three border Leicester sheep, any age or sex, exhibited by a tenant farmer (farming within the district of the society), in any of the other classes—1, Mr W Ridley; 2, Mr P Oswald; 3, Mr R Stoker.

DOWN SHEEP.

Tup, any age—1 and c, Mr G H Proctor; 2, the Earl of Durham.

Pen of three ewes that have reared lambs this season—1 and 2, Mr G H Proctor.

HORSES.

There was a splendid show of horses of all classes. Among those for agricultural purposes, and in the class for brood mares with foal at foot or in foal, Lord Londonderry's Flower and Nettle were first and second respectively, and Lord Durham's Rosebud third. Flower, Wednesday's winner, was, at the Durham County show last week, placed second to Mr T Smith's Violet, and first at the Northumberland show. Among brood mares with or in foal, confined to tenant farmers, the first prize went to Mr G Turnbull, of Twizell Hall, Chester-le-Street. Lord Durham took first prize both for geldings and fillies three years old, and was second to Lord Londonderry for a pair of dray or draught mares or geldings. Mrs Thompson of Hollinside, took two seconds for geldings one and two years old. There was very keen competition among horses for the field and road. Mr W R Trotter, South Acomb, was first with his well-known mare Osprey in the class for mares for breeding hunters, with foal at foot or in foal. His neighbour, Mr G Angus, Beal, was also first with Lady Alice for the best one-year-old mare or gelding for saddle or harness. Mr Trotter was again second with St. Blaize for the best hunter (mare or gelding) equal to carry 12st weight, being beaten by Disturbance, which has won a good many prizes for its owner, Mr C Liddle, Hexham. The driving and leaping competitions were watched with very great interest by a large crowd, and there was some very clever work shown. Awards:—

HORSES FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Brood mares, with foal at foot or in foal at the time of show—1 and 2, Marquis of Londonderry, Seaham Hall; 3, the Earl of Durham.

Brood Mare, to have her foal at foot, or be in foal at time of show (open to tenant farmers only)—1, Mr G Turnbull, Twizell Hall; 2, Mr T Hall, Fatfield; 3, Mr J Watson, Stanley.

Pair of dray or draught mares or geldings belonging to the same owner (open to the United Kingdom)—1, Marquis of Londonderry; 2, Earl of Durham; c, Birtley Iron Co.

Geldings, three years old—1, Earl of Durham; 2, Earl of Strathmore, Gibside Hall; c, Birtley Iron Co.

Fillies, three years old—1, Earl of Durham; 2, Mr Geo. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street.

Gelding, two years old—1, Mr Thomas White, Fotherley Buildings, Riding Mill; 2, Mrs Thompson, Hollingside Farm, Swalwell.

Filly, two years old—1, Mr J. Bradford, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mr H. Potts, Chester-le-Street; c, Mr G. W. Kirkup, Urpeth.

Gelding, one year old—1, Mr Wm. Bell, Stanley, R.S.O.; 2, Mrs Thompson.

Filly, one year old—1, the Earl of Strathmore; 2, Mr Wm. Bell; c, Mr G. Turnbull.

Colt foal—1, Mr H. Potts; 2, Messrs Joicey and Co., Bushblades Farm, Lintz Green; 2, Mr Wm. Bell.

Filly foal—1, Mr George Turnbull; 2, Mr T. Howden, Chester-le-Street; c, the Birtley Iron Company.

Foal, by Red Prince—1, Mr J. Ayre, Kyo; 2, Mr T. Robson, Annfield Plain.

HORSES FOR FIELD AND ROAD.

Mares for breeding hunters, to have her foal at foot, or to be in foal at the time of show (open only to tenant farmers farming not less than 50 acres)—1, Mr W. R. Trotter, South Acomb; 2, Mr Joseph Robson, Cockerton; 3, Mr J. Allison, jun., Lintz Green.

For the best two-years-old mare or gelding, for saddle or harness—1, Earl of Durham; 2, Mr G. Wilkin, Gateshead.

For the best one-year-old mare or gelding, for saddle or harness—1, Mr G. Angus, Stocksfield; 2, Mr J. Sanderson, Anick Grange, Hexham.

Foals—1, Mr Robert Wilson, Chester Moor; 2, Mr William Mitchell, Chester-le-Street.

For the best hunter (mare or gelding), equal to carry 12st weight—1, Mr C. Liddle, Hexham; 2, Mr W. R. Trotter; hc, Mr J. Pumphrey, Shotley Bridge.

