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Births.

...PSON.—Old Police Station, 70, Front ...eet, Consett, on 12th inst., the wife of ...ward Thompson, of a son.

Marriages.

...ES — RICHARDSON.—Leeds, Congrega... ...al Church, on 7th inst., by the Rev Mr ...n. Robert Barnes, of Leeds, to Miss ...therine Richardson, of Consett.
...R—SPENCER.—On the 9th inst., at St. ...n's Church, Whorlton, in the Parish of ...wburn, by the Rev. W. Spencer, vicar of ...eley (brother of the bride), assisted by ... Rev. Dr. Nowell and Rev. E. R. Dawe, ...liam Cooper, Torquay, to Georgina ...nces, daughter of John Spencer, Whorl... Hall, Northumberland.
...—ELLIOTT.—At Christ Church, Consett, ... the 15th inst., by the Rev M. A. Bennett, ...ward Standly Dodd, of Gateshead, to Jessie ...kirk Elliott, of Consett.
...N — STEGGALL. — At St. Cuthbert's ...rch, Benfieldside, on August 15th, by the ... G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., assisted by the ... A. R. Steggall, M.A. (brother of the ...de), Gertrude Elizabeth Steggall, eldest ...ghter of the late Rev. Frederick Steggall, ...he Rev. Christopher S. Wilson, M.A.

Deaths.

...SON.—At Lambton Park, on the 9th ..., aged 29 years, Mary Ann (Annie), ...rkson.
...SON.—Hobson Colliery, 15th inst., aged ...years, Mary Ann Harrison.
...—Royal Terrace, Dunedin, New Zealand, ... June 10th, 1899, aged 69, Jane, wife of ...ert Kydd, late of Whickham.
...TON.—West Pelton, William Street (the ...idence of his son, George Oughton), 11th ..., aged 74, John Oughton.
...R.—Annfield Plain, Aug. 10th, aged 21, ...iah Porter.
...R.—Marley Hill Valley, on 13th inst., ...ed Raynor, late of White-le-Head.
...—Swalwell, on 14th inst., aged 63, Mar... ...t Smith.
...—On August 10th, accidentally drowned ...altburn, Elizabeth Spinks, aged 22 years, ...ghter of Edward Spinks, late of Burnop...
...N.—On Aug. 9th, at Victoria Terrace, ...thgate, aged 73 years, Mary Simpson.
...—4, Blythe Street, Chopwell, on 11th ..., aged 8 months, Kate Varty.
...—Rookhope, on 12th inst., Thomas Ward.

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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

EPPLETON v. CRAGHEAD.

Played at Eppleton, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

CRAGHEAD.

J. Peel b Dolphin	2
H. Stevenson b Newsome	16
W. Railton b Marshall	18
S. Evans c Charlton b Dolphin	1
F. Horne b Dolphin	0
G. Potts c Milburn b Marshall	33
W. Faulkner b Sharp	30
R. Holmes c Milburn b Dolphin	0
H. Moorhouse b Sharp	9
N. Sheraton not out	8
H. Walker b Sharp	0
Extras	5
Total	122

EPPLETON.

Rev R. Hindle retired	50
A. Newsome c and b Evans	40
J. Cummings b Evans	0
Sharp c Peele b Evans	34
J. Charlton not out	43
J. Whitfield b Railton	0
J. Marshall not out	5
Extras	10
Total (for five wickets)	182

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. SUNDERLAND.

On Saturday, Sunderland were the visitors to Chester-le-Street and, as we mentioned last week, the game was set aside for the benefit of Coyle. Owing to the wet weather, a start could not be made until four o'clock, and this materially affected the gate, although there was a fairly large number present. Sunderland won the toss and sent in A. Burn and B. Mewburn to open the innings. Off Coyle's second ball Newburn got a two hit and Burn got a boundary off the pro. When 15 was reached J. K. Bewick brought off a splendid one-handed catch, dismissing Burn. Dowson filled the vacancy, and played very carefully. With the total still at 15 Child clean bowled Mewburn. Nixon came to the wickets and at once commenced hitting, getting boundary after boundary off each bowler. At 35 Dowson played a ball from Coyle on to his wicket and Pickersgill filled the vacancy. Nixon had now got himself thoroughly set and was knocking the home bowlers' deliveries all over the field. At 46 Jim Bewick replaced Coyle. In one over Nixon got four 4's off Child. Pickersgill, who had been caught by Crichton off Child, was replaced by H. Marshall, but the latter after getting ten was bowled by Jim Bewick. W. S. Tate, his successor, was clean bowled first ball by Jim Bewick. Shortly after, Hope, who had replaced Tate, was splendidly caught by Walker off Jim Bewick. Soon after this Robson clean bowled Nixon, who had put on a magnificent 76 without hardly ever giving a chance. Nothing more of note was done and the innings closed for 137. Chester-le-Street made a bad start, losing J. K. Bewick when he had only eight runs to his credit, the total being 18. Halliday who had accompanied J. K. Bewick to the wickets was then partnered by H. P. Child and 17 runs were added before the latter was clean bowled by Nixon. Robson occupied the vacant place, but Hope caught him behind the wicket off Nixon before he had scored. When Jim Bewick joined Halliday runs came faster, 50 soon appearing on the telegraph board. The total gradually crept up to until 93 was reached when the light became so bad that the umpires decided to draw stumps, the game thus ending in a draw. Score:—

SUNDERLAND.

A. Burn c J. K. Bewick b Coyle	4
B. Mewburn b Child	9
J. Dowson b Coyle	1
Nixon b Robson	76
F. Pickersgill c Crichton b Child	2
H. K. S. Marshall b J. Bewick	10
W. S. Tate c Hutchinson b J. Bewick	0
J. Hope c Walker b J. Bewick	0
H. Ridpath lbw b Child	14
H. Tate not out	11
T. Shearman b Walker	0
Extras	10
Total	137

CHESTER-LE-STREET

J. K. Bewick b Burn	8
G. Halliday not out	43
H. P. Child b Nixon	1
G. Robson c Hope b Nixon	0
Jas. Bewick not out	32
Coyle did not bat	
D. G. Crichton did notbat	
E. F. Hutchinson did not bat	
T. L. Gray did not bat	
R. Walker did not bat	
F. Taylor did not bat	
Extras	9
Total (for 3 wickets)	93

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

CRAGHEAD II. v. EPPLETON II.

Played at Craghead, and resulted in an easy win for the home side. Scores:—

EPPLETON.

R. Nichol c Foster b Marshall	5
W. Harker c Strain b Marshall	0
R. Hindle c Foster b Marshall	8
T. Fife b Strachan	9
J. Tickling run out	1
G. Shaw not out	36
F. Hodgson b Strachan	0
J. Harker c Mills b Marshall	1
W. Meggs c Hann b Marshall	13
W. Wood l.b.w. b Marshall	1
W. Crosby c W. Scott b Dr. Fox	2
Extras	8
Total	84

CRAGHEAD.

W. Wilkinson lbw b Fife	0
J. Foster c Fife b Shaw	26
J. Hunter hit wicket	2
Dr. S. J. B. Fox b Nichol	18
R. Hann c Harker b Nichol	6
J. Johnson not out	15
T. Strachan b Nichol	0
W. Scott not out	6
R. Gill to bat	
C. Mills to bat	
M. Marshall to bat	
Extras	13
Total (for six wickets)	86

CONSETT II. v. TUDHOE II.

Played at Tudhoe on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Score:—

CONSETT.

G. Hamilton b A. Bell	48
W. Richards lbw b W. Rivers	20
T. Taylor c Rivers b A. Bell	1
D. Davis b A. Bell	24
B. Pattison b J. Bell	10
J. Eltringham b Laidler	31
T. Gaughan not out	24
W. Leybourne b Rivers	15
W. Raw b McCreery	0
T. Johnson b Rivers	0
A. Simpson b Rivers	0
Extras	8
Total	181

TUDHOE.

A. Hutchison b Davis	32
W. Rivers b Hamilton	3
R. Lowrie c Pattison b Hamilton	5
J. Laidler b Hamilton	10
F. Jackson b Hamilton	0
J. Bell run out	2
R. Hutchison b Hamilton	0
H. McCreery b Hamilton	0
R. Laidler not out	22
A. Cottrel c Gaughan b Davis	2
R. Salisbury c Davis b Hamilton	0
Extras	6
Total	82

SOUTHILL v. SOUTH MOOR.

At Southill, the home side winning easily. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.

J. E. Fairley b Stevens	4
T. Tindale b Hinde	18
T. Welsh c Forster b Hinde	14
W. Copeland b Stevens	20
J. Vivian b Hinde	4
W. Dodds b Stevens	0
W. Robinson b Hinde	16
J. Fairley b Stevens	1
G. Purdy b Stevens	0
W. Raine not out	1
W. Fawcett c Wood b Hinde	0
Extras	6
Total	84

SOUTHILL.

L. E. Wood c Fairley b Copeland	3
S. Hill b Purdy	3
Canon Firth b Purdy	8
E. L. Wheeler not out	59
A. Hinde b Copeland	13
H. Dennis b Purdy	10
W. Bambrough b Copeland	0
F. Forster not out	12
Stevens did not bat	
C. F. Forster did not bat	
J. Adams did not bat	
Extras	13
Total (for six wickets)	121

GREENSIDE v. NEWCASTLE WESTGATE.

Played at Greenside, on Saturday, and ended in a draw. Score:—

GREENSIDE.

H. Brown b Haselhurst	16
J. Fewster c Rule b Haselhurst	27
G. Raisbeck b Calder	3
R. W. Clark b May	21
T. Armstrong b Jeffrey	27
G. Raisbeck st Errington b May	0
W. Nesbitt b Jeffrey	11
J. Fellis c Errington b Calder	4
C. Fewster st Errington b Jeffrey	4
T. Fewster not out	0
G. Forster c Haselhurst b Calder	3
Extras	2
Total	128

WESTGATE.

H. Jeffrey c G. Raisbeck b Clark	41
J. May run out	15
W. Ridley b Armstrong	8
J. Calder b G. Raisbeck	13
P. Haselhurst c G. Raisbeck b Armstrong	0
H. Rule not out	12
J. Aitchison b Armstrong	1
R. Errington c and b Armstrong	1
R. Rule did not bat	
J. Pearson did not bat	
R. Laing did not bat	
Extras	7
Total (for seven wickets)	98

WHICKHAM v. GATESHEAD FELL.

Whickham were unfortunately prevented from fulfilling their engagement with Gateshead Fell owing to their inability to raise a team. Word to this effect was sent to the Gateshead club during the week.

SPEN.

THE WRONG MAN.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, George Cranson was called upon to answer a summons charging him with being drunk and disorderly at Spen, on the 30th ult.—The accused pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Featherstone stated that at 9 p.m., on the date named, he was on duty at Spen, where he saw two men who were drunk. One of them gave the name of Cranson, which turned out to be a false name.—Supt. Rutherford (to witness): Is that the man you wanted to summons?—Witness: No.—Supt. Rutherford (to defendant): What have you lost?—Defendant: My day's work.—Supt. Rutherford: The constable will have to pay it.—The accused then left the dock.

NORTH DURHAM LEAGUE.

BURNHOPE v. BURNOPFIELD.

There was a large attendance on the Burnopfield enclosure to witness a league fixture between the above teams. Both teams of late have been playing exceptionally well, and are running a good race for superiority in the North Durham League. The wicket was in good condition, considering the rain which had fallen for a couple of hours before the match commenced. The Burnopfield captain winning the toss elected to bat, and sent in Wood and Reay, the attack being shared by Robinson and Newton. Runs came at a rapid rate, both batsmen hitting freely, and before a separation was effected 38 was registered on the telegraph board. Robson joined Wood, who still punished the bowling, to the admiration of the large number of spectators present, until Heckels, who had gone on in place of Newton, very soon disturbed Robson's wicket with his score standing at 8. Brewis now partnered Wood, who had played good cricket since the commencement. However, the pair attempting to sneak a short run, Newton returned the ball to Heckels, who smartly disarranged Wood's wicket and ran him out. Bell, now came to the rescue, when some more hard hitting was indulged in, the newcomer running up his score to 33, when Robinson caught him in the country. Weedy, who came next, was not destined for a long stay, as he was clean bowled by T. Dyson, who had taken the leather at Robinson's end. G. Robson came next, and only troubling the scorers with a single ere Newton had scattered his sticks. Morris now partnered Brewis, but after adding another half-dozen to the score, the new-comer was clean bowled by Robinson. J. Mason now handled the willow to partner Brewis, who had played a good innings, and was the next to succumb to one of Newton's deliveries after making 23. McIntosh now partnered Mason, but the partnership was only of short duration, Mason only troubling the scorers with a single. G. Wilkinson joined McIntosh next, and after one over had been completed the Burnopfield captain declared with the score at 138 for the loss of nine wickets.

After the usual interval the game was resumed. T. Dyson and J. Newton were deputed to open the innings to the attack of Morris and Bell. Runs came slowly at the commencement, owing to the light only being moderate. However, before Bell disarranged Newton's wicket, 28 runs had been made towards rubbing off the good aggregate of the Burnopfield team. Heckels now partnered Dyson, which was, however, soon cut short by Bell bowling Tom after making 15 as his share of the total. J. Robinson now came to the rescue, and the pair settled down to the hard task set before them, and after some very cautious play began to hit out freely, running up the score at a rapid rate until Heckels was dismissed by Bell after making a useful 31. J. Dyson now joined Joe, and then the spectators were treated to some hard hitting, the pair very soon passed the century. Time was now the only chance for the Burnopfield men to make a draw. However, both batsmen continued to punish the bowling with severity, passing the Burnopfield total with 20 minutes to spare, Robinson being not out 43, and J. Dyson not out 35 thus defeating Burnopfield with three wickets down. Scores:—

BURNOPFIELD.

H. C. Wood run out	29
W. Reay b Robinson	18
T. Robson b Heckels	8
R. Brewis b Newton	23
G. Bell c Robinson b T. Dyson	33
J. Weedy b T. Dyson	7
G. Robson b Newton	1
E. Morris b Robinson	6
J. Mason b Newton	1
W. McIntosh not out	6
G. Wilkinson	1
Extras	5
Total	138

BURNHOPE.

J. Newton b Bell	9
T. Dyson b Bell	15
A. Heckels b Bell	31
J. Robinson not out	43
J. Dyson not out	35
J. R. Ritson did not bat	
J. W. Moffatt did not bat	
Hy. Knowles did not bat	
W. Summerbell did not bat	
M. Heslop did not bat	
W. Liddle did not bat	
Extras	16
Total	149

RYTON CONGREGATIONAL v. BENWELL HILL 2ND.

Played at Ryton, an interesting encounter ending in favour of the visitors by eight runs. Score:—

RYTON.

Hindmarch run out	3
Henderson b Mitford	9
Pearson b Nicholson	11
Humble not out	27
Cowings c and b Mitford	6
Westgarth b Nicholson	0
Hudson b Hughes	3
Ilwes b Hughes	0
Graham c and b Hughes	1
Sowerby b Mitford	0
Clark b Mitford	3
Extras	5
Total	68

BENWELL HILL.

Jackson c Humble b Hindmarch	29
Nicholson lbw b Cowings	6
Hebron b Hindmarch	1
Mitford b Cowings	0
Bullock b Hindmarch	3
Hughes c Humble b Cowings	4
Leathard b Hindmarch	17
Arkle b Clark	6
Gray b Hindmarch	0
Murray lbw b Clark	3
Smith not out	0
Extras	7
Total	76

CRICKET NOTES.

By "L.B.W."

CHESTER HAVE HARD LUCK.

Could there be anything more disheartening to a pro. than to find his benefit match almost completely spoilt by rain? This was what Coyle experienced on Saturday last. Fortunately the rain ceased about four o'clock, and a start was then made. Considering the state of the weather, the attendance was very satisfactory, and I believe there was a good sale of tickets. Sunderland, who went in first, batted about an hour-and-three-quarters, during which time they scored 137 runs, out of which Nixon contributed 76. Davie Crichton made a welcome re-appearance, and fielded splendidly, as also did G. Halliday. Chester-le-Street tried six bowlers, whose figures were as follows:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Coyle	8	3	26	2
Child	8	0	40	3
Jas. Bewick	5	0	25	3
J. K. Bewick	2	0	16	0
G. Robson	4	0	18	1
R. Walker	1.5	0	2	1

J. K. Bewick went out very quickly, Burn clean bowling him when he had only scored eight runs. Child had to be content with one, while Robson got a "duck." When Halliday and Jim Bewick got together, the runs began to come more briskly, and they had carried the total up to 93 when the light became so very bad that stumps had to be drawn, the game ending in a draw very much in favour of Chester-le-Street. The following shows how the Sunderland trundlers were treated:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
A. Burn	13	5	20	1
Nixon	11	2	38	2
Shearman	4	1	12	0
Pickersgill	1	0	14	0

SOUTH MOOR DEFEATED.

There are but few teams that can boast of taking down South Hill on their own ground, and the South Moorites—well as they have been playing this season—found themselves unable to accomplish this task on Saturday. Mr. C. F. Forster had, as usual, got a good team together, and the visitors, although they made a decent show, had to submit to the inevitable. Going in first, South Moor effected a promising commencement, Tindale (18), Welsh (14), and Copeland (20) all batting nicely against some good bowling. However, only Robinson (16) of the remainder did anything of note, and the venture closed for 84. Hinde and Stevens shared the wickets equally between them. The home men made a very poor start, Woods, Hill, and Canon Firth being all disposed of without much difficulty. Then, however, Wheeler and Hinde (13) made a useful stand, whilst later on Dennis (10) and F. Foster (12) materially assisted Wheeler, who was batting in fine style, and South Hill have to thank this batsman chiefly for their success. When stumps were pulled up the home team had put on 121 for the loss of six wickets, Wheeler's share of this number being a well-played not out innings of 59. Copeland and Purdy were the successful trundlers on the visiting side, each of them capturing three wickets.

A DRAW AT GREENSIDE.

There was some capital cricket in the game between Greenside and Newcastle Westgate on Saturday, which was played on the former's ground. There was a strong flavour of Elswick Works about the visiting side, what with Jeffrey, May, Ridley, etc. Greenside went in first, and ran up the excellent total of 128. J. Fewster and Armstrong each displayed good form for 27 apiece, whilst that consistent player, Clark, contributed a useful 21. Then Brown had 16 to his credit and Nesbitt 11, whilst "Extras" chipped in with a dozen. Jeffrey and May were deputed to open the Westgate response, and both proved to be in fine trim. May was unfortunately run out after making 15, but Jeffrey was not sent back until he had run up an admirable 41. Calder claimed 13, and H. Rule 12 (not out), the score at the finish being 98 for seven wickets, so that the draw was a fairly even one. Armstrong followed up his good batting by annexing the bowling honours, the best work in this department on the visitors behalf being accomplished by Jeffrey and Calder.

A GAME ABANDONED.

It was unfortunate for the Consett and District club that rain caused the abandonment of their fixture with Tudhoe at Blackfine on Saturday, as this was their last Senior League engagement of the season, and not only was a good "gate" expected, but it was hoped that Consett would finish up their league games with a victory. However, when the respective teams arrived on the ground, rain began to fall, and after waiting for an hour-and-a-half with no signs of the weather improving, it was reluctantly agreed to abandon the game.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

Mr. Frank Blackley, secretary of the Inns of Court Hotel, Limited, London, writes me as follows:—Sir,—Owing to the numerous applications to be present on the occasion of the Australian Eleven "farewell" dinner here on the 7th September, and my inability to answer all inquiries, will you please allow me to say through your columns that the gathering is a private one, and that there are no tickets for sale.

MEDOMSLEY DISAPPOINTED.

Medomsley were anticipating a visit from Cornsay on Saturday as likely to provide them with another victory in the Challenge Cup Competition. In spite of the dismal weather the Medomsley men were on the field ready for play, but no opponents turned up. About four o'clock a telegram was received which had been despatched from Lanchester, and which contained the information that the Cornsay men had got two miles beyond Lanchester and then turned back, owing to the state of the weather. Having got so far on the road they might as well have continued their journey to Medomsley. It would not have taken them much longer, and would have looked more sportsmanlike. I admit that the weather was scarcely suitable for cricket, but this notwithstanding the Tudhoe men made the lengthy journey from that place to Consett and then got no play.

CONSETT 2ND TO THE FRONT.

There is no stopping the victorious Consett 2nd team just now, and their improved form has certainly been one of the features of the season. Last year they could hardly win a match, and this they are performing in entirely opposite fashion. It must be satisfactory to the supporters of the club to find the second string playing in such splendid style, as it means the reinforcement of the senior team at no distant date by some sterling players. The Consettonians were at Tudhoe on Saturday, and they made short work of the home lot, winning in easy fashion by nearly 100 runs. That promising batsman, Geo. Hamilton hit up a capital 48, Eltringham coming second with 31. Then Davies and Gaughan found the bowling so much to their liking that they rattled up 24 apiece (the latter being not out), whilst Richards made 20 and Leybourne 15, the full total being 181. And this with anything but a representative team. The Tudhoe men found the task set them far more difficult than they could manage, and Hamilton and Davis dismissed them for 82. A. Hutchinson was top scorer with 32, whilst R. Laidler carried out his bat for 22, and J. Laidler put on 10, this trio scoring nearly all the runs. Hamilton bowled exceedingly well, and will next season probably be permanently drafted into the first team. He is a cricketer distinctly above the average.

The Gloucestershire team—thanks to a very fine innings of 135 not out by Charlie Townsend—made a good fight of their return match at Cheltenham with the Australians. When the second innings of Gloucestershire closed for 300, the Australians were left with 276 to get to win and hardly time to get them. They did not try to do it, nothwithstanding they lost five wickets for 76, and Gloucester looked to have a good chance, but Darling and Iredale then became partners and defied the bowling, raising the score to 175 without further loss, Iredale (not out) 54 and Darling (not out) 41 both playing fine cricket.

BURNOPFIELD APPLY THE CLOSURE AND LOSE.

There was some remarkable cricket witnessed in the game between Burnhope and Burnopfield on Saturday, in a North Durham League match on the latter's ground. Tall scoring was indulged in by both sides, but the honours of the day clearly belong to the visitors. It is but seldom in local cricket circles that a team puts the closure into force and then loses, but this happened in the above game on Saturday. Burnhope gave a rare display of resolute batting, and had the satisfaction of pulling off an unexpected victory—that is, of course, after the home men had declared. I am glad to see that Burnhope can still place a team in the field capable of upholding the reputation of the club, and also that they occupy a prominent position in the North Durham League. On last week's form they would take a lot of beating by any of their opponents. Burnopfield also gave a good batting display, and it was rather rough upon them to have to submit to defeat when they had counted upon a win, or, at the worst, a draw. However, the visitors were determined to win if possible, and this they accomplished in decisive fashion.

And now a few details about the game. The home team batted first, and Reay took in H. C. Wood with him to commence the run-getting. Both men proved to be in good form, Wood playing well for 29 when he had the ill-luck to be run out, whilst the skipper put on a useful 18. Bell was again in capital trim, hitting hard for his 33, and Brewis played well for 10 less. These, with other minor scores, took the total to 138 for nine wickets, when the innings was closed. The visitors were thus set a very severe task, but they entered upon it in promising fashion, T. Dyson and Newton registered 28 for the first wicket, when the latter was dismissed for nine. Bell also accounted for Dyson after he had put on 15. Heckels made a great effort for his side, and was not disposed of until he had knocked up an excellent 31. Then came the partnership of the day between Robinson and J. Dyson, who were in tremendous form. Do as they would the home men could not separate this pair, who hit out in splendid style. The century was safely reached, and the Burnopfield total passed with 20 minutes to spare. Robinson took out his bat for 43, whilst his partner had 35 to his credit, and both men are to be warmly congratulated upon their grand display. It was a truly wonderful finish.

A FINE SHOW BY SHOTLEY.

Shotley Bridge travelled to Heaton on Saturday, with only nine men, and gave a splendid exhibition. The home captain won the toss and took advantage of a perfect wicket, and made good use of the same, compiling the respectable total of 131 for five wickets, when the venture was declared closed. Shotley had one hour-and-a-quarter to knock off the runs, which seemed an impossibility in so short a time; but this feat was almost accomplished. Robson sent the two "subs." in first, but they were both dismissed before they had scored. Then the great partnership of the day came, Lynn and Smail coming together and defying all the bowling for an hour-and-a-quarter, and they were still not out with 66 and 50 respectively at the close. The score with a few byes, brought up the total to 122 for two wickets, therefore Shotley had the advantage of the draw. Great credit is due to these batsmen for the plucky game they played. Lynn especially played a great game, and Smail was not far behind, his cutting being strong and well timed. The game will rank as one of the best Shotley has ever played. I may add that the game was an enjoyable one.

ANOTHER WIN FOR CRAGHEAD 2ND.

The Craghead second team added another to their lengthy list of successes on Saturday, when they comfortably disposed of Eppleton 2nd. The visitors went in first, and made a very respectable show, putting together a total of 84. The chief contributor was Shaw, who carried out his bat for a well-played 36. He received the most useful assistance from Meggs (13), Fife, and Hindle. Marshall bowled successfully for the home team. Craghead did not commence too well, but good batting by Foster (26), Dr. Fox (18), and Johnson (15 not out) enabled them to pass the Eppleton score for the loss of six wickets.

MEMS.

The rain robbed Consett of a game and gate on Saturday.

The weather notwithstanding Tudhoe pluckily turned up.

And were disappointed at no game being played.

Shotley Bridge accomplished one of the best feats in their history at Heaton on Saturday.

They had to travel with only nine men, but picked up a couple of "subs."

Heaton proved to be in a very run-getting mood, and knocked up 131 for the loss of half their wickets.

When they applied the closure.

Only about 80 minutes remained for play.

Robson put in the two "subs," but neither of them proved to be a Grace or a Hayward.

Lynn and Smail were next associated, and effected a splendid stand.

In fact, a grand stand.

Lynn rattled up 66 and his partner 50.

They would have pulled off the game in another five minutes.

As it was, the total was 122 for only two wickets when stumps were drawn.

It was a really fine performance on the part of Lynn and Smail.

The visitors deserved to win after getting so close.

Heaton began to quake towards the finish.

Burnopfield also applied the closure on Saturday.

And afterwards wished they hadn't.

Their victors (Burnhope) gave a delightful display of resolute hitting.

The victory was principally due to the efforts of Robinson, J. Dyson, and Heckels.

It was a real surprise win.

Burnopfield probably never dreamt of defeat.

After applying the closure.

Bell, Brewis, Wood, and Reay all batted well.

After being set 139 to get to win it was a big feat for the visitors to secure them for the loss of only three men.

Bell was the only Burnopfield bowler that bothered the winners.

Chester had hard lines on Saturday.

They would have beaten Sunderland comfortably had time permitted.

And thus brought off the double event.

Nixon gave a fine display with the willow for the Wearsiders.

But for the pro, they would have fared badly.

The crack bats signally failed.

Coyle, Child, and Jim Bewick bowled well.

Chester made a bad start.

But Halliday (43) and Jim Bewick (32) retrieved the fortunes of their side.

Being both not out at the close.

Chester only wanted 45 for victory, and had seven wickets to fall.

For a wonder, Robson failed to score.

The citizens visit South Hill on Saturday.

For the return game.

Mr. Forster is sure to have a warm team to meet them.

With a view to rubbing out that awful licking of a few weeks since.

Consett 2nd are simply in marvellous form.

They don't seem as if they can lose a game.

George Hamilton is a player of more than average promise.

Tudhoe 2nd were easily worsted.

Although Consett had only a moderate team.

The exceptional success of the second eleven somewhat atones for the disappointing record of the first.

Consett Athletic brought off a surprise at Leadgate on Saturday.

It was never expected that they would beat the Temperance.

Leadgate Park made a good show at Tow Law.

They had rather the best of the drawn game.

I am sorry to hear that Jimmy Snowdon (the veteran cricketer) met with a serious accident on Sunday week.

A cyclist ran into him, with the result that he was severely injured.

He was unconscious for two or three days.

I am pleased to learn that later reports are of a more favourable nature.

FOOTBALL.

HAMSTEELS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the Hamsteels Colliery Inn, Quebec, Mr Thos. Lowdon (the president) occupying the chair. A good number of members were present. The undermentioned officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr Thos. Lowdon; vice-presidents, Colonel Ed. Leadbitter Smith, J.P., C.C.; Mr. J. D. Piercey Taylor-Smith, Mr J. B. Johnson, Mr W. Jones, Mr S. Tate, Mr James Todd, Rev. F. G. Wesley, M. A., Rev. J. Dent, Rev. Sam. Harris, Dr. Kirkland, Dr. McIntosh, Police-Sergeant J. Gillespie, Messrs J. Bowes, J. Coates, T. Coates, M. Golightly, J. Marley, J. Orston, W. Suddes, E. Taylor, E. Towns, W. Wall, J. Wallis, and T. Waugh; captain, first team, Mr H. Gibbon; vice-captain, Mr J. McRae; captain, second team, Mr T. Hutton; vice-captain, Mr Jos. Sieghorn; hon. secretary, treasurer, and county representative, Mr J. B. Johnson; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr E. McDonald; committee, Messrs J. Anderson, T. Ather, J. Carter, G. Collinson, W. Davidson, A. Dodds, R. Gibbon, J. Hasson, J. Laykin, and E. Wilson. It was decided to again enter the Durham Senior and Second Teams Challenge Cup competitions. The secretary announced that fixtures had been arranged with Tudhoe, Westoe, South Shields, Durham City, Tyne Dock, Houghton, Hartlepool Old Boys, North Durham, and Sleetburn.

Robson United have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up at once; ages 16 to 18—Apply, R. W. Hallam, 50, Front Street, Robson, Burnopfield.

Two Lane Juniors are in want of fixtures; ages 16 to 18—Apply, Geo. Hindmarch, East King, Annfield Plain.

CHARITY COMMISSIONERS' INQUIRY AT ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

On Thursday, Mr. Deputy Commissioner G. B. M. Coore held a public inquiry in the Barrington School, into the local bequests, etc., within the County Council's province. The ecclesiastical ones were presented by the vicars of Hethary Cleugh and St. John's (the Revs. Geo. Monkhouse and R. Sheppard), and other small bequests were examined into controlled by the Parish Council, for whom Mr. Freeman, Westgate, and Mr. Pentland, Ireshopeburn, appeared. His Honour then said they now came to the much-vexed question of the St. John's Town Hall and public property control—(hear, hear, and laughter)—for which the Charity Commissioners, after an inquiry and voluminous correspondence, had drafted a scheme for the electing of trustees representing the three parishes of St. John's, Hethary Cleugh, and Westgate—(hear, hear)—hitherto excluded, and he would like to hear anything on the working of it.

The Vicar: We want to know who the green and Market-place belongs to, and who has a right to look after it, as I have had to pay for getting rubbish left by tramps and strangers cleared away. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Pentland: Yes, that is so. It looks absurd for showmen to pitch their tents on the green and walk away next morning without asking, or rather being asked for a cent., leaving their refuse for the inhabitants to clean away, while in other similar places they rightly have to pay toll. It was unfair for vendors of goods and cheap Jacks to just set up where they like and do as the like with the green, and no one to say "Why doest thou this?" (Hear, hear.)

His Honour: I see the green has been given by charter (addressing Mr. J. Teasdale and Mr. J. Fleming, who appeared for the St. John's trustees). Have you the charter?

Mr. Teasdale: Yes, sir.

Well, where is it?

I have it at home, and will go round and get it.

Thank you, do.

The charter was brought in a unique box, embossed with the regalia of the Crown in medieval style, and excited the liveliest interest as His Honour read the ancient looking document, in good preservation, which showed it was granted to "Geo. Crawhall, Newhouse, and J. Beck, miller, Cowshill, for half-yearly fairs and weekly markets for the use of the inhabitants, with powers to levy tolls." (Those present: There it is distinctly.)

Mr. Pentland: Your Honour, have the Charity Commissioners ever had the charter?

His Honour: No, but I shall keep it and take it with me. (Hear, hear, and "That's right.")

Mr. Pentland: Has anyone in the room ever seen this before? (No answer.)

Mr. Freeman: I'm a member of the trust the same as Mr. Teasdale, and I have never seen it.

Mr. Teasdale: You never asked for it.

The Vicar: He never told me a word all these years that I've been complaining about the charter.

Mr. Teasdale: Neither of you have aught to do with it.

Mr. Pentland: We have no desire to take it out of the hands of the trustees, but if the Commissioners had had it when framing their scheme it would have shown the absurdity of trying to shut out Hethary Cleugh from the public property when "J. Beck, miller, Cowshill," was one of the charter-holders, "with their heirs and assessors." He would like to know if either Mr. Teasdale or Mr. Fleming belonged either the Crawhalls or Beck family named, that they should withhold the documents from the public all these years, causing endless strife.

Mr. Henry Featherstone, D.C., said everyone knew there was one. (A voice: "On hearsay.")

His Honour said he did not wish to create animus, but he thought merely as an observer that they had power to levy toll and abate any nuisance, and let those who refused defend their action. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Freeman said they had a show shortly, and wanted to know, and as the public could only exact what was right through the trustees he hoped it would be done.

His Honour promised to convey these wishes to the Commissioners, and he was glad his coming would probably clear up this matter permanently and adjust it.

After hearty votes of thanks to the Commissioner, and as the meeting was dispersing,

Mr. Wilkinson, Gateshead, said he hoped to see the charter of his native place preserved, framed, and hung up in the Town Hall beside the other tablet to show Weardale and the public what were their rights.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR FARMERS.—We have received a circular from the Education Department of the Durham County Council announcing a six weeks' course of instruction to young farmers and others interested in agriculture, commencing on 30th October, next, at the Durham College of Science, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The course is designed to meet the practical requirements of farmers, and it is calculated to be of immense benefit to those seeking reliable knowledge on the most approved and profitable methods of manuring, cropping, breeding, &c. The County Council is offering 10 free scholarships to the course, and each of these will include college fees and a payment to the holder of the scholarship of £1 a week towards the cost of board and lodging in Newcastle during the six weeks over which the instruction will extend. The scholarships are to be awarded to those applicants considered by the Education Committee to be most eligible. We understand that further particulars of the course and forms on which to apply for these scholarships may be obtained from the County Education Secretary at Durham.

HALLO, OLD MAN, WALKING without your stick! I thought you were crippled with rheumatic pains! So I was, until I went to PATRICK, CHEMIST, Front Street, Consett, who gave me some Liniment and Medicine, and soon sent me to work again. 370a.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING SEASON.

(By "Off-side.")

Really it seems but a very short time since we cast the big ball on one side, but yet the end of next week will find us as busy and keen at the old game as ever. From what I can gather the various players and their supporters are anticipating the commencement of the season with real pleasure. Somehow or other cricket does not seem to go down very well in our district—more's the pity—and not once, but several times whilst visiting different cricket grounds this season, I have heard many of the spectators wishing that the football campaign was once more under weigh. In dealing with the prospects of our local clubs for next season, I am sorry indeed to state that two old and esteemed organisations have dropped out of the running—to wit, Dipton Wanderers and Leadgate Exiles. I remember when, some seven or eight years ago, these teams were at their best, what rousing games they used to provide us with when they met. Those were the days when Dipton could boast of such sterling players as Arthur Tuson, Jimmy and Tucker Walker, Bob Freek, Billy Smith Bowes, Gilliard, Crozier, Teddy Buck, and others, whilst prominent in the "greens" ranks were Callaghan, Willie and Jimmy McGee, Monaghan, Haggan, W. Costello, C. and P. Quinn, Argyle, Hughes, &c. Both clubs can look back upon a long and honourable career, and I regret exceedingly that we shall know them no more. As usual, at this time of the year, every secretary you drop across is in a sanguine state of mind as to the prospects of his club for next season. He confidentially informs you that he has picked up several new players of worth, and is confident that the ensuing campaign will be the most successful the club has ever experienced. Well, it is good that this is so. Of course, all the bright visions of what will be accomplished do not always come off, but nevertheless I believe in starting out with plenty of confidence. As regards our local leagues, I understand that they are all in a flourishing condition. Several new clubs have joined the Derwent Valley League, but it is a regrettable fact that Lintzford have had to drop out owing to their inability to secure a ground. The "Ford," as they were familiarly termed, possessed one of the finest fields I have ever seen, and I am certainly at a loss to understand why it is that it has not been granted to them this year by the worthy owner, Mr. W. M. Annandale. It will be a severe blow to the popular secretary (Mr. Bell), who was in hopes of getting a more than usually strong team together. Mr. W. Payne has undertaken the work of secretary to the league this season, and he should fulfil the onerous duties pertaining to his position with satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Payne is an enthusiast in the game, and is extremely popular with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. The North-West Durham Alliance this year consists of six of the best clubs in the district, although I regret that Stanley could not see their way clear to join again. However, there promises to be a keen fight for the championship, as all the clubs engaged fancy their chance. Mr. E. Batey will once more act as secretary, and I feel certain that the work will be well done. There has been a large addition to the ranks of the Consett and District Junior League, a second division being run this season, and time alone will prove whether it is a success or not. I am sorry that owing to his removal from the district Mr. Jas. Kelsey had to resign the secretaryship (which he had so ably fulfilled), but it was felt that an able successor had been secured in Mr. Joseph Hamilton. However, I learn that the latter gentleman has had to resign owing to pressure of business, and I understand that an effort is being made to induce Mr. Thos. Allison to take up the duties. Mr. Allison would make a splendid secretary, as he revels in hard work. In conversation with Mr. Bland the other day, he expressed himself in hopeful terms as to the prospects of the Chester-le-Street and District League. As my readers will be aware, Mr. Bland is the secretary of this league, and a more able official it would be difficult to find. Mr. Martin Dodds, the well-known Craghead cricketer, has just been appointed chairman, and he should prove a great success in this position. I have not heard anything concerning the Burnopfield and District League, of which my friend, Mr. W. H. Dawson, has acted as secretary with so much acceptance since it was started. I may say that, as usual, my jottings will appear every week during the season, and we shall endeavour to give as much prominence to the doings of all the clubs as we possibly can. I trust that those friends (whose assistance I value very much) who have helped me in various ways now for so many years will continue to so favour me. We cannot be represented at all the matches, and where this is not the case a report and a few notes will be appreciated. In conclusion I may say that the proprietor of the "Guardian" has made arrangements for the publication in our columns of a series of football articles from the pens of well-known authorities on the game. The first will appear on Sept. 9th, on "The League and the development of the game," by Mr. W. McGregor (founder of the Football League). Then will follow each week—"Footballers I have known," by Mr. A. Reston Bourke (Secretary London Society of Referees); "Football Finances," by Mr. H. Lockett (Secretary to the Football League); "Hunting for men—a secretary's experiences," by Mr. Tom Watson (Secretary Liverpool Club); "The man with the whistle," by Mr. John Lewis, Blackburn; "Village Football," by Mr. J. Pugh (Shropshire and Border Counties Football Association); "The humorous side of football," by Mr. Alfred Martin (Lincolnshire Football Association); "The English Cup—it's history," by Mr. C. W. Alcock (English Football Association.) I think that these various articles will prove interesting to our readers. May I ask those secretaries who have not replied to my circular to do so at the earliest possible moment? And now to say something about what I have gleaned concerning the prospects of our local clubs.

ALLENDALE PARK.

Notwithstanding several defections the champions of the North-West Durham Alliance expect to place as strong a team as ever on the field, and intend to make great efforts to annex both the Tyneside League and the Alliance trophies. Several noted players have promised to assist the Park. Of last season's players, the club will be able to rely upon J. Scott, T. Talbot, M. Walton, H. Hobday, M. Hunter, T. Brown, E. Morris, J. Lynop, and J. Robinson. Then W. Hunter will play during his holidays, an effort is being made to secure the services of a fine half-back, and some local players of good repute have promised to assist. In addition to the leagues mentioned above, the club will take part in the Durham Cup competitions. The Park will greatly miss the loss of Thompson Walton, who has determined to retire from the game. For many seasons Walton has rendered brilliant service to the club at half-back, and he also made an exemplary leader. It will be a difficult matter to fill his place. That useful forward, Trueman, has returned to Hexham, whilst Tommy Winter has thrown in his lot with Consett Swifts. Thus there will be some vacancies to fill up, but the energetic and popular secretary (Mr. W. G. F. Thompson) is confident that this will be done satisfactorily. The same ground as last year (behind the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley) will be used, and the players are now busy training, under the watchful eye of Mr. J. Charlton.

LEADGATE PARK.

