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[T]HE NEW RAILWAY.

[IMPOR]TANT LETTER FROM THE N.E.R.

[...]day morning, Mr Thos. W. Welford, the [...]he Consett District Council, received the [...]letter from Mr Geo. Gibb, the general [...]f the North-Eastern Railway, in reply to [...]nication which Mr Welford was directed by [...]l to send to the North-Eastern Authorities, [...]pening of the new line:—

General Manager's Offices N.E.R., York, August 10th, 1896.

[...]—Annfield Plain Railway Station. [...]eceipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and [...]y, in reply, that it is intended to open the [...]line in question for general traffic on [A]ugust 17th.—Yours truly,

GEO. S. GIBB.

[...] learn, however, that the goods department [...]e opened at Consett until the following [...]he 24th inst. The official time-table [...]hat five trains will be run from Newcastle [...]l and five trains will be run from Blackhill [...]le. There will be no through train to com- [...]ircuit round to Newcastle again, but the [...]nd Newcastle trains by Scotswood are fairly [...] for such a journey. The first train (by [...]lain) will leave Newcastle at 6-10 a.m. and [Bl]ackhill at 7-18 p.m., calling at all intermediate [...] The other trains will leave Newcastle at [...]11-17 a.m., 4-10 p.m., and 7-55. The trains [Blac]khill to Newcastle (by Annfield Plain) will [...]-40 a.m., 11-10 a.m., 1-25 p.m., 5-5 p.m., and [...] There will be no Sunday service. No [...]ning of the new line has been arranged for, [...]t train to pass over it will be the 6-10 a.m. [...]y. Mr Maughan, stationmaster at New- [...]een appointed stationmaster at Consett.

[L]ate Sporting.

CRICKET.

[CON]SETT WEDNESDAY v. STANLEY WEDNESDAY.

[...] the ground of the former, and resulted in [...]he home team. Score:—

[ST]ANLEY.		CONSETT.	
Richardson	12	Foggon b Wood	32
[...] b Martin	3	Richardson b Whaley	8
[Ric]hardson	8	Aynsley c Bennett b Whaley	0
[...]on b Martin	1	Gradon c Whaley b Wood	3
[Ma]rtin	12	Martin b McKinley	33
[Ma]rtin	6	Dowson c Siddle b W'd	0
[...] Aynsley b	0	Forster c Welsh b Wo'd	5
[...]on	0	Palliser b Wood	5
[...]rtin	0	Carr b McKinley	0
[...] out	0	Marshall c & b Wood	0
[...] b Martin	0	Eltringham not out	0
[...] Foggon b	1	Extras	2
[...]s	3		
[Tot]al	46	Total	93

[FIXTU]RES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

[...] Tudhoe, at Tudhoe.
[...]v. Eppleton, at Burnhope.
[...]Mill v. Bill Quay Albion, at Blackhall Mill.
[...]nd District v. Chester-le-Street 2nd, at [Stan]ley.
[...]Mill 2nd v. Rowland's Gill, on the latter's [grou]nd.
[...]2nd v. Craghead, at Craghead.
[...]v. Consett 2nd, at Lanchester.
[...]v. Beamish, at Medomsley.
[...]ield 2nd v. Lumley Thicks, at Oxhill.
[...] Dipton P.M., at Dipton.
[...]n v. Allendale, at Consett.
[...]v. Consett Y.M., at Beamish.
[...] v. Cornsay I.O.G.T., at Cornsay.

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[...]—Consett, Park View, on the 9th inst., [...]s months, Winifrid Elizabeth, beloved [daugh]ter of Edwin and Mary Elizabeth Greedy.

[...]yton, Townley Cottages, aged 63, Matthew, [...]d of Mary Gill.

[...]ON.—Crawleyside, near Stanhope, on the [...]t., John Harrison.

[...]SIDE.—Blaydon, Bridge Street, on the 11th [...]d 30, Robert, son of the Ann and the late [...]e Handyside, late of Spen.

[...]K.—North America, on the 29th ult., aged [...]sie, wife of Charles C. P. Hobkirk, late of [...]in-Hold, near Chester-le-Street.

[...] Whickham, on the 11th inst., aged 54, Ann [...]eth Lynn, widow of the late Thomas Lynn.

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MR. ROBINSON AND EDITORIAL CHAT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—"Editorial Chat," of the 14th inst., falls into error when he says that your representative was requested by me not to notice the fact of there being no meeting of the Benfieldside School Board in the July month. I have no desire to dictate to the press as to what reports they should publish, and certainly made no such request. At the last meeting of the Board exception was taken to the latter clause only of your report, where you state that this is the second time the members have failed to assemble during recent weeks. As this is not the first time "Editorial Chat" has got astray let me conclude by suggesting that he should be more careful in his comments in future.

Yours etc.

GEO J. ROBINSON.

Long Eaton, Derbyshire, August 15th 1896.

THE LIVING WAGE AND COMPETITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—The tailor's yard of cloth I am informed, used to consist of 36 square inches, but now it measures 28 inches by 36 inches, or if it is measured from a web of cloth double width 56 inches by 72 inches, so that in the mad rush of competition the poor unwary working men and women have been run in for a few inches of cloth charged at the original price, single or double width. "Johnny" wonders why some people cannot make one business in life serve them. He complains about the advocates of the "living wage" principle entering into competition and interfering with other people's business, when they at the same time advocates the principles of equality to their fellows, and then "Johnny" asks me to say whether this is righteous dealing or not? Well, "Johnny," I must confess to the fact that if equality of opportunity existed, and was to become a part of our every day life, this kind of conduct would be outrageously immoral and heathenish; but you will know, "Johnny," by the aid of your gifted intellect, and the continual worry of your daily avocation, that equality of opportunity does not operate at the present time amongst British subjects; for, if I read your letter correctly, you have no time for study only what you can snatch at the end of each week. Now, why is this, "Johnny?" Your life must be a burden to you instead of a pleasure, for if what you say is true, (and I believe you), then I conclude that the advocates of the "living wage" had better inquire into your business, because according to your own showing you are doing two or three men's work. Imagine, "Johnny," the fact of having to snatch a few moments at the end of the week for study. Think of the injustice you are perpetrating on your own fellows in the battle of life; think of the cruelty with which you are treating your body, mind, and spirit; think of the good you could do, if you only had time to do it, then arise, "Johnny" assert thyself on behalf of thy own self, first seek to have the hours of thy working day reduced, so that thou mayest find time for recreation and study. You talk, "Johnny" about union men being selfish, mean, and contemptible, by dabbling in other people's business. That is quite true in a few cases; but you take the cake, "Johnny," you do. Seriously now, "Johnny," there must be something wrong in the machinery which runs the human race through this world at such high haphazard speed.—Yours truly,

PAUL PRY.

THE DRINK QESTION AT WEST STANLEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—As this vexed question is again to the front and is being discussed in public and private circles with great vigour and earnestness, perhaps you will allow me to remind the general public that in this district there are nine public houses already in opration within a little over a mile's area. If we begin at the Co-operative Stores, a large public stands directly opposite owned by Mr. Charlton. A few yards further down the Street brings us to the large Commercial Inn. At another short distance is located the extensive licensed premises of Messrs Foster. Then at the top of Shield Row the Board Inn is situated, while at the bottom of this street stands the public belonging to Mr. Watson. A few yards more, and we gaze upon the sign of the Blue Bell, kept by Mr. C. Arkle. At Oxhill, which is connected to Stanley, is erected the Ox Inn, inhabited by Mr. Errington; and at South Moor, which is in the immediate neighbourhood of Stanley, there are two publics. Now, in the face of all these large and commodious Inns, for the sale of intoxicating liquors, along with several "off licences," will any intelligent moral person affirm that other extensions are necessary in the Stanley district? I admit at the week ends this traffic does a roaring trade, and that these houses are thronged to excess. But on this plea ought a grant to be made? "Decidedly not." For this would be increasing the facilities of a social, financial, physical, and moral evil. Let those men who argue they possess no home comforts owing to their narrow contracted apartments, which drives them to the public houses. I say, let those men look at the matter in a reasonable light, and they will find a remedy by utilising their drink money in a scheme to erect a comfortable home of their own. Working men are their own enemies. They work hard for a maintainance, then a large number deliberately throw their earnings away in drink, which undermines their physical strength, and irritates their whole being. The fact of increased drinking facilities being sought for bespeaks a sad omen for this district. I may be thought unreasonable for this plain statement; but if working men will at all times study their own interests, and learn that economy is the stepping stone to progress, this perverting drink business would be abandoned at once. It blocks the way to all hopeful clauses in the formula of success to the working classes. If they come out on strike to maintain a fair wage, the effort becomes a direct failure, inasmuch as the majority fail for lack of funds, and in a few days after the stoppage soup kitchens have to be resorted to, whereas if they had accumulated their drink money they could have successfully resisted the attack. So long as working men indulge in these low debasing habits they cannot prosper. They may grumble and clamour for success, and blame this, that, and the other, but it is plain the remedy lies with themselves. The immense fortunes acquired by the licensed victuallers testify to the fact that men are building another person's property instead of their own. What means this tumult and commotion caused by speculators for a new grant of license? Simply because they know its a veritable gold mine. Men never seek a reduction in the price of drink, snuff, and tobacco. This accounts for the exorbitant profits of this traffic. The long list of drunks at the regular Lanchester Sessions speaks out in bold language what this habit is doing for its victims. Think of the precious time lost in visiting these houses, and the associations of vulgarity which never con elevate mankind. Moderation is not a sin but it leads to it, and all confirmed drunkards beg on as moderate drinkers. This subtle fiend first leads then drives its victim to spoil and desperation; extensions mean more comfort in connection with it, which will draw others to its enjoyment. Christians play with it, and it is quite popular now to have the whisky decanter at births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths, and coupled with every bargain or speculation. It is the stumbling block to all real progress and development. It blasts and blights the fairest hopes of thousands. From the deep pit of its victims, you can hear the cry of suicides, lunatics, broken hearts, shattered constitutions, moral wrecks, and every form of despair and anguish. Men and women know this yet, like babies, they take it because they like it. I will be hated because of this plain speaking, but I care not if only I may influence some poor man or woman to flee from its power. It must be subdued, otherwise we will soon be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Yours truly,

August 13th, 1896. BEAMISH AIR PIT.

IN "THE STRAND MAGAZINE" for August, among many excellent articles, is one by T. S. Oldham, likely to interest a large class of readers. In describing "some Curious Public School Customs," he says: A peculiar custom (now done away with) at Winchester was that of "taking the oath." Once a year all the boys over fifteen years of age paraded in chapel, and had administered to them, in Latin, a solemn oath to the effect that they would defend and befriend the college through good and evil report. In connection with this, it is interesting to record that, according to an old and well authenticated tradition, Oliver Cromwell, in his high-handed way, had resolved on the destruction and dis-establishment of the college; but was turned from his purpose by the strenuous representations of two of his officers, Colonel N. Fiennes and Colonel Nicholas Love, who, being old Wykehamists and mindful of their oath, succeeded in saving the school from the fate to which it had been decreed by the Lord High Protector of the Commonwealth, and which would certainly have overtaken it but for their timely intervention.

THE NEW NORTH-WEST DURHAM RAILWAY.

ANNFIELD PLAIN TO BLACKHILL.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC TRAFFIC.

The opening of the short line of railway for passenger service from Annfield Plain to Blackhill on Monday marked the completion of a project that has for the past fifteen years been advocated by the people residing in the western portion of North-West Durham, and will be of great value to the populous district that it has to serve, and also to the great mineral industries of Durham. A portion of the route of the railway is that of an old line, used long for minerals, and now altered and adapted also for passengers. The new portion of the railway is part of a section of the North-Eastern Railway that extends from between Birtley and Chester-le-Street to Blackhill. The needs of a passenger line through this thickly populated district had been sadly felt for many years. It was not till September, 1880, that the movement assumed a tangible shape. At this time a series of public meetings were held at Tanfield, West Stanley, Annfield Plain, and Consett, with a view of urging upon the directors of the North-Eastern Railway to carry out this project; and an influential deputation, which had large interests at stake in the district, seconded the agitation by presenting three memorials to the directors, pointing out the urgent necessity for such a railway. The directors held out some hopes that this prayer would be satisfactorily answered, and the residents thought that in the course of three or four years the railway would be an accomplished fact. No action was taken, however, for some half-dozen years, and a private firm of colliery owners even threatened to construct a railway at their own expense. The N.E.R. authorities now promptly applied for and obtained the necessary powers from Parliament, but still nothing further was done, and the agitation was renewed with greater vigour and force in July, 1888, the Consett Local Board, with the late Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., as chairman, taking an active part in the matter. Meetings were held from the beginning of July, 1888, to the 22nd October, in furtherance of the scheme, and a representative committee was appointed. Among the gentlemen who took a prominent part in the movement were Mr Geo. Ridley, J.P., Stanley House; and Mr Wm. Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea. Shortly afterwards Mr Hy. Tennant, then the general manager, intimated to the committee that the surveys of the new line would be begun at once, and the work pushed on as speedy as possible. The contract was placed in the hands of Messrs Whittaker Bros., of Leeds, the estimated cost being about £100,000. The new railway branched off the Team Valley line between Birtley and Chester-le-Street stations, and was carried through a populous colliery district as far as Annfield Plain, which was the temporary terminus, although the railway was laid to East Castle Colliery, a mile beyond. The stations were at Pelton, Beamish, Shield Row (for West Stanley), and Annfield Plain, and the line was opened on the 1st February, 1894. Hitherto the residents had to walk four, five, or six miles to reach the nearest stations either on the Team Valley main line or the Lanchester Valley or Derwent Valley branches. The completion of the line to Annfield Plain met a great want, and this kindled the agitation in the western portion of the division for to have the line continued to Consett. A deputation of influential residents waited upon the directors at York, arguing that the line should be completed without delay. In August, 1894, steps were taken by Messrs Nowell and Sons, of 28, Victoria Street, London, for the completion of the link needed to connect the line with the Consett branch. The length of the new line is not very great. The distance and the stations may be thus stated from official figures:—

Annfield Plain to Leadgate	3 miles 10 chains
Leadgate to Consett	1 mile 17 chains
Consett to Blackhill	2 miles 42 chains
Total	6 miles 69 chains

It ought to be stated that Mr T. D. Ridley, of Redcar, while busy making extensive alterations at Consett Junction, to admit of greater facilities for the transit of material to and from the Consett Iron and Steelworks, erected the bridges and part of the line above the Junction towards Consett, so that though the figures above show correctly the new line and its distances, the actual contract just concluded by Messrs Nowell and Sons was for a slightly less milage. The starting point of Mr Nowell's contract was on the east side of the bridge carrying the old Stanhope and Tyne Railway over the Consett Iron Company's waggonway, situate half-a-mile east of Howens Gill bridge, and terminating about 150 yards on the east of Stoney Heap Lane, near East Castle Colliery. Where the railway crosses the Templetown Road, Consett, the old bridge has been pulled down, and a more substantial structure substituted, about 16 feet higher, so as to allow a bridge to cross the Consett Iron Company's network of railways to the Delves Lane Brickworks, where there formerly existed a level crossing. Another bridge crosses the new line at Delves Lane, close to Consett Station, where the road way had to be necessarily diverted. A bridge was also built at the bottom of Sherburn Terrace, Consett, to admit of a new public road to Crookhall, which was hitherto accessible by passing over a level crossing. The main road between Consett and Leadgate also crossed the old railway at Carr House, but a new road was made on the north side of the passenger line, and is carried over the railway near Leadgate by a massive stone bridge. The old timber archway opposite the Co-operative Stores, Leadgate, has been demolished and replaced by a stone structure, with steel girders at a more convenient height. Another bridge crosses Watling Street, Leadgate, where there was originally a level crossing, and another extensive structure, of 60ft. span, crosses the road at Redwell Hills, at the junction of the four highways from Consett, Stoney Heap, Dipton, and Bradley Cottages. A small subway has been sunk near the Brooms Roman Catholic Schools to obviate the necessity for the children crossing the metals. The old line at this junction was diverted to East Castle, to allow of a more direct route, and to diminish the heavy curve, a bridge crossing the roadway at Stoney Heap Lane. From here the railway skirts the foot of the Loud Hill, passing close to Greencroft, to Annfield Plain. The amount of earth taking out of the various cuttings on the line is about 33,000 cubic yards, and the amount used to form the necessary embankments about 90,000 cubic yards. There have been other excavations necessary for making a goods yard and sidings at Consett, which necessitated the removal of nearly 80,000 cubic yards, and the alteration and making of public roads and approaches, 25,000 cubic yards. The works entailed have been heavy and expensive, but the new railway is every way fitted for the service of a populous mineral district in spite of the fact that some of the gradients run up to one in fifty. The line is designed by Mr C. A. Harrison, engineer to the North-Eastern Railway Company. By the completion of this portion of railway it not only gives an alternate route to Consett by Birtley and Leadgate, but it also shortens the distance from several points of the North-Eastern system to Consett, and may be used for the large ore trade to the Consett Iron and Steelworks. It will also give the possibility of a "circle" system of train service from Newcastle to Annfield Plain and Blackhill, and thence by the Derwent Valley back to Newcastle. It can also be termed a second junction line between the Team and Derwent Valley lines. The new passenger line will not only prove an inestimable boon to the numerous inhabitants of Consett and Leadgate, but will also serve the large and important collieries belonging to the Consett Iron Company, Messrs James Joicey and Company, Messrs John Bowes and Partners, Messrs Hedley Bros., and other well-known firms. A large number of workmen's dwellings have been erected at Consett, Leadgate, and East Castle for the railway men. Mr Maughan, of Newburn, has been appointed stationmaster at Consett, and Mr Lish, who formerly had charge of the goods depot at Carr House, is the new stationmaster at Leadgate. The opening of the railway not only caused considerable interest in the Consett and Leadgate district, but also in the vicinities of Pelton, Shield Row, Beamish, and Annfield Plain, all of which will now be connected by railway with the important town of Consett. There was a considerable amount of public enthusiasm over the event, and as the morning trains passed along the new line many of the inhabitants of the dwellings on the route turned out. Children, women, and men lined the railings and embankments, and the passengers were cheered as the train moved onward. At one place between Annfield Plain and Leadgate, all the children of a public school were assembled near the lines, and they hurrahed lustily, at another part screening operations were suspended for the moment at a large colliery and the train moved onward amid the cheers of the screeners. Leadgate was en fete for the occasion. The display of bunting from the inns and private dwellings was on an extensive scale, and the rejoicings included a dinner held under the auspices of the Urban District Council. The station at Leadgate is a smart building of wood, with waiting rooms, &c., on each side of the double lines. The platforms are constructed principally of timber. It is a pleasant run from Leadgate to Consett, cultivated fields, with here and there a piece of moorland covered with heather, stretching away into a panorama of truly pastoral aspect at each side of the lines. The Consett station is worthy of the importance of this rising locality. It is situated in New Station Road, and has as station master Mr Maughan, late of Newburn Station, who has under him for passenger purposes two booking clerks and two porters. Mr Maughan is also in charge of the tolerably large goods department, which is close at hand. The platform at Consett is constructed on the island principle. It is of cement, and both with regard to breadth and length is of considerable dimensions. The station building, which is of wood, with a commodious verandah running its full length at each side, has, in addition to the usual booking office and offices for the officials, a large general waiting-room, first and third class waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen, and the usual conveniences generally found at a well-appointed station. The situation is open and pleasant from the passenger's point of view, while it seems central enough to meet all the requirements of the tradesmen and other inhabitants of the town. The lines run almost continuously on a curve from Consett to Darlington and other lines, make a gradual descent, and then the train takes to the main line as the lower end of the Consett Iron Works is approached. The run is straight and level then into Blackhill station. At the latter place there was little enthusiasm or curiosity shown; but at Consett—in the near vicinity of the station—a fair array of flags was displayed, and a considerable number of persons patronised the new trains to as far as Leadgate and Annfield Plain, a good many inhabitants of the latter places, reciprocating by travelling to Consett and Blackhill. In the majority of these instances people travelled in the trains simply for the pleasure of the thing, and that they might be able to say they had done so on the opening of the lines. Apart from these, however, there was a fair number of persons who travelled for business purposes from and to Newcastle. The trains ran smoothly, and well up to time, and the opening of the new extension appeared to have great interest for the public. When the first train arrived at Consett, at 7.12 the inhabitants had turned out en masse to welcome it. It was heavily laden with a large number of the leading resident of Annfield Plain and Leadgate. On the line of route large crowds stood and cheered the train as it passed. At the Consett Station Mr Henry Davison, of the firm of Messrs Davison and Sons, purchased the first ticket, number 000, from Consett; whilst Mr J. A. Jacks secured the first ticket at Blackhill for the return journey; Master Cecil Foreman purchased the first ticket at the Leadgate station for Consett. The engine that brought the first train through from Newcastle was 1791. Mr Bengough, assistant engineer; Mr Smith, the courteous stationmaster at Annfield Plain; Mr Moore, Annfield Plain, and some inspectors, were the only representatives of the railway company who travelled with the first train. Mr Godfrey Smith, passenger superintendent, of Newcastle, travelled to Blackhill on the Derwent Valley line, and returned by the second train, via Consett and Annfield Plain. The second train which had to reach Blackhill about 10.25 was delayed a few minutes by the interference with the connection at Birtley in consequence of a collision between a goods and a prevision train at Browney, near Durham. The afternoon and evening trains in both directions were well filled with passengers, and the vicinity of the new stations were thronged with men, women, and children who cheered heartily. The excitement became more intense, great numbers taking single tickets to Blackhill or Leadgate from Consett just for the sake of the journey. Everything passed off without the slightest hitch. That it will furnish much needed railway accommodation to an important part of the county of Durham is admitted on all hands. There are five passenger trains daily to and from Newcastle. The run from Newcastle to Blackhill, via the new route, occupies about an hour and ten minutes.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE NEW RAILWAY.

BANQUET AT LEADGATE.

On Monday evening, a banquet, promoted by the members of the Leadgate Urban District Council, was held at the house of Mr. Thos. Longstaff, Mason's Arms Inn, Leadgate, to celebrate the opening of the new railway to Annfield Plain. A recherche repast was placed on the tables by the worthy host and hostess, and this was ably served up by Mr. M. Martin and his assistants. Amongst those present were—Coun. Geo. Nicholson, J.P. (chairman), Coun. L. Nicholson (vice-chairman), Councillors T. Keenleyside, W. Robson, W. F. Lane, J. Costello, H. Cheesmond; Messrs W. J. Foreman, C. F. Scott, H. Coupland (clerk), H. Whitfield, W. Whitfield, T. S. Longstaff (surveyor), M. Robson, Dr. Henley, Ed. Todd, &c.

After the tables had been cleared, Coun. G. Nicholson presided at one table, and Coun. Keenleyside at the other.

THE CHAIRMAN, at the outset, explained the object of their meeting that evening, and extended a hearty welcome to all present. He trusted that the new railway would be a great boon to the neighbourhood, and to the people of Leadgate in particular. (Applause.) He hoped it would be a very successful railway, and that it would be clear of accidents, so that they might have none of those calamities which they read about on other lines. (Hear, hear.) However, he believed that the drivers, &c., would use their best efforts to keep the line clear from accidents, and he trusted that their efforts would be successful. (Applause.) The Council had a great deal to do in connection with the new railway, and on the whole, things had gone off very pleasantly. They had found the resident engineer a very amiable gentleman, and he was always willing to meet them in every respect. (Loud applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen," the toast being loyally honoured.

MR. SCOTT, in giving "The Leadgate Urban District Council," thought the toast might have been put in much abler hands than his. ("No, no.") At any rate he had very great pleasure in saying that although he was not upon the Board now, he took a great interest in what he was able to gather from the newspapers concerning their doings. (Applause.) It was not only the business which they had to transact, but the way in which it was transacted. Although outsiders thought the Council might do this and the other, it was only when gentlemen got upon the Board that they were able to feel the difficulties before them. (Applause.) He knew from his own experience that it was not all plain sailing. There were so many things to contend with, such as Acts of Parliament, sections of Acts of Parliament, Orders in Council, and lots of other humbugging things. (Applause.) He thought the Leadgate Council had done their very utmost for the people in the district over which they had control, and when they took anything in hand they carried it out successfully. (Loud applause.) The speaker then referred to the Council's connection with the new railway, and went on to say that during the time he was on the Board he found there was a very great deal of work to do, and several technicalities which required probing out. All the work in connection with that great undertaking, the new railway, had been carefully watched from beginning to end, and the interests of the people carefully nursed. (Applause.) He considered the Leadgate Council practically second to none for the many little schemes they had carried out, and carried out successfully. (Applause.) He had also to thank the Council for introducing the very pleasant gathering held that night. He coupled with the toast the names of Councillors L. Nicholson, Lane, and Robson. (Applause.)

COUN. NICHOLSON said that that gathering was by the initiative of their friend, Coun. Keenleyside. (Loud applause.) As for the District Council it had done its work well in the past without any beat of drum or blare of trumpet. (Applause.) The Council had taken the initiative in many steps, and they had the satisfaction of knowing that the members of neighbouring Councils had copied the example of Leadgate. (Loud applause.)

COUN. LANE was very pleased to be there that night to meet the present members, some old members, and perhaps some future members. (Laughter and applause.) "Punch's" advice to people about to get married was "Don't," and he offered the same advice to those gentlemen who were wishful to become members of the Council. (More laughter.) They generally got more kicks than halfpence. However, every one of them tried to do their duty, and he believed they had a lot to do with bringing the railway there. (Applause.) The best of motives was not always attributed to their actions, but he hoped the reporters had taken note of what Mr. Scott said, as it was but seldom that they had anything good said about them. (Laughter and applause.)

COUN. ROBSON said so far as concerned his connection with the Council he thoroughly enjoyed it. He enjoyed the meetings, and enjoyed a bit of fight now and again, and certainly they got some every month. (Laughter and applause.)

MR. W. WHITFIELD, in proffering "The Trade of the District," stated that it was gratifying that notwithstanding the depression in the country, the Consett Iron Company were able to keep their works and pits going. (Applause.) Whilst in some parts of the country people were almost at starvation point, they in that part were prosperous, thanks to the capable men at the head of the Consett Company. (Applause.) Since he came into the district he had found the tradesmen a very pleasant lot of gentlemen. He was glad that the new railway had been opened, and thought it would prove of benefit to the districts (Applause.) Mr. Whitfield then referred to the great necessity of a goods station for Leadgate, and hoped the Council would impress this upon the Railway Company. (Hear, hear.) In one or two things they were perhaps a little behind in Leadgate, notwithstanding that they had a good Council. He thought they might have asked for the Consett Iron Company's assistance in the erection of a reading and recreation room for all classes—an undenominational one. (Applause.) They might have a reading room and also a billiard room, as although he did not play billiards himself he knew there were a lot of young fellows who liked a game. He thought if they could raise the building out of the Company the people would do the rest. (Applause.) He saw one had been opened at Derwent Cottages, which was a step in the right direction. He thought as tradesmen, they had nothing to fear from the opening of the railway, and with a few more public attractions they would be able to keep the people in it. (Loud applause.)

COUN. Keenleyside, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," remarked that they had met in commemoration of the opening of the new line. (Applause.) He hoped it would be a boon to Leadgate which he thought had suffered in the past for want of greater railway facilities. (Hear, hear.) He thought the Council would do their best to make the place attractive. He believed Leadgate could be made second to none, and they could supply articles as cheap and good at Leadgate as anywhere. (Loud applause.) He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs Todd, M. Robson, and H. Whitfield, all of whom acknowledged the compliment in very suitable terms.

COUN. L. Nicholson proposed "The health of the officials," and in the course of some interesting remarks stated that they would be glad to hear that their Medical Officer (Dr. Geo. Renton) had so far recovered from his recent severe illness as to be able to take up his profession again. (Applause.) Dr. Renton had been a most efficient Medical Officer, and when they followed his advice they always came off right. (Applause.) With regard to Mr. Longstaff, he had been their Surveyor for over 20 years, and during that time he (Mr. Nicholson) had always found him attentive to his duties, and a good man to work with. (Applause.) During the time their Clerk (Mr. Coupland) had been with them he had given every satisfaction. (Applause.) His (Mr. Coupland's) father had been their Clerk for well-nigh 30 years, and he had had some difficult things to carry through, but had carried them through successfully. (Applause.) They had a capital set of officials, and long might they be spared to work for the Council. (Loud applause.)

The toast was responded to in most appropriate terms by Dr. Henley (representing Dr. G. Renton), Mr. Longstaff, and Mr. Coupland.

Coun. Robson, in a flattering manner, submitted the toast of "The absent members" (Councillors T. Foreman, W. McIvor, J. W. Winter, and M. D. Greener), and referred to the able way in which they had carried out their duties as members of the Council.

Mr. W. J. Foreman responded on behalf of his father, who, he said, was extremely sorry that he was unable to be present.

Coun. Cheesmond, in an interesting speech, proposed "The Press," and the representatives of the local newspapers replied.

Coun. Keenleyside proffered "The Host and Hostess," and commented on the excellent spread which had been placed before them, and which, he thought, they had all thoroughly enjoyed. (Applause.)

Mr. Longstaff responded, and this concluded the toast list.

During the evening, Messrs C. F. Scott, W. J. Foreman, J. Costello, and J. Ross, jun., contributed to the harmony by rendering several capital songs, and the most pleasant and enjoyable gathering broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday afternoon in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester,—Mr. William Logan, J.P., (chairman), presiding. The other members present were:—Messrs H. Curry Wood, J.P., J. W. Taylor, Rev. Father P. C. Fortin, J. Green, J.P., W. Collier, W. Bulmer, R. Burleigh, Geo. D. Powell, W. Young, R. Kay, Ed. Sloane, James Oliver, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

THE FURNITURE QUESTION AT LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL.

Father Fortin said before the minutes were signed he would like to make a statement respecting to what took place at the last meeting anent the furniture supplied to the Langley Park Hospital.

The Chairman: I think you had better have the minutes signed.

Father Fortin said he would like to make the statement now. At the last meeting there was a strong feeling amongst the members about the furniture supplied to the Langley Park Hospital, and would have been still if they had known the cost was over £300. He was one who objected to certain goods, and he thought he had good grounds for the step he took. One thing was the question of the drawing-room furniture, which was said to have cost about £8. He did not know how he got the idea that the furniture cost £25, but a mistake however had arisen. Mr. Oliver himself thought that the cost was £25, and that was how he supposed he got the impression. There was also an instrument which he said cost 6d; but having carefully looked over the accounts he had ascertained the article was only valued 1d which, was about what it was worth. Mr. Wood would perhaps say something on the matter.

Mr. Wood said he declined to have anything to do with the question. Father Fortin ought to have lookep up the figures for himself.

Father Fortin: You had the figures before you.

Mr. Wood: Yes: but I did not say anything.

The Chairman: The furniture did not cost £25.

Mr. Oliver said he was one that was appointed on this Committee to select the furniture. There were three of them altogether. Mr. Muse, Mr. Nicholson, and himself were selected to go and inspect three places. They did so, and they had their hands tied to the furniture that was selected for the Leadgate Hospital. Having done their work, and selected certain furniture, which they thought was necessary, the caretaker came to the Committee and drew their attention to this particular suite of drawing-room furniture, which had caused all the noise, and said it was preferred to the one they had selected. They examined the furniture, and found it was slightly damaged through having been exposed to the sun. On this account the value of the suite was reduced, and it was decided, seeing the caretaker and his wife admired it, the suite should be purchased. He might further state the furniture was purchased at a less cost than the other furniture the committee had selected. Now the most painful part of the business was for Farther Fortin to come to the last meeting and tell us that the furniture was not worth what they had paid for it. He had not seen the caretaker and his wife, and did not know what they had to say for themselves. The furniture they got was their own choice, and if it did not suit they had themselves to blame. They had purchased the whole of the other furniture at a fair price, and if he had thought for one moment the Committee was going to be censured after they had done their duty, he would have washed his hands of the whole business. He was perfectly satisfied with the furniture, and the bill was not an unreasonable one, and instead of the Committee being censured, he thought they ought to have been complimented for the way in which they had done their work. There is another thing he would like to mention. When the hospital was opened everyone expressed their satisfaction with the furniture, and praised the firm who had supplied it. Why should they have all this noise now. He could not understand it, and thought there was something behind it.

Mr. Wood: I don't think the members have censured the Committee.

Mr. Oliver: Father Fortin has done so by the statement he made at the last meeting.

Mr. Wood: That is only one member.

Father Fortin: There was no vote of censure. It was the caretaker that expressed dissatisfaction with the furniture, and he brought it before the meeting. He had no prejudice in the matter, nor against the firm who had supplied the goods. I did say the furniture was not worth a certain sum but how he got the impression that the suit cost £25, he was at a loss to know. They were all under that impression till the other day. They now discovered the cost was £8, and he must say he was near the mark as to its cost. He was afraid it had been Mr. Oliver that had given him the wrong impression. Laughter.)

Mr. Taylor: The suite cost £8 10s.

Father Fortin: If I had known that I would not have said anything about it. There was a great deal of difference between £8 and £25. I think the Chairman had a similar impression.

The Chairman: Oh no. Do not mix me up in it. I had not an impression the furniture cost £25. (Laughter.)

Mr. Oliver: I did say something about furniture being worth £25.

Father Fortin: That is how I got my impression. We find now that the price paid for the suite was nothing like £25. I am now quite satisfied.

Mr. Taylor: Father Fortin will have to be more careful in the future, and not speak from impressions.

Mr. Toylor: Father Fortin will have to be more careful in the future, and not speak from impressions.

Father Fortin: I will look up the facts for myself.

The question dropped.

THE LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL.

Dr. Wilson reported that the man named William Anderson, who was admitted to this Institution on the 2nd inst., left on the 18th. He was very weak and went to the Workhouse.

The reports were adopted.

ACCOUNTS.

Cheques to the amount of £174 8s 11d were signed.

LEADGATE FEVER HOSPITAL, PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Mr. J. W. Routhwaite, architect, Newcastle, presented plans for proposed new disinfecting chamber, laundry-room, mortuary, at the Leadgate Fever Hospital at an estimated cost of £700.

The plans were carefully examined and approved of.

It was agreed to advertise tenders for the carrying out of the work.

NEW PROVISIONAL ORDER.

The Clerk reported that the new provisional order had been confirmed.

TANFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board pointing out that the Tanfield Urban District was not liable to contribute towards the expenses of the Board prior to the Board's Order of the 17th April coming into force.