For the best hackney (suitable for a lady)—1, Mr A. Maxwell, Croft, Darlington; 2, Mr J. Sanderson; hc, Earl of Durham.

For the best hackney (mare or gelding)—1, Mr J. Robinson, Hull; 2, Mr William Pope, Downham Market, Norfolk; hc, Mr P. H. Chapman, Leamside.

For the best cob or pony, not exceeding 14 h.h.—1, Mr Wm. Pope; 2, Mr W. Gregory, Bishop Auckland; hc, Mr P. H. Chapman.

For the best pony, not exceeding 14 h.h.—1, Mr J. Turnbull, Hudson Street, Tyne Dock; 2, Messrs Clayton and White, Darlington; hc, Mr James Annandale, Shotley Bridge.

DRIVING.

For the best single harness horse or pony of either sex, to be driven in the presence of the judges—1, Mr W. Pope; 2, Mr J. Robinson.

For the best single harness horse or pony of either sex, the property of a tradesman in the district of the society—1, Mr Jas. Walker, Swalwell; 2, Miss Clark, Chester-le-Street.

Leapers—1, Mr R. Tomlinson, Selby; 2, Mr T. H. Ward, Pinchinthorpe; 3, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe, Newcastle.

SWINE.

Boar of any breed—1, Mr James Overton, Swalwell.

Sow of any breed, in pig—1, Mr George Bullerwell, East Kyo; 2, Mr Thomas Robson, Annfield Plain.

Sow of any breed, with a litter of pigs under 10 weeks old—1, Mr James Overton; 2 and c, Master J. Burn, Chester-le-Street.

For the best cottager's pig—1, Mr W. Hodgson, Pelton Fell; 2, Mr W. Walker, Chester-le-Street; c, Mr R. Lamb, Swalwell.

BUTTER.

Tray of not less than 2lbs of fresh butter, in ½lb prints—1, Mrs C. Robinson, Bradbury, Fence Houses; 2, Mrs George Atkinson, Sedgefield; 3, Mrs S. Atkinson, Wolsingham.

Best tray of not less than 2lbs of ornamental butter—1, Mrs J. Carr, Riding Mill; 2, Mrs M. A. Elsdon, Shotley Bridge.

EGGS.

Basket of not less than 12 hen eggs—1, Mrs J. Carr; 2, Mrs W. Watson, Tanfield; 3, Mrs Geo. Atkinson.

POULTRY.

Brahma cock—1, Mr J. H. Davison, The Hobson; 2, Mr W. Allan, Penshaw; vhc, Mr Robert Shield, Swalwell, and Mr W. Welsh, Old Penshaw.

Brahma hen—1, Mr W. Welsh; 2, Mr Robert Shield; hc, Mr W. Allan.

Plymouth rock cock—1, Miss M. C. Dixon, Marton; 2, North of England Poultry Yards, Washington; hc, Mr Thos. Dowson, Thornley, and Mrs T. Lambert, Hexham.

Plymouth rock hen—1, North of England Poultry Yards; 2, Miss M. C. Dixon; vhc, Mrs W. R. Riddle, Halningcroft, Durham; hc, Mrs T. Lambert.

Minorca cock—1, Mr A. P. Stoker, Birtley; 2, Mr Lance Jobling, Mount Pleasant, Birtley.

Minorca hen—1 and vhc, Mr A. P. Stoker, Birtley; 2, Mr W. Allan.

Leghorn cock—1 and 2, Mrs Lambert, Elrington Hall, Hexham.

Leghorn hen—1, North of England Poultry Yards; 2, Mr G. Usher, South Villa, Pelton Fell; vhc, Mrs Lambert; hc, Mr J. Thompson, Burnopfield.

Hamburg cock—1 and vhc, Mr Thomas Dowson, Frosterley; 2, Mr J. Ridley, Frosterley; vhc, Messrs T. and J. Kidson, Ormesby; hc, Mr J. Hunter, Tanfield.

Hamburg hen—1 and vhc, Mr Thomas Dowson, Frosterley; 2, Messrs T. and J. Kidson; vhc, Mr J. Ridley.

Game cock, old fashioned—1, Mr Robert Shield; 2, Mr W. E. Alcock, Sunderland; hc, Mrs Lambert.

Game hen, old-fashioned—1 and 2, Mrs Lambert.