After many unsuccessful attempts the Park have at length secured admission to the Northern Alliance, and this will no doubt suit them better than the Northern League. The expense will be less, and they should get better gates. The club have arranged a splendid list of matches, and it is fully expected that the team will come through creditably. Nearly all last season's players will be available, including J. Daly, T. Cartmell, R. and J. Wilson, J. Bowes, B. Cook, G. Milburn, T. Houston, G. Forster, and probably Laidler, whilst former old players in J. Crowther, G. Lock, and S. Thompson will also be at the call of the committee. Others "signed on" include J. Grant (Exiles), W. Landells (Annfield Plain) A. Lown, J. Layton, J. Walton (Hobson), &c. From the above list a good team should be selected. That popular and sterling player, Joe Wilson, will again captain the team, with Jim Bowes (one of the best halves in the district) as his deputy. These two set the rest of the team a good example in the matter of training operations, which are now in full swing. The ground looks in splendid condition, and a big crowd is expected on Sept. 9th, when the Park will meet Newcastle United A. in their first home Alliance game. This will be a pretty warm start for them, as the Newcastle club has been "signing on" men from all over the country. The reserve will also be strong, and will not be much altered from last year, when the team had such a brilliant record. "Tock" Temple has again been appointed captain, with Jack Calvert as lieutenant, and they will have the assistance of W. Walton, A. Aitkin, D. Cartmell, R. Dawson, G. Walton, J. Birtley, W. Crowther, W. G. Robson, M. Robinson, J. Harper, W. Teasdale, C. Todd, &c., from whom a strong eleven should be chosen. The juniors are also in capital spirits, having secured the services of some promising players in addition to the old ones. At a meeting held a short time since it was decided to increase the number of the committee by two, with the result that Dr. Henley and J. Haggerston were elected. Everything points to a successful season for the Park. The club have lost an old and valued player in Jack Willey, who has removed to Scarboro', and will probably assist the seasiders next season. I have learnt just before going to press that the Park have also "signed on" Hymers, the smart Tow Law forward.

LANGLEY PARK WANDERERS.

I regret to hear from Mr. Harry Morland that the above club has collapsed. The team did very well indeed last season, possessing as it did some excellent players, and it seems a pity that it should have become defunct.

STANLEY.

We were enabled to publish last week the list of players "signed on" by the above club for the ensuing season, and a formidable lot they look. Stanley are determined to make a good show in the Alliance, and hope to finish in the first flight. They have lost a fine player in Jimmy Howe, but his place will probably be satisfactorily filled up. Robbins (the well-known Wednesdayite) will be available in goal, with Beckwith and Wood as understudies, whilst a new man in Hutchins, of Sunderland Nomads, and Sam Forster (Annfield Plain) have also signed a form. Redpath and Bell will be missing from the defensive division, but there are no lack of candidates for their positions, W. Lane (Sunderland) is a new back, and there will also be Joyce, Liddle (Hobson), Pearson, and M. Watson to call upon. The halves are nearly all new men, and include Grieves (Sheffield United), Joe Allison (Leadgate Park), Saggerson (late Lincoln City), McKever (Tantobie), and Saunders. In addition to the old forwards, the following have been "signed on":—McGough (Sunderland), Gibson (Shankhouse), J. Parkinson (late Millwall Athletic), McCloup (Dumfries), and Hindbaugh (Tantobie). The secretary (Mr. Charlie Curte) is also in treaty with other players, of whom we shall hear more anon. The club has withdrawn from the North-West Durham Alliance, and have filled up their vacant dates with friendlies. The outlook is certainly very bright, and both players and officials are looking forward to a record season, which I hope may be realised.

CONSETT SWIFTS.

Last season's winners of the Durham Amateur Cup will start the season full of confidence, and are looking forward confidently to an excellent season. The only old player missing from the ranks will be J. Little, who has retired from the game. The new-comers include J. Sheeky, a goalkeeper from Lanarkshire; R. Patterson (back), late of Shotley; T. McGrachan (half), late of Leadgate Exiles; J. Grant, P. Daley, S. Barrass, &c. The chief fixtures will be those at Consett on New Year's Day with Birtley, and Leadgate Park at Consett on March 31st. The game with Stanhope has been arranged for Easter Monday as usual. The players and officials all look forward to this annual outing. The first team will be chosen from the following list:—Goal, W. Graham and J. Sheeky; backs, J. Laidler, Joe Finnigan, R. Charlton, and R. Patterson; halves, R. Wake, W. Atkinson, W. Harrison, T. McGrachan, B. McKie, and J. Rafferty; forwards, B. Rafferty, J. Grant, P. Daley, Jas. Finnigan, J. Turley, J. Morgan, P. Smith, J. Dempsey. The reserve will have choice of the following:—Goal, J. Sheeky and T. Coleman; backs, J. Etringham, J. McArdle, R. Russell; halves, R. Bradley, D. Marshall, P. McNally, Joe Lee, T. Dempsey; forwards, W. Walton, J. Sheldon, J. Hull, T. Boyle, J. E. Sisterson, J. Grayson, W. Reed, A. Frosdick. Bob Wake will again captain the team, with B. McKie as vice. W. Walton and T. Boyle will act in similar capacities for the reserve. The Vicarage Field will again be the scene of operations. Since last season the playing pitch has been widened 10 yards, and the committee are now hard at work re-roping the ground. The senior team will figure in the Tyneside League and North-West Durham Alliance, whilst the reserve are members of the Derwent Valley League. From the above it will be seen that everything augurs well for the approaching campaign. Mr. J. R. Lowes will carry out the secretarial duties in his usual able style, having as assistant Mr. J. McArdle.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC.

The most important development in connection with the Celts is that this season we shall find them performing on a new ground. This is admirably situated close to the railway station, and is convenient in every respect. From what I have seen of it it should turn out to be an excellent enclosure. It has been laid out and fenced at considerable expense, and I trust that the club's supporters will rally round them this season and give the team a fair chance. A foot racing track has also been made. As regards the prospects of the club, all the old players are remaining except A. Moore and S. Forster, the fomer going to Craghead and Forster to West Hartlepool, where he is stationed as a member of the North-Eastern Railway police. The new-comers are R. Potts, late of Ashington, who will fill Forster's place between the sticks; Talbot, late of Allendale, who can play either back or centre forward; F. Murray, who played centre half for South Shields last season; M. Smith (the famous "Mazawattee," of Stanley), who is a half; F. Harle, Gateshead; and Ross and Foreman, forwards from Amble. The team, therefore, will be selected from—Potts (goal), Rowell and McLatchie (backs), M. Smith, Murray, Parker, A. Coyle (halves), R. Forster, Foreman, Talbot, E. Storey, Harle, Gillender, and Landells (forwards.) That popular player, Bobby Forster, will act as captain, with Anty Coyle as his lieutenant. The team will be under the careful supervision of trainer Howe and the secretary, Mr. J. Coyle, who will assist on occasions. Amongst the principal games arranged is one with the Hebburn Argyle first team, who have kindly undertaken to visit the Plain on very reasonable terms, and it is expected and hoped that their visit will draw a record gate. The second team have a number of promising players, and are confident of making a good show in the Derwent Valley League. They will be skippered by W. Herdman, J. Forster acting as vice, and Mr. M. Mason as secretary. I understand that Leadgate Park have promised to open the Celts' new ground on Wednesday night, September 6th, and this game should draw a big crowd. Altogether the Celtic have every reason to look forward to a very successful campaign. Mr. Coyle wishes me to mention that a foot handicap (confined to players and members), to be followed by a grand ball will take place on Saturday first. The handicap commences on the new ground at four o'clock prompt.

BYER MOOR.

The Moor are in the happy position of retaining all the old players who performed so brilliantly last season, carrying off the Charity Cup and becoming joint-holders of the Derwent Valley League championship. They will also have the assistance of I. Adamson and Mat Bell, of Lintzford, whilst E. Morris, who has been playing cricket for Burnopfield, has been "signed on." The principal games will be those in the league, although attractive friendlies have been arranged with Rutherford College Nomads, Tynemouth, and Newcastle College of Science. The team, in the earlier engagements at any rate, will be as nearly as possible identical with that of last season. G. E. Weedy has been appointed captain, with that prolific scorer, E. Leighton, as his deputy. The club would be pleased if they could obtain a new ground, but these are bad to get in and around Byer Moor, and therefore they must perforce stick to their old one. As an encouragement to the team, two well-known gentlemen have offered a set of silver medals to the players if they succeed in winning the championship of the league, and if they don't I feel certain that it will not be the fault of Tom Leighton (the trainer), Messrs Hall and Bennett, or the hard-working and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. W. H. Dawson.

HAMSTERLEY.

The prospects of this young club for the ensuing season are particularly bright. With the exception of one or two all the old players are available. At the same time several new men are expected to turn out. With these the club will make a bold bid for the Derwent Valley (?) League and Charity Cups. A. Anderson again skippers the team, with Dodds as his vice, while Mr. J. E. Taylor again manages the affairs of the club. A good working committee has been chosen. The club is in a good monetary position, and have obtained a new ground. Things are expected to hum in the neighbourhood of Blackhill Mill shortly.

THE FRENCH PRETENDERS NICK-NAME.

In the current number of "To-day," there is a searching article on the personal characteristics of Prince Victor Napoleon. The writer dwells upon the Prince's indisposition to take active measures, and says:

"There must be some explanation for this if one could only find it. Somehow or other Prince Victor is credited by some people with being what we should call a bit of molly-coddle. Philippe of Orleans is dubbed 'Le Gazelle,' an allusion to his attempt to join the army as a humble pioupiou. This is better than 'Madame la Poussette,' the domestic term applied to the subject of this notice. The Royalist Duke blundered in associating his high name with Madame Melba, but that is all over. With the Imperialist Prince, however, the case is different. Marie Biot, an attractive dancer in her day at the Paris Opera, has for many years now shared with unswerving fidelity the existence of the illustrious exile. There are two children, boys, I believe, and they and their mother live together in a separate establishment, under another name. Those who have seen the lady tell me she is of a fine figure, rather inclined to embonpoint, and is about thirty-eight years of age. She has abundant private means. This romantic menage gives a possible clue to the Pretender's inertia."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The New Co-operative Store in Newmarket Street, Consett, is approaching completion.

Progress is also being made with the Science and Art Schools in Park Road, Consett.

The subscriptions for a statue of William Ewart Gladstone in Glasgow now amount to £3,998.

The Admiralty have granted an increase in pay of twopence per day to all men of the Royal Marine forces.

It has been decided to build at once a new barracks at Woking for the accommodation of a complete brigade division of the Royal Field Artillery.

Some members of the West Kent Regiment have been committed for trial on a charge of gravely assaulting a Burmese woman.

The whole of the men employed in Messrs Cammell and Co.'s steel works at Workington have received an advance of 5 per cent. in wages.

A fire which broke out late on Friday night in the stackyard of Mr T. G. Cole, Whitby, did damage to the extent of £300, which is partially covered by insurance.

The Board of Trade annual bankruptcy report, issued on Friday, says there was in 1898 an increase of 258 in the failures. The Hooley case would teach investors useful lessons.

Enteric fever has broken out in the officers' quarters at Hilsea Barracks, Portsmouth, and the officers have gone under canvas. There are fears of the outbreak spreading.

The Princess of Wales is bound for the Continent; once again to visit the members of her family, and to make a pilgrimage with her sister, the Duchess of Cumberland, to Bayreuth.

The skeleton of a man named Richard Winch has been found on the top of a boiler in a Liverpool sugar refining works, apparently having been roasted to death. The unfortunate man was in the habit of sleeping at the place.

London has not yet had a water famine this summer, but lives in constant dread of such a calamity. Ominous reports are being circulated that the East End is within measurable distance of a famine.

George Steere, a Richmond schoolmaster, was bathing at Eastbourne on Friday morning, and suddenly disappeared. When brought ashore life was found to be extinct, death being probably due to failure of the heart's action.

On Saturday night a man named Alfred Dexter, of 6, Campbell Terrace, Seaton Delavel, was admitted into the Newcastle Infirmary suffering from a bullet wound in the leg, accidentally caused by the firing of a gun at a wedding at New Hartley.

At Stranraer on Sunday morning, Thomas Reid, a shoemaker, attacked his wife while in bed with a shoemaker's knife, inflicting such injuries that she is not expected to recover. Reid was immediately arrested. He is believed to be insane.

A curiosity in the way of fruit, shown at the Royal Horticultural Society's exhibition at Westminster this week, opens up extraordinary possibilities. It was sent by Messrs Veitch and Sons, of Chelsea, and was described as a hybrid of the raspberry and blackberry.

Sir William Henry Wills, having intimated his intention to retire from the representation of East Bristol, at the close of the present Parliament, the local Liberal Association has selected Mr C. E. Hobhouse, who represented the Devizes division in 1892, as their candidate.

Early on Sunday morning, the driver of the 4.20 a.m. express train from Hartlepool to Ferryhill found the dead body of a man named George Robinson, aged 66 years, of Station Town, lying on the line, he having apparently been struck down by some previous train.

The richest woman in the Rocky Mountain region is Mrs Susan Emery, of Salt Lake City, who owns many mines. Mrs Emery is no butterfly, but is much given to charity and to the study of solid economic questions, and she was a liberal contributor to the Bryan campaign fund in 1896.

Mr Frederick Rees, sen., deputy superintendent of the mercantile marine office, North Shields, was drowned while bathing at Tynemouth on Sunday. A strong sea was running at the time. Deceased, who was 55, was recently appointed honorary paymaster to the Royal Navy Reserve.

A woman named Elizabeth Wilson was fined 1s., and ordered to pay damages, at the Newcastle Police Court, on Saturday, for having broken three panes of glass with a half brick at the poor relief offices, off Pilgrim Street, on the previous day. She explained to the Bench that she had done the damage because the officer would not give her relief.

Two American ladies have been interviewing the Kaiser and lecturing him on the emancipation of women. The Kaiser responded by saying that he had agreed with his wife: Women's sole business is with the four K's—Kinder, Kirche, Kuche, and Kleider—children, church, kitchen, and clothes. The ladies left with the opinion that women at least would get no change out of the fifth K, the Kaiser.

Supt. Spence, who had the charge of the bones found at the bottom of the well at Tritlington Hall, on Saturday, handed them over to Dr Athur Burmell for examination. Later in the day Dr Burmell sent in a report, which is understood to be to the effect that they were not human bones, but those of animals. A great part of the gruesomeness of the "find" thus disappears.

On Saturday night, Inspector Charlton, of the Newcastle Police Force, found a woman lying dead in the backyard of a house 30, Buckingham Street, at about half past eleven. She was about 45 years of age, and dressed in a black jacket and red blouse, a black straw hat, black stockings, and low shoes. The body was conveyed to the mortuary to await an inquest.

Brancepeth Castle and other places of interest in the vicinity will be visited by the members of the Northern Architectural Association next Saturday. It is announced that the Royal Institute of British Architects Board of Examiners have agreed to make Newcastle a permanent centre for an annual preliminary and intermediate examination in June, if sufficient northern candidates come forward.

A Rhyl correspondent telegraphs that arrangements have been completed for the visit of a strong Kaffir football team, who will tour this country under the auspices of the Orange Free State Football Association. The opening engagement will be with Aston Villa in the first week in September. Over 40 fixtures with the crack combinations in England and Scotland have been arranged. The Kaffir team, who, with reserves, will number 18, are said to be first-class players, with wonderful staying powers.

A lad, 14 years of age, named John Avis, died early on Friday morning at Bridlington from injuries received on Thursday evening near Flamborough. He was cycling on the highway, when he collided with a cow being driven from a field, and was violently thrown on the road. He remounted, and rode home, a distance of seven miles, but on arrival he became unconscious, and died from fracture of the skull. The lad was enjoying his weekly half-holiday.

The Duchess of York, who had worked hard all through the London season, and is not the quiet, phlegmatic Princess many people imagine her, but on the contrary rather highly strung, felt just a little tired after her exertions, and quite relieved to get to Osborne, where she might rest peacefully day after day and see as much of her children as she could wish. Both Duke and Duchess are never weary of the society of their little ones, and at Osborne the Duchess is rarely to be seen without "David," or "Albert," or "Baby" by her side.

On Saturday was witnessed one of the saddest sights it has ever been the lot of the inhabitants of Brandon to see, when the bodies of three of the victims of the late explosion were carried to their last resting-place, viz., R. Bent, W. Carr, and G. Robson. The Brandon Brass Band headed the procession, numbering about 1,000 people, and played the "Dead March." The Rev. W. Wykes was the officiating clergyman, and the service was solemn and impressive. At a special Council meeting of the Durham Miners' Association on Saturday a vote of sympathy was passed with the sufferers of the Durham explosion.

A shocking murder was perpetrated at Whitworth, near Rochdale, on Saturday night. A quarryman, named Michael Dowdle, an old soldier, who had seen active service in South Africa, had for some time lived unhappily with his wife in consequence of his giving way to drink. The woman, who is described as hard-working and respectable, left him a week ago, but on Saturday evening he induced her to return home, and after sending the children of whom there are five, out to play, he killed her instantly by cutting her throat with a newly-sharpened carving knife. Dowdle gave himself up to the police.

We learn, on good authority, says the Newcastle "Daily Chronicle," that the rumour to which we referred in our issue of Saturday, respecting the laying of the foundation stone of the New Infirmary, is not correct. The authorities concerned have not abandoned the hope that her Majesty the Queen may be induced to visit Newcastle for the purpose of performing the ceremony, and they believe that if her Majesty should be unable to attend personally, some member of the Royal Family will undertake the duty.

The Bishop of Hereford has formed a plan for circulating edifying literature amongst farmers and other inhabitants of his rural diocese. Boxes of books are to be distributed; a farmer's wife having charge of a box for three months for the benefit of herself and neighbours; the boxes to be transferred from one centre to another at the end of that period. The Bishop offers a box to any parish in which people will give two more. The boxes are to contain twelve books, of which two are to be devotional or theological, and two fiction. It remains to be seen whether Dr Percival will find it necessary to change his estimate of what is likely to prove acceptable mental food for Herefordshire rural folks.

Captain Howard Blackburn, who left Gloucester, Massachusetts, U.S.A., in a small craft, bound for Gloucester, England, on June 18th, arrived in the river Severn on Friday, and entered Sharpness Docks on Saturday preparatory to sailing up to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal to his destination. Captain Blackburn, who lost his fingers by frost some years ago, navigated the craft of four tons register himself, and reports a lonely voyage. The weather was favourable. He is in good health, but suffering from a stiff knee, caused by his cramped position.

The mining village of Gilmerton, Midlothian, was the scene of a remarkable tragedy on Saturday. A Mrs. Milligan, a widow, kept two lodgers, one a man of 27, known by the name of Alick, and believed to be of German extraction, and a Mrs. Shaw, about 80 years of age. The neighbours had reasons on Saturday to be suspicious, and when they entered the house they found Alick dead on a bed and the two women in a dying condition. On the table near Mrs. Milligan was a letter to the following effect, addressed to a local official:—"I can't stand this any longer. Please leave the blame on Mrs. ——, and don't let her get the things in these if possible.—(Signed) Jane Milligan, August 18, 1899." Mrs. Shaw died a few minutes after discovery, but Mrs. Milligan lived until mid-day. They made no statement before death. The man is said to have been an imbecile. Death in all three cases is attributed to opium poisoning. The tragic occurrence is without any apparent motive, but it is supposed that in a fit of temporary derangement one of the trio administered the poison to the others and then consumed a sufficient quantity of the drug to destroy the life of the perpetrator of the mysterious crime.

THE PRINCE AND THE COSTUME.

"The Major," writing in "To-Day," says: "The Prince of Wales appeared at Goodwood in a dark lounge suit and a grey bowler hat with a black band. Everyone remarked upon the absence of the regulation frock coat and silk hat, a style that many of the older racing men seem determined to retain as long as possible. I have no doubt that next year many men who have hitherto been in the habit of going to Goodwood in a silk hat and frock coat will discard them for more comfortable clothes. The other day a correspondent asked me how he should dress for Goodwood, and I told him to go in a silk hat and frock coat; that correspondent will know now that next year he can go in a lounge suit and a bowler or a straw hat. The Prince has earned the gratitude of every sensible man for introducing this welcome change, but if there is a man who infers from this that the silk hat is doomed shortly to disappear that man is vastly mistaken. The silk hat gets more and more popular every year."

A GOOD SEASON.

According to "Madame" the season now ended has been exceptionally prosperous. The number of American visitors has enormously increased, and an unusually large contingent of foreigners has been over to London, with results eminently satisfactory to the West End shopkeepers. The hotel's and lodgings have been crammed, the restaurants well patronised, and the dressmakers reaped a golden harvest.

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

Medomsley.

This popular show, which has deservedly come to be looked upon as one of the best in the district, came off on Saturday in a field situated close to the vicarage, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. John Hunter, Grange Farm, Medomsley. Unfortunately, the weather was the reverse of favourable. During the morning an unpleasant drizzling rain set in, and when this ceased later on it was succeeded by a heavy mist. This naturally kept a good many people away who had otherwise intended to be present, but still the attendance was pretty satisfactory. In addition to the show proper, the committee had arranged a most attractive programme of sports, and, despite the dampness of the weather these were enthusiastically entered into, and successfully brought off. There was a splendid display of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, and it is possible that there will not be a finer exhibition in this direction at any show in the district. As usual, there were some grand baskets of vegetables shown, the competition always being keen in this department, and it takes a rare collection to obtain premier honours. These on Saturday went to Mr. R. Charlton, Benfieldside, with Mr E. Ward, of Hamsterley, a good second. As a matter of fact, the competition was keen throughout the show, quality being a feature. This is accounted for by the fact that many exhibitors lay themselves out specially for the Medomsley show, and highly value prizes secured thereat. There was a fine set out of stove and greenhouse plants, fuchsias, geraniums, and various other flowers, which presented a gorgeous mass of bloom, and were much admired by the large crowds that passed through the spacious tent from time to time. Then there were excellent exhibits in the classes for roses, cut flowers, dahlias, asters, marigolds, hardy annuals, herbaceous flowers, potatoes, turnips, onions, leeks, parsnips, celery, rhubarb, gooseberries, apples, currants, etc., the most prominent exhibitors being Messrs R. Charlton, E. Smail, H. Marley, J. Surtees, F. Patton, G. Dixon, T. J. Johnson, G. Ripley, W. H. Surtees, S. Coombe, T. Snowdon, G. Telford, J. Mews, T. Thompson, M. Redshaw, E. Ward, W. Milburn, J. and I. Lonsdale, &c. The driving competition, as usual, attracted much attention, and the first award went to Mr. W. Cuthbertson, of Burnopfield, who beat two noted exhibitors in Mr. A. Phillipson and Mr. G. Wade. The bicycle comical costume parade created much amusement, that champion at the business, J. Day, of Leadgate, being first, whilst R. Mande, of Dipton (who bestrode an old ordinary) was a good second. There were some excellent dogs entered in the various classes, and these were the objects of much interest. The Hamsterley Prize Band rendered a capital selection of music during the day, and their efforts in this direction were much appreciated. The secretarial duties were discharged in admirable fashion by Mr. Robert Charlton, of Medomsley, who was ably assisted by a hard-working committee. The proceedings wound up with a well-attended ball and it is to be hoped that when accounts come to be squared up the balance will be found on the right side, despite the unpropitious weather. We might mention that the refreshments were supplied by the committee themselves. The following acted as judges, their awards being generally endorsed:—

Judges.—Plants, etc.—Messrs L. Blanchard, Newcastle; F. Bolam, Axwell Park; W. Stothart, Lowdwood. Driving—Messrs R. Walker, Consett; J. Hunter, Grange Farm; and W. Robinson, Medomsley. Dogs—Mr John Bell, Stanhope.

LIST OF AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, dissimilar—1. E. Charlton; 2. R. Charlton; 3. T. Thompson.
Two fine foliage plants—1. T. Thompson; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. R. Charlton.
Two petunias, dissimilar—1. M. Redshaw; 2. M. H. Marley.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—M. Redshaw; 2. T. Thompson; 3. R. Charlton.
Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—M. Redshaw; 2. M. H. Marley.
Two exotic ferns—M. H. Marley; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. R. Charlton.
Two coleus—1. T. Thompson; 2. R. Matthews; 3. R. Charlton.
One tuberous-rooted begonia—1. R. Charlton; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. E. Charlton.
Best lilium auratum—1. M. Redshaw; 2. T. Lowdon.
One pot of liliums—1. no award; 2. M. Redshaw.
Three miscellaneous plants in bloom—1. M. Redshaw; 2. E. Charlton; 3. T. Thompson.
Four bottles of cut flowers—1. R. Charlton; 2. M. Redshaw.
Four gladiolis, dissimilar—1. M. Redshaw; 2. H. Coxford.
Four herbaceous flowers in bottles—1. R. Charlton; 2. E. Charlton; 3. M. Redshaw.
Three phloxes, dissimilar—1. M. Redshaw; 2. H. Coxford; 3. J. Surtees.
Six dahlias, dissimilar—1. M. Redshaw; 2. T. Thompson; 3. W. McGowan.
Six cut roses, three dissimilar—1. M. Armstrong; 2. R. Charlton; 3. E. Charlton.
Three trusses geraniums in bloom, dissimilar—1. M. Redshaw; 2. M. H. Marley; 3. W. McGowan.
Six French asters, dissimilar—1. M. Redshaw; 2. R. Charlton; 3. E. Ward.
Six globe asters, dissimilar—1. E. Ward; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. M. Armstrong.
Six French marigolds—1. T. Thompson; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. T. J. Johnson.
Six African marigolds—1. M. Redshaw; 2. E. Ward; 3. T. Thompson.
Six pots of table decorations, pots not to exceed 6 inches—1. T. Thompson; 2. R. Charlton; 3. M. H. Marley.
Basket of cut flowers, not to exceed 14 inches—1. E. Charlton; 2. R. Charlton.

FRUITS.

Six pears, flavoured—1. M. Redshaw; 2. W. McGowan.
Six kitchen apples—1. R. Charlton; 2. E. Ward.
Six dessert apples—1. T. Snowdon; 2. E. Charlton.
Pint of black currants—1. M. Redshaw; 2. Jas. Lonsdale.
Pint of red currants—1. M. Redshaw; 2. Jas. Lonsdale.
Pint of white currants—1. W. Milburn; 2. E. Charlton.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1. M. Redshaw.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1. Geo. Dixon; 2. T. Snowdon.

VEGETABLES.

Two cucumbers—1. Geo. Dixon; 2. R. Charlton; 3. G. Ripley.
Six kidney potatoes—1. M. Redshaw; 2. R. Charlton; 3. M. Armstrong.
Six round potatoes—1. F. Patton; 2. R. Charlton; 3. G. Ripley.
Three turnips—1. W. Milburn; 2. R. Charlton; 3. T. Thompson.
Six onions, tripoli not accepted—1. R. Charlton; 2. J. Surtees; 3. E. Ward.
Three leeks—1. E. Ward; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. R. Charlton.
Three parsnips—1. E. Ward; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. G. Ripley.
Three carrots—1. Jas. Lonsdale; 2. T. Snowdon; 3. R. Charlton.
Three roots of beet—1. M. Redshaw; 2. G. Dixon.
Two heads of celery—1. M. Redshaw; 2. H. Coxford; 3. R. Charlton.
Twelve pods of beans—1. M. Redshaw; 2. W. Vasey; 3. E. Ward.
Twelve pods of peas—1. J. Surtees; 2. no number; 3. Jas. Lonsdale.
Two cauliflowers—1. R. Charlton; 2. T. Thompson; 3. M. Redshaw.
Two early cabbages—1. W. Milburn; 2. M. Redshaw.
Two red cabbages—No awards.
Best collection of vegetables—1. R. Charlton; 2. E. Ward.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, dissimilar—1. M. H. Marley; 2. E. Smailes; 3. H. Coxford.
One fine foliage plant—1. M. H. Marley; 2. T. Snowdon; 3. J. Surtees.
One dark fuchsia—1. E. Smailes; 2. M. H. Marley; 3. H. Coxford.
One light fuchsia—1. M. H. Marley; 2. T. Snowdon; 3. E. Smailes.
One zonale geranium—1. M. H. Marley; 2. E. Smailes; 3. H. Coxford.
One double geranium—1. S. Coombe; 2. E. Smailes; 3. M. H. Marley.
One coleus—1. W. Vasey; 2. E. Smailes; 3. S. Coombe.
Two British ferns—1. M. H. Marley; 2. J. Surtees.
One petunia—1. T. Snowdon; 2. E. Smailes.
Four dahlias, dissimilar—1. T. J. Johnson; 2. W. McGowan; 3. W. Walker.
Six cut roses, three dissimilar—1. E. Smailes; 2. T. Whitfield; 3. T. J. Johnson.
Six French asters, three dissimilar—1. H. Coxford; 2. R. Charlton; 3. E. Smailes.
Six globe asters, three dissimilar—1. M. Armstrong; 2. H. Coxford; 3. W. Walker.
Six French marigolds—1. W. Walker; 2. F. Patton; 3. R. Matthews.
Six African marigolds—1. M. Armstrong; 2. H. Coxford; 3. R. Matthews.
Six pansies, in water, dissimilar—1. M. Armstrong; 2. Jacob Walton.
Three bottles of garden cut flowers—1. M. H. Marley; 2. G. Dixon; 3. H. Berwick.
Four spikes of antirrhinums, dissimilar—1. H. Coxford; 2. F. Patton; 3. G. Ripley.
Three spikes of phloxes, dissimilar—1. H. Coxford; 2. J. Surtees.
Four spikes of pentstemons, dissimilar—1. G. Dixon; 2. H. Berwick.
Four bottles of hardy annuals, dissimilar—1. M. H. Marley; 2. E. Smailes.
Three bottles of herbaceous flowers—1. J. Surtees; 2. M. H. Marley; 3. G. Ripley.

FRUITS.

Six kitchen apples—1. T. Snowdon; 2. W. Vasey.
Pint of black currants—1. G. Telford; 2. Jas. Lonsdale.
Pint of red currants—1. J. N. Mewes; 2. H. Coxford.
Pint of white currants—1. G. Dixon; 2. J. Surtees.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1. G. Dixon; 2. W. Vasey.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1. G. Dixon; 2. W. Milburn.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1. T. Snowdon; 2. F. Patton; 3. H. Berwick.
Six round potatoes—1. F. Patton; 2. H. Lonsdale; 3. W. Vasey.
Three early turnips—1. W. Milburn; 2. W. Vasey; 3. M. Charlton.
Six onions, tripoli not accepted—1. G. Dixon; 2. T. Snowdon; 3. W. Vasey.
Three leeks—1. T. J. Johnson; 2. T. Snowdon; 3. R. Matthews.
Three carrots—1. G. Ripley; 2. H. Lonsdale; 3. Jas. Lonsdale.
Three parsnips—1. G. Ripley; 2. H. Lonsdale; 3. H. Coxford.
Three roots of beet—1. G. Dixon; 2. M. Armstrong; 3. W. Milburn.
Two heads of celery—1. H. Coxford; 2. W. Milburn; 3. G. Dixon.
Twelve pods of peas—1. T. Cookson; 2. F. Patton; 3. W. Milburn.
Twelve pods of beans—1. W. Milburn; 2. W. Vasey; 3. Jacob Walton.
One cauliflower—1. F. Patton; 2. M. Charlton; 3. G. Ripley.
One early cabbage—1. W. Milburn; 2. M. Redshaw; 3. T. Cookson.
One red cabbage—1. T. Cookson; 2. F. Patton.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1. N. Charlton; 2. Mrs J. Charlton; 3. T. Whitfield.
Six single eschalots—1. J. Surtees; 2. G. Dixon; 3. F. Patton.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Best basket of farmers' produce—1. G. Bell; 2. W. Thompson; 3. R. Dale; 4. G. Telford.
Six best white hen eggs—1. Miss E. Charlton; 2. G. Telford; 3. Mrs Fewster.
Six best coloured hen eggs—1. Mrs Fewster; 2. Mrs Fenwick.
Best pound of butter, without salt—1. Mrs Thompson; 2. Mrs Elsom; 3. Miss Simpson.
Best design of fancy butter—1. Mrs Elsom; 2. Mrs G. E. Milburn; 3. Mrs T. Walker.

EXTRA PRIZES FOR COTTAGERS' CLASS.

Best cauliflower, possible, given by Mr J. Wardle, Ebchester—1. N. Charlton.
Best collection of vegetables, 5 varieties, 1st prize, a trouser piece, given by Mr G. Smith, Hexham—1. W. Milburn.
Best collection of vegetables, 7 varieties, 1st prize, a gentleman's handbag, given by Mr T. Ridley, Medomsley; 2nd prize, a pipe, given by Mr T. Milner, Consett—1. G. Dixon; 2. H. Lonsdale.
Special prize offered by Mr R. Charlton, Benfieldside 1st prize, 3s; 2nd prize, 2s, value to be given in seeds for nursery stock—1. W. McGowan; 2. R. Matthews.
Special prizes given by Mr R. C. Forster, Consett, and Mr N. Walker, Low Fell, for best three bottles of penstemons—No awards.
Special prize given by Mr Geo. Pattrick, Consett, for best bouquet of garden flowers, for boys or girls under 16 years of age—1. W. H. Surtees; 2. W. Ripley; 3. Miss E. Coombe.
Special prize given by Mr John Lowes, Consett, for the best twelve pansies in water, six dissimilar—1. M. Armstrong; 2. Jacob Walton.

EXTRA PRIZES (OPEN CLASS.)

Special prize offered by Messrs William Fell and Co., Hexham, for the best dish of loganberry—1. R. Charlton.
Special prize given by Mr W. J. Watson, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the best collection of vegetables, 4 varieties—No awards.
Special prize given by Messrs J. Robson and Son, Hexham, for the best 6 rose blooms, dissimilar—1. S. Coombe; 2. J. Surtees.
Special prize offered by Messrs Kent and Brydon, Darlington, for the best 2 heads of celery and 2 roots of beet, grown from their seed—1. Jas. Lonsdale.
Special prize given by Mr A. Trotter, Blackhill, for the best 6 carnation blooms—1. T. J. Johnson; 2. M. Armstrong; 3. M. H. Marley.
Special prize given by Mrs Brown, Consett, for the best lady's bouquet—1. R. Charlton.
Special prize given by Messrs Biddles and Co., Loughborough, for the best collection of vegetables, 6 varieties—1. H. Coxford; 2. H. Lonsdale.

OPEN TO PERSONS RESIDING IN MEDOMSLEY PARISH AND THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Best loaf of white bread—1. Mrs J. Milburn; 2. Mrs Fewster; 3. Mrs Geo. Surtees.
Best loaf of brown bread—1. Mrs Geo. Surtees; 2. Mrs Fewster; 3. Mrs Fenwick.

The following events were also brought off:—
Best mare or gelding in harness that has never won a first prize—1st, £2, Mr W. Cuthbertson, Burnopfield; 2nd, £1, Mr A. Phillipson, Dipton; 3rd, 10s, Mr G. Wade, Consett.
Bowling at the wicket (90 entries)—1st, W. [illegible]tley, Medomsley; 2nd, T. Kay, Derwent Cottages.
Comical costume on cycle—1st, trouser piece (given by Mr W. E. Turner, Consett), J. Day, Leadgate; 2nd, silk handkerchief, R. Mande, Dipton; 3rd, pipe (given by Mr Cornforth, Consett), J. E. Elliott, Consett.
Kicking through the hoop—1st, timepiece (given by Mr C. Marshall, Consett), W. Veitch, Medomsley; 2nd, felt hat (given by Messrs J. Pierson and Co., Consett), W. Clegg, Allendale Cottages; 3rd, E. Wilson, Medomsley.

THE GAY DECEIVER AT SUNNISIDE.

He gets off with a Fine of £3.

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, Christopher Charles Clifford was charged on remand with stealing by means of a trick a silver watch valued at £2 12s, the property of Mary Bates, on the 22nd ult., at Sunniside.

Mr. W. D. Hick, who appeared to prosecute, said that the accused got the loan of the watch from the prosecutor under the pretence that his own watch was out of repair. Mrs. Bates was engaged to the defendant at the time, and consequently lent the accused her watch. The prosecutor subsequently asked the accused where her watch was, and he said that he had left it at Messrs Streets, in Westgate Road, Newcastle, for repairs. When spoken to about the same at a later period he said that the watch was not yet repaired. The prosecutor having reason to believe that the defendant was deceiving her, called at Messrs Streets, when she learned that the watch had never been left there. The accused was again asked about the watch, when he subsequently admitted having pawned it at Gateshead, and gave the ticket up, and the watch was procured.

Mary Bates, the prosecutor, stated that she was a widow, and resided with her father at Sunniside. The accused, she said, asked her for the loan of her watch, as his own had to be repaired. Some time later prosecutor asked him about her watch, and he said that it was not finished, but that he would get both the watches together. Prosecutor afterwards made enquiries and found that the defendant had pawned the watch. The watch produced was prosecutor's.

Defendant (to prosecutor): I got the watch given to me.

Prosecutor: You didn't; I lent it to you.

A pawnbroker's assistant was the next witness called, and testified to the defendant having pawned the watch at Messrs Hall's, High Street, Gateshead.

Sergeant Reynolds said he recovered the watch at the establishment named.

P.C. Brown, Sunniside, said that on Sunday, the 6th inst., from what he was told, he apprehended the prisoner at Sunniside, and conveyed him to the County Police Station at Gateshead. The accused, when charged with the offence, replied, "I didn't steal it; I took the loan of it."

Sergeant Reynolds, re-called, stated that when the accused was taken into custody, he had no means whatever.

Mr. Hick: We have evidence that he was borrowing money all over the place.

The accused was fined £3, or in default one month.

ANOTHER CHARGE.

The defendant was further charged with obtaining by false pretences food and lodgings to the value of £1 16s, from William John Gladders.

Mr. Hick stated that the accused became engaged to Mrs. Bates, the prosecutor's daughter. The defendant made a lot of representations as regards his means, and was allowed to stay at the prosecutor's house for some time.

Mr. Hick subsequently withdrew this charge.

Supt. Rutherford informed the Bench that the prisoner had been about Usworth Colliery for a short while. The prisoner had told him that he had been a joiner and worked at Amble Colliery. He had written to that place, but found that no such person had been employed there for the last 11 years.—The prisoner then left the dock.

BICYCLE POLO FOR LADIES.

In the "Sportswoman's Corner" of "Madame," the ladies' paper, appears the following: "Now that bicycle polo has been recognised by the authorities at Hurlingham, we may expect it to make the headway it deserves. Hitherto its charms have been known only to a few devoted players at the Sheen House Club, but it is such a good game that its popularity is only a question of time. I hear that it has been very keenly taken up in the Birmingham district, and in two or three years I shall expect to find good teams in all the chief centres of the Kingdom. It is essentially a game in which ladies can take part, but not with good men's teams. Ladies should have their own clubs, and, if necessary, modify the general laws to suit their requirements. Among men the game will become a hard and fast one, with almost as many dangers as football, but it can be played by ladies with very little chance of injury. A medical man wrote recently to the Calcutta 'Englishman,' pointing out the advantage of bicycle polo in India, and I cannot refrain from quoting a few extracts from his letter. He states: 'that it is well known that no form of physical exercise is less exhausting, or makes smaller demands upon the heart than cycling. Here, then, is a sport (bicycle polo) that gives us all the dash and rush and impetuous excitement of football, without the strain. Instead of exhaustion it leaves behind that degree of physical tiredness which is a pleasure.' To the uninitiated, the riding seen in an ordinary practice game will seem wonderful; the absolute control of the machine with one hand, the extraordinary sharp turns at full speed, the rapidity with which pace is obtained, and the facility with which the brakeless machine is steadied or stopped, are indeed surprising. The apparently impossible angle at which a player will lean from the bicycle to strike a ball that is wide seems most difficult of attainment. But, believe me, none of these are so difficult as they appear to be. I have seen very ordinary riders take up the game, and after a few weeks become adepts at it, besides immensely improving their general ability on a bicycle. Wherever ladies' hockey or lawn-tennis clubs exist there too should there be ladies' bicycle-polo clubs, and I hope soon to hear that these are being started by the hundreds."

How's your Liver? Why I never know I have one now, as I always keep a bottle of Pattrick's Medicine by me, and if I feel a little "off," I take a dose, and am soon myself again. Everyone who is ill goes to Pattrick, Chemist, 5, Front Street, Consett, who can cure almost any complaint. 371a.

LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, August 17th, 1899.—Before Colonel Leadbitter-Smith (chairman), Dr. Wilson, Mr. Van Haansbergen, Mr. Wm. Holmes.

THE DRUNK LIST.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness, and the fines imposed:—P. Mullaney, 2/6 and costs; J. McKenna, 2/6 and costs; A. McKenna, 2/6 and costs; Robt. Young, 2/6 and costs; Francis Armstrong, and old offender, against whom there were 58 previous convictions, was fined 10/- and costs, or 14 days; Ed. Dixon, 10/- and costs; Wm. Stoner, 2/6 and costs; Mary Ann Elmore, 5/- and costs; Wm. Jackson, 2/6 and costs; David Orr, 2/6 and costs; Thos. Palmer, 2/6 and costs; Ed. Grant, 2/6 and costs; Jos. Gardner, 2/6 and costs; Peter Knox, 2/6 and costs.