Mr. Taylor: That means they have had a seat on the Board, and get out of the liabilities.

The Chairman: They do not get out of everything.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the District Auditor (Mr. Ward) stating that at the recent audit, there was nothing that was necessary to call the Board's attention to.

PRECEPTS.

On the motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Father Fortin, it was agreed precepts for a 1d in the £ to bring in £1.220 for carrying on the work of tht Board should be issued.

LEADGATE HOSPITAL.

Dr. Renton reported that the patients he reported upon at the last meeting, who were in the Leadgate Hospital, had now been discharged, and the wards were now empty.

MAGAZINE NOTICES.

THE STRAND MUSICAL MAGAZINE for August, opens with "A short Biography of Mozart," and four other articles from numerous contributors. In addition to these there are six songs, four pieces for the pianoforte, one for violin and pianoforte, and one suitable for mandolin and piano—altogether an excellent collection.

We have also received from Messrs G. Newnes and Co., Ltd., publishers of the "Strand Magazine," &c., "The Army and Navy," now reached 17 parts; "The Hub," a new weekly paper full of bright chatty up-to-date articles on cycling in all its various phases; and the fourteenth and last part of "The Art Bible" which is now complete and will adorn any library.

THE LATE SIR JOHN MILLAIS.—"The magazine of Art" for September will contain a Special Supplement devoted to the works of Sir John Millais, Bart., P.R.A., consisting of a Special Memoir by Mr. M. H. Spielmann, and numerous reproductions of the President's most famous Pictures and Portraits. The Part will include two Plates, viz. a Photogravure of his celebrated Picture, "The Bride," hitherto unpublished, and a Steel Engraving of "A Reverie."

In view of the success which has attended the issue of "Queen's London" in monthly parts, Messrs Cassell & Company have decided to follow the work with one of a similar character, entitled "Pictorial England and Wales." It will contain upwards of 320 full-page Illustrations, reproduced from copyright photographs. Part 1 will be ready in a few days, and the work will be completed in 11 parts.

LILITH.

A SEQUEL TO "THE UNLOVED WIFE,"

BY

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AUTHOR OF

"The Hidden Hand," "Nearest and Dearest," "Lost Lady of Lone," &c.

CHAPTER IX. *(continued).*

At dinner in the evening the dreadful occurrence was discussed.

After dinner, Lilith took up the paper from the parlour table, not to read the details of the murder—her whole soul shrank in loathing from such a subject—but to look at the Congressional news, as she had looked at it daily since her flight from her home, to see if any mention was made of her husband.

But there was none. Not once since she parted with him on that bitter night at the Cliffs had she seen his name. The once active, industrious, irrepressible Hereward seemed to have dropped out of the Congressional debates.

This continued silence sometimes caused Lilith serious anxiety. Was Tudor ill? she asked herself, and then quickly repressed her rising anxiety with the recollection of that bitter taunt, which, like a poisoned arrow, had left an incurable, festering wound which daily ate deeper and deeper into her spirit.

At length Lilith put away the paper, without having seen the paragraph that concerned her so much that it might have changed the whole current of her life.

The next day, at the appointed hour, she went again to the hotel to see Madame Von Bruyin.

As we said, the name of the baroness had no especial significance for Lilith, for when Tudor Hereward, in the first weeks of their married life, had told Lilith the history of his first love adventure, he had in delicate consideration abstained from mentioning the name of the lady or of the gentleman who afterwards became her husband. And although the gossips she had heard talking of the matter in the parlour of the hotel had just once let fall the name of Bruyin, it had made no impression on her memory, and there was nothing to connect the personality of the baroness with that of the beauty who had been the object of Tudor Hereward's first passion.

When Lilith reached the hotel and made inquiries she found the polite old Frenchman waiting in the parlour to conduct her to the apartment of the baroness.

The lady received Lilith with a kiss, saying, as she placed her in a comfortable chair and resumed her own seat:

"My dear, I have been thinking of you ever since I saw you last. I feel that I shall grow very fond of you."

"You are very good, madame," replied the girl.

"Child, I hope that in going abroad with me you are not leaving any one whom you will suffer in parting from?" said the baroness, in the gentlest tone.

"I am not leaving any one in the world who loves me, except my landlady, and she has only known me for a little while," said Lilith, with a slight tone of sorrow in her voice that she could not quite repress.

"'Only known you for a little while! And I for a less. But it does not take long to learn to love you, my dear. Will you tell me something about yourself? I am very much interested in you. Indeed, I am filled with wonder and speculation concerning you. When I advertised for a companion, young, agreeable, and accomplished, as I desired her to be, Monsieur le Professeur plainly told me that *rara avis* was not to be found in the ranks of women who were seeking situations; that such an education as I required in my companion was the privilege only of wealth and genius. And the answers to my call proved that he was right. In about two hundred applications yours was the only one that suited me. And you, my dear, have really excelled my most unreasonable expectations. Your extreme youth, which at first view seemed an objection, is really an additional charm. Your having been married, too, seems to draw us nearer together. Two young and recently bereaved widows may surely sympathise with each other. I hope, dear, that you will consider me as a friend."

"You are very kind to me, madame. I have no words to thank you, but I will try to make my actions speak," said Lilith.

"And some time, dear, not now, but some time when you feel that you can do so, I hope that you will tell me something about yourself, something about the circumstances that have forced you, a young, beautiful and accomplished girl—you are little more than a child, although you have been married—to take the situation of lady's companion," said the baroness, gently.

Lilith had a struggle to control her emotions; but she soon conquered them, and replied, with forced calmness:

"You are entitled to my fullest confidence, dear madame, for you have taken me almost on trust, as everybody has so kindly done since I left home—"

"Who could do otherwise my dear; Who could look in that pretty, tender, child-face and doubt you? But go on, my dear, with what you were about to say."

"Only this, madame, that some time, when I can, I will tell you my little story. But now I can only say this much—I am from West Virginia. A reverse, a calamity, sudden and overwhelming as a thunderbolt or an earthquake, laid waste my life and destroyed all my happiness in an instant, 'in the twinkling of an eye,' and cast me alone upon the world. I came to New York to get away from a scene so full of miserable associations as my home had become, and seek a living here among strangers, all of whom have so charitably taken me on trust, when they might have put out the last spark of hope and life by unjust but reasonable suspicions," said Lilith, as if she deeply felt the truth of every word she uttered.

"Who could suspect a baby?" said the lady, gently; but nevertheless she inquired within herself:

"What can have happened to this girl? Has her husband killed her father and been hanged for it? Or *vice versa*, or what? There are so many homicides and hangings in this vast country that no one can keep trace of them all. Her words are very enigmatical."

Something in the lady's looks might have betrayed the drift of her thoughts, for Lilith, with a deepening colour and in a low voice, ventured to say:

"There is one circumstance that I ought to have added to my statement, madame, and it is this: There has been no dishonour connected with my misfortunes, no dishonour of any one's. I have no way of proving this, but oh! as I hope to be saved, I am speaking the sacred truth!" she concluded, clasping her hands in the earnestness of her asseveration.

"My child, I feel sure that you do," answered the baroness, kindly; and then she changed the subject by asking Lilith if she had ever been abroad, and if she was a good sailor.

"No," Lilith answered. "My longest sea voyages have been from Baltimore to New York and from New York to Newport. But I am a very good sailor, for I have been in more than one storm on Chesapeake Bay and have never been seasick."

"That is very well. I hope you will be able to bear the unrest of old ocean as bravely," said the baroness.

And then she told Lilith what her experience had told her, the outfit necessary for the comfort of the voyage.

And then, when an hour had passed, Lilith arose to take leave.

Madame Von Bruyin would not allow her to go, but insisted that she should stay to luncheon, which was served in madame's private apartments.

It was a *tête-a-tête* feast, and Lilith much enjoyed the delicate fare set before her—the well-dressed game, the delicious salad, the dainty confectionery, the luscious fruits, and the pure, light Chablis.

When the repast was finished and the service was removed, the baroness went and took a guitar from its place on a stand in the recess, and sat down to play. She touched a few chords and then floated into a mournful solo from "Il Trovatore." Her voice was a deep, rich, full contralto, but so profoundly sad that Lilith felt her eyes fill with tears as she said to herself:

"Ah, madame has also suffered. I know it."

The baroness finished her song and laid aside her guitar without a word.

But presently she said:

"You love music, my dear? Bah! who does not?"

"I love music. That was a beautiful solo, madame, only sad!"

"Ah, my dear! But never mind. You have promised to tell me your story some day. I may tell you mine before that. For in this case I feel towards you somewhat like the ancient mariner to the wedding guest."

"I shall be glad to hear, madame, very glad and grateful for your confidence," said Lilith, as she once more arose to take leave.

"Why is it that I feel as if you belonged to me, dear?" said the baroness, as she took the girl in her arms and kissed her.

"It is because you are so good to me, madame. In an humble way, in my happy days at home, whenever I took any helpless creature under my care, I always felt as if it belonged to me, whether it did or not," said Lilith, simply.

"Come again to-morrow, my dear, if you can. If not, come *any day* at this hour. I am always at home between twelve and two," said the baroness, as she patted the cheek of her new favourite and let her go.

As before, the old Frenchman joined her in the corridor and escorted her down-stairs and out to the sidewalk.

There she thanked and took leave of him.

Lilith walked home, where she arrived an hour later than on the preceding day.

"You have made a long visit this morning" said Aunt Sophie, who met her in the parlour.

"Yes, the baroness detained me," answered Lilith.

"I am getting jealous of that there baroness. I am so," said Aunt Sophie, half in jest, half in earnest. "But take off your things right here and come down to lunch."

"Thank you, dear Aunt Sophie. But I have had lunch. The baroness made me stay for it, with her," replied Lilith.

"Now I am jealous of that baroness—downright jealous, that I am," said Aunt Sophie, with such an aggrieved look that Lilith embraced her, and privately resolved never to be persuaded to stay to lunch with Madame Von Bruyin so long as they should remain in New York.

Lilith did not go to the baroness the next day, but she went down on Broadway to purchase the necessaries for her sea voyage.

When she returned to her boarding-house a great surprise awaited her.

Aunt Sophie met her at the door with a radiant, beaming countenance, and asked, with a mysterious air:

"Well! Who do you think has come? And is in the parlour waiting for you? You can't guess!"

Lilith's heart gave a great bound. For a moment she could not move, and her swiftly changing colour and agitated features caused Aunt Sophie to laugh softly, as she added;

"Why, it is Emily Ponsonby, of course. She has just arrived from Boston, where she has been staying with her daughter ever since she left the city the morning after she brought you here. She reached the city last night, and is stopping with her other daughter, Mrs. Saxony. And this morning she came right down here to inquire after you. She came in just about ten minutes after you had gone out. Now come in and see her."

Aunt Sophie's long explanation had given Lilith time to recover from her mingled feelings of surprise, wild hope and disappointment. She quietly followed Aunt Sophie into the front parlour, where the ample form and rosy face of the good-hearted Baltimore lady met her view.

"Well, my dear, glad to see you again, and to hear from your good friend, Sophie Downie here, such splendid accounts of you," said Mrs. Ponsonby, rising and embracing Lilith.

"Thank you, madam; but all my good fortune began with yourself. If you had not spoken to me on the train and brought me to this house, I really do not know what would have become of me."

"Neither do I," replied Mrs. Ponsonby, quite frankly. "It was the wildest freak I ever heard of in all my life—a young girl coming to a strange city to seek her fortune! *Ugh!* It makes my very flesh creep to think of it!"

"It was a forced measure, dear friend. I had no choice. I was obliged to come," said Lilith, as she took a seat on the sofa beside the matron.

"Well, I suppose you were obliged to come, and so the Providence that takes care of the young ravens took care of you. But I tell you what, my girl, if you had come away from home from other impulse than stern necessity you would have gone to the deuce before this. It was an awful risk, my dear."

"I knew it was, but I could not help it," said Lilith, meekly.

"And Sophie has been telling me that you have just got a splendid situation with the Baroness Von Bruyin."

"Yes, ma'am."

"Why, I know her! I met her in Washington when she was a Miss Von Kirschberg. I have not seen her since she married the old banker, Mr. Bruyin, who got himself made Baron Von Bruyin to please his wife, and paid a good round sum to Emperor William for the honour, you may take my word for it. Bosh! I like nobility when it is *real*, that is, hereditary; but I should care no more for a purchased title than I should for a paste 'diamond' or an imitation 'India' shawl. And the poor old man is dead, and dead, too, without an heir to perpetuate his dearly bought title."

"What sort of a woman is the baroness, anyway, to live with, do you think?" inquired Aunt Sophie, in anxiety for the happiness of her protégé.

"I think she is just about as good a woman as one could expect to find in an only child, a beauty and heiress, who had been petted and pampered and flattered and fairly idolised by everybody around her all the days of her life," emphatically answered Mrs. Ponsonby.

"I am glad to hear it," answered Aunt Sophie.

"And I think you will just have a splendid time with her, my dear. Why, you are really going to travel all over Europe. My! don't I wish I was going to Europe! But, there! what is the use of talking!"

"Never saw the day when we could afford *that*, my dear. But I will live in hopes to see the old world some time or other before I die. Well, dear, I only called to inquire after you, and to see whether Sophie Downie had done a good part by you—"

"She is the best friend I have in this world!" hastily and warmly interrupted Lilith—"except yourself, Mrs. Ponsonby," she added, on reflection.

"And I don't doubt that Madame Von Bruyin will be a much more valuable friend than either of us," said Mrs. Ponsonby.

"No! no!" exclaimed Lilith.

"Well, at least I hope for your sake she may be. You cannot have too many or too good friends. Well, I must go, or I shall be late for lunch. I shall fetch Polly Saxony to call on you; and then we must have you to come and spend a day with us before you sail," said the Baltimore lady, as she arose, kissed Lilith good-bye, and left the drawing-room, followed by Aunt Sophie, with whom she chattered all the way out, and lingered to chat in the hall, and still loitered to chat outside.

At length she was gone, and Aunt Sophie returned to the parlour.

"Wasn't that a surprise?" inquired Aunt Sophie, gleefully, as she re-entered the room.

"Yes; quite a surprise," assented Lilith.

"And now I have got another for you: John Moore has gone off to be married. The wedding is to be to-morrow, at the bride's mother's house, in Springfield. And he is to bring his wife home on Saturday, and take her straight to the parsonage, which is all ready. And I have fixed up his room for you. You can have it at once. Ah! if you were only going to stay I could make you so comfortable!" said Aunt Sophie, with a deep sigh.

"Dear friend, I would like to stay with you, but you know that I cannot; I must take the employment that is offered me," replied Lilith.

"Yes, I know. Some of these days you will come back, though, and I hope I shall live to see you, and if so, you must come straight home to me, dear, do you hear?"

"Yes, Aunt Sophie; and I certainly will come to you first of all, if we both live," said Lilith.

And then the entrance of other persons ended their *tete-a-tete*.

The next day Lilith went to see the baroness, and was received with even more kindness than on the former occasions. But she declined an invitation to stay to lunch.

When she returned home Aunt Sophie met her with a smile, and put two cards in her hand, saying:

"They called while you were out, my dear, but they didn't stay long. And they left an invitation for you and me to go and spend the day with them to-morrow."

Lilith looked at the cards, which bore the names of Mrs. John Ponsonby and of Mrs. Theobald F. B. Saxony.

"I think I'll go with you, my dear; I have not had a day out so long. I know Mary Farquiar will look after the house for me for one day."

And so Aunt Sophie and her protégé accepted this invitation; and the next morning, at a most unfashionably early hour, they presented themselves at the Saxony mansion, where they were very kindly received and hospitably entertained by the mother and daughter.

(To be continued).

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he baroness, as she took the girl in
kissed her.
se you are so good to me, madame.
way, in my happy days at home,
ok any helpless creature under my
felt as if it belonged to me, whether
said Lilith, simply.
n to-morrow, my dear, if you can.
ny day at this hour. I am always at
twelve and two," said the baroness,
the cheek of her new favourite and
he old Frenchman joined her in the
escorted her down-stairs and out to
hanked and took leave of him.
d home, where she arrived an hour
the preceeding day.
made a long visit this morning"
phie, who met her in the parlour.
baroness detained me," answered
ting jealous of that there baroness.
d Aunt Sophie, half in jest, half in
But take off your things right here
n to lunch."
ou, dear Aunt Sophie. But I have
The baroness made me stay for it,
plied Lilith.
m jealous of that baroness—down-
that I am," said Aunt Sophie, with
eved look that Lilith embraced her,
resolved never to be persuaded to
with Madame Von Bruyin so long as
emain in New York.
not go to the baroness the next day,
down on Broadway to purchase the
r her sea voyage.
returned to her boarding-house a great
ted her.
ie met her at the door with a radiant,
ntenance, and asked, with a mysterious
Who do you think has come? And is
our waiting for you? You can't
rt gave a great bound. For a moment
ot move, and her swiftly changing
gitated features caused Aunt Sophie
y, as she added;
is Emily Ponsonby, of course. She
ved from Boston, where she has been
her daughter ever since she left the
ning after she brought you here. She
city last night, and is stopping with
ghter, Mrs. Saxony. And this morn-
right down here to inquire after you.
just about ten minutes after you had
Now come in and see her."
ie's long explanation had given Lilith
over from her mingled feelings of
ld hope and disappointment. She
wed Aunt Sophie into the front parlour,
mple form and rosy face of the good-
imore lady met her view.
y dear, glad to see you again, and to
our good friend, Sophie Downie here,
ld accounts of you," said Mrs. Pon-
and embracing Lilith.
you, madam; but all my good fortune
yourself. If you had not spoken to me
and brought me to this house, I really
what would have become of me."
do I," replied Mrs. Ponsonby, quite
It was the wildest freak I ever heard
life—a young girl coming to a strange
her fortune! *Ugh!* It makes my very
to think of it!"
a forced measure, dear friend. I had
I was obliged to come," said Lilith, as
eat on the sofa beside the matron.
suppose you were obliged to come, and
vidence that takes care of the young
care of you. But I tell you what, my
had come away from home from other
n stern necessity you would have gone
e before this. It was an awful risk, my
it was, but I could not help it," said
kly.
ophie has been telling me that you have
splendid situation with the Baroness
n."
a'am."
I know her! I met her in Washington
was a Miss Von Kirschberg. I have not
ince she married the old banker, Mr.
ho got himself made Baron Von Bruyin
is wife, and paid a good round sum to
William for the honour, you may take
or it. Bosh! I like nobility when it is
is, hereditary; but I should care no more
chased title than I should for a paste
' or an imitation 'India' shawl. And
old man is dead, and dead, too, without
perpetuate his dearly bought title."
sort of a woman is the baroness, anyway,
th, do you think?" inquired Aunt Sophie,
for the happiness of her protégé.
k she is just about as good a woman as
expect to find in an only child, a beauty
, who had been petted and pampered
red and fairly idolised by everybody
all the days of her life," emphatically
Mrs. Ponsonby.
lad to hear it," answered Aunt Sophie.
think you will just have a splendid time
my dear. Why, you are really going to
over Europe. My! don't I wish I was
urope! But, there! what is the use of
saw the day when we could afford *that*.
But I will live in hopes to see the old
me time or other before I die. Well,
ly called to inquire after you, and to see
Sophie Downie had done a good part by
the best friend I have in this world!"
d warmly interrupted Lilith—"except
Mrs. Ponsonby," she added, on reflec-
I don't doubt that Madame Von Bruyin
much more valuable friend than either of
Mrs. Ponsonby.
no!" exclaimed Lilith.
at least I hope for your sake she may be.
ot have too many or too good friends.
must go, or I shall be late for lunch. I
h Polly Saxony to call on you; and then
have you to come and spend a day with us
u sail," said the Baltimore lady, as she
sed Lilith good-bye, and left the drawing-
llowed by Aunt Sophie, with whom she
all the way out, and lingered to chat in
and still loitered to chat outside.
gth she was gone, and Aunt Sophie re-
the parlour.
n't that a surprise?" inquired Aunt Sophie,
, as she re-entered the room.
; quite a surprise," assented Lilith.
now I have got another for you: John
s gone off to be married. The wedding is
morrow, at the bride's mother's house, in
ld. And he is to bring his wife home on
y, and take her straight to the parsonage,
all ready. And I have fixed up his room
You can have it at once. Ah! if you
y going to stay I could make you so com-
!" said Aunt Sophie, with a deep sigh.
r friend, I would like to stay with you, but
w that I cannot; I must take the employ-
at is offered me," replied Lilith.
, I know. Some of these days you will
k, though, and I hope I shall live to see
if so, you must come straight home to me,
you hear?"
, Aunt Sophie; and I certainly will come to
of all, if we both live," said Lilith.
then the entrance of other persons ended
e-a-tete.
ext day Lilith went to see the baroness, and
eived with even more kindness than on the
occasions. But she declined an invitation
to lunch.
n she returned home Aunt Sophie met her
smile, and put two cards in her hand,
y called while you were out, my dear, but
dn't stay long. And they left an invitation
and me to go and spend the day with
o-morrow."
looked at the cards, which bore the names
John Ponsonby and of Mrs. Theobald E.
ony.
hink I'll go with you, my dear; I have
a day out so long. I know Mary Farquier
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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester—Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding. The other members present were:—Mrs. Piercy-Taylor Smith, Rev. Father P. C. Fortin, Rev. Father A. Magill, Messrs George Hobson, W. Gray, Thos. Lowdon, W. Aynsley, James Oliver, Thos. Longstaff, P. Kirkup, L. Nicholson, J. Green, J.P., H. Curry Wood, J.P., W. Collier, R. Burleigh, Geo. D. Powell, W. Bulmer, Ed. Sloane, J. W. Taylor, George, Wailes, W. Indian, A. T. Watson, Robert Kay, W. Johnson, W. Young, H. Greener, Ed. Wigham, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood.)

ASSISTANT OVERSEER FOR SOUTH MOOR.

A letter was read from the West Stanley District Council pointing out they had appointed Mr. Edward Gray Smith, assistant Overseer for the South Moor Township.

The Chairman: What is the bond provided.

The Clerk: They do not mention it.

Mr. Green: I may state there is only the poor-rate to collect.

It was resolved Mr. Smith should be asked to provide a bond for £250.

PROPOSED RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR ESH WINNING.

THE MOTION DEFEATED.

Rev. Father Fortin brought forward his motion respecting the establishment of a Relief Committee to sit at Esh Winning. He said he would move the Clerk write the Local Government Board asking them to sanction a Relief Committee to sit at Esh Winning at least once a month. The districts he wished this Committee to cover were Cornsay, Esh, Hedleyhope, and South Cornsay. The population was estimated at something like 10,850, whilst the rateable value was £38,960, or in round numbers, £40,000. The reason he wished for this Committee to sit at Esh Winning was simply on account of the distance the people had to travel to Lanchester before they could see the Relief Committee. The people residing at Cornsay were two miles from Lanchester, whilst Esh was further away. Ushaw Moor was fully six miles away from Lanchester which caused people to travel a distance of twelve miles coming and going from Lanchester. The district of Hedleyhope was between seven and eight miles away, and South Cornsay was equal further away. It means that if the poor people wished to see the Relief Committee they had to undertake a journey of between twelve and fourteen miles, before they could get relief. This was a very important question, and ought to have the serious consideration of the members. It was a well-known fact that it was impossible for old people to travel this distance, and it was a great hardship. He was only asking for the Relief Committee to meet once a month at Esh Winning. The Eastern and Western districts had their Relief Committees, and thus the people had two opportunities of applying for Relief. If the applicants were not satisfied with the decision of the Committees, they could come to Lanchester and make their application to the full Board. In the southern district they only had one chance, and that was by coming to Lanchester and were placed at a great disadvantage. One great objection, he know, prevailed amongst the Guardians, was by the establishing of this Committee, it would cause more work. He thought this ought not to hold good. It was not for pleasure they came there; but simply for the sake of benefitting the poor people. He might further point out that this was one of the recommendations of the Committee, which was appointed at the beginning of the year to go into the question of the Relief Committees. One or two meetings of the inhabitants had been held, and he might tell them there was a strong feeling in the district that a Relief Committee should sit at Esh Winning. The Committee themselves could not sit at this place without first having the permission of the Local Government Board.

Mr. Collier seconded.

Mr. Gray said he would like to know whether it was the desire of the other members of the Committee to sit at Esh Winning. If not, the motion submitted by Father Fortin was really out of place. He failed to see the people would get better attended to if the Relief Committee did meet at Esh Winning. They had their relieving officer, who went from place to place, and the reports he received were submitted to the Relief Committee which now met at Lanchester. What more could they have than that. They might as well say that a Relief Committee should be appointed for Burnhope. He did not see who the proposed change was going to benefit except Father Fortin.

Mr. Green also opposed the motion. He said the question of out-door relief was now becoming a most delicate one, and should not be left in the hands of a Committee; but dealt with by the whole Board.

Mr. Kirkup said as one of the Committee he had not yet expressed an opinion upon this question; but he felt now that it was his duty to do so. He was strongly in favour of having the relief dealt with at Lanchester, and he contended that it could be better done than at Esh. The only thing they had to contend against was the distance the people had to travel. They could not get over that fact; but he thought their time as Guardians was fully occupied, without introducing any more meetings. The duties involved more time than he could really devote to them. Respecting the place of meeting he did not think it was suitable for the majority of the people.

Mr. Burleigh said there were two questions he would like them to consider. First—would it always be possible to get a quorum if it was decided that a Relief Committee should sit at Esh, and secondly—were they sure to always have applicants. These two questions required consideration. He would be one of the Committee that would have to travel to Esh, and the distance from Hedleyhope was four miles. What he looked at was this. What a pity it would be if some of the members journeyed to Esh Winning, and found there was no business to transact. Such was not the case when they came to Lanchester because there was always business of some kind to transact. Another thing they had to ask themselves was what were the percentage of the cases they disposed of at Lanchester came from the districts mentioned by Father Fortin. At present the Relieving Officer investigated all relief cases and reported to the Committee. He could safely say all cases that were brought before the Committee by the Relieving Officer received every consideration, and it was only odd cases that had to come to Lanchester to see the Committee. There were three cases in his district. The Relieving Officer inquired into each case, and the applicants had never been requested to come to Lanchester. If he was sure there would be sufficient business for the Committee to transact at Esh, he would not oppose the motion: but he was afraid it would not be the case. He was one with Mr. Green when he said this question of relief should be saddled on the whole of the Guardians, and not a Committee of two or three.

Mr. Lowdon said he was not in favour of the proposal because he believed the relief could not be better disposed of than at Lanchester, and therefore it would be a complete waste of time, if a Committee had to sit at Esh Winning.

The Chairman said he had very little to say regarding this question. He had previously given his views upon it. He was one with Father Fortin when he said it was their duty to look after the poor; but could they do it any better than what they were doing now. The chances would be, if they ordered a Committee to meet at Esh Winning there would scarcely ever be a quorum present, with the result the business would not receive the attention that it was receiving now. It was not necessary for people to travel to Lanchester to obtain relief. They had their releiving officer visiting each district, and all the people had to do was to give the officer every particular regarding their case, and it was reported to the Committee, and received full consideration. It was the duty of all relieving officers to report all cases that were given to them. If a person was not able to come to Lanchester, they never asked him or she to do so. Was the district from Esh more than from Langley Park. True, they had the opportunity of travelling from the latter place by train; but where was the poor person that could afford to pay railway fare. The question of multiplying the work of the Relief Committee would never do. The returns compiled by Mr. C. A. Dawson on in-door and out-door relief for the past year showed that the number of paupers in their Union had increased by 9 per cent. This increase showed at once there was something radically wrong. During the past year, work in the district had not been scarce. The output from the collieries was exceedingly large, and the building trade was never brighter, and the other trades were never brisker than at present, yet they had an increase of pauperism. It was the ratepayers money they were using, and they ought to be very careful how they deposed of it. It belonged to the thrifty, and not the thriftless. He was not in favour of the motion, because he beleived the relief cases could be better disposed of at Lanchester, than at Esh.

Mr. Taylor: If the motion is carried, it means the Committee for the southern district will be divided.

The Chairman: Yes. If I thought the proposal would benefit one single poor person, I would support it: but I do not think so.

After further discussion a vote was taken, resulting in 7 voting for the motion, and 19 against it.

The Chairman declared the motion lost by a large majority.

THE GILSLAND CONFERENCE.

The Chairman stated the next business was the report from the deputation that was sent to the Gilsland Poor-Law Conference.

The Chairman said they were greatly obliged to Mr. Burleigh for his report. It clearly showed that Mr. Burleigh had paid close attention to what had taken place at the Conference. He had attended the Conference on more occasions than once, but he never came home and gave a more interesting report than the one they had just listened to.

Mr. Burleigh said Messrs. Indian, Wilkinson, and himself, attended the Poor Law Conference at Gilsland, as deputed by the Board. Several papers were read on important subjects, and as the question was asked as to whether it was in any way profitable sending a deputation, personally, he thought it must be productive of very much good. The first paper was read by Mr. Wm. Chance, the secretary to the general conference, on the subject of "The effect of the Local Government Act 1894 on the administration of the Poor Law." He questioned the wisdom of the abolition of the property qualification of Guardians, this being responsible for the introduction of the so-called new blood, but this objection did not apply to the Lanchester Board of Guardians, for they had heartily welcomed this new element, and thus paid a very high tribute by sending two out of the three representatives of that character and class to the conference. Mr. Chance, pointed out some of the advantages of the Act, such as the abolition of the ex-officio members. In Lancashire alone, before the Act was passed, there were 573 ex-officio members and only 857 elected Guardians, but after the new system came into operation they had 1,073 elected Guardians, of whom 31 were old ex-officio members. Another advantage which could not be over estimated was that the new Act made it easier for women to take an active part in the administration of the Poor Law. Before 1894 there were 80 lady Guardians, but now there scarcely existed a Board of Guardians which was not graced by the presence of at least one lady Guardian, and to-day there were 900 lady Guardians, who were making their influence felt in a most beneficial way. The question of the increase of out-door relief was fully dealt with by the writer of the paper, and in his opinion its restriction lay at the very root of sound and efficient administration. He particularly emphasised the fact that before 1894 the Boards of Guardians took precedence of the Rural District Council, but now this Council stepped in and took the first place; the Guardians being no longer the Sanitary Authority, but the Rural District Councillors were the Guardians in that respect. He could not understand why the Chairmen of Rural District Councils were constituted J.P.'s., ex-officio, and that honour withheld from the Chairman of the Guardians. After warning the members against the tendency to rush Poor Law business, in order to get on with matters of sanitation, he concluded his very excellent paper. The next paper "The duties of Workhouse Visiting Committees" was read by Mr. C. H. Leach, Clerk to the Guardians, Darlington. Mr. Leach stated that the paper was simply a reiteration of the duties contained in the Consolidated Orders. The Lanchester Board of Guardians, were complimented, in having Miss Gibson amongst them, who opened the discussion in a manner, that for suggestiveness, intelligence, and merit, was applauded, she being especially thanked. It was stated in the discussion that a Ladies Visiting Committee, composed of Non-Guardians, had worked very satisfactorily in most Unions. It was further pointed out that in case there was reason to complain as the above Committee went around the house, such complaint should first be made to the officer responsible, and if not remedied, then it should be brought before the Guardians. But as Lanchester possessed three lady members, who were on the Visiting Committee, and also such an amiable, painstaking, and efficient Master and Matron, such additional committee as the above was uncalled for. (Hear, hear.) Another paper on "The disposal and subsequent supervision of Workhouse children" was read by M. Beattie, Chairman of the Guardians, Newcastle. The question of cottage homes, homes in towns, semi-detached villas for children, was duly considered, but as the question was purely tentative, no definite conclusions were come to. In dealing with the disposal of the boys and girls who were merging into manhood and womanhood, Mr. Beattie said it was very necessary to give them a good education and suitable training such as would qualify them for the battle of life. Emigration was spoken of as having given satisfaction. Suitable trades and callings were specially mentioned. The army and navy afforded an opening for the boys. It was stated that boys from Workhouses had been objected to by the army on the grounds of deficient chest measurement. This raised the important question of the necessity for providing suitable recreation, drills, and gymnastics. And in this way provide for the physical developement of the boys as well as their intellectual and moral welfare. In conclusion, he related a story told at the conference. It was stated that no less a personage than Her Majesty Queen Victoria wrote a letter every year to a peasant girl, inquiring after her health, and circumstances. If every Guardian would copy the example, and show the boys and girls that even after they had left the Workhouse, that there was someone interested in their welfare, it would encourage and inspire their lives to lofty aims and nobility of life. (Applause.)

Mr. Indian also gave a report of his visit to the Conference. He said the paper he had to report upon was that read by Mr. M. T. Simm, of Middlesbrough, on "Vagrancy: The case for an official inquiry." He stated that Mr. Simm was of an opinion that the present system was responsible for a large portion of tramps, whilst the tendency of the Poor-law was to hamper the honest-man, and drag him down to vagrancy. Mr. Simm's estimate was that there were at least 30,000 vagrants who received relief, at a cost to the state, of not less than £300,000. This was a large figure to pay what Mr. Simm called "a natural disgrace." The writer of the paper held that it would be better to treat the tramp in home colonies, than to tolerate them under that system, and said in these colonies all tramps should be compelled to work for at least three months. Mr. Dawson, Government's Inspector, briefly replied to the paper. This gentleman was of the opinion that almsgiving was the cause of much vagrancy, and pointed out that during the Durham strike, vagrancy fell to a very low point, simply because there was no money among the men to give away. The Clerk to the Guardians of Middlesbrough, thought that the cellular system would help to diminish the vagrants, and pointed out that they had built a few at a cost of about £20 each, and since they had put them into operation, they had reduced the number of vagrants from 20 to 30 per cent. The whole of the other discussion bore out to his (the speaker's) mind that almsgiving was to a large extent the supporter of vagrancy. At the close, Mr. W. Chance moved the following resolution:—

"That this Conference is of opinion that, in view of the various modes at present of dealing with vagrancy, and of the alleged disregard of existing orders, it is desirable that an enquiry into the whole subject be held, and preferred by a department committee, which should be of a roving character." The Rev. Mr. Walker seconded, which was carried nuanimously. This concluded the Conference. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Gray, a vote of thanks to Mr. Burleigh and Mr. Indian for their reports.

THE TUDHOE HOUSE.

Mr. Aynsley gave the report of the Committee's visit to Tudhoe Home; which took place on the previous day. They saw the children belonging to their Union, and they seemed to be well-cared for, content, and happy. They had seven children in the Home, two of whom were 14 years of age, but would not be fit for service for twelve months.