Game cock, modern—1, Messrs J. and T. Taylor, Barnsley; 2, Messrs J. and T. Currah, Frosterley; vhc, Mr W. Allan.

Game hen, modern—1, Messrs J. and T. Taylor; 2, Messrs J. and T. Currah; hc, Mr W. Allan.

Cock, any variety not mentioned—1, Mr W. E. Alcock; 2, Messrs J. and T. Currah.

Hen, any variety not mentioned—1, Messrs J. and T. Currah; 2, Mr W. E. Alcock; vhc, North of England Poultry Yards, Mr W. Allan, and Mr C. Fennell, Lambton Stud Farm, Fence Houses.

Bantam cock, game—1, Mrs Lambert; 2, Messrs J and T Taylor; vhc, Mr W Allan; hc, Mr W E Alcock.

Bantam hen, game—1, Messrs J and T Taylor; 2, Mr W E Alcock; vhc, Mrs Lambert.

Bantam cock, not game—1, Messrs T and J Kidson; 2, Mr W E Alcock; vhc, Mr J Styche, Burton-on-Trent, and Mr T Dodd, Forest Hall, Newcastle.

Bantam hen, not game—1, Mr J Styche; 2, Mr W E Alcock; vhc, Mr Thos Dowson, Frosterley; vhc, Mr J Tulip, Mickley Square, Stocksfield; hc, Mr T Dodd.

Cochin cock—1, 2, and vhc, Mr George H. Proctor.

Cochin hen—1, 2, and vhc, Mr George H. Proctor.

Pekin or Aylesbury drake—1, Mr W Allan; 2, Mr J Hall, Holmside.

Pekin or Aylesbury duck—1, Mr G W Wilson, Durham; 2, Mr J Hall.

Drake, any other variety—1 and vhc, Mr G H Proctor; 2, Messrs J and T Currah; vhc, Miss Straker, Hexham; hc, Mr W E Alcock.

Duck, any other variety—1 and 2, Mr Geo H Proctor; hc, Mr W E Alcock.

Cock, selling class—1, Messrs J and T Taylor; 2, Mr W E Alcock; vhc, Mr W Allan; vhc, Mr Thos Short, Ouston.

Hen, selling class—1, Messrs J and T Currah; 2, Mr Thomas Dowson, Frosterley; vhc, Mr W E Alcock; hc, Mr W Allan.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

1, Mr John Gregory, Groat Market, Newcastle; 2, Executors of the late Joseph Symu, Newton, Stocksfield; 3, Messrs Colegrove and Co., Newcastle.

HORSE SHOES.

One set of hackney horse shoes direct from anvil—1, Mr Jos Marshall, Pelton; 2, Mr Geo Price, Knitsley Road, Consett.

One set of cart horse shoes, toed, direct from anvil—1, Mr Jos Marshall; 2, Mr R Horne, Newfield, Chester-le-Street.

DOGS.

Collie challenge class. Rough dog or bitch (for winners of three or more first prizes)—1, Mr T Wallace Ryton, Woodlands.

Rough-haired collie dog—1, Mr T Wallace; 2, Messrs W O and J A Coxon, Durham; 3, Mr F A Thirlaway; vhc, Mr H Brown, Calverley, Leeds.

Rough-haired collie bitches—1, A Blench, Leadgate; 2, Messrs Dodds and Robson, Gateshead; 3, Mr J Thompson, Burnopfield.

Collie challenge class. Smooth dog or bitch (for winners of three or more first prizes)—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe, Newcastle.

Smooth-haired collie dogs—1, W W Coxon, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mr Thos Parker, Newcastle.

Smooth-haired collie bitch—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 2, Mr T Cairns, Newcastle; 3, Mr H A Emery, Monkwearmouth.

Novice class. For the best rough or smooth-haired dog or bitch that has never won a prize at any show; puppy wins not counted—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 2, Mr A Blench; 3, Messrs W O and J A Coxon.

Pointer dogs or bitches—1, Mr G Potter, Wetheral; 2, Mr J Sharpe, Humshaugh.

Setter dogs or bitches—1, Mr G Potter; 2, Mr W E Alcock; 3, Mr R Anderson, Chester-le-Street.

Greyhound dog or bitch—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 2 and 3, Mr J Gowland, Stanley; vhc, Mr J Sinclair, Chester-le-Street.