ASSAULT AT QUEBEC.

Mary Smailes, of Quebec, summoned Mary Sheridan, of Quebec, for assaulting her on July 15th, at Quebec.—Complainant said she was cleaning a kitchen window when the defendant gave her a blow in the eye, three on the forehead, and one on the chest. The eye was now so much damaged that she could not see with it. Dr. Wilson examined the eye, and found it had been affected for some time.—John Stiff, of Quebec, a neighbour, a witness for complainant, said he saw the offence committed. The defendant was a very mischievous woman; there was no living beside her.—Margaret Stiff, wife of the last witness, corroborated.—There was a cross-summons against Wm. and Mary Smailes, for having assaulted the defendant on the same day. The male defendant kicked her on the knee, which had been bad ever since.—Defendants denied the charge.—Grace Cain, daughter of Mrs. Sheridan said she saw both defendants strike her mother.—John Stiff, witness for the defendants, said the male defendant was in bed when the quarrel began. The male defendant ran out with his linings on, after the quarrel was all over.—Another witness named Frank Finnigan said he was in defendant's house when the quarrel was going on. The defendant was in bed when the quarrel went on.—Margt. Stiff tendered corroborative evidence, and said Sheridan had had a row with everybody in Quebec.—Sergt. Gilhespy said Mrs. Sheridan went down to Lanchester and got a summons against Smailes, after he had served the summons on her for the first offence.—The male defendant was discharged, while both female defendants were bound over to keep the peace for six months and pay the costs.

ALLEGED DRUNKENNESS ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Henry Wardle, of Malton Colliery, was summoned by P.C. Longstaff, of Esh, for having been drunk on the licensed premises of Charles D. Morin, landlord of the Cross Keys Inn, Esh, on July 29th. The landlord was also summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises at the same time and date. Mr. W. H. Oliver, of Durham, defended.—P.C. Longstaff said on the date in question, he saw Wardle leave the Cross Keys Inn, Esh, in a helpless state of drunkenness. Defendant had a "grey hen" over his shoulder, and when he fell, it went to the ground. He did not examine the jar but from what the landlord told him, he knew there was liquor in it. Defendant had also some whisky in a bottle in his pocket.—In answer to Mr. Oliver, witness said he knew the defendant was drunk, because another man had to hold him up. Defendant staggered about from one side of the passage to the other, and fell in the passage. Witness saw another man try to get the grey hen from the defendant, who was assisted home by another man. Witness did not see the defendant with his coat off. Defendant was never attacked after he left the public-house.—Sergt. Gilhespy said that when he served the summons on Mr. Morin, the latter asked him what it was for. He also said the defendant was a bad walker, and he gave defendant the stuff to get him out of his house.—P.C. Crabb, of Cornsay Colliery, said that when he served the summons on Wardle, the defendant told him "he was as drunk as a b—— noodle." Defendant further said that he had a barrel of beer on his back, and plenty more in his pocket. He never went to Old Esh, but he got drunk."—Agnes Morin, daughter of the defendant, said on July 29th, Wardle was in the house, along with other men. Wardle was sober both when he entered and when he left their premises. She saw the "grey hen" filled for him. She was quite sure that the defendant was not drunk on that night. Defendant walked quite straight along the passage.—Clara Morin, daughter of the landlord, said she saw Wardle in company with other eight men in their house, on July 29th. They had five or six quarts of beer amongst them. She filled Wardle one gallon of beer and put it into a two gallon jar. Wardle was quite sober, and walked out of the house as straight as any man she ever saw. She opened the door for Wardle, who told her the whisky was for his mother. They had been most particular to conduct the business of the house in a proper manner.—Henry Wardle said that when he went to the Cross Keys Inn, he was quite sober. A man had tried to get the grey hen from him, and because he would not let him have it, they agreed to fight. Witness took his coat off, but before the officer arrived, he had put it on.—Charles D. Morin, landlord of the Cross Keys Inn, Esh, said on the day in question, his daughters were in charge of the bar. When the policeman drew his attention to Wardle, he told him he was not drunk.—After a short consultation, the Bench considered that the policeman had made no statement which was untrue, but they were inclined to think that he had a little exaggerated, unintentionally, the state of affairs. At the same time they warned Mr. Morin to be as careful as he possibly could, and hoped they would not see his face in Court again.

MINES' REGULATION ACT.

Geo. Ambler, a miner, of Stanley, was charged by Ed. Herron, manager of the Luisa Pit, West Stanley, for having contravened the special rules in force at the above pit, by not drilling a hole for shot firing. Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, prosecuted, and said the defendant, instead of drilling a new hole, drilled the old holes out when he found the shot had not fired, thereby exposing himself to great danger by unramming the shot.—Geo. Stacey, deputy, said the defendant informed him that his shot had missed fire, when he went in to put new shots into what he expected were new holes. On examining them, however, he found that the defendant had unrammed the two holes which had misfired.—Defendant said the cap did not fire. The powder was so wet that it would not go off. It was a common practice in the pit.—A fine of 20/- and costs was imposed.

ALLEGED WIFE DESERTION.

Edmund Geo. Wilkinson, labourer, was brought up on remand on a charge of having deserted his wife and three children, who had become chargeable to the Lanchester Union.—Mr. Wm. Ward, Relieving Officer, said in consequence of the defendant having deserted his wife and family they were admitted to the Workhouse on June 7th, where they remained until July 25th, when they were discharged, at a cost of four guineas to the Guardians. The defendant had been aprehended on a warrant.—Defendant said when he went away he left 15/- with his wife, and four days later sent 10/-; and a further 10/- a week later. When he heard she was in the Workhouse he sent for her to leave it. He did not run away to get rid of them, he went to get a better job. He could not keep a suit of clothes for his wife, she drank fearfully. The case was adjourned for three months, and defendant was bound over in his own recognisances, in the sum of £5 to come up when called upon.

A PIGEON STEALER.

Matthew Derkin was summoned by Pharaoh Ward, of Dormand's Cottages, Lanchester, for stealing 20 pigeons from his pigeon cote on August 12th. On Saturday there were 35 pigeons in the cote, but on Sunday morning he missed 20. On Sunday night, three of them returned. He valued them at 1/- each.—Inspector Waller, of Lanchester, said on Sunday, August 13th, about 1.30 he went to a building used as a hay shed, near Dormand's Cottages, where he saw the prisoner on the roof. Witness got a ladder and prisoner descended it. His hands were all covered with blood and feathers, and his clothes with feathers. When witness went to the roof he found the four dead pigeons (produced), newly killed. He took the prisoner into custody, and charged him with having stolen them, when he replied "Yes." He traced feather from the cow byre across an adjoining field.—Defendant pleaded guilty to having stolen four pigeons.—Inspector Waller said the defendant was at Court three months ago, on a similar charge.—Defendant was sent to Durham Gaol for one month with hard labour.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. Van Haansbergen and Mr. W. Holmes.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Thos. Goldsborough, Stanley, was charged by Sergt. Leadbitter, for having cruelly treated a horse at Stanley, and was fined 2/6 and costs.—A similar charge was preferred against Robt. Hall, at Stanley, by Sergt. Leadbitter, but the case was dismissed on payment of the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

P.C. Haw, of Burnhope, summoned Wm. Thompson, L. Elmore, Wm. McKenzie, Wm. Morrison, M. Bamborough, and Abraham Wren, for having played at pitch and toss at Burnhope on August 5th.—Elmore and Bamborough were each fined 5/- and costs, and the others 2/6 and costs.

Sergt. Vickers summoned Jos. Winter, Jno. Murray, B. Carr, John Hall, H. Ault, Richard Tinnion, M. Tinnion, Jonathan McKenzie, J. Dawson, and Wm. Spedding for a similar offence committed at Annfield Plain. All the defendants were fined 2/6 and costs.

ON THE FOOTPATH.

Sergt. Vickers summoned Peter Talbot for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Annfield Plain on August 3rd, for which he was fined 1/- and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Richard Mumford and John Hunter, were summoned at the instance of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society, with having done wilful damage to grass at Annfield Plain for which they were each fined 1/-, 1d. damage, and costs.

DAMAGE TO FRUIT.

P.C. Crabb summoned Thos. Peart, Ed. Wade, and Thos. Wm. Walton, for having done damage to fruit to the extent of 1/- each.—Peart and Wade were each fined 10/-, 1/- damage, and costs, and Walton 5/-, 1/- damage, and costs.

Geo. Bramley, of Esh, summoned Robt. Strothard, Christopher Wallage, and Robt. Collingwood, for having damaged his fruit to the extent of 1d each on July 31st. Defendants were each fined 1/-, 1d damage, and costs.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, August 21st.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (in the chair), Mr. J. W. Walton-Wilson, Mr. Wm. Aynsley, Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. F. Priestman, and Mr. W. Holmes.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Wm. Coleman, Owen Coleman, Wm. Thorburn, Jacob Coulthard, Wm. Storey, John Lowe, and Patrick Nugent, all boys, were charged with having done wilful damage to grass, the property of the Consett Co-operative Society, near the Recreation Ground, on Sunday, the 6th of August.—P.C. Ayre having proved the offence, the damage was laid at a penny each. There had been a lot of complaints against lads leaving the footpath.—They were fined 3d each, the damage, and costs.

Joseph Mayfield was convicted of doing wilful damage to grass, the property of Mr. Childs, at Blackhill, on the 11th August.—He was fined 6d, penny damage, and costs.

Peter Clark, Thomas Shannon, Frank Clark, and Richard Almond, were charged with doing wilful damage in a field at Blackhill, the property of John W. Heatherington, on the 6th of August.—Sergt. Tones said he heard a great noise, and found about 30 people in the field. Some of the defendants were fighting, and had their coats off.—Mr. Heatherington said the field was more like a circus. He estimated the damage at sixpence each.—The two Clarks and Shannon were fined 6d, and ordered to pay 6d damage, and costs, and, as in Almond's case there was a doubt, he was dismissed.

Thomas Turnbull, John Tunnah, and Gavin Renwick, boys, were charged with doing damage to the extent of 5/6, by breaking the windows of the Derwent Street Schools, Blackhill, on the 28th of July.—Evidence was given to show that the lads had broken eleven windows by stone throwing.—The lads said they were playing at "kitty-kat."—They were ordered to pay the damage, and the costs.

THEFT OF GOOSEBERRIES.

George Colling, and Joseph McNally were charged with stealing growing fruit on the 1st of August.—Owen Boyle said that the defendants got into a garden the property of Mr. Joseph Kyle Annandale, at Benfieldside, and stole two shillings worth of gooseberries—They were each fined 5/- and costs.

FIGHTING AT TANTOBIE.

Duncan Cameron and Anthony Hayes pleaded guilty to fighting at Tantobie on the 29th July, and were bound over for six months, and ordered to pay the costs.

DRUNK AT TANTOBIE.

Thomas Telford was convicted of being drunk and disorderly at Tantobie on the 29th of July, and was fined 5/- and costs.

ALLEGED DAMAGE AT TANTOBIE.

Robertson Brown was charged with doing wilful damage to a meadow field at Tantobie, the property of Mr. W. Holmes.—P.C. Tomlinson having stated the nature of the offence, Mr. Holmes, jun., assessed the damage at a penny.—Defendant said he had gone over the fence for a natural purpose, and had no intention of trespassing.—He was given the benefit of the doubt, and discharged.

DRUNKENNESS.

Wm. Wears for being drunk at Dipton, was fined 5/- and costs; and Nellie Fraser, for being drunk in Medomsley Road, was cautioned, and discharged.

FIGHTING AT CONSETT.

Peter Crawford pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace at Consett, by fighting with another man in Middle Street, on July 7th.—He was bound over to keep the peace, and ordered to pay the costs.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

Peter Barret, Peter Brady, Patrick Cassidy, Patrick Bradley, Edward Almond, Robert Bates, and Hugh Ruddy, were charged with gaming with cards at Consett, on the 30th of July.—P.C. Carruthers said he looked through a hole in some hoarding at the back of Princess Street, and saw the defendants playing "banker." There was a good deal of money exchanged. Brady's father came out and ordered them away, and the son threatened to strike his father.—They were each fined 7/6 and costs.

Patrick McCann, John McCann, Patrick Connelly, Michael Quigley, Matthew Carroll, Wm. Malone, and Robert Moss, were also charged with similarly offending near the same place, and at the same time. Moss declared that he was at Dipton, and called his mother in support of his statement.—The other defendants pleaded guilty, and stated that they did not see Moss.—Moss was discharged, and the others were fined 7/6 and costs.

Robert Butler, John Pringle, Robert Moore, John Donelly, George Moore, Joseph Bell, and Robert Moore, were also charged with playing at "banker" on Sunday, the 13th August.—P.C. McGee said he concealed himself in Ritson's Road, Blackhill, and saw the defendants gaming.—They were each fined 7/6 and costs.

A DISGRACE TO HIS SEX.

George Barrasford, miner, Hill Top, Dipton, was charged with having deserted his wife, Mary Barrasford.—Prosecutrix stated that they were maried on the 13th of May last, and they went to live with his mother. He went away in July, and returned on the 25th of that month. When he came back his mother said she would keep him, but she would not keep the prosecutrix. She was accordingly put out of the house, and had to go to her aunt's with whom she had since stayed. Defendant had not paid anything towards her maintenance.—Mrs. Nolan, aunt of the prosecutrix, said her neice was dependent on her, as she had no other relatives to go to. She had been ejected first by the defendant's sister, and then by his mother. Witness found her on the door step of her mother-in-law's house, with her clothing packed up. She was crying, and was bleeding at the mouth. Defendant was there, and not only did nothing for her, but said he would not give her a penny. Witness had maintained her niece for five weeks. When defendant was served with the summons he said he would never give her a penny. She thought it was defendant's duty to come out with his wife when she was put on to the street.—Defendant: What was to become of me? Was I to sleep on the streets?—Asked what he had to say, defendant said it was very hard for him. When he got home on the 25th, he found that his wife had gone out at half-past two o'clock. He got his mother to prepare him some supper, and went out. His wife did not return until nearly eleven o'clock, and when asked where she had been she said she had been at her aunt's. She was told she better go and stay there, and she got her things packed up and went out. His mother said "there's your chance; she has gone and left you." His wife had kept bad hours, and was not fit to be trusted with money.—The Chairman, addressing the defendant, said: You are not a man; you have not the feelings of a man. You are a disgrace to your sex. You will have to pay 10/- per week.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. J. Walton-Wilson (chairman), and Mr. H. Palmer.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and the fines imposed:—Pat. Cosgrove, 2/6 and costs; Jos. McNamee, 10/- and costs; Ed. Trodden, 10/- and costs; John Aynes, 5/- and costs; Mary Clark, 2/6 and costs; Peter Watts, 2/6 and costs; Joshua Robinson, 2/6 and costs; Peter Watts, 2/6 and costs; Joshua Robinson, 2/6 and costs; Kate Donnelly, 2/6 and costs; Peter Clark, 2/6 and costs; John Davison, 10/- and costs; Wm. Craig, 5/- and costs; Chas. Brodie, 5/- and costs; John Kelly, 5/- and costs; Wm. Dawson, 5/- and costs; Thos. Simpson, 5/- and costs; Thos. Musgrove, 5/- and costs; Margt. George, dismissed; John Curtis, dismissed.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Patrick Connelly and Wm. Malone were charged by P.C. Carruthers with having done wilful damage to grass in a field belonging to the Consett Co-operative Society.—P.C. Carruthers said he was on duty near the Recreation Ground, when he saw the defendants running about the field, the property of the Co-operative Society.—Mr. J. Hall, general manager, assessed the damage at 1d each.—A fine of 1/-, 1d damage, and the costs was inflicted.

Michael Murphy, James Perry, and John Carr were charged with a similar offence, at the same time and place.—P.C. Carruthers having proved the case, a fine of 1/, 1d damage, and costs was imposed.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Wm. McNally was summoned by Sergt. Dryden, for having used obscene language in Princess Street, Consett.—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.

Ann Aiken was summoned for having committed a similar offence in William Street, Consett, on August 5th.—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Hugh Hughes and Martin Campbell were summoned by P.C. Johnson for having committed a breach of the peace by fighting near the Co-operative Stores, Shotley Bridge, on August 4th.—Defendants pleaded not guilty, but were bound over to keep the peace.

Hugh Donnikey and Ed. Humble were summoned by P.C. Pringle, for having committed a similar offence in Consett.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

Hugh Curtis and Arthur McNally were summoned by P.C. Pringle for having fought between Nelson Street, Consett, and Aynsley's corner, on August 5th.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Sergt. Newton summoned Owen Slane, Bernard Rogers, Thos. Slane, Patk. Hughes, Jas. Hughes, Patk. Matthews, Wm. Hughes, Patk. McGraughan, W. McGee, John Thirlway, John Clark, John Lochrane, Chas. McDonald, Peter Lochrane, Thos. McAloon, Arthur McGurk, John Armstrong, Wm. Roberts, John Green, Alex. Reed, Wm. Elliott, Jos. Purvis, and Frank McManus for having played at pitch and toss near Crookhall on August 6th.—Mr. H. Balleny, of Consett, defended, and pleaded guilty for Green, Matthews, McGee, and Rogers, while the others pleaded not guilty.—Sergt. Newton said on August 6th he was on duty near Crookhall, and saw the defendants playing at pitch and toss. He concealed himself about one o'clock, and was there until the time of breaking the "school." They "schooled" from three to about four p.m., and the whole of the names were taken whilst they were playing. He was near enough to see and know the men.—In answer to Mr. Balleny, the Sergt. said he was in a field about 100 yards off. He identified Roberts, Slane, Daley, Rogers, and the others playing. He saw Rogers pitching the coins.—P.C. Dixon and P.C. Carruthers corroborated.—Mr. Balleny, for the defence, said one of the things they wanted was identification. There was not sufficient evidence of identification of the majority of the men. He pleaded guilty to four of them, but with regard to the others, there was not sufficient evidence of identification upon which to convict. He could prove that McAloon was not there at all.—Bernard Rogers, called, said there were some men present who were not gambling, and some were not at the Court who should have been. Several of them were sitting on the wall watching.—Sergt. Newton, he thought, was hiding behind a haystack about 200 yards off.—Patrick Hughes said he was sitting on the grass when the sergeant passed him. Five or six of the men charged were gambling and betting, but the others did not "school." The real offenders had not been summoned.—Patrick Quinn said McAloon was sitting beside him 40 yards off the "school."—Daniel Welch said Purvis was with him all the time, from 2.30 p.m., to six o'clock, and he was never at the "school."—Chas. McDonald said Purvis was with him on the day in question. They were in Delves Lane lying on the grass.—Jos. Purvis said they left Brown's at 2.30 p.m., and went to the bridge and lay there. He was never "schooling" at Crookhall at all on August 5th.—Purvis was dismised, and the rest were ordered to pay 7/6 each and costs.

THE PRESENT WEATHER.

A Timely Warning.

This summer weather is not an unmingled blessing. Lacking the tonic, bracing effect, many people are positively worse off than in seasons when some precautions that we neglect just now could be taken. To the strong, summer is a pleasure; those in a weaker state find it enervating if not positively injurious. The benefit of summer holidays might be greatly enhanced by a little care. A good example is culled from the "Leeds Saturday Journal." "I had been trailing about for two years," said a young married lady to one of the reporters, "with little strength, and was sinking day by day. I had pains in my back and in my head, and when I went to a doctor he told me I had a very weak lung. Whether I had eaten anything or not I had pains in my chest. The doctor said I should have to take great care of myself. Some months ago," Mrs. Bell went on (her address is 19, Holborn-terrace, Woodhouse-street, Leeds), "a neighbour got me to try a box of Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. After taking three boxes I found great benefit, and now I scarcely ever feel any pain."

Mrs. Bell's mother-in-law interrupted, to remark that when her daughter felt a recurrence of the pain, a dose of the pills soon removed the suffering. Mrs Bell had gained a good deal in weight.

It is when the general health is feeble, or the digestion (as in this case) poor, that summer is a trial, and Mrs. Bell's plan indicates the right remedy. Dr. Williams' pink pills, on a summer holiday, will multiply the benefits of change of air. They have been found by many a rapid remedy for indigestion; they give strength and tone to the system and remove the relaxing effects of the weather. They have, of course, cured many ailments beside mere debility, such as St. Vitus' dance, rheumatism, consumption, and paralysis. They may be obtained from chemists or Dr Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, post free at two shillings and ninepence a box, or thirteen and nine for six boxes.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS.

There is an interesting article in the current number of "To-Day," by an International, dealing with the points of difference between the British and American athletes, apropos of the recent meeting of the University teams. Says the writer:

"In contrasting the two teams, one point must have been patent to everyone, viz., the enormous difference in physical development between the men of the two teams. This same fact was singularly noticeable in the L.A.C. match versus the N.Y.A.C. in 1895. Man for man the Englishmen seemed at least a stone heavier. The difference was not so noticeable in height as in muscular development. The heavy limbs of our men were in marked contrast to the light, fine-drawn limbs of our antagonists. This difference is probably due to two factors—difference in climate and method of training. The very hot summer in America tends to prevent the consumption of heavy, muscle-forming foods, and renders the consumption of any but the lightest drinks impossible. The same fact may be seen when contrasting the wiry Highlander and the burly, beer-drinking Yorkshireman in our football teams.

"The methods of our training are also totally different. In England we take a strong, fine man, and train him down to his work. In America they select a light, active man, and build him up for what he is required to do, just as Sandow builds up his muscular men. The English method is doubtless the easier, the American far the more scientific, and is the main reason for their success in field events."

TOO MUCH SHOUTING.

"To-Day" can invariably be relied upon to take a common-sense view of things, and the follwing reminder from the current issue may be worth pondering at the present juncture:

"Would it be such a great matter for a vast Empire like ours to chastise a small State like the Transvaal that we need boast beforehand of being able to marshal east, south, west, and north in arms to do the job? In a single issue of one of our patriotard papers occur the following head-lines in capitals above telegrams regarding the Volksraad's Franchise scheme: 'Repudiated by Scotchmen,' 'An Irish Appeal,' 'Canada's Imperial Brigade,' 'Help offered from N.S.W.,' '10,000 troops from India.' Add to this Queensland's offer of mounted infantry with machine guns, and we surely ought to be ashamed of the fuss we are making. No doubt it is want of recent experience of war in serious earnest which makes England so vociferous over its small affairs, like a barren hen who achieves an undersized egg; but the foreigner may excusably wonder what we should do if we really had to fight some foemen worthy our strength. Even our Press correspondents for the naval manoeuvres have caught the cheap contagion, and 'regret' that President Kruger could not see the magnificent spectacle of our fleets at sea. Do they suppose that the President would have forthwith hauled down his flag for fear lest H.M.S. Niobe should come sailing over the veldt to bombard Pretoria?"

CATCHGATE.

Greencroft School Board Election.—We understand that Mr. F. Hooper, one of the candidates for the above School Board Election has withdrawn and avoided a contest. The Board will be composed of the four old members, Messrs R. Mitchinson, H. Greener, J. Mason, and T. U. Ord, the new member being Mr. R. Hall, checkweighman.

BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT.

ANNUAL PUPPY WALK.

"Walking a puppy gives an air of respectability to a household." So said the late Mr. George Lane Fox to the puppy walkers in the Bramham Country, and though the expression appeared at the time to be characteristic of the fearless outspokenness of the Squire of Bramham Park and suited to a gathering of Yorkshire farmers, there is evidently a good deal of truth in it. That was the impression conveyed to the lay mind at Shotley Bridge last Saturday when Mr. Lewis Priestman, the popular master of the Braes of Derwent Hounds, was surrounded by his staunchest friends. There was unmistakable evidence of sympathy with fox-hunting and with all that it meant. Mr. R. Ord, of Sands Hall, Sedgefield, is the author of a capital "Vade Mecum" and farmers' note book which ought to be in the hands of all tenant farmers, and shown to all antagonists of fox-hunting. Without in any way wishing to disturb the copyright of Mr. Ord's handy little book, but in the hope of contributing "still further to the maintenance of that cordial good feeling which has so long existed amongst all connected with the sport of kings in the Braes of Derwent County," we feel justified in quoting the following extract:—"The yearly cost of hunting 221 packs of foxhounds alone, consisting of some 8,000 couple of hounds, and hunting on an average say five days per fortnight, cannot be less than £442,000. This is no mere estimate, but is based on an accurate knowledge of the cost of several packs of hounds during the past 20 years, and is certainly not over the mark. When we come to consider the money expended by various followers of the hunt on their horses, the forage of these horses, their own and their servant's clothes, their horse clothing, their saddles, veterinary, and stable requisites the figures reach almost beyond comprehension, for we find there must be a total of nearly 100,000 hunters costing something like £7,500,000 and necessitating an annual expenditure of at least £5,000,000." These are facts which cannot fail to carry weight, and even Col. Coulson must admit there is a commercial value in fox-hunting. As soon as the company—a very large one—had gathered together they accompanied Mr. Priestman to a tent where an excellent lunch had been prepared by Mr. G. Morgan, of Shotley Bridge. The worthy master was supported by his popular secretary, Mr. J. E. Cowen, of Blaydon Burn; Mr. J. E. Rogerson, M.F.H., Mr. Edward Joicey, (Blenkinsopp;) Mr. Charles Richardson, Mr. Frank Priestman, Mr. Richard Murray, Mr. J. Pumphrey, Dr. Davis (Devonshire,) Mr. J. Humble, (Eltringham;) Mr. W. Scarth Dixon, Mr. J. Dickinson (Healey Hall,) Mr. Milton Simpson, (Bradley Hall;) Mr. G. Christopher, Blackhill; Mr. Anderson, Mosswood; Mr. R. Dixon, Broad Oak; Mr. E. Dixon, Ebchester, Mr. T. Shotton, Smeales; Mr. Davison, Minsteracres; Mr. Brannen, Lead Hill; Mr. Herdman, Ravenside; Mr. Robinson, Smeales; Mr. Geo. Murray, Dipton; Coun. W. J. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S., Leadgate; Mr. Geo. Coxon, huntsman; Mr. Goodall, huntsman, South Durham; Mr. Burton, huntsman, Morpeth; and Mr. R. Freeman, huntsman, North Durham. The three latter gentlemen officiated as judges. At the conclusion of the lunch the loyal toasts were submitted and honoured after which

The Chairman proposed the health and prosperity of the tenant farmers in the Braes of Derwent Hunt. He thought he might say he was on very good terms with all, and he was very much obliged for the kind support they had given to the hunt. He thought they never had any difficulty except with some juveniles who would insist on jumping fences when there were open gates. He thought the prospects for next season were looking well. (Applause.)

Mr. Anderson, in responding, said he thought the farmers were sore pressed just now. They might thank Mr. Priestman for the dinner they had had that day for it was not often they got a dinner. (Laughter.) Dinners were few and far between with farmers. He hoped that dinners like that would continue for some time to come. (Laughter.)

Mr. R. Dixon also responded and said they were very pleased to accommodate their worthy master in preserving foxes. They were all aware that there was a little damage done but it was chiefly done by the younger branches. He thought there was a very good prospect for the forthcoming season.

Mr. Rogerson proposed the health of the puppy walkers. He had been requested to do so as a substitute for someone else. He was reminded that margarine was a good substitute for butter—(laughter)—and he was also reminded of a story in which a Sunday School teacher dealing with the rich man and the camel, asked a boy why it was that a camel could not pass through the eye of a needle and the boy replied "Sure, and its because he has humps on his back." (Laughter.) He did not think puppy walkers need trouble themselves about the moral of the lesson. They were long suffering and would sit in the same row as the early Christian martyrs. (Laughter.) Puppies were things he did not like himself. They never saw a master of hounds walking a puppy. (Laughter.) In fact it was only the other day that he sent to his friend and huntsman, Mr. Freeman, a poodle puppy. He sent it because it worried his chickens. Oddly enough that puppy came back with a piece of string round its neck. (Laughter.) The only conclusion he could come to was that huntsmen did not like puppies any more than masters did. (Laughter.) Their thanks were therefore due to all who walked puppies. Still they came there and ate, and drank, and made merry and he did not think anyone of them wanted puppies at all. (Loud laughter.) They were all in the same boat as men but they did not all wear their own breeches. (Renewed laughter and hear, hear.) It was the wives, sisters and daughters who walked the puppies. The men came there and got all the benefit. (Laughter.) Their wives sat at home sewing buttons on their shirts and the men came there for enjoyment. He was therefore not going to give them all the credit. As a master of hounds his best thanks were due to the wives, sisters and daughters. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Walker briefly acknowledged the toast, after which

Mr. C. Richardson proposed the health of the covert owners. He said they might not be as important as the puppy walkers, but they were another link in the chain. They could not do without them any more than the walkers. He congratulated all associated with the Braes of Derwent Hunt. It had fallen to his lot to see and know a great deal of hunting countries, and he could assure them in that district they were singularly well off. Nowadays it was a distinct advantage for hunting people to be in the north. They did not keep things up at such a pitch as in the Midlands and in the matter of climate they, in the north, had a good deal to be thankful for. Their ground was always nice and damp, and they were free from fogs. They also had stronger and wilder foxes, and they were not troubled with barbed wire. From a hunting point of view their lot was cast in pleasant places. They had a master who did his best. (Applause.) They had a first rate pack of hounds and everything was done in an orderly and business-like manner. He congratulated them on the prosperity of the hunt, and had pleasure in proposing the toast.

Mr. E. Joicey, in responding, said his coverts were on the outside of the country, and when they came there he hoped they would always find foxes. He agreed with Mr. Richardson that hunting would live longer in the north of England than in the South. In the south immense damage was done to the fences. He wished good sport to Mr. Priestman in the coming season. (Applause.)

Mr. Scarth Dixon proposed the health of the gamekeepers, to which Mr. Morrison responded and said there seemed to be plenty of foxes in the radius of the hunt, and he hoped they would have a good season.

Mr. Cowen proposed the health of the judges and said they were considerably indebted to the gentlemen who came there each year and judged the puppies for them. The same gentlemen had attended for two or three years now, and they had always given satisfaction. The puppies were a very fair lot and would have been better but for the fact that they had lost a good many from distemper since they were returned. Throughout the country there had been complaints of the ravages of distemper. Still they had a better pack that day than they had four years ago when Mr. Priestman took over the mastership. (Applause.)

Mr. Goodall and Mr. Burton responded to the toast.

Mr. R. Murray proposed the health of the staff. He said he had had the good fortune and pleasure of following the Braes of Derwent hounds for a longer time than he cared to mention. He followed them when Mr. Wm. Cowen was master, and when his brother, Col. Cowen, succeeded him. He spoke with the greatest respect and esteem of Col. Cowen because he was about the best all-round man he ever met with. He was glad they had such a worthy successor in their present master, who had gained the goodwill of the farmers. (Applause.)

Mr. Geo. Coxon having acknowledged the toast

Mr. Rogerson proposed the health of the Master and Secretary, to which Mr. Priestman and Mr. Cowen replied.

At intervals songs were rendered by Mr. R. Anderson, Mr. J. McTaggart, Mr. Hunter (Medomsley), Mr. Rogerson ("Weel dune Cappy,") and Mr. Christopher ("D'ye Ken John Peel.")

After the luncheon the Judges proceeded to discuss the points of the fourteen puppies entered for competition, and their decisions were as follows:—

Dogs.—1, Hector by Rebel (Tynedale,)—Hebe, walked by Mr. Phillipson; 2, Lexicon, by Limner (Tynedale,)—Varnish (Goodwood) walked by Mr. Walker; 3, Granby, by Sultan (South Durham)—Gratitude (North Durham,) walked by Mr. Hale.

Bitches.—1, Laundress, by Limner—Varnish, walked by Mr. Weightman; 2, Gertrude, by Sultan—Gratitude, walked by Mr. McTaggart; 3, Sunlight by Lucifer (Cleveland,)—Sunbeam (Holderness,) walked by Mr. Barnes.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET RURAL COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council was held on Thursday last,—Mr. P. Oswald presiding. There were also present Messrs T. C. Renwick, R. B. Clark, F. Harle, R. H. Lonsdale, C. Green, R. Bolam, J. Todd, J. W. Bolam, J. Mitchell C. J. Banks, J. Tully, G. Middlemas, R. Selby, J. Emmerson, W. S. Harris, J. Smith, R. J. English, T. Richardson, W. Norman, R. E. Purves, W. Hawking, T. Arnell, T. F. Brass, J. W. Patterson, R. Fowler, W. Morris, G. H. Hornsby, J. H. R. Garson, H. E. Henderson, the Clerk (Mr. R. Dickinson,) and the Assistant Clerk (Mr. R. V. Dickinson.)

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr Taylor reported that during the month 156 births had been registered, giving a birth-rate of 34.1 per 1,000, and there were 70 deaths, equal to a mortality rate of 15.3 per 1,000. There were 18 deaths from zymotic diseases, namely, two from scarlet fever and 16 from diarrhœa, giving a zymotic death rate of 3.93. Thirty children died under one year old, which gave an infantile mortality rate of 205.0 per 1,000 born. During the month he had received 38 notifications of infectious diseases, as compared with 42 in the corresponding month of last year. The diseases notified were 27 cases of scarlet fever, six cases of enteric fever, one case of diphtheria, two of membraneous croup, and two of erysipelas. At the police court on Wednesday Sarah Jane Wears, Grange Villa, was fined 20s and costs, and Wm. Sanders, of Cedar Street, Waldridge, 40s and costs, for exposing their children when suffering from scarlet fever. Passing under the houses 38 and 39 Fell Row, Edmondsley, and 65, Pleasant Row, Edmondsley, which was a culvert used, or ought to be used, to convey surface water from the Council's highway and from a private street in Edmondsley. This structure was very defective and emitted offensive gases. There had been serious cases of illness in 38 and 39, Fell Row, and these were probably caused by emanations from the culvert. The sewers at Edmondsley required flushing owing to offensive emanations from a number of openings called lamp holes whose only use was to cause a nuisance. The doctor reported 13 houses in Chester-le-Street (one at South Burns and the others in Low Chare), and two at North Side, Birtley, as being, in his opinion, unfit for human habitation. He advised the Council to serve notices on the owners requiring them to put the houses into habitable condition. During the month 15 patients suffering from scarlet fever had been admitted to the hospital, and eight recovered from scarlet fever and one from enteric fever had been discharged. The number under treatment was 25, and the average daily resident during the month 24.0.

The recommendations of the doctor were agreed to, and the report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr J. W. Mole, surveyor and inspector, reported that several informal notices respecting defective sanitary conveniences had been sent out, and the legal notice which he was directed to serve on the owner of some insanitary privies at Birtley had had the desired effect. The construction of a new sewer for houses being erected at the north end of Birtley had been commenced with, and he had also prepared plans and estimate of cost for laying a six inch branch from this sewer to the flushing chamber, recently built in Mount Pleasant, in order that they might have the benefit of the flush if they so desired. The work in connection with the new sewer at Black Horse Terrace was being carried out in a satisfactory manner. A considerable amount of rock had been found, and as the contractor was to be paid per cubic yard he (Mr Mole) was keeping a careful record of the amount excavated. At the request of the Clerk of the Whickham Urban Council he had met a committee of that Council at Sunniside with the view of forming a joint scheme of sewerage in the two districts. They had asked for plans and estimates, and suggested the holding of a joint committee meeting of the two Councils.

The report was adopted.

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

The Clerk read the following letter, dated Aug. 3rd., from the Local Government Board:

I am directed by the Local Government Board to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of the 10th and 21st ultimo, from which it appears that the Rural District Council of Chester-le-Street now propose to appoint Mr J. H. Mole inspector of nuisances for the Harraton division of their district, as chief inspector of nuisances, and an assistant inspector of nuisances (Mr G. R. Brown), who will give his whole time to the discharge of his duties in that capacity. The Board have considered this proposal and direct me to state that such an important Rural District as this containing, inter alia, seven populous places with from 4,000 to 12,000 persons and seven places with populations from 1,000 to 4,000, the arrangement proposed would be very unsatisfactory and one which they could not properly give their assent. It appears to the Board that in a district like this there must be a large amount of building operations going on and consequently the chief officer would be called upon to give a considerable amount of his time to the office of surveyor, and that although it would be assumed that he was responsible for the sanitary inspection of the whole district he would have to delegate a large portion of the duties of inspector of nuisances to the assistant. With regard to the intention of the District Council to apply for repayment from the county fund of a moiety of the salary of the assistant inspector of nuisances I am to state that the Board are only empowered to sanction the appointment of the principal officer with a view to repayment. The Board must therefore request the District Council to re-consider their proposal."

Mr. Banks said that it was a polite intimation that they had done wrong and must undo it.

The Chairman said that he had not considered the course was one which they ought to pursue and he feared the Local Government Board would not permit it. He was, however, prepared to take his share of the responsibility with the Council.

Mr. Banks asked how much was allowed?

The Chairman said one half.

Mr. Harris asked if they were both appointed as chief inspectors would they get both allowances?

The Chairman replied in the affirmative.

After further discussion it was resolved to refer the matter to a committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs Banks, Clark, Mitchell, Blackett, Richardson, Fowler, and Renwick.

THE RIVER DON AGAIN.

A letter was read from the Sunderland Rural District Council with copies of notices of their intention to proceed against the Chester-le-Street Council in respect to their pollution of the river Don.

The Chairman said the matter was at present in the hands of the local committee and it was agreed, on his suggestion, that the Sunderland Council should be written to to that effect.

WATER SUPPLY AT CHERRY HALL.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Lumley Miners' Lodge complaining of the inadequate water supply at Cherry Hall, Lumley, and also at Lumley 6th Pit.

Mr. Renwick said the supply was very bad, and

Mr. Selby complained of the quality of the water. At times they could not bear the smell of it, let alone drink it.

The Chairman suggested that the Medical Officer be instructed to take a sample of it, and have it analysed, which was agreed to.

NEW SEWERS AT USWORTH.

The following tenders were received for the construction of new sewers for the High Rows at Usworth Colliery:—Mr. William Rutter, Washington, £435; Mr. T. Robson, Washington, £465 4s 3d; Mr. Carrick, Durham, £537 16s 6; Mr. Walter Craig, Gateshead, £495 16s 10d.

On the motion of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rutter's tender was accepted.

Other minor matters having been transacted, the Council adjourned.

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The following is a list of applications for licenses to be made at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on Thursday, August 31st:—

FULL LICENSES (ON AND OFF.)

Richard Lumley, beerhouse keeper, South Moor, the house being the property of John George Lumley, of Birtley, and the applicant.

Michael Martin, general dealer, for premises at South Moor, of which the applicant is the owner.

Robert Cranston, grocer, for premises at No Place, the applicant being the owner.

John Nevin, ale and spirit merchant, Lintz Colliery, for premises of which the applicant is the owner.

PROVISIONAL GRANT OF A FULL LICENSE (ON AND OFF.)

Nathan Elsdon, spirit merchant, Consett, for premises in course of construction at Number One, the property of applicant.

Matthew Leadbitter-Smith, for premises on the road from Durham to Waterhouses, of which applicant is the owner.

Albert Howard Higginbottom, wine and spirit merchant, Newcastle, for premises about to be constructed at Front Street, West Stanley, the property of applicant.

William Johnson, builder and contractor, for premises about to be constructed in a field between Beamish and Stanley, known as High Street, of which applicant is the owner.

John William Moffitt, ale, wine, and spirit merchant, for premises about to be constructed in a field between Beamish and Stanley, at the corner of an intended new street called Polmaise Street, applicant being the owner.

BEER (OFF.)

John Thomas Weston, jun., auctioneer, Annfield Plain, for premises at Cornwall House, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain, of which Thomas Weston, sen., is the owner.

John Surtees Burdon, general dealer, for premises at 1, Woodbine Terrace, near Annfield Plain, of which applicant is the owner.

John Forster, miner, Annfield Plain, for premises at Percy Terrace, Annfield Plain, of which Joseph Harrison, builder, is the owner.

WINE, SPIRITS, AND BEER (OFF.)

Michael Mackenzie, grocer, Consett, for premises at 25, Newmarket Street, Consett, the owners being Messrs Michael Mackenzie and Sons, of Townhead, Lockerbie.

BILLIARDS.

Christopher Buckton, hairdresser, Craghead, for premises at Craghead.

Richard Lumley, beerhouse keeper, South Moor, for premises at South Moor.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Board-room, Medomsley, on Thursday evening, under the presidency of Mr. W. R. Cooke (vice-chairman.) There were also present—Mr. R. Moffitt, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. W. Hogg; and the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland.)

A NEW MEMBER.

Owing to Mr. G. Starford having removed from Medomsley, it became necessary to appoint a new member in his place.