The report was adopted.

SEDGEFIELD ASYLUM.

Mr. Aynsley submitted the report of the Committee's visit to Sedgefield Asylum. They saw the patients from this Union. They were told by the doctor that one of their patients would be discharged in a few days. There were 38 males and 17 females in the Asylum. With the exception of one, the doctor said he did not think any of the patients would be discharged for some time to come.

The report was adopted.

A BAD CASE.

Rev. Father Fortin stated the Visiting Committee had considered Mr. Dawson's recommendation for to have some alterations carried out to the boiler and laundry-house. They had come to nothing definite, and therefore there was no scheme to lay before the Guardians. This was on account of so few of the members of the Committee being present.

The matter was deferred for a month.

The Visiting Committee reported that Dr. Wilson had notified to them that a man in the Infirmary named Jackson was suffering from chronic rheumatism, and ought to be allowed to go to the Harrogate Hospital.

This was agreed to.

IN-DOOR AND OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The returns of in-door and out-door relief for the North-Eastern District compiled by Mr. C. A. Dawson, Government's Inspector, for the first week in January 1895 and 1896, were next considered. The report showed that the population in the Lanchester Union in 1881, was 57,821, and in 1891, 65,464. The rate of increase per cent. had thus been 13.2. Number of paupers:—In-door, 1895, 219; 1896, 242; out-door, 1895, 891; 1896, 968; total number of paupers, 1895, 1,110; 1896, 1,210; percentage of paupers on population, 1895, 1.7; 1896, 1.8; number of vagrants relieved during the year ended 29th September, 1891, 356; 1892, 341; 1893, 460; 1894, 704; and 1895, 772.

The Chairman: As I have stated before, I cannot account for the increase in the number of paupers.

THE MEN'S ABLUTION ROOMS.

The Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had sanctioned the expense of £50 on the alterations to the Men's Ablution Rooms.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood) reported as follows:—On the 15th ult. I admitted an old woman, named Margaret Smith, who was in a most filthy state with vermin. She remained in the receiving ward until the 27th. The woman's clothing had to be destroyed on her admission, and a fresh supply given her when she left. On the 4th inst. I took the boy, J. H. Briggmore, to the Newcastle Infirmary; but they could not do anything for him. On the 9th I admitted 3 children named Dixon, whose parents were locked up for drunkenness, and exposing their children. They were committed to one month's hard labour, on Monday last.—On the 8th inst., I took 30 of the children to the Brooms Sports. They were supplied with tea by Father Magill, and Mr. Piercy-Taylor Smith, of Colepike Hall, kindly paid for the brake to take them, and bring them back. Yesterday, Inspector Whitehead, of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children applied to the Workhouse for the children belonging Dixon for the purpose of removing them to the shelter at Newcastle. I refused to allow him to take them without permission of the Guardians. A man, named John Bell, who deserted his four children last June, took them out of the house on Tuesday last. Mr. Robert Burdon, of Branch Villa, sent a quantity of gooseberries for the children. Thomas Newbigger, of Consett, has sent 3/- towards the children's outing. Number of inmates.—First week—232; second week, 226.

The report was adopted.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the proposition of Mr. Aynsley, seconded by Mr. Sloane, Rev. Father Magill, and Mr. Piercey-Taylor Smith were accorded unanmous vote of thanks for their kindness towards the children.

SPORTS AT LANCHESTER.

A letter was read from Mr. Adamson, Clerk of the works at the New Infirmary, soliciting subscriptions from the members, to be devoted to a fund for the benefit of the inmates.

The hat was sent round amongst the members, and a large sum was collected.

THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW AT CONSETT.

Mr. Oliver proposed that the older children of the House should be permitted to visit the annual show of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, to be held at Consett, on August 19th.

Mr. Hobson seconded.

The Chairman said he did not wish to throw cold water on the proposal; but he thought a treat to the seaside would be far better for the children than going to an Agricultural Show.

Mr. Oliver: I don't see why the children should not have both.

The motion was carried.

PROVISIONS FOR THE WORKHOUSE.

On the motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Father Fortin, the Clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for provisions for the Workhouse during the ensuing six months.

This was all the business.

JOHN TEMPEST BLANCH, F.R.H.S

(Otherwise known as JOHN ADAMS.)

FROM THE LITERARY MAIL.

The subject of this brief sketch, was born in 1858 on the picturesque banks of the beautiful Derwent near Durham, he is—like Burns (and Crockett and many other great lights in literature and in the pulpit—a farmer's son. Here for three generations his people have tilled the soil, and they are known and respected throughout the length and breadth of the country for their just and honourable dealings, and for their sound knowledge of agricultural matters.

It was here too that the young author imbibed the sweet song of Burns and Byron, and dreamed over "The Pilgrim's Progress" and the "Tales of the Borders."

It was here that the then delicate-looking boy drank the beauties of Nature in due season, rambling over the verdue-clad hills, through woodland groves, and by the side of the murmuring brook, mid the song of birds, the hum of bees and the warbling of the lark o'erhead. All of which, after the bustle of many years city life, comes back to him from the smouldering embers of a long-buried memory spark, and seems to crackle and revive and burn more brightly than ever, and the birds are singing to-day just as they did then, and they seem to say:—

Come back! come back! come back!
To the land that thou lovest so well,
Come back! come back! come back!
The river is murmuring still:
Come back to thy own fatherland,
Thy father's land to till!

Educated in Durham at private schools and academies, our author sets but little value upon what he learnt then, except as a mere groundwork; for it was not until he left school that his education really began. It was not until afterwards that he learned shorthand and obtained Pitman's certificate; studied German under a German tutor, and French and Latin and music and singing; passed an examination with high honours in four branches of the Law, heading a list of forty candidates in the year 1888; since which time he has held positions of very great responsibility in his profession. He has a taste for art, has written art criticisms, and is now busy with a translation of Virgils 3rd book of the Æneid.

He has read widely and possesses a happy selection of the best authors. As we look at his library we observe the names of all the best poets in the English language. Macaulay's Essays, Addison, Bacon, Carlyle, Stuart Mill, and the choice novels of Hardy, Stephenson, Meredith, Allan, Haggard, Braddon, Hawthorne, Dumas, Du Maurier, and many others.

Several years ago he won a prize for his first poem by the vote, of the subscribers to Versification; and now he takes the first prize ot the Literary Association. He has obtained Mr. Gladstone's permission to dedicate a poem to him but discretion says it is best to with hold it during Mr. Gladstone's lifetime.

Mr. Blanch has written a number of short stories, five of which have been published under the title "My Doubles" in book form. And now for a little secret.

Mr. Blanch has on no less than five different occasions, in Liverpool, in Glasgow, and in the Isle of Man, been mistaken for the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, and by people who have seen Mr. Balfour on the platform! In the photographs there does not appear to be a very great resemblance, but in life, I am told, the likeness is very striking, and as Mr. Blanch hopes to represent North Durham some day, it might be amusing to Mr. Balfour to see his "double" by his side, or on the opposition. To Mr. Blanch there is nothing impossible, and no such word as "can't."

In our next issue he will tell some amusing incidents wherein he appears as Mr. Balfour.

The following sketch is by one who knows him:—

"It is several years since I first met Mr. Blanch, and since then our acquaintance has ripened into the closest friendship, a friendship which I am proud to own, for he is a man of great knowledge and ability, in a word, a man of many talents; he can do almost anything, and takes pains to do everything well. He is not satisfied with half success, he aims for the top of every tree he attempts to climb. In personal appearance the 'gods have favoured him'; he is tall (almost six feet) and broad shouldered, slenderly yet strongly built, and he has a most intellectual and refined face. Hair of the deepest brown, thick yet soft, falling in large wavy curls upon a forehead high and broad, full of character and intellect (in my opinion his most striking feature), slightly marked with the lines of deep thought, and perhaps care. His eyes dark brown, full of expression, penetrating and restless, yet thoughtful; at times sad and dreamy and full of tender expression. His mouth is resolute and yet kind, and lends firmness to a refined and gentle face. He is unrelenting in his duty, yet of kindness his nature is full. His friendship is not easily gained, but once possessed he is your friend for all time, standing by you 'for weal or for woe' when others turn away from you. He is your staunch and unchanging comrade I speak from experience—and his kindness to the little street arabs is remarkable, deeming difference of birth little more than the 'guinea stamp.' Work is his recreation, his brain is ever busy. His composition of the poem on the 'Art and power of Poetry' was written in my presence in the short space of fifteen minutes. But apart from the serious side of life, he is delightfully humorous, breaking into outbursts of conviviality, singing snatches of song from the operas in a sweet resonant tenor voice; then reciting poems from Byron, Shakespeare, and Burns, which give colour and vivacity to his always interesting conservation. He is a poet, novelist, and essayist. I place his poetry first, for that is beyond criticism. His 'Ivy Leaf' and 'Guiding Star' are full of pathos and tenderness. As a novelist he is liable, like Meredith, to diverge into philosophies, but he is nothing if not realistic. He has travelled and mixed with all sorts and conditions of men, hence his ability to imitate or depict the varous phases of life. In criticism he strives to be just, and gives praise only where praise is due, heedless of the reputation of authors whose works he handles. He has a wonderful store of satire which he calls forth when necessity demands, but it is so carefully dealt out that it rarely gives offence; on the contrary, it excites admiration.

"He is fond of horses and dogs, is a dashing rider, and as a boy was often mounted (by his father) on young horses that had never been ridden before!

"In the south end of Liverpool, close to the parks, he has lived in a pretty villa for nearly ten years, but being of a retiring disposition, there are few who see the familiar form strolling thoughtfully through the parks, ever suspect him to be a "litterateur." Some day, doubtless, the multitude will find him out."

WINLATON SCHOOL BOARD.

PRAISEWORTHY RESULTS.

The usual monthly meeting of the Blaydon and Winlaton School Board was held on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. I. Clark presided, and there were also present Mr. W. Atkinson, the Rev. A. B. Tebb, Mr. J. Howdon, Mr. R. Young, and Mr. Dalton (clerk.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This committee reported that since the last meeting of the Board all cheques, vouchers, etc., had been examined and found correct. They recommended that cheques amounting to £101 9s 11d on the general account, and £123 3s 0d on the Loan Account be passed.

The report was adopted.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Applications for increase of salary were read: Miss A. Jeffrey's salary was raised from £40 to £45 and Mr. Foster's from £70 to £75 according to the scale of the Board. The indentures of Mary Ann Burns and George Ormston were sealed as pupil teachers at the Blaydon Board School.

H.M. INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Her Majesty's Inspector's report on the Blaydon School stated that in the Boys School spelling in the second standard and composition in the fifth should improve, but the work in the main was good, and the improvement in the school was sufficiently marked to justify the recommendation of the higher grants under articles 101 (a) and (b) of the code. Singing was praiseworthy. The walls of the rooms needed colouring. At present they were just as they were when the school was opened nearly five years ago. Though the mistress of the Girls' School had been prevented by illness from taking an active share in the teaching, the other members of the staff had worked conscientiously and for the most part intelligently. A good beginning had been made with domestic economy as a class subject. The answering, however, could be more general. An improvement in writing and in the arithmetic of the fifth standard should be striven for. In the Infant Department there was proof of much good teaching. The general grant amounted to £553 13s 0d, and the fee grant to £83 7s 6d, making a total grant of £637 0s 6d.

The Board expressed themselves as highly pleased with the results, and said it reflected great credit upon the teachers that they should be able to earn such a good grant.

SALARIES AT ROWLANDS' GILL SCHOOL.

The Clerk reported that there were a good number of applications from teachers for positions under the Board at the new schools at Rowlands' Gill. Would the Board make any appointments, or wait until the schools were ready to be opened? They could appoint the head master and mistress and leave the other appointments over until they saw what number of scholars there would be.

The Board concurred, and proceeded to fix the salaries of the headmaster and mistress. £90 was suggested as sufficient to commence the master's salary.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb thought that as little as they could give would be £100, as it was a mixed school, and the master would have the whole of the responsibility devolving upon him.

The Chairman: £100 is as little as we can give, I think.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: Yes, you see the masters under the Board have a house and that means a great deal.

Mr. Young: Would the £100 include that the master at Rowlands' Gill should find his own house.

The Clerk: Oh yes.

Mr. Young thereupon moved that the salary be fixed at £100 per annum.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb seconded, and it was carried.

The Clerk: Now there is the salary of the Infant Mistress to fix.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: What has the mistress and assistant mistress at the Winlaton School got?

The Clerk: Miss Cockburn has £75 and Miss Emily Atkinson has £55.

Mr. Atkinson moved that the salary of the mistress for the Rowlands Gill school be fixed at £65.

Mr. Young seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

THE HEADMASTERSHIP OF ROWLAND'S GILL SCHOOL.

The Clerk then read several applications for the two positions just referred to. For the head mastership the Board considered those of Mr. Edmund Latimer of Newcastle Board Schools, and Mr. Nicholas Smailes of the Winlaton Schools.

Mr. Young thought in making the appointment the Board ought to give preference to their own teachers. He moved that Mr. Smailes have the school-mastership.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: There are two of our old teachers applying. Mr. Latimer is now at Newcastle Schools. He resided in Blaydon, however, and is one of the Board's oldest scholars and teachers. He had received a great deal of his training under the Board; he was also a pupil teacher, and afterwards assistant, and he only went to Newcastle because they (the Blaydon Board) could not give him a higher position which he was qualified to fill. If it came to a question of claim he thought Mr. Latimer should have the position.

Mr. Young: It is true that Mr. Latimer is one of our oldest teachers, but we must take into consideration that he is not under this Board and that Mr. Smailes is. If Mr. Latimer had still been with us I would have willingly supported his appointment, but under the circumstances I feel that it would not be fair to Mr. Smailes.

The Chairman: I would support Mr. Latimer. He is one of our own, as it were.

The Clerk asked the Board if they thought Mr. Latimer would be willing to take the position for £100 a year? Perhaps he had a salary as large as that for his present position at Newcastle.

Mr. Atkinson seconded Mr. Young's motion.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb moved that Mr. Latimer received the appointment.

The Chairman seconded.

On a vote being taken three voted for Mr. Smailes and two for Mr. Latimer. The former was therefore appointed.

THE SCHOOL MISTRESS.

Mr. Young next moved that Miss Atkinson, of Winlaton be appointed to the position of mistress at the new schools at Rowland's Gill.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Atkinson remarked that the Board had taken the proper course as it was a sort of promotion to their own teachers.

THE WINLATON BURIAL GROUND.

In accordance with notice Mr. Atkinson moved that the Board consent to the proposed extensions of the burial ground at Winlaton Church Yard. He thought the extension would not make any annoyance to the Winlaton School as it was about 100 yards from the school.

The Chairman seconded the motion.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb said he did not think that his opposition to the scheme would have much effect upon the motion. Mr. Atkinson would understand him when he raised any objection to the Board giving their consent to such a proposal, as from the commencement he had objected to the matter, on principle, and probably Mr. Atkinson would not think him worthy of having a principle if he were to depart from it at the moment. He objected to the whole scheme, as he thought the burial ground was in the wrong place. It was awkward for the children to be compelled to pass a burial ground on their way to school and the burial ground drains would go through the whole village.

Mr. Atkinson: I don't wish to raise any argument on the question, but I think it will be one of the best drained grounds in the county.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: It might be too well drained.

Mr. Atkinson: That cannot be.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

THE ROWLAND'S GILL SCHOOL.

In answer to Mr. Atkinson, Mr. W. P. Grieveson, Clerk of the works at the schools at Rowlands Gill said the joiners at the new building were making no progress. Since the last meeting of the Board two book cupboards had been erected in the school but they were condemned.

Mr. Young: They were "serious" cupboards.

The Chairman: Did you see them Mr. Young?

Mr. Young: Yes. I could have made better ones myself although I am not a joiner.

The Clerk: The only way out of the difficulty is to supply them with a fresh notice.

Mr. Grieveson: With regard to the book closets you would be much better served if you gave the order to the School Furnishing Company.

Mr. Atkinson moved that seven days' notice be given to complete the work, and if that notice is not complied with the architect (Mr. Nicholson) be authorised to get the book cupboards from the North of England School Furnishing Company.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Clerk: Then what about the doors?

Mr. Atkinson: He can get some other joiner to finish them.

Mr. Grieveson remarked that the whole of the work at the new schools ought to have been finished a month ago.

PROPOSED TECHNICAL CLASSES.

Mr. M. Foster, on behalf of the Technical Instruction Committee of the County Council, applied for the use of the Blaydon Board Schools, in which they proposed to hold classes for technical instruction during the forthcoming winter months.

On the motion of the Rev. A. B. Tebb, seconded by Mr. Young, the application was granted.

WINLATON SCHOOL REPORT.

Miss M. Rodger, of the Winlaton Girls' School reported that she had now 214 girls on the books and the average attendance for the past month was 190.5. The latter was an increase on that of the corresponding month of last year, but a number of the children had been attending very irregularly since the examination. She had examined the school and found progress in all classes.

This was all the business, and the Board rose.

MINING ENGINEERS AT CONSETT AND VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

The annual Conference of the British Society of Mining Students was commenced on Thursday of last week, when about 30 members from all parts arrived at Blackhill Station during the forenoon, and were escorted by Mr. George Ainsworth, J.P., manager, over the extensive iron and steel works belonging to the Consett Iron Company. Amongst those present were:—Messrs W. H. Mungall (Scotland), president; H. F. Bulman (Byer Moor, Burnopfield), secretary; J. R. Gilchrist (Spen), R. Laverick (West Rainton), A. Welsh (West Rainton), John Middleton, Wm. Jones, W. Tate, and G. Dixon (Trimdon Grange), H. Palmer (Medomsley), N. A. C. Francis (Medomsley), P. W. D. Pickup, Wm. Pickup, E. E. Bramall (Lancashire), J. W. Jamieson (Medomsley), Jos. O. Todd (Leadgate), G. G. Robson (Medomsley), G. W. Westgarth (Cardiff), J. Clough (Northumberland), H. S. Stansfield (Sheffield), C. F. Scott (Leadgate), J. T. Robinson (Consett), A. M. Hedley (Medomsley), J. H. Warr (Birtley), and J. R. Ritson (Burnhope.)

After spending over two hours in a minute examination of the Consett Works, the company repaired to the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Consett, where dinner was provided by Mr. Ed. Wylam, on the invitation of Mr. Palmer, Medomsley. The president (Mr. W. H. Mungall) occupied the chair at the subsequent meeting, Mr. Palmer being in the vice-chair.

The President, in the course of his address, submitted for their consideration some of the signs of the times, and said that in those days of labour agitation and wages disputes, of strikes and lock-outs, reduced production, and the thousand ills industrial flesh is heir to, it was well to consider the full force and joint result of all. In this age of steel, when shipowners competed with one another, and when Atlantic greyhounds vied with each other as to which would put them in closest proximity with our American cousins, when triple and quadruple expansion engines were replacing older types, more wasteful of fuel, not only at sea but on land; when steam was being used at continually increasing pressure; when the network of railways covering the face of the land was being extended in all directions, the importance of our coal and iron industries was forced upon them, and they were reminded that in the struggle for existence the fittest survived. The coal and iron products, though separate and distinct, were so closely associated in their commercial production, uses, and cost, that they might be regarded as twin sisters; and what affected one industry must directly or indirectly affect also the other. That our coal industry was an important one would be conceded when it was remembered that about 700,000 persons, or nearly 2 per cent. of the whole population, were employed in and about the coal mines of Great Britain and Ireland. When they added those engaged in the disposal and transport of coal, it became apparent that their industrial community dependent on the coal trade were by no means an insignificant proportion of their population. The coal trade of Britain might be said to date from the beginning of the 13th century, although coal had been worked in the 9th century. In 1855, the total output of British collieries was estimated at 64,453,000 tons, and in 1875 the output had increased to 131,306,485 tons. This gradual increase went on steadily with but little fluctuation till the maximum annual production of 185,479,126 tons was reached in 1891. During the succeeding two years the output decreased by over 20 million tons, but again in 1894 another high-water mark was reached, and the output was 188,277,525 tons, and in 1895 it still further advanced to 189,661,362 tons. According to official statistics the coal production of Great Britain exceeded that of any other country in the world, and was in fact in excess of the combined outputs of all the other countries of Europe. (Applause.) America came next, with an annual production of about 150,000,000 tons. Of European countries with which we came more immediately in competitive contact, Germany took the lead with a yearly production of over 90,000,000 tons, the output having increased from 81,960,000 tons in 1889 to 98,875,105 tons in 1894, or about 20.64 per cent. The increase was not confined to one or two countries, but was general, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, and Russia being notable examples. Canada, Australia, India, Japan, Cape Colony, and Natal were all producing largely increasing quantities. From this summary they would observe, he said, that the world's production of coal had increased by 83,773,31[illegible] tons, and at this increase the greatest proportion had been contributed by the United States of America, whose 26 millions tons represented 31.[illegible] per cent. of the total increase of the world's production. To this Germany contributed over 31 millions, or 37.05 per cent., while Britain only took third place with less than 11½ million tons, 13.57 per cent. True, the output of Britain exceeded that of any other country, and she must thus be accorded the premier position in the world's coal yield, but they were forced to the conclusion that in supplying the increased demand for fuel, Britain did not occupy that position which they boastfully accorded her. Why was this? Let them look at what other nations were doing, and they were brought to the subject of foreign competition. Germany was our most formidable competitor, her coalpits, ironworks, and engineering works being in all direct competition with our own. While England still sent a large quantity of coal to Germany, they had seen with what gigantic paces the latter country was endeavouring to supply her own demands. They were assured that German coalmasters were paying considerable attention to the question of British competition in Holland, which was Germany's best customer for fuel. In 1895 about one-third of the total quantity of coal exported from Germany, was sent to Holland, the actual figures being 3,457,400 tons. Nor was France behind in this great struggle for existence. Russia, which they were apt to look upon as insignificant as a coal producing country, was nevertheless worthy of receiving attention. During the last ten years the output had doubled, and the exports had increased fourfold. Since 1889, the production had increased by some 1,376,400 tons. One reason assigned for this fact was the establishment of new ironworks, chiefly at Alexandrovsk and Dnieprovsk, requiring large supplies of coal, and, generally greater activity in native manufacturing works. An increase of 40 per cent. on the import duty on foreign coal, made in 1890, undoubtedly tended to reduce the imports and to stimulate the production of native coal But the Russian Government did not take this step blindly; they asked information from the colliery proprietors of South Russia as to the condition of their mines, their productive capacity, the extent of the demand for coal, and whether the output could be increased. Thus they saw that the tendency in Russia was to exclude foreign coal, and to develope her own resources. Another phase of foreign competition was discernible in our exports of coal to foreign countries. Taking the same period they had been considering throughout they found that while the import of British coal into Belgium had increased by 20,000 tons, the import of coal from other countries had increased by 648,000 tons. In Russia the import of British coal had decreased by 145,000 tons, and that of coal from other countries had increased by 70,000. In Germany, France, Sweden, Italy, and Spain, Britian had had the greatest share of their increased import trade. But from some of our colonies, and from other countries, Britain was being gradually, but surely expelled. For example, of the 112,960 tons of coal imported by New Zealand in 1894, 2,079 tons were supplied by Britain, while New South Wales supplied 110,180 tons. In South Africa, too, we had signs of our coming exclusion from their coal markets. About a year ago the Governments of Cape Colony and the Orange Free State made considerable reductions on the railway rates on colonial coal, 'with a view of enabling colliery owners in the colony to compete with European coal, not at the coaling stations only, but at the engineering works and the foundries adjacent to the ports." While the South African coal was not equal to that imported from Britain, France, or Belgium, it was reported to be well adapted for steam and engineering purposes, and with the revised freightage rates could be sold at a much lower price than European coal, and thus must stimulate the development of South African coal resources to the partial or entire exclusion of British coal. Last year (1895) 196,683 tons of African coal were purchased for the railways of Cape Colony and Natal, and for the current year it was anticipated that South African coal would be used almost exclusively. Of the African coal used in 1895, 160,988 tons were purchased at the price of 10/- per ton, and 23,837 tons at 15/- per ton. Of the imported coal, 5,560 tons were purchased at Cape Town at 27/6 per ton, and 5,483 tons at Port Elizabeth for 38/11 per ton. It was thus evident, continued the speaker, that it was in the interests of railway companies to obtain a sufficient supply of African coal, and it was well for them to encourage the development of the South African coalfields. In France and in Turkey they found an agitation on behalf of the native coal owners for a reduction of customs duty and railway rates to enable them the better to compete with imported coal. In fact, on all sides they found that the struggle for the "survival of the fittest" was becoming more intense, and that if they were to maintain their position in the world's coal industry they must "be up and doing," and show some of that perseverance that was becoming characteristic of other countries. (Loud applause.)

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the president for his interesting address.

The secretary (Mr. Bulman) presented his annual report, which showed that the balance in hand was £66 10s 6d. Their income amounted to £179, and the expenditure during the past twelve months had reached £139, leaving a balance to the good of £49; the amount brought over from previous years bringing the total sum in hand to £66 10s 6d. 21 new members had been enrolled, and 19 had left, giving a gain of two members. At the present time their membership numbered 231. He (Mr. Bulman) was sorry that, after having filled the office of secretary for nine years, he was obliged to resign, and they had found a thoroughly efficient successor in Mr. McMurtrie, from Gloucestershire. Although he (Mr. Bulmer) relinquished his position, he did not mean to sever his connection with the society, but would give his advice and assistance in every way. (Applause.)

An expression of thanks was tendered Mr. Bulman for his past services, and his report and financial statement were unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. McMurtrie was elected secretary. Mr. Mungall was again chosen president for another year, the vice-presidents selected including Messrs H. Palmer and W. H. Hughes.

Mr. Laverick (West Rainton) said they had spent a most interesting and profitable time in going through the extensive works of the Consett Iron Company, and he thought they were very greatly indebted to Mr. Ainsworth, the manager, for personally conducting the party over the concern, and for explaining the features of interest. Their thanks were also due to Mr. Palmer for so kindly entertaining them to luncheon. It was through Mr. Palmer's good offices that they had been privileged to inspect the handsome and complete plant at Consett. He proposed a vote of thanks to the gentlemen named, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Palmer, in returning thanks, said it had been a matter of great pleasure that Mr. Ainsworth had personally shown the party over the works. He did not request Mr. Ainsworth to put himself to that trouble, therefore his kindness was all the more appreciated. He (Mr. Palmer) prided himself on being one of the founders of that society. It was 21 years ago since he thought the matter out at Sheffield, and immediately afterwards the society had its beginning, and had passed through a very eventful career.

The party next drove in brakes to the Chopwell and Garesfield Collieries of the Consett Iron Company, Limited, and under the guidance of Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, resident manager, were shown the new winning which has been made to work an extensive area of coal at Chopwell, and the water level drift over a mile long from the river Derwent to the winding shaft. The winding engine and plant has been entirely renewed. There are here 110 coke ovens, all fed by heated air.

CHAT WITH AN EX-DETECTIVE.

NARROW ESCAPES OF A RETIRED OFFICER.

Mr. Richard Wood was not at home when I rang the bell at his residence, Norfolk House, Cornwallis-street, Hastings, but whilst I was inquiring he was pointed out crossing the road. His hale and hearty appearance, erectness of stature, and cheeriness of manner, seemed to belie the fact that Ex-Detective-Sergeant Wood was, as he subsequently told me, turned sixty-five, and that many years of his life had been spent in active service, exposed to all weathers, and engaged in arduous work such as cannot fail to tell on the physical frame. I asked a few questions about his experiences.

"Yes," he said, "I was often exposed to risk. Sciatica was my chief trouble. I had suffered from it off and on for about fifteen years, and a little while ago I was very bad with it. I think no man has ever had sciatica worse than I have. When I was in the police force I have lain on the floor all night in the police-station, and they have had to bring me home in a cab."

"A short time ago I hear you had an exceptionally bad attack?"

"Yes, and my wife thought that I should not get over it. My case was hopeless. You can hardly name a medicine that I have not taken. But these Pills that cured me as soon as I got to know of them—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I mean—are nothing like other medicine. I was induced to use them through reading of the wonderful cure of a woman at Dungeness, and having so I consider they are the medicine for any person ailing. I feel quite a new man. The Pills have put new nerve into me. I used to have a good nerve at one time when in the police force, and wanted it for some of the jobs that I had to do. The continuation of this sciatica and rheumatism—I also used to suffer from pains in the head—tended to weaken my nerve. But now I have got the nerve to go out and hit a lion. The sciatica and rheumatic pains have entirely gone from the hips and shoulders and other parts."

Further interrogated, the ex-detective said he regarded the Pills as "the best medicine that is made." He was now equal to walking almost any distance—could walk to Eastbourne, 15 and 17 miles.

Perhaps Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People never had a more enthusiastic endorsement. Mr. Wood was only too anxious to tell in his interesting and intelligent manner of the fine remedy he had proved Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to be, as they are in all the many disorders which arise from an impoverished state of the blood and nerves, such as anæmia, pale and sallow complexion, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, pains in the back, nervous headache, early decay, all forms of female weakness, hysteria, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, palpitations, low vitality, and wasting strength from any cause. These Pills are genuine only with the full name, Dr. Williams, Pink Pills for Pale People, and are sold by chemists and by Dr. Williams, Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C., at 2s 9d a box, or six for 13s 9d. They are unrivalled as a tonic and strengthening medicine for both sexes. Pink pills sold loose or from glass jars are not genuine; do not accept them.

THE LATE ALD. W. H. PATTERSON.

Mr. John Wilson, M.P., in his monthly circular to the members of the Durham Miners' Association, refers in the following terms to the death of Mr. W. H. Patterson, the late general secretary:—My first word must be a note of sorrow. July to us, as regards the agency, has been a fatal month. In it we lost Crawford, and now Patterson has joined the great majority. This is the common lot of all. Happy is the man who leaves this world for the next without regret, feeling that his life has been of some service to his kind, and that the people amongst whom he has lived express their recognition of his worth by their sorrow and appreciation of his labours. Such was our friend. If we who stood at his bedside in the last moments of the final struggle could have been cognisant of his thoughts, there would have been no regret, for W. H. Patterson was the enemy of no living man, but the friend of all. We were not so privileged, but we were glad to see the large crowd of people who gathered to pay a tribute to his memory.

The gathering was diversified in its character, spontaneous in its gathering, and truly sympathetic in its manner and spirit. But from our regret for his loss, let us turn to the influence of his life. The true test of man is his work. Our friend stood the test. The real measure of a man's life is its actions: he was full measure. He was not showy, but solid: and as such, being dead, yet speaketh. Speaks in no uncertain sounds; let us turn no indifferent ear. The main work of his life, in conjunction with others, was the inception, promotion, and solidifying of our organisation. It will be the most real expression of our sorrow if we do our best to carry forward that upon which he set his mind, and which he endeavoured on all occasions to enforce. Would it not be sham sorrow and unreal regret on the part of a son who on the death of a father—a father who by the toil and care of his life had made a position—if he was careless of that work, and had regard only to self indulgence? Little as we may think of it, indifferent as we may be in our appreciation of it, there has a fortune come to this generation, and a position gained for it by the labours of our friend and others which cannot be estimated in money. We are apt to test everything by a monetary standard; but in this case the test fails. Within the life of Mr. Patterson, there have been effected changes which lie outside the range of wages, but which are none the less valuable to us. He was earnest and determined at the foundation of the society, and anxious for its welfare during the whole course of our existence. We shall best show our respect to his memory by doing what we can to preserve and perfect the institution.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL & COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected Cocoa, Mr Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency of disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—"Civil Service Gazette."—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers ... —James Epps and Co., Ltd., ... Chemists, London."—Also Cocoaine or Cocoa-Nib Ex... full flavour, now w... the place of tea. ... nerve stimul... undul-

Business Announcements.

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£10 10s. for 120 Yards Foot HANDICAP. Entrance 1s. Entries for the above close August 29th.
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TENDERS wanted for the Tea, Swings, Roundabouts, Stalls, &c.; to be sent in on or before August 22nd. See Bills.
For Entry Forms and all Entries to
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RYTON FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW.
A GRAND OPEN AMATEUR BRASS BAND CONTEST for Bands that have not won a £5 cash prize up to the date of entry, will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th., 1896; First Prize, £7 in cash; Second Prize, £3; Third Prize, £2. Also, a QUICKSTEP CONTEST; First Prize, £1; Second Prize, 10s. Entries close for CONTEST, August 22nd. Particulars may be had on Applications to the Secretaries, Messrs EDGAR HOLMES, Emmaville, Ryton; or R. IONS, Holly Bush, Stargate, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 800u

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Public Notices.

GEORGE DRYDEN, A.L.C.M., will RESUME Professional Duties on Monday, August 24th.

101 IS the Winning Number of the Splendid Satin Quilt raffled for on Aug. 3rd, 1896.

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CONSETT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.
THERE will be a DISCUSSION on the Education Question (to be led off by Mr. G. Broadbent and Mr. C. Weaver), in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on Friday, August 28th, at 7·30 p.m. Mr. JAMES PALLISER in the Chair. All Liberals are invited to attend. 846u

BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT POULTRY, PIGEON, & RABBIT SOCIETY.
THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Saturday, August 29th at 7 p.m., at Mr. Joseph Eltringham's Office, Blackhill. All Fanciers and Friends wishing to become Members are respectfully invited to attend.
Messrs. ELTRINGHAM and NICHOLS, Secs.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
WINGATE FLOWER SHOW.
ON SATURDAY, the 22nd of August, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave BLACKHILL at 1·45 p.m., (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange) for WINGATE and WEST HARTLEPOOL returning from West Hartlepool at 8·20, and Wingate at 8·50 p.m. the same day.