Fox terrier challenge class. Rough or smooth-haired dog or bitch (for winners of three or more first prizes)—1, Mr G H Proctor; 2, Mr A Maxwell, Darlington.

Rough-haired fox terrier dog—1, Mr W C Alcock; 2, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 3, Mr A Maxwell.

Rough-haired fox terrier bitch—1, Messrs Dodds and Robson; 2, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 3, Mr J Cook, Newcastle; vhc, Mr W Clifford, Chester-le-Street.

Smooth-haired fox terrier dog—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 2, Mr G H Proctor; 3, Mr Joseph Rochester, Allendale Cottages; vhc, Mr J Richardson, Chester-le-Street.

Smooth-haired fox terrier bitch—1, Mr G H Proctor; 2, Mr R S Magee, Hetton-le-Hole; 3, Messrs Dodds and Robson; vhc, Mr S F Wailes, Newcastle.

Bedlington terrier challenge class. Dog or bitch, for winners of three or more prizes—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe.

Bedlington terrier dogs any colour—1, Messrs Wears and Patterson, Newcastle; 2, Mr J Rewcastle, Gateshead; 3, Mr W E Alcock.

Bedlington terrier bitches, any colour—1, Mr W E Alcock; 2, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 3, Mr R Lambert, Blaydon.

Bedlington terrier dog or bitch, any colour, under twelve months old on day of show—1, Mr W E Alcock; 2, Mr J Brown, Chester-le-Street; 3, Mr G Stones, Chester-le-Street; vhc, Mr P Graham, Pelton.

St. Bernard dog or bitch—1 and 2, Mr J Storey, Annfield Plain; 3, J Hall, Chester-le-Street; vhc, Mr F R Fenwick, Ryton.

St. Bernard dog or bitch that has never won a prize—1, Mr W Thompson, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mr J Storey; 3, Mr J Stephenson, jun., Leamside; vhc, Mrs J Pringle, Low Fell.

Mastiff dog or bitch—1, Mr A Green, Sunderland; 2, Mr J Curry, Newcastle.

Newfoundland dog or bitch—1, Mr Robt Steele, Newcastle.

Retriever dog or bitch, wavy or curly coated—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; 2, Mr H Armstrong, Chester-le-Street; 3, Mr R Anderson, jun, Chester-le-Street.

Spaniel dog or bitch—1, Mr T Jameson, Durham; 2, Mr E Hutton, Leeds.

Bull terrier, dog or bitch—1, Mr I Battensby, Durham; 2, Mr T Pattison, Chester-le-Street; 3, vhc, Mr W Bottoms, Washington.

Whippet or rabbit dog, not to exceed 18in. high, measure standing; to be the *bona-fide* property of a working-man in the district of the society—1, Mr J Redshaw, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mr J Kennedy, Chester-le-Street; 3, Mr R Lamb, Swalwell.

Black and tan or white English terrier—1 and 2, Mr E Pape, Newcastle.

Terrier not classed—1, Mr E Hutton, Leeds; 2, Mr W E Alcock.

Any variety not classed under 30lbs weight—1 and 3, Mrs Brittain, Durham; 2, Mr E Hutton.

Any variety not classed over 30lbs weight—1, Mr W E Alcock; 2, Mr A Maxwell.

Sweepstake of 5s each for pointer puppies (under 12 months old on the day of show)—1, Mr T Sharpe.

Sweepstake of 5s each for collie puppies, rough or smooth (under 12 months old on the day of show)—1, Mr J G Gowe, Fence Houses; 2, Mr D W Cooper, Chester-le-Street; 3, Miss E Donkin.

Sweepstake of 5s each for any other variety of puppy, not classified (under 12 months old on day of show)—1, Mr G F Wailes; 2, Rev T H Archdale, Tanfield Vicarage.

Selling class for the best dog or bitch (any variety)—1, Messrs Hastie and Swinhoe; Mr W E Alcock; 3, Mr J Cock, Newcastle.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held yesterday (Thursday), under the presidency of Mr W. Logan, J.P. (chairman). Also present:—Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Miss G. M. Gibson, Father P. C. Fortin and Rev P. Cameron, Coun. T. J. Muse, Messrs G. Hobson, J. Collinson, J. Lax, W. Rutherford, P. Kirkup, T. Lowden, T. Longstaff, T. Wilkinson, J. Oliver, R. Robson, T. Nichol, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

HARMLESS LUNATICS.