Mr. Hogg moved that Mr. J. W. Jamieson, colliery manager, be elected.

This was seconded by Mr. Moffitt, and carried.

A RESIGNATION.

Miss Georgina Reed, of Crookhall, having tendered her resignation as a teacher under the Board, there were six applications for the vacancy.

Mr. Moffitt proposed that Miss Mary Ann Sheldon, of Blackhill, receive the appointment.

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

EVENING CLASSES.

The Chairman asked whether the Board were going to go on with the evening classes during the ensuing winter?

Mr. Moffitt said they lost over them the previous year.

The Chairman remarked that before they went to any expense they should issue notices asking the young people of the district to attend the classes. He thought that they should consider the matter.

Mr. Hogg suggested that the members of the Board should use their influence to induce the young people to join the classes.

The Chairman and Mr. Robinson disagreed. They thought that intending students should come voluntarily.

On the motion of Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was resolved that notices be posted in different parts of the parish inviting students to join the classes, names to be given to Messrs Cooke and Hogg.

FINANCE.

Cheques were signed for sums amounting to nearly £79, which left a balance in hand of £309 2s 2d.

The Board then adjourned.

DIPTON NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

On Saturday a large company of the members of the Dipton and District Naturalists' Field Club met at Lintz Green and journeyed to the northern metropolis for the purpose of paying a visit to the Handcock Museum. There was an excellent turn out of naturalists, amongst whom were Mr. W. McQuillen (President), Mr. T. Gatiss, Mr. Jos. Allen, sen., Mr. Jos. Allen, jun., Mr. J. Stalker, Mr. T. Lawson, Mr. S. Rouse, Mr. T. Jessop, Misses Dixon, Mr. M. Errington, Mr. H. Bolam, Mr. T. Hogg, Mr. A. Wood, Mr. S. Boswell, and Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Cook, Mr. E. Masterson, and others. On arriving at the central the party made their way through the busy streets of the town to the institution at Barras Bridge, where a pleasant couple of hours were spent, under the guidance of Mr. McQuillen, the genial president. The sections which proved particularly attractive were the animals of Australia, the birds' eggs, and butterflies, in which Mr. Gatiss was thoroughly at home. Mr. Howse, the curator of the museum, kindly exhibited to the party the great auk's egg, among a number of excellent imitations. It appears that both these birds and eggs are very rare, and it was stated that the society would not sell their specimen for the large sum of £500, as there are said to be only some 70 or 80 in existence. The party was urged to undertake the collection of beetles by the worthy curator, as that branch of science was probably the least complete. Some remarkable specimens of beetles arranged by working-men were shown. Then at the rear of the museum was a live condor, a rare bird of the carrion tribe, a native of South America, who felt inclined to demonstrate its powers to eat flesh in a practical way. The party was very much taken up with a very good collection of shells, which had been gathered by the northern heroine, Grace Darling, when quite a girl. After having partaken of a thoroughly enjoyable tea together the party returned to their native heath away from the bustle and strife of the city, by the 7.30 p.m. train. The outing was very enjoyable, and, fortunately, the weather fine.

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Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAINS will be run as under:—
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th.
TYNEMOUTH PALACE CONCERTS.
From BLACKHILL at 1-40 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, &c.) to ELSWICK, NEWCASTLE, and TYNEMOUTH, returning from Tynemouth at 8-45, Newcastle 9-15, and Elswick at 9-20 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st.
From BLACKHILL at 9-21 p.m. (with bookings from Consett, Annfield Plain, &c.) to PETERBOROUGH and LONDON for 2, 4, 5, and 8 days with bookings to PARIS, ANTWERP, BRUSSELS, COLOGNE, &c. Two and five days' passengers return from King's Cross Station at 11 p.m., September 2nd and 5th, and those holding four and eight days' tickets at 10-20 p.m., September 4th and 8th respectively.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd.
LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCH AT SUNDERLAND.
From BLACKHILL at 1-50 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, &c.) to SUNDERLAND, MONKWEARMOUTH, and SOUTH SHIELDS, returning from South Shields at 8-5, Monkwearmouth 8-25, and Sunderland at 8-30 p.m.
For further particulars see bills.
York, GEORGE S. GIBB,
August, 1899. General Manager.

Church Notices.

BAPTIST CHURCH, CONSETT.
ANNIVERSARY SERVICES REPEATED.
PREACHER: MR. KEATES, Gateshead.
Morning, 10-30; Evening, 6.
Collections in aid of Church Funds. 107f

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1899.
Morning, 10-30 | MR. J. GREENWOOD.
Evening, 6 | MR. G. B. RICHARDSON.
ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th.
Morning 10-30—MR. W. CRUDDAS.
Evening 6 —MR. W. HOGG.
ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH HALL.
MR. A. F. POWELL, of Stockton, will give an EVENING ENTERTAINMENT in the above Hall, with his wonderful CINEMATOGRAPH and AMERICAN TALKING PHONOGRAMS on Monday, August 28th, 1899. Miss Waugh of Stockton, and Miss Siddle of Blackhill, will render Special Solos. Chair to be taken at 7-30 prompt. Admission Tickets from Sunday-School Teachers: Adults, 6d.; Children under 14 years, 3d. Proceeds in aid of Church and School Renovation. 123f

Public Notices.

SERVANTS REGISTRY WEST STANLEY.
MRS. SCOTT begs to inform the Public that she has removed to the FRONT STREET opposite the Co-operative Stores, West Stanley.—All letters and applications promptly attended to. 928e

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MR. R. S. BROWN,
BONESETTER,
Of 115, SCOTSWOOD ROAD, NEWCASTLE,
Will attend for Consultations at Mrs Robson's, Derwent Hotel, Durham Road, Blackhill, every Monday from 10 to 3. Consultations at home every Wednesday and Saturday. 150e

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON
SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be Overlooked or not properly Cleaned, please notify the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,
572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

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BIRTLEY SHOW,
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2nd, 1899.
Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Industrial Work.
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£140 IN PRIZES & VALUABLE SPECIALS.
Special Performances by
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JAS. H. RIPPON, The Bank, Birtley,
924e Co. Durham.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That, on the 16th day of October next, application will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled at Quarter Sessions, in and for the County of Durham, at Durham, for an Order for diverting so much of a Public Highway in the Parish of Hunstanworth as lies between a point 50 yards North-East of the Ford crossing Boltsburn and a point about 100 yards West of High Garden House, the said Highway to be diverted to a nearer, more commodious, and direct line to a New Bridge about to be erected over the said Boltsburn, and the Certificate of two Justices having viewed the same, and the proof given to their satisfaction of the several notices required by the Statute having been published, with the plan of the old and proposed new Highway, will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, on the 14th day of September next.
Dated this 4th day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.
GEO. W. EGGLESTONE,
Surveyor of the Rural District Council
995e of Weardale.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.
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EXHIBITION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1899,
IN THE
SPA GROUNDS, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
Grand Display of PLANTS, FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, BREAD, BUTTER, HONEY, &c.
A Continuous Programme of Music from 2 to 8 by the
WESTWOOD PRIZE BAND.
2 p.m.—GRAND CRICKET MATCH. Shotley Bridge v. Tynedale.
2 p.m.—AMATEUR BICYCLE HANDICAP. Prizes value £2, £1, 15s., and 10s. Entries close (to Mr. H. McNair, 5, West Victoria Street, Consett), on the 23rd August.
4 p.m.—DRIVING CLASS. Prizes £2, £1, and 10s.
5 p.m.—PONY HURDLE SCAMPER. Prizes £2, £1, and 10s.
Entries close 23rd August to Secretary.
Excursion Trains are arranged from Middlesbro', Hartlepool, Stockton, Saltburn, Darlington, Sunderland, and Newcastle.
Entries for Plants, &c., close on 19th August, to J. HEDWORTH COUPLAND,
66f Secretary, Shotley Bridge.

LAMBTON PARK, CHESTER-LE-STREET
WILD WEST,
WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1899.
PROCESSION AT 1 P.M.
PERFORMANCE AT 2 P.M. AND 6 P.M.
Music by Chester-le-Street Town Band.
Refreshments supplied by Simpson, Art Gallery Cafe, Newcastle.
AT 8 P.M.
FIREWORKS.
Under the personal supervision of PAIN, of London.
Performing Elephants, Dancing Monkeys, Transformation Scenes, &c.
Admission (for the whole day) Sixpence.
Additional Charge to the Grand Stand.
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MONDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1899.
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Licensing Announcements.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.
To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Collierley, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.
I, JOHN THOMAS WESTON, the younger, now residing at Cornwall House, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain, in the County of Durham, Auctioneer, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on Thursday, the 31st day of August next, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell by retail at a house situated at Cornwall House, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain, aforesaid, BEER, to be consumed off the premises, in pursuance of the Act II. Geo. IV., and 1 Wm. IV., cap. 64, and Acts amending the same, of which premises Thomas Weston, the elder, of Cornwall House aforesaid, is the owner, and which said premises are now occupied by me.
Given under my hand this Third day of August, 1899.
986e. JOHN T. WESTON, Jun.

Sales by Auction

By Mr Joseph W. Turnbull.

CONSETT.
Re the Northern Cycle Company, Ltd. in Liquidation.
GREAT SALE OF HIGH-CLASS SAFETY BICYCLES.
JOS. W. TURNBULL favoured with instructions from the Liquidator J. H. Armstrong, Esq., (of Messrs Monkhouse Goddard and Co., Chartered Accountants, Newcastle-on-Tyne), will SELL BY AUCTION within the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, on SATURDAY, August 26th, 1899, at Three o'clock in the afternoon,
30 NEW AND SECOND-HAND SAFETY BICYCLES.
The above Lady's, Gent's and Youth's Cycles are direct from the Company's Works, at Berwick-on-Tweed, are fitted with Dunlop, Midland, Palmer, and Irion Tyres, and are in every respect ready for the road.
On view morning of day of Sale.
Catalogues on application to the Auctioneer, 35, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

Under Deed of Assignment
To Refreshment Room Keepers, Confectioners, Caterers, and Innkeepers.
Re John Salisbury, Confectioner and Caterer, Front Street, Consett.
MR. T. D. DRYDEN, Trustee of the Estate, Will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, August 29th, 1899, the whole of the STOCK AND TRADE FIXTURES, FITTINGS, FURNITURE, &c.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
For full particulars see bills.
T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer,
58f Front Street, Consett.

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

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The Loud Farm.
SALE OF AWAY-GOING CROPS, Friday, August 25th, at Five o'clock.
16 Acres Oats.
3 ,, Barley.
7 ,, Wheat.
Good Crops and ready for reaping, usual condition.
139f J. S. MURRAY.

SPECIAL SALE OF KEEPING LAMBS, Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside, Saturday, August 26th. Upwards of 1,000 three-quarter, half-bred, and Top Mule Lambs. Some of the best in the County, and from the soundest and best hill districts.
Sale at One o'clock.
140f J. S. MURRAY.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
MONDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1899.
10 to 15 Fat Cattle.
100 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Calves, Pigs, including a litter very grand young Pigs.
20 Young Geese off the Fells.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
Stack Nets, Ladders, Harness, Poultry, &c.
1 Black Draught Mare, 16 h.h., quiet in all yokes.
A Powerful Cart Horse for sale, quiet and good worker, Six years old.
Sale at One o'clock.
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THE
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ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE,
BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by his Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

By Mr John Crawford

Notice to Hack Proprietors and Others.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. Wedge, whose premises have been sold, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, September 6th, the whole of his Valuable HORSES, Brakes, Cabs, Whitechapels, Harness, together with Fixtures and Contents. Full particulars next issue and posters. 136f

East Butsfield Farm.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. John Suddie, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday first, August 28th, the AWAY-GOING CROPS, consisting of Three Acres of Barley, Three Acres of Wheat, or thereabouts, now standing and ready for cutting, at East Butsfield Farm. Meet at Six o'clock p.m. at East Butsfield. Two Months' Bill taken on approval. 137f

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

By Mr A. Phillipson

Hill Top, Dipton.—Monday, August 28th 1899.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr W. Southern, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, about 20 Pikes of good well-won OLD LAND HAY, in quantities to suit purchasers.
Sale at Two o'clock 87f

Excellent Business Premises For Sale at Leadgate.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON respected with the unsolicited favour of Mr. E. Kinleside, who is leaving the district, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1899, at the House of Mr. F. Collingwood, Queen Victoria Hotel, Leadgate, at Seven o'clock, (subject to such conditions as will then be produced), all those Superior FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES and DWELLING-HOUSE situate in St. Ive's Road, Leadgate, comprising—Front and Back Shop; Sitting Room; Dining Room; Five Bed Rooms; Kitchen; Pantry; and a good Cellar. Out doors—Stable; Cart Shed; Wash-house; and every Convenience, including Gas-fittings.
The Property is quite a model block, substantially built of stone, has a commanding situation, and is in a good state of repair; the property is suitable for any kind of business.
Also, Plot of Building LAND 60 ft. by 90 ft., situate in St. Ive's Road, Leadgate, capital position near railway station, sold as a whole, or divided to suit purchasers.
For further particulars and Inspection of the Property, &c., apply to Mr. E. Kinleside, on the Premises, or to the Auctioneer, Dipton, R.S.O.

In the Afternoon of the same day, at 3 p.m., in a field near the Brooms Chapel.
5 Heifers from 2 to 2 years and 6 months old.
Useful cow with third calf.
2 Sets of silver-mounted harness, just new.
9 Pikes of good old land hay.
Hay in hay shed, this year's growth, about 6 tons.
Hay stack, last year's growth, about 16 tons.
Also, ladders, pig trough, &c.
The hay is of superior quality, and will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. 138f

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N. ELSDON wishes his friends and customers to know that he has the LARGEST AND BEST SALE ROOMS in the district and that he is prepared to STORE FURNITURE and all classes of goods FREE OF CHARGE, and Sell on Commission according to arrangement.
All Classes of Furniture or Property purchased outright for Cash, or sold by Auction.

Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr John T. Weston, Junr.

Preliminary Notice.
MR. JOHN T. WESTON, Jun. will shortly offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION Valuable Freehold PROPERTY, situated in Stanley, R.S.O., and being No. 1, Clifford Road, (Stone Built), Eight Rooms, one of the best built houses in the district.
Sale Office—
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Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

Business Announcement.

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, August 25th, 1899.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

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SPEAKING OF MUSICIANS, reminds us that a high honour has recently been conferred upon a respected local gentleman. In the window of Messrs Ramsden's musical establishment, in Front Street, Consett, there may be seen a framed and elaborately-designed diploma, conferring the degree of F.C.V. (Fellow of the College of Violinists) upon Professor R. Coward Klee, the musical director of the New Theatre, Consett. The degree is one of exceptional value, and bears eloquent testimony to Professor Klee's powers as a violinist. It is a notable circumstance that an honour of this description should have come to Consett, and we heartily congratulate our gifted townsman upon this recognition of his conspicuous merit. Accompanying the diploma was an autograph letter, conveying kindly expressions from Herr Eugene Polonaski, the world-renowned violinist and examiner, and five handsomely bound volumes of "The Violin Times," of which Herr Polonaski is part editor. The latter gentleman has, we understand, carried away with him very pleasant recollections of his first visit to Consett, and of the high standard of excellence attained by the pupils from every part of the district whom he examined. The certificates gained by these pupils have also excited the interest of those who have observed them in Messrs Ramsden's windows.

THE MANY FRIENDS IN THE Dipton district of the Rev. Arthur Tuson, son of the popular vicar of Dipton, the Rev. Richard Tuson, will be interested to learn that he has just been made the recipient of a handsome presentation from his former parishoners at Howdon-on-Tyne, from which place he removed recently in order to take up more responsible duties at Holy Trinity Church, North Shields. Mr. Tuson was a great favourite at Howdon, being warmly esteemed and admired by a large circle of friends. Consequently the presentation set on foot was liberally responded to, with the result that on Tuesday evening, Mr. Tuson was presented with a handsome timepiece in recognition of his services whilst resident in the parish, and as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by all who know him. The interesting proceedings took place in the Store Hall, Willington Quay, in the presence of a large company, the presentation being ably made by Coun. Woodman, on behalf of the subscribers. The members of the Band of Hope also presented Mr. Tuson with a copy of the Church Hymn Book in large type. Mr. Tuson will be remembered by many people in the district as a distinguished athlete, and those who know him best will rejoice to learn that he gives promise of making a name for himself in the ministry of the Established Church.

WE OBSERVE WITH SATISFACTION that a late resident in this district, in the person of Mr. J. Wm. Rounthwaite, architect, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, is still pursuing his school building career. In addition to the large schools designed by him, and now in progress at South Moor and Craghead, we note that, on Monday, Mr. Rounthwaite was appointed architect for the proposed new school at Stocksfield, by the Broomley and Bywell School Board, being selected from a number of applicants for the appointment.

SO FAR AS ONE CAN JUDGE, Mr. John Wilson, M.P., is apparently not satisfied with the recent vote of the county in favour of the establishment of the Conciliation Board, and it looks very much as if the hon. member would like to see it taken again. In his monthly circular he says: "The voting has not been so complete as the importance of the question deserves. We should have had

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a strong vote upon it, as it so very unsatisfactory when such a matter is dealt with in an indifferent manner. The majority was small, but not in the least disappointing. It is the reverse of it, and is expressive of the very great change which has come over the minds of our members." At the conclusion of his remarks, however, he asks that the Board may have a fair trial in all trades. It may be remembered that when the Board was formed some years ago it was during a period of depression. The effect of its operations was a continuous reduction in wages, consequent upon low prices. The result was that the Board fell into disrepute, and the Durham miners eventually would have none of it. Now, however, we are in prosperous times, and its establishment should be attended with greater success.

THE CONSETT... THE COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD, on the occasion of their last monthly sitting, performed a graceful act of common justice to the headmaster of the boys' school, Mr. Wm. McQuillen, in making his salary equal to that paid to his predecessor. The master based his application for an increase on the success of the boys' school since he took charge of it, and also upon the fact that he had increased work in the shape of training pupil teachers of the girls' department. That Mr. McQuillen is a thoroughly efficient member of his profession, in which he holds an honourable position, may be gathered from the very commendatory remarks embodied in the inspector's annual report, which is well worth repeating. It states, and with the highest degree of truth, notwithstanding the small amount of adverse criticism which outsiders, who neither know what education is, nor what its advantages are, may have been vile enough to circulate to the contrary, "that this department has now reached a high level of efficiency." So high is that level of efficiency which obtains not only among the boys, but amongst the pupil teachers, that the Education Department have sanctioned the omission of the annual inspection of the schools next year. If the Board are sensible, and we believe the majority of them are, they will encourage and try to keep a good servant now that they have been fortunate enough to secure one, not allowing an increase of salary to stand in their way when it is proved that such has been honestly earned.

WE ARE EXTREMELY SORRY to learn that the members of the committee of the Leadgate Floral, Horticultural, and Live Stock Society are not exactly a united body. The trouble has arisen in this way: At the meeting held after the last annual show to settle up accounts and transact other business, certain exhibitors in the floral and horticultural department expressed their dissatisfaction at the way in which the prize money was distributed last year—viz., sixpence a part—and submitted a motion that this year one shilling per part should be paid. Those who have the best interests of the society at heart strongly resisted this proposition, but, unfortunately, they were in the minority, and the motion was carried, but only by a very narrow majority. This means, after paying the other prize money and incidental expenses, that not only has the whole of the receipts been absorbed, but that it has been found necessary to draw upon the balance deposited in the bank last year, as a sort of reserve fund, to the extent of four or five pounds. Thus, instead of having a nice little "nest egg" at the bank of some £20, about £8 remains. It does seem a pity that, after such strenuous and successful efforts have been made to put the show upon a sound footing, that certain persons should insist upon having their "pound of flesh," merely because there was a balance at the bank. We have heard many people declare—and we heartily agree with them—that the society would prosper more with less exhibitors on the committee. As it is, several of the warmest supporters of the affair are disgusted at the grabbing propensities exhibited by a certain section of the committee, and are determined to have nothing more to do with it. It is undoubtedly disheartening to many who have worked so hard to ensure success for the society to find their endeavours treated in this fashion. Under the new and efficient management instituted last year, there seemed every reason to believe that the show would ultimately become one of the best in the county; but, if the same policy be pursued in the future as has been done this year, it will only need one wet day on the occasion of the annual show to kill it.

OWING TO THE REGRETTABLE departure of Mr. Geo. Starford from the Medomsley district, a vacancy occurred on the Medomsley School Board, and this has been filled up by the election of Mr. J. W. Jamieson. We congratulate the members upon their choice. Mr. Jamieson is a gentleman who takes a great interest in public affairs without in any way being ostentatious, and the Board could not possibly have made a better selection. As a member of the Parish Council Mr. Jamieson has rendered a lot of valuable service in a quiet way, and he is thoroughly esteemed and respected by his fellow councillors. He is not one of those who believes in talking round a subject merely for the sake of saying something, or posing as an orator, but when he speaks his opinions are invariably worth listening to, and he goes straight to the point without any unnecessary dilly-dallying. Mr. Jamieson has always shown his willingness to take part in any movement set on foot for the social, moral, or educational improvement of the people amongst whom his lot is cast, and, since he succeeded Mr. G. G. Robson in the management of Westwood Colliery, has gained for himself a name as being just and fair both to employers and employed. We feel sure that the electorate will warmly endorse the action of the School Board in choosing Mr. Jamieson to fill the vacancy, and we are equally certain that the new member will prove himself fully worthy of the honour conferred upon him.

THE PROPOSED SANATORIUM in the county for consumptives is beginning to take practical shape. Stanhope is the place fixed upon, and a company of gentlemen interested in the project visited the charming Weardale health resort on Saturday in order to pick out a suitable site. This has been found near the old lead works, now dismantled. It is dry and breezy, and sheltered from both north and east winds, and is in close touch with a large pine wood, the odour from which is said to be beneficial to consumptives. In all probability a start will be made with the erection of the sanatorium almost immediately.

IT IS WITH MUCH REGRET that we have to announce the death of Mr. John Siddoway Bagnall, which took place at his residence, Thornley House, Rowland's Gill, on Saturday last. The deceased gentleman, who was well-known and highly esteemed in the district, was a member of the old established firm of Messrs R. S. Bagnall and Sons, chainmakers, Winlaton. He was only about 38 years of age. Writing of Mr. Bagnall in the "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Whist" says:—In the "Journal's" obituary there is a record of the death of Mr. John Sidloway Bagnall, of Winlaton. Among the names that sprang into industrial prominence on the decline of the great concern owned by Sir Ambrose Crowley towards the close of the 17th century there is not any better known in our district than that of the deceased gentleman. He was the son of the late Captain Henry Bagnall. The Bagnalls came to Winlaton in the early days of Crowley's crew. They were smiths from the south; but probably of Irish origin."

THE QUESTION OF THE formation of a Mart Company for the district has been on the tapis for some time, and doubtless many outsiders thought those interested were rather slow in moving in the matter. However, there were a number of things to consider ere the promoters felt justified in taking definite steps. The site naturally was the most important matter, and the committee appointed to go into this question had three before them. Two of these were at Number One, belonging respectively to the Consett Co-operative Society and Mr. N. Elsdon, whilst the other was the mart now used by Mr. J. S. Murray. Either of those at Number One would no doubt have met all requirements, but then Mr. Murray expressed his determination to continue his sales at the Benfieldside Mart should the Company decide to accept either of these sites. Under these circumstances the committee recommended the general meeting on Monday night to accept Mr. R. Murray's offer of the present mart at £30 per year, on a fourteen or twenty years' lease, and this was unanimously agreed to. Ten influential gentlemen were appointed to take the necessary steps to float the company, which will have a capital of £2,000 in £1 shares. At the first meeting of shareholders the directors will be elected. Properly managed we see no reason why the new concern should not be a great success. The present trade can be considerably developed, and it only needs able and business-like men at the head of affairs to make the venture pay a satisfactory dividend.

IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE and privilege on several occasions to call attention to the value of ambulance work, and an example of this has reached us from a correspondent at Annfield Plain. It appears that about nine o'clock on Tuesday morning of last week, a little girl, aged seven years, the daughter of Mr. Wm. Morris, engineman, Dunns Street, Annfield Plain, was walking along near the railway line at the latter place, when she fell with a glass bottle in her hand, the bottle breaking into several pieces and cutting the main artery in the palm of her hand. The wound was about two-and-a-half inches long, and about an inch deep, and, naturally, the child lost a deal of blood. She was conveyed to her home, and several neighbours applied cold water to the wound, but to no effect. At last a young man named Matthew Moore was sent for, who has passed all his examinations in ambulance work. He at once applied pressure on the wrist with an elastic band, which immediately stopped the bleeding. The doctor coming in a short time afterwards, expressed the opinion that what Moore had done had been the means of saving the little girl's life, seeing that the main artery had been cut. The doctor then stitched the wound, and took off the elastic band, and the child is now going on all right. As our correspondent remarks, it is a great pity that more attention is not paid to ambulance work by working-men, as by taking a course of lessons on the subject they might often be the means of preventing a good deal of pain and suffering.

SOMETHING DEFINITE HAS at length been decided upon with respect to an effort being put forth to obtain urban powers for the Medomsley township. At the last meeting of the Parish Council, Coun. Crawford (who is taking a prominent part in the question) presented a lengthy report, which it was not thought advisable to publish at present; but we think we are breaking no confidences when we assert that, according to Coun. Crawford's calculations, the work in connection with the parish coud be done cheaper and better, were Medomsley granted urban powers, than it is at present under the Lanchester authority. Of course, that is a debatable question, and we shall probably have it fully thrashed out at the ratepayers' meeting which will be held to consider the matter, on September 20th. So far as we can learn, the ratepayers are not taking so much interest in this question as they ought to do. It is a subject that vitally affects them—more especially the direct ratepayers—and it is worthy of very serious consideration. As we have remarked before, should the township resolve to proceed with the matter, they may safely reckon upon most strenuous opposition from Lanchester. We do not repeat this with the idea of trying to discourage those supporting the proposed change, but merely call attention to it again to remind them as to what they may expect from the big-wigs at Lanchester.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

BY "ROSICRUCIAN."

THE ANNFIELD BRANCH.

It is very unfortunate that the North-Eastern Railway Company will insist on neglecting the service of the Annfield Plain Branch. There have been several serious delays of late, among them one of half-an-hour's delay at Ouston Junction, and another of an hour's delay at Birtley, which have completely upset the business arrangements of several passengers. There may be difficulties in the way of making better arrangements, but the impression created is by no means flattering to the Company. The inconvenience is gradually becoming notorious and surely must be a matter of knowledge to those in authority. Will it be remedied?

ATHLETIC SOMERSAULTS.

It does seem absurd when sweltering under a heated, close, and heavy atmosphere to be talking seriously of the winter game of football, and yet the publication in the "Guardian" last week, of the names of the players "signed on" for Stanley have caused many eyes to be turned in the direction of Oakey's. Practice matches have already begun, and in a little more than a week the close season will be at an end, and contests will be entered upon with as much earnestness as though the fate of the empire depended upon the results. The French notion that we are a nation of shopkeepers is somewhat discounted by the yells which make the welkin ring when league games and cup-ties are in process of decision. But now-a-days anything having a French origin is discounted where two or three respectable and intelligent people are gathered together.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The flower show, considered all round, was a success, though the entries in the horticultural and live stock departments were not so large as last year, yet the takings at the gate were a record and there is improvement in the collector's books. The music rendered by the Consett Workmen's Prize Band was all that could be desired (we were sorry to hear of the serious accident which befel the band on its homeward journey on Saturday last from Slaley Flower Show.) The dinner provided by Mr and Mrs Davis, Smelters' Arms Inn, was all that could be desired, and reflected credit on the hostess' abilities as a cook.

A HOLIDAY RESORT.

There are and have been a number of visitors this summer. The village is becoming quite a holiday resort. There is no finer scenery to be found in the North of England than in the vicinity of Castleside and the banks of the meandering Derwent. Those in search of a health resort, or those in search of rugged or romantic scenery, need not go far afield as Norway or Sweden. At present there are visitors from Sunderland, Newcastle, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Carlisle, and London, and still they come.

PROMOTION.

We are always pleased to note when men are making headway for betterment in the social, moral, material, or educational side of life. While there is often a sad side of the question of getting upward—it often happens when our sons and daughters are being promoted they leave a "vacant chair" in the old home, or when our neighbours leave us, we miss their genial company and friendship, yet in the face of such loss we rejoice at their success, and we take this opportunity of congratulating our friends who have recently taken another step round in the ladder of fame, viz., Mr E. James, who has succeeded in securing the chief post in the roll-turning department of Messrs Bolckow and Vaughan's large establishment at Middlesborough. Mr James has been for a number of years employed in the roll-turning department of the Consett Iron and Steel Co.'s Works, and is a young man of rare qualities. To know him was to esteem him. In few words we may say of him what someone has said of Scotland's poet (Robert Burns) "He was a gentleman born." We wish him success in his new charge.

MORE PROMISING YOUNG MEN.

Another young man we wish to congratulate is Mr W. Robinson, late of Allansford, now in Newcastle, who has gone through college and taken his B.A. degree. No doubt his schoolmates will feel some degree of pride in his success. We wish him well in days yet to come. Another is one of our own village youths, the eldest son of Councillor T. J. Muse, Mr J. W. Muse, who has succeeded in securing an honourable and responsible position in the city of Bath. He served his apprenticeship in the Consett Iron Company's offices and shops, under the guiding hand of Mr J. Scott, one of the most successful and painstaking engineers of our time. Mr Muse was selected from a group of some 51 applicants for the post. Mr Muse is another evidence, and may be a stimulus to other village youths, by noting what can be done by plodding and perseverance. All will join us in wishing him success. The last we wish to mention in this paragraph is the Rev. R. Pattinson, who a few years ago left the village to seek his fortune or wherewithal to live in Canada, and afterwards in the United States. Before leaving home he was a local preacher in the Shotley Bridge Station in the Primitive Methodist Church. He was employed at the Consett Iron Works, as a stocktaker, and on his leaving the works his work-fellows presented him with a handsomely bound copy of the Bible, which he lost in a forest fire, with all his earthly possessions. After years of plodding and hard work, besides attending to his ministerial labours, he has gone through college in the city of Sanginaw, Michigan, U.S.A., and taken his diploma as a fully-fledged medical practitioner, and can now practice in medicine and surgery. This student from the village is in the fifty-first year of life—another evidence of the value of industry.

WEDDING.

At Tow Law Church, on Tuesday, August 15th, the marriage took place of Mr William E. Milner, Gateshead, second son of Mr J. Milner, merchant tailor, Castleside, and Miss Amelia Harrison, third daughter of the late Mr Anthony Harrison, of Tow Law. Mr Anthony Milner, (brother of the bridegroom) was "best man," and the bridesmaids were Miss S. Harrison (sister of the bride), and the Misses Ada and Elizabeth Milner (sisters of the bridegroom.) The bride was dressed in cream corduroy, trimmed with chiffon, and wore a wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were all dressed in cream. The bride's travelling dress was blue corduroy. Mr and Mrs Milner left for Scarborough for their honeymoon by the one o'clock train. The bridegroom presented the bride with a bouquet of lilies. The presents were both numerous and costly. Mrs Burnip, of Crook, presented the bride's cake. All will join in wishing the happy pair all the pleasures of wedded life.

WEARDALE NOTES.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A GREAT HONOUR.

Miss Ridley, daughter of Coun. Matthew Ridley, of Park Field Farm, Frosterley, one of the Wear Valley successful dairy-maids who went out as a lecturer and demonstrater in butter-making, was introduced to the Prince of Wales while demonstrating in butter-making at the Edinburgh Agricultural Show. The Prince seemed to take a lively interest in butter-making, and asked her several questions in relation to it.

A DASTARDLY THEFT.

The latest from Stanhope and Eastgate is the robbery of the poor boxes in both Churches—one on the Friday and the other on the Saturday. The one at Stanhope was broken into on the Saturday afternoon, the lock broken, and the contents of the box pilfered. Both churches stand open day by day, and all sorts of people are in them. People that can go into a Church and rob the poor have reached the lowest strata of the submerged and depraved.

DEATH OF MR. H. HOGARTH.

The death of Mr Hall Hogarth, of Frosterley, is much regretted. He was well and widely known in the Wear Valley. He took an active part in every public movement pertaining to Frosterley. The funeral on Monday was largely attended.

LOCAL CHARITIES.

The enquiry into the local charities last week did not develop much new at Stanhope, but served a good purpose at St. John's Chapel by unearthing the charter.

THE TRANSVAAL.

Meetings were held last week-end in various parts of the Wear Valley on the Transvaal question, addressed by a late Cleveland miner, who had been out there, and who gives a true picture of the degradation of our fellow-countrymen by the boorish Boers. The Transvaal seems to be the only place in the world where Britons are slaves, where they are denied their birthrights as British subjects, and treated as if they did not belong to the greatest empire of the world.

THE NATURALISTS.

The Weardale Naturalists' Field Club and the Blackhill Naturalists' Field Club meet together at Stanhope on Saturday afternoon for a short fraternal greeting and exploration of Butler's Village. Inereating papers are to be read by Messrs W. Egglestone, J. Barker, G. Ord, and the Rev. J. C. Orr. The Bishop of Richmond will show them round the Rectory, where the famed Bishop Butler wrote his immortal "Analogy of Religion." The Church, dene, and other places of interest will be visited.

SCIENCE CLASSES AT BURNHOPE COLLIERY.

During the past winter classes have been held in the Colliery Schools in connection with the Education Department, Durham County Council, and the Science and Art Department. The results of the various examinations have now come to hand, and are as follows:—

Evening Continuation Classes—Subjects, commercial arithmetic, commercial geography, botany, and vocal music—H.M. Inspector awarded the highest grants for all subjects with special praise for vocal music.

County Council Technical Class—Subject, French.—University of Durham and County Council Joint Certificate Examination. Stage I.—Miss S. A. Buckham (with credit) Lanchester; Miss A. Smith, Burnhope. Stage II.—Miss M. E. Gibson, Prospect House, Burnhope.

Science and Art Department.—Art Class.—Freehand first class, Miss R. J. Reid. Second class, Miss M. H. Chapman, Miss J. Humble, Master Luke Hannon (no failures.) Model, first class, Miss S. A. Buckham. Second class, Miss S. A. Gofton, Miss R. J. Reid (no failures.) Perspective, first class, Miss A. Smith (no failures.) Light and Shade, first class, Miss A. Smith. Second class, Miss S. A. Buckham, Miss M. E. Gibson (no failures).

BITS FROM BOOKS.

A FAMOUS SOLDIER.

The Life of Sir Purnett Lumsden, hero of our early Afghan wars, makes attractive reading. Lumsden made his "Guides" out of desperate characters:

"When he first visited Yusafzai in search of recruits Dilawur Khan was notorious. He had been brought up by Mohammedan priests, and was intended for the priesthood, but kidnapping bankers and rich travelers, carrying them across the Indus into Yusafzai, was too attractive in adventure and remuneration, and he forsook the sacred calling.

"Dilawur's capital consisted of his sword, a piece of rope, and a huge bullock's skin, which he could inflate at pleasure, and so carry himself and his guests across the 'sacred river.' Once there, a messenger was sent to settle the sum the firm or family would give as a ransom for his guest. This was Dilawur's occupation. Lumsden, thinking that Dilawur must have rare local knowledge and pluck to carry on such a trade successfully, sent him an invitation to his camp, promising him a safe return to the hills. The very novelty of the invitation took Dilawur's fancy, and, to the astonishment of the chiefs of the district, he appeared in camp. Lumsden received him with all courtesy, pointed out that in a short time posts would be so established throughout the country that his calling would be impossible, and the risk of hanging great, and ended his moral by proposing to make him a Guide. Dilawur fairly burst into a fit of laughter at the proposal, and took his departure across the border. Six weeks afterwards he voluntarily turned up at Lumsden's tent, saying he had come to join the Guides, but pleaded hard to be excused the degradation of the 'goose step'; but Lumsden held out stoutly for the absolute necessity of his being taught the complete art of war, and finally had the satisfaction of seeing the most dreaded man on the frontier patiently balancing on one leg at his bidding."

ST. URSULA.

The "Dictionary of National Biography" is nearing its end. The last volume issued takes us to St. Ursula, which means that two more at most should finish it. The legend has been the subject of famous pictures, and is interesting reading:

"Ursula, reputed saint and martyr of Cologne, whose date of death is variously given as 238, 283, and 451, was according to the earliest form of the developed legend, a British maiden, the only daughter of the pious Christian king Deonotus. She was christened Ursula (a diminutive of 'Ursa,' a she bear), because she was to slay 'the bear'—i.e., the devil. She resolved to become a nun, but was sought in marriage by the heathen son of a 'certain most ferocious tyrant,' who threatened to waste the land with fire and sword if she refused. As the result of a vision, in which was revealed her future martyrdom, Ursula consented on condition that she was allowed as companions ten noble virgins who, like Ursula, were to have each a thousand attendant virgins and a ship. The prince was, moreover, to become a Christian. The eleven ships, with Pinnosa, Ursula's chief companion, as admiral, after cruising for three years round the British coasts, sailed up the Rhine to Cologne and to Basel, whence Ursula and her companions went on foot to Rome. Returning to Cologne, which had meanwhile been seized by the Huns, they were massacred in 238, Ursula being slain by an arrow. The inhabitants after the withdrawal of the Huns buried them with more than mortal honours, and built a church outside the walls, which was rebuilt on a grander scale long afterwards at the bidding of one Clementius, a wise man from the East.

THE NEW FLYING MACHINE.

Mr. H. G. Wells in his book, "When the Sleeper Awakes," to which reference has already been made in this column, has a description of the flying machine of the future:

"Two lines of investigation had pointed clearly to two distinct types of contrivance as possible, and both of these had been realised. On the one hand was the great engine-driven aeroplane, a double row of horizontal floats with a big aerial screw behind, and on the other the nimbler aeropile. The aeroplanes flew safely only in a calm or moderate wind, and sudden storms, occurences that were now accurately predictable, rendered them for all practical purposes useless. They were built of enormous size—the usual stretch of wing being six hundred feet or more, and the length of the fabric a thousand feet. They were for passenger traffic alone. The lightly-swung car they carried was from a hundred to a hundred and fifty feet in length. It was hung in a peculiar manner in order to minimise the complex vibration that even a moderate wind produced, and for the same reason the little seats within the car—each passenger remained seated during the voyage—were slung with great freedom of movement. The starting of the mechanism was only possible from a gigantic car on the rail of a specially constructed stage. The choice of descent was equally circumscribed, an accurately plane surface being needed for safe grounding."

LONDON TWO HUNDRED YEARS HENCE.

One more passage may be quoted from that fascinating book, "When the Sleeper Wakes," by Mr. H. G. Wells:

"Among the first things to strike his attention had been the great fleets of advertisement balloons and kites that receded in irregular vistas northward and southward along the lines of the aeroplane journeys. No aeroplanes were to be seen. Their passages had ceased, and only one little seeming aeropile circled high in the blue distance above the Surrey Hills, an unimpressive soaring speck. A thing Graham had already learnt, and which he found very hard to imagine, was that nearly all the towns in the country, and almost all the villages, had disappeared. Here and there only, he understood, some gigantic hotel-like edifice stood amid square miles of some single cultivation, and preserved the name of a town, as Bournemouth, Wareham, or Swanage. Yet the officer had speedily convinced him how inevitable such a change had been. The old order had dotted the country with farmhouses, and every two or three miles was the ruling landlord's estate, and the place of the inn and cobbler, the grocer's shop and church—the village. Every eight miles or so was the country town, where lawyer, corn-doctor, draper, milliner, and so forth lived. Every eight miles, simply because that eight-mile marketing journey, four there and back, was as much as was comfortable for the farmer. But directly the railways came into play, and after them the light railways, and all the swift new motor-cars that had replaced waggons and horses, and so soon as the high-roads began to be made of wood and rubber and eadhamite, and all sorts of elastic durable substances, the necessity of having such frequent market towns disappeared. And the big towns grew. They drew the worker with the gravitational force of seemingly endless work, the employer with their suggestions of an infinite ocean of labour. And as the standard of comfort rose, as the complexity of the mechanism of living increased, life in the country had become more and more costly, or narrow and impossible. The disappearance of vicar and squire, the extinction of the general practitioner by the city specialist, had robbed the village of its last touch of culture. After telephone, kinematograph, and phonograph had replaced newspaper, book, schoolmaster, and letter, to live outside the range of electric cables was to live an isolated savage. In the country were neither means of being clothed nor fed (according to the refined conceptions of the time), no efficient doctors for an emergency, no company, and no pursuits. Moreover, mechanical appliances in agriculture made one engineer the equivalent of thirty labourers.