ON THURSDAY, the 27th of August an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave BLACKHILL at 1·50 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, Aldin Grange) for SUNDERLAND AND SOUTH SHIELDS, returning from South Shields at 8·5, and Sunderland at 8·25 p.m., the same day.
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GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, August, 1896 864u

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, CONSETT.
MONDAY, AUGUST 24th, 1896.
GRAND LECTURE
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The Price given for this Reef is £52,500, part of which is paid in cash and part in fully paid-up Shares. This figure is much less than what has been already given by other large and and successful Companies, now paying enormous dividends, and working the same Reef. See Reports.
The only Agreement is one dated July 27th, 1896, made on behalf of the Company by CHARLES WOOD, the Secretary.
The Report of E. H. HUTT, Esq., M.E., 1st Class Certificated Engineer of London and Johannesberg, dated June 19th, 1896, says:—
"According to instructions I have examined the Vlakfontein Farm, in the district of Heidelberg, near Johannesburg, in the South African Republic, bounded on the North by a portion of the same farm, on the South by the Proclaimed Gold Farm, Wilgepoort, on the East by the Farm Grange, and on the West by the Proclaimed Farm, Tweefontein.
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(Signed) EDWARD H. HUTT.
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(Signed) J. MATHEY.
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Consolidated Gold Fields ...	1 0 0	10 0 0	
City and Suburban Gold Co. ...	1 6 0	4 17 6	Gold obtained in 1894 was valued at £282,834.
Crown Reef Gold Co. ...	1 0 0	11 10 0	For Six Months ending September, 1895, Profit was £56,912.
East Rand Proprietory Mines ...	1 0 0	6 15 0	Cash Balance, April, 1895, was £119,000.
Ferreira Gold Mining Co ...	1 0 0	20 10 0	Nine Months ending September 30th, 1895, £205,586 was obtained in Gold.
Goldfields Deep of Johannesburg	1 0 0	9 10 0	Dividend not made Public.
Knight Central, ditto	1 0 0	6 0 0	ditto.
Rand Mines, ditto	1 0 0	20 15 0	ditto.
Simmer and Jack, ditto	1 0 0	18 0 0	For Three Months, ending September, 1895, £32,930 was made.
Wemmer Gold Co., ditto	1 0 0	9 5 0	Cash Balance, August 31st, 1895, was £43,762.

The "Star" Newspaper, of Johannesburg, on April 18th, 1896, says:—
"The Transvaal Gold Fields of Johannesburg have this week published their Reports. The Nett Profits for the year was £303,495, equal to 103 per cent. £120,000 is paid in Dividends; £30,000 carried forward to Reserve; and £153,485 is carried forward."

FORM OF APPLICATION.
Application for Shares to be made in writing in the following manner—
To the Directors of the Rowland Gold Mining Co., of Johannesburg.
Gentlemen,
I hereby apply for Shares, to be allotted to me, in the above-named Company in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus, and I agree to take part or any smaller number than I have applied for.
Name, ...
Address, ...
Occupation, ...
Date, ...
Address to Mr. CHARLES WOOD,
Rowland Gold Mining Co., Ltd.,
808u Lancaster Avenue, Manchester.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Lowes.

Sale of Business Premises and Dwelling-houses at Stanley.
TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Commercial Inn, Front Street, Stanley, on Wednesday, August 26th, 1896, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon prompt, subject to conditions as shall then be read.
JOHN LOWES, AUCTIONEER.
LOT 1.—THE FREEHOLD BUILDING, situate in Anthony Street, Stanley, now used as a Sale Room and Office by the Auctioneer (on the Ground Floor) and Two Tenements on the 1st Floor, containing 2 and 3 Rooms respectively, with usual Out-offices, and Let to Respectable Tenants. Annual Rent of same, £46.
LOT 2—THE TWO FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSES, situated in Beamish Street and adjoining Lot 1, containing 2 Rooms each respectively, with usual Out Offices. Annual Rent of same £23 8s 0d. No Ground Rent.
The premises may be viewed on application to the Tenants, and further particulars obtained from T. W. WELFORD, Esq., Solicitor, Consett and Stanley; or the AUCTIONEER. 798u

WILLIAM RAW, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, Land, House, and Commission Agent. Auction Sales conducted with experience, ability, and care. Prompt Payments. Appointed by His Honour, Judge Meynell, to levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888; also, Architect and Surveyor. Plans for Houses designed, and Buildings carried out for Convenience, Ease, and Comfort. Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 102t

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Lanchester Stock Auction Mart Company, Ltd.
MONDAY, AUGUST 24th, 1896, at 3 p.m.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER.
Dairy Cows and Fat Cattle
100 Fat Sheep and Lambs, including consignments of well finished Sheep and Lambs from Mr Reed, Frosterley; Mr Green, Satley; Mr Stephenson, Flass Hall; Mr Wilson, Maiden Hall; Mr Suddes, Click-em-in; Mr Gibson, Newbiggen, &c., &c.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
SPECIAL SALE and PRIZE SHOW for KEEPING LAMBS. A large number already entered, including 120 Prime Mule Lambs from Mr George Dowson, Backstone Bank. Early entries invited to
880u JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION on Monday first, August 24th, a large Consignment of New and Second-hand FURNITURE from Mr. McAneary and others.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 877u

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

By Messrs. R. March and Son.

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MESSRS. R. MARCH and SON, again commissioned by Mr Robert Potts, will SELL BY AUCTION, without reserve, the whole of his magnificent and abundant AWAY-GOING CORN CROPS on Dunston Hill West Farm, Whickham,
PARTICULARS.
Lot 1. Five Acres of (Webb's Pedigree) EARLY OATS.
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Lot 3. Four Acres of WHEAT.
Lot 4. Six Acres of BARLEY.
The different Lots will be numbered by Card, at Gateways, and the Sale will be held at the Crown Hotel, Whickham, on Friday, August 21st, 1896, prompt at five o'clock in the afternoon.
Credit, or discount allowed for cash.
Houghton-by-Wylam, August 15th, 1895. 882u

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE
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10 Fat Cattle.
130 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
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Dairy Cows, and Heifers.
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6 Stackyard Ladders, Stack Covers, Nets. &c.
1 Stanhope Phaeton in good order.
Sale at One o'clock.
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MEDOMSLEY.
Wednesday, August 26th, 1896.
MR. J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr. J. Minto, who is leaving Medomsley, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of his surplus FURNITURE, Garden Produce, Sheds, Rails and Posts, Greenhouse, Greenhouse Plants, &c., on Wednesday, August 26th, 1896, comprising—Handsome Mahogany Sofa in Hair, 2 Mahogany Centre Tables, Tester Bedstead and Mattress, Mahogany Chiffonier Bedstead, Hanging and Down Bed, Fox, &c., in large Case, Single Iron Bedstead, 6 Birch Chairs, 12 Cane Chairs, 2 Dressing Tables and Washstands, Small Table, 2 Large Kitchen Tables, Vienna Timepiece, 2 Small Timepieces, Ware Cupboard, Cupboard and Delf-rack, Longsettle, Bagatelle Board, a lot of Pictures, Ornaments, 2 Kidderminster Carpets, Hearthrugs, Brass Fender and Ashpan, Meat Covers, Set of Dinner Ware, Tray Stand, Set of China, Odd Ware, Glass, Towel Rail, a lot of Cutlery, Nickel-Silver and Plated Tea, Dinner, and Dessert Spoons and Forks, Fireirons, 4 Forms, 4 Sets Quoits, 3 Wood Sheds, Greenhouse, a lot of Greenhouse Plants, the whole of the Garden Produce, Cabbages, Potatoes, Rose and other Bushes, Flowers, &c., Plant Pots, and other Miscellaneous Lots, Kettles, Pans, &c., About 90 yards of Railings and Posts.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside. 870u

SPECIAL SALE of LAMBS on Saturday, August 29th, 1896. A large lot expected forward from local Hirsels.
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5,000 Running Feet of Red & White Wood Battens. 7 in., 6½ in., and 6in. x 2½in.
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Terms Cash. 820u

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Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.
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The Consett Guardian.

Friday, August 21st, 1896.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

The Members of the Blaydon and Winlaton School Board have reason to congratulate themselves and their teachers upon the excellent results at the Blaydon Mixed School. Her Majesty's Inspector's report upon the work of the scholars is just to hand, and therein one sees at a glance that the school has done exceedingly well. The grant amounts to £637 0s 6d, this being proportioned by £553 13s 0d upon a General Grant and £83 7s 6d upon a Fee Grant. A much higher grant could not be obtained by the school. Mr. Viner, headmaster, Miss M. Liddell, headmistress, and the other teachers must feel proud of their scholars.

The Leadgate District Council has received a communication from the Local Government Board anent the proposed new Council Chamber, etc., and it is written in such a lavish manner that it has caused many to wonder whether or not some opposition has not been forwarded to the Local Government Board, against the proposal of the Leadgate Council. The communication clearly states that they cannot sanction the Council to borrow £1,000 for the purpose of building public offices, as the District Council have no power to provide dwelling places for their workmen; also that the scheme must be considerably revised before the Board's sanction to borrow the money can be obtained.

Last week's local police court proceedings would reveal to many people that there was an exceptionally large number of defendants before the magistrates, and that cases of assault are becoming more numerous than ever. Over and above this our readers would notice that in one or two cases policemen had displayed some smart work in order to bring their respective offenders to justice. Sergt. Bellam, of Consett, was engaged in an exciting chase after a man, who had evidently fancied a meal off mutton but could not afford to purchase one, and stole a choice piece from the Leadgate Co-operative Society's cart. He bolted, but Sergt. Bellam was soon upon his track and after a chase of some five or ten minutes, caught the thief. Another case worthy of special notice is that in which P.C. Johnson, of Castleside, achieved a brilliant performance. A navvy was alleged to have stolen a pair of stockings the property of Robert Yates, who had placed them on the hedge to dry. P.C. Johnson was apprised of the theft. He promptly mounted a bicycle and after a chase of two miles captured his man and had him locked up in the Consett Police Station. Such performances are worthy of credit, and it is to be hoped that they will not be overlooked by the proper authorities.

About thirty mining students arrived at Consett last week just as we were going to press. They were received by Mr. Geo. Ainsworth, J.P., who escorted them to the Consett Iron Works, where two hours were spent in examinating the various departments. Several local gentlemen were present at the dinner which was afterwards held. The president (Mr. W. H. Mungall) gave an interesting address, in which he forced upon his hearers the importance of the iron and coal industry. The figures he gave are somewhat valuable. They will be found in another column and will doubtless be read with interest by all our readers, for they must nearly all be directly or indirectly interested in the iron and coal trade. The party afterwards paid a visit to Chopwell and Victoria Garesfield Collieries of the Consett Iron Company, and through the courtesy of Mr. J. K. Gilchrist, the resident manager, they were shown the new winning which has been made to work an extensive area of coal, the water level drift, the winding engine and plant, and the coke ovens which number over one hundred, and which are all fed by heated air. Altogether the visit of the members of the British Society of Mining Students to this district was a profitable one.

Consett and Blackhill had quite a deserted appearance on Saturday last, a large proportion of the inhabitants being away holiday making. The annual trip of the Consett Iron Company's workmen took place to Edinburgh, Alnmouth, and Berwick; while a number of the clerks of the same firm had an excursion to Harrogate. There were two other railway excursions from Blackhill Station—one to Waterhouses and Esh, and another to Shildon. Consequently our local tradesmen must have been affected in their week-end takings. Four excursions on one day from a place like Consett and District means a great deal to local business establishments which are dependent upon the earnings of local workmen. The Castleside Flower Show also suffered in this respect. There were good displays at the shows at Burnopfield and Castleside, but the latter was only attended by a moderate number of spectators.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The residents of North-West Durham had grown extremely sceptical as to whether the extension line from Annfield Plain was ever going to be opened, so many and so numerous have been the delays. However, the great event duly came off on Monday last, and a very large number of people travelled along the line. The Leadgate Councillors turned out in considerable force, to the first train, but the members of the Consett Councill did not avail themselves of the opportunity, Coun. Geo. T. Hylen being the only member we believe, of the local parliament, who put in an appearance.

The most popular portion of the extension will undoubtedly be that from Consett to Leadgate, and all this week the train has carried a large number of passengers along this portion of the railway. The Consett people have not felt the want of a station quite as badly as those of Leadgate. It was therefore only natural that the dwellers in the latter place should be more exuberant on such an occasion, and they evidenced their joy by a liberal display of bunting. It is said that the attendance in the schools suffered considerably on Monday, as the major portion of the scholars turned out to have "penny rides" to Consett. Whether this be strictly accurate or not we cannot say, but, it is certain that if the youngsters did play truant, a goodly number of their elders set them the example.

Very few men in the district have endeared themselves to those amongst whom they work, more than Dr. George Renton. In his various official capacities in connection with the District Councils, he has become a thorough favourite, and when it was known that, the genial doctor was prevented from following his professional duties, the utmost sympathy was expressed for him on all sides. When he reached a state of convalescence, Dr. Renton proceeded to Harrogate, where he made a somewhat lengthened stay, and we are pleased to state that during the present week the doctor has returned considerably re-invigorated by his sojourn. No class will be more pleased to see the doctor again than the local cricketers; his face is always a welcome one to the Consett willow weilders, as he has been one of the mainstays of the local club for many years. We are sure that all classes will warmly welcome the doctor's return.

That splendid marksman, Sergeant M. Cowen, of the Carriage Works, Consett—a member of the Hexham company of volunteers—has again been distinguishing himself, and is undoubtedly one of the finest shots in the North of England. At the meeting of the Northumberland Rifle Association at Morpeth, last week, Mr. Cowen shot well up in almost every competition in which he competed, and in the extra prizes series at 500 yards put on the highest possible score—viz., 25. But the successes of Sergeant Cowen did not end here, as he was declared the winner of the grand aggregate which carries with it the bronze medal of the National Rifle Association, and the right to compete yearly for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Prize at Bisley. This is indeed a high honour, and we heartily congratulate our new townsman on his exceptional success.

It was certainly a happy thought on the part of the members of the Leadgate Urban District Council to celebrate the Opening of the New Line by holding a dinner at the house of their worthy surveyor, Mr. T. S. Longstaff. We believe the idea originated with Councillor Thomas Keenleyside, and the latter gentleman is to be warmly congratulated on the result. The company was not a large one, but it was an influential and harmonious one, and the evening will rank amongst the most pleasant ever spent by those present. There was some capital speaking—not too much of it—and what was said was to the point. Mr. C. F. Scott, a former member of the old Local Board, paid a warm tribute to the work carried out by the Council, whilst Mr. H. Whitfield declared that the Leadgate Council were entitled to the credit of having the cleanest colliery village in Northumberland or Durham—a remark which was warmly cheered, and which is undoubtedly correct. Mr. W. Whitfield voiced a greatly-needed want when he referred to the necessity of a reading and recreation room for Leadgate on undenominational lines. It is probable that if the Consett Iron Company were approached on the matter they would willingly do something in the direction required. Coun. George Nicholson made a most genial Chairman, and the whole proceedings were of a highly successful nature.

Another proof—if it were needed—of the desire of the Consett Iron Company to do all possible to meet the wishes of their workmen was supplied on Saturday afternoon, when a new Reading Room was opened by Mr. C. F. Scott at Derwent Cottages. That this will prove a boon to the inhabitants of this somewhat isolated little spot there cannot be the least doubt, and more especially will the benefit of the room be appreciated during the dull, dreary, and lengthy winter evenings. We are breaking no confidences when we state that the esteemed curate of Medomsley (the Rev. H. R. Jecks) was the prime mover in the affair, and for the rest praise is mostly due to Mr. Henry Palmer, the general manager of the Consett Iron Company's collieries, who, since he came into this district, has shown himself to be a man possessed of broad and warm sympathies for those employed under him. The opening proceedings were of a very gratifying description, Mr. Scott making an excellent and most appropriate speech, and he was obviously highly pleased to again have an opportunity of renewing his acquaintanceship with the inhabitants of Derwent Cottages. We think we can safely prophesy that the room will prove an unqualified success.

"The best laid schemes of mice and men gan' aft agley," is a quotation which we see too often borne out in ordinary life, and this looked like being the case on the occasion of the Agricultural Show at Consett on Wednesday. Dull, heavy rain clouds hung over the ground throughout the day, bursting occasionally in heavy showers which effectually damped the spirits of the spectators, and made walking extremely uncomfortable. An unusually strong working committee, an increasing interest in agricultural affairs and last but not least the opening of the extension line from the "Plain" were all in favour of the show and a record success assured, when the Clerk of the Weather put a complete "damper" on the proceedings. The attendance during the early hours in which the show was open to the public was anything but encouraging; but the foresight of the Committee in bringing the show to Consett on this occasion, and in postponing it to so late a date was triumphantly vindicated when the trains down from Newcastle and Annfield Plain brought a stream of passengers to the show, and these soon gave a more cheerful aspect to the gathering, an aspect which soon found a corresponding reflection on the faces of the Committee and the show after all turned out to be anything but the failure which at one time seemed so extremely probable.

A Slight decrease was observable in the number of entries; but the increasing quality of the stock more than made up for this, as it is more the quality than the quantity of the animals that an agricultural expert first looks at, a small number being more easy of comparison and less wearisome to the spectator. Some of the best animals that the country can produce are the property of stock-keepers residing in the Society's district, and the cattle was this year especially good, and as usual Mr. Procter's stock stood out pre-eminent, whilst some most beautiful specimens of the canine tribe were on view. The competitions for tradesmen's turnouts were interesting in the extreme, whilst one of the finest leaping competitions that has been seen this year in the North, kept the spectators excited and interested. The pony race turned out a somewhat less exciting contest than had been expected, and was marred by a somewhat heated dispute; but on reviewing the show as a whole, and having regard to the abundant promise it gives for the future, the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett show augurs well for becoming one of the greatest events in the "North Countree," and we venture to prophesy that in a very few years to take a prize at this show will be one of the very highest tests of quality.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

["By Incudo."]

NORTHWARD HO.

It may have been, but I have no recollection of the steel and iron workers ever journeying north to spend their summer holiday before this last week's outing. They have gone south and west on many an occasion, but the beauties of the romantic north has hitherto been a sealed book to numbers of them. There is no overlooking the fact that those periodical excursions are the source of much pleasure and profit to the families of working men, and notably the wives, few of whom get release from the routine of the daily duties of the household. It may well be assumed that the excursionists would enjoy themselves immensely in the land of the Scot, for the sights are so many and varied that the men and women with the most fastidious tastes could scarcely fail to find their particular quest.

THE LICENSING COURTS.

The present must be a rather uneasy time to those who set their hearts upon the selling of beer and other liquors, as the magistrates all over the country are setting their faces against the granting of new licenses. The Consett and Blackhill districts are pretty well stocked with public houses, and, with few exceptions, they are singularly well managed. To assert that the number of public-houses conduce to foster the drinking habits of a community is a point that has not yet been satisfactorily cleared away. My experience of the situation is simply that people who want drink will take means to get it. It is an easy matter to fill bottles and jars of an evening and luxuriate on the nectar after mine host puts in his bolts and bars, and this is done in every community. We have not manned the right boat yet, or we should all be as sober as horses.

THE EFFECTS OF THE WEATHER.

Perhaps no class of the community suffer more from the effects of the weather than those responsible for the promotion of athletic sports and outdoor pastimes, nor was the old-established fete at the Brooms exempt from the vagaries of the elements. It is remarkable how exhilarating a cup of good tea is on a rainy afternoon, and the Misses McCurley certainly won golden opinions from friends and visitors alike by the brewing of the cup that cheers and does not inebriate being a credit to all concerned, the steaming urns hissing like so many miniature locomotives.

A FORMER CONSETT CLERGYMAN.

Many of my readers will remember the Rev. David Bryson, at one time a curate at Christ Church, Consett, and a gentleman who laboured most assiduously in season and out of season, and won for himself many friends. Mr. Bryson is now, I believe, vicar of Holy Island, and my attention was drawn the other day to a paragraph in a newspaper, giving an account of a gallant act of bravery performed by the rev. gentleman in the neighbourhood of that sea-girt isle. It appears that the crew of a passing vessel were in jeopardy of their lives, and Mr. Bryson at once secured the services of a volunteer crew and launched a boat to the rescue, Mrs. Bryson—a Consett lady—assisting in the work, the crew of the vessel being safely brought ashore. It was a gallant action, but it is like the man, for Mr. Bryson has a large sympathetic heart, and when he sojourned at Consett his acts of kindness were varied and many.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

WORKMEN'S EXCURSIONS.

The Tanfield miners on Saturday last proceeded to Edinburgh for a day's recreation. The weather was threatening but the rain kept off, and a good number booked for this destination. The whole company enjoyed themselves by visiting the historical places of interest which abound in this famous town. The trippers arrived home free from accidents or other reverses. The West Stanley Co-operative Society's third trip to South Shields was also held on Saturday, this was arranged to suit the Tanfield district as it was their pay week end. A slight accident occurred at the Shield Row Station which rather interfered with the comfort of some who wished to participate in the day's pleasure. A young married woman named Milburn, of Tanfield, was awaiting the excursion train along with hundreds of others, and when the carriages were moving slowly along the Shield Row Station platform, a slight rush occurred to secure an entrance into the moving carriages, and unfortunately the poor woman got wedged between the platform and the carriage footboard, this portion of the carriage had to be sawn asunder before the woman could be extricated. It was miraculous however that the woman was not much the worse for her misadventure, she was conveyed home and the train forthwith left for its destination. The trippers spent the day in looking at the shops, parks, and walking along the sands and piers of this renowned resort. The employees of the Society also visited Shields and Tynemouth on the previous Wednesday, and spent the most of their time in the Aquarium, where an exhibition was held consisting of all manner of goods manufactured by Co-operative Societies. Concerts were a special feature on this particular day, and were highly appreciated by the visitors.

BEAMISH SPORTS.

The Beamish Athletic Sports were held on Saturday last. The weather was rather unfavourable, but still a good number of people were in attendance. The music was supplied by the Beamish Silver Model Band, and there were a large number of entries for the various competitions which passed off satisfactorily. The proceedings finished with a ball which was well patronised. These sports were arranged for a prior date but had to be postponed owing to inclement weather. The field in which the proceedings were conducted was kindly granted by Mr Wm. Bates, of East Stanley Farm.

CAMP MEETING.

The Kip Hill Wesleyan Society held its camp services on Sunday last. I attended the evening service which was held in the chapel. Three gentlemen occupied the rostrum viz., Messrs J. Saunders and S. Redhead, of Newcastle, and J. Lowery, of West Stanley. Each speaker did good service by his extreme earnestness and enthusiasm, the exhortations being brimful of instruction and profit. Several solos were interspersed by Mr Redhead, and the interesting proceedings lasted until nine o'clock. It is a long time since I witnessed such an earnest meeting.

THE NEW RAILWAY.

The railroad to Consett will be a boon to many people in this, and the surrounding districts. It has been a long journey for many to travel by foot to Consett, and its immediate neighbourhood. We will try to bury the past and avail ourselves of the excellent facilities put within our reach. There never was a time when North-West Durham people could arrange and go by excursions as at present. I should think nearly everybody has been away tripping this summer, and why not have an occasional holiday from the toils and labours of everyday life.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday 12th inst. (special sitting)—Before Mr W. H. Kerrich-Walker (in the chair), and Mr C. F. Forster.

DOMESTICITY AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Thomas Punshon was charged with committing an aggravated assault upon his wife at Chester-le-Street on the 14th inst. Mr John Turnbull, Chester-le-Street and Durham, appeared for the complainant, and said that prisoner was under the influence of drink, and was having words with his son. Mrs Punshon said prisoner was worse for drink, and was finding fault with his son. She told him to be quiet. He took hold of a brush and struck her over the back and head breaking the brush. Dr Wm. Renton described the wounds upon complainant. There was a three inch scalp wound and several bruises upon her shoulder. They would likely be caused by a brush, and with considerable violence. The Bench ordered prisoner to prison for one month with hard labour.

SHOOTING AT AYTON BANKS.

George Charlton was brought up in custody charged with unlawfully shooting at his wife with a pistol at Ayton Banks on Saturday last. Complainant was not able to appear. Prisoner was remanded for eight days.

WATERHOUSES.

We understand that the Waterhouses show, held on Saturday last, was one of the most successful that the society has ever held. The amount received at the carriage gate was £16 5s 6d, as against £8 15s 6d of last year; turnstiles, £231 6s 3d, against £213 11s 3d, which leaves a balance for tunstiles alone of £17 15s. It is estimated that £165 worth of members' tickets were sold previous to the show, and that above 17,000 people visited the grounds. £127 was taken in entrance money, against £110 last year. Altogether it is understood that the society has gained £50 by this year's exhibition.

SPEN.

The Spen and Victoria Garesfield Union Lodges have nominated Mr Frank McKay as a candidate for the post of General Treasurer to the association. The members of these collieries resent the method put before the County by their Ex Committee, and declare that such a method is not in keeping with the constitution of "Durham Miners' Association." Papers to the individual members with the names of the candidates, which they believe the only satisfactory way to elect an agent into such a responsible position as that of General Treasurer.

WEARDALE.

Primitive Methodist Demonstration.—A demonstration was held on Saturday last by the Weardale Primitive Methodists in a field adjoining the village of Wearhead. Notwithstanding the threatening nature of the weather there was a good attendance. Addresses were delivered by the Rev A. T. Guttery on "The Church and social questions," Rev John Watson on "Christ, the Bible, and the Church," and Mr D. A. Holdsworth, of Newcastle, on "The education question." On Sunday, the Rev J. Watson, ex-president of the Primitive Methodist Conference, who is a native of Weardale, preached two sermons in Wearhead Chapel to large congregations.

WESTWOOD.

Brass Band Contest at Mickley.—In connection with the brass band contest held on Saturday, under the auspices of the Mickley Floral and Horticultural Society, Westwood Brass Band received the first prize for the best march. The judge was Mr J. Ord Hume, of Gateshead.

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The Education Question.—A discussion on this subject is announced, in another column, to take place in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on Friday evening next, the 28th inst., at half past seven o'clock.

International College of Music.—At the examination held in Newcastle, in connection with the above College, on July 15th, Miss Georgina Hall, Sherburn Terrace, Consett, passed successfully in Pianoforte Playing (Junior Division) Miss Hall is a pupil of Miss F. L. Snelling, of Roger Street Blackhill.

Iron Company's Annual Excursion.—On Saturday the Consett Iron and Steel Works were laid idle, when the officials and workmen of the firm had their annual excursion, over 800 travelling in two special trains to Berwick-on-Tweed and Edinburgh. The party returned home in the early hours of Sunday morning. Others visited Shildon, Waterhouses, and the local flower shows and sports.

Phrenology.—Mr Morgan the eminent character-reader announces in another column that he may be consulted daily for a short period. He needs no introduction by us for he is well known as the leading delineator of character in the country. Mr Ablett, who is an excellent describer of character, says "Mr Morgan is peerless in his profession." We have much pleasure drawing attention to Mr Morgans' revisit to Consett in his professional capacity.

Alleged Theft.—At the Consett Police Court—before Mr J. T. Potts, Mr E. W. E. Balleny, and Mr John W. Davison—a tramp named William Thompson was brought up and charge with stealing four pinafores, the property of Mr J. T. Potts, Middle Street, Consett, and two bottles of whiskey, the property of Mr N. Elsdon, Delves Lane, Consett, on Saturday night.—P.C. Wardell deposed that from information received he apprehended the prisoner with the stolen property in his possession. On the road to the Police Station prisoner smashed one of the bottle of whiskey. The pinafores were concealed under the prisoner's coat.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was remanded for eight days

Wesleyan New Ministers.—Rev. Joseph Bacon becomes pastor of the Consett Church, and superintendent of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, in succession to Rev. R. W. Butterworth. He comes from Nantwich, and previously travelled in Chipping Norton, Swindon, North Mavin, Armadale, Greenock, Wigan, Heywood, and Wath-upon-Dearne. Rev. John Albert Dixon supplies the vacancy resulting from the removal of Rev. Albert E. Salmon to Newcastle; he has travelled six years, viz, Truro, Glasgow, and Tamworth and Lichfield.

Consett Oddfellows and Foresters.—The annual excursion of the Juvenile Branches of these two lodges took place on Wednesday week. Shortly after six o'clock in the morning, the Juveniles mustered up in strong force at the club-room, Co-operative Buildings, and under the control of Past Grands Robt. Chambers, Wm. Maunds, John Pool, and Bro. J. S. Westhorpe for the Oddfellows; and Secretary E. Whittaker and Bro. Patterson for the Foresters, marched to the Blackhill Station, proceeding thence for the day to Tynemouth. Among the various enjoyments of the day, it should be noted that the Management Committee of the Co-operative Exhibition, which was then held in the Aquarium, very kindly allowed the boys admission free into the exhibition, and which was very much appreciated. The weather was very favourable, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly, returning home all safe and without any mishap. This annual trip is now becoming very popular, and is looked forward to by the lads for several weeks prior to the time selected. Great credit is due to the above Committee of six who had the lads in charge, for it must be admitted that 150 children would require a great deal of care.

The attention of our readers is requested to a lecture which is to be delivered by the Rev. P. J. Diamond, on Monday evening next, in St. Patrick's School, Consett, particulars of which are given in our advertising columns. The lecture will, no doubt, prove interesting, as the ability of the lecturer is a sufficient guarantee that it will be both entertaining and instructive. Father Diamond for many years has resided in South America where he has been engaged in Missionary work. A rather curious fact in connection with his career is that on Father Foran being appointed to St. Mary's, Blackhill, Father Diamond succeeded him as missionary apostolic in the Falkland Islands. In addition to the lecture there will be a concert by well-known talented artistes, and altogether a very enjoyable treat seems to be in store for all who patronise the entertainment.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Camp Meeting.—The Wesleyan Methodist Camp Meeting was held in a field, near the Primitive Methodist New Church, Annfield Plain, on Sunday, when stirring addresses were given by Mr. J. Humble, Annfield Plain; Mr. W. Foster, South Moor; Mr. G. Buckham, Lanchester; and Mr. Wm. Robinson, Bradley Cottages.

Sudden Death.—We regret this week to have to record the death of Mr. Robert Johnson, of Durham Road, Annfield Plain, which took place very suddenly on Sunday forenoon. When Mr. Johnson rose from bed in the morning of that day he complained to his mother of feeling unwell, and thought he would not go to the Camp Meeting services, but afterwards considered to have a walk along to the field, as it was only a short distance from his home. He had barely got to the field when he felt he had burst a blood vessel, and hurried home again, where he shortly afterwards expired. He was 24 years of age, and a member of the Wesleyan Society and Choir. He had been failing in health, but up to the time of his death he had worked at his business as a saddler.

A Local Prize Winner at the Shildon Show.—On Saturday, at the Shildon show, Mr. Storey, Annfield Plain, was a successful prize taker in the St. Bernard Class.

BLACKHILL.

Flower Service.—On Sunday afternoon the annual flower services in connection with St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, was held. In the morning and evening the Rev. Geo. Raw, a Blackhill gentleman, who is now curate of Kirkly Ravensworth, preached sermons. The service was unusually interesting on account of the presence of Mr Raw, who comes from a family, the members of whom are widely known in the district. Mr Geo. Raw, being a son of Mr Wm. Raw of Blackhill. Under these circumstances it was only natural that at all the services there should be a very large attendance. In the afternoon Mr Raw delivered an appropriate address to a congregation consisting largely of the Sunday-school scholars and teachers, who brought bunches of flowers which imparted a very pleasing appearance to the church. In the evening the preacher took for his subject God's love for his people, and preached an excellent sermon. Mr J. W. Davison rendered the accompaniments with his usual skill, special music being given by the choir.

Proposed Poultry Show.—The fortnightly meeting of the committee of the above was held on Thursday se'nnight in Mr J. Eltringham's Office, Blackhill. After the minutes of the last meeting were passed, the secretary reported that upwards of £10 had been received and turned over to the treasurer. The committee are very anxious that about £20 should be in hand and promised, so as to be able to draw up schedules for circulation and it was resolved to send a list to a number of firms and others having interests in the district and ask for subscriptions, also that the secretary advertise the date of the proposed show. A number of new members enrolled and prospects of a good show manifesting themselves all round.

United Methodist Free Church. — Young People's Christian Band.—An entertainment in connection with the above was given by the Westwood United Methodist Free Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr W. Pearson. When the following programme was very creditably given:—Anthem, "I will praise the name of God," the choir; solo, "Fisherman and his child," Miss Urwin; part song, "The future is before me," Mr A. Davison and party; solo, "The death of Nelson," Mr A. Davison; anthem, "Teach me, O Lord"; solo, "Light after darkness," Miss Cawthorne; anthem, "Exalt Him," the Choir; violin solo, Mr A. Davison; part song, "Seeking the lost," Mr A. Davison and party; solo, "Won't you buy my pretty flowers," Mr White; solo, "A little bow of blue," Miss Stubbs; duett, "Glad message," Misses Turnbull & Lonsdale. Mr J. Berryman presided at the harmonium with his usual ability. A vote of thanks was accorded the Westwood Choir, on the motion of Mr J. McWilliams, seconded by Mr W. Jenkins. Afterwards the friends sat down to a capital supper. The singing of the doxology brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

BURNOPFIELD.

The funeral of Mr R. Handcock (22) son of Mr Wm. Handcock an old standard of the above place took place on Sunday at the Leazes cemetery. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev J. Magill, curate of Burnopfield. A large company of friends and acquaintances followed the remains as a token of sympathy and respect.

CASTLESIDE.

Wesleyan Chapel.—This chapel, which has recently undergone a thorough re-painting and decorating, will be opened on Sunday first, when the preacher will be that popular devine, the Rev A. E. Salmon. This is the last time that Mr Salmon will preach in the circuit, as he will shortly leave for Newcastle. On the following Sunday the Rev T. McCullagh, of Liverpool, will occupy the rostrum. This gentleman was formerly connected with the Shotley Bridge Circuit upwards of 40 years ago, and stands very high in the Wesleyan ministry. On Sept. 6th, the Rev W. Wallace, of Peterhead—a native of Stanhope—is announced to preach.

DIPTON.

Wesleyan Chapel.—The Rev. A. E. Salmon occupied the pulpit on Sunday, at Dipton, for the last time before entering upon his new duties in Blenheim Street Mission, and preached two powerful sermons, which were appreciated by fairly good congregations.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—The anniversary services of this place of worship were held as follows:—On Saturday a public tea was held, when the tables were presided over by Misses Williams and Freick. On Sunday two special sermons were preached, morning and evening, by Mr. Jos. English, of Birtley. In the afternoon, a service of song entitled "June Roses," was ably rendered by the choir, under the able leadership of Coun. S. Herdman. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the trust fund. On Monday evening the annual public supper was held, and the ladies who served at the tables were Misses Mason, and Cockburn. Although the companies were not as good as they might have been, the services were both enjoyable and profitable.