A communication was read from the Sedgefield Asylum authorities intimating that the County Council had arranged to remove the harmless and chronic patients from the Sedgefield Asylum to Newton Hall, near Durham, instead of transferring them to the various unions. They also thanked the Lanchester Board of Guardians for their kindness in agreeing to receive such patients.

PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF RELIEF.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Present No. of inmates	154
Corresponding period last year	158
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	24
Corresponding period last year	19

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

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

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	73
Females	134
Able-bodied (temporarily disabled)	37
Females (in health)	—
Temporarily disabled	—
Children under 16 years	195
Total	439

Amount of relief in money, £70 6s 0d.

Mr J. Moon, relieving officer, western district also reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	57
Females	131
Able-bodied—Males	—
Females (in health)	68
Temporarily disabled	13
Children under 16 years	270
Total	539

Amount of relief in money, £76 3s 0d.

TOTALS.

Adults, not able-bodied	395
Able-bodied	118
Children	465
Total	978

Amount of relief, £146 9s 0d.

Figures for the corresponding period of last year:—

Adults, not able-bodied	340
Able-bodied	124
Children	448
Total	912

Amount of relief, £134 16s 0d.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting was afterwards held, Mr Logan presiding.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DIPTON SEWAGE: THE PRECIPITATION SYSTEM.

The committee appointed a fortnight ago presented a preliminary report with reference to their visit to several places to examine the various systems of sewerage disposal by means of the precipitation process. The result of their investigation they wished to embody in a detailed report, which would be submitted at the next meeting. Meanwhile, to prevent loss of time, the committee suggested that their Surveyor should be instructed to prepare plans, and obtain estimates for at least two different sets of subsiding tanks and filtering beds, on sites deemed by the Authority to be the most suitable, in connection with the Annfield Plain and Dipton Sewerage Works. This recommendation the committee wished distinctly to be without prejudice to the conclusions which might be drawn from the full and complete report.

The Surver (Mr J. E. Parker) was directed to prepare plans for Annfield Plain and Dipton.

Mr Hobson suggested a suitable place for the tanks, etc., and said that if this plan was carried out, Mr T. W. Asquith would render the Authority every assistance in procuring the land.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

On the proposal of Mr Collinson, seconded by Mr Van Haansbergen, Mr J. E. Parker was re-appointed surveyor and inspector of Nuisances, at a salary of £300 per annum—£200 as inspector, and £100 as surveyor.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

Lady and Gentlemen,—Mr W. S. Simpson, your clerk of the works for the Annfield Plain and district sewerage works, has been appointed surveyor to the Blaydon Local Board, and his duties at Annfield Plain have ceased to-day.

At East Hedleyhope, the water supply is now being improved, the Colliery Company having caused the Weardale and Shildon Water Company to extend their mains up the Dearness Valley to East Hedleyhope, and it is anticipated that the works for the supply will be completed in about a fortnight's time. In the meantime, the Colliery Company are conveying water for drinking purposes from Hedley Hill by means of water-carts.

On the 4th inst., I ordered Messrs Nicholson and Elliott, the contractors for the Annfield Plain and district sewerage works, "to suspend until further notice the execution of all the works of sewerage and sewage disposal lying to the north-east of Kyo Heugh Bridge," and instructed them not to order further material for, nor execute any works in connection with, that portion of the contract so long as the period of suspension exists, under section 9 of the specification.

On the 1st inst., your Special Committee visited the sewage disposal works at Coundon and Croxdale, as already reported, and from the 7th inst. to the 11th inst. visited several of the systems of sewage disposal throughout the country. The information accruing therefrom is being embodied in a report, which is now in course of preparation. The places visited were Dewsbury, Sarriton, Acton, Croydon, and Ealing, where the sewage disposal works are respectively intermittent downward filtration, precipitation by ferozone and filtration through polorite, broad irrigation, ferozone precipitation, and precipitation by milk of lime, clay, and sulphate of alumina.

The lamp columns and lanterns at Annfield Plain and Dipton have been painted, and are now ready for refixing. As the lighting season will commence at the end of the present month, I have ordered all lanterns to be fixed upon the columns.

The sewers at Dipton, Hobson, Leazes, Burnopfield, Medomsley, Medomsley Edge, Templetown, Castleside, White-le-Head, and Langley Park have been flushed during the month, and are in working order.

Thirty villages have been inspected during the month.