"So, inverting the condition of the City clerk in the days when London was scarce habitable because of the coaly foulness of its air, the labourers now came hurrying by road or air to the City and its life and life delights at night, to leave it again in the morning. The City had swallowed up humanity, man had entered upon a new stage in his development. First had come the nomad, then had followed the agriculturist of the agricultural State, whose towns and cities and ports were but the headquarters and markets of the country-side. And now, logical consequence of an epoch of invention, was this huge new aggregation of men. Save London, there were only four other cities in Britain—Edinburgh, Portsmouth, Manchester, and Shrewsbury. Such things as these, simple statements of fact though they were to contemporary men, strained Graham's imagination to picture. And when he glanced 'over beyond there' at the strange things that existed on the Continent, it failed him altogether. He had a vision of city beyond city, cities on great plains, beside great rivers, vast cities along the sea margin, cities girdled by snowy mountains. Over a great part of the earth the English tongue was spoken; taken together with its Spanish-American and Hindu and negro and 'Pidgin' dialects, it was the everyday language of two-thirds of the people of the earth. On the Continent, save as remote and curious survivals, three other languages alone held sway — German, which reached to Antioch and Genoa and jostled Spanish-English at Cadiz; a Gallicised Russian, which met the Indian English in Persia and Kurdistan, and the 'Pidgin' English in Pekin; and French, still clear and brilliant, the language of lucidity, which shared the Mediterranean with the Indian, English, and German, and reached, through a negro dialect, to the Congo."

Burnopfield

MARRIAGE OF MISS JENNIE YOUNG.—The marriage of Miss Jennie Young, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Young, of Hobson Colliery, to Mr. R. E. Robinson, of Normanton, late of Castle Eden, was celebrated at St. James' Church, Burnopfield, on Monday of last week. The Rev. J. Madill, curate of Burnopfield, performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Ellen Robinson, of Sheep Hill, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Elizabeth Jefferson, of Hobson Colliery, while Mr. Thomas Young, brother of the bride, was "best man," and Mr. Ambrose Tiplady, of Durham, groomsman. After the ceremony a holiday was spent at Tynemouth, after which the happy couple journeyed to Normanton to their new home. The list of presents, which were both numerous and costly, included many useful articles.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

MINERS AND HOUSE RENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—The matter of free house and house rent being a large question, and one of vital importance to the miners of Durham county, seeing that it is a question that must be effectually dealt with in the near future, it is necessary that it should receive the intelligent attention of all concerned. I quite concur with the writer of the notes in last week's "Weekly Leader," headed "Around Durham," when he says:—"The housing question can only be settled in Durham when the miners receive an equivalent wage and find their own houses." This is, in our opinion, a perfectly correct putting of the whole question.

We have ceased to purchase our provisions from the "Tommy shop," and it would only be carrying the same principle to its logical issue if we were to cease purchasing our right to a shelter from practically the same source and in very much the same way, and we would be acting in consonance with the spirit, if not the letter, of the Truck Act. Let each mining householder (in colliery houses) remember when investigating this matter, that each and every hewer allow is per day to be deducted from his earnings whether he occupies a house or not—in lieu of a free house and coals, and such coals. Herein, also, lies the settlement of the vexed question of "fire coals." A great many of the colliery houses, so-called, are shockingly bad, besides being built in bad situations. Indeed, it is a prostitution of language to apply the term houses to many of them at all.

I am not disposed to bestow undue blame on the present colliery owners. Perhaps they are in some measure the victims of a vicious system of providing workmen with houses, as the workmen are themselves, except with this very significant difference—that, whereas it hits the workmen to their great hurt, and works incalculable mischief to their health of body, mind, and soul, and pockets, too, it usually works out to the profit of the colliery-owner, at least so far as his pocket or banking account is concerned.

This question does not end when we have dispensed with the financial side of it. The weightier matters of health, intelligence, morality, and, indeed, all that goes to make us true and noble men and women, are all involved in some degree in this question of free houses and rent. Therefore it is of the greatest importance that we approach the matter with open minds and a fixed purpose of delving down to the very root of the matter, so as to settle the question on correct principles, and thus obtain a settlement stable and sure, making for true peace and harmony in our industrial relations with the owners.—I am, etc.,

J. STOREY.

Cornsay Colliery.

VANISHING BIRDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—More than one vanishing form of bird life has fallen a victim to the collecting mania of the amateur naturalist during the last six months. The kite, osprey, honey buzzard, jer-falcon are to be counted among his miserable spoils. Besides the vanishing species, many others, among them the gold-finch, red-backed shrike, reed warbler, and whitear, are known to be annually diminishing in numbers. I have evidence of these species being molested in a wholesale manner, either by the harrying of their nests or the operations of the bird-catcher. The kingfisher, too, is still subjected to much bitter and senseless persecution. A Leicester correspondent writes to tell me that there is a man in that town who boasts of having killed no fewer than 33 kingfishers. In the counties of Middlesex and London this beautiful fellow is protected all the year round; but otherwise there is very little protection for him in the country. In Ireland, I believe there is absolutely none. It must be apparent to everyone that, not only is a rigid enforcement of the present laws much needed, but that the absurd anomalies existing under them must be of a very serious nature indeed. The wanton slaughter of our rarer winged "casuals" is positively exasperating. The hoopoe is but one of a large number of species that must run the risk of being shot down unless the law is amended so as to stop vandalism of this description. Very little restriction indeed has as yet been placed on the actions of the modern Goth. Pending some amendment of the law, what is specially needed is the co-operation of the public. Hitherto it has shown too little interest in the question of protecting our birds, and in many cases its culpable apathy has led to very disastrous results. It is disgraceful that humane laws should be allowed to be practically a dead letter. As it is the unmistakable duty of the police to aid in the administration of the Bird Protection Acts, it is to be hoped that the P.C.A. Societies will look after them and see that they carry out their duties properly.—I am, yours faithfully,

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

53, Chancery Lane, London, August 23rd.

Housing of the People.

What Local Authorities might do.

"There is great room for improvement. Some of the hovels Christian men are living in to-day are hardly fit to be classed as dog kennels." Such were the words of the chairman, Mr. R. Carter, in opening a conference on the housing of the people held on Saturday in the Victoria Hall, Middlesbrough, amongst delegates of unions, etc., from all Cleveland, Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington, and Middlesbrough. Mr H. A. Aldridge, assistant secretary of the Land Nationalisation Society, was the principal speaker. The text of his remarks are to be found in the two sectioned resolutions he moved at the close, and which read:—(a) "That this conference, recognising the evil effects of overcrowding, and bad housing conditions generally, urges Town, Urban, and Rural Councils to vigorously use the powers they possess under the Act of 1890 for the better housing of the working classes, and by this means bring good houses at low rents into competition with bad houses at high rents; and also (b) that this conference, realising the terrible need for housing reform, is of opinion that it is the duty of co-operators to help in this respect those least able to help themselves, and therefore urge all co-operators to help in this district to earnestly consider the possibility of safely using capital in the erection of houses, such houses to be let to members at the lowest possible rents, and thus brought into effective competition with bad houses at exorbitant rents. Having in view, however, not merely the simple adoption of this resolution, but the formation of a Land and Labour Committee for Teeside and Cleveland to take in hand the organisation of a clearly expressed demand for better housing conditions, he was careful to point out by quoting illustrations from other parts of the country these prospects of practical results. This housing question, he said, was one of the greatest possible moment to the community, for until they secured to the average workman sufficient of food, work, and shelter they were allowing barriers to exist in the way of mental, moral, and social development. He was not unwilling to aid in temperance work, but he feared his brother teetotallers were oft too intemperate as not to recognise that reform lay in many different courses. Wretched houses oft drove men to the public-house. What they wanted to do was to make it easier to do right and harder to do wrong. As to the evils of bad housing, he would ask them to see how it affected the children. Hampstead had a death-rate amongst children under one year of less than 100 per 1,000 per annum. In at least half a dozen urban districts of Durham the death-rate was 200 to 250, so that in many a colliery village and the slums of Middlesbrough he might also add, the death-rate was three times that of some parts of the country. They were able nowadays to place barriers in the way of infectious diseases—isolation—but how could they adopt such measures, where the people were crowded in every room of the house? Couple this overcrowding with the contagiousness of disease, and they would have some explanation of the visit of small-pox to Middlesbrough. He was not going to express any opinion as to the merits or vaccination, but he thought if those men who said so much about vaccination were to put as much energy into clearing away the slums they would do a thousand times more good than they were doing. It had been said that private enterprise would meet all needs. But he contended it had practically failed. They ought to give authorities power to buy any land, for any purpose, in any quantity, and under compulsion, at the prices it stood upon the assessment register. That would at once prick the bubble of speculation in land, and they would find the towns spreading out into the country, the tramways extended, and men and their children breathing fresh air. He quarrelled with the working men who would insist upon living under the nose of the factory. Did they not think of what was due to their wives and children? There was a course now open to them, in the Act of 1890, which he doubted would never have been passed ... and been realised what it truly conferred. The first section of this gave powers for clearing unhealthy areas, the second dealt with smaller areas and smaller towns, having power to compel owners to close insanitary dwellings, and the third gave power to the authorities to borrow money to buy land, to build houses, and to let them at rents covering costs and rates, etc. Quoting illustrations from Birmingham letting cottages at 5s 6d to 6s 3d, Darwen at 4s 6d, Hornsea 6s 6d, Leigh 5s, and Liverpool 5s to 5s 6d, Mr. Aldridge quoted that the basis was 2s 6d per week rent for every £100 in cost of erection, authorities being able to borrow at at 3½ per cent. Co-operative Societies, he urged, might as a State within a State also take up this question and provide houses for their members as they did tea, etc. They too could borrow at 3½ per cent. Quoting Bishop Auckland Society, which had £17,000 invested in houses, as an example of the policy of letting houses to cover expenses, rates, etc., he would advocate others following the example, and not to try and make them merely profitable investments.

Mr. J. Toyn, Cleveland miners' agent, seconded the resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, it was also resolved:—"That this conference is in favour of (a) the formation of Housing Reform Committees in each district if overcrowding and high rents prevail, and (b) the preparation of petitions to Urban and Rural District Councils asking them to use the powers they possess under the Act of 1890 for the better housing of the working classes."

A further resolution was also adopted, viz.:—"This conference urges all trade union organisations in the district to pass and forward resolutions asking co-operative committees to give their earnest and thoughtful consideration to the resolution relating to co-operative action adopted this day."

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The poet who wrote "Man wants but little here below" should try again. Man wants all he can get.

"Quite polite, isn't he?" "I should say so! He is so polished that he can't tell the plain, unvarnished truth."

No doubt every cloud has a silver lining, but some people are never satisfied with anything less than gold.

It was because George Washington could not tell a lie that his father never sent him into town with fresh eggs.

He: "It makes me a better man every time I kiss you, darling." She: "Oh, Harold, how good you must be!"

Ella: "Why do you always wear stockings with clocks?" Stella: "So that my feet won't get asleep."

Funeral director (to gentleman): "Are you one of the mourners?" Gentleman: "Yes; he owed me a hundred pounds."

"Parker always exaggerates everything so." "Yes; he can't even start an account at the bank without overdrawing it."

"Is your son succeeding in business?" "I should say so. He has made enough to have his photograph taken sitting at his desk."

Tenant: "But does the chimney always smoke like this?" Landlord: "Oh, no! Only when there's a fire in the grate."

Combined.—"Which would you rather possess, money or political influence?" "Money, of course, because then I could have both."

"Do you think it is like me?" she asked as she shewed him her latest photograph. "Like you?" he repeated. "I can almost hear it."

"Kitty thinks Harry doesn't intend to propose." "Has he quit visiting her?" "No; but he gave her a silver name-plate for her bicycle."

"No man," said Uncle Eben, "kin be puffect. But it's only by tryin' ter be so dat most ob us kin manage ter keep middlin' respectable."

"A horse is superior to a wheel, after all." "In what way?" "If you run over anybody while riding on horseback you can blame the horse."

"Our orchestra has gone to pieces." "What was the matter?" "The leader trained us to play as one man, and then wanted to pay us that way too."

Minister: "I once performed three wedding ceremonies in twelve minutes." Miss Saylor: "That was at the rate of fifteen knots an hour."

"A German doctor says that tight lacing is a disease, but he doesn't give it a name." "Comes under the head of fits, I suppose." "Or cramps."

"Jones is looking all over town for you." "So I understand; but I'm keeping under cover. It must be that I owe him money or that he wants to owe me some."

"What is the worst thing about riches?" asked a school teacher of a boy. "Their scarcity," he replied, and was immediately rewarded with a prize.

Old golfer: "How many holes have you made?" New golfer (who has not reached the first green): "Not more than four or five, and I put the turf right back."

The contrary sex.—Parson Johnson: "So dis little chile am a gal. Do de udder one belong toe de contrary sex?" Mrs. Jackson: "Yais, pahson; dat's a gal too."

Noscadds: "I suppose we are both extravagant." Mrs. Noscadds: "Oh, no! We merely have extravagant tastes. We haven't enough money to be extravagant."

Looking forward.—Mrs. Noear: "Do you think my daughter will be a musician?" Professor: "I can't say. She may. She dell me she gome of a long-lived family."

Tom Hood, the punster, once described the meeting of a man and a lion, and in doing so he said: "The man ran off with all his might, and the lion with all his mane."

Biggs: "Thompson seems to be awfully proud of that boy of his." Boggs: "He has a right to be. The boy is two years old and hasn't made a single bright remark yet."

Beggar (to lady who is a long time getting a copper out of her purse): "Hurry up, ma'am; I've lost several customers while you've been fooling over them pennies."

"What," asked the dreamer, "would you do if you could be a king for a day?" "Me!" answered the practical man. "I'd borrow enough money to live on the rest of my life."

"Young Mr. Enjee is quite statuesque," remarked one young woman. "Yes," was the answer. "He strikes all attitudes the time he is awake. All he does is to pose and repose."

"Your voice," said the commanding officer, "is decidedly rasping." "Yes, sir," said the subordinate, touching his cap. "I have been out roughing it with a file of soldiers all the morning."

Mr. Mushly: "How young-looking Mrs. Dewinks is." Miss Oletimer (abstractedly): "Yes; she doesn't look a day older than she did twenty years ago—(suddenly) — so mamma tells me."

He (after a waltz): "Do you know, I could die waltzing?" She (out of breath): "Perhaps you could, Mr. Hopnot; but that's no reason why you should expect others to die with you."

He: "The trouble with too many people in this world is that they never stop to think." She: "Yes, but I notice that the most successful people are the ones that don't have to stop to think."

Walker: "The trouble with bicycling is that it does not develop the arms in proportion to the legs." Wheeler: "Yes, it does, if you will only use one of those little two-ounce hand pumps to inflate your tyres."

"Well, what's the matter, old man?" "Oh, I've just had a quarrel with my wife." "Well, forget and forgive." "I never can forgive her; you see, I was in the wrong." "Then in that case demand an apology."

"Mamma," said little Tommy, wearily, "how much did you put in the man's bag?" (This was at church.) "A shilling, my dear. Why?" "Well," with emphasis, "I fink this preacher gives an awful lot for the money."

"Ma, Mrs. Smith gave me a big piece of cake." "Jimmie, I've often told you not to ask for anything to eat when you are over there." "But, ma, she gave me the cake because I told her who was here to dinner last night."

Mistress (who prides herself on economy): "I wish you would be more careful, Bridget—you have your thumb in the soup." Bridget (in a temper): "Well, an' if Oi hev, mum, sure it's the only bit of mate as ever put into it!"

"Ah," said an Englishman the other day, "I belong to a country where the sun never sets." "And I," said a Yankee, "belong to a country of which there is no correct map—it grows so fast that surveyors can't keep up with it."

Miss Dashleigh: "George Hamby is very original, isn't he?" Miss Hapgood: "I never noticed it. What has he done that was original?" Miss Dashleigh: "He handed me a box of candy last night and didn't say 'Sweets to the sweet.'"

The woman was furious. "Do I hate her?" she shrieked. "Do I hate her? At this moment I feel as if I could pass her house without looking into her front window to see if she had any new things in her parlour!" Anger with a woman is terrible.

Father: "Don't you think it about time, Fred, to be doing something for yourself?" Son: "Tell you how it is, dad. You have always told me not to follow the crowd, you know, and as every profession seems to be overcrowded, of course I have kept out of all of them."

A mismanaged compliment.—"I consider it an insult," said Miss Passeigh. "You don't refer to that immense bunch of roses?" "I do. It's a birthday remembrance, and the card on it says: 'May each of these beautiful flowers represent a year of your life.'"

His position.—"Now, how do you stand on this question?" asked the man who had indulged in a long dissertation. "Exactly as I stood years ago when it first came up," answered Senator Sorghum. "It's been so long that I forget just exactly how I stood, but I haven't changed my mind a bit, sir; not a bit."

A gentleman admires a charming widow over whose head seventeen summers have passed at least thrice. "Oh, yes," said one of his friends, "she's very charming, I know; still, you must admit that she is wrinkled." "Wrinkled!" echoed the chivalrous lover. "No, sir. There may be the indelible impression of a smile upon her face here and there, but that is all."

Gipsy fortune-teller: "In time you probably will make a good income, but you never will be a rich man." "Indeed! Why not?" "You are not saving; in fact, you are downright wasteful!" "My good woman, I'm afraid that's true. You have a wonderful gift. Do tell me how you knew I was wasteful." "You have just wasted half-a-crown in getting your fortune told!"

Young criminal lawyer: "I have arranged to have the prisoner's wife and babies sit in front of the jury and weep all through the trial. Do you think it advisable to pick bachelors or married men for the jury?" Old criminal lawyer: "Oh, it doesn't make a particle of difference; if bachelors, they will sympathise with the woman and babies; and if married men, they will sympathise with the prisoner."

Birtley

PASSENGERS DELAYED.—The train due from Birtley at 6.50 p.m. for Consett was delayed for an hour on Friday last. The train is an auxiliary, and while in the siding the steam pipes of the engine went wrong. Another locomotive was wired for to Gateshead, but owing to several fish and express trains being on the road the line could not be cleared again until ten minutes to eight. As a rule there is a large number of passengers by this train, and the delay, though unavoidable, was awkward.

Frosterley

VISITORS IN WEARDALE.—There is still a large influx of visitors in Weardale, and the demand for apartments is still great.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT.—Mr Hall Hogarth, shoemaker, Frosterley, a well-known character in the place, died last week-end, and was interred at Frosterley Church on Monday. He was well and widely known.

WEDDING AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon, a marriage round which a great amount of interest was centred, was celebrated at Christ Church, Consett. The contracting parties, well-known in the Consett and Blackhill districts, were Mr. George Robert Robson, youngest son of Mr. John Robson, of Blackhill, and Miss Isabella Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Thompson, the genial landlady of the Travellers' Rest Inn, Delves Lane, Consett. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. M. J. B. Bennett, M.A., curate of Consett. The bride wore a white silk dress trimmed with chiffon, and a white hat trimmed with chiffon, orange blossom and white feathers. The bridesmaids—Miss Jennie Thompson, sister of the bride, Miss Hannah Carrick, Misses Mary and Alice Robson, sisters of the bridegroom—were all dressed in pearl grey dresses, with white trimming, and wore white chiffon hats with white tips. The bride carried a handsome bridal bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. Later the bridal party set off on their honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being of heliotrope with white silk trimmings. The groomsmen were Mr. R. G. Robson, of Walbottle, cousin of the bridegroom; Mr. Valentine Rowe, of Consett; Mr. Joseph Yates, and Mr. Will Cook. The list of presents included a large number of very handsome, useful, and valuable articles.

Death of Mrs M. Robson, of Dipton.

We sincerely regret to have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Susan Robson, the wife of our neighbour, Mr. Matthew Robson, Delight Cottages, Dipton, which took place at the residence of her sister, Mrs. McGowan, of 4, Lawrence Street, Sunderland, on Monday morning, at 3.20 a.m. Mrs. Robson, who has been in failing health for a number of years, went to her sister's residence in Sunderland for the good of her health, about a fortnight ago. While there she took seriously ill, and was attended by Dr. Hickey, of Borough Road, Sunderland, who bestowed every care and pains, and applied every remedy that medical skill could devise, unfortunately to no effect, for on the day named she succumbed to a paralytic stroke. She leaves a husband and grown-up family to mourn her loss. The deceased, who was 52 years of age, was well-known and highly respected in the district, having lived in it for many years. On Wednesday afternoon her mortal remains were laid to rest in the quiet little churchyard at the Brooms, in the presence of a large company of mourners and friends who attended to pay their last tribute of respect to a kindly neighbour. The services in the church and at the graveside were impressively conducted by the Rev. Father Kelly. The bidders were Messrs W. Gallagher and J. English; the underbearers, Messrs J. Gallagher, S. Bloomfield, T. Close, and H. Rooney. The hearse and coffin for the removal of the corpse from Sunderland to Dipton was supplied by Mr. Patterson, of Sunderland, while the hearse on the day of the funeral was from the livery stables of Mrs. Oxley, of Catchgate. Wreaths and crosses were provided or sent by Mr. M. Robson, husband; Mr. M. Robson, son; Mr. and Mrs. W. Close, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gallagher, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Allan, and Mrs. Bloomfield. Amongst the mourners and friends were Mr. M. Robson, husband; Mr. M. Robson, Mr. T. Robson, sons; Miss E. Robson, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. Close, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gallagher, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. M. Gallagher, Mr. Jas. Hughes, Mr. John Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mrs. McGowan, Mrs Bell, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. E. Gallagher, Mrs. Neasham, Mrs. Courtney, Miss Magee, Miss Small, Mrs. Eccles, Mrs. M. Gallagher Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. W. Gilliard, Mrs. Mattimoor, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Smith, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. W. T. Kelly, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Rooney, and Mrs. Lemon. Amongst the general public were—Mr. S. Swalwell, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. P. Hughes, Mr. McHugh, Mrs. English, Miss McGuicker, Mr. P. Hunt, Mr. G. Bulmer, Mr. J. Whitfield, Mr. M. Morris, Mr. J. Robson, Mr. I. Gilliard, Mr. W. Burdice, Miss E. Bulmer, Miss Bloomfield, Misses Shannon, Mrs. H. Kirk, Mr. Jos. Allen, sen., Mr. J. Spink, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. Sable, and others.

STORIES OF PRISON LIFE

CHAT WITH A WELL-KNOWN CHAPLAIN.

In an interview with the Rev. J. W. Horsley in "The Young Man" for September we are brought face to face with the sad fact that the habitual women prisoners are increasing at a higher rate than the men. It is an alarming state of things. Last year, while there were 3,830 convictions of men who had been convicted over twenty times (some of them hundreds), there were 6,762 such cases among women. For the first time in the history of England the women in this class more than doubled the men. And the number of women who had been convicted eleven times and upwards was also largely in excess of the number of men. This class of women "habitual" has increased from 5,000 cases in 1878, and 7,000 in 1881, to nearly 12,600 at the present time. Mr Horsley says the chief cause of the growth of habitual crime amongst women is undoubtedly intemperance. Drunkenness amongst women is growing very largely. And the women "habituals" are much worse than the men. As a good woman is better than a good man, so a bad woman is worse than a bad man—uncommonly worse.

Mr Horsley has many interesting things to say about prison life. One of the greatest compliments offered him came from a prisoner in a prison chapel. "E's a rum 'un 'e is. 'E cum into my cell, and 'e ses, ses 'e, 'You talk straight to me, and I'll talk straight to you.' Ah, and 'e do talk straight, don't 'e? I think 'e's one of us—turned, you know."

Charles Peace came under the ministration of Mr Horsley immediately after his arrest. He was a great hypocrite, and would implore the chaplain to stop a warder from saying that he had been convicted before. But he brought a truth vividly home to Mr Horsley one day when he said, as they talked in the cell, "If a minister really believed in his work it would pay him not merely to go on a Sabbath day's journey to preach, but go there on his hands and knees on broken bottles."

Mr Horsley tells another story, which has its painful side, of a man who, while waiting for death, said to him, "I should like to be converted, if you can make it convenient some day. I don't know what it is, but I've heard there is such a thing." There was the Jew prisoner, too, who was about to swear on an ordinary Bible. "Take this," said the chaplain, "it is only the Old Testament." "It's of no consequence," was the reply, "I only kiss my own side of the book." "I had discussion on the brain, which brought on deludness," said a prisoner to the chaplain, and Mr Horsley has a string of such gems of simplicity on the part of prisoners. "Information on the lungs" is obvious enough, as is also "population of the heart," but it may not be quite so clear to all that when Mr William Sykes explained to the chaplan that he was "commanded for a week on suspicion," he really meant that he had been remanded on suspicion. Another man spoke of having "a few days' incarnation."

Annfield Plain.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday morning and evening Mr. John Clark, of Bishop Auckland, preached two special sermons in the Annfield Plain Board Schools in aid of the new building fund. The congregations were good.

Local and District News.

Consett.

WESLEYAN CHURCH HALL.—On Monday first, Mr A. F. Powell, of Stockton, will give an evening entertainment in the above hall with his wonderful cinematograph and American talking phonogrames. During the evening Miss Waugh, of Stockton, and Miss Siddle, of Blackhill, will sing special solos.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services in connection with the above took place on Sunday, when the special preacher for the day was Mr. A. Laing, of Gateshead. Special hymns and anthems were rendered by the choir and children, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Cockburn, with Mr. I. Sheldon presiding at the organ. The services were continued on the Monday evening, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. Durant. The annual field day will be held in a field at Templetown on Saturday next, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Hardy, and the services will be continued on Sunday next, the 26th inst., when the preacher will be Mr. Keates, of Gateshead.

Blackhill.

ANNUAL TRIP.—The members of St. Mary's Branch of the League of the Cross, Blackhill, held their trip on Sunday last, the destination being Tynemouth. The day being beautifully fine, a large muster of members and friends took advantage of the same, going by brakes to Newcastle, which was reached about 12 o'clock, thence to the quayside, where all had a pleasant sail down the river to Tynemouth. Arrived there some went to the aquarium, others to Cullercoats and Whitley, and after enjoying one of the most pleasant days they ever had, the party safely reached home at 11 o'clock, highly delighted with their day's outing.

Chester-le-Street

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

SALE OF GAS SHARES IN NEWCASTLE.—Mr James Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, on Tuesday offered for sale by public auction, in the Gas Company's Offices, Newcastle, 550 ordinary £5 shares in the Parish Lighting Company, Limited, being a portion of the additional capital authorised to be issued under the Chester-le-Street and Pelton Gas Order, 1896. The standard rate of dividend was stated to be 7 per cent., subject to the usual sliding scale clauses, and the statement on behalf of the company showed a gradually rising dividend each year, that for the last financial year being at the rate of 8 per cent. Bidding was very brisk, and most of the shares sold at £7, but a few went at £8 17s 6d, and about an equal number at £6 2s 6d. Mr Frederick Harle was solicitor for the vendors.

Leadgate.

FLOWER SERVICE.—The annual flower services were held in St. Ive's Church, Leadgate, on Sunday, when the Rev. D. W. James, vicar of Beamish, preached in the morning and evening, and conducted a children's service in the afternoon, when the Sunday scholars brought a number of flowers, some of which were placed on the graves of relatives and friends, and others sent to the local hospitals, and distributed amongst the sick poor in the parish. There were large congregations, and the proceedings were very interesting.

ST. IVES' CHURCH.—The annual flower services and commemoration of the blessed dead were held on Sunday last. There were good congregations, and the weather was all that could be desired, which greatly added to the charm of the afternoon service in the churchyard. The churchyard was in beautiful order, and many graves had been carefully trimmed and adorned with flowers, the effect being very pleasing. The Vicar was the morning preacher, and the Rev. D. W. James, vicar of Beamish, was the preacher in the afternoon and evening. The collections amounted to £4 4s 9d, and were for the Sunday School fund.

Shotley Bridge

FLOWER SHOW.—On Saturday first, the jubilee exhibition will be held in the Spa Grounds, Shotley Bridge. There will be a grand display of plants, flowers, fruit, vegetables, bread, butter, honey, etc. Westwood Prize Band will be in attendance. A grand cricket match, an amateur bicycle handicap, and other sports will be decided.

Stanley.

"THE HAND OF IRON."—Notwithstanding the very warm weather which is at present prevailing, good audiences have been assembling in the Victoria Theatre, West Stanley, during the present week to witness a very able performance of the popular drama, "The Hand of Iron." The piece has been exceedingly well staged and the acting all that could be desired.

Tow Law.

CYCLING ACCIDENT.—Mrs Graham, wife of Mr J. J. Graham, Tow Law, sustained a somewhat serious accident at Allansford on Monday whilst joining in a cycling tour with her husband.

Winlaton

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SIDDOWAY BAGNALL.—The death is announced as having occurred on Saturday night, of Mr. John Siddoway Bagnall, a member of the well-known firm of Messrs R. S. Bagnall and Sons, chainmakers, &c. The deceased gentleman, who was 38 years of age, resided at Thornley House, Rowlands Gill. He had been ailing for some time.

WEDDINGS IN TOW LAW DISTRICT.

WINSKILL AND TEASDALE.

A quiet, though unmistakably pretty, wedding was that which was celebrated in the Tow Law Wesleyan Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Lucy Teasdale, youngest daughter of Mr. R. Teasdale, of Tow Law and Mr. J. R. Winskill, of Birmingham, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. T. H. Wilkinson, resident Wesleyan minister. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very pretty dress of pale fawn cloth, trimmed with a collar of white moire silk and white silk revers, and wore a hat to match. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. Heron, of Wolsingham, who acted as "best man." There was notwithstanding the quiet character of the wedding, a fairly large number of people present, amongst whom we noticed Miss Laverick, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Emmerson, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Winskill, Mrs. Robinson (Crook), etc. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Winskill left Tow Law by the 2.45 p.m. train en route for Rothesay, Scotland, where the honeymoon is being spent.

McFARLANE AND GRAHAM.

One of the most fashionable weddings of recent years in the Tow Law and Crook district was witnessed on Wednesday at Stanley Church. Dr McFarlane, late of Tow Law, and now in practice at Sheffield, was married to Miss Edith Amelia Graham, second daughter of Mr J. Graham, of Sunniside, late architect to Messrs Pease and Partners. The bride, who looked extremely pretty, was attired in a white corded silk dress with transparent yoke and sleeves of chiffon. She carried a pretty bouquet of lilies and stephanotis. Her veil was fastened by a diamond and sapphire brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss I. Graham and Miss Gladys Stokes, the bridesmaids, were attired in white insertion muslin over yellow silk, with sashes to match. Their hats were of Tuscan Leghorn, trimmed with white chiffon, black tips, and Gloire de Dijon roses. They carried shower bouquets of yellow carnations, the gift of the bridegroom. Owing to the fact that Dr McFarlane had been the resident medical practitioner in this district until just lately, and was extremely popular, there was a large congregation to witness the ceremony. There were over 120 present. After the ceremony Dr and Mrs McFarlane left Tow Law for Ireland, where the honeymoon will be spent.

FATALITY AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

A shocking fatality occurred at Victoria Garesfield Colliery owned by Messrs Priestman and Co., on Monday. Alfred Barker, a blacksmith, was busy bringing a small bogie up the line in front of the engine, and when the latter drew up a little Barker overbalanced and fell between the bogie and the engine. One of his legs and arms were severed and he was also severely crushed. He was conveyed to his home in an unconscious state, and later taken to the Newcastle Infirmary, but while on the way there he expired.

THREE DURHAM CASES.

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INDIGESTION AND GENERAL DEBILITY.

MRS McARDLE, 5, South Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham, writes, March 9th, 1899 ,—I am very glad to have the pleasure of letting you know that I feel a great deal better since I commenced taking your Seaweed Tonic.

A VERY SEVERE KIDNEY AND LIVER DISEASE.

ROBERT CADY, 29, Russel Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham, writes, March 8th, 1899 :—I have received more benefit from your remedies in the three weeks that I have used them than I have from several well-known doctors in the last two years. My son had a cough which was very troublesome, and my wife gave him some of your Lightning Cough Cure for one day, and he has not had a cough since. I may state that I am working every day, and I shall use your remedies until a complete cure is assured. You may make what use you like of my letter. I am well known in this district. Wishing you every success wherever you go.

CHRONIC ASTHMA AND BRONCHITIS CURED.

MARY TAYLOR, 2, South Terrace, Esh Winning, near Durham, writes, March 14th, 1899 :—I am glad to say your Seaweed Tonic and Lightning Cough Cure have done me a great deal of good. I am better than I have been for two years. I have procured another bottle of your Seaweed Tonic from the Waterhouses Drug Stores, and I think that when I have taken it I will be all right again. I have recommended your excellent medicines to all my friends.

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THE PROPOSED NEW MART COMPANY AT BLACKHILL.

Mr. R. Murray's Offer Accepted.

On Monday afternoon, a meeting of farmers, butchers, and others interested in the above scheme was held at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill. Mr. Jos. Whitehead (Consett) was voted to the chair, and there was a very large attendance, the spacious billiard-room being completely filled.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said he would not detain them long. He thought that they had got something important to report, and that they had now come to the end of their tether. They must either decide to set sail or else remain in port for repairs. (Laughter.) The Secretary (Mr. R. Kirsopp) would read the reply of Mr. R. Murray, and after taking everything carefully into consideration, the committee recommended that they accept Mr. Murray's offer.

Mr. Kirsopp then read Mr. Murray's reply as follows:—

Sunderland,
10th Aug., 1899.

Dear Sir,
Re Auction Mart Co.

Referring to your correspondence and the result of the deputation which I met at the Agricultural Show on Wednesday, I beg to offer you the Agricultural Mart situate at Blackhill for a term of 14 or 20 years, at a yearly rental of £30, the Mart Company making the necessary alterations, they to have the use of the present fixtures as they now stand.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MURRAY.

Mr. Kirsopp also read the following communication from the Consett Co-operative Society:—

Consett,
August 16th, 1899.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by our committee to inform you that they will require the sum of £350 by way of compensation for fittings, fixtures, and unexhausted improvements, for giving you possession of Number One house and part land, and think a suitable time to hand over possession to you would be the November term. This offer is subject to a reply by Monday, the 21st inst., at seven o'clock p.m.—Yours truly,

JESSE HALL, Manager.

Mr. Pattinson thought that was a different offer from what they had at Number One the previous week.

The Chairman said that that was only a verbal one, this one was in writing. There was also another offer from Mr. Elsdon, which Mr. Kirsopp would read to them. This was as follows:—

Consett,
26th July, 1899.

Dear Sir,—As requested by you, I am authorised by Mr. Nathan Elsdon, Delves Lane, Consett, to offer to the Mart Company an acre of ground situate at Number One, Blackhill, to be used as a public auction mart, the price to be sixpence per yard. The Mart Company may also have three or four acres of land on lease at £4 per acre.

Yours faithfully,
T. W. WELFORD.

The Chairman said that now they had three sites before them. It might perhaps be thought that they had wasted time, but there were several things to be done, and he could assure them that the committee had used their utmost endeavours to push forward the work, being anxious that the mart should be a success. (Hear, hear.) He was pleased to see such a representative gathering, both of farmers and butchers. He hoped they would go straight to work, and, if they thought it wise, accept the committee's recommendation. There would no doubt be a Limited Company formed in any case. It was only a question of time. That was an opportune time. The auctioneer had set the ball rolling himself. If a company was floated there was no doubt but that it would pay a reasonable interest. (Hear, hear.) There was no reason why it should not be developed and grow much larger. There was a lot of stock going past them to Tow Law and Gateshead. If they got the farmers as shareholders there was no doubt they would come to Benfieldside instead of going past them. If they had 100 shareholders they would have 100 influences at work instead of one as now. (Applause.)

Mr. Dairrie asked if Mr. Murray had stated any time when he would clear the mart of the "pop" factory, etc.?

Mr. Pattinson thought it would be done in about three week's time or a month.

Mr. T. Keenleyside thought the present site the best that they could get. (Hear, hear.) He moved that they accept Mr. Murray's offer.

Mr. Kirton seconded the motion.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said the mart was about 39 yards by 60.

A gentleman present thought they wanted more room.

The motion was then put and carried amid applause.

Some discussion then ensued relative to the appointment of a solicitor.

Mr. H. Oliver moved that they appoint a solicitor at that meeting.

The names of Messrs J. McCartan and T. W. Welford were proposed and seconded.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that none of the legal gentleman they had written to had named a specific sum for doing the work.

Mr. Jackson Green then gave some valuable information anent this matter in connection with other Mart Companies that had been formed, after which it was agreed to fix upon the name of the company first.

After some discussion, it was decided to call the company the Blackhill Farmers' Mart Company, Ltd.

The following were then elected to float the company, the directors of the company to be afterwards chosen at the first meeting of shareholders:—Messrs Robt. Dixon, Broad Oak; Robt. Anderson, Mosswood; T. Stephenson, Newbiggen; J. Pattinson, Waskerley; J. Whitehead, Consett; H. Oliver, Hurbuck; R. Gledson, Highfield, Whittonstall; Jackson Green, Satley; J. S. Murray, Blackhill; and J. Rutherford.

Mr. E. Lockey moved that the appointment of solicitor be put in the hands of the directors.

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

Mr. Keenleyside moved that the capital be £2,000.

Mr. Kirton seconded, and the motion was carried.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law, Monday.—Mr. Vickers had forward 43 dairy cows and heifers, 5 fat cattle 14 calves, 97 fat sheep and lambs. Dairy cows made up to £22 10s. Fat cattle to £15 12s 6d, from Mr. C. Strong, Tow Law. Calves to 32s. Fat sheep to 35s, from Mr. T. Nichol, West Shield; 30s, from Mr. G. Hodgson, Hamsterley; 35s 6d from Mr. N. Smailes, West Carr; 29s from Mr. G. Bainbridge, Parson Byres. Fat lambs to 30s from Mr. W. Vickers, Eastgate; 31s 9d, from Mr. J. Ross, Butsfield; 29s 6d, from Mr. T. Nichol, West Shield; 23s 9d, from Mr. G. Elliott, Bail Hill; 25s, from Mrs. Tomlinson, Woodfield; 23s 6d from Mr. J. Harrison, Earn Well; 24s 9d, from Colonel Blenkinsopp, Hoppyland; 26s from Mr. T. Walton, Allergill; 23s from Mr. G. Tomlinson, Park Wall.

Benfieldside.—On Monday Mr. John S. Murray had forward 80 sheep and lambs, 17 fat beasts, 6 calves, 5 pigs, geese, poultry, &c. The mart was well patronised. Trade for cattle was rather slow, prices ruling a little lower than at previous marts. There was, however, a fair demand for sheep. Prices:—Fat beasts from £9 15s 6d to £16 10s, top Mr. R. Dixon, Broad Oak; £14, Mr F. Patterson, Winnow Hill; £13 10s, Mr W. Cowen, Grey Mare Hill; heifers, £18, top, Mr. T. Stephenson, Cronkley; £12 15s Mr. John Potts, Aireyholme; £10 17s 6d, Mr. W. Potts, Shotley Field. Sheep up to 41s 6d each, top, Mr. Wm. Reed, Knitsley; lambs to 32s, top Mr. Jos. Teasdale, The Ridding. Calves, 16s to 33s; pigs, 14s 6d to 55s; 15 fell geese realised 4s a head. Poultry, ropes, stack nets, coup carts, &c. were also disposed of.

Tow Law.—The first lamb sale of the season was held at Tow Law on Thursday, when 1,530 lambs were penned, being mostly mules from local hill farms. Over 2,000 lambs had been entered and balloted, but a few lots were not forward owing to hay harvest operations not being completed. Most of the lots presented were less in size this year, owing to the cold, wet spring-time, which gave the lambs a bad start. Consequently sellers had to submit to a reduction of 2s to 3s per head, or an average of 2s 6d each upon last year's prices, but in one or two lots, where size and quality were equal to last year, no reduction was experienced, and one consignment from Newlands (a very good lot) made 1s per head more than the previous year. As usual several lots of very pretty and select ewe lambs were on offer, suitable for breeding purposes. Appended are prices of some of the principal lots, G. signifying gimmer, and W. wether lambs:—Cushet Leases, G and W, 14s 6d; Slatyford, G, 21s 9d and 17s 3d, W 18s 3d; Lumley Ling, G 22s and 17s 3d, W 17s 9d; Red House, G 17s 3d, W 17s 6d; Tunstall House, G 24s and 20s 6d, W 20s; Greenridge, G 18s 9d, 16s, and 16s 3d, W 17s 6d and 16s; East Newlands, G 20s, W 18s 9d; Horsley Head, G and W, 16s 6d; Stanley, G 17s, W 17s 9d, and 17s 6d; Heatherlea, G 17s; Harthope, G 16s 9d., W 16s; West Newlands, W 20s 3d; Burnhill, G 21s 9d and 17s 9d, W 17s 9d; Joffiass, G 15s 3d, W 15s 9d; Consett, G 18s, W 15s 9d; Espershield, G 17s, W 17s. Blackfaced lambs: Foxholes, G 14s 9d, W 11s 9d.