United Methodist Free Church.—The newly appointed minister of the Blackhill circuit—the Rev. F. S. Foster—preached two excellent sermons on Sunday morning and evening, which made a good impression on an appreciative audience. In the afternoon a service of song entitled "A Child of Jesus," was ably rendered by the Catchgate Methodist Free Church Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Jos. Dixon who was greatly assisted my Mr. S. Armstrong on the organ. Collections were taken at the close of each service in aid of the trust funds. Solos were rendered by Mr. J. Hosking, and Misses Haw and Prinn. Duet by Messrs Hosking and Rutherford. The Rev. F. S. Foster preached in the chapel after which a ham and coffee supper was provided and presided over by Misses Laverick and Simpson. A good company sat down and did justice to the good things provided.

Fashionable Marriage.—The marriage of Miss Jane Bottoms, of Haswell, with Mr Matthew James Caygill, grocer, of Wingate, was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dipton, on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a goodly number of friends and parishioners. The ceremony was performed by the vicar the Rev R. Tuson. The bride, was attired in a light fawn dress trimmed with pale heliotrope with hat to match, and carrying in her hand a bouquet of white flowers, the gift of the bridegroom, entered the church leaning on the arm of her grandfather Mr Matthew Young, of Haswell, who afterwards gave her away, and was accompanied by her sisters the bridesmaids, Miss M. A. Bottoms, who wore a dove coloured dress trimmed with salmon and hat to match, and Miss F. A. I. Bottoms, who wore a dove coloured dress trimmed with cream non valone, each carried bunches of pansies. The bridegroom, who had entered the church a few minutes prior to the arrival of the bride, was accompanied by the best man Mr R. W. Bottoms, brother of the bride, and Mrs Caygill, the bridegroom's mother, Mrs Carr, the bridegrooms sister, Miss Young, the bride's aunt, and Mr M. Bottoms, father of the bride. The bride cake was made and presented by Mrs Caygill. After the ceremony the newly married couple drove to the home of the bride's father Mr M. Bottoms where tea was provided. Later on the happy couple journeyed to Haswell en route for Cotherstone where they will spend their honeymoon before taking up their abode at their new home at Wingate. In the evening the friends met at the father's home, and passed the evening in social intercourse and enjoyment, and the party broke up in the "wee sma' 'oors" of the morning. The gifts were both numerous and costly. We wish them long life and every happiness in their new estate.

GREENCROFT.

School Board Election.—The result of this election was declared at a late hour on Monday night at the Lizzie Colliery Offices, Annfield Plain, by Mr W. W. Thompson, deputy returning officer, as follows:—Elected—*a*Robert Mitchinson, mining engineer, Catchgate, 325; *a*Hy. Greener, colliery manager, South Pontop, 275; James Mason, miner, Annfield Plain, 139; Thomas Wm. Ord, under manager, Annfield Plain, 130; *a*Philip Reay, assistant sanitary inspector, Annfield Plain, 93. Not elected—John Orr, colliery painter, Annfield Plain, 44; *a*Adam Brown, co-operative stores manager, Annfield Plain, 28. Those to whose names an italic is affixed were members of the old Board. Mr W. Rutherford, mining engineer, Catchgate, one of the retiring members, did not seek re-election. Mr T. Bowes under colliery manager, withdrew from the contest.

KYO.

The Flower Show.—One of the most interesting of local Flower Shows is that at Kyo, which will be held on Saturday first. The show this year promises to be a great success, in addition to the largely augmented prize list, the public will also be entertained by a series of sports and various other attractions. The services of the Abbot Memorial Band have been secured and a speciality will this year be made of the children's department of the show, valuable prizes being given for map drawing, freehand, knitting, and all the interesting branches of school work. The show promises to be a great success.

LEADGATE.

The Annual Flower Service will be held at St. Ives Church on Sunday, when there will be service at 10-30, 2-30, and 6-30, after [illegible] offertories will be taken on behalf of the Sunday School Fund. The special preacher is the Rev. [illegible] Hellawell, of Hamsterley.

Good Templary.—The quarterly meeting of the "Hope of Leadgate" Lodge, No. 5661, I.O.G.T., was held in the Infant School, Leadgate, when the following officers were elected:—Chief Templar, Bro. R. Nicholson; V.T., Sis. B. Day; Marshal, Bro. R. Edwards; D.M., Sis. Lee; F.S., Bro. Jos. Hetherington; Tres., Sis. Johns; Sec., Bro. J. Bainbridge; Ass. Sec., Bro. Philipson Guard, Bro. T. Edwards; Sent., Bro. J. Vine; P.C.T., Bro. R. Pull; Chaplain, Sis. Bainbridge; after which the Officers were installed by Bro. Bainbridge, assisted by Bros. J. and H. Robson. The Reports of the Officers were given, which showed the Lodge to be in a healthy condition, and the members are going in strong for Mission Work. On Saturday night the members of the Lodge missioned the streets at Blackfine, and after solos had been rendered, and addresses delivered by Bros. Thos. Davis, J. Bainbridge, and Robt. Pull, they marched in procession to the "Rose of Derwent" Lodge-room for the purpose of paying a visit to the last named. A new member was enrolled, and the officers of the "Rose of Derwent" Lodge were installed by Bro. Philipson, assisted by Bros. Pull and Edwards. A very pleasant evening was spent.

LANCHESTER.

Sports at the Workhouse.—The men engaged on the building of the Lanchester Workhouse extensions, have evidently taken a deep interest in the welfare of those among whom their work has been for some little time. With the view of providing a trip for the active, and an entertainment for the infirm, they have organised a series of sports which will be held on Saturday next. The inhabitants of Lanchester are entering heart and soul into the project, and the services of a competent band has been secured. Father Fortin, Waterhouses, will distribute the prizes, and as several of the events are completely open, the gathering should meet with every success.

MEDOMSLEY.

Flower Show and Sports.—This popular fixture is fixed for Saturday first, and gives promise of being more successful than ever. We understand that the entries are very numerous for the flower show proper, whilst the outside attractions are sure to prove interesting, this being especially the case in the driving and leaping competitions. There will also be a football competition, quoiting, &c., and altogether everything augurs well for an unqualified success.

STANHOPE.

Local Prize Winners.—On Saturday, at the Shildon Show, the following were the prize takers:—Smooth collie, Mr J. Bell, Stanhope; poultry, Mr T Dowson, and Messrs J. and T. Carrah, Frosterley; Bread, Miss Littlefair, Stanhope. Lady amateurs work, Misses E. and A. Simpson Frosterley; vegetables, Mr W. Brown, Stanhope; dogs Mr T. Hall.

Death of a Stanhope Octogenarian at Consett.—Wm. Raine, tailor, late of Stanhope, died at Consett, on Monday, at the ripe age of 84, and was interred at Stanhope on Wednesday. He was one of the old standards of the place, and was well known and respected.

Lord Wimborne and a distinguished party of guests arrived this week at Stanhope Castle, and are grouse shooting on Stanhope Moors. They flung off on Tuesday the 18th, and killed over 100 brace with five guns the first day.

TOW LAW.

Flower Show, Industrial and Live Stock Exhibition.—This exhibition will be held on Saturday, at which about 850 prizes will be awarded. We trust the weather will prove favourable, and that the show will be a success.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS CONVALESCENT HOME.

On Saturday last Consett was honoured with a visit from the Delegates representing the various centres, comprised in the North-Eastern counties. Mr. J. Lacey, President of the Home Committee, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which was held in North Shields, having been confirmed, and the minutes of the Committee, having been adopted, a desultory conversation took place relative to the New Home now in course of erection. Ways and means claimed a large share in the conversation, the Chairman remarking that although several donations had been given and promised, yet a large sum was still required; he therefore urged on all present to do their utmost to assist. Mr. J. J. Robinson, who it will be remembered organised the movement, showed his zeal in the work by coming from the South of England, to be present at the meeting. Having been introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Robinson delivered an excellent address on the advantages of the Home. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Robinson for his presence there that day, to which he replied, and asked them to accept five guineas towards the Building Fund. Any lady or gentleman desirous of assisting the Building Fund of this praiseworthy object can forward their donation to the secretary of this centre—Mr. W. S. Davies, Consett; or the treasurer, Mr. W. T. Gillies, Bessemer Street, Blackhill.

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Consett v. Tudhoe, at Blackfine.
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Tanfield v. Blaydon, at Tanfield.
Tantobie Library v. Hedley Hill, at Tantobie.
Blackhall Mill 2nd v. Rowland's Gill, at Blackhall Mill.
South Moor v. Shotley Bridge, at South Moor.
Whickham v. Burnhope, at Whickham.
Burnhope 2nd v. Templetown, at Burnhope.

TEMPLETOWN v. BURNHOPE 2ND.

To be played on the Burnhope ground on Saturday, when the following will represent Templetown:—C. Lowes (capt.), T. Charlton, M. Lowes, G. Charlton, R. Thompson, J. Brown, I. Lowdon, T. Watson, G. Emmerson, P. Thornton, and J. Maddison. Reserves, J. Grant, T. Young, and J. Mason.

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BIRTHS.

STEWART.—At Langley Old Hall, Durham, on the 7th inst., the wife of Peter Stewart, M.B.Cm., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DIXON—HOBKIRK.—At Cramlington, on the 13th inst., by the Rev G. T. Shettle, vicar, William R. Dixon, of Broad Oak, Ebchester, to Mary Louisa, only daughter of Mr Wm. Hobkirk, of Farm Cottage, Cramlington.

GOUGH—PHILLIPS.—Plymouth, Emanuel Church, on the 14th inst., John Harley Gough, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.M.C.P., London, of Harwood Horrabridge, S. Devon, to Mary Susan Phillips, only daughter of the late John Phillips, of Buckland Abbey, S. Devon, and granddaughter of the late Charles Bragg, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ROBSON—COUPLAND.—North Shields, Christ Church, on the 19th inst., by the Rev Canon G. H. Ross-Lewin, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, John George, son of Emerson Robson, Osborne Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Ruth Alice (Effie), youngest daughter of the late Matthew Coupland, Westwood House, Ebchester. No cards. At home, Queen's Road, Jesmond, 16th and 17th September.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—Newcastle, 242, Scotswood Road, on the 16th inst., aged 60, Dorothy, widow of the late Detective George Anderson, formerly of Beamish.

ARMSTRONG.—Ryton, Spencer's Buildings, on the 13th inst., aged 58, Mary, wife of Edward Armstrong.

BLAIR.—Crook, Lister Terrace, on the 11th inst., aged 22, John, son of William Blair.

BUNNING.—At Bonn, on Rhein, on the 13th inst., on her 80th birthday, Henrietta Bunning, widow of the late Theophilus Wood Bunning.

CRAGGS.—Witton Gilbert, on the 14th inst., aged 80, William Craggs.

COLLINGWOOD.—At Cornhill House, Northumberland, on the 17th inst., John Collingwood, Esq., of Cornhill, late Fourth Dragoon Guards, eldest son of H. J. W. Collingwood, Esq., of Lilburn Tower, and Cornhill.

COULSON.—West Wylam, on the 16th inst., aged 54, John, husband of Hannah Coulson.

DAVISON.—117, Allendale Cottages, on the 15th inst., aged 49, Margaret, the dearly beloved wife of James Davison.

EVANS.—No. 4, Shield Row, on the 17th inst., aged 24, Mary Ann, wife of James Evans, and daughter of John and Elizabeth Coxon.

GREEN.—At Tanfield, on the 18th inst., aged 1 year, John Thomas, beloved son of Thomas and Elizabeth Green. Interment at Tanfield on Saturday.

HUMBLE.—Consett, Barr House, in her 89th year, Mary Humble, widow of the late John Humble, late of Leadgate. To be interred on Sunday, 23rd inst.; cortege to leave Barr House at 2-30. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

HOWE.—Newfield, Chester-le-Street, on the 12th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, John Taylor, Elizabeth, wife of the late Thomas Howe, late of Lumley.

HANDCOCK.—Burnopfield, Sheep Hill, on the 13th inst., aged 22, Robert, son of William Martin and Martha Handcock.

JOHNSON.—Annfield Plain, Bridge Terrace, on the 16th inst., aged 28, Robert, son of Michael and Annie Johnson.

KINNEAR.—At 119, Durham Road, Blackhill, on the 19th inst., Rachael, widow of the late John Kinnear, master mariner of Newcastle, and formerly of St. Andrews. Funeral at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, at 3-45 p.m. Friends please accept of this, the only intimation and invitation.

KINNEAR.—At 113, Clumber Street, Newcastle, on the 19th inst., John D. Kinnear, engineer, formerly of 119, Durham Road, Blackhill. Interment at Elswick Cemetery, on Friday, at 2-30 p.m. Friends please accept of this, the only intimation and invitation.

LAMB.—Newcastle, 18, Malvern Street, on the 18th inst., aged 2 years and 11 months, Thomas Rowland, youngest son of Thomas and Margaret Lamb, of Whitley.

McCLUSKY.—Lintz, on the 16th inst., aged 53, Ellen, wife of William McClusky.

MADDISON.—Catchgate, East View, on the 17th inst., aged 63, Thomas, husband of Mary Ann Maddison.

NICHOLSON.—Tantobie, on the 11th inst, aged 35 Mary Jane, wife of Henry Nicholson.

PARKER.—Winlaton, on the 16th inst., aged 43, William Garbutt, son of the late Thomas and Mary Parker, for 30 years in the employ of R. S. Bagnall and Sons.

RAINE.—At Consett, on the 16th inst., aged 84, Wm. Raine, tailor, late of Stanhope.

STEPHENSON.—Tanfield Lea, on the 16th inst., aged 49, Elizabeth, wife of John Stephenson.

YEOMAN.—Chester-le-Street, 9, Albert Street, on the 13th inst., aged 60, Ann, wife of William Yeoman.

In loving memory of Alfred, beloved son of Thomas and Annie Richardson, South Moor (late of Tanfield Lea), who died on May 16th, 1893, aged 25 years.

"Thou art not forgotten, Alfred, dear,
Nor ever wilt thou be;
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee."

Also, in loving memory of Annie Elizabeth, beloved daughter of Thomas and Annie Richardson, South Moor (late of Tanfield Lea), who died August 16th, 1894, aged 20 years.

"Day after day we saw her fade,
And gently sink away;
Yet often in our hearts we prayed
That she would longer stay."
"Her end was peace."
"Loved by all."

In loving memory of our dearly beloved and only daughter, Ann Andrews, of Kyo Lane, Oxhill, who died August 12th, 1894, aged 17 years.

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To live among the thorns of sin and care;
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SENIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. TUDHOE.

This game should have been played at Consett on Saturday, but the teams mutually agreed to meet at Tudhoe, whilst the return will come off at Consett on Saturday first. The result was a draw much in favour of the visitors. Godfrey won the spin of the coin and decided to bat, he and Walton taking up their stand at the wicket, Snowdon opening the attack to Godfrey, the result being a maiden. Hughes trundled from the other end, also sending down a maiden. Walton opened the scoring with a brace off Snowdon, while his partner cut Hughes in the next over to the ropes for four. Another brace and then a single was credited to Walton, Godfrey following with a single off Snowdon. From Hughes third over the Consett skipper made two, but the same bowler caught him napping with seven to his credit at 15. Richardson succeeded, and off the first ball made a four boundary, followed by a single. Off one of Snowdon's deliveries Frank made another single, and Walton got the same bowler away for four and then a single, but Hughes "c & b" him immediately after. Martin took his place, and off the last ball of the over made a single, Richardson following with a trio. Martin contributed a couple of singles, and then lifted one out of the enclosure for four. Richardson's next venture was a big hit for a quartette. At this stage of the game Snowdon gave the ball to Harrel, and Martin made a brace off his second delivery, and a single off his third. After a couple of singles, Martin got Hughes away for three, and Richardson had a single, but was caught by Gilroy off Harrel. Martin placed Harrel to the boundary for four twice in succession, and off the alternate over scored a couple, and next ball gave a hard chance to point, which was not accepted. Williamson, who had filled the vacancy, placed one to leg for four, while "Jim" followed with a two and a single. G. Urwin relieved Harrel, and Martin had another brace and a single, Williamson getting in an off drive for three, and the former scored a couple of single, followed by a cut for two, then another single. Rivers displaced Urwin, and the Consett pro. succeeded in getting him away for two twice. Matt's original style puzzled the bowlers, but he was given out "lbw" to Hughes. Four for 91. Wood now joined Martin, and the latter succeeded in getting a couple off Rivers. The left-hander made a single off Hughes, and next over another single from Rivers. After a couple of singles, Wood contributed a brace, while his partner completed his 50 with another single off Hughes. Wood sent Rivers for a brace and then a four, while Martin got Snowdon away for a single, and then cut one of Hughes' deliveries for two, but through an accident he played on at 117, having compiled 55. Lindsay filled Martin's place, Wood making a single, followed by a similar number by Lindsay, but the latter was caught by Harrel at long field at 119. Aynsley partnered Wood, the latter immediately after scring a brace, but the new-comer was bowled by Snowdon without improving the score. Vivian joined Wood, the latter adding another brace to his credit. The next addition to the score was a single by Vivian, a brace and a single by Wood, followed by another single. Vivian, however, got Snowdon out of the field for four. Wood from an overthrow got five, and Vivian followed with a couple of fours, while the former was again fortunate in getting an overthrow, making a three hit into seven. Vivian followed with another single. Another change in the bowling took place, Faulkner displacing Hughes, and Vivian made four off his initial delivery, but was caught by Harrel in the long field shortly after, with 18 to his credit. Eight for 160. Robinson came in, and saw Wood caught by Harrel—quite a phenomenal catch—at long field, having put on 34. Nine for 160. Lynn joined Robinson, and after thelatter had added a single and a brace Snowdon disarranged his wicket, thus the Consett venture ended with the score standing at 165.

After a short interval, Tudhoe commenced their innings with Urwin and Barrass, Godfrey and Martin trundling. Barrass got a three and a two off the Consett skipper's first over, while Martin's initial over was a maiden, but Barrass was credited with a single off Godfrey's second over. Martin followed with another maiden, while his captain did likewise. Barrass got Martin away to leg for a brace, and Urwin opened his account with a single of Godfrey, following with a couple of twos off "Jim." After Godfrey and Martin had each sent down a maiden, play was postponed for a short time on account of rain. On resuming, Barrass got Godfrey away for a two and a single, Urwin also contributing a single. Another maiden resulted from Martin, but in Godfrey's next over Urwin and Barrass each made a single. The latter next got Martin away for a single, while his partner did ditto. After a similar performance by both batsmen, Urwin made a brace. A charge of bowling resulted in Richardson displacing Martin, and Barrass made a single off him, following with another off Godfrey, and a similar from Frank. Again he added a single, a double, and yet another single. Barrass added another single to his credit off Martin, and Urwin did likewise, but the latter was caught by Vivian after compiling 15 out of 38. Gilroy arrived and cut one of Godfrey's deliveries for a single, serving Richardson in a like manner. Godfrey was displaced by Martin, who contributed a maiden. Barrass placed Richardson to leg for two, followed by another two, and next ball was bowled by Frank. Snowdon came in, and Gilroy made the first boundary for his side, while the new arrival drove one to the ropes for a similar number, and repeated the dose off the last ball of the over. A single was added by Gilroy off Martin, and another change in the bowling was made, Wood relieving Richardson, and Gilroy made a single, and Snowdon a two and a one off his attempt, after which the former place Martin for two, and the latter hit Wood for a four and a single. Martin sent down another maiden. The visiting captain again took up the attack in place of Wood, and Gilroy gave a chance, which was missed by Robinson at slip. However, Gilroy was caught off the succeeding ball by Richardson after making 10. Three for 73. Harrel joined Snowdon, and after four had been bowled caught the latter napping, and clean bowled him after making 19. Four for 76. Faulkner came in, but the Consett skipper disarranged his sticks before he had troubled the scorers, the over being a maiden, and yielding two wickets. B. Urwin was the next man, and immediately after his arrival saw Harrel caught by Wood off Martin without any addition to the total. Wainford now partnered Urwin, and Martin completed another maiden with a wicket. A single resulted to Urwin off Godfrey, the same batsman adding a brace off Martin, while his partner cut Godfrey for a couple, Martin following with a maiden. Wainford got away for two and a four boundary. Martin gave the ball to Richardson, and Urwin scored two from his initial delivery, and a similar number off his second ball, but on Martin taking up the bowling again Wainford got his leg in front of a straight one and had to retire with eight credited to him and the total at 91. Hutchinson took up his position at the wicket, and the visiting pro. completed a maiden, while Urwin cut one of Godfrey's deliveries for a brace. The new-arrival was bowled by Martin without troubling the scorers, the score standing at 93. Hughes came in, and Martin completed another maiden, followed by a similar performance by Godfrey. Off Martin's next over Hughes made a single, and then a brace off Godfrey, succeeded by a four. Urwin placed Martin for a single, and next over a quartettee from Godfrey. Time now arrived, leaving the home team 58 runs behind with two wickets to fall. Score:—

CONSETT.		TUDHOE.	
A S Godfrey b Hughes	7	G Urwin c Vivian b Richardson	15
G Walton c & b Hughes	10	M Barrass b Richards'n	28
F Richardson c Gilroy b Harrel	17	J Gilroy c Richardson b Godfrey	10
Martin b Hughes	55	C Snowdon b Godfrey	19
M Williamson lbw b Hughes	7	J Harrel c Wood b Martin	0
A D Wood c Harrel b Faulkner	34	T Faulkner b Godfrey	0
T Lindsay c Harrel b Hughes	1	B Urwin not out	14
S Aynsley b Snowdon	0	E H Wainford lbw b Martin	8
J Vivian c Urwin b Faulkner	18	A Hutchinson b Martin	0
T Robinson b Snowdon	3	R Hughes not out	7
T Lynn not out	0	W Rivers to bat	
Extras	11	Extras	4
Total	165	Total (for 8 wkts)	105

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT v. CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET. 1st innings.		2nd innings.	
J Thompson b Wood	2	b Smith	0
W Cowings c Knox b Jewitt	3	b Smith	1
R Bewery run out	0	b Wood	3
H Stephenson c & b Wood	2	b Smith	1
J W Morgan c & b Jewitt	12	b Smith	4
R Garbutt b Jewitt	2	b Wood	0
W Greiveson b Wood	1	c Smith b Wood	5
J Hand b Wood	3	b Smith	0
J Davison not out	2	b Smith	0
E Bewery c Wood b Jewitt	0	b Wood	6
G Greiveson c & b Wood	0	not out	3
Extras	2	Extras	3
Total	26	Total	27

STANLEY.	
G Stewart b Garbutt	18
J Stewart b Garbutt	3
J Dixon c Davison b Stephenson	9
R Knox c Morgan b Garbutt	3
M Smith run out	4
J McKinley b Garbutt	3
T Jewitt c R Bowery b Davison	6
J Bennett b Davison	6
W T Brown c Morgan b Davison	8
S Wood c R Bowery b Davison	7
Sub not out	2
Extras	5
Total	70

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

SOUTH TANFIELD v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played on the ground of the latter, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		TANFIELD.	
H C Wood run out	7	J Middlemast not out	48
J Potts b Middlemast	3	R Henderson b Allan	0
J A Cuthbertson b Middlemast	2	R Coates run out	3
R Brewis c Siddle b Middlemast	0	R Palmer b Allan	2
G Bell c & b Middlem'st	12	W Raine lbw b Bell	0
G Cooper b Middlem'st	6	G Collin lbw b Bell	3
J L Weedy b Raine	1	H Middlemast run out	21
R Dent not out	1	J Ledger c Potts b Bell	2
W Reay b Middlemast	6	J Wilson b Bell	0
W McIntosh b Middlemast	0	J Siddle c Weedy b McIntosh	4
A G Allan run out	8	J E Smith c Reay b McIntosh	2
Extras	5	Extras	10
Total	44	Total	95

MEDOMSLEY v. BEAMISH.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the homesters. Score:—

BEAMISH.		MEDOMSLEY.	
J Ironsides st Charlton b Dales	1	M Charlton c Brayson b Laybourne	0
B Dorling b Dales	1	J Robinson b Layb'rne	15
J Dyson run out	0	T D Dales c Laverick b Brayson	11
A Kerr c R Cant b M Charlton	0	R Cant c Mole b Brays'n	14
F Mole c M Charlton b Dales	6	W Cant b Mason	10
D Laverick run out	0	W Hunter b Layb'urne	15
M Laybourne not out	21	E Morris b Laybourne	1
W Stoddart c & b Dales	7	J Walton b Laybourne	5
J Brayson b Dales	0	R Wilson c Lee b Brayson	5
J Lee b W Cant	0	M Walton b Brayson	7
L Mason c & b W Cant	1	T Bell not out	4
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	40	Total	90

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v. BLACKHALL MILL.

Played on the ground of the latter, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

BLACKHALL MILL.		MEDOMSLEY.	
T Embleton c Bramley b Thompson	0	R Charlton c Mason b J Wood	0
J Wood b Hunter	4	M Murphy c Pattison b J Wood	6
W Wood c Campbell b Thompson	1	S Wheatley c Bell b J Wood	0
J E Taylor c Bramley b Thompson	6	W Hunter lbw b Mas'n	7
T Bell c Charlton b Hunter	0	R Campbell run out	0
T Walton lbw b Hunt'r	10	T Bramley c Bell b J Wood	4
J W Moody c W Hunter b Campbell	6	M Hunter not out	23
P Charlton b Thomps'n	10	W Thompson c Charlt'n b Mason	9
W Mason c W Hunter b Bramley	10	J Bramley c Embleton b Mason	0
J Pattison b Thompson	0	J Irving c Walton b Embleton	3
W Musgrove not out	4	B Stafford run out	5
Extras	4	Extras	0
Total	55	Total	57

BENWELL HILL 2ND v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the homesters. Score:—

BENWELL HILL.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
T Shaw c Annandale b Seed	0	J K Annandale c Danskin b Shaw	11
F J Shaw b Seed	7	J Leadbitter c G Shaw b T Shaw	2
J Ballock c Oliver b Seed	4	J W Forster b T Shaw	13
J E Shaw lbw b Robson	4	S Leadbitter run out	5
J White not out	31	W Oliver b G Shaw	9
J Oliphant b Robson	0	J Seed c Dodds b Danskin	18
G Danskin b Robson	0	L Urwin b T Shaw	0
T White b Robson	4	A Hanning c Bullock b G Shaw	2
G Martin b Robson	4	J R Surtees b Danskin	0
J Dodds b Robson	0	R Robson b Danskin	1
J Lawson b Robson	2	W R Town not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	3
Total	57	Total	64

NORTH DURHAM v. WHICKHAM.

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

WHICKHAM.		NORTH DURHAM.	
R Mordue run out	2	J Garrett b Cook	0
J Newton b Diver	6	G A Coning b Cook	0
J Mowbray b Diver	6	E G Chatt b Cook	5
J Moffatt b Armitage	2	G Diver b Cheeseman	10
T M Burn b Diver	3	N Laycock b Cheeseman	9
W Cook c Armitage b Diver	16	T Lumsden b Cook	19
T Cheeseman b Diver	0	G Bruce run out	1
G Cheeseman b Armitage	4	W T McKinney c Thynn b Cook	12
W Thynn not out	6	W Winnard lbw b Cheeseman	23
T A Snaith run out	0	T Armitage c Mordue b Cheeseman	8
S Smith b Armitage	0	F Thomas not out	0
Extras	12	Extras	4
Total	54	Total	91

LANCHESTER v. CONSETT 2ND.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

CONSETT.		LANCHESTER.	
J J Raw c Jackson b Gray	19	G Gray retired	6
W Wilson c Ross b Jackson	3	J Wilson b Raw	0
G T Wilson b Gray	8	W Jackson b Raw	3
L Stephenson b Gray	0	M Brabban c Wilson b Raw	3
W Leybourne b Gray	2	J Ross b Raw	0
E Pratt c & b Jackson	0	J McHatton b Raw	3
J Stokoe b Hall	5	J J Sinton b Raw	3
J Carr b Gray	3	T Jackson b Leybourne	0
J Eltringham c and b Gray	0	R Hall b Raw	0
G Morland lbw b Wils'n	6	J Jackson b Leybourne	0
W H Palliser b Gray	7	G W Wilson not out	0
J Petrie not out	3	L Wilson b Raw	0
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	63	Total	20

RYTON v. TYNE DOCK.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

RYTON.		TYNE DOCK.	
J Borrow b Martin	0	Jordison c Pearson b Purdy	0
J Pearson b Dobinson	8	A Park c Borrow b Teasdale	2
F Simpson lbw b Dobinson	2	Batey c & b Teasdale	3
J Watt b Martin	3	Soulsby run out	6
G Purdy c and b Martin	27	Mart'n b Teasdale	5
T Ward b Dobinson	13	Atkinson c Pearson b Teasdale	10
J Teasdale not out	5	Fyall c & b Teasdale	1
Jno Pearson run out	7	Bradley b Purdy	1
D Melville c Bradley b Martin	0	Dobinson b Teasdale	5
Slater b Martin	2	Park c and b Teasdale	1
Kaye c Jordison b Martin	0	Moore not out	6
Extras	4	Extras	3
Total	68	Total	40

CLOSE HOUSE v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

CLOSE HOUSE.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
C Bewicke b J K Bewick	10	G Kerrich-Walker b Peck	6
Butler c Clark b J K Bewick	9	T Middleton c Peck b Walters	28
Peck b Child	0	G Halliday hit wkt b Peck	26
H March b Child	5	J A Thompson c T Hunter b Peck	23
T Hunter c Clark b Child	8	J K Bewick b Charlton	1
C Bewicke, jun, run out	5	J Bewick not out	31
J May b Child	2	A Clark not out	28
C Atkinson b J K Bewick	0	E F Hutchinson to bat	
H Charlton b J K Bewick	2	Child to bat	
Rev E W Walters b Child	23	R Walker to bat	
G Hunter not out	3	T L Gray to bat	
Extras	13	Extras	10
Total	80	Total (for 5 wkts)	153

EPPLETON 2ND v. SACRISTON.

Played on the ground of the first-named and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

EPPLETON.		SACRISTON.	
A Wood c Swindle b Jameson	8	J Swindle b Milburn	11
W Palmer b Robson	25	R Jameson run out	7
J Milburn b Jameson	1	F Robson b Milburn	4
J Kirtley b Robson	1	J Fawcett b Milburn	5
T Lishman b Robson	2	J Robson c Raine b Kirtley	1
J Burrow run out	2	W Taylor b Milburn	0
J Nurse not out	16	G Turnbull b Milburn	1
G Shaw lbw b Robinson	0	J Green run out	2
J Raine b Robson	2	J Robinson c Wood b Milburn	5
T Fife run out	6	S Rowe b Milburn	2
W Widdowfield b Robson	14	J Henderson not out	1
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	79	Total	41

STANHOPE v. WITTON-LE-WEAR.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

WITTON.		STANHOPE.	
G E Dowson b Orr	18	G H Waller b Harding	0
W Harding b Pallister	29	T Moore c Musgrove	7
C Musgrove b Orr	0	Rev J C Orr run out	0
J Brown b Pallister	13	J Pallister b Harding	38
M Balmer run out	5	Rev R Pulleine b Harding	0
W H Hopkins b Orr	0	L Knight b Harding	10
G Maddison b Orr	13	G Robson b Balmer	6
R Balmer c Knight	2	J Collingwood b Brown	14
G B Hopkins b Orr	3	Dr Gray hit wicket	11
T Maddison not out	4	J W Roddam c Heslop	21
		J Bainbridge not out	2
Extras	7	Extras	7
Total	104	Total	111

CRAGHEAD 2ND v. BURNHOPE 2ND.

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

CRAGHEAD.		BURNHOPE.	
F Horne b Moffatt	4	M Heslop run out	2
W Wilkinson b Heslop	0	G Elliott c Allen b Dodds	0
M Dodds b Rowe	41	J Richardson run out	6
M Whiteman b Moffatt	0	J Siddle b Dodds	0
E Allen b Heslop	0	M Rowe c Dodds b Horne	13
R Peacock b Heslop	0	M Heckels run out	7
R Gill b Heslop	1	J Dobson c & b Allan	0
J Forster b Rowe	20	J Moffatt c Forster b Horne	0
M Bruce b Richardson	4	J Spencer b Horne	3
J Craigs b Richardson	0	T Smith lbw b Wilkinson	9
J Morgan not out	2	J Milburn not out	5
Extras	5	Extras	1
Total	77	Total	46

LANGLEY PARK v. OAKENSHAW.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the homesters. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		OAKENSHAW.	
R Peel b Wynn	20	W Rosethorn b Ardley	4
W Potter b Close	21	P Naisbit c Plews b J R Moss	1
T Morland c Wynn b Close	1	J Frost c Peel b J R Moss	7
H Ardley not out	19	A Purvis b Ardley	0
T Eccleston b Bell	11	H Close b Moss	2
E Eccleston c Close b Bell	0	J T Purvis b Ardley	4
M Moss b Bell	22	R Wynn not out	8
J R Moss lbw b Bell	3	J Thompson b J R M'ss	0
J Peel not out	0	G Armstrong b Ardley	0
J Rutter did not bat		J Ainsley c Ardley b J R Moss	1
J Plews did not bat		A Bell b J R Moss	0
Extras	12	Extras	7
Total (for 7 wkts)	113	Total	34

CRICKET NOTES

[By "L.B.W."]

A DRAW IN CONSETT'S FAVOUR.

Although Consett had anything but a strong team at Tudhoe on Saturday, they had much the best of the drawn game that resulted, and with another quarter-of-an-hour available for play would most probably have added one more to their list of league victories. Tudhoe have proved themselves to be a capital all-round team, and have fully justified their promotion to the Senior League, so that it was no mean performance on the part of Consett to make such an excellent show against the Tudhoe men away from home, and with only a moderate team into the bargain. On account of the ironworkers' trip taking place last Saturday, the venue of the game—which, according to fixture-card, should have come off at Consett—was changed to Tudhoe, and consequently the return will be played on the Blackfine ground on Saturday. After the manner in which they shaped last week, I shall be surprised if our local men do not manage to account for the Tudhoeites on this occasion. However, the visitors are not likely to succumb without a struggle, and the game should turn out fully as interesting as any played at Blackfine during the present season. By the way, this will be the last of Consett's league fixtures.