The following houses will shortly be ready for habitation:—

1253. One house at Annfield Plain for Emmerson Jackson.

A water certificate will shortly be required for a house at Castleside, recently built by Jas. Caygill, 14, Park Road, Consett.

I am, lady and gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. Parker.

Lanchester, Aug. 17th, 1893.

HEDLEY HILL WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. Asquith, the Water Company's engineer wrote stating that a temporary supply would be arranged in a short while.

ANNFIELD PLAIN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

A letter was read from Messrs. Nicholson and Elliott, the contractors, intimating that they would hold the Company responsible for the material they had already on the works.

INSANITARY HOUSES.

The inspector was ordered to attend to the complaints connected with the medical officers' for the County Council's annual report to the insanitary condition of houses at Friarside, Burnopfield, and other places, it being mentioned that Friarside was one of the places the authority contemplated carrying out drainage works.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Medomsley District.

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

Gentlemen,—Only two cases of zymotic disease have come under my notice since my last monthly report to your Board, viz., one case of scarlet fever at Allendale Cottages, and one case of erysipelas at Dene Bank. Ebchester continues free from infectious disease.

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

Ebchester Hill, Aug. 16st, 1893.

Lanchester District.

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

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—The fresh cases of epidemic diseases in this district within the past few weeks are—Two cases of erysipelas, 5 of whooping cough, and 47 of diarrhœa at Langley Park; 1 case of scarlet fever at Hill Top, Esh; 1 of erysipelas, and 17 of diarrhœa at Ushaw Moor; 3 cases of scarlet fever at Esh; 1 of scarlet fever and 30 of diarrhœa at Esh Winning; 1 case of scarlet fever at Durham Road, Esh Winning, and 3 at Newhouse Cottages, 1 case of erysipelas and several cases of diarrhœa at Hamsteels; 7 cases of diarrhœa at Quebec; 1 case of typhoid fever at Marley's Houses, Quebec; 1 case of scarlet fever, 9 of whooping cough, and 55 of diarrhœa at Cornsay Colliery; 1 case of scarlet fever at Hedley Hill; and many cases of diarrhœa at Hedleyhope; 1 case of scarlet fever at Badagos; 1 cases of diphtheria at West Butsfield, 1 case of scarlet fever at Happy Land; 2 at Maiden Law; and 2 at Dormand's Cottages.

I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
John Wilson.

Lanchester, Aug. 15th, 1893.

Eastern District.

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

Gentlemen,—The number of cases of notifiable diseases reported to me during the month were 3 of enteric fever and 10 of scarlatina. The latter appeared as follows:—3 at Annfield Place, 1 at Hill Top, 1 at Hobson, 2 at Lintz, 1 at Tantobie, and 2 at Tanfield. The disease, it will be noticed, extends over a large area, but only in one instance was the infectious conveyance from outside the district. The former occurred at Foodley Sett, Annfield Plain, and Kyo. Most careful enquiry failed to discover the slightest cause from which any of the cases might have originated. An outbreak of measles began in Burnopfield about a fortnight ago, but the cases have not been very numerous so far. The mortality for the month is rather below usual average. 25 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 17·5 per 1,000. None of the deaths were due to zymotic diseases.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant.
T. Benson, Medical Officer.
The Rural Sanitary Authority, Lanchester.
Aug. 15th, 1893.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this body should have been held on Wednesday, in the public offices of the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge. Only three members—Messrs F. Priestman, J.P., J. Lax, and J. Eltringham—along with the clerk (Mr J. Booth), and the surveyor (Mr J. Dixon), put in an appearance. After waiting 20 minutes for another member to turn up to make a *quorum*, it was decided to adjourn the meeting till to-day (Friday).

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

The half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders of the above company was held in the Board Room, Consett, on Wednesday—Dr Boyd (chairman) presiding.

The Chairman having explained the working and prospects of the company,

Mr John Lowes moved that the report be adopted, and a dividend of 7 per cent. per annum for the last half-year be declared.

The retiring directors, Messrs W. J. Scott and M. Coupland, were re-elected.

Messrs F. C. Squance and J. Robson were elected auditors.

Mr Wm. Aynsley proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors, which was acknowledged by the Chairman.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Stanhope Flower Show has come and gone once more. The day was charming, and the little show a good one. The Bishop of Richmond has raised himself very much in the esteem of the Stanhope public by generously throwing open his beautiful grounds on Saturday last for the show. Over 800 people visited the exhibition.