THE "WILD WEST" AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The famous City of Chester-le-Street, not to be behind its neighbours, is going to have its "Wild West," with all the attendant stirring and exciting incidents that characterises this celebrated performance. The scheme, we believe, was first mooted by the Rev. A. Dunn, curate of Chester-le-Street, who saw the noted "Plumbi-Porta" tribe of Indians at Leadgate disporting themselves in the Low Brooms Dene. He conceived the idea that such a performance would suit the people of Chester-le-Street, and set to work to bring about its realisation. In this connection he has received valuable assistance from Coun. W. J. Foreman, who, as our readers will be aware, took the leading part in the performences at Leadgate. A picturesque site has been secured in Lambton Park (kindly granted by the Earl of Durham), and rehearsals have been the order of the day for about two months past. Those taking part have shown themselves to be apt pupils, and everything is expected to be in apple-pie order for the selected date—Wednesday, September 6th. The plot, briefly put, opens with a scene of an Indian camp and wig-wam, the braves being engaged in various ways incidental to camp life. Cowboys are discovered to be approaching, and the Indians judiciously retire into ambush. The cowboys on their spirited horses prove to be a jolly lot, indulging in songs, etc. A game of cards follows, and a quarrel arises, a duel being fought. Then a baby is stolen from the camp by mounted Indians, and this leads up to a stirring and exciting chase by the cowboys, who press the "reds" for their lives. Those left in camp are overpowered by the Indians in ambush, but the gallant cowboys come to the rescue, and a grand palaver ensues, the enemy being driven off. Afterwards there will be a grand display of fireworks by Pain, of London, and the whole will conclude with a brilliant torch-light procession. There will be a grand procession through the streets previous to the performance, which promises to be unusually exciting, and there should be a large crowd present. The proceeds are in aid of the Church Missions.

CACOETHES SCRIBENDI.

"The Major" tells the following story in this week's "Club Chatter," in "To-Day":

"The late Sir Edward Sullivan was one of the older members of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and was a very regular arrival at West Cowes Castle on the occasion of the R.Y.S. Regatta. He was essentially a man of decided views, with an admirable aptitude for expressing them. I remember a bon mot of his in connection with a volume of reminiscences which had appeared. He was asked if he intended to publish a work of this character—and as he had been acquainted with an almost endless number of public men, and had taken a very distinct part in politics, he might have made it very interesting. 'I do not think so,' he said; 'it seems to me that it is only people who have nothing really worth recording who write reminiscences.'"

DIPTON.

Bicycle Gymkhana.—In the report of the above event a mistake occurred in one of the names of the patrons. It was stated that the gold mounted silver medal was given by Coun. T. Clark, of Delight House whereas it ought to have read that Mr. T. Clark, of South Medomsley gave that prize.

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TRIBUTE TO A GEOLOGIST.

The "Life and Letters of Sir Joseph Prestwich," edited by his wife form a monument to the qualities of a great geologist. It was said of him early in life:

"There is no doubt but that Joseph Prestwich was a remarkable man, endowed with remarkable gifts. But for that extreme diffidence, that constitutional shyness which he had inherited from his mother, and which prevented him from ever possessing the confidence in his own powers necessary for every public man, he might have come much more prominently to the front. Although always and everywhere very popular, that distrust in himself interfered with his career as a public man and a speaker. This lack of self-assertion, however, did not lessen the number of his personal friends, for no one ever possessed a greater gift of attracting and winning the regard, and retaining the attachment, of those he valued and who knew him intimately. They found him in a kindliness, or rather a brotherliness, peculiar to himself. To comparative strangers he appeared reserved. As Prestwich's old friend, Mr. S. R. Pattison justly remarked: 'He was free from assumption of any kind, and always began talking on a subject with great simplicity and humility.' Perhaps the most prominent feature in his character throughout life was his truthfulness and love of truth. He had also a strong sense of justice. He abhorred 'the falsity of exaggeration,' and although no student was ever more fired by enthusiasm for his subject, even when a youth his words expressed the exact sense, justly and carefully weighed. This habit of severe accuracy has assisted in no small measure to give to his writings the high place which has been assigned to them."

A THOUSAND DAYS IN THE ARCTIC.

The book by Mr. Frederick Jackson, who met Nansen, has come somewhat tardily after the other explorer's book; but it is on different lines, and has much valuable information. The story of the meeting is as follows:

"On our approaching each other, about three miles distant from the land, I saw a tall man on ski with roughly made clothes and an old felt hat on his head. He was covered with oil and grease, and black from head to foot. I at once concluded from his wearing ski that he was no English sailor, but that he must be a man from some Norwegian walrus sloop who had come to grief, and wintered somewhere in Franz Josef Land in very rough circumstances. His hair was very long and dirty: his complexion appeared to be fair, but dirt prevented me from being sure on the point, and his beard was straggly, and dirty also. We shook hands heartily, and I expressed the greatest pleasure at seeing him. I inquired if he had a ship. 'No,' he replied, 'my ship is not here,' and then he remarked, in reply to my question, that he had only one companion, who was at the floe edge. It then struck me that his features, in spite of the black, grease, and long hair and beard, resembled Nansen, whom I had met once in London before he started in 1893, and I exclaimed: 'Aren't you Nansen?' to which he replied: 'Yes, I am Nansen.' With much heartiness I shook him warmly by the hand and said: 'By Jove, I'm ——glad to see you,' and congratulated him on his safe arrival. Then I inquired: 'Where have you come from?' He gave me a brief sketch of what had occurred, and replied, 'I left the Fram in 84deg north latitude and 102 east longitude after drifting for two years, and I reached the 86deg. 15min. parallel, and have now come here.' . . . Nansen had fancied he heard dogs barking and two gunshots yesterday (I had fired about twenty shots at loons near the top of the talus at Cape Flora), but he had come to the conclusion that they were only noises made by the ice. After hearing the noises Nansen thought he might be in the neighbourhood of Eira harbour, and that I might be there, as he knew something of my plans of going to Franz Josef Land, so he set off to walk to the nearest point to get upon an elevation to have a look round. His first question was in reference to his wife, and his second as to the politics of Norway, and 'were Norway and Sweden at war?' On approaching our hut I told him again how delighted I was to be the first to congratulate him and welcome him on his return. Nearing the hut, all my party came forward on the floe to meet us, and I introduced them all to Nansen, and told them that he had come from the 86deg. 15min. north latitude, and called for three cheers for him, which was responded to most vigorously. This seemed to please him, and he repeatedly said: 'This is splendid.' Of course, I did my utmost to make him and Johansen comfortable. On entering the hut I handed him a packet of letters I had brought from London for him. There was no letter from his wife, at which he was very downcast, and I had again to assure him that she was very well when we left London in 1894, but a letter from his brother explained matters."

GERMAN CHILD LIFE.

The author of "Elizabeth and her German Garden" has produced another charmingly fresh book, entitled "The Solitary Summer." It is bright in its studies of Nature and youth.

"The graveyard is in the middle of a group of pines that bounds the Frau Inspector's garden on that side, and has not been used within the memory of living man. The people here love to make their little burying-grounds in the heart of a wood if they can, and they are often a long way from the church to which they belong, because, while every hamlet has its burying-ground, three or four hamlets have to share a church; and, indeed, the need for churches is not so urgent as that for graves, seeing that, though we may not all go to church, we all of us die and must be buried. Some of these little cemeteries are not even anywhere near a village, and you come upon them unexpectedly in your drives through the woods—bits of fenced-in forest, the old gates dropping off their hinges, the paths green from long disuse, the unchecked trees casting black, impenetrable shadows across the poor, meek, pathetic graves. I try sometimes, pushing aside the weeds, to decipher the legend on the almost speechless headstone; but the voice has been choked out of them by years of wind and frost and snow, and a few stray letters are all that they can utter—a last stammering protest against oblivion. The deserted little forest burying-grounds interest and touch me because they are so solitary, so humble, and neglected and forgotten, and because so many long years have passed since tears were shed over the newly-made graves. Nobody cries now for the husband, or father, or brother buried there; years and years ago the last tear that would ever be shed for them was dried—dried, probably, before the gate was reached on the way home—and they were not missed. Love and sorrow appear to be the flowers of civilisation, and most to flourish where life has the broadest margin of leisure and abundance. The primary instincts are always there, and must first be satisfied; and if, to obtain the means of satisfying them, you have to work from morning to night without rest, who shall find time and energy to sit down and lament? I often go with the babies to the enclosure near the Frau Inspector's pond, and it seems just as natural that they should play there as that white butterflies should chase each other undisturbed across the shadows. . . .

This is their favourite topic of conversation in this particular place. Just as I have special times and places for certain books, so do they seem to have special times and places for certain talk. The first time I took them there they asked me what the mounds were, and by a series of adroit questions extracted the information that the people who had been buried there were now angels (I am not a specialist, and must take refuge in telling them what I was told in my youth), and ever since then they refuse to call it a graveyard, and have christened it the angel-yard, and so have got into the way of discussing angels in all their bearings, sometimes to my confusion, whenever we get there. 'But what *are* angels, mummy?' said the June baby inconsequently this afternoon, after having assisted at the discussion for several days, and apparently listening with attention. 'Such a silly baby,' cried April, turning upon her with contempt; 'don't you know that they are the *lieber Gott's* little girls?' Now, I protest that I had never told those babies anything of the sort. I answer their questions to the best of my ability and as conscientiously as I can, and then, when I hear them talking together afterwards, I am staggered by the impressions they appear to have received. They live in a whole world of independent ideas in regard to heaven and the angels, ideas quite distinct from other people's, and, as far as I can make out, believe that the Being they call *lieber Gott* pervades the garden, and is identical with, among other things, the sunshine and the air on a fine day. I never told them so, nor, I am sure, did Seraphine, and still less Seraphine's predecessor, Miss Jones, whose views were wholly material; yet if, on bright mornings, I forget to immediately open all the library windows on coming down, the April baby runs in, and with quite a worried look on her face cries: 'Mummy, won't you open the windows and let the *lieber Gott* come in?' If they were less rosy and hungry, or if I were less prosaic, I might have gloomy forebodings that such keen interest in things and beings celestial is prophetic of a short life; and in books, we know, the children who talk much on these topics invariably die, after having given their reverential parents a quantity of advice."

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Primitive Christian Endeavour Society.—On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. W. Duffield, of Gateshead, preached two special sermons in aid of the above society funds. Mr. Jos. Bainbridge preached in the afternoon to a goodly company. On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the church, when addresses were delivered by the Revs. W. Duffield and D. Kyles. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Daglish, of Annfield Plain. A supper followed and was well patronised.

Open-air Lecture.—On Saturday evening Miss E. Stacey, B.A. (Mrs. Widdrington) delivered an open-air lecture in Front Street Annfield Plain, from the subject of "Religion and Socialism." The lecturer was listened to by a large audience who appreciated the remarks. One fact was evident, that Miss Stacey is a real Christian woman, seeking to bring about the advancement of the working-classes. Questions were asked at the close, which were ably answered. A collection was taken to defray expenses.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—(Ed. "C. G.")

Correspondents are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

A FRANK PHYSIOLOGIST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—The following trenchant sentences from the original and cogent address of Dr George Wilson, M.A., M.D., LL.D., as president in the section of state medicine, at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, held at Portsmouth, August, 1899, are full of interest for all humane and thoughtful people. After remarking that he has been a close student of bacteriological literature since the announcement of Pasteur's prophylactic inoculations, and that the more he has studied these newer methods the more firmly he has felt convinced that they are based on errors, and are the outcome of illogical inductions, every one of them, he continues:—"That, you will say, is a very strong statement to make, but after all these years of flickering hope, I am prepared to contend that the indiscriminate maiming and slaughter of animal life with which these bacteriological methods of research and experimentation have been inseparably associated cannot be proved to have saved one single human life, or lessened in any appreciable degree the load of human suffering." And again—"I have not allied myself to the anti-vivisectionists, but I accuse my profession of misleading the public as to the cruelties and horrors which are perpetrated on animal life. When it is stated that the actual pain involved in these experiments is commonly of the most trifling description, there is a suppressio veri of the most palpable kind, which could only be accounted for at the time by ignorance of the actual facts. I admit that in the mere operation, of injecting a virus, whether cultivated or not, there may be little or no pain, but the cruelty does not lie in the operation itself, which is permitted to be performed without anæsthetics, but in the after effects. Whether so-called toxins are injected under the skin, into the peritoneum, into the cranium under the dura mater, into the pleural cavity, into the veins, eyes, or other organs—and all these methods are ruthlessly practised—there is the long-drawn-out agony. The animal so innocently operated on may have to live days, weeks, or months, with no anæsthetic to assuage its sufferings, and nothing but death to relieve. And what triumphs has bacteriology achieved in stemming the tide of human disease on these empirical lines? Pasteur's antirabic vaccination is, I believe—and others with me—a delusion. Koch's tuberline cure for phthisis has long since been labelled as worse than worthless." Thus does Dr Wilson dismiss as a delusion a system of medication and research which has been defended with rancorous tenacity by its interested advocates. The independence of thought, candour of purpose, and moral courage, which have enabled Dr Wilson, to make in the face of a profession mainly hostile to his views, so noble an attack on that department of the devil's academy of horrors the Vivisection Laboratory will ensure him the lasting admiration of every true-hearted man and woman in Christendom.—I am, sir, yours truly,

MAURICE L. JOHNSON.

Marlborough Villa,
Kingsdown Parade, Bristol.

WHAT THE CAPE TO CAIRO RAILWAY WILL COST.

[By W. T. Stead.]

The Cape to Cairo railway offers few of the advantages to the British Empire that the Russians are securing for it by building their line across Siberia. According to the most sanguine estimate, ten years will elapse before the first train will steam from the Cape to Cairo. When it does arrive it will not materially shorten the distance between London and the Cape. At present, no one can reach Cairo in less than four or five days from London. And London is to the modern Englishman what the Forum was to the men of old Rome. It is the centre from which all distances are measured. But in the old world distances were marked by mileposts. To-day we have substituted almost universally the hour glass for the milestone. Places are so many hours or so many days distant from London. Nothing has been so remarkable a phenomenon of recent years as the continual shrinkage of the world. But the Cape to Cairo railway will not materially diminish the dimensions of the planet. After it is built no express will traverse the Continent in less than eleven days. Add to this the four or five days between London and Cairo, and we have fifteen or sixteen days for the overland route, as against seventeen or eighteen days by sea. If the Cape to Cairo line is not urgently wanted in order to expedite communication between London and the extremities of Africa for Imperial or military reasons, it is still less wanted from the point of view of a dividend-earning investment. There is at this moment no through traffic of any kind between the Cape and Cairo. The two ends of the African continent have absolutely nothing in common, except that they are both African and that both are at present under the shelter of the British flag. There is no interchange of commodities between British South Africa and the dominions of the Khedive. The two extremities of the line have no more points of contact beyond the stretch of uninterrupted land which divides them, than if they were in different planets. If there were any trade, the goods would go by sea. As for the mails, the gain of a day or two would not counterbalance the wear and tear and risk of transhipping and of other drawbacks of the land route. To build the line would cost ten million pounds at least—possibly twice as much. It is extremely doubtful whether it would earn a dividend, or could even be worked except at a loss. And yet, not withstanding all these obvious and indisputable considerations, it is by no means impossible that the Cape to Cairo line may be in working order in 1909. Mr Rhodes recently invited me to be present at the laying of the last rail on January 20th, 1909. In ten years' time the line, it is calculated, will be completed and ready to carry the mails from Cairo to the Cape. The cost of the whole line is estimated at £25,000,000. But as over 3,000 miles are at present constructed, the total required for the central section will not exceed £15,000,000. Mr Rhodes, indeed, put it recently at only £10,000,000. His estimate was 3,229 miles still needed to be built, and that they could be built at a cost of £3,000 per mile. This, however, is a somewhat sanguine estimate. Since it was framed, Mr Rhodes has seen cause to vary the route, in order to avoid the swamps of the Nile Valley—a commendable object, but one which will not diminish the mileage of ironway. The cost of constructing the Cape railway through Bechuanaland was £3,000 per mile; but in Rhodesia, owing to the greater cost of carriage and the increased cost of labour, the railway bill ciphered out at £3,800 per mile. It will be strange if the cost is less than this in the centre of Equatorial Africa.—W. T. Stead in the September number of the "Windsor Magazine."

TELEGRAPHING FROM CAIRO TO THE CAPE.

[By W. T. Stead.]

The most important article in the September "Windsor Magazine" is Mr W. T. Stead's account of the proposed railway from the Cape to Cairo. He gives some interesting facts concerning the overland line that Mr Rhodes is stretching from north to south across the African continent. "Some five or six years ago—time flies fast when men are building empires—Cecil Rhodes startled the world with the announcement that he intended to construct an overland telegraph line from the Cape to Cairo. At first men jeered. When he appealed for funds for the public with which to lay down his wires through Central Africa, the Stock Exchange for once was deaf to his appeal. The Mahdist rebellion was then in full possession of Khartoum and the Egyptian Soudan. Ever since Gordon's death, the vast belt of territory between the Equatorial lakes and the Nile at Dongola had been hermetically sealed against European civilisation. How could Rhodes hope to get his lines through Mahdidom? 'Oh, as to that,' replied Rhodes, with boyish confidence, 'when the times comes I shall know how to square the Mahdi.' People shrugged their shoulders, and said that the fanaticism of the Mahdi would be proof against the wealth of Mr Rhodes. Then other objectors asked how the telegraph poles were to be protected from the white ants, those scavengers of Central Africa, to whose teeth nothing is sacred that has not within it the principle of life. 'Make them of iron,' replied Rhodes. 'But against the wandering herds of wild elephants what avail will be your iron poles?' These huge pachyderms would use the telegraph poles as scratching posts. 'We shall see,' was Mr Rhodes's reply. 'And if you don't subscribe for the Cape to Cairo telegraph stock, I will find the money myself and go ahead.' Nine-tenths of the money had to be found by Mr Rhodes personally. But he is not a man to be baulked in his purpose. He at once began the construction of the line, starting from the northern terminus of the Cape telegraph system. He has pushed the line northward through Rhodesia to Umtali in Mashonaland, which is 1,800 miles from the Cape; and is pushing it on through Nyassaland to the southern end of Lake Tanganyika, another 700 miles further north. The total distance to be covered is 6,600 miles. To build the overland line costs from £50 to £100 per mile. Averaging it at £75, the total cost of putting up the telegraph wire across Africa would be less than £500,000. The cost of upkeep is also much less for the overland line than for the submarine cable. It may, indeed, be calculated that the cost of maintenance will be met by local messages, none of which are, of course, at the command of the cable companies. The net result is that, when the overland wire is in working order, Mr Rhodes will be able to reduce the cost of telegraphy at once from 5s to 3s 6d a word, and earn a good dividend besides. The telegraph poles which carry the Cape to Cairo wire are 18 ft. in length. Eighteen go to the mile. As they weigh complete 113lbs., they are made in two sections, one weighing 55lbs., the other 58 lbs., each of these forming a load for a native. The wire is galvanised iron, and so far it has been respected by the natives. Even the Matabele wire, 'the white man's wire that talks,' was seldom interfered with by the rebels. All the poles are of English manufacture. Those in Rhodesia have been brought up from the Cape. Those in Nyassaland came in via Chinde, at the mouth of the Zambesi. The northern section will be supplied by the Nile, while for the central portion Mr Rhodes hopes the Uganda railway will be opened in time for him to avail himself of the transport.

SUNNISIDE.

New Connexion Chapel.—The Sunday School anniversary services were held on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the annual tea was held in a field near Ravensworth. On Sunday the services in the chapel were conducted by Mr. J. Gilliland, of Burnopfield Colliery.

In View of his Marriage.—Charles Christopher Clifford, who was remanded at Gateshead County Court last week, was on Thursday fined £3, or, as an alternative, one month's imprisonment, for stealing the watch of his intended bride at Sunniside. Instead of having such a large amount of money as he had been pretending to have, it was found that he had only one penny in his possession.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

At the fall of the curtain on Monday night, the first performance of the "Christian's Cross" had become an accomplished fact in Consett; nor will the excellent impression it created be readily effaced. "Comparisons are odious" and it is not our wish to emphasise apparent similarities to Mr. Wilson Barrett's great play, "The sign of the Cross," but only to congratulate ourselves and our public that the solemn lessons of our divine faith, reverently handled and artistically produced by a thoroughly competent company of artistes, such as Mr. Edmund Tearle takes good care always to surround himself with, can and do meet with such enthusiastic and appreciative acceptance as was the undoubted case on Monday night. Directly Mr. Tearle appears before us our attention is rivetted until either the business of the play withdraws him from our gaze, or the curtain falls at the conclusion of one of his faultless orations. "Sebastian" in less able hands would merely represent a noble Roman soldier, bravely doing what he believed to be his duty, even unto death; with Mr. Tearle it is more than this—it is a living moving example, that must stir the blood of the most thoughtless amongst us with impulses for good. The lady "Fabiola" (Miss Kate Clinton) is proud and haughty, and when Sebastian declares to her his Christian faith, would denounce him, and give him up to torture. Then follows a scene of its kind probably unique, at the end of which pride and passion have vanished, we see before us only womanhood in its ineffable purity, as Fabiola in a voice of exquisite tenderness exclaims, "Wilt teach me thy faith." Needless to say the effect is electrical. It were injustice indeed to overlook the onerous part of the genial stage manager, Mr. Phillip Gordon. Heavy and responsible as his duties are, they do not happily prevent his pourrtraying the character of "Calpernius," the wine-loving philosopher; in other hands the bibulous side of the character might be overdrawn, with Mr. Gordon it is merely suggested, leaving us free to join heartily in the laughter his ready wit so frequently causes. "Fulvius," an Asiatic spy, is carefully and successfully played by Mr. Vane; other parts work so as to form pleasing harmonious pictures. There are few in Consett who, having seen the "Christian's Cross," will be able to absent themselves from the remaining plays, "The Threee Musketeers," "Virginius," and "Richard III." And this is as it should be.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Observer."]

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The members of the Tanfield School Board are being rather severely censured for their action in refusing to let one of their teachers remain at Tanfield Lea. The general opinion is that the Board have acted harshly, and that Miss Dand's request ought to have been granted; but no doubt the Board have acted in the manner they have for the benefit of all parties concerned.

CONTINUATION CLASSES.

Whickham School Board evidently find great difficulty in conducting profitable evening continuation schools in Marley Hill neighbourhood. The classes would no doubt do better with a little more careful management. It seems a pity if such classes are to be discontinued, especially in a district where youth abounds so largely, and where every opportunity ought to be afforded for the improvement of the education of those who are taken from school so early in life—some of them much too early.

HOLIDAYS.

Never before have I known in this neighbourhood so many people taking a holiday for a week or two, mostly at the seaside. Surely this is a sign that times are exceptionally good—long may they last so.

DEATH OF MR. A. BARKER.

I learn with regret of the untimely death of Mr. Alfred Barker, of Victoria Garesfield. I have met with him several times, and had a high opinion of him. His death will be much regretted in the neighbourhood, where he has always been held in high esteem. My sympathy is with his relatives.

COLLIERLEY.

Sunday School Tea.—According to custom the churchwardens of Collierley Church regaled the above scholars with their annual tea on Saturday. The inclemency of the weather prevented this annual treat being held in the field opposite the church, which Mr. W. Porter, of Carrmyers, always so kindly places at the disposal of the churchwardens. The tea was, therefore, held in the Hare Law Board Schools, kindly granted for the occasion. A good number of children turned out, and partook of an excellent repast, their multifarious needs being attended to by the teachers of the school. After tea, sweets were distributed amongst them. On Sunday, sermons were preached in the above church, morning and evening, by the Rev. Herbert Knott, acting-secretary to the Church Missionary Society for the North of England, stationed at Durham. In the afternoon Mr. Knott addressed the children. The proceeds were in aid of the Church Missionary Society.

WESTWOOD.

Success of Westwood Band.—At Shildon Flower Show on Saturday, there was a capital programme of amusements, and the brass band contest brought the following entries:—Westwood, Cleveland Steelworks Silver Band, Cockerton, Eston Miners, Spennymoor Temperance, South Moor, Murton Colliery, Auckland Park Temperance, Willington Silver, Butterknowle, Ryhope, Sunderland Temperance, Chester-le-Street, West Hartlepool Borough, New Shildon Temperance, Birtley League of the Cross, Cornsay Colliery, and Birtley Temperance. The whole of the 18 bands put in an appearance, and owing to the unavoidable absence of the appointed judge, Mr. Will Battye, Holmeforth, Huddersfield, officiated in that capacity. The test piece was "Ireland" arranged by Mr. W. Rimmer, and published by Mr. F. Richardson, Sibsey, Boston, Lincolnshire. The awards were as follows:—1, Westwood (£10); 2, Murton Colliery (£8); 3, Cleveland (£4); 4, Spennymoor (£2); 5, Chester-le-Street (£1). The special prize for trombone was awarded the Westwood band.

LINTZ COLLIERY.

Wesleyan Methodism.—The members of the Wesleyan Mission, who have held divine services and a Sunday School in the mission room by the kind permission of the owners of the colliery, and rent free, are putting forward strenuous efforts to have a Wesleyan Chapel built. The mission has been so successful, that the premises are now considered too small, owing in some measure to the prosperous state of the village in and around which are some 250 houses. On July 29th and Aug. 2nd a bazaar was held, the nett proceeds of which amounted to £29 6s 8½d. Mrs. Shiel, of Durham, Mrs. Moseley, of Gateshead, and Mrs. T. Metcalfe, of Blaydon, each gave handsome donations. Although the proceeds did not reach the expectations of the committee, they beg to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of the undertaking. The little band of workers, notwithstanding, are more determined to work on and hope to see their desires consummated in the erection of a chapel in the spring of 1900. The building is estimated to cost about £600, of which the friends at Lintz have raised £196, while the colliery owners have given a site of land valued at about £61 free of all legal cost. The trustees for the building are Alderman E. S. Hindmarsh, Mr. W. Nicholson, of Gateshead; Mr. Thos. Metcalfe, of Blaydon; Mr. G. H. Snowball, of Whickham; and several others to the number of 15.

HUNSTANWORTH

Death of a Former Vicar.—We regret to record the death of the Rev. William Henry Simons, which occurred on Wednesday week in North Devon. The deceased was vicar of St. Helen's Low Fell, from the year 1876 to 1894, when he was succeeded by the Rev. A. H. Paterson. He was formerly (1862-1876) vicar of Hunstanworth, and was Government chaplain in Ceylon between 1846 and 1861. He was made a deacon in 1844 and a priest in 1845. His death will be deeply mourned by many of his old parishioners, who esteemed him as a conscientious and energetic clergyman.

SWALWELL.

Unlicensed Dogs.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, Frank Ellis and Joseph Thompson were each charged with keeping an unlicensed dog at Swalwell. —P.C. Kindred proved the offences.—The defendant Ellis, who failed to appear, was fined £5 and costs, whilst Thompson was ordered to pay 1/- and costs.

Accident to a Youth.—On Friday afternoon during shunting operations at Messrs Ridley and Co's private siding a sad accident befell a youth named Alfred Porteus, 13 years of age, who resides at Whickham Bank, Swalwell. The youth, it is stated, was playing inside an empty mineral waggon when he noticed that other waggons were being shunted in the direction of the empty waggon. The lad thereupon jumped out between the rails but before he could get clear he was caught between the buffers and severely injured about the head. Medical assistance was at once procured, and the youth was attended to, when it was seen that his injuries were of a serious nature. Porteus was taken to the Newcastle Infirmary on Saturday afternoon.

SCIENCE NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Dr. Simpson, of the Academy of Boston, maintains that false teeth are bad for the aged, because if nature makes their teeth fall it means that she intends them only to eat vegetables at their age.

In the Paris Exhibition of 1855 the motive power required was 350 horse-power. In 1867 it had doubled; in 1878 it was 2,500 horse-power; in 1889 it was 5,500; in 1900 it will be 45,000, of which 5,500 will be utilised in producing electricity.

The American Bureau of Health, Boston, is carrying on a campaign against the habit of expectorating in the streets and public places, or vehicles, theatres, &c., because it spreads infection. In Boston it is forbidden to spit in the street or in a public vehicle.

According to Mr. T. J. J. Lee, of the United States Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C., the sun cannot continue to shed his light and heat on the earth and support life as he does for more than four million years. His argument is an extension of the Helmholtz theory of solar heat.

An accident to the Cornwall bridge over the St. Lawrence, Canada, shews the importance of deep boring to make sure of the foundations of a structure. The piles of the bridge reached a bed of hard clay, but it proved to be thin and lying over mud. It has bent under the weight of the bridge.

In a letter, to *Nature* Mr. E. J. Jarvis-Smith calls attention to the magnetic quality of nickel cases for compasses. One he used lately in Australia misdirected him owing to magnetism of the case affecting the needle. Yet nickle is frequently misused for compass cases, the makers thinking it non-magnetic.

GERMAN SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION.

The German Antarctic expedition will only employ one vessel, specially constructed, and built of wood. The expedition will start in 1901, and last two years. After touching at the Cape and Kerguelen Islands, it will found a scientific station and winter on the Antarctic Continent. Siberian dogs will be employed to reach the South Pole, and South Magnetic Pole if possible. A captive balloon will be used to make meteorological observations. After wintering an attempt will be made to explore all the coasts of the Antarctic continent. The chief will be Dr. Von Drygalski, who led the Greenland expedition of 1891-3. Is the Government quite sure that the Germans will not annex territory even there. In the interests of Australia it would be well to consider the matter. Perhaps there are valuable minerals, furs, or fisheries in the Antarctic.

AMERICAN FOSSIL FINDS.

Every year parties are sent to explore the great fossil beds of Kansas and Wyoming for the American Museum of Natural History. They prospect along the bluffs and beds of hard clay, and fossils which protrude are cut out with their matrix around them, covered in plaster and sewn in raw hide for transport to the museum, where they are taken to pieces and the bones fitted into a skeleton. Photographs of the proceedings are taken at intervals to record the positions of the bones in the matrix. One fossil recently unearthed was a huge herbivorous reptile, a camarasaur, whose bones had been gnawed and broken here and there, presumably by a carnivorous reptile of the same beds. A fight between the two monsters might be compared to one between an elephant 80ft. long and 16ft. high and a tiger in proportion.

HOW TO TEST ESCAPED GAS.

The following effective method of dealing with the subject of escaping gas is published in a London contemporary. Take an empty soda-water bottle, or any strong bottle, fill it with water and cork it. Take it as near as possible to the part of the room where the odour is strongest, uncork, and empty the bottle. Recork it at once, and you have a bottleful of the mixture—gas and air. Wrap a duster or cloth about this in case of accident. Take the bottle outside, withdraw the cork, apply a light, and if the mixture is dangerous there will be a harmless explosion. If there is no explosion a light may be safely used in searching for the escape. In the case where an explosion takes place, open all doors and windows for a few minutes, test again, and doubtless the mixture will now be found to be harmless.

PROFESSOR ROGERS'S PRECISION LATHE.

The *American Machinist* suggests the institution of a "Precision" workshop as an object well worthy of endowment by wealthy men wishing to benefit science and engineering. The suggestion is made in connection with a description of Professor Rogers's "Precision" lathe, which was constructed with a view to the commercial production of accurate screws. Unfortunately, the demand for these was insufficient to make the undertaking financially successful, in view of the very high prices necessary to cover working expenses and to pay for the skill and knowledge essential to the work. Unfortunately, the lathe was destroyed by fire whilst still new, and Professor Rogers died shortly afterwards. Some screws, however, produced by the machine before the fire, were perfect, within the limits of measurement available. The cutting of one of these screws occupied a month, towards the close of which only one chip was taken per day, with a view to avoid the introduction of errors through the unequal breaking of the blank during the process of cutting.

A NEW MAGNETIC PAVILION AT GREENWICH.

Owing to the recent tensions at Greenwich Observatory, it has been found necessary to build a new magnetic pavilion. The site of the bijou structure is some two hundred yards away, so as to be removed from the influence of iron and steel in the new Physical Observatory. The cost of the magnetic pavilion is £800. The locks and keys are of copper. A copper fence surrounds the pavilion, which contains the Dip instrument, a Declination magnet, and a Deflector. With this last-mentioned instrument observations are taken four times a day; the others less frequently. Inside the fence are a rain-gauge, and the thermometers for registering solar and terrestrial radiation. Altogether the additions to the Royal Observatory, including the Physical Observatory newly opened, have cost £15,000, placing Greenwich on an equality in astronomical appointments with any observatory in the world, excepting, perhaps, Vienna.

VENTILATED SHOES.

The ventilated shoe is the invention of a Canadian, and the ventilation is obtained by an air-pump worked automatically by the action of the feet in walking. There is a collapsible centre sole of pure rubber between the leather lining of the shoe and the sole, and this occupies the place of the ordinary filling, without adding to the size or weight of the shoe. This rubber sole is moulded in the form of transverse grooves and ribs, placed alternately over each other, so that when the leather lining is compressed by the foot the ribs sink into the grooves, stretching the thin central web of rubber so that a kind of spring is formed, which throws the ribs back into position and expands the sole when the foot is lifted. In the heel of this ventilated shoe is provided a small valve, which admits air when the sole expands and closes when it contracts. The air thus constantly pumped into the sole and retained there by the action of the valve is distributed round the foot by a number of perforations in the leather lining, and serves to keep the foot at all times cool and dry from perspiration.

PERFECT HUMAN PROPORTIONS.

A writer in the July number of *Pearson's* gives many interesting particulars about the proportions of the perfect human figure, illustrated with explanatory photographs and diagrams. A man's hand, he says, is precisely equal to the length of his face, from the top of the forehead to the chin. The index finger is about half the length of hand and wrist combined, while the two small points of that finger are equal to the length of the longest, and are also equal to the length of the nose, which measures about two inches. In the feminine hand the fingers are comparatively longer, the hand narrower, and the wrist bone smaller than in the case of a man. When the hands are folded before a figure they should just cover the centre of the body. Again, when the arms hang at the sides in man, the finger tip should reach half-way down the thigh. This, however, is seldom found to be the case when a negro or other black man is measured, while it is interesting to note in this connection, that the arms of the gorilla reach almost to his feet. To illustrate the fact that the length of a man's hand equals the length of the face, and that the face is a tenth part of the body's length, a diagram is sometimes placed before art students shewing a figure down the length of which ten hands are indicated, the first covering the face. In the olden days the generally accepted theory was that the perfect human body should measure eight heads in height. Thus the Venus de Medici satisfies the law accurately, and also the Venus de Milo and the Achilles of the Louvre. In the two Venuses, de Milo and de Medici, we have the one majestic, tall, and heroic, the other *petite* and full of grace. Nowadays, however, only the very tallest women measure eight heads, seven and a half being accepted as the general average for a well-developed woman.

STANLEY.

Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Show.—Block Test Competition.—The result of the block test competition in connection with the above society's annual exhibition at Shield Row, was made known on Friday afternoon. The beast, a white polled heifer, bred and fed by Mr. Deuchar, of Newcastle, was slaughtered by Mr. W. Green, of the West Stanley Co-operative Society. Its weight was 45st. 6lb. Two competitors gave the exact weight, viz., James Graham, Bob Gin, near Causey, and J. Raine, Dipton. The four others nearest were J. Hodgson, blacksmith, West Stanley, 45st. 5lb.; Jacob Wood, Stanley, 45st. 7lb.; Edward Wigham, Barcus Close, 45st. 7lb.; and N. Stewart, Winlaton, 45st. 7lb. There were 37 competitors. Mr. A. H. Swinburne, of West Stanley, supervised the arrangements.

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DURHAM BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The annual licensing sessions for the Durham Petty Sessional Division of the county were held this morning at the Courts, Durham, before Minor-Canon Greenwell (chairman), the Rev. A. D. Shafto, and Capt. Randolph.

THE POLICE REPORT.

Supt. Burrell, in his annual report to the justices, stated that there were 242 licensed houses in the division, which contained an estimated population of 83,923, this being an average of one license to about 346 people. There were 209 fully licensed houses in the division, with 11 beer houses, 9 off beer licenses, 5 beer, wine, and spirits off, 4 beer and wine off, 1 each beer, spirits, wines, and sweets, and wine and spirits off, and 2 off wine licenses. During the year 5 license holders had been proceeded against for offences against the tenor of their licenses, four of whom had been convicted. During the year 1,097 persons had been proceeded against for drunkenness, a decrease of 31 compared with the previous year. The sale of drink to children had received every attention, and after being cautioned, the license holders, with very few exceptions, had refused to supply children under 13 years.

NEW HOTEL FOR USHAW MOOR.

Mr George French, of Esh New Winning, applied for a provisional license for fully licensed premises to be erected near to Ushaw Moor Railway Station. Mr Isaacs appeared in support of the application, which was opposed by Mr J. Mawson on behalf of Messrs Cochrane and Co., and Pease and Partners, owners of collieries in the neighbourhood, and by the Rev. T. Callinan on behalf of several residents in the parish.

Mr Isaacs, in support of the application, said there was only one licensed house in the locality, in which there were about 197 new houses and a population of 1,165 people. There were no other licensed houses in the immediate locality, and it was often the case that people who had business in that district had to go two and a half miles to Waterhouses to get dinner or lunch. It was intended to put up a house at a cost of about £2,000, and to provide ample sleeping accommodation and stabling for horses, as well as grill and billiard rooms, etc. Mr French would live on the premises himself, and the house would not be tied. At the present time, at the Flass Inn, the only licensed house in the district, the trade was so busy at the week-ends that people were frequently obliged to sit outside on the roadway and drink there.

Evidence was called, and it was stated that the nearest house was some distance away from the Ushaw Moor Station, and in the winter time especially it was desirable that more accommodation should be provided. It was further stated that the district was increasing, and as evidence of this a new chapel had been built and some 70 new houses since last year.

Mr French, the applicant, was called, and in cross-examination by Mr Mawson said he could not tell what the value of the new building would be if the license were granted to it.

The Chairman: We know the value of the license. I wish there were some mode by which they could be put up to auction. I know we are making a valuable present in granting a license, but that will not prevent us from granting new licenses where we think them necessary.

Mr Stuart Miller, commercial traveller, of Newcastle, gave evidence to the effect that a new licensed house would be of general benefit to the community.

Mr Mawson, for the owners of the New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor Collieries, offered the strongest objection to the proposed new license. They were firmly convinced that the establishment of any new public houses would be of very great detriment to the workmen of their collieries, and to the whole of the district. They submitted that whatever need there might be for public houses, was amply met by the houses already established.

Rev. Mr Callinan, who also opposed the application, presented a petition from between 600 and 700 people in the district against it. Amongst other reasons why he objected to a new license was the difficulty of supervision. The policeman for the district lived at Broompark, and at other centres of population in the parish there was a great deal of disorder and drinking, gambling, and ball playing going on even on Sundays.

Supt. Burrell: It does not say much for the clergyman of the parish. He ought to teach them better. (Laughter.)

Mr Callinan did not wish to reflect for a moment on the police. It was impossible for a policeman at Broompark to exercise proper and constant supervision over the Flass Inn.

By Mr Isaacs: He dared say it was true that no new license had been granted at Ushaw Moor since 1876, when the population of the district was some 17 or 18. He knew the population, when the houses now in course of erection were occupied, would be 1,800, and he thought the present accommodation was sufficient.

The Chairman said the Bench had come to the conclusion that there was a want of another house, and that Mr French's house was to a certain extent rather more adequate. They had evidence that Mr French had conducted a public house for a number of years in an excellent manner, and they had confidence he would continue to conduct the house in the same way. Therefore they granted a license to Mr French.

OTHER APPLICATIONS.

George Minto, general dealer, of Esh New Winning, applied for a provisional license for premises in the course of erection at Whitehouse Lane, Ushaw Moor, some little distance to the north of the place, in respect of which Mr French applied. Mr T. Dowling, of Bishop Auckland, was for the applicant, and the new license was opposed by Mr Mawson and Mr Callinan in the same interests as the previous case.

The arguments in the case were practically the same as in the last, but it was stated as a reason why the license should be granted that frequently great inconvenience was experienced by want of accommodation for those waiting trains, and that while in 1884 only some 17,000 people used Ushaw Moor Station, last year 40,925 passengers were booked there.

The application was heard in conjunction with that made by Mr French, and was refused.

John O'Neil, holder of an off-license at Newtown, Sacriston, applied for a full license for his house. Mr H. E. Ferens supported the application.

Supt. Burrell stated that there were 5 fully-licensed houses and two beer houses within 600 yards of the present premises.—The application was refused.

Matthew Lumsden, general dealer, of Newtown, Sacriston, applied for an off beer license for his premises at Newtown. Mr Brownless supported the application, and Supt. Burrell stated that there was a full licensed house 80 yards away, and 6 licensed houses within 300 yards.—The application was refused.

CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Wheeler."]

The Wednesday section of the Dipton Cycling Club had their fortnightly spin to Whitley. The wind was rather strong but did not prevent the enthusiastic cyclists from taking full advantage of the half-day holiday. Having arrived safely at their destination tea was speedily ordered. The waiters evidently had a vague idea of the appetites of my friends, for one of the company tells me that they put as much on the table as two good mice might easily have disposed of without feeling much better or worse for the meal. However, the waiters were soon convinced of their great mistake by the repeated demands of the cyclists who cried out first "Bring a bit more butter, please," "a little more white bread," "pass the sugar," and "don't use all the cream, you chaps." Towards the finish of the afternoon meal, I am assured there was a plentiful supply of all good things, and with a struggle our heroes and heroines managed to satisfy their elephantine cravings.

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In the course of a fortnight the event of the season will take place. It will take the form of a pic-nic to Finkle Abbey on Aug. 30th. Already there is considerable interest evinced in the matter, and given a fine day there will be a good turn-out. Those who wish to avail themselves of a seat in the brake, should apply to Mr. F. Hodgson, who will be glad to take their names.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Room of the Collierley Board Schools, Dipton, on Thursday evening under the presidency of Mr. S. Swalwell (vice-chairman). There were also present—Messrs R. Wilson, T. Clark, W. Young, Mr. A. Phillipson (Clerk) and Mr. H. Beatham, (Attendance Officer).

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. W. McQuillen, head master of the boy's school asked permission to have a half-day holiday in order to have a tea and field-day for the scholars. Miss Dickinson drew the attention of the Board to the paragraph in the Inspector's report respecting the unsuitable condition of the cookery room and pointed out that the suggestion of the teachers for a curtain in the cookery room would, she doubted, not be sufficient to satisfy the inspector's requirements.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Young moved that the Clerk write to the Inspector asking for his advice on the question and whether he would allow them to go on under the present arrangements, until some other scheme can be devised.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which was carried.

REQUISITIONS.

Mr. Clark moved that the goods as per requisition be obtained. The motion was carried.

REQUEST GRANTED.

Mr. Clark moved that Mr. McQuillen's request for a half-day holiday be granted.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which was carried.

WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Clark, on behalf of the Works Committee reported that they had visited the schools and noticed that the water tabling was defective, the walls were in bad repair, the gates between the school yards needed repairing badly, and some of the window cords were broken.

Mr. Clark moved and Mr. Young seconded the motion that the repairs be made forthwith. The motion was carried.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr. McQuillen, head master of the boys school, applied for an increase of salary on several grounds.

Mr. Wilson said that when he put his motion on the agenda he was not aware that Mr. McQuillen intended to make application. He had waited for the confirmation of the inspector's report on the work of the school. The earnest way in which he had discharged his duties justified them in raising his salary. He had great pleasure in proposing that Mr. McQuillen's salary be put on a level with his predecessor.

Mr. Clark concurred in Mr. Wilson's remarks. He understood that there was some understanding between the Board and the master that if he did well for them and worked the school up to the high state of efficiency to which they all wished to see it reach, they would be prepared to give him an increase. Therefore he had great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Chairman having supplemented the foregoing remarks the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

THE PUPIL TEACHERS.

The question of the payment for teaching the girl pupil teachers was next dealt with.

The Chairman said as Mr. McQuillen had already been given an advance of salary he would not favour the payment of a large increase. But as Mr. McQuillen had given up a great amount of spare time for the benefit of the Board and the teachers, they should recognise his work. He moved that Mr. McQuillen be given £10 advance for taking the girl pupil teachers.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Clark having concurred, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Board shortly after rose.

Attempted Train Wrecking on the Team Valley Line.

It is stated that two attempts at train wrecking have recently come to light at Chester-le-Street. The railway authorities and the police have maintained silence on the matter in order not to unduly alarm the public mind. But the facts are broadly these:—A week or two since an iron "chair" was found placed on the rails, a little to the north of Chester-le-Street Station, and near to the south end of the viaduct which spans the deep valley of the river Cone. The obstruction was removed before any mischief could be done. Searching inquiries failed to elicit any information as to the perpetrators, and the affair was not made public. On Wednesday morning last week, it was found that a sleeper had been placed across the metals, near the same spot. This came much nearer causing a disastrous calamity than did the previous attempt. It was found that one, or more, of the fast and heavy expresses had gone over the obstruction, cutting it clean down to the metals, and escaping without damage. If a train had been derailed at the end of or on the viaduct, nothing could have prevented it from being hurled into the valley below.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Sad Death of a Young Man.—On Saturday afternoon news was received in Chester-le-Street that Mr. Samuel Hall, son of Coun. Pearson Hall, had been taken ill in a train, and was lying in an unconscious state at Selby. Mr. Hall's friends at once proceeded to Selby, and did all that was possible to bring Mr. Hall round, but, despite their efforts, he died about three o'clock on Sunday morning. Mr. Hall, who was employed in London, was on his way home for his annual holiday, and his untimely death is thereby rendered all the more painful. Great sympathy is felt in Chester-le-Street (where he was very well known) for the deceased young man's friends. Death is supposed to be due to an apoplectic seizure.

Queen's Theatre.—During this week the Queen's Theatre, Chester-le-Street, has been nightly filled with large audiences, when Mr. Stuart Cleveland's company produced a new melodrama entitled "The Guiding Star." The chief character in the piece was the villain, "Harold Hagar," alias Paul Lerant, which was very ably pourtrayed by Mr. Stuart Cleveland, while Mr. Oscar Power made an excellent hero as "Jack Hilton." Mr. Newton Pearce as "Bob Bowser" kept the audience in roars of laughter with his comic songs and sayings. The dual part of "Madge Goodwin" and "Gladys Goodwin" was well pedformed by Miss Emma Litchfield, who was applauded again and again for her clever acting. Alltogether the piece may be considered to be one of the best that has been played before a Chester-le-Street audience.

EAST CASTLE.

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday afternoon and evening Mr. W. Harrison, Mission Car Evangelist, preached two special sermons in the above chapel in aid of the Derwent Cottages new church. On Monday evening Mr. Harrison lectured on "Some incidents in the life of Gipsy Smith." The chair was occupied by Mr. H. Wright, of Stanley, in the unavoidable absence of the advertised chairman, Mr. W. Richardson, circuit steward.

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GARDENING NOTES.

FAVOURITE HARDY BULBOUS FLOWERS.

[CONTINUED.]

JONQUILS.—Jonquils rank amongst the most popular of hardy, fragrant flowers. Their culture is identical with that recommended for other narcissus.

LEUCOJUMS.—A genus of very handsome hardy spring and summer flowering bulbs. The spring snowflake grows from 12 to 18 inches high, and produces very elegant and delightfully fragrant flowers, with white petals, each with a green spot near the point. The flowers resemble snowdrops, but are larger and a month later. The plants delight in sheltered, partially shaded situations, and in a light and well drained soil. We incline to regard this as one of the most desirable of early flowering bulbs. The summer snowflake has a pretty drooping flower, with bright green spots on the white petals, but it is not so ornamental as the preceding variety. Plant three inches deep from the end of September until mid-November, and allow the bulbs to remain undisturbed for several years.

LILIES.—Many lilies are perfectly hardy in English gardens, and it is a continual matter of regret to us that their stately beauty and brilliance of colouring are not so well known as they naturally should be, probably because amateurs assume them to be nearly all extremely sensitive to cold. The L. canadense varieties grow from two to four feet high, and bear drooping bell-shaped flowers, red or orange in colour. L. candidum is the loveliest, oldest, and cheapest of all garden lilies, it thrives best when left undisturbed for several years. L. chalcedonicum is an old and handsome lily, growing from three to four feet in height, and bearing several pendulous, vermilion-red, turban shaped flowers in July. With us it flowers sometimes at the end of June. L. croceum is better known as the orange lily. It thrives in every soil and situation, being comparatively common in cottage gardens. The flower stems are about two feet high, and produce enormous heads of large, rich, orange coloured flowers. L. elegans is often known as L. thunbergianum. It is an early flowering lily, and one of the best for display. The type grows about a foot high, and terminates in an umbel of dark orange red flowers, from five to six inches across. There are more than 20 varieties, besides sub-varieties. L. excelsum is a superb species, having few equals in grace, form, colour, and fragrance. It is, moreover, of easy culture, succeeding best in a loamy soil and partially shaded situation. L. humboldti is an exceedingly showy, graceful and useful kind, growing six feet in height if the situation is favourable, such as partial shade and a deep, rich soil, and producing from 30 to 40 bright orange-red flowers spotted with black. A covering of light litter should be given to this and the following species, as a protection from frost. L. krameri is very graceful and pleasing, the blush-white flowers varying to clear pink, and being delightfully fragrant, and of somewhat the same form as the golden-rayed Japanese lily. The Turk's cap lily (L. martagon) is familiar to almost everyone, the type having no real beauty owing to the dull and lifeless colour of the flowers, though some of the varieties are very fine, especially the dalmaticum one. The best of the Californian lilies (L. parryi) grows 5ft. in height at perfection, and bears several immense flowers of the most beautiful form and spotted canary yellow colour. L. superbum is a very valuable, late, graceful lily, in growth much like L. canadense, but twice as tall, and bearing twice as many flowers. When well grown, the tiger lilies are showy and noble in appearance, and they certainly deserve a place in every garden. The type is about 4ft. in height, and produces from 10 to 15 bright scarlet flowers, spotted with black. The magnificent double-flowering variety attains to a height of 6ft., as also does the var. splendens. L. umbellatum is a strong, vigorous grower, very showy in colour, and thrives under nearly all circumstances. Light, deep, rich, and thoroughly well-drained soils in partially shaded positions, sheltered from rough winds, are generally requisite, a compost of peat, loam, and leaf mould, with enough charcoal or sharp sand to insure porosity, being specially desirable. Some few kinds, such as the common white garden lily (L. candidum) thrive in heavy loams. The best time for planting, about 6 inches deep, is in early autumn, when the stems have ripened off, as the bulbs wither if exposed to the drying influence of the air for any length of time. Plenty of water is beneficial, and a dressing of rotten manure should be given as the flower stem rises. Do not cut off the foliage until it be thoroughly ripened. The plants may remain undisturbed for years before being raised, parted, and replanted in fresh ground.

LILY OF THE VALLEY.—This well-known, hardy, and fragrant flower is not bulbous-rooted, but is included here as it commercially occupies much the same position as a bulb. It succeeds almost anywhere, but revels in a moist and shady position. When planted the crowns increase, the larger of them flowering year after year without any attention, saving an autumn top-dressing of manure.

NARCISSUS.—Some kinds of narcissi are amongst the most lovely of all hardy flowers, and few species are more easily cultivated. A deep, rather stiff soil is best, and the plants thrive most luxuriantly in a partially shaded situation. Plant as early as possible in autumn from six to nine inches deep, and from four to six or seven apart, according to size. The plants should not be disturbed for some years. Do not cut off the foliage until it dies away naturally. Weakly plants may be helped with manure water, and a yearly top-dressing of mellow cow manure may be given when the flower stems show.

SCILLAS.—The sibirica species is the best of the genus, its intense blue flowers appearing with the crocus and snowdrop. It is, of course, perfectly hardy, as usually is S. amœna, one of the finest kinds. Though scillas love sandy composts, they thrive in any ordinary garden soil. The bulbs should be planted during the resting season in autumn, as advised for hyacinths.

SNOWDROPS.—These elegant flowers should be found in every garden, as they are at once the earliest and loveliest spring blossoms. The finest of the genus is G. Elwesii, a large-flowered, twisted-leaved form of snowdrop. G. Nivalis is the common type of single flower, and G. Plicatus has smaller flowers and curiously folded leaves. The roots thrive in practically every soil and situation. Plant as early as practicable in autumn two inches deep in the open, or about eight bulbs to a 5in. pot. In the latter case cover the pots with ashes until root-growth be started.

TULIPS.—These beautiful and showy hardy plants are indispensable for pot and border culture, and are too well known to need any description. They thrive in almost every soil and situation. Plant during October or early November, from four to six inches deep, with a trowel, placing a little sand round each bulb. Lift when the stalks become limp and the foliage brown, and dry them in a cool, shaded, airy place. As they ripen off thoroughly, store them in well-ventilated bags or drawers. If beds have to be cleared before the leaves turn brown, replant the bulbs at once in any spare plot.

WINTER ACONITES.—A pretty little yellow flower, appearing at the same time as snowdrops, and growing well in any soil and situation. Plant as early in autumn as possible, as the roots lose their vitality if kept long out of the ground. Leave the bulbs in the soil for several years.

MORE ABOUT WATERING.

THE MIS-USE OF WATER.—The lower and middle portions of the soil in a pot are often quite damp while the upper surface has become dry, and if a practice be made of watering whenever the soil is dry on the top, the roots are gradually suffocated by the continuous saturation of the lower parts of the pot with water, preventing the circulation of air around and between them. The respiration of roots is always stopped in water-logged soil. If gardeners would only consider the extreme variations as to water supply that are safely endured by plants growing under natural conditions, the very many and grave diseases induced by injudiciously liberal watering, consequent in over-anxiety for the welfare of the plants, could be avoided.

A CAUTION.—All plants that endure for more than a single year have a natural period of rest commencing with the fall of the leaves, and during their resting-period even greenhouse plants which retain their green foliage require practically no water or nourishment. Disregarding this natural rest results in decay of the roots, dropping of flower-buds, and oftentimes the death of the plant. Even an excessively damp atmosphere is exceedingly harmful during the rest-season. It is important, too, to supply water sparingly while plants are starting into growth just after their rest-periods.

FEEDING POT-PLANTS.—NECESSITY FOR CARE.—The water contained in the interstices of the soil becomes charged with dissolved nutritive substances, which are thus absorbed by the plant. If this solution of food-matters be too strong or concentrated, the growth of the upper portion of the plant is checked, and the small roots become brown and die. This over-feeding is responsible for very numerous losses. There is less risk of erring on the other hand, since if the solution be too weak, the plants absorb greater amounts of it, and transpire more water. The formation of large, pale leaves is usually an indication of starvation. Generally speaking, plants with large soft leaves need more concentrated solutions than those with hard, narrow or leathery leaves and hard wood. All plants need more food during the period of leaf and shoot development than at any other time. Over-manured pot-plants must be examined, and decayed roots should be removed before they are re-potted into small pots of loose soil, and stood in a close, shaded frame, preferably in a moderate bottom heat. Here they must stay, with the minimum of water, until new leaves are formed. If the roots have not decayed, move the plants to clean pots. After loosening the surface of the soil, replace the pots, and diminish the water supply.

Very many plants are easily propagated by means of short cuttings of pieces of the root, especially those having a natural tendency to throw up suckers. To prepare these cuttings, roots are cut into lengths of from one to three inches, and the portions are then planted horizontally in soil or moss. They generally thrive best with bottom heat, but most kinds will grow in the open also. Such plants as blackberries, bovardias, peaches, cherries, apples, pears, etc., are readily increased in this way under frame culture. Horse-radish furnishes a familiar instance of the use of root cuttings for propagation. There is a point to be always borne in mind in this connection, and it is that root cuttings reproduce the stock of the tree, not the variety that may have been grafted on to it, unless, of course, the roots from which cuttings are obtained take their origin from the scion, above its juncture with the stock.

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AGRICULTURE.

NOTES FOR FARMERS.

FERTILISERS FOR FRUITS.—It is a good plan to alternate fertilisers. If stable manure be applied one year artificials may be put on the land the following season. The value and importance of lime must not be overlooked. Its use seems to strengthen the woody portions of the tree, and to hasten the period of ripening; while it of course, in addition, helps materially to break up coarse manures into available plant nutriment. Nitrogen seems to directly stimulate growth, and its free use results in the excessive production of wood to the injury of the fruit crop. Generally speaking the condition of the growth, and the colour of the foliage is sufficient indication of the state of the soil as regards available nitrogen. If reasonably vigorous green foliage is produced no further additions of nitrogen are needed, and it is always best to supply what nitrogen is required by good cultivation, and an occasional green crop or dressing of stable manure than by the immediate application of nitrogenous artificials. Occasionally a tree is to be found that keeps yellowish foliage, and which is not improved by good cultivation. In such cases we have noted wonderful results from a light application of nitrate of soda round the roots. There is another point to be considered in this connection, viz, that nitrogen lengthens the period of growth considerably, and so also the ripening of the fruit. Hence it is questionable whether late-ripening fruits should ever be dressed directly with artificial nitrogen. Potash is an important constituent, and one which must be applied in commercial form. Good unleached wood ashes should contain from five to nine per cent. of potash, and may be applied at the rate of 50 bushels per acre; but muriate of potash is really the most reliable and the best form of potash now known for fruits. Ordinary commercial samples usually contain only 50 per cent. of potash. Kainit is really very impure nitrate of potash, containing only 12 or 13 per cent. of potash. From 150 to 300lbs. of muriate of potash may be applied annually per acre to fruit-bearing land. Phosphates can be obtained in ordinary mineral superphosphates, bone compounds, or basic slag. From 200 to 500lbs. of the first-named is a good dressing per acre; while there is no risk of overdoing the land with bone fertilisers, as what does not yield up its manurial constituents at once will do so surely in the course of time. Basic slag is valuable, especially for orchards which are in any way damp, peaty, or clayey. It also appears to heighten the colour of the fruit slightly. A dressing of farmyard manure at the rate of ten tons per acre in autumn or winter once in four years will provide all the vegetable matter really requisite, and the remaining plant food for the development of the tree and fruit can be applied annually in the shape of chemical fertilisers.

PATCHING TREES.—Since trees are necessarily more or less exposed to the influences of storm, cattle injury, etc., it follows that they must become wounded from time to time. It does not, however, appear generally known that such maimed specimens can be mended as simply and readily generally as one would repair a piece of furniture, and that the work and time thus expended are very economically employed. Taking a specific instance, it is no unusual matter to find a label wire or something else of this nature left girdling a limb until there is a large excrescence above it, where the food matter passing down the stem is intercepted, and deposited in abnormally abundant tissue just at the girdling substance. To understand the evil resulting from this it must be borne in mind that the food matter absorbed in water from the soil by the roots is not directly available. That is to say it has first to rose to the leaves, and there be elaborated into organic compounds with substances or matters taken from the atmosphere. These compounds are then distributed regularly to all parts of the tree for the up-building of plant tissues. Hence we see the reason of the stopping of the downward flow gradually starving the roots. Of course the transfer actually takes place in the inner layers of bark. A brief examination of a girdled tree will clearly demonstrate the importance of preventing label wires or supporting ties becoming so tight as to press into the bark. Coming now to the question of treatment the obviously first proceeding will be to remove the offending tie unless the bark has by chance grown over it. A certain portion of the wood will thus become exposed, and is in danger of becoming dry and then diseased. Trim away rough bark edges, and, just as one would do in the case of a wound on an animal, apply an antiseptic, Bordeaux mixture being the best for trees. Next cover the whole injured surface with wax made placing one part, by weight, of tallow, two parts of beeswax, and four parts of resin into an old kettle, preparatory to melting the whole together, and pouring it into a tub or pail of cold water. Grease the hands, and work the resulting compound in them until it becomes the colour of barley sugar. The wax so prepared will need to be melted for convenient application. Finally bind up the tree with cloth bandages of some kind. The great point is to avoid delay, which may result in the wood drying.

Rotting cavities following careless pruning are very difficult wounds to heal. Indeed they are often gone too far before they are observed. The initial proceeding is, of course, to remove the decaying of diseased tissues by cutting them all away, and the next aim must be to quite close up the cavity resulting. An augur is oftentimes useful in removing discoloured tissue in such holes. Thoroughly soak with Bordeaux mixture, and at once drive a plug of wood tightly into the hole. Next paint the surface, and trim the bark away till live tissue be reached. If the diseased and discoloured wood and bark be completely removed there is no reason why large wounds should not be carefully covered with tin or zinc, though it is practically impossible to cover the entrance so tightly with such plates as to exclude germs.

GREEN MANURING.—Both leguminous and non-leguminous plants enrich land in humus forming compounds, but the former also supplies abundant nitrogenous matter. Again leguminous plants take what nitrogen they need for growth mainly from the atmosphere; while non-leguminous plants must, so far as it is at present known, derive their nitrates from those stored in the soil. Hence the ploughing in of buckwheat or mustard, though it enrich the soil in humus, does not materially increase the nitrogen store; while turning under a leguminous crop does so very substantially. Nitrogen is quite the most expensive element of plant growth so that the saving effected may be very material. Generally speaking a pound of nitrogen costs about thrice as much as one of either phosphoric acid or potash. We recently heard a farmer say that he considered the importance of this assimilation of nitrogen by leguminous plants over-rated, because it affected so small a range of farm crops; but he had overlooked the fact that if the nitrogen of the air cannot be assimilated by cereals, grasses, etc., yet it may none the less be indirectly assimilated by them through the medium of green manuring. Leguminous crops will collect it and store it in the soil for other farm crops to use.

The leguminous plants most generally and profitably employed for green manuring are the field pea, clovers, vetches, beans, and lucerne; while serradella, lupines, and meliotus are also used through Europe. Perhaps it may be well to devote a few words in turn to each of the principal of these.

FARM DRAINAGE.—For most farm crops the soil water need not be lowered by drainage more than about 3ft. 6in. from the surface, though some authorities appear to prefer a depth of 4ft. In certain soils, where the water table naturally falls in the summer to four, five, or more feet below the surface, it is only necessary to insure the free drainage of about the top of 18 inches. The distance between the drains must depend on the depth at which they are laid and the closeness or density of the soil itself, and it must be borne in mind that the water rises somewhat in the soil between every two drains; the greater the distance apart the drains are the greater will be the height of this rise of the water table. This rise approximates 1ft. for every 36ft. between the drains.

Where large tracts of tolerably level land of close fine grain exist, surface drainage by means of furrows or ditches is of much importance in carrying away superfluous water, and it is generally desirable to have these surface drains on most medium and heavy lands, so that the sudden heavy showers may not flood the ground.

The fall in any drain must not be less than this is desirable if it be practicable to obtain it. Smaller tiles than three inch ones ought not to be used lest they become clogged, which may also happen from their not having been placed on a true gradient, an oversight which leaves high and low places in the lines of tiles, and so causes the collecting of silt. Of course it is almost unnecessary to point out that all the laterals must be led into the main drains at an acute angle to prevent clogging, and that the outlet should be carefully made with its end above water. The removal of such trees as luxuriate damp and moist soils must be effected when the drains are made to prevent them sending down roots into and so choking up the drains.

WILLIAM TOOGOOD, Southampton.

OH! THE POOR BULLS.

Clement Scott discourses pleasantly in this week's "Madame" on Spanish bull-fights, from a woman's point of view. The ladies of the party would go to see the sport despite the most lurid descriptions of what they would witness. Stifling conscience, on Easter Sunday they did in Spain as the Spaniards did, and went. The article concludes:

"On my way home to the railway station I met one of the many ladies looking very distressed, ill, and pale. I stared at her straight, and she knew what that one look meant.

"She said excitedly, 'Don't talk of it; don't speak of it; don't allude to it in any way; don't ask me anything. I positively loathe myself for having gone.'

"'What, would you not go again' I asked.

"'Not for all the world and all the riches in it. I'm sick at the thought of it.'

"'But I would,' said her companion, a lovely girl, quite savagely, a fierce light coming into her beautiful blue eyes.

"'You would go again? What on earth for?'

"'To see an espada killed, and then, after that, all the matadors. That's what I would go again to see. The brutes. O! the poor bulls!'

"And I saw tears—real, honest tears—in the blue eyes of that lovely English girl.

"She had seen her first bull-fight—and I think her last."

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CHURCH FESTIVAL AT CATCHGATE.

Following up their custom for a few years the Catchgate United Methodist Free Church, invited the choirs of the neighbouring churches to hold a choir festival in a field near the Free Church at Catchgate. Owing to the wet weather the festival was held in the Free Church. From an early hour in the afternoon until between six and seven in the evening a grand tea was provided, and partaken of by a large company, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The tables were gracefully presided over by Misses Pattison, Crowell, Reed, Mesdames Richards and Bell. The effort was made in aid of the Free Church choir fund, and was arranged by the members of the choir for that purpose, it being their annual gathering. Thirty choirs were invited, out of which eight accepted the invitation, but the rain prevented three of these from fulfilling the engagement. However, notwithstanding these reverses the event was both successful and enjoyable. Mr. T. Collinson, of Catchgate, occupied the chair, and referred to the new building scheme. He thought that if everybody did their best the new church which they proposed to erect would soon be paid for. In speaking of the character of the gathering, he (the chairman), was of opinion that if people appreciated the musical talent of the district they would not spend so much in trainfares and travel long distances to hear music rendered by united choirs. A musical programme was rendered by the choirs separately. The Dipton Primitive Methodist Choir rendered "Make a joyful noise" and "With mirth and joy" in good style under the leadership of Mr. E. Herdman. The Greencroft Primitive Methodist Chapel Choir then rendered "Trust ye in the Lord" and "Teach me, O Lord," under the leadership of Mr. M. Nicholson. Annfield Plain Free Church Mission, under the leadership of Mr. T. Prinn, favoured with "In Christ is all my strength" and "Praise my Maker" in a forcible manner. Catchgate Christian Lay Church Choir, with Mr. John Hetherington as conductor, sang "Sing on" and "Nature's Praise." Afterwards the Catchgate Free Church Choir, under Mr. T. Holland's leadership, gave "Come where my love lies dreaming" and "O give thanks." At the conclusion of the festival Mr. Jas. Hosking moved a hearty vote of thanks to the choirs, ladies and friends, who had in any way contributed to the success of the gathering. Mr. W. Bates seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. On Sunday morning and evening the pulpit was occupied by Mr. R. W. Pigford, of Catchgate who preached special sermons. In the afternoon a musical service was rendered by the Free Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr. T. Holland. The programme was opened with the anthem "Behold how good and joyful," Then Miss Hew sang "The Toilers" very sweetly, after which Mr. H. Bates favoured with a solo. Miss Bowstead recited a suitable recitation, after which the quartette, "Softly floating on the evening air," was well rendered by Misses Haw and Reynolds, and Messrs Holland and Hosking. After Mr. Hosking had rendered a fine solo, Mr. Holland sang "He shall feed his flock" and the programme closed with the anthem "Strike, seraphs, strike." Mr. T. Collinson, of Catchgate occupied the chair, while Mr. W. Collicott presided at the organ. After the evening service a concert was given in the field adjoining the church.

LOCAL PATENT APPLICATIONS.

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

16,193.—August 9th, 1899. G. B. Nicholson, Shildon. Automatic syphon.
15,246.—August 9th, 1899. The Hon. C. A. Parsons and A. D. Wass, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in double beat valves.
16,258.—August 10th, 1899. S. Rose, Sunderland. Improvements in hand-braces and similar tools.
16,265.—August 10th, 1899. W. H. Dargus, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in the generation of acetylene gas.
16,284.—August 10th, 1899. The Hon. C. A. Parsons and H. F. Fullagar, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in and in connection with steam turbine rings or blades.
16,316.—August 10th, 1899. J. B. Furneaux and F. A. Woodeson, Gateshead. Improvements in steam boilers.
16,317.—August 10th, 1899. J. B. Furneaux and W. A. Woodeson, Gateshead. Improvements in or connected with means for distributing actuating fluid in engines or motors.
16,405.—August 12th, 1899. T. Beck, Seaton Delaval. Improvements in safety lamps.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

4TH V.B. DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY. SHOOTING MATCH AT DURHAM.

A shooting match between teams selected from the headquarters companies and the Birtley Company was shot off on Saturday afternoon on the Kepier Rifle Range, Durham. The weather was wet and the light bad. The conditions were ten men aside, seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Bisley rules and targets. The match resulted in a win for Durham for 40 points, the Durham average being 86, and that for Birtley 82. Scores:—

DURHAM.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Tl.
Colour-Sergt. Caldclough	30	35	33	98
Private Hepburn	30	30	33	93
Corporal G. Wilson	30	31	32	93
Sergt. Swaffield	27	32	33	92
Sergt. Baxter	30	31	27	88
Sergt. Smurthwaite	32	31	24	87
Sergt.-Major Adams	26	31	26	83
Corporal Raypole	25	28	27	80
B-Major Mohun	27	23	25	75
Private J. Bare	28	25	20	74
Total				853

BIRTLEY.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Tl.
Private Miller	34	29	34	97
Lance-Corporal Coutt	32	35	27	94
Corporal Lawson	34	26	32	92
Private T. Brown	30	28	30	88
Corporal Stoddart	32	31	25	88
Private Hutchinson	25	29	27	82
Private G. Brown	28	30	23	81
Sergt. Stevenson	30	24	25	80
Private Longridge	24	15	25	64
Private Worswick	30	5	22	57
Total				823

DURHAM MINERS WAGES.

Mr John Wilson, M.P., in his monthly circular issued to the members of the Durham Miners' Association refers to the recent wage settlement. He says:—"There is one reason advanced by the owners as to their inability to give more, which I would like to mention. They say—'if the men would work more regularly in the good times, we should be in a better position, and able to take advantage of the rise in the markets which takes place after the contracts for our normal quantities are made.' Let us examine that, and see what force there is in it. We are often induced by the state of the markets to conclude that the whole of the output has risen; and we base our demands and expectations upon the changes indicated. That there has been a rise in prices is quite clear, or else we should not have got the advance. But what has given the average advance? The answer is, the uncontracted coals, which were available to take advantage of the increase in price, which had accrued since the contracts were formed. The larger the quantity of that class of coals, the higher the average price realised. If there should be a falling off in the proportion, there would be a less average price. There is a proverb which experience tells us is worth learning, 'In prosperity prepare for adversity.' These are the summer and winter of our industrial life, and they recur with a regularity which should teach the wisdom of the proverb. Good times are not merely seasons of enjoyment, but of preparation for the winter of slack time and lower wages. I would not curtail in the smallest iota the legitimate enjoyment of a single member of our association. My object is to turn all of us from waste and misuse of prosperity, to the providing for the adversity which (except there be an entire change in our commercial conditions) will assuredly fall upon us; and I shall be delighted if that object be attained."

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Durham Miners' Conciliation Board.

On Saturday night Mr John Wilson, M.P., issued to the members of the Durham Miners' Association his monthly circular. In it he makes a reference to the proposed reconstitution of the Durham Miners' Conciliation Board, and remarking on the recent ballot vote on the question which resulted in the decision to re-establish the Board, says:—"The voting has not been as complete as the importance of the question deserves. We should have had a strong vote upon it, as it is so very unsatisfactory when such a matter is dealt with in an indifferent manner. The majority was small, but not in the least disappointing. It is the reverse of it, and is expressive of the very great change which has come over the minds of our members. Between the vote in 1895, when we decided to abolish the Board, and the present, there is a great contrast, and it is to be hoped that a fair trial will be given to it. From the resolve to form the Board, let us turn to its constitution. Has it to be that which obtained in 1895, or has there to be a new Board, with modified rules? There has been a meeting of the united committees of the four sections, and they have come to the conclusion, to recommend the adoption of the old rules. They have done this after a consideration of the whole range of the questions which the Board may be expected to deal with. That conclusion I fully endorse, and have no hesitation in asserting that you will act wisely if you accept the advice given by the united meeting, and re-establish the same form as by our vote we abolished in 1895. The decision having been given to again revert to the former state of things, and as apart from the reductions in wages (which may be inevitable under any system), there was no complaint, why should not we simply re-establish the former arrangement? It was come to in 1894, after a most careful inquiry into almost every imaginable kind of suggestion and provision. If there had been a fair trial of its scope, and it had been found wanting, some alteration might have been expected; but as the rules of that day were agreed to after a careful and long inquiry, and as we were satisfied with them at the time, and as we had no expressed complaint about them, is the most natural course on this occasion their re-affirmation, until by their operation they manifest their weakness or evil, and then seek an amendment with the data we have at hand. The 'Objects,' as drawn up in 1894, read as follows:—By conciliatory means to prevent disputes, and to put an end to any that may arise, and with this view to consider and decide all claims that either party may from time to time make for a change in county wages or county practices, and upon any other questions not falling in the jurisdiction of the joint Committee, that it may be agreed between the parties to refer to the Board. I submit that it would be far better to re-affirm those objects than to crowd, burden, and mystify, by setting out in detail what we would desire. You will see the objects are clear and comprehensive as they are, and to alter them, as some are asking, would cloud the meaning and hinder the operation. I, therefore, take this opportunity of urging upon you the re-establishment of the previous Board, pure and simple, and let it have that fair and full trial in all phases of our trade, without which no institution can be truly tested."

Aged Miner's Homes.

Conference at Durham.

A Conference of the subscribing collieries to the aged miners home scheme was held at the Miners' Hall, Durham, on Saturday morning, under the presidency of Mr John Wilson, M.P.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, announced that he had received that morning from collieries close upon £200, and with promises and other receipts the total given and promised now reached over £2,000. (Applause.)

The Conference proceeded to the election of officers. It was decided to re-appoint the old committees—Messrs J. Wilson, H. Wallace, Canon Moore Ede, J. Johnson, T. Hopper, and one each from the affiliated sections.

It was decided that the committee act as trustees for the property. The question of allocating the dwellings at Haswell Moor was discussed at considerable length, and it was decided to leave the question in the hands of the committee. Messrs S. Galbraith, Browning, and T. Richardson, Washington, were appointed auditors, and Mr Wilson was elected president of the committee, with Mr Hopper secretary, and Mr Wallace treasurer.

It was decided to hold a demonstration at the opening of the Haswell Homes, in about a month's time, and collieries were invited to do their best to make it a success.

The following additional subscriptions were announced at the close of the Conference:—Seaham Harbour, £83 18s; East Hetton, £53 6s 9d; Silksworth, £57; Hobson (part payment), £3; South Derwent, £5 3s 4d; Sleetburn (part payment), £5; Gurney Pit (part payment), £1; and New Copley, £6 8s 5d. Letters expressing sympathy with the movement were read from Mr Cordner, publican, of Langley Moor, and Mrs I. Isaacs, of Sunderland, both of whom promised to give a donation equal to the cost of one of the homes.

Alleged Attempted Suicide at Winlaton.

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, William Walker, an old man, was placed in the dock charged with attempting to commit suicide at Winlaton, on the 11th inst.

The accused, when charged with the offence, replied, "Oh; nothing of the sort; that's false."

John William McCarty, a farm servant residing at Park Head Farm, Winlaton, deposed that about 1 p.m., on the 11th inst., he saw the prisoner come down a road at Winlaton, and afterwards stand against some railings. Subsequently the accused went into a hay field. Witness then went into the house for a few minutes. When witness came out he could not see the prisoner, but afterwards found him in a pond near by. Witness shouted for help and the man was got out of the water.

Sergeant Burnip said that at about 1.15 p.m., on the date named, from information received, he proceeded to a pond near Park Head Farm, when he saw the prisoner lying beside the pond in a very exhausted condition. The defendant's clothes were very wet and his face was covered with mud. When the prisoner revived a little witness asked him what he had been doing to get into the pond, and he replied, "I have no place to go to and what else could I do?" Witness took the accused into custody, and conveyed him to the Blaydon Police Station, when he charged him with the offence, to which he replied, "How do you know that, be careful what you say." Witness stated that he knew the defendant's relations, and they did not appear to interfere in the case.

Supt. Rutherford: Was defendant drunk or sober?

Witness: He was quite sober.

Supt. Rutherford: There was quite sufficient mud and water to take his life?

Witness: Yes.

The Chairman (Ald. Hindmarsh) expressed an opinion that the accused was in such a condition as not to know what he was doing, and thought that the best place for him would be the workhouse.

Supt. Rutherford remarked if the prisoner was sent to the workhouse he could discharge himself from that institution.

The prisoner was asked if he would go to the workhouse and remain there, when he replied in the affirmative.

The accused was therefore discharged upon his promise to go to the workhouse.

Assault upon a Swalwell Publican.

Police Court Proceedings.

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, George Heads, a young man residing at Swalwell, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of David C. Davidson, Seven Stars Inn, Swalwell, and also with assaulting David Davidson.—The prosecutor stated that at about a quarter to eleven on Saturday evening last the accused came into the bar, and was requested by witness to go out, which he refused to do. Prosecutor had to eject the accused, who afterwards came back into the bar again and became quarrelsome. Whilst ejecting the defendant he kicked prosecutor.—The Chairman (Ald. Hindmarsh): What condition was the man in?—Prosecutor: He would be three-parts drunk.—The accused, who pleaded guilty, was fined 2s 6d and costs for refusing to quit, and 10s and costs for the assault.

Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club.

Visit to Whitley.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club paid a visit to Whitley. It was first intended that the outing should be devoted to scientific research, but as only a very small number of members put in an appearance at Rowland's Gill Station to journey by the 1.10 p.m., train, it was agreed that the day's proceedings should be one of pleasure owing to the paucity of members. The smallness of the company was no doubt due in a large measure to the inclement weather and other counter attractions. The members arrived at Whitley shortly before 3 p.m., at which time a drizzling rain was falling, but this soon passed away, and the remainder of the day was most favourable for the outing. The members first visited the "sands," and, as was to be expected they could not resist the temptation to explore the stoney contents thrown up by the sea. Later in the evening the company walked to Tynemouth, where train was taken home. A most enjoyable day was spent, and the members seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Waldridge Fell P.C. Sports.

The first annual sports for the joint benefit of the Waldridge Fell Football Club and the Waldridge Fell Brass Band, were held in the Football Field at Dove Cote Farm in miserable weather. The chief item was the 120 yards handicap, which produced some interesting racing. Results:—

120 Yards Handicap.—Winners of heats—A. Moore, Chester-le-Street, 25 yards; J. Reed, Newfield, 24; G. Carr, Beamish, 22½; W. Nattrass, Langley Park, 23½; C. Magnus, Newcastle, 21½ J. Brighton, Chester-le-Street, 22; M. Walker, Kyo, 23; G. Pringle, Chester-le-Street, 21½; J. Padgen, Chester-le-Street, 24; R. Barrow, Fence Houses, 22; S. Dawson, Chester-le-Street, 24; F. Walker, Waldridge, 22; W. Hanson, Annfield Plain, 20; J. Walker, Kyo, 23. Second round—Heat 1—G. Carr, 1; N. Nattrass, 2; J. Reed, 3; A. Moore, 4. Heat 2—J. Brighton, 1; M. Walker, 2; C. Magnus, 3. Heat 3—R. Barrow, 1; G. Pringle, 2; S. Dawson, 3; J. Padgen, 4. Heat 4—J. Walker, 1; W. Hanson, 2; F. Walker, 3. Final—R. Barrow, 1; J. Brighton, 2; J. Walker, 3; G. Carr, 4. Won by half a yard.

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Consett Bandsmen Upset.

Several Persons Severely Injured.