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Harking back to Saturday's match, I may say that Godfrey had the good fortune to win the toss, and took Walton in with him to open the innings. With 15 up the Consett captain was clean bowled by Hughes, whilst with 13 runs added Walton was "c. and b." to the same bowler just as he attained double figures. Richardson and Martin made a good stand, the pro. being in rare form, and the half-century was passed ere the former was sent back for 17. With Williamson in the score again rose, Martin doing the lion's share of the scoring, and when, at 91, the last comer was dismissed, Williamson could only claim seven of the 39 put on during his stay. Soon after being joined by Wood, the pro. completed his 50, but unfortunately played on at 117, of which number he claimed 55. Martin has seldom shown better form, playing in nice free fashion, and meeting the bowling with the utmost confidence. He hit five fours, one three, and nine twos. Lindsay was cheaply got rid of, but then Wood and Vivian, by spirited hitting, put on 39 runs for the eighth wicket, Vivian's 18 being made up of four fours and a couple of singles. Wood was out to a wonderful catch in the long field by Harrel at the same total, his figures including a seven, a five, a four, and six twos. The aggregate of 165 was made up from the following bowling:—

	O	MO	R	W
Snowdon	15	0	44	2
Hughes	19	3	59	5
Harrel	3	0	19	1
Urwin	2	0	7	0
Rivers	5	0	18	0
Faulkner	2	0	9	0

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In no way dismayed at the heavy score they had to face, G. Urwin and Barrass made a splendid commencement on behalf of the home club, and it was not until Richardson went on that a separation could be brought about, Urwin being caught for 15, whilst the full total was 38. The same bowler disposed of Barras after the latter had made the top score (28) on his side. Snowdon (19) and Gilroy (10) followed up the good example set them, and with only three wickets down for 73, Tudhoe had nothing the worst of the game. However, Godfrey and Martin now met with more success, and three wickets went down at the same total—viz., 76. B. Urwin and Wainford played pluckily at a critical point, taking the score to 91, when Martin was responsible for Wainford's retirement. Hutchinson was out for a "duck," but Urwin and Hughes kept their ends up until time arrived, when the home men were 58 runs behind and had only two wickets to go down, so that they may be said to have been extremely lucky to escape defeat. Consett tried four twolers, whose analysis panned out as under:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Martin	20	10	22	3
Godfrey	20	5	44	3
Richardson	7	1	26	2
Wood	2	0	9	0

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A GOOD STAND BY WHICKHAM.

Whickham played the big fixture of their season when, on Saturday last, they journeyed to Gateshead to antagonise the North Durham team. When arrayed against the bowling of Diver and Armitage, the Whickham men made an excellent show, totalling 54. The best batting display was given by W. Cook, who piled on 16, but he was finally caught by Armitage from one of Diver's deliveries. R. Mordue who, with J. Newton, started the batting for the visitors, was unfortunate in being run out when he had two on, but Newton scored six, falling a victim to Diver. The only other noticeable score was that of W. Thynn, who compiled the not out score of six. "Extras" proved a valuable aid to the side, adding 12 to the total.

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The home team opened their innings disastrously, J. Garrett and G. A. Coning, who opened the Gateshead innings, both being bowled by Cook, whilst E. G. Chatt fell a victim to the same trundler after scoring five. Diver and Laycock fell to Cheeseman after scoring 10 and 9 respectively, and things began to look anything but lively for North Durham, when the "tail" began to wag the dog for a change, T. Lumsden (the next comer) hitting up 19, and W. T. Winnard, McKinney, and Armitage speedily made things look up by scoring 23, 12, and 8 respectively, and the score ultimately reached 91, leaving the Gateshead men winners of a pleasant game by 37 runs.

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CONSETT 2ND WIN A MATCH.

On Saturday last, Consett 2nd journeyed to Lanchester and won a match for the second time this season. Lanchester had hardly their full team on, but were nevertheless pretty well represented. As Consett had brought one more player than was necessary, it was agreed to play twelve aside. Consett batted first, and sent in Raw and W. Wilson, and these made a fair stand. G. T. Wilson, the visitors' captain, made eight, and some good form was shown by several of the other players, the Consett score totting up to 63. Gray (the old Consettonian) was responsible for most of the wickets, though the downfall of the Consett wickets was due more to the "bumpiness" of the pitch than to the merits of the bowlers. Gray bowled right through, the only change in the bowling being that Hall took the place of Jackson towards the close.

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Lanchester gave only a mediocre display of batting, the bowling of Raw and Leybourne completely beating the home men. Gray retired after batting a good while for six. The old Consett man was quite unable to get the Consett trundlers away, and kept his end up only with difficulty. The best display of batting was that of Sinton, who, though he played a very stiff bat, evidently knew the game, but was eventually beaten by a beautiful ball of Raw's. The visiting bowlers both had good averages, Raw's analysis being eight overs, five maidens, six runs, eight wickets, or about 0.75 runs per wicket, whilst Leybourne, who also bowled eight overs, took two wickets for 12 runs.

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A GOOD GAME AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The match at Shotley Spa on Saturday was set apart for a most worthy object—viz., the benefit of the groundsman, Mr. P. Milburn, who for the past two seasons has acted in that capacity for the Shotley Bridge Cricket Club, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he has looked after the ground, and the excellent pitches he has prepared for the various matches. Mr. Milburn has done his work well, and was thoroughly deserving of a substantial benefit as a recompense for his labours. The club have no claim upon the "gate" in an ordinary way, but through the kindness of the lessee, Mr. Wilson, they were allowed to devote the proceeds of this special match to the above object, and it is satisfactory to state that the attendance, considering counter-attractions, was a most gratifying one.

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The Benwell Hill second string were the visitors, and a very pleasant and interesting game was played. The weather, although threatening, fortunately kept fine, and everyone—players and onlookers alike—thoroughly enjoyed the match. Whilst there was nothing of a sensational character accomplished, the finish was very close and exciting, and this added zest to the proceedings. Benwell won the toss, and decided to bat, the first wicket falling as the result of a splendid catch by Annandale (that safest of fielders) at short slip, and the only man to reach double figures was J. White (31), who hit out in very good style. The innings finally closed for 57. After a capital finish Shotley exceeded this total by seven runs, thanks mainly to the admirable play of Annandale (11), Forster (13), and Seed (18.) Robson trundled finely for the winners, taking seven wickets—six clean bowled—for 30 runs.

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A CLOSE GAME AT STANHOPE.

Some very close scoring was witnessed at Stanhope on Saturday, when the Stanhope club had for their antagonists Witton-le-Wear. An excellent exhibition of batting was given by both sides, Witton going to the wickets first, and by means of some very good cricket knocked up 104. The two first men in J. E. Davison and Harding, batted excellently, compiling 18 and 29 respectively. J. Brown and J. Maddison also batted well for the visitors, scoring 13 each. The bowling of the Rev. J. C. Orr was accountable for the major portion of the visitors' wickets.

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Stanhope opened their innings disastrously, the first three men only scoring two amongst them, Waller being bowled by Harding for nothing, and the Rev. J. C. Orr being run out. J. Pallister soon retrieved the fortunes of the day, and raised the score materially by a well-played 38. Another cleric, the Rev. R. Pulleine, imitated his brother of the cloth by failing to score, and then Knight (10), J. Collingwood (14), Dr. Gray (11), and J. W. Roddam (21), carried the score up to 111, leaving the home club winners by seven runs of a well-fought game. Harding's bowling proved the most effectual, the best of the Stanhope wickets falling to him.

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STANLEY WALK IN.

It does not need anyone with much knowledge of cricket form to foretell correctly the probable result of a meeting between Stanley and District and Chester-le-Street 2nd, as on all form the latter are much behind their opponents. And so it turned out on Saturday, as notwithstanding that Chester-le-Street had the advantage of playing on their own ground they suffered an ignominious reverse, and thus dropped another point in the Junior League. That the company they have figured in this season is too high for the "citizens" does not admit of a single doubt, and it is certainly disheartening to a team to be beaten time after time as has been the case with the Chester-le-Street 2nd eleven this season, and in my opinion they would be well advised to confine their operations next year to the Cup Competition, in which they are likely to meet antagonists more on a level with themselves.

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The Stanley bowlers had a "high old time" of it in the match under notice, as the losers were dismissed twice for an aggregate of 53, their two innings being curiously alike—i.e., 26 and 27. Wood and Jewitt were the destructive agents in the first venture, whilst "Sam" and Smith did the damage in the second innings. Unfortunately, I have not the analyses of these bowlers, but they must be very pretty to look at. Wood had nine wickets, Smith six (all clean bowled), and Jewitt four. Although not a single batsman on the Stanley side failed to score, Stewart's 14 was the chief individual total, useful service being also rendered by Dixon, Brown, Wood, Jewitt, and Bennett. Garbutt and Davison may be said to have done well to dismiss the visitors for 70, but still this number was sufficient to give Stanley the verdict by an innings and 17 runs. The winners arrived one short, but managed to secure the services of a "sub."

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SOUTH TANFIELD PASS ON.

Burnopfield and South Tanfield having proved themselves champions of their respective groups of the Cup Competition, were drawn to meet in the first round of the competition proper at Burnopfield on Saturday. Naturally the game gave rise to a considerable amount of interest, but the result was most disappointing to the home club and their supporters, as they suffered a decisive defeat. Although Burnopfield batted first they did not do anything startling, Bell, who scored a dozen, being the only one to attain double figures. Of the remainder Allan, Wood, and Cooper did best, but the total only amounted to 44. H. Middlemast (who accomplished the "hat trick") was the chief cause of the home men being so cheaply disposed of, as a glance at the subjoined figures will amply demonstrate:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
H. Middlemast	16	7	23	7
Raine	17	10	16	1

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Considering the poor show they had made in the batting line, Burnopfield could scarcely hope for victory, and as a matter of fact the result was never in doubt. The feature of the visitors' innings was the grand exhibition of J. Middlemast, who went in first and carried his bat right through for 48, thus beating the home total off his own bat. Not content with what he had done in the bowling department, H. Middlemast followed it up by contributing a capital 21, and was unluckily run out when well set. The venture ultimately closed for 95, leaving South Tanfield easy winners by 51. The game may truly be said to have been a triumph for the brothers Middlemast, without whom the visitors would probably have fared badly. South Tanfield are undoubtedly a good all-round team, and will most likely give their next opponents something to do.

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AN EASY JOB FOR LANGLEY PARK.

Langley Park have rarely had a more easy task than that which fell to their lot on Saturday, on the occasion of the visit of Oakenshaw, who were completely outclassed at every [illegible]. By some very level batting the Parkites [illegible] 113 for the loss of only seven wickets, [illegible] showing the way with 29, whilst close on [illegible] followed M. Moss (22), Potter (21), Ardley ([illegible] not out), and T. Eccleston (11.) The visitors [illegible] do absolutely nothing at all in opposition to the splendid bowling of Ardley and J. R. Moss, who dismissed the batsmen almost as fast as they came in. Wynn and Frost were the only couple that shaped at all decently, and the whole side was out for the paltry total of 33.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET STILL WINNING.

That the remarkable improvement manifested within the last few weeks in the play of the Chester men is of a permanent character no one can gainsay, and they were again on the winning side on Saturday. Mr. C. Bewicke, of Close House, had got a pretty strong team together to meet the "citizens," including the Northumberland county captain (Rev. E. W. Walters), but this notwithstanding the game was of a very one-sided character, the home team never having a look in. Child was again in form, and, along with Jack Bewick, accounted for the whole of the Close House men for the moderate total of 80. The Rev. E. W. Walters played good cricket for his 23 before Child beat and bowled him, the only other double-figurist on the side being Mr. Bewicke himself (10.) Butler, of whom great things were expected was caught by Clark after making nine.

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Although Chester-le-Street did not start too well, Kerrich-Walker giving but little trouble, a fine stand for the second wicket was effected by Tom Middleton (28) and Halliday (26.) Thompson contributed a capital 23, but Jack Bewick was cheaply got rid of. Then came some fine batting by Jim Bewick and Clark, who carried out their bats for 31 and 28 respectively, the visitors at the call of time having totalled 153 for the loss of only half their wickets. Had Chester only shown the same form throughout the season that they have done during the past month, they would not have been very far off the top of the Senior League at the present time. Their improvement has been simply phenomenal, and I trust that it will continue.

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CRAGHEAD 2ND WIN EASILY.

Craghead 2nd were once more on their own "heap" last Saturday, when they received a visit from the Burnhope second eleven. Both teams were well represented, and an interesting game ensued. Craghead put on the respectable total of 77, no less than 61 of this number being due to the exertions of two members of the team—M. Dodds and J. Foster, who complied 41 and 20 respectively, both players giving a grand display of batting. No less than five of the Craghead batsman failed to score. When Burnhope started their innings, runs came very slowly, and only one man of the first four shaped anything like—viz., J. Richardson, who hit up six. M. Rowe, however, knocked up 13, but his was the only decent exhibition given by any member of the team, the next highest scorers being T. Smith (9) and M. Heckles (7), the latter player being unfortunate enough to be run out, and the innings ended for 46.

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PROPOSED JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Mr. G. Sanderson, of 67, Joicey's Square, Stanley, R.S.O., writes me suggesting the formation of a Junior Cricket League for North-West Durham for next season. He thinks that amongst others the following teams would be suitable:—Medomsley Church Choir, Consett Juniors, South Moor Juniors, Craghead Juniors, Stanley and District Juniors. I understand from Mr. Sanderson's letter that the age limit would be 15. Clubs favourable to the scheme are requested to communicate with Mr. Sanderson at the above address.

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YORKSHIRE AND DURHAM.

I had the pleasure of seeing the above match at the Feethams ground at Darlington last week, and if the team that represented Durham is the best that can be placed in the field, then all I can say is that the county is in a bad way, and never likely to realise the high hopes formed concerning it a season or two since. Yorkshire only played five of their regular team, but the latter proved quite strong enough, and their victory could have been an innings one instead of by eight wickets had Lord Hawke so minded. From what I saw I am convinced that we have two or three players in this district fully as much entitled to their places as half the side that did duty for Durham. It seems useless to hope that the County Selection Committee will ever introduce any new blood into the team. The same old names are chosen for match after match, although it is a notorious fact to all except the committee that many of them are played out, and are no more fit for county cricket than I am. One of the principal things that struck me was the admirable manner in which Lord Hawke captained the Yorkshiremen. I am sorry to say that the same remark does not appply to the Durham skipper. On Tuesday, for instance, when the home bowling was being knocked all over the place, Simpson never sent down an over, albeit it is well-known that the old Philadelphian is a capital bowler. A good judge of the game expressed the opinion in my hearing that he could select a team in the county to beat that which represented Durham last week, and although this may seem somewhat far-fetched, I am rather inclined to agree with him.

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MEDOMSLEY BEAT BEAMISH.

Medomsley were only able to muster an extremely moderate eleven to meet Beamish on Saturday, no fewer than six second teamers being called upon to do duty. Under the circumstances they may therefore be accounted to have done exceedingly well in beating their visitors in such easy fashion. Beamish had that splendid batsman, Ironsides, along with them, but he only made a single before being stumped by Charlton off one of Dales' slows. The best batting on the side was certainly shown by Leybourne, who carried out his bat for 21 out of a total of 40. Half the side were out for seven runs, and it was only some plucky batting on the part of the "tail" that made the score assume decent proportions. The Medomsley bowlers had the following figures:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
T. D. Dales	11	1	20	5
M. Charlton	5	2	9	1
J. Robinson	5	2	8	0
W. Cant	3	3	0	2

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The only man on the home side that failed to trouble the scorers was the captain (M. Charlton.) Five out of the first six men attained double figures, although the top score was only 15, by Robinson, followed by Hunter (15), R. Cant (14), Dales (11), and W. Cant (10.) The match was won before the fourth wicket fell, but nevertheless the last few men all did pretty well, especially when we take into consideration that most of them had never assisted the senior team previously. Eventually, Medomsley headed their rivals' aggregate by exactly fifty, and altogether may be said to have emerged from the engagement with distinct credit to themselves. Leybourne proved himself a most useful all-round man by obtaining half the home wickets, whilst Brayson was credited with four.

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A NEAR THING AT BLACKHALL MILL.

At Blackhall Mill, on Saturday, a weak team of the home club antagonised the Medomsley second string, and had to acknowledge defeat. The Millites commenced by losing five wickets for 13 runs, so deadly was the bowling of Thompson and M. Hunter, but then Walton, Charlton, and Mason each put on ten, and at the fall of the ninth wicket the total had been increased to 40. The last two men also gave some bother, adding 15 to the aggregate, which consequently totted up to 55—a much larger number than the home team had hoped for when half the side were out for so few runs. Thompson and Hunter both bowled well, their figures working out as follows:—

	O	M	R	W
W. G. Thompson	11	1	29	5
M. Hunter	7	2	15	3
R. Campbell	4	0	7	1
T. Bramley	1	0	1	1

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Medomsley started in quite as disastrous fashion as had their oppenents, two wickets being down before a run had been registered, whilst six men were out for 19. Then M. Hunter and Thompson (the two successful bowlers) came together, and their partnership was a most useful one, producing 13 runs. Hunter continued to bat in the most plucky manner, and ultimately had the satisfaction of seeing the runs knocked off before Starford was run out, although the margin in favour of the visitors was only a couple of notches. Medomsley owe their victory almost entirely to M. Hunter, who carried out his bat for 23, which included three threes and the same number of twos.

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT CLUB.

On Wednesday night week, a meeting of the above club was held at the Station Hotel, Blackhill. Mr. Joseph Eltringham (president) presided over a large attendance. It was decided that the professional, Jim Martin, should be re-engaged for next season. A Committee was appointed to procure an estimate of the cost for an extensive enlargement of the playing ground. The Chairman reported that he had an offer from Mr. Thomas Lambert, the Durham County wicket-keeper, to bring a team of professionals to play the Consett team.—The offer was accepted, and the date suitable for the match was fixed for September 12th. The subject of establishing a football club in connection with the cricket club was deferred for further information.

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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Committee in connection with this League was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. William Ramsay, Secretary to the Consett and District Cricket club. Amongst the representatives present were Messrs T. K. Dobson (Whitburn), Cuthbertson (Chester-le-Street), E. G. Chatt, (North Durham), and others. The question of the fixture between North Durham and Bishop Auckland was fully gone into, and it was decided that the point should be awarded to North Durham, owing to Bishop Auckland failing to keep the fixture which was agreed to be played at Gateshead. The question of the payment of neutral umpires in connection with the West Hartlepool and North Durham match was considered. It was resolved that each club should be asked to defray half the expenses. The system of scoring in League matches was discussed, and it was agreed that such should be worked out on the same basis as in first-class county cricket, all drawn games to be ignored, defeats deducted from wins, and the percentage taken. The other business was of a formal character. The meeting concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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MEMS.

Martin earned his "talent money" at Tudhoe on Saturday, and should certainly have figured on the Durham team last week.

R. Coates (the well-known Dipton footballer) assisted South Tanfield against Burnopfield on Saturday, but was run out after making three.

In the match between Close House and Chester-le-Street, no fewer than four players named Bewick were engaged—two on each side.

Playing for Ryton against Tyne Dock, J. Teasdale took seven wickets for 29 runs.

Mr. R. Jewitt (hon. sec. Langley Park Cricket Club) writes to say that the match between South Tanfield and Langley Park second teams did not result in a win for Tanfield by one run, as stated, but ended in a tie, each side scoring 29.

Both the Medomsley teams were successful on Saturday.

Signs are not wanting that the season is rapidly drawing to a close, and football will soon be in full swing.

This reminds me that a general meeting of the Consett Swifts will be held on Saturday night at headquarters, at half-past eight.

Consett will play their last league fixture on Saturday first against Tudhoe, and I shall expect to see them finish up with a win.

Trade Notes.

GAS COMPANY SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The directors of the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company have resolved to recommend to the half-yearly meeting of shareholders to be held on September 1st, a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on consolidated stock, 10 per cent. on capital A, and 7 per cent. per annum on capital B for the six months ending June 30th.

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LAMB SALE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Mr. J. Turnbull held his first special sale of lambs and grazing cattle at Chester-le-Street Auction Mart, on Thursday of last week. The full advertised numbers were not fully represented, as two consignments were not forward, owing to want of railway facilities, of which vendors from the north very much complain. There was a record attendance of buyers from all parts, several buyers from Northumberland who are regular attenders at these sales being only partly supplied. Buyers from South Durham took large supplies, and the supply was very short of the demand. On the whole the trade was a fair one, and with one exception the lambs brought fully the prices expected by exposers. The class and quality of the lambs shown were really excellent, and the general expression was that a finer lot of lambs have never been shown here. In several cases the lambs were fully better than at the corresponding sale of last year. Prices:—Holmside Old Hall, top, 27s 6d; Eltringham, 28s 6d; Plawsworth, 23s 9d; Broom House, 23s 6d; Sherburn Tower, 30s; Low Friarside, 24s 3d; (HB); Langley Park, 21s 6d; Urpeth Riding, 30s 3d; Moss Kennels, 25s 6d; Follions, 20s 6d; Fatfield, 21s 9d; Greenside House, 22s (HB); Linnolds, mules, 16s 3d. Except where otherwise stated the lambs are three-parts bred. The general expression was that there was a fair and good sale. Without exception every lot was cleared out at the hammer, and met a ready sale. Both the public and the auctioneer were rather disappointed at the supply of grazing cattle, which were about ten short of the entry, and not quite the usual quality. The next special sale will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd.

OPENING OF A READING ROOM AT DERWENT COTTAGES.

SPEECH BY MR C. F. SCOTT.

For some time the want of a reading room has been greatly felt at Derwent Cottages, and more especially is this the case during the long winter evenings. With a view to remedying this state of affairs the Rev H. Jecks (the popular curate of Medomsley) drew up a petition, which was very numerously signed, setting forth the requirements of the inhabitants in this respect, and this petition was presented by Mr Jecks to Mr Henry Palmer, the general manager of the Consett Iron Company's collieries. Mr Palmer at once fell in with the views of the petitioners, and in due course the contract for the erection of a suitable building was placed in the capable hands of Mr John F. Thompson, builder, Medomsley Edge, who has carried out his work in excellent fashion. The little building, which is 2[illegible] feet by 18 feet, occupies a prominent position at the extreme end of Derwent Cottages, and altogether appears admirably adapted for the purpose for which it is intended. The joinery work was done by Mr T. Robinson, Medomsley, the plastering by Mr D. Ormerod, Blackhill, and the painting by Mr Leslie, Shotley Bridge. The opening ceremony was fixed for Saturday afternoon last, and in the absence of Mr H. Palmer (who was announced to perform the opening) the duty was most ably carried out by Mr C. F. Scott. The Rev H. Jecks presided, and the building was comfortably filled, amongst those present being—Mr C. F. Scott, Mr John F. Thompson, Coun. Jos. Armstrong, Messrs W. Kay, P. Graham, Mullen, Glasgow, Barron, Edgar, Robinson, Coulson, Maughan, Henderson, Dobson, Stephenson, Watson, Campbell, Holt, Coulson, Guy, Miller, and others.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they would regret the absence of Mr Palmer, because they were largely indebted to him for the room in which they had met that afternoon. (Applause.) Mr Palmer had brought the matter before the Company, and they all felt very thankful to him for the part he had taken in the matter. However, although he was absent Mr Palmer felt greatly interested in the room, and would do his utmost for it. (Applause.) He was glad to say that they had found an efficient substitute in Mr Scott—(applause)—who represented the Consett Iron Company, and had come to open the room in the absence of Mr Palmer. (Applause.) He would now ask Mr Scott to say a few words in declaring the room open. (Applause.)

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BEAMISH ATHLETIC COMPANY'S SPORTS.

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GIRLS' SKIPPING CONTEST.—Miss Roddam, Beamish, 1; Miss Baker, Twizell, 2. Referee, Mr George Agar, Beamish.

CASTLESIDE FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.

In connection with the Flower and Dog Show held at Castleside on Saturday afternoon, the following sports were brought off:—Wrestling (heavy weights) —Joseph Walton 1; Watts 2; Ferguson 3. Wrestling (light weights)—Watts 1; Ferguson 2; and Miller 3. Referee Mr Nattress, Weardale. Association Foot-ball Competition, for 11 silver medals—First round—Consett Shamrocks beat Consett Rovers by 6 goals to nil; Castleside scratch team beat Blackhill St. Bede's by 2 goals to nil. In the final Consett Shamrocks defeated Castleside scratch by 2 goals to nil. Referee, Mr Toward, Castleside.

RABBIT COURSING.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—In a field connected with the house of Mrs Dodds, Queen's Head Hotel, Annfield Plain, on Saturday afternoon, Mr Matthew Greenwell promoted a rabbit coursing sweep, adding £2 to 7s per lot for 16 dogs, the best of three courses. Results:—First round—Maddison's Listen to Me, 16½, beat Burdiss's Bonny Ned, 16½, by 2 to 0; Coxon's White Wings, 15, beat Barker's White Neck, 16½, by 2 to 1; Burdiss's Miss Walker, 16, beat Forster's Skylark, 17½, by 2 to 1; White's Maid, 17½, beat Coulson's Nap, 18½, by 2 to 1; Pearson's Nimble, 16, beat Blanch's Blue-jacket, 18, by 2 to 0; Coxon's Lucky Bird, 18½, beat White's Quite a Fake, 19½, by 2 to 0; Maddison's Lose the Watch, 18, beat Atkinson's Go As You Please, 16½, by 2 to 1; Palmer's Cushion Dance, 17, beat Hardy's Pit Shoes, 19½, by 2 to 0. Second round—White Wings beat Listen to Me by 2 to 0; Miss Walker beat Maid by 2 to 1 (after a no go); Nimble beat Lucky Bob by 2 to 0; Lose the Watch beat Cushion Dance (after a no go) by 2 to 1. Third round—Miss Walker beat White Wings by 2 to 1; Lose the Watch beat Nimble by 2 to 1. Final—Miss Walker beat Lose the Watch by 2 to 1, and won.—A match was also decided for £5 aside, single course, between White's Quite a Fake and Forster's Skylark. Betting ruled at 2 to 1 on Skylark, who won. Referee, Mr Matthew Greenwell; pistol firer, J Lurgan.

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HOMING.

BYER MOOR HOMING CLUB.—The members of this club held a sweep on Saturday, from the house of Mr N. Carrick to their respective dove cots, a distance of 1½ miles. The following results:—T. Knott's Rough-and-ready 1, time 1min. 40 sec.; T. Young's Sulky 2, 1 min. 42 sec; T. Knott's Hannah 3, 1 min. 45 sec. Mr G. Brown was starter; whilst Mr P. Mulchy acted as referee.

QUOITING.

GREENSIDE.—A quoit handicap promoted by Mr Robert Whitfield was commenced on Saturday and resumed on Tuesday evening, at the quoit grounds adjoining the house of Mr Shotton, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Greenside. The conditions 10 yards on clay ends, 5lb quoits, 2in. pins, and 21 points game. The rounds up date are as follows:—First round—Jos. Whitfield, Stephens Hall, 6 start, beat B. Telford, Greenside, 8, by 5; "Runaway," Greenside, 7, beat W. Shotton, Greenside, 5, by 5; F. Harland, Coalburn, 7, beat P. Liddle, Greenside, 6, by 2; R. Maguire, Stargate, 7, beat G. Robinson, Greenside, 7, by 4. Mr Whitfield, of Greenside, was referee.

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BENFIELDSIDE.—There were forward on Monday 17 fat cattle, 3 cows, 4 calves, 13 store cattle, 20 geese, 4 pork pigs, 9 small pigs, 222 sheep and lambs, a lot of poultry, and miscellaneous lots. A large company was present, and though prices were a little easier than in former weeks, there was a fair good trade, and nearly everything was well sold up. Fat heifers to £16 4s; cows to £15 10s. Sheep, to 48s 6d; lambs to 34s 6d. Calves, 14s 6d to 44s 6d. Pork pigs, £3 5s to £4; small do. to 24s. Store cattle, £7 5s each. Geese, 4s to 5s each; young turkeys, 2s 6d to 4s each. Other lots at fair prices.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 10 fat cattle, 105 fat sheep and lambs, 1 calf, 25 sh. in-calving and new-calved cows, 30 young pigs, harness cob, harness, &c. Owing to the harvest operations there was not the usual attendance of farmers and cowkeepers, and trade for milch cows was slow and dragging throughout. There was a good attendance of butchers, and trade for fat sheep and lambs was good. Fat cattle were a good trade. In-calving and new-calved cows met a slow trade, many being left unsold. Prices as follow:—Fat cattle to £16 5s—top, Mr E. J. Weightman, Middle Herrington; fat sheep, shearlings, to 54s, for a consignment from Yorkshire; fat ewes to 47s 6ds; fat lambs to 38s—top, the Earl of Durham; milch cows to £21; calves, 26s; young pigs to 26s. The sale concluded at 4 p.m.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 45 dairy cows and heifers, 16 fat cattle, 6 store cattle, 20 calves, 18 young pigs, 135 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £21; fat heifers to £17 2s 6d, from Mr Hy. Chaytor, J.P., Witton Castle; other consignments were forward from Mrs Piercey Taylor Smith, Colepike Hall; Mr T. C. Elliott, Dean Howl; G. Thompson, Luns House; Mr W. Curry, Stanhope; and other feeders. Blue grey heifers to £11 2s 6d; calves to 27s; young pigs to 27s; fat mule shearlings to 40s, from Mrs Piercey Taylor Smith; to 39s from Mr B. Hodgson, Etherley; fat blackfaced wethers to 27s—top, Mr T. Robinson, Shield Ash; fat lambs to 32s, from Messrs Pease and Partners; North Roddymoor to 30s, from Mr G. Furnace, Westgate; to 29s 9d, from Mr G. English, West Brandon.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr J. W. Roddam presided at Friday's meeting.—Mr Fenwick drew attention to the state of Wolsingham bridge, and it was decided that the Surveyor should attend to the matter at once.—The Council agreed to accept the offer of the Lanchester District Council to pay over the balances due in respect of certain town-ships which were absorbed by the Weardale Council recently on condition that the latter Council should waive any claim to any plant lately owned by the Lanchester Highway Board. The balances will be paid in proportion to rateable value. Bearing on this matter a letter was read from Mr Simey saying that the balances would be paid as soon as the Council could agree as to the proportionate amounts.—A report was read from the County Medical Officer drawing attention to some nuisances existing in the district, and to some cases of river pollution.—The report will receive the serious attention of the Council.—The tender of English Bros. was accepted for the building of an abutment at Rookhope.—On the motion of Mr Strong, seconded by Rev. Mr Jagg, it was decided to extend the water supply at Frosterley, and to erect another standpipe.—A committee is to inquire as to the necessity of a drinking trough at Daddry Shield.—With reference to a complaint from St. John's Chapel as to putting road metal on the village green, it was an eyesore, and on the motion of Mr R. Watson the Council decided to apply for a disused yard at the place wherein to put the metal.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday.—Mr J. W. Roddam presiding.—The Local Government Board wrote approving of the plans for the alteration of the Board Room.—Mr R. Watson gave notice that he would move a resolution at the next meeting that a ladies committee be appointed to visit the inmates in the workhouse.

SCHOOL BOARD.

Ald. Livingstone presided at Friday's meeting. Some years ago the Board inaugurated a system of prizes on the basis of average attendance. The system has not given entire satisfaction, and the system will be amended in some way. In the cases of two schools the Government grant is considerably behind in regard to the payment of it, and the masters naturally want their portion. It was suggested that two blank cheques might be signed and the amounts filled in when the grant came. This was demurred to by Mr Fenwick as not being businesslike. He signed blank cheques, but it was not the thing for a public Board to do. Cheques made out for an amount on account severed the gordian knot.

Football

MATCHES WANTED.

Allendale Park Reserve have several vacant dates for good junior firsts or reserve teams. Apply to W. G. F. Thompson, Medomsley, R.S.O.

All teams having dates with West Pelton Violets please cancel them, as they have joined the Burnopfield and District League.

Consett Swifts Juniors would like to arrange dates with good junior teams. Apply, Wm. Walton, Tinmill House, Blackhill.

Blackhill Celtic have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up; average age, 18. Blackhill Celtic Reserve have also all dates vacant. Apply to Robert Tweed, 17, West Row, Blackhill.

Iveston Villa would like to arrange matches for the ensuing season with moderate seconds or good juniors. Apply, J. Clark, Iveston, near Leadgate.

Cornsay Rising Rovers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as quick as possible with good junior teams; ages, 16 to 18. Apply to J. Jobling, Liddle Street, Cornsay Colliery.

Tantobie Co-operators are in want of matches for Saturdays and Wednesdays with moderate first or good second teams. Apply to M. Bell, Stores, Tan-tobie, R.S.O.

Craghead Young Rangers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 11 to 14. Apply, L. McMahon, 5, John St., Craghead.

Langley Park Wanderers wish to arrange games with teams aged from 16 to 17. The following dates are still vacant:—Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Dec. 19, Jan. 2, 30, Feb. 27, and all dates after, to play at Langley Park; away, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, 31, Nov. 14, 28, Dec. 12, 26, Jan. 23, March 6, and all dates after. Apply to Harry Morland.

West Pelton Violets have all dates vacant; ages, 14 to 17.—Apply, A. Wilkinson, 21, Edward Street, West Pelton, near Chester-le-Street.

Oxhill Violets have all dates vacant for next season for good minor teams.—Apply, J. Mumford, Oxhill Rows, West Stanley, R.S.O.

ALLENDALE PARK A.F.C.

The annual meeting of the above-named club was held at the club's headquarters—the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley. Mr R. Moffitt presided, and there was a large attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr W. G. F. Thompson), presented his report, which stated that the club had had a very prosperous season. The number of matches played were 30, won 13, drawn 5, lost 12; goals for 55; against, 45.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of £10.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers next took place as follows:—President, Mr J. H. Morris; Vice-Presidents, Rev W. Cockin, Dr Downes, Dr Burke, Mr H. Palmer, Mr W. H. Hedley, Mr W. P. Morris, Mr J. W. Jamieson, Mr G. G. Robson, Mr R. Moffitt, Mr T. D. Dales, Mr W. Robinson, jun., Mr G. E. Milburn, Mr M. T. Milburn, Mr R. Wilson, Mr G. Christopher, Mr J. Kelly, Mr G. Starford, Mr J. Walton, Mr J. Burdiss, Mr J. Bewley, Mr T. Shearer, and Mr A. Shearer. Captain, Mr Thompson Walton; Vice-Captain, Mr Jos. Walton; Treasurer, Mr M. Walton; Financial Secretary, Mr T. Bailey; Cor. Secretary, Mr W. G. F. Thompson, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham; Committee, Messrs Robinson, J. Thompson, Burdiss, Charlton, Sanderson, E. Parker, and Robson.

A RESERVE.