A nice point has been raised by Mr Joseph Wearmouth putting in his claim for the Stanhope silver challenge cup for wrestling, which was to be won three years in succession. Mr Wearmouth won it the first year, then Mr Allison, then Mr Walton, of Bollihope, then Mr Wearmouth. Last year no show was held, on account of the trade depression caused by the Durham miners' strike. Mr Wearmouth again won it on Saturday. Different views are taken of the position. Some hold that as there was no show last year and no wrestling at all, Mr Wearmouth has no claim, but must contest for it next year. Others are of opinion that it was not Mr Wearmouth's fault last year that he did not compete, consequently the cup is fairly his. The committee, however, have decided to refer the case to arbitration, and take the uninterested opinion of some sporting paper editor.

Stanhope is a radical place, even at a flower show competition, where prizes were offered for boiled potatoes. Those known as "Home Rulers" won, and carried off premier honours. They were of excellent quality—veritable balls of flour—and were pronounced as such by the judges, who tested them in a very practical way.

Stanhope Band played really well on Saturday. Among the pieces on their programme were the "Hallelujah Chorus" and the "Lost Chord," both of which were well rendered.

Mr George Moses was again the leading prize-taker at the show, scoring 39 prizes. He is an ardent co-operator, and this is one reason why it is dubbed a co-operative flower show. There is another reason quite as good, if not even a better one: it is the fact of some from the old town showing the produce of several of the best gardens in Wolsingham, and co-operating with the owners for showing it as their own. There are others who co-operate with gardeners up south every year, and the annual hampers arrive as of yore. An honest exhibitor has no chance at Stanhope show. We cannot compete with the sunny south here up in Weardale—10,000 feet above sea level.

Messrs Eccles' shooting party beat the record on the Edmondbyers moors on Monday. They bagged 240 brace of grouse.

Mr Hildyard and party, on the same day, bagged 150 brace on Pikestone Moor; 50 brace were shot on one drive. One gentleman knocked down 26 birds himself, having the ground around his butt literally strewn with birds.

Stanhope just now is full of visitors. There are numbers more in other parts of the dale. The old town of Wolsingham is also looking up in this respect, and catering for her share of visitors. And why not? For scenic beauty it equals Stanhope, and if the inhabitants would combine and have a bit more "go" in them, it is just possible they might beat Stanhope.

Mr Thomas Proud filled the Wesleyan Chapel at Stanhope to overflowing on Sunday evening. The large building was crowded to hear this successful Stanhope youth, who has climbed the ladder of success to almost the topmost rung. Breaking stones one day by the roadside not far from Stanhope Dene, he went into the Noak's Ark farmhouse to eat his dinner. The good lady remonstrated with him for wasting his time in stone-breaking, and him so good a scholar. "Madam," said he confidently, "one day I will hold a good position in society; will work my way up." It is verified to-day. Mr Proud has risen from the ranks. Richard Roberts himself has not preached a better sermon in Stanhope than was preached by Mr Proud there on Sunday.

CRICKET.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, Aug. 19th.)

Consett and District v Crook, at Consett.
Consett and District 2nd v Crook 2nd, at Crook.
Shotley Bridge v Burnopfield, at Burnopfield.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Burnopfield 2nd, at Shotley Bridge.
Stanley and District 2nd v Kip Hill, at Stanley
Oxhill v Tantobie, at Oxhill.
Tantobie 2nd v Beamish 2nd, at Beamish.
Dipton v Shotley Grove, at Shotley Bridge.
Blackhall Mill v Tanfield, at Blackhall Mill.
Beamish v Postal Telegraph, at Newcastle.
Cornsay v Burnmoor, at Burnmoor.
Whickham v Gateshead Fell, at Gateshead.
Langley Park v Browney, at Langley Park.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. CROOK.

PROFESSIONAL'S BENEFIT.

This important game will be played at Blackfine to-morrow, and the object in view will doubtless draw a big crowd. The following team will represent Consett:—T. D. Dales (capt.), A. S. Godfrey, I. Richards, G. Walton, W. Turnbull, W. Railton, A. Little, A. Wood, M. Williamson, R. Watson, and Wilson (pro.) Reserve, E. Carlill. Commence at 2 prompt.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2nd v. CROOK 2nd.