It was reported that a local team had decided to amalgamate with the Park to be known as the Reserve.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above league was held on Saturday night last at the headquarters, Mr Wright's, Burton House, Burnopfield. All the clubs were represented. The chairman (Mr W. Smith) presided. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, on the motion of Mr Bennett, seconded Mr Press, with the exception of the one in relation to being affiliated to the Durham F.A.

Messrs Dixon and Smith then stated that Lintzford would be compelled to retire from the league, as they were unable to get a team under age. The meeting accepted the withdrawal, but unanimously resolved that Mr Smith should still act as chairman of committee.

High Row United, West Pelton Violets, and Hobson were admitted to the league. The rules were next drawn up, and as far as practicable were chosen to be the same as those of the Derwent Valley League. The referees were next nominated and approved of, after which the gentlemen to officiate in the games to be played in September were appointed as under.—

Sept. 5th—Hamsterley White Stars v. West Pelton Violets, W. Smith; Byer Moor v. Marley Hill, Wm. Hogarth.

Sept. 12th—South Moor v. High Row, G. Press; Hobson v. Dipton St. John's, W. Smith; Burnopfield Temperance v. Byer Moor, J. Watson.

Sept. 19th—Marley Hill v. Winlaton, G. Pyle; High Row v. Hamsterley, Jos. Lamb; Burnopfield Temper-ance v. West Pelton, J. Osman.

Sept. 26th—Hamsterley v. High Row, T. Ames; Winlaton v. Dipton St. John's, W. Hogarth; South Moor v. Marley Hill, G. Press; West Pelton v. Burnop-field Temperance, J. R. Curry.

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

PROPOSED REFEREES' ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

TO THE FOOTBALL EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—Now that the football season is drawing near again, I think that it is a proper time to take into serious consideration the above. During the close season I have mentioned the subject to a few of our referees, and I thought that there would have been something done before this. From my experience of the game I think that such an association is more needed in our district than in the more advanced districts (by such I mean where the Leagues or Alliances are made up of better clubs), as I find that clubs in minor leagues are apt to put a man's name upon the referee list regardless of his qualifications, and in cases that I can quote, if needed, such men have officiated to the disadvantage of both teams. If this subject was taken in its true bearings it would be a great advantage to the clubs in North-West Durham, as it would in a great measure help to do away with the vexed question, and a meeting of such a body once a month or so would tend greatly for mutual improve-ment. If it was found suitable we could apply to the Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association for affiliation as a branch from that body, and adopt their rules to a certain extent. I have it upon the authority of one or two of the members of that body that such an application would be granted subject to our putting ourselves under their body of examiners, whom they would send to a certain place to hold examinations directly there were plenty of candidates, and we to pay the expenses of such. I would like very much to hear the views of other referees either for or against the association. Hoping that I have not taken up too much space,—I am, yours, &c.,

THOS. AMOS.

Hobson, Aug. 19th, 1896.

USEFUL HINTS FOR THE HOME.

(By an old Correspondent.)

The apple (Pyrus malus), is one of the most widely diffused and valuable of fruit trees, and one which succeeds best in moderately cold climates. It is probable that all the cultivated varieties spring from the wild apple or crab, found in Britain and the nothern parts of the temperate zone. The Bulletin of Pharmacy states that the fruit is so common that very few persons are acquainted with its remarkable efficacious medicinal properties. One of the best things that people can do, is to eat an apple or two before going to bed. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such such a suggestion may summon up; but no harm whatever can come even to a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before retiring for the night. The apple is a valuable brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This nutritious fruit helps, also, the kidney secretion, and prevents calculus growths, while it obviates indigestion, and is one of the best known protectives of the throat.

Rhubarb is the principal plant of the genus rheum, its roots are medicinal, and its leaf stalks, which contain a mixture of citric and malic acids, are used for baking purposes.—The most economi-cal cakes, tarts, and puddings for a large family are made of rhubarb, for a large quantity can be had for a single penny or two at the present time. Rhubarb makes splendid preserves, and is a fruit which can be mixed with nearly any kind of fruit. For medicinal purposes, it has been cultivated since the latter days of the famous Bobby Burns, at Banbury, in Oxfordshire, a place which has upwards of two centuries given its name to a well-known article of confectionary. Although the largest quantities are obtained from Thibet and Chinese Tartary, it is imported from Canton. The root is dug up, cleaned, peeled, and cut into pieces, then a hole is bored through the centre, and it is hung up in the sun to dry. I may say that this fruit is generally known as "Turkey Rhubarb," but the true Turkey Rhubarb is a thing of the past, for as the rhubarb of the Levant disappeared from trade, that of Russia took not only its place, but its destination. There are several preparations of rhubarb largely used for their purgative pro-perties. The "infusion of rhubarb" is made by infusing a quarter of an ounce of this root in thin slices, in then fluid ounces of boiling water for an hour, and then straining. The dose of this hor-rible preparation is about a wine glassful. "Com-pound rhubarb pills" are made as follows:—Mix three ounces of powdered rhubarb, two and a quarter ounces of Socatrine Aloes in powder, and one and a half ounces each of powdered myrrh and hard soap, with one and a half fluid drachm of oil of peppermint; then add four ounces of treacle, and beat the whole into a uniform mass, after which it is to be divided into pills, each containing about five grains. One or two may be taken for a dose. The well-known "Gregory's," or the "compound rhubarb" powder, is a sifted mixture of two ounces of light magnesia, and one ounce of powdered ginger. The dose for a child being from fifteen to twenty grains. Rhubarb, like many other drugs, has a double action, for in large doses it acts as a purgative, whilst in small doses it is an astringent, and confines the bowels. It is used largely for children, but why, is a question which has baffled many of our skilled physicians of the present day, for nine times out of ten it does infin-itely more harm than good. The horrors of the Inquisition, the greatest enormities charged even against the vivisectors, sink into insignificance before the horrible cruelties which are constantly inflicted on children by the forcible administration of rhubarb, and other equally nauseous drugs. If the bowels are confined, it generally arises from some error in diet, or want of attention to the general principles of health, and the temporary difficulty is often removed by giving the child a little fresh fruit, or a few figs.

The orange (citrus auratium), is an ever-green, diffused from an Eastern home, probably Southern China and parts of India, now spread over the countries of the Mediterranean, and extended to most warm regions. Its presence in Europe is comparatively modern, for the orange does not seem to have been known to the Greeks and Romans. It was first brought to Spain by the Moors, but it did not reach Italy till the four-teenth century. The orange-tree in some parts flourish between thirty and forty feet high, and on arriving at maturity will produce annually on an average, a crop of from twelve to sixteen thou-sand; but some growers have been known to pick as many as twentysix thousand. The trees bloom in about March or April; the fruit is gathered for the London markets as early as November; and more than half the crop is shipped during that month and the following. But the natives never eat the produce till about the end of January, by which time it possesses its full flavour. In Spain the orange is principally cultivated in the province of Seville, Cadiz, Murcia, and Valencia; but the largest quantities in our markets come from the Azores, or Western Islands, situated in the Atlantic Ocean, and belonging to Portugal. The fruit is also very common in the United States, and in Sardinia, the largest island in the Mediterr-anean, is to be found the remarkable orange-groves of Milis, which are several miles in extent. One visitor in trying to describe these groves, says, "Do not imagine a group of orange-trees here and there, the perfume of which comes and goes as you approach, and as you leave it; but try to realise the idea of a wood—a veritable forest! As far as the eye can reach under this balmy forest it meets with nothing but oranges." Perhaps the best oranges that we receive in England, are those that come from Jaffa (anciently Joppa), a town of five thousand inhabitants, the old port of Jerusalem. It occupies a little rounded hill which dips on the west into the waves, and is uncompassed on the land side with orchards of oranges, lemons, pomegranates, and apricots, which have been des-cribed by certain writers as being scarcely surpassed in the world. To this port the cedar and pine woods of the Lebanon were brought on floats which were used in the building of Solomon's Temple. I may say that orangeade is very valuable for scurvy, and a host of other diseases, but it must not be drunk by those suffering from diabetes. Orangeade may be made the same way as lemonade, the recipe of which was given in my last notes.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.

"The greatest compliment which can be paid perhaps to the Colonial Secretary," says a writer in the July Number of the "Windsor Magazine," "is to say that he looks scarcely older than his son. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P. And cer-tainly one of the proudest days in Mr. Chamber-lain's life was that on which his eldest son made his maiden speech, earning graceful compliments from parliamentary veterans. Born in 1863. Austen Chamberlain was educated at Rugby and at Trinity College, Cambridge, graduating M.A., in 1889. He studied also in Berlin and Paris. In 1892 he entered the House of Commons as Liberal Unionist Member for East Worcestershire, for which constituency he was re-elected last year. He holds the office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and has already displayed considerable aptitude for parliamentary work. Like his father, he wears a single eyeglass, greatly to the advantage of caricaturists. At present, being a bachelor, he resides under his father's roof. An amiable young man, he is certain to go far in the world of politics."

MR. GEORGE MANVILLE FENN commences a New Serial story, entitled "Gerard's Jungle," in the August 26 Number of "Chums," which forms the First of the New Volume. The story is illus-trated by Mr. Paul Hardy. The same issue of "Chums" will contain the opening chapters of a New Serial by Mr. Arthur J. Daniels, a chat with Prince Ranjitsinhji, accompanied by a new photo-graph of the Prince, and the first of a series, "True Fire Brigade Yarns," by Mr. Walter P. Wright, who has visited the big Fire Brigade centres of the country in order to gather his material, and an interesting collection of letters from several living celebrities, telling of the boy-hood amusements of the various writers.

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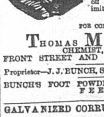
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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

GREAT DISPLAY AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society held their twenty-seventh Annual Exhibition in a field at Templetown, near Consett, which had been granted through the generosity of the Consett Iron Company. Though not so picturesque in its surroundings as the beautiful site which they had secured at Ford Hall, Lanchester, for last year's show, it made up in convenience what it lacked in beauty. The show had everything in its favour, as the extension line from Consett was opened on the Monday previous, and this, of course, greatly facilitated the carriage of the stock, and also brought hundreds of people to the show from Annfield Plain, Stanley, Beamish, Pelton, &c. For those exhibitors who lived on the Team Valley and Annfield Plain line the extension was naturally of great service, as it did away with the necessity of bringing the stock round by Newcastle—a journey which was hardly advantageous to the stock. To those who were resident in the Derwent Valley, and contiguous to the stations on that branch, the line from Blackhill to Consett proved of the greatest utility, as the field was within a short distance of the new station. It was somewhat remarkable that in spite of these additional advantages the number of entries, as a whole, was some 22 below those of last year, through with this exception they eclipsed all the entries of recent years. The show did not open under particularly encouraging auspices, as a heavy rain had fallen over-night, and during the early morning there was a severe rainfall, but as the day wore on the clouds gradually lifted, and the weather began to assume a more favourable aspect. There was, however, a most marked contrast between the weather on this occasion, and that of last year, when the temperature reached what was probably the highest point that had been experienced throughout the year. In fact, the heat was so great that the spectators and officials alike found it almost unbearable. The last occasion on which the success of the show was militated against in this way was in 1894, when West Stanley was the venue of the exhibition. The laying out of the show ground and the convenient arrangement of the various enclosures and marquees gave evidence of excellent organisation on the part of the show officials, the convenience of the spectators being catered for in a marked degree, and the absence of any confusion in the judging showed that the arrangements for this class had not been at all interfered with by the arrangements for the general public. The promoters of the show were indeed fortunate in the selection of the various officials honorary and otherwise. Almost every name prominent in both the agricultural and general interests of the community figured in some capacity on the catalogue, and at the head of these is the name of Mr. Jas. Annandale, J.P., of The Briary, Shotley Bridge, and it would be hard indeed to find a better president for an undertaking of this description. The following gentlemen figured as vice-presidents of the show:—Rev. T. H. Archdall, Tanfield Vicarage; Mr. W. M. Annandale, Lintz Ford; Mr. T. W. Asquith, Harperley Hall; Mr. T. J. Armstrong, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. M. Adamson, Leazes; Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Little Greencroft; Mr. T. H. Burn, Beaconsfield, Cullercoats; Mr. T. Benson, Shield Row Hall; Mr. N. Clark, Beamish Park; Mr. T. D. Eden; Mr. T. Foreman, Leadgate; Mr. G. Hobson, Harperley Mills; Mr. J. Hunter, Medomsley Grange; Mr. G. Heppell, Newfield; Mr. J. Kirkup, Pelton House; Mr. R. Kay, Oxhill; Mr. W. Logan, Langley Park; Mr. R. Murray, Benfieldside House; Mr. J. S. Murray, Blackhill; Mr. G. Nicholson, Leadgate; Mr. Jas. Oliver, Consett; Mr. H. Oliver, Hurbuck; Mr. C. Perkins, Gallow Hill; Mr. J. Pumphrey, Derwent Hill; Mr. G. Ridley, Stanley House; Mr. U. A. Ritson, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. T. Taylor-Smith, Broadwood Park; Mr. G. Turnbull, Twizell Hall; Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, Woodlands; Mr. J. Watson, Stanley; Mr. O. Wallis, Bradley Hall; Mr. E. Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall; Mr. E. H. K. Walker, Beamish Park; Mr. L. Hood, Hermitage; Mr. E. Wilkinson, Ouston; Hon. J. G. P. Vereker, Hamsterley Hall; Mr. P. Taylor-Smith, Colepike Hall. The Finance and Prize List Committee was:—Messrs J. B. Turnbull, G. Heppell, J. Urwin, E. Wylam, J. S. Murray, R. Hand, E. Wilkinson, Jas. Oliver, E. Lockey, G. Harrison, J. Pattison, whilst Mr. J. Kirkup, Mr. E. Wilkinson, Mr. G. Heppell, and Mr. Jas. Oliver, acted as auditors to the show. In an undertaking of this description what is perhaps the most important part of the work falls upon the stewards, more especially upon those who are in charge of the various stock departments. At the head of the stewards was the familiar figure of Mr. J. S. Murray, who acted in the capacity of field's steward, whilst the remainder of these gentlemen were as follows, tht names marked with an asterisk, acting as chief of the various departments:—Cattle—*Mr. E. Lockey, Messrs H. Oliver, H. Nicholson, R. Hand, J. Crawford, and A. Swinburn. Sheep—*Mr. J. E. Nicholson, Messrs R. Anderson, W. Fenwick, Innes, Johnson, J. Pattison. Agricultural Horses—*Mr. E. Wilkinson, Messrs J. Gibson, J. Watson, J. Bushby, J. Hunter, and J. B. Turnbull. Horses for Field and Road—*Mr. N. Clark, Messrs T. C. Rawes, W. Hogarth, N. Elsdon; J. G. Murray, M. Adamson, J. Allison, and A. Fewster. Butter and Eggs—Messr. D. Martin, Coltman, and Dobson. Poultry—*Mr. Buckton, Messrs H. Eltringham, R. Walker, T. Swainston. Dogs—*Rev. T. H. Archdall, Messrs T. Beattie, C. Almond, J. Storey, W. Jenkins, and T. Wilson. Horse-shoeing—Messrs Elliot, R. Moffitt; J. A. Jacks, G. Harrison, Jos. Eltringham and *Mr. Wood. A very important portion of the show was the luncheon, and the stewards in this division were Messrs Jas. Oliver, G. Hobson, J. Milner, and G. Nesham, whilst the gentlemen who took the grandstand under their care were Messrs G. Wade, G. Heppell, G. E. Milburn, W. Brotherwood, and W. H. Ritson.

The greatest care had been exercised in the selection of judges, and no expense was spared to get the best authorities in the north to exercise their discrimination in the various classes. These gentlemen were chosen by the vote of the members of the show, and the best possible men were secured. The following list of judges will amply bear out this statement. For the shorthorn cattle, Messrs J. Angus and J. Vickers were the judges, whilst in the border sheep, Messrs R. Watson, and A. Wood had a somewhat difficult task, Mr. T. Stephenson judging the black-faced sheep. Mr. Wm. Trotter, a well-known local breeder, and Mr. Thos. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S., one of the most skilled of veterinary surgeons, shared the honours of judging the horses for field and road, whilst Mesdames Bushby, H. Oliver, and Hardy, gave the greatest satisfaction in the judging of articles which are supposed to be best left to the discrimination of the fair sex. The feathered stock was in the capable hands of Mr. R. Shield, and it was admitted that his jurisdiction was excellent. Agricultural implements—one of the most interesting departments of the show—were judged by Messrs R. Dixon and G. Hardy. Mr. W. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S., Mr. T. Wilkinson, and Mr. J. Hunter judged the horse-shoeing competition, whilst Mr. L. C. P. Astley, Cheadle, judged the dogs, and had a by no means easy task.

One of the great attractions of the show was the Abbot Memorial School Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Jos. Robinson, who rendered the following programme in excellent style:—March, "Triumphant;" Overture, "Cross of Honour;" Waltz, "Dean of the Ocean; Selection "Schuburt;" Concert Polka, "Irene;" Fantasia, "Gems of Albion;" Intermezzo, "Old Love is Never Forgotten;" Selection, "Gems of Cambria;" Waltz, "Love in a Mist; Selection, "Lucrezia Borgia; Fantasia, "Gems of Columbia;" Galop, "Whip and Spur." Unfortunately the encouraging signs of better weather which had prevailed during the morning turned out to be delusive. Shortly after mid-day the clouds had assumed that leaden tint which is indicative of heavy and continuous rainfall, and from this period of the day a chilly rain came down which damped the spirits of all but the most ardent agriculturists. Mr. Alex. Atkinson, the general secretary of the show, Mr. Wm. Ramsay, of Blackhill, who acted as local secretary, have cheerfully borne the major portion of the severe work of such a large undertaking, and they are to be profoundly commiserated with, on the unfortunate state of the weather, which put such a damper upon their efforts. That our readers may more easily grasp the progress and present position of the show, we subjoin the following,

TOTAL ENTRIES

for the last half-dozen years:—1891.—Blaydon,—541; 1892.—Shotley Bridge,—634; 1893.—Chester-le-Street,—551; 1894.—West Stanley,—690; 1895.—Lanchester,745; 1896.—Consett,—723. The following table particularises the entries in the various classes, giving a comparison between this year and last year's show:—

	1896		1895
Cattle	30	—	41
Sheep	69	—	54
Horses	245	—	218
Butter, Eggs, &c.	37	—	33
Dressed fowl	11	—	2
Implements	3	—	5
Horse shoeing	15	—	13
Poultry and Pigeons	193	—	218
Dogs	121	—	161

THE LUNCHEON.

At mid day the judges and officials, together with a large gathering of the general public, partook of luncheon in a large marquee. To many of the company it was a great and pleasant surprise to see Mr James Joicey at the head of the table, as Mr Joicey is a favourite with all classes, despite the difference in politics which exists between the major portion of the constituency and him. The luncheon was a most excellent one, being provided by Mr Ed. Wylam, the landlord of the Freemason's Arms, Consett, and it was heartily appreciated by those who partook of it. At the conclusion of the serious business of this portion of the proceedings, which was inaugurated by the Rev T. H. Archdall, of Tanfield,

Mr James Joicey proposed the loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically received, and he next rose to propose the toast,

"SUCCESS TO THE SOCIETY."

He was quite sure that although they had not been favoured with very auspicious weather, a show of that description must arouse the keenest interest in the neighbourhood in which it was held, not only to the agriculturalists but also to the inhabitants of the district. It was most important that agricultural interests should be brought together as much as possible, and an association such as the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society enabled the country stock keepers to visit the larger towns, and to give those who did live in the towns a valuable insight into matters agricultural. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They would all grant that it was a matter of the utmost importance that those interested in agriculture should be brought together to discuss matters with those who were perhaps interested in other industries, and he therefore claimed that that society, if it did nothing else, enabled these classes to compare notes—(hear, hear)—and it was a matter of fact that these shows had immensely improved the various kinds of stock. He was sure that the judges would bear him out when he stated that great strides had been made in the quality of all kinds of stock. A society of that sort appealed to all their sympathies, and he was sure that they would all feel that it was very hard on the committee and those who have worked so hard in this connection, that they should have such an unfortunate experience. Of course, an agricultural society was dependent largely on the weather. Under the circumstance, the only thing that they could do was to make the best of it. He therefore thought it was only right that they should share their appreciation of the efforts of the committee, and he coupled with the toast the name of the committee and all those who had worked so hard for the success of the show, and at the same time he commiserated them upon the fact that they could not have a better day on which to show the public the result of their efforts. (Applause.) He asked then to drink success to the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, and at the same time the health of the oldest member of the society, Mr Geo. Hobson, who was at his side.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, which was renewed when

Mr Geo. Hobson rose to respond. He said he was somewhat taken aback at being called upon to reply to the toast. He could certainly respond, however, as the father of the society. (Applause.) He did not think there would be many present there on that occasion who had attended the first show held by the society. In fact of all those present he could only see two, Mr Lumley and Mr Kirkup who had shared the honour with him. (Applause.) He was, however, proud of being the father of the Society, as indeed he was of many other Societies in the district. (Applause.) He remembered that when the Society was first started it was simply as a foal show, but since then it had grown through many difficulties and reverses, into the gigantic affair which they were attending that day. He remembered that on one occasion they had to put their hands in their pockets to finance the show, but it had even come through such low water as that. This was not the first occasion on which they had had a wet day, as he remembered that at Blackhill and Stanley, but he hoped that they would very rarely have such occasions in the future. He wished the Society every success. (Applause.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Judges," those gentlemen who had so kindly come and judged the various exhibits for them. Their labours were extremely important, and it was most necessary that they should obtain those who were ready and able to give their services and who were competent to judge the animals. On this occasion they had been very lucky in obtaining satisfactory judges, and he would like to express the thanks of the Society towards them. It was impossible that they should award a first prize to every one, and for that reason many of the exhibitors might not agree with the decisions of the judges, but he was quite sure that the decisions given would be what they considered right under the circumstances. He was quite sure that the judging had given every satisfaction and he therefore asked them to drink the health of the judges. The toast was heartily received.

Mr William Trotter, who had a splendid reception, said he was very proud of the way in which the Chairman had spoken of their labours, and he was quite sure, as far as he himself and his colleagues were concerned, they were actuated solely by a desire to give the very best animals the prizes, irrespective of their ownership. It had often been said that the lot of the judge was not a very happy one, as, of course, they could not please everybody. To those who had been successful he would say, "Try and improve your stock as much as possible," and to those who had been unsuccessful, "Try again." (Hear, hear.) It was on the show ground that people ascertained the exact merit of their stocks. He knew that there was a difference as to the points of a good horse, but they had taken every point into consideration, and used every endeavour to judge rightly. He again thanked them for the kind way they had received the toast.

Mr Angus also responded. The judges had done the best they could, and even if they had not pleased everybody they went away with clear consciences that they had done their utmost. (Hear, hear.) He knew they had given disappointment because they could only please one or two in each class, but he hoped that the competitors would see wherein their stock could be improved. He was extremely sorry that they had had such a very wet day, as he had been connected with the show for many years. He was pleased to inform them that the Northumberland Society had been enabled to bank £300, and he advised the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett authorities to try and put by a reserve fund. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Muse, on the invitation of the Chairman, proposed the toast of the "Lady judges." He said he hoped that he would not make such a muddle of it as the man who, after a tea, was proposing the toast of the ladies who had made the tea, who said, "The ladies, God bless 'em, they're the boys to make the tea." (Loud laughter.) He had some of the ladies who had been judging the butter and eggs beside him, and he believed that they could get about 2d a pound more for their butter than anybody else in the neighbourhood, and he therefore thought they should be able to judge the butter well when they were able to make it so excellently. (Hear, hear.)

This concluded the luncheon.

During the whole of the luncheon time a heavy rain had been falling rending the speakers almost inaudible, though in spite of this fact the trains up the new extension line brought in large numbers of excursionists, and there were augmented by the usual Wednesday holiday makers from the immediate vicinity, so that by the middle of the afternoon there was an attendance which was worthy of a much better afternoon, the number passing through the turnstiles being 2,207, so that there would be some 2,500 people in the grounds.

The following is a

FULL LIST OF AWARDS.

SHORTHORN CATTLE.

There was only a small entry in this class, but what was present was of good quality. The animals that took prizes at the Royal Show came in for considerable attention from the hands of the judges "Lord Boycott II." owned by Mr. George Harrison, Gainford, Darlington, well merited the first prize in the class for bulls above two years old. Mr. Thomas Lambert's "Studley Chief" was a good second. The young bulls were a capital show, and Messrs Nesbit's animal which was awarded the first prize at Waterhouses show on Saturday, was an easy first. It is a fairly fleshy bull, but plain at head and hind quarters. In the class for bull calfs, there was only one entry, and that was from Mr. Proctor, Durham, who exhibited a splendid calf, which was full of quality. In the other two classes the same exhibitor took the majority of the prizes with noted animals. "Maud Flass," a fine heifer, was greatly admired. Mr. Smith's cow for dairy purposes was very heavy, and good milker. The grazing steers were a very nice lot, and included a fine pair of black polled beasts. The grazing heifers were a very forward lot, and the judges experienced great difficulty in awarding the first prize.

Class 1. Bulls above 2 years old; first £7 7s, second £3 3s; presented by the Consett Iron Company.—1, Mr George Harrison, The Hall, Gainford, Darlington, "Lord Boycott II."; 2, Mr. Thos. Lambert, Elrington Hall, "Studley Chief." c., Ouston Coal Company, "The Ban."

Class 2.—Bulls above one year and under two years of age; first £3, second £2; presented by the owners of Greencroft Estate.—1, Messrs C. J. and T. Nesbitt, Witton-le-Wear. 2, Ouston Coal Company. c., Mr. Jos. Patterson, Hogg Farm, Lintz Green.

Class 3.—Bull Calf, under twelve months old; first £2 2s, second £1 1s.—1, Mr. G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham.

Class 4.—Cow in Calf, or in milk, or having had a live Calf within the last six months; first £3 3s, second £2 2s.—1, Messrs Jas. Annandale & Sons, Lintz Ford. 2, Mr. G. H. Procter, Flass House, Durham, "Maid Mary." h.c., Mr. G. H. Procter, Flass House, Durham; "Edna Aylesbury." c., Messrs J. Annandale & Sons, Lintz Ford.

Class 5.—Heifers in Calf, or in milk, above two and under three years; first £3, second £2.—1, Mr. G. H. Procter, Flass House, Durham, "Fairy Queen." 2, Messrs C. J. and T. Nesbitt, Newton Grange; h.c., Mr. Matthew Thompson, Fairle, Stocksfield, "Lofty."

Class 6.—Heifers above one and under two years of age; first £3, second £2; presented by the Owners of Greencroft Estate.—1, Mr. G. Procter, Flass House, Durham, "Maid of Flass." 2, Mr. G. H. Procter, "Flora Macdonald."

Class 7.—Heifer Calf, under twelve months old; first £2 2s, second £1 1s.—1, Ouston Coal Co. 2, Mr. G. H. Procter, "Lucilla."

Class 8.—Cows for Dairy Purposes; first £3 3s, second £2 2s, third £1 1s; presented by Messrs Hodgkin, Barnett and Co.—1, Mr. T. Smith, Derwent Crook, Gateshead. 2, Mr. J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester; h.c., Mr. J. E. Nicholson.

Class 9.—Grazing Steers, not to have more than two broad teeth; first £3 3s, second £1 1s.—1, Mr. J. Thornton, Trible House, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mr. Robt. Ryle, High Flatts, Chester-le-Street.

Class 10.—Grazing Heifers, not to have more than two broad teeth; first £3 3s, second £1 1s.—1, Mr. J. Thornton; 2, Mr. W. Smith, Durham; c., Mr. J. E. Nicholson.

BORDER LEICESTER SHEEP.

This department was well represented. Some noted prize winners at the best shows that are held in the country were exhibited. Messrs Geo. Beveridge, Wharnley Burn, Messrs James Annandale and Sons, Lintzford, Mr. William Ridley, Shilford, and Mr. J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, came in for a fair share of prizes.

Class 11.—Aged Tups; first £3 3s, second £1 10s.—1, Mr. George Beveridge, Wharnley Burn; 2, Messrs J. Annandale and Sons; h.c., Mr. William Ridley, Shilford, Stocksfield.

Class 12.—Shearling Tups; first £3 3s, second £1 10s.—1, Mr. J. E. Nicholson; 2, Messrs Jas. Annandale and Sons; h.c., Messrs J. Annandale and Sons; c., Mr. W. Ridley.

Class 13.—Tup Lambs; first £3, second £1 10s.—1, Mr. George Beveridge; 2, Mr. William Ridley; h.c., Messrs T. and G. Snowball, Hedley Grange, Stocksfield; c., Mr. J. E. Nicholson; Mr. William Ridley.

Class 14.—Pen of Two Ewes that have reared lambs this season; first £3 3s, second £2.—1, Mr. J. E. Nicholson; 2, Mr. George Beveridge; c., Mr. Robert Stoker, Airey Hill; Mr J. E. Nicholson.

Class 15.—Pen of Two Shearling Gimmers; first £3, second £1 10s.—1, Messrs Jas. Annandale and Sons; 2, Mr. J. E. Nicholson; h.c., Messrs Jas. Annandale and Sons; c., Mr. Jos. Jewitt, Mickley Grange, Stocksfield.

Class 16.—Pen of Two Gimmer Lambs; first £3, second £1 10s.—1, Mr. Geo. Beveridge; 2, Mr. R. Stoker, Airey Hill; h.c., Mr. W. Ridley; c., Mr. J. E. Nicholson.

Class 17.—Pen of Three Border Leicester Sheep, any age or sex, exhibited by a tenant farmer and Co-operative Societies, farming within the district of the Society, in any of the other Classes; first £2 2s, presented by Mr. W. Annandale; second £1, presented by the Society.—1, Mr. J. E. Nicholson; 2, Mr. George Beveridge.

BLACK-FACED SHEEP.

The entries for this class were only few; but what was shown was a good class, and included many Royal winners.

Class 18.—Shearling or Aged Tups; first £2, second £1.—1, Mr. Joseph Vickers, Tow Law; 2, Mr. John Lowdon, White Lees, Blanchland, Riding Mill; h.c., Mr. Joseph Vickers; c, Mr. J. Carr, Edmondbyers, 3 y.

Class 18.—Tup Lambs; first £2, second £1.—1, Mr. Jos. Vickers; 2, Mr. Jos. W. Stephenson, Linnolds, Hexham; h.c., Mr. Jos. Vickers.

Class 20.—Pen of Two Ewes; first £2, second £1:—1, Mr. Jos. Vickers; 2, Mr. Jos. Vickers.

Class 21.—Pen of Two Gimmers; first £2, second £1.—2, Mr. Jos. Vickers.

Class 22.—Pen of Two Gimmer Lambs; first £2, second £1.—1, Mr. Jos. Vickers; 2, Mr. Jos. Vickers.

Class 23.—Pen of Two Mule Sheep; first £2, second £1.—1, Mr. J. E. Nicholson, Manor House; 2, Mr. J. E. Nicholson.

Class 24.—Two Sheep, any breed, sex, or age, belonging to Tenants of the Towneley Estate; first £1 10s, second 10s.—1, Mrs. Benson, Ryton-on-Tyne; 2, Mrs. Benson.

HORSES FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

There was a really fine, and, in fact, a record entry of horses in the agricultural section. In the open, and in the class confined to tenant farmers, the names of well-known exhibitors and prize-takers figured in the catalogue. The entries, as we have indicated, were numerous, and the animals shown were of superior merit, and thoroughly deserving the many encomiums passed upon them. The special prize for best foal by "Blue Blood" was accorded to Mr. James E. Swan; whilst Mr. A. Atkinson followed as a close second. Mr. P. Oswald, with "Lady Ann," gained the first prize for the class for brood mares. The same exhibitor with "Lady Olive" a bay of ten weeks, and sired by the celebrated "Holyrood" won the first prize in the class for filly foals, and was highly spoken of as a most promising animal. The Earl of Durham proved a most successful exhibitor in this department. In the class for a pair of draught mare or geldings, Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun., defeated Mr. R. Trotter, the well-known breeder, with a capital pair of animals. There was a very numerous entry for the class of colt foals. The competitors numbered no fewer than 17, and it can be easily imagined that the Judges had a more than usually difficult task in satisfactorily adjudicating upon the entries. However, they eventually awarded the red ticket to Mr. J. E. Swan, of Kibblesworth, for a beautiful foal by "Blue Blood." Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun., ran Mr. Swan very closely for the premier prize with a dun foal by "Sir Thomas."

Special Prize for the best Horse (any age or sex) shown in the Agricultural Classes, belonging to a tenant farmer in the Society's district: first £3, second, £2, presented by Mr. L. Priestman.—1, Mr. P. Oswald; 2, Mr. Thompson.

Class 25.—Brood Mares, with their foal at foot or in foal at the time of show; first £5 5s, second £3 3s, third £2 2s; presented by the Marquis of Bute.—1, Mr. P. Oswald, Harraton Hall, Washington Station, "Lady Ann," bay 6 yrs.; 2, Mr. R. Trotter, South Acomb, Stocksfield, "Delia," black, 4 yrs.; 3, Mr. P. Oswald, "Nell," black, 6 yrs.; c., Earl of Durham, Bowes House Farm, Fence Houses, bay mare, "Sousie Girl," 4 yrs.; Mr. R. Trotter, "Flower of Moray," bay mare, 9 yrs.

Class 26.—Brood Mare, to have her foal at foot, or to be foal at time of show (open to tenant farmers only); first £5 5s, second £3, third £1 10s, presented by Sir James Joicey, Bart., M.P.—1, Mr. P. Oswald, "Lady Ann"; 2, Mr. P. Oswald, "Nell"; 3, Mr. U. A. Ritson, junr., Lanchester, "Lupine."

Class 27.—Pair of Draught Mares or Geldings, belonging to the same owner. Members of the Society: first £5 5s, second £2 2s, presented by Mr. U. A. Ritson.—1, Earl of Durham, "Sousie Girl," "Rival Belle"; 2, Mr. U. A. Ritson, "Lupine" and "Jess"; 3, Mr. Wm R. Trotter.

Class 28.—Geldings, three years old: first £3 3s, second £2 2s.—1, Earl of Durham; 2, Mrs. Thompson, Hollinside; c., Mr. P. Oswald, "Tom Brown."

Class 29.—Filly, three years old; first £3, second £2.—1, Earl of Durham, "Rival Belle"; 2, Mr. Jos. Hall, Morton Grange, Fence Houses, "Maggie Lothian"; c., Mr. Thos. Smith, Derwent Crook, Gateshead; Messrs C. J. and T. Nesbitt.

Class 30.—Gelding, two years old: first £3, second £2.—1, Mr Edward Dixon, Ebchester Mill, brown, "Billy"; 2, Messrs T. Hedley and Bros., the Middles Farm, South Moor, brown colt, "Sunrise."

Class 31.—Filly, two years old: first £3, second £2.—1, Earl of Durham; 2, Mrs. Thompson; c., Mr. P. Oswald, "Juniss," h.c., Mr. Thos. Smith.

Class 32.—Gelding, 1 year old; first £3, second £2.—1, Earl of Durham; 2, Messrs Turnbull Bros.; h.c., Ouston Coal Company.

Class 33.—Filly, 1 year old; first £3, second £2.—1, Mr. P. Oswald, Harraton Hall, May Queen; 2, Mr. J. Watson; c., Mr. Thomas Smith; c., Mr. John Ayre, Riding Hill Farm, Catchgate.

A Special Prize for best Foal by Blue Blood.—First £2, second £1, presented by N. Clark, Esq.—1, Mr. James E. Swan; 2, Mr. A. Atkinson.

Class 34.—Colt Foals; first £3, second £2.—1, Mr. Jas. E. Swan, Kibblesworth, Gateshead; 2, Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun.; c., Mr. N. Carter; c., Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun.

Class 35.—Filly Foals; first £3, second £2.—1, Mr. P. Oswald; 2, Messrs Turnbull Bros; c., Mr. J. S. Newton, Horseleyhope.

Class 36.—Colt or Filly, two years old or under, belonging to tenants on the Towneley Estate; first £2, second £1.—1, Mr. James Robinson; 2, Mr. N. Carter.

Class 37.—Draught Mare or Gelding shown in Cart Harness; prize, Cart Saddle and Trappings, for the best groomed Horse and Harness in class 37; 5/- presented by R. Walker, Esq.—1, Mr. P. Oswald, "Nell of Harraton"; c., Mr. J. Arnison, Field Head Shotley Bridge.

Class 38.—Foal, either sex, by "Union Jack"; first £2, second £1; presented by W. Trotter, Esq.—1, Mr. George Charlton, Ricklees, Ryton, colt foal "Jack"; 2, Mr. Jos. Angus, Healeyfield, Blackhill, filly.

Class 38a.—Foal, either sex, by Mr. Thompson's Horse; first £1 10s, second 10s; presented by Mr. Thompson.—1, Mr. W. Archer, Eddis Bridge, Blackhill, filly.

HORSES FOR FIELD AND ROAD.

The classes for the above were all pretty well filled, and the competition was keen throughout. In the classes for mares for breeding hunters, Mr. John Sanderson's "Queen," as well as the second, Mr. J. Allison's "Beauty," were both very good animals; but the former had rather more substance. There was a numerous entry in the foal class. Mr. Sanderson was again to the fore with his chestnut filly, "Fairy Lady." Mr Ritson again being an excellent second. A very good animal named "Roy," belonging to Mr. J. A. K. Falconar, Shotley Bridge, was first in the class for lady's hackney, the runner up being "Danish Consul," Mr. J. V. Faber also of Shotley Bridge. The class for cob or pony was an exceedingly strong one, and premier honours were deservedly awarded to Mr. William Gregory, of Bishop Auckland, Mr. A. Phillipson, of Dipton, being just beaten for first place. Mr. Phillipson was again prominent in the class for single harness horse or pony, his beautiful black mare "Lady Mabel," being undoubtedly the finest animal in the class. Mr. Joseph Vickers, of Tow Law, was a creditable second. The tradesmen's turn-out class created a great deal of interest, and was exceedingly well patronised. First honours again rested with Mr. Phillipson, who was closely run by Mr. Pattison, of Stocksfield, and a fellow Diptonian in the person of Mr. J. A. Castle. In this class we must mention the fine "Set Free" foals, Mr. Bowman, of Lanchester, Mr. Taylor, of Summerfield, Mr. Allison, of Hamsterley, Mr. Wallace Lee of Hamsterley, all took honours with promising foals sired by this fine beast. Mr. Bowman's "Set Free" foal and Mr. Lee's foal by the same beast also gained prizes at Waterhouses, and Dr. Allan must be congratulated on the possession of such an excellent beast.

Class 39.—Mare for Breeding Hunters, to have her foal at foot, or to be in foal at the time of show; first £7, second £3, presented by James Joicey, Esq., Poulton Priory.—1, Mr. John Sanderson, Anick Grange, Hexham, "Queen"; 2, Mr. J. Allison, Hamsterley Mill, Lintz Green; bay mare, "Beauty" h.c., Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun., Lanchester, bay, "Dolly."

Class 40.—Mare or Gelding, two years old, for saddle or harness; first £2 2s, second £1 1s.—1, Mr. J. Sanderson, chestnut colt, "Waterford"; 2, Messrs Joseph Cowen and Co., Blaydon, bay mare, "Olga"; h.c., Mr. G. Morgan, Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge; c. Mr. Hedley Nicholson, Middle Street, Consett.

Class 41.—Mare or Gelding, one year old, for Saddle or Harness; first £2 2s, second £1 1s.—1, Mr. J. Sanderson, chestnut filly, "Primrose"; 2, Miss Isabella H. Muncaster, Spring Gardens, Lanchester, "Duke"; h.c., Mr. Wm. Howdon, Winlaton.

Class 42.—Foal, either sex; first £2, second £1.—1, Mr. J. Sanderson, chestnut filly, "Fairy Lady"; 2, Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun., Lanchester; c. Mr. W. C. Bowman, Lanchester, Messrs W. and L. Taylor, Summerfield, Blackhill, Mr. Wm. W. Lee, Front Street, Leadgate, and Mr. J. Allison, Hamsterley Mill.

Class 42a.—Foal, either sex, by "Set Free"; first £1 10s, second 15/-, presented by Dr. Allan. 1, Mr. Bowman, Lanchester; 2, Messrs W. and L. Taylor; h.c., Mr. J. Allison, "Set Free"; c., Mr. Robert Johnson, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

Class 43.—Hunters, Mare or Gelding, equal to carry 12 stones; first £5 5s, second £2 2s.—1, Messrs Thos. and H. Ward, Pinchinthorpe; 2, Mr. J. V. Faber, Derwent Dene, Shotley Bridge, "Roy"; h.c., Mr. T. Bushby, Hole Row Farm, Blackhill.

Class 44.—Hackneys, suitable for a lady; first £5 5s, second £2 2s, presented by the Ladies of the district.—1, Mr. J. A. K. Falconer, Shotley Lodge, "Roy"; 2, Mr. J. V. Faber, Derwent Dene, "Trilby"; h.c., Mr. J. Pattinson, High Waskerley.

Class 45.—Hackneys, Mare or Gelding; first £5 5s, second £2 2s, presented by Tradesmen of Consett District.—1, Mr. William Gregory, Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, brown mare "Lady Isabel"; 2, Mr. Eustace Smith, Benton House, Newcastle, "Duffield Prince"; h.c., Mr. W. J. Stephenson, Fenwick Shield, Stannifordham, "Soarer"; c. Mr. A. Phillipson, Dipton, "Lady Annie."

Class 46.—Cob or Pony, not exceeding 14 h h; first £3 3s, second £2 2s.—1, Mr. Wm. Gregory, Bishop Auckland, chestnut mare, "Sunbeam"; 2, Mr. A. Phillipson, Dipton, "Lady Mable"; h.c., Mr. E. Pearson, Corbridge; c. Mr. T. Milburn, Battle Hill, Hexham, dark brown, "Daisy," Mr. W. Brannen, Prudhoe.

Class 47.—Ponies not exceeding 12 h h; first £2 2s, second £1 1s, presented by W. Jenkins, Esq.—1, Mr. J. Lawson, Gateshead, "Cock Robin"; 2, Mr. J. J. Lister, Bishop Auckland, "Smoker"; h.c., Mr. J. G. Murray, Benfieldside House, Shotley Bridge, brown mare "Tibby"; c., Mr. J. T. Stobbs, Wolsingham, "Cock Robin."

Class 48.—Single Harness Horse, either sex, to be driven in the presence of the Judges; first £5 5s, second £2 2s, presented by Jas. Annandale, Esq.—1, Mr. Wm. Gregory; 2, Mr. E. Smith; h. c., Mr. J. V. Faber.

Class 49.—Single Harness Horse or Pony, either sex, the property of a Tradesman or Farmer in the district of the Society; first £3 3s, second £2 2s.—1. Mr. A. Phillipson; Mr. Joe. Vickers; h. c., Mr. J. Pattinson; c. Mr. T. J. Muse, Castleside.

Class 50.—Tradesmen's Turn-out in proper Trade Costume; first (presented by N. Elsdon) Spirit Stand value £3 3s, second £2 2s, third (presented by G. Wilson, Esq.) Carriage Rug.—1, Mr. A. Phillipson; 2, Mr. T. W. Pattison, Stocksfield; 3, Mr. A. Castle, Dipton; h.c., Mr. Jas. Watson, Prudhoe.

LEAPING.

The Jumping, as usual, was one of the most attractive features of the show, and the large ring was surrounded by a vast concourse of interested spectators whilst the two classes were being adjudicating upon. All the six entries turned out in the open class, and it can safely be said that that there was not a bad jumper amongst the lot. Each horse had three turns at the jumps, and whilst some gradually improved in style, others dropped off materially. The first award eventually went to Mr. R. Tomlinson, of Cliffe, near Selby, but in the opinion of a large number of the onlookers this honour should have gone to Mr. R. Swinhoe, of Newcastle, who secured both second and third prizes. There was no doubt as to which was the most superior leaper in the confined class, as Mr. Pattison's horse was far in front of all the other competitors, and cleared all the obstacles in splendid fashion.

Class 51.—Leapers; first £8, second £[illegible], third £2.—1, Mr. R. Tomlinson; 2, Mr. Swinhoe; 3, Mr. R. Swinhoe.

Class 52.—Leapers, confined to the district of the Society; first £3 3s, second [illegible] 1, Mr. Thos. W. Pattison; 2, Mr. Wm. [illegible] Dunston Hill West Farm, Whickham; h.c. [illegible] Wm. Easy.

PONY RACING.

This event was looked upon as one of the est "mor aux" of the afternoon, and was run in four heats, two semi-finals and a final. Those who won their heats were "Dr. Jim," "Tit-Bits," "Molley," and "Maud." Some dissatisfaction was caused in one of the semi-finals owing to the partisans of "Dr. Jim," (who was beaten by "Tits-Bits") declaring that the winner had more handicap allowance than he was entitled to considering the height of the two animals. After a lengthy dispute, "Tits-Bits" was awarded the race, and meeting "Molly" in the final, secured an easy victory.

Class 53.—Pony Race, not to exceed 13 h. h.: first £3 3s, second £1 1s.—1, Mr. G. R. Hobson, Catchgate, "Tits-Bits;" 2, Mr. H. W. Elsom, East Law, Shotley Bridge, "Molly."

BUTTER, EGGS, AND FOWLS.

A tent was set apart for the exhibition of the above, and was most invitingly arranged. Naturally it proved a great source of attraction for the fair sex. Twenty-one ladies competed in the class for fresh butter, and the Judges found the exhibits of the prize-winners so nearly equal in merit, that a final decision as to awards was only arrived at after most paintaking examination, and testing of the samples produced. Miss Urwin, of Wolsingham, was ultimately declared victorious, the second and third awards going to Miss Jackson, of Wolsingham, and Miss H. E. Telford, of Berry Edge Farm, Consett. There were only six entries for the class for ornamental butter; but the various designs made up in quality, what they lacked in quantity. Mrs. Elsom, East Law, Shotley Bridge, who is such a noted exhibitor in this department, had to be content on this occasion with a second prize, first honours falling to the share of Mrs. S. Carr, Durham Riding, Prudhoe, whilst Mrs. T. Walker, Medomsley, was highly-commended for a meritorious design. Mrs Elsom regained her lost laurels in the class for twelve hen eggs, Mrs. Carr on this occasion having to be content with second place, whilst another Medomsley lady in Miss J. A. Simpson was highly-commended.

BUTTER.

Class 54.—Tray of not less than 2lbs of Fresh Butter, in ½lb prints; first £1 10s, second £1, third 10s.—1, Miss Urwin; 2, Miss Jackson; 3, Miss M. E. Telford.

Class 55.—Tray of not less than 2lbs of Fresh Ornamental Butter, suitable for a Table; first, Ladies' Silver Watch, presented by Marshall Brothers, Town Hall, Consett second £1.—1, Mrs. S. Carr; 2, Mrs. Elsom; h.c., Mrs. T. Walker, Medomsley.

Class 56.—Basket of not less than 12 Hen Eggs; first 10s, second 5s, third 2s 6d.—1, Mrs. Elsom; 2, Mrs. S. Carr; h.c., Miss J. A. Simpson, High Bradley Farm, Medomsley.

Class 57.—Dressed Fowl for Table; first 10s, second 5s.—1, Miss Jackson; 2, Miss M. Jackson, Bowlees, Wolsingham; h.c., Mrs. Geo. Atkinson, West Shaws; c., Miss J. A. Simpson.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

The space allotted for stands for the exhibition of implements, &c., presented quite an attractive feature of the show ground. Agricultural implements, &c., of all descriptions in connection with farming, figured prominently in the stand. Throughout the whole of the day the machinery was watched with the keenest interest by vast crowds of visitors. The stand of Mr. J. Gregory, of Newcastle, occupied a most prominent position, whilst Messrs Ord and Maddison, of Darlington, had an excellent selection of implements. The patent brake, designed by Mr. M. Hobson, Harperley Mills, Catchgate, was on view, and fell in for a fair share of inspection. Mr. Cowan, carriage builder, Consett, had a tastefully arranged stand of carriages, &c.

Class 58.—Stand of the most improved Agricultural Impliments; first £4, second £2.—1, Mr. J. Gregory, Newcastle and South Shields; 2, Messrs Ord and Maddison, Darlington.

HORSE SHOEING COMPETITION.

Extraordinary interest was evinced in this competition, the entries being exceedingly large. The total number of contestants, some of whom travelled great distances to compete, reached 15, and the whole of the men took part in the competition. The judges had an exceedingly busy time, and the duties of adjudicating were very arduous. The time occupied by the contestants was taken into consideration, and the premier honour was awarded to Mr. John Chapman of Whittonstall, whilst the work done by Mr. John Irving, of Whickham, proved him to be a worthy of the second prize.

Class 59.—The best and most expeditious Horse shoer of Agricultural Horses; first, £2, presented by G. Hobson, Esq, second £1, third 10s, presented by Messrs T. Foreman & Son.—1, Mr. John Chapman, Whittonstall, Stocksfield; 2, Mr. John Irving, Whickham; 3, Mr. Arthur Raine, Tudhoe Grange, Spennymoor; h.c., Mr. M. Hewison, Clara Vale Colliery, Ryton-on-Tyne.

POULTRY SECTION.

There was only a moderate show in this section. The birds were not to be seen in their best condition owing to many of them casting their feathers. No one or two of the classes there was keen competition. In the class for minorca hens Messrs E. and H. Eltringham, Blackhill, received first and second prizes, defeating Mr. A. P. Stoker, Birtley, who gained the premier prize in this class at the Royal Show. Messrs Eltringham also gained the second ticket in the same class for minorca cock, the red card this time being awarded to Mr. Stoker. In the other classes Mr. Thos. Dowson, and Messrs J. and T. Currah were frequent prize-takers.

Class 1.—Brahma Cock.—1, Mr. M. Masterman, Stanley; 2, Mr. W. Allan, Penshaw; 3, Mr. J. H. Davison, Hobson, Burnopfield.

Class 2.—Brahma Hen.—1, Mr. C. J. Else, Ambergate, Derby; 2, Mr. J. H. Davison; 3, Mr. W. Masterman; h.c., Mr. W. Allan.

Class 3.—Cockin cock.—1, Mr. G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham; 2, Mr. G. H. Proctor; 3, Mr. R. W. Bousfield, Lambton Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

Class 4.—Cochin Hen.—1 and 2, Mr. G. H. Procter; c., Mr. R. W. Bousfield.

Class 5.—Dorking Cock.—1, Messrs J. T. Currah, Woodchoft, Frosterley; 2, Messrs J. and T. Currah.

Class 6.—Dorking Hen.—1, Messrs J. and T. Currah; 2, Messrs J. and T. Currah.

Class 7.—Plymouth Rock Cock.—1, Mr. M. Masterman, Stanley; 2, Mr. T. Dawson, Thornley Village, Tow Law; h.c., Mr. Robson, Jubilee Cottage, West Woodburn.

Class 8.—Plymouth Rock Hen.—1, Mr. Joseph Young, Marches Terrace, Blaydon; 2, Mr. M. Masterman; 3, Mr. M. Masterman.

Class 9.—Minorca Cock.—1, Mr. A. P. Stoker, Birtley; 2, Messrs H. and E. Eltringham, Blackhil; 3, Mr. G. Dawson, Beamish Park; h.c., Mr. M. Clark, Crawcrook, Ryton-on-Tyne.

Class 10.—Minorca Hen.—1, Messrs H. and E. Eltringham; 2, Messrs H. and E. Eltringham; 3, Mr. J. G. Lovett, Blackhill; v.h.c., Mr. A. P. Stoker; v.h.c., Mr. A. P. Stoker; h.c., Mr. William Ellis, North Shields.

Class 11.—Leghorn Cock.—1, Mr. Thos. Dowson, Frosterley; 2, Mr. Geo. Springett, Gold Heseldon, Murton Colliery; c. Mr. J. Easy, Whickham.

Class 12.—Leghorn Hen. Mr. Thos. Dowson; 2, Mr. H. P. Douglas, Crook; 3, Mr. G. Springett.

Class 13.—Orpington Cock.—1, Mr. J. Winter; North Biddick, Washington; 2, Mr. W. Allen.

Class 14.—Orpington Hen.—1, Mr. J. Winter; 2, Mr. W. Siddons, Throckley; 3, Mr. J. Winter; h.c., Mr. W. Allen.

Class 15.—Hamburg Cock and Hen, Gold or Silver spangled.—1, Mr. Thos. Dowson; 2, Mr. Thos. Dowson.

Class 16.—Hamburg Cock and Hen, Gold or Silver pencilled.—2, Mr. Thos. Dowson, Frosterley.

Class 17.—Hamburg Cock and Hen, Black.—1, Mr. Robt. Chapman, Frosterley; 2, Messrs J. & T. Currah.

Class 18.—Game Cock, Old English.—1, Messrs Armstrong and Paul, Leadgate; 2, Mrs. W. E. Alcock, Sunderland; 3, Mrs. Lambert, Elrington Hall, Hexham.

Class 19.—Game Hen, Old English.—1, Mrs. W. E. Alcock, Sunderland; 2, Mr. J. Gailes, Tanfield Lea.

Class 20.—Game Cock, Modern.—1, Mr. W. Allen; 2, Messrs J. And T. Currah; 3, Messrs J. and T. Currah; c.h.c., Mr. J. Metcalf, Catchgate.

Class 21.—Game Hen, Modern.—1, Mr. C. Gibbons, Bearpark; 2, Mr. J. Metcalf; 3, Mr. W. Allen.

Class 22.—Langshan Cock.—1, Mr. Geo. Sewell, Ryton-on-Tyne; 2, Mr. W. Ellis; 3, Mr. Geo. Cadwallador, Whickham.

Class 23.—Langshan Hen.—1, Mr. R. Sewell, Ryton; 2, Mr. W. Brannen, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.

Class 24.—Wyandotte Cock.—1, Mr. Wm. Stobbs, Leadgate; 2, Mr. J. S. Helmer, Weldon Grange; 3, Mr. J. M. Phillipson, Fell House, Haydon Bridge; h.c., Mr. Wm. Allen.

Class 25.—Wyandotte Hen.—1, Mr. J. M. Phillipson; 2, Mr. J. M. Phillipson; 3, Mr. Chas. J. Else; v.h.c., Mrs. Lambert; v.h.c., Mr. Thos. Dowson.

Class 26.—Game Bantam Cock.—1, Miss J. A. Sharp, Marley Hill, Swalwell; 2, Messrs J. and T. Currah; v.h.c. W. Allan, Penshaw.

Class 27.—Game Bantam Hen.—1, Miss J. A. Sharp, Marley Hill; 2, Mr. W. Brannen; 3, Miss J. A. Sharp, Marley Hill.; v.h.c., Mr. Wm. Allen.

Class 28.—Bantam Cock and Hen, Black or White (Rosecomb).—1, Mr. Thos Dowson; 3, Mr. W. Wash.

Class 29.—Bantam Cock and Hen, Black or White (any other variety).—1, Mr. J. Watson, West End, Wolsingham; 2, Mr. W. Welsh; 3, Mr. M. Masterman, Stanley.

DUCKS.

Class 30.—Duch and Drake, Pekin or Aylesbury.—1, Mr. K. Hutchinson, Egglestone, Darlington; 2, Mr. Robt. Brewis; 3, Mr. T. Dowson, Frosterley; v.h.c., Mrs. Walton-Wilson, Shotley Hall, Shotley Bridge; h.c., Mr. G. W. Wilson, Lanchester House.

Class 31.—Duck and Drake (any other variety).—1, Mr. E. Elliot, Tolouse; 2, Mr. R. Brewis; 3, Mr. E. Elliot, Chinese.

PIGEONS.

Class 33.—Carrier or Barb, Cock or Hen.—No entry.

Class 34.—Dragon, Blue, Cock or Hen.—1, Mr. J. J. Davey, Goxhill, Hull; 2, Mr. C. Moody, The Grove, Gosforth; 3, Mr. F. and J. Siddle, Consett.

Class 35.—Dragon (any other colour).—1, Mr. W. C. Moody; 2, Mr. J. J. Davey; 3, Mr. J. J. Davey.

Class 36.—Antwerp, Cock or Hen.—1, Messrs F. and J. Siddle; 2, Mr. W. J. Walker, Durham Road, Blackhill; 3, Mr. Wm. Carter, Hedgefield, Blaydon.

Class 37.—Homer, Cock.—1, Mr. W. T. Rimer, Crayvills, Low Fell; 2, Mr. G. Cadawallador; 3, Mr. G. Cadwallador.

Class 38.—Homer Hen.—1, Mr. J. J. Davey; 2, Mr. W. T. Rimer; 3, Mr. G. Cadwallador.

Class 39.—Likeliest Pigeon for Flying, Cock.—1, Mr. E. Elliot; 2, Mr. E. and J. Keskeys; 3, Mr. G. Cadwallador.

Class 40.—Likeliest Pigeon for Flying, Hen.—1, Mr. G. Cadwallador; 2, Mr. E. Elliot; 3, Mr. J. J. Davey; v.h.c., Mr. G. Cadwallador.

Class 41.—Tumbler, Cock or Hen.—1, Mr. G. Cadwallador; 2, Mr. J. J. Davey; 3, Mr. R. Sewell.

Class 42.—Turbot or Owl, Cock or Hen.—1, Messrs F. and J. Siddle; 2, Mr. G. Cadwallador; 3, Mr. G. Cadwallador.

Class 43.—Selling Class, price not to exceed 10s.—1, Mr. W. T. Rimer, Low Fell; 2, Mr. G. Cadwallador; 3, Messrs F. and J. Siddle.

RABBITS.

In this department there were five classes; all of which received a fair share of entries. The exhibits were a good show.

Class 44.—Belgian Hare, Buck or Doe.—1, Mr. B. Dawson, Cornsay Colliery; 2, Messrs Price and Son, Devonshire Street, Gateshead; h.c. Mr. T. Egglestone, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

Class 45.—Dutch (any colour), Buck or Doe.—1, Mr. B. Dawson; 2, Messrs Price and Son.

Class 46.—Silver (any variety), Buck or Doe.—1, Mr. R. Dowson; 2, Mr. W. Allen; 3, Mr. M. Masterman.

Class 47.—Himalayan or Angora, Buck or Doe.—1, Mr. M. Masterman; 2, Mr. W. Allen; 3, Mr. A. Anderson, Benfieldside Road, Angora.

Class 48.—Selling Class, price not to exceed 10s.—1, Messrs Price and Son; 2, Mr. E. D. Turnbull; 3, Mr. E. D. Turnbull.

DOGS.

The show of dogs was good, although there was nothing remarkable among the animals exhibited. In the 27 classes there were above 121 entrants, and this number included all sorts and conditions of dogs—from the huge St. Bernards down to the fox terriers. A crowd of onlookers watched, until late in the day, the efforts of the judge with great interest, and watched keenly the various stages of his duties. Though on the whole the quality of the exhibits was meritorious, there was nothing particularly noteworthy in the various classes. Mr. John Storey's (Annfield Plain) St. Bernards had no difficulty in carrying off the principal prizes in this class. In the challenge class for collies Mr. Wm. Lee, Consett, with "Titan," won first honour, and likewise in the class for rough collies, being closely followed by Mr. Robert Pearson, Stanley, with "Sir Elsinore," who was awarded the second prize. Mr. Jos. Fairless, Stanley took the red ticket for the best greyhound.

Class 1.—Collie, Challenge Class Dog or Bitch rough or smooth).—1, Mr. Wm. Lee, George Street, Consett, "Titan"; 2, Mr. John Bell, Stanhope.

Class 2.—Rough Collie Dog.—1, Mr. Wm. Lee, Consett; 2, Mr. Robert Pearson, Front Street, Stanley, "Sir Elsinore,"; 3, Mr. Thos. Marshall, Albert Road, Jarrow; h.c., Mr. Wm. Campbell, Hill House, Haltwhistle; r. Mr. Jos. Attwood, Gateshead, "Bensham Pilot."

Class 3.—Rough Collie Bitch.—1, Mr. T. Hall, Station Hotel, Birtley; 2, Mr. A. Blench, Low Brooms, Leadgate, "Broom's Beauty"; 3, Mr. J. Storey, Annfield Plain; v.h.c., Mr. W. Ford, Coatsworth Road, Gateshead; h.c., Mr. C. English, Benwell Park, Newcastle.

Class 4.—Smooth Collie, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. J. Bell, Stanhope; 2, Mr. C. Noble, Young Street, Durham; 3, Mr. A. Gray, Ravensworth Grange, Gateshead; r. Mr. G. Cadwallador, Whickham.

Class 5.—Novice Class—Rough or Smooth Collie, Dog or Bitch, that has never won a first prize.—1, Mr. J. C. Murray, Loop Farm, Blaydon-on-Tyne; 2, Mr. Wm. Campbell; 3, Mr. Thos. Marshall; v.h.c., Mr. J. Storey, Annfield Plain, Mr. G. Cadawallador, Mr. Wm. Ridley, Consett; h.c., Mr. J. G. Murray, Mr. T. M. Jameson, Penshaw North Farm, Penshaw.

Class 6. Rough or Smooth Collie, Dog or Bitch, under 12 months on day of show.—1, Mr. J. C. Murray; 2, Mr. W. Campbell; 3, Mr. A. Gray; v.h.c., Mr. Wm. Ford, Woodbine Slip, Mr. J. Punton, High Spen; h.c., Mr. T. M. Jameson; r. Mr. Thos. Marshall.

Class 7.—Pointer, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. J. Sharp, Humshaugh-on-Tyne; 3, Mr. J. E. Cowen, Blaydon Burn "Primrose."

Class 8.—Setter, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. J. Sharp; 2, Mr. H. H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Durham; 3, Mr. J. B. Johnson, Hamsteels, Quebec, "Beaumont II."; h.c., Mr. J. E. Cowen, "Beauty"; Mr. J. E. Cowen, "Jess"; r., Mr. W. Lumley, Front Street, Leadgate.

Class 9.—Greyhound, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. Jos. Fairless, Stanley; 2, Mr. J. J. Linsley, Croxdale; 3, Mr. M. Foster, Greencroft Cottages, "Royal Burn"; v.h.c., Mr. Thos. Clark, Greencroft Cottages, "Gun Signal."

Class 10.—Challenge Class, Fox Terrier, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. G. H. Procter, "Flass Folly"; 2, Messrs Storey and Dunn, Gosforth, "Young Goldfinder"; r., Mr. C. W. Almond, Front Street, Consett "Dudley Swindler."

Class 11.—Smooth Fox Terrier Dog.—1, Mrs. G. W. Garnett, Crossgate House, Durham; 2, Mr. C. Thwaites, Western Hill, Durham; 3, Mr. O. Roche, Hollingside; r., Mr. C. W. Almond.

Class 12.—Smooth Fox Terrier Bitch.—1, Messrs Storey and Dunn, "Welcome"; 2, Mr. J. Cook, Beaconsfield Street, Newcastle; 3, Mr. C. Thwaites; v.h.c., Mr. Alex. Hastie, Westmorland Street, Newcastle; r., Mr. G. H. Procter.

Class 13.—Rough Fox Terrier, Dog or Bitch.—1, Messrs Storey and Dunn, "Little Goldsmith"; 2, Mrs. G. W. Garnett; 3, Messrs Stabler and Baty, Sunderland; r., Mr. J. W. Grainger, Annfield Terrace, Newcastle.

Class 14.—Rough or Smooth Fox Terrier, under 12 months old.—1, Mr. W. Lee, Consett; 2, Mrs. G. W. Garnett; 3, Miss Cole, Bellevue, Shotley Bridge, "Matt"; v.h.c., Messrs Storey and Dunn, "Mary Goldfinch"; r., Mr. Alex. Hastie.

Class 15.—Bedlington Terrier, Challenge Class.—1, Mr. J. Cook.

Class 16.—Bedlington Terrier, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. R. Pyle, Sunderland; 2, Mrs. G. W. Garnett; 3, Mr. J. W. Blench, Brooms, Leadgate, "Berwick Jewel"; v.h.c., Mr. J. Cook.

Class 17.—Irish Terrier, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. R. R. Temple, Kip Hill, Stanley, "Lock Trooa Tartar"; 2, Mr. A. R. Willis, Consett.

Class 18.—St. Bernard Dog.—1, Mr. J. Storey, Annfield Plain.

Class 19.—St. Bernard Bitch.—1, Mr. J. Storey; 2, Mr. J. W. Pendrick, Heaton.

Class 20.—St. Bernard, Dog or Bitch, that has never won a first prize.—1, Mr. J. Storey; 2, Mr. J. W. Pendrick, "Lady."

Class 21.—Mastiff or Newfoundland, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. J. Storey; 2, Mr. R. Steel, Newcastle, "Lady Albion"; 3, Mr. T. Clark, Delight House, Dipton.

Class 22.—Retriever, Dog or Bitch.—1, Mr. E. Anderson, Beamish Kennels, Pitt Hill; 2, Mr. W. Scott, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Class 23.—Spaniel, any variety.—1, Mr. Alex. Watson, Sunderland; 2, Mr. G. C. Roberts, Rollinside; 3, Mr. G. Topham, Newcastle; r., Mr. Jos. Robson, Shield Row Lodge, Stanley.

Class 24.—Whippet, Dog or Bitch, not to exceed 20 in. high.—1, Mr. J. Parker, White-le-Head; 2, Mr. B. Everett, West Terrace, Newfield; 3, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Newfield, Chester-le-Street.

Class 25.—Any other Variety, Non-Sporting, not Classed.—1, Mrs. Brittain, Durham, pug; 2, Mr. J. Storey, Annfield Plain; 3, Mrs. S. Day, Newcastle; h.c., Mr. W. E. Galloway, Gateshead; c., Mr. H. P. Douglas, White Lea, Crook.

Class 26.—Any other Variety, Sporting, not Classed.—1, Mrs. Alcock; 2, Mr. W. Dunn, bloodhound bitch, "Chesterton Queen Bess."

Class 27.—Greyhound, Dog or Bitch, pupped in 1895 or 1896; prizes presented by J. Smith, Esq.—1, Mr. J. J. Linsley, Croxdale Village; 2, Mr. M. Foster; 3, Mr. T. Clark.

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INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT BLACKHILL.

On Monday evening, the employees connected with the Blackhill establishment of Mr. Richard Murray assembled in the club-room of the Station Hotel, Blackhill, for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Ralph Lisle, late foreman joiner, a handsome marble timepiece, in recognition of his services. The meeting took the form of a "smoking concert." Mr. J. G Murray occupied the chair, and in the course of some very interesting remarks said he felt doubly honoured in being present to do honour to such a faithful servant and valued workman, and in being the spokesman for the workmen. He took it as a proof of the harmony existing between the firm and the workmen engaged under it. (Applause.) His recollection carried him back ten years ago, when he remembered a somewhat unique advertisement appeared in the local paper which ran:—"Wanted, a joiner. A man who can work without being watched." (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Lisle was an applicant, and the successful applicant for the post. That was ten years ago, and that ten years of service, he took it, was strong evidence that Mr. Lisle had very thoroughly and faithfully discharged his duties. (Applause.) That engagement had culminated in their being present that night to show their appreciation of him as foreman. The position was a rather unique one, as it was not always that that feeling of respect, admiration, and concord existed between a foreman and those under his charge. The branch of industry in which Mr. Lisle had now embarked—agriculture—had his sympathy and best wishes. (Applause.) On behalf of the workmen, he had great pleasure in presenting the splendid timepiece to Mr. Lisle, and to wish him health and success in his new home. He hoped that as the clock would mark the flight of time that each stoke of the pendulum would remind him of the happy days he had spent with them. (Applause.) He trusted Mr. Lisle would carry with him happy recollections of that night's proceedings, and that his future career would be prosperous, that his harvests would be plentiful and his granaries well filled, and that in the winter of life he would enjoy contentment and happiness. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Lisle thanked the Chairman and donors in very feeling terms. He said his period of service under the firm was a most pleasant one, and that every employee who performed his duties in a proper manner would be always treated with the greatest consideration. (Applause.) It had always been his ambition to become a farmer, and he left the service solely to follow the natural bent of his inclinations. He thanked them for the very tangible proof they had given him of their esteem, and he would always regard it as one of his most treasured possessions. He wished the firm and employees every success. (Applause.)

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by the Chairman, Messrs R. Turnbull, G. Beck, W. Edwards, J. S. Earnshaw, W. A. Walker, W. Robinson, and Mr. Thos. Nixon. Messrs T. Nixon, W. Thompson, and R. Thompson, kindly officiated as orchestra.

The healths of the Chairman, Mr. Lisle, and the vice-chairman, were enthusiastically drunk, and responded to in suitable terms.

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