This match will be played at Crook, the visitors journeying by the 12·15 train. The Consett team will be selected from the following:—M. Hobday (capt.), J. R. Richards, J. J. Raw, J. Spencer, G. T. Wilson, T. C. Charlton, T. T. Gray, E. Carlill, J. Lowther, F. Brodie, T. Charlton, and W. Douglas.

All clubs having dates with the West Pelton Violets are requested to cancel them, as they are unable to raise a team.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE COAL TRADE.

At the instigation of the managing officials of Hamsteels Collieries, the pit known as the Harvey Seam was re-opened a week ago, but owing to some grievences the men resumed work in fore-shift—the back-shift men did not turn up. Accordingly, the mine has been idle since Monday, and negotiations have, it is understood, been carried on between the officials and the men, and an amicable arrangement effected. The men resumed work at the original prices. The Harvey, not Busty as reported last issue, was laid in at the commencement of the strike, by which a number of men and boys were thrown out of employment. It is stated that only a section of the men can be started this week. There is, however, a brighter prospect than hitherto in Durham, as there are signs of greater activity at all the collieries in the district. An increased number of men at the Cornsay collieries are said to be provided for, as new seams are in course of preparation for starting. The same applies to Esh, at which colliery a busty seam is being opened out, which is expected shortly to be in operation. Trade generally is fast improving in the country. Notwithstanding that the Durham miners' ballot on the advance question is in operation, some little uneasiness is yet noticeable as to the result. The policy adoption by the Midland Federation will not, it is thought, be acquiesced in the county of Durham or the sister county. A strike entered on is generally inopportune in a declining market, while arbitration is looked upon by some as a fallacy, except a Government arbitrator be appointed, whose duties would necessitate a thorough overhauling of the owners' ledgers. Undoubtedly, such a system, were it adopted, would give general satisfaction. The system conducted in such cases is looked upon with some degree of suspicion, and calculated not to give the necessary confidence.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Consett—3, West Victoria Street, 12th inst., the wife of George Hope, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 16th inst., Mr C. H. Butchart, of Blackhill, to Mrs M. Cannon, widow of the late William Cannor of 1, Thomas Street, Consett. No cards. 9981

Lanchester.—Register Officer, 5th inst., J E Graham, of Ebchester, to M A Bilcough, of Hamsterley.—Same day, W. Norwood, of Cornsay Colliery, to E. Brownless, of Beagpark.—12th inst., J. T. Hodgson to Jane Nixon, both of Greencroft.—14th inst., T. R. Dryden, of Hamsterley, to A. J. Nichol, of Blackhall Mill.—15th inst., G. Hope, of Consett, to M. E. Bell, of Leadgate.

DEATHS.

Leadgate—On the 16th inst., aged 70 years, Jane Swinburn, late of Medomsley Edge. To be interred at Medomsley Church to-morrow (Saturday; to lift at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation. 9951

82, Allendale Cottages—16th inst., aged 4 years, Meggie, the beloved daughter of Thomas and Jane Ann Chatt. Interment on Saturday at 3 p.m., at Medomsley. Friends please accept this intimation. 9821

Annfield Plain—No. 10, Wood Rows, 11th inst., aged 9 months, Matthew Henry, the beloved son of George and Annie Smith. 9701

South Pontop—14th inst., aged 6 months and 12 days, Thomas, only son of Robert J. and Mary E. Ferguson. 9831

Dipton—15th inst., aged 28, Catherine Jane, wife of Wm. Elliott.

Delight Rows, 16th inst., aged 1 year and 7 months, David Brown, youngest son of Joseph and Jane Brown.

Swalwell—14th inst., aged 44, Lizzie, wife of Wm. Gladstone.

Beamish—12th inst., aged 19 years, John George, son of George and Ann Bartle.

Ryton—Barmoor, 11th inst., aged 75, Ann, wife of the late James Cossar.

Hamsterley Colliery—10th inst., aged 56, Janet, wife of the late John Hindmarch.

Prudhoe Station—13th inst., aged 27 years, John, son of the late John and Annie Bell, Low Prudhoe.

India—July 16th, aged 20 years, John C. Harris, son of Edward Harris, of 15, Buddle Street, Consett, who died in the service of his country, and was buried in Rawal Pindi Cemetery.

In affectionate remembrance of Andrew Liddle (late of the Turf Hotel, Jarrow-on-Tyne), who died August 7th, 1893.

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