A most alarming accident occurred early on Sunday morning at Kilnpit Hill, on the road between Shotley Bridge and Riding Mill. It appears that the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Prize Brass Band, with the members' wives and some friends, were driven from Blackhill to Slaley (Northumberland) Flower Show. The party numbered about 43, and were conveyed in large brakes supplied by Mr. George James Christopher, hackmaster, Blackhill. In the first vehicle, drawn by three horses, 23 persons were accommodated, and in the second conveyance, to which two horses were attached, there would be about 20 people. The members of the band, having performed their programmes of music at the show and ball on Saturday afternoon and evening, started, together with their wives, friends, &c., on their homeward journey shortly after midnight. All went smoothly and well until their arrival at Kilnpit Hill, where there are four cross roads. In negotiating the corner, Levison, the driver, apparently took too sharp a turn, with the result that the wheels on the offside of the brake ran up the embankment on the side of the turnpike, and the vehicle turned upon its side. The whole of the occupants were thrown violently upon the hard roadway, and were more or less injured. The second brake was following at a distance of about half-a-mile behind. A youth named George Johnson, who was only slightly hurt, ran back and told the people that the first brake had overturned. Mr. Matthew Bell, followed by the others seated on the brake, immediately got out and ran to the scene of the accident, where they found a most lamentable state of affairs. Men and youths were prostrated on the ground, moaning and bleeding from cuts and bruises. Thos. Carter, a youth, had one of his thumbs cut off. Michael Hobday, the conductor of the band, had his skull damaged and his face badly cut and bruised. George Johnson was found to be injured upon hip and thigh, and it is feared the latter is dislocated. A boy called Adams sustained a compound fracture of his arm, and was stated that it would be necessary to amputate the limb. Stokoe, another man, had his face badly disfigured, while Charles Winter, a boy, received severe cuts and bruises about the head and face. Levison, the driver of the brake, was also stunned by the effects of falling, and was unable to render any assistance. The person most seriously injured was Charles Dibley, whose head and face were terribly mangled and mutilated, his features being wholly unrecognisable. These are the worst instances, but the others received a severe shaking. Mr. Bell obtained some basins of water and cloths from a neighbouring house, and, with the assistance of some females travelling in the second brake, managed to temporarily relieve the sufferers. Alfred Johnson, the driver of the second vehicle, unyoked the trace horse, and galloped off to Shotley Bridge in search of Dr. Allen, whom he brought back as promptly as possible. The doctor had the injured persons carried into the nearest house, examined them closely, and stitched and dressed their injuries and bandaged the wounds. Adams' broken arm had been temporarily set with an old umbrella and a stick out of the dyke side, and wrapped over with any clothes available. After some delay the injured were despatched in the three horse brake to Blackhill, in charge of Alfred Johnson, and reached their destination about four o'clock on Sunday morning, the second brake arriving an hour later. Strange to remark, five of the bandsmen, belonging to Castleside, escaped most miraculously, and although they received a shock, they decided to walk from Kilnpit Hill to their homes. The sufferers were attended by Doctors Geo. Renton, Moore, Reid, Allen, and Grainger. Charles Dibley lies in a critical condition, but hopes with regard to the others are of a more reassuring character. The night was moonlight, the driver, Levison, was well acquainted with the road, and he had his lamps lighted. The brake was only slightly damaged and, fortunately, the horses stood quite calm after the accident. The youth Adams, who is between 17 and 18 years of age, had only joined the band a week previously, and this was his first engagement. Winter was not a bandsman. He had missed his own conveyance, and was riding on the step of the brake when it was upset. The silver-plated instruments acquired by the band only a few years ago were also much damaged; some being battered to such an extent that they will most likely be of no further use. The painful occurrence cast quite a gloom over Blackhill, where all the sufferers reside, and the catastrophe was the sole topic of conversation on Sunday.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHOW.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

As all readers know, this has been the BARNUM AND BAILEY WEEK, and a big week indeed has it been. There is a special interest in the present visit of this great combination in the fact that it is the last tour in this country preparatory to an extended tour on the Continent, commencing next year. Thousands of sight-seers were early down on Sunday morning in the vicinity of the Newcastle Town Moor, and, as the day was particularly fine, the North Road, as the day advanced, presented an unwonted appearance of animation. But there was some disappointment mingled with it all. Last year, it will be remembered, the location of the show was the great open Moor, accessible to all without let or hindrance, much to the delight of the children, who were thus enabled to watch at close quarters the erection of the monstre booths that go to make up this wonderful show. This year matters have been ordered differently, the site selected being the Bull Park Recreation Ground, from which the public were religiously excluded on Sunday. Still this did not prevent the inquisitive from gathering in large numbers outside the enclosures. There was a press view in the afternoon, to which the writer had the privilege of an invitation, and very interesting indeed did a walk round the great show prove. Only a limited number of attractive exhibits were to be seen, of course, but the time spent in the walk round was fully compensated for. There was, for instance, the great man-like ape Johanna, now so well-known. She seems to be a most intelligent creature and to be able to do almost anything but talk. She had just been enjoying a feed of which bananas were a concluding feature. Some of the skins had been left carelessly on the floor of her cage, and to these the keeper drew her attention, requesting that she should clean them all way at once, which was immediately done. There is a good story told of Johanna. One very warm morning at St. Paul, Minn., she was on inspection by a party of reporters. One of them wore a negligee shirt of a blazing red. When he came into sight, Johanna began to watch him with a grin of amusement. "What is the gorilla gazing at?" asked one of the visitors. "Why," said one who was present, "she is smiling at M's bright shirt." Stepping up to the young man he shook out the folds of the bosom, and said, "Look at it, Johanna, isn't it funny." And Johanna lifted up her voice and laughed aloud in so real and hearty a manner as to convince all present that she "saw the joke," and was delighted with it. Of course, as everybody is aware, the collection of camels, elephants, and other beasts is unique, and probably there is to be found nowhere so striking a collection. A new feature recently added are the performing seals, whose performance is altogether extraordinary, and quite equally so and certainly as amusing is the "turn" contributed by Baker's performing pigs. The prodigies have been materially added to since the former visit; the very latest of all in this direction being the Chinese Twins, only just arrived, and who made their "debut" before a British audience on Monday. For the benefit of press-men, these twins, who are accompanied by their father and an interpreter, held a reception on Sunday afternoon, and proved most interesting. They are both boys, eleven years of age, and bright, intelligent, looking lads they are. Undoubtedly they will prove a valuable acquisition. Already they are able to speak a word or two of greeting and good-bye in English. Apart from the thousand and one things, however, to be seen at Barnum's in the way of exhibits, one, as a visitor, is most struck with the marvellous organisation everywhere. Attached to the establishment are no less than 850 people, and provision is made for feeding this number daily in a large, well-appointed marquee. This is done in two sittings—some 400 being served at a time. The "menu," of which I got a glimpse, for Sunday's dinner, was of a most tempting sort, and as the cooking was in progress at the time we press-men were making our survey, although we had already dined, some of us could have eaten again. I have said that the practice is for all the members of the staff to dine together, an arrangement which the manager informed me was necessary to maintain discipline and good-fellowship all round. The prodigies, of course, have tables allotted to them at one end of the marquee—the other artistes and general staff occupying the remaining space. Looking round upon the clean, well-arranged tables being laid for dinner, and yet methodically and without the least fuss or confusion, it struck one and all as really remarkable that only some twelve hours previously the whole show was in course of transit from South Shields! Surely there is reason and to spare for all that has been said and written again and again in praise of the organisation governing this famous establishment.

Clerical laziness (says "Martin West" in the "Church Gazette") is not as prevalent as it used to be fifty, thirty, even twenty years ago. I have known a few men who were too lazy to do parish work, and have refused livings on that ground; but I have only met with one who avowed himself too lazy to preach. He complained that reading a sermon involved a greater exercise of strength than he could afford, although he was as big as an ox, and owned that he had never had a day's illness in his life. Consequently he retired from active service. He would have got married, but could never summon the energy, and at length the young lady got tired of waiting. He was the laziest man I have hitherto met, not even excepting myself.

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	1899	1898
Horses	289	252
Cattle	36	11
Dogs	143	151
Butter and eggs	15	15
Sheep dog trial	8	0
Stands	12	7
Totals	503	446

It will be seen that there was a considerable increase in horses and cattle, but a falling off in dogs. The sheep dog trials were a new departure, and for a start the entries were considered very satisfactory. For the easy working of the arrangements made the secretary was ably assisted by the following staff of stewards:—Field Steward—Mr. W. W. Coxon. Agricultural Horses—Mr. R. J. Hall, Mr. M. Lawson, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. R. Shepherd, Mr. Wm. Park, Mr. T. Jameson. Horses—Field, Riding, Driving, and Leaping—Mr. T. Kirton, Mr. R. Widdowfield, Mr. Jos. Charlton, Mr. Jas. Fennel, Mr. W. M. Brown, Mr. T. S. Potts, Mr. R. Freeman. All stewards to assist. Cattle, Butter, Eggs, and Dogs—Mr. Joe. Thornton, Mr. J. Robson, Mr. T. Beveridge, Mr. M. Harrison, Mr. J. T. Robson, Mr. C. Banks. Block Test—Mr. C. Thurlow, Mr. W. Ryle, Mr. R. Watson, Mr. Jos. Innes, Mr. John Stothard, Mr. M. Thompson. Refreshments, Band, and Grandstand—Mr. P. Oswald, Mr. G. E. Forster, Mr. Wm. Robinson, Mr. G. W. Kirkup, Mr. J. B. Turnbull, Mr. J. Paxton. Sheep Dog Trial—Messrs T. Smith, J. B. Turnbull, and G. H. Procter. The following gentlemen officiated as judges:—

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Butter and Eggs—Miss Smith, Derwent Crook; Mrs. Park, Norwood.

Sheep Dog Trial—Mr. Jos. Thornton.

A good beginning was made with the class for draught mares with foal at foot or stinted. There were no less than 19 entries, and a close competition ended in favour of the the seven-year-old brown "Princess May," followed by a brown mare from Twizell Hall. The gelding and filly classes were exceedingly well represented, the Earl of Strathmore's "Golden Dream" coming out handsomely in the three-year-old fillies, in front of Messrs Turnbull's "Bonnie Meg," a well-shaped brown. The two-year-olds and yearlings were a decided improvement on previous years, and led to some smart contests. There was a fine class of horses for the field, some smart and shapely hackneys entering the ring for judgment. Taking the horse classes as a whole they were acknowledged to be of exceptionally good quality, and would have been a credit to any show. The Earl of Strathmore's "Golden Dream" was very successful, and showed up her points and breeding to perfection. In the cattle classes Mr. Proctor, of Durham, with some of his handsome candidates almost cleared the deck. The Earl of Durham and Mr. J. B. Turnbull, of Pelton Vale, were also successful in several classes. The new classes introduced were evidently appreciated by exhibitors. A large company was attracted round the dog ring, where Mr. Proctor had to deal with several well-known competitors. The various breeds were all well represented, and though the numbers fell slightly short of last year, the show was an undoubted success. It may be mentioned that the attendance was a large one, the grand-stand being crowded with a brilliant array of feminine costumes.

THE LUNCHEON.

Luncheon was provided on the ground by Mr. H. Lamb, of the King's Head, Chester-le-Street, and a large company of ladies and gentlemen sat down. Mr. J. Tully, farm steward, presided, and proposed "The Queen," which was duly honoured.

Mr. J. J. Candlish, Shotton Hall, said he had been entrusted with the toast of "The Lord Lieutenant of the County—the Earl of Durham." It was most fitting that that toast should be proposed on that ground, because they were enjoying his lordship's hospitality. He not only gave them the use of that park free of charge, but he also provided special prizes for his own tenants, and so set a good example. (Applause.) He congratulated them on the successful show they had that day, and he was quite sure if Lord Durham could have been present he would have been pleased that he was patron of such a flourishing society. As Lord Lieutenant, Lord Durham had the honour of being the representative of the Queen in that great county, and they were given to understand that he had consented to take over the mayoralty of Durham next year. He was sure the citizens were to be congratulated on the event. It would probably cause Lord Durham to be more amongst them, and they would be the better able to appreciate him. (Applause.)

The Chairman, having said he would convey their kind wishes to Lord Durham, proposed "Success to the Society." He considered that their show that day was marvellously successful. (Applause.)

Mr. P. Oswald responded. They had, he said, every reason to be encouraged. They had passed through low waters, but they had now got into something like a spring tide. He was happy to say the funds were in such a state as to cause them to hope that they would go on and prosper. The object of the Society was to improve the stock of the immediate district. He thought they had admirably succeeded in that. They had stock there that day fit for the Royal Show. (Applause.) It ought to be an encouragement to them to go on, and especially in times when they seemed to have no hope of success except stock rearing. They had given up hope of profit from corn growing. It was now a question of raising good stock. He thought they were on the right lines with that Society, and he hoped they would continue to have public sympathy and support they had already received. (Applause.)

The Chairman proposed "The Judges," to which Mr. Angus responded.

The following is the

LIST OF AWARDS.

HORSES.

For the best draught mare with foal at foot, or stinted, the property of a tenant farmer in the county of Durham—1st prize, £3; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. (19 entries.)—1, W. L. Walker, North Moor, brown Princess May; 2, Turnbull Bros., Twizell Hall, brown mare; 3, Thos. Smith and Sons, bay; h.c., E. J. Weightman, Middle Herrington, bay, Looking Glass; r., U. A. Ritson, jun., White House, bay, Lupine.

For the best gelding over 4 years old, suitable for dray or rolley purposes. Open to members. 1st prize, £2 2s., given by Messrs Fenwick and Co., Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £1. (8 entries.)—1, J. C. Turnbull, Hedley West House, brown, Muircleough; 2, E. J. Weightman, bay, Clifton.

For the best 3-years-old gelding for agricultural purposes. 1st prize, £2, the gift of Jos. Robson, Esq., Crown Inn, Pelton; 2nd, £1. (5 entries.)—1, J. C. Turnbull, Hedley West House, brown, Lyon; 2, J. B. Turnbull, Pelton Grange, black gelding.

For the best 3-years-old filly for agricultural purposes. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (8 entries.)—1, Earl of Strathmore, Gibside, Golden Dream; 2, Turnbull Bros., brown, Bonnie Meg; r., W. L. L. Walker, bay, Hawthorn.

For best 2-years-old gelding for agricultural purposes. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (12 entries.)—1, Turnbul Bros., brown; 2, T. Smith and Sons, bay; r., Earl of Strathmore.

For the best 2-years-old filly for agricultural purposes. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (6 entries.)—1, T. Smith and Sons, brown, Lady Scott; 2, W. L. Walker, brown.

For the best yearling colt or gelding for agricultural purposes. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (11 entries.)—1, W. R. Minto, Coal Bank, Hetton-le-Hole, bay; 2, H. Munro, bay; h.c., T. W. Taylor, Whickham; r., J. Gray, Ravensworth Grange.

For the best yearling filly for agricultural purposes. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (8 entries.)—1, Turnbull Bros., black; 2, T. Smith and Sons, bay; h.c., W. L. Walker, bay; r., Earl of Strathmore.

For the best filly foal by any agricultural horse. 1st prize, £1 10s; 2nd, 10s. (22 entries.)—1, R. Shepherd, Lady Annie; 2, J. Clark, bay; h.c., J. C. Turnbull, black; r., W. L. Walker, black.

For the best colt foal by an agricultural horse. 1st prize, £1 10s; 2nd, 10s. (9 entries.)—1, Earl of Strathmore; 2, Turnbull Bros., bay; r., R. J. Hall.

For the best pair of agricultural horses, to be shown in plough harness, the property of a tenant farmer, a member of this club. 1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s, and a special prize given by Messrs Brown and Sons, Chester-le-Street, for best pair of groomed horses and best kept harness. (8 entries.)—1, W. L. Walker; 2 and special, Thos. Smith and Sons, Derwent Crook; r., Turnbull Bros.

For the best 3 agricultural mares or horses, any age, bred and owned by a tenant farmer in the county of Durham. 1st prize, silver cup, value £4 4s; 2nd, £1 10s; 3rd, 10s, given by H. Webster, Esq., Morton House (5 entries)—1, W. L. Walker; 2, R. and G. Turnbull; 3, E. J. Weightman.

HORSES FOR THE FIELD.

For the best brood mare, suitable for breeding hunters, in foal or stinted (open.) 1st prize, £3; 2nd, £1. (8 entries.)—1, F. Robson, The Cedars, Griselda; 2, Joseph Watson, Stanley; h.c., M. Welsh, Laverick Hall, Wardley, chestnut.

For the best foal for the field (open.) 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (12 entries.)—1, Robert Thompson, Thorpe Thewles, Ferryhill, bay; 2, Norman Robinson, chestnut colt.

For the best yearling for the field (open.) 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (5 entries.)—1, Norman Robinson, brown colt; 2, E. J. Weightman.

Best hackney, mare, or gelding, not exceeding 15.2 h.h., to be ridden before the Judges. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (13 entries.)—1, F. Robson, Lady Audley; 2, Alex. Deuchar, Tynemouth, brown mare, Merry Maid.

For the best harness horse or mare (open), to be shown in harness. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. (8 entries.)—1, R. Robson; 2, Alex. Deuchar; 3, James Henderson.

Best harness horse or mare (open), to be shown in harness, the property of a tradesman or tenant farmer within a radius of 5 miles of Chester-le-Street, and members of the club. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. (14 entries.)—1, C. Walby, West Rainton, Nigger Girl; 2, J. G. Clark; 3, E. J. Weightman.

For ponies not exceeding 13 h.h., to be ridden by boys (open.) 1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. A whip for the best rider. (13 entries.)—1, S. Riley Lord, Highfield, Gosforth, bay, Royalty; 2, T. B. Scrafton, Bishop Auckland, Lord Brassfitt; 3, G. H. Hornsby, Washington.

Leaping class (open.) 1st prize, £6; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. (10 entries.)—1, W. Cusson, Chester-le-Street, Sir Roger; 2, T. E. Lavin, Ripon; 3, H. and T. Ward, Pinchinthorpe, Great Ayton, R.S.O.

No. 1 special prize—For the best draught mare or filly, 2 years old and upwards, £5 5s and £2 2s, given by the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham. (Confined to tenants on his Lordship's estates.)—1, E. J. Weightman; 2, P. Oswald and Son.

No 2 special prize—For the best draught foal colt or filly, £1 1s, given by the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham. (Confined to tenants on his Lordship's estates). (7 entries.)—1 and 2, R. J. Hall.

No. 3 special prize—For the best animal in any of the agricultural classes, £3 3s, the gift of Sir James Joicey, M.P., (8 entries.)—R. J. Hall.

No. 4 special prize—For the best mare served by "Sir Thomas," £2 2s, given by E. Dawson, Esq., Dovehill, Pollockshaws, (8 entries.)—1, Earl of Strathmore.

No. 5 special prize—For the best foal by 1898 premium horse "Blue Peter" (10,513), 1st prize, £1 10s; 2nd prize, £10s, given by Herbert Webster, Esq., Morton House, Fence Houses. (6 entries.)—1, Turnbull Bros.; 2, J. C. Turnbull.

No. 6 special prize—For the best foals by "Dalling Model," £1 1s and 10s 6d, given by J. Sister, Esq., Clifton, Morpeth, (10 entries.)—1, M. Welsh, Laverick Hall, Wardley.

No. 7 special prize—For best foal by "Brunstane Boy"; 1st prize, £2 2nd, £1; 3rd 10s, the gift of W. Park, Esq., Norwood Farm, (3 entries.)—1, Earl of Strathmore; 2, T. Smith and Sons; 3, T. W. Taylor.

Hurdle race, about two miles, for half-bred horses, the property of a tenant farmer or Tradesman in the County of Durham, to have been their property 3 months, not to carry less than 11st., winners in 1898 to carry a 7lb penalty. 1st prize £7; 2nd, £3. Entry fee, 10s.—J. G. Clark; 2nd, R. W. Layton, Springwell Colliery; 3, T. Beveridge.

Pony steeplechase race, for ponies not exceeding 13.2 h.h., to be measured by the Stewards before running.—1st prize £2; 2nd prize, £1; 3rd, 10s.—1, W. N. Nixon, jun., Scotswood; 2, Wm. Smith, roan, Allansford.

CATTLE.

SHORTHORNS.

Cow or heifer. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (7 entries.)—1, Geo. H. Procter, Flass House, Durham, Gay Belle; 2, Earl of Durham, Bowes House, red cow.

Bull under 2 years. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (2 entries.)—1, George H. Procter, Fairy Beau; 2, George H. Procter, Flass House, Durham.

Bull or heifer calf, under 1 year. 1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s, (2 entries.)—1, George H. Procter, Fairy Ring.

Bull, under 2 years. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (2 entries.)—1 and 2, George H. Procter.

Bull or heifer calf, under 1 year. 1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s, (2 entries.)—1 and 2, George H. Procter.

POLLED ANGUS.

Cow or heifer. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (2 entries)—1 and 2, J. B. Turnbull.

Bull, under 2 years. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (1 entry.)—1, J. B. Turnbull.

Bull or heifer calf, under 1 year. 1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s. (1 entry.)—1, J. B. Turnbull.

GRAZING.

Pair grazing steers, any breed. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (5 entries.)—1, Earl of Durham, Bowes House; 2, J. E. Nicholson.

Pair of grazing heifers, any breed. 1st prize, £2; 2nd £1 (7 entries)—1, Wm. Smith; 2, Earl of Durham.

DAIRY.

For best dairy cow, open to dairymen within a radius of 5 miles of Chester-le-Street, and members of the club. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1. (3 entries.)—1, Birtley Co-operative Society; 2, C. Thurlow, Earl's House; h.c., Robt. Rutter, White House Farm, Chester-le-Street; c., E. J. Weightman.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Best 2lbs. butter, plain. 1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 5s. (4 entries.)—1, Miss D. Pattison, Tunstall, Sunderland; 2, Mrs J. C. Turnbull, Hedley West House, Swalwell, R.S.O.; h.c., Miss Brewis, Waldridge Hall, Chester-le-Street.

Best 2lbs. butter, ornamental. 1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 5s. (2 entries.)—1, Miss D. Pattison, Tunstall, Sunderland; 2, Miss J. Crawford, Lumley West Farm, Fence Houses.

Best 12 eggs. 1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 5s. (9 entries.)—1, Miss J. Crawford, Lumley West Farm, Fence Houses; 2, Mrs J. C. Turnbull, Hedley West House; h.c., Miss Coxon, Pictree.

DOGS.

St. Bernard, dog or bitch. (4 entries.)—1, F. R. Fenwick, 7, Wallace Terrace, Ryton-on-Tyne, dog, Duke of Westmoreland, £100; 2, Mr Price, grocer, Thornaby, Stockton; 3, R. J. Cutter, 48, Robinson Street, bitch, Tatham Duchess.

Greyhound, dog. (4 entries.)—1, T. T. Linsley, jun., Croxdale Village, Spiteful III.; 2, J. R. Renwick, Springwell, Morpeth, Springwell Sandy; 3, Miss Maud May, Simonside Hall, South Shields, dog, Tom o'-the-glen; h.c., Geo. Garside, Walter Terrace, Easington Lane, white and black dog, Entitle.

Greyhound, bitch. (5 entries.)—1, Thos. Stephenson, Croxdale Colliery, Durham, Seville; 2, Shuttleworth and Thompson, Hetton-le-Hole, Fair Maid; 3, G. H. Thompson, Market Street, Hetton-le-Hole, for H. Lamb.

Pointer or setter, dog or bitch. (9 entries.)—1, Geo. Potter, Heads Nook, Carlisle, English setter, Blue Belton; 2, J. Graham, bitch, Helberton Daisy; 3, J. Sharpe, setter; h.c., A. W. Barrass, Viewlands, Neville's Cross, Durham, pointer bitch, Bell; r., J. Graham, 122 Barritt Street, Middlesbro', pointer, Jester.

Retriever, dog or bitch. (5 entries.)—1, J. Sharpe, Humshaugh; 2, Messrs Palmer, 42, New Elvet, Durham, Wildflower; 3, Miss M. A. Young, 42, New Elvet, Durham, dog, Rover, and Jas. Woodrow, Pictree, bitch, Jess.

Spaniel, dog or bitch. (4 entries.)—1, A. Watson, 2, Rosebery Street, Monkwearmouth, dog, Roker Planet; 2, J. Jameson, 92, Claypath, Durham, dog; 3, P. Gill Hodgson, Nursery Inn, West Hartlepool, dog, Rodney Smut; r., Messrs Shuttleworth and Thompson, Hetton-le-Hole, bitch, Nancy Lee.

Spaniel, that has never won a 1st prize. (4 entries.)—1, Mrs A. Watson, bitch, Roker Rona; 2, Messrs Shuttleworth and Thompson, Chilton Brown; 3, Messrs Shuttleworth and Thompson, Sam Lee; r., Mrs Moon, Coatsworth Road, Gateshead, Coatsworth King.

Fox-terrier, smooth, dog or bitch. (5 entries.)—1, Chas. Thwaites, Western Hill, Durham, Dunelm Tartan; 2, J. R. Renwick, Morpeth, Springwell Topper; 3, W. H. Ferens, Neville Court, Durham, Frits.

Fox-terrier, rough, dog or bitch. (3 entries.)—1, M. Clark, Hallgarth, Pittington, Durham, Voltaire; 2, J. R. Renwick, Springwell Pablo; 3, Messrs Shuttleworth and Thompson, Hetton-le-Hole, rough dog, Barnsley Bristles.

Fox-terrier, rough or smooth, that has never won a 1st prize. (8 entries.)—1, Chas. Thwaites, Durham, Dunelm Tryst; 2, Messrs Lourie and Elliot, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Springwell Nettle; 3, J. R. Renwick, Springwell True Blue; h.c., Wm. Mavin, Chester-le-Street, dog, Royal; r., R. Sharpe-Magee, Sharpe's House, Hetton-le-Hole, dog, Lyons' Lamont.

Bedlington terrier open (4 entries)—1, J. Brown, Gateshead; 2, Messrs Hunter and Bell, Chester-le-Street, bitch, Sweet Afton; 3, M. J. Cook, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Beaconsfield Torpedo.

Bedlington terrier, that has never won a 1st prize. (3 entries.)—1, Walter Lowdon, New York, Portobello, Fell Lad; 2, J. Brown, Gateshead; 3, Robt. Greaves.

Irish terrier, dog or bitch. (8 entries.)—1, S. Wilkinson, dog, Lord of the Manor; 2, W. Addison, Bishop Auckland, Barney; 3, S. Wilkinson, Greenbank, Chester-le-Street, bitch, Lady Player.

Collie, dog, rough, that has not won more than 4 1st prizes. (3 entries.)—1, W. W. Coxon, Pictree; 2, R. W. Robinson, Chester-le-Street, Trust; 3, Geo. Nixon, Chester-le-Street; r., Thos. Marshall, Jarrow, Monkton Masterpiece.

Collie, bitch, rough, that has not won more than four 1st prizes. (10 entries.)—1, Carl Vo...ther, Sunderland, Montreal Flower; 2, W. G. Burns, Bensham, Bensham Beauty; 3, J. R. Middleton, Chester-le-Street; h.c., J. Morpeth, West Rainton, and Chas. Brentnall, Middlesbro', Achilles.

Collie, smooth, that has not won more than four 1st prizes. (6 entries.)—1, Wm. T. Thompson, Willington, Hunwick Perfection; 2, Thos. Marshall, Jarrow, Monkton Maida; 3, J. Lowson, Tudhoe, Lady; h.c., Messrs Shuttleworth and Thompson, Merle Jacobin, and Jos. Watson, Stanley.

Collie, rough or smooth, that has never won a 1st prize, confined to the county of Durham. (5 entries.)—1, J. G. Burns, Bensham; 2, R. W. Robinson, Chester-le-Street; 3, J. Lowson, Tudhoe; r., A. Swinburne, Stanley, R.S.O.

Collies, puppy, under 12 months old on day of show. (6 entries.)—1, W. T. Thompson; 2, J. G. Burns, Bensham; 3, Thos. Marshall, Jarrow.

Whippet or rabbit coursing. (5 entries.)—1, Charles Thwaites, junr., Durham, Dunelm Perfection; 2, J. R. Renwick, Bit-o-Black; 3, Wm. Henderson, Elswick, Elswick Bluegown.

Best whippet or rabbit coursing dog or bitch, that has not won a 1st prize at any show. (6 entries.)—1, Wm. Henderson, Elswick; 2, Jos. Dent, Murton Colliery, Bonny Belle; 3, R. Bell, Chester-le-Street.

Any other variety over 30lbs., that has not won more than four 1st prizes. (4 entries.)—1, J. R. Renwick, Springwell Dora; 2, W. Price, Thornaby; 3, J. Jameson.

Any other variety under 30lbs., that has not won more than four 1st prizes. (6 entries.)—1, Mrs Day, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Skye terrier bitch, Gosforth Nancy; 2, Mrs J. H. Winer, Sunderland, Schipperke, dog, Fort Russian, and Miss M. A. Young, Neville's Cross, black and tan bitch, Daisy.

Pomeranian, self-coloured, over 8lbs. (3 entries.)—1, F. Gilchrist, Eltringham, Ovingham-on-Tyne, Peggy; 2, J. Hope, Bishop Auckland, Toby.

Pomeranian, self-coloured, over 8lbs., confined to the counties of Durham and Northumberland. (3 entries.)—1, F. Gilchrist; 2, Wm. Henderson, Elswick, Elswick Swell; 3, J. Hope, Vulcan Hill.

Sheep dog trial—1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s.—Equal first, Adam Telford, West Woodburn; Wm. Wallace, Brow Hope; 3, T. Greenfield, Chester-le-Street.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. PYBOURNE.—The interment of the late Mrs Pybourne, Angate Street, took place on Monday afternoon, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. Mr Kitchener and the present pastor, Rev. James Black, M.A. The service was held in the Baptist Chapel, where the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," etc., was effectively sung, Mr R. W. Wraith officiating at the organ, the "Dead March" being played as the friends left the chapel for the place of interment in the Baptist burying ground. Mrs Pybourne was 72 years of age, hence was looked upon as one of the old standards. Her husband had pre-deceased her by some years. A family of grown-up sons and daughters mourn the loss of a dearly beloved mother. Mrs Pybourne was highly respected in the town, and was well and widely known.

STANLEY POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd, 1899.—Before Mr. Jonathan Green (presiding), and Mr. W. Holmes.

THE DRUNK LIST.

The following persons were charged with this offence and dealt with as under:—Wm. Punshon, 2/6 and costs; Henry Kelly, 2/6 and costs; Matthew Brown, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Metcalf, 2/6 and costs; James Newton, 1/- and costs; Mary Ann Dixon, 2/6 and costs; Joseph Coulson, 1/- and costs; John Hutchinson, 2/6 and costs; James Tinnion, 5/- and costs; John Wm. Counsell, 2/6 and costs; Edward McDermott, 5/- and costs; Thomas Allen, 1/- and costs; John Johnson, 2/6 and costs; John Beck, 2/6 and costs; John McDonald, 1/- and costs; John Stobbs, 5/- and costs; Henry Robson, 1/- and costs; James Walker, 5/- and costs; Joseph Burt, 1/- and costs; Robt. Davison, 2/6 and costs; Joseph Greenwood, 1/- and costs; John Sayers, 5/- and costs; Michael Brown, 1/6 and costs.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

John Bailey was charged with assaulting P.C. Phizacles whilst in the execution of his duty, on the 20th inst. The defendant was also charged with being drunk and disorderly.

P.C. Phizacles stated that on Sunday night the 20th inst., at about a quarter past nine, he was on duty in Front Street, Stanley, where he saw a crowd of people congregated in front of the Queen's Hotel. Witness went to the crowd, and found P.C. Millions struggling with the accused. Witness took hold of the defendant, who behaved like a madman, and kicked witness several times, and also bit his finger. Great difficulty was experienced in getting the accused to the police-station, and further assistance had to be procured.

Sergt. Leadbitter said that at about 9.40 p.m. on the date named, he was called to Front Street, where he saw the defendant, who was in the custody of P.C. Millions. The man was kicking and biting the officer, and also calling upon the crowd to rescue him by shouting, "Come on, you b——s; don't let them take me." It was with great difficulty that the accused was arrested.

The defendant was fined 1/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly. In regard to the alleged assault the Bench considered it a serious case. As far as was known there was no other previous conviction against the accused, but should this have been the case, then in all probability the defendant would have had to go to prison. The police must be protected, and the defendant had done his best to raise a riot in the town. The Bench decided to deal leniently with the accused, and fined him 10/- and costs.

THE LAZY BRIGADE.

The following were charged under the Vagrancy Act with sleeping out at Bank Foot on the 22nd ult.:—John Gracey, John Wilson, Michael Ellensworth, John Wilson, John Brown, John Greenhouse, Andrew Higgings, Joseph Bates, Edward Larmouth, and Joseph Elliott.—Sergt. Vickers stated that at 12 p.m. on the date named, he found the defendants sleeping in some coke-ovens at Bank Foot. The colliery owners, he added, could not get plenty of men to fill the coke.—The whole of the defendants were sent to prison for 14 days, with the exception of Ellensworth, Larmouth, and Elliott, who were committed for seven days. Joseph Bates was dismissed.

SEQUEL TO A WEDDING PARTY: A SHORT CUT AND ITS RESULT.

Robert Bell, farmer, was charged with assaulting Richard Dewyer; whilst a cross-summons was preferred against Dewyer, charging him with assaulting Bell. Mr. J. McCartan, Consett, appeared on behalf of Dewyer, whilst Mr. B. S. Corke represented Bell.

Mr. McCartan, in opening the case, said that on the 29th ult., Richard Dewyer, who resides at Stanley, was at a wedding at a place known as the "engine," near the railway. Between nine and 10 p.m., on the night in question, he went across a field belonging to the defendant, for the purpose of taking a short cut to Shield Row. The accused was in a field—of course, the complainant had no right there—and the proper course for Bell to have taken would have been to have summoned the prosecutor for trespass. He was instructed that the defendant, instead of laying hands upon the prosecutor and thus removing him from the field, struck his client with a sickle, which he had in his hand, and inflicted no less than five or six cuts upon the prosecutor. After this occurrence his client went back to the house which he had just left, and a doctor was sent for. He understood that four stitches had to be put into one of the wounds, and there were also other cuts upon his client's head, and one upon his thumb. The assault was most unjustifiable. On the following day the prosecutor, along with his brother and another man, went to the defendant's house, and spoke to him about the occurrence. The accused admitted the offence, and when asked for an explanation, he went into the house.

The prosecutor said on the date named he attended a wedding at a place known as "the engine." Prosecutor left the house between nine and ten o'clock. He had had some drink but knew what he was doing. He crossed the railway and got into the defendant's field with the intention of taking a short cut to a public-house at Shield Row. Prosecutor met Bell in the field, and he had a sickle in his hand. The accused asked him to go back, and he told him that he would not go back. Prosecutor attempted to pass the defendant, who stated that he would make him go back, whereupon he struck him on the back of the shoulder and also inflicted three cuts upon his head, and one upon the thumb. Prosecutor afterwards went back to the house, where he had previously been at, and a doctor was sent for. Prosecutor was all covered with blood. Upon the following day prosecutor went to Bell's house in company with his brother and a man named Henry Smith. The defendan said that prosecutor could make the best of it he could, and he also admitted the offence. Prosecutor had been unable to follow his empoyment since the occurrence.

Cross-examined by Mr. Corke: He was coming through a hay field—mowing grass. He did not remember very much. Prosecutor did not say anything to provoke the defendant. The accused did not ask him if he was trespassing. He did not call the defendant bad names. He could not say whether he threatened to "do" for the defendant. As far as he knew he did not kick the hay about. He did not go into an adjoining field and pick up some broken pieces of wood and throw them at the defendant. He did not "square up" at the accused. The defendant did not put up the blunt edge of his sickle to protect himself. The accused commenced the assault by striking prosecutor. The defendant was perfectly sober.

Mrs. Catherine King stated that she resided at the "engine," and it was in her house where the wedding took place. Witness remembered Dewyer leaving her house on the night of the alleged assault. The wedding party went away and left the prosecutor lying upon the couch. The prosecutor was scarcely half-an-hour gone when he came back in a terrible condition, being all covered with blood, and cut about the face. The prosecutor was bleeding from wounds upon the head, shoulder, and arm. A doctor was sent for, and he attended Dewyer, who was ordered to bed.

Cross-examined: It would be necessary for Dewyer to go to bed if he had so much drink.

By Mr. McCartan: It was not in consequence of the drink that the doctor ordered Dewyer to go to bed.

Henry Smith, who resides at Stanley, deposed that he went to Bell's house on the following day, when the defendant admitted the assault.

Michael Dewyer, miner, Burnopfield, corroborated.

The defendant was now sworn. He said he was 61 years of age. He had never known the prosecutor before. He recollected Saturday night, the 29th ult., when he was cutting grass in his field. The prosecutor passed at the time, and he asked Dewyer what he was doing, and he did not speak. Defendant said, "Do you know that there is no road this way?" and the first words that the prosecutor said was "You b——." The prosecutor said something else, but he did not hear what. Dewyer then began to kick the grass about the field, and afterwards went over a fence into another field, belonging to Mr. Watson. Whilst in this field, the prosecutor stopped and began to gather up sticks—parts of a broken fence. Dewyer threw the sticks at him, one of which struck him in the face. After the prosecutor threw the sticks he went away, and defendant told him that he would have to pay. He followed Dewyer, who turned around and struck at him. Defendant put up his sickle to ward off the blow. The prosecutor struck at him right and left, and he had to keep back and guard himself with the sickle. He struck Dewyer with the blunt edge of the sickle. When they got to close quarters he struck the prosecutor with his hands. He had lived in the district for upwards of 20 years, and had never been in a Court before.

The Chairman: Did this take place in your field or Mr. Watson's field?

Defendant: In Mr. Watson's field.

Cross-examined by Mr. McCartan: He used the sickle in self-defence. He thought he was justified in using the implement in his defence, and he was very glad that he had something by which to defend himself. The sickle very likely caused the wounds upon the prosecutor's head. He never made any complaint to the police about the affair—he was silent about it. He threatened that he would cut Dewyer with the sickle.

The Chairman, after a consultation with his colleague, asked if the defendant was willing to pay £3 compensation to the prosecutor, which he agreed to do.

A sum of 10/6 was also allowed to Mr. McCartan towards his expenses.

The cross-summons against Dewyer was dismissed.

ALLEGED UNLICENSED DOGS.

Edward Swinburn and Wm. Atkinson were each charged with keeping a dog without a license.—The case against Swinburn was dismissed, whilst Atkinson was dismissed on payment of costs.

AMONGST THE PEAS.

Peter McGuire was charged with doing damage to peas, the property of Edward Wyam, on the 13th.—The accused was fined 1/- and costs, and 1/. damage.

DAMAGE TO GRASS.

Joseph Robinson was charged with doing wilful damage to grass at East Stanley, the property of Edward Wylam, to the amount of 1d, on the 7th inst.—A fine of 6d and costs, and the damage, was imposed.

DAMAGEING PEAS.

Henry Tyeman was charged with doing damage to peas, the property of Edward Wylam, at Shield Row, on the 13th inst., to the amount of 1/-.—The accused was fined 1/- and costs, and the damage.

DAMAGING A GATE.

Joseph Garbutt was charged with doing wilful damage to a gate, the property of Edward Wylam, to the amount of 1d.—The defendant was fined 1/- and costs, and the damage.

DAMAGING PEAS.

John Brown was charged with doing damage to tares, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., on the 6th inst., to the amount of 4d.—A fine of 2/6 and costs and the damage was imposed.

Robert Broom was also charged with doing damage to tares, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., at Craghead, to the amount of 2d.—The defendant was fined 6/8 in all.

Thomas Cain and Thomas Emmerson were charged with doing damage to tares, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., to the amount of 2d each.—Cain was fined 2/6 and costs, and the damage, whilst Emmerson was ordered to pay the costs and the damage.

HARD TO PLEASE.

Robert Gill was called upon to answer a summons charging him with doing wilful damage to turnips, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., to the amount of 3d.—A constable stated that on the 10th inst., he found accused in a turnip field. Before the defendant got a turnip to suit him he pulled up nine turnips. (Laughter.)—The accused was fined 1/- and costs and the damage.

DAMAGE TO GRASS.

John Peacock was charged with doing wilful damage to grass, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., on the 10th inst., to the amount of 1d.—The case was dismissed on payment of the costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

David George and Wm. Elliott were each charged with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting at Stanley, on the 7th inst.—The defendants were bound over in the sum of £5, but as no security was forthcoming, they each went to prison for 14 days.

John Hewitson was also charged with a similar offence at Stanley, on the 22nd inst.—The accused was bound over in the sum of £3 to keep the peace.

CYCLING ON THE FOOTPATH.

John Smith was charged with a breach of the Highways Act by riding a bicycle on the footpath near Annfield Plain, on the 11th inst.—Sergt. Vickers attested that on the date named he saw the accused riding upon his bicycle on the footpath at Maiden Law. The defendant gave a wrong name, and witness was occasioned a lot of trouble in ascertaining the correct name and address.—The defendant was fined 1/- and costs.

ASSAULT AT STANLEY.

Wm. Hindson and George Spence were charged with assaulting Edward Farrah, at Stanley, on the 21st ult.—The prosecutor stated that at about 10 p.m., on Friday, the 21st ult., he was proceeding home, and whilst near Mr. Watson's butcher shop at Stanley, he met Hindson, who rushed up against him with the intention of knocking him over. Prosecutor added that he had a case at that Court a short while ago, and ever since then Hindson had had a grievance against him, and the present instance was not the first time that Hindson had interfered with him in the street. Spence also struck him whilst he was talking to Hindson.—The defendants were each fined 5/- and costs.

YOUTHS DISAGREE.

Thomas Archer, a youth, was charged with assaulting another youth, named Thomas Brown, at Oxhill, on the 21st ult.—The Bench, after hearing the evidence, dismissed the case.

HE WANTED TO COME IN.

Wm. Lazenby was charged with assaulting George Warkman.—The prosecutor stated that on Saturday, the 5th inst., at about two o'clock, the accused insisted upon coming into prosecutor's house, and when refused admittance he struck him in the eye.—The Bench, after hearing further evidence, fined the defendant 5/. and costs.

SHE WAS IN A VERY BAD WAY.

David George, who failed to appear, was charged with assaulting John Bates on the 4th inst., at Stanley.—The prosecutor, an elderly man, said that he might just state that the defendant's mother had been up to him. She was in a very bad way and had asked him not to press the case, and stated that she would pay the witnesses' expenses—he had two, Robert and Sarah Ann Siddle.—The Bench fell in with this propisition, and the case was dismissed.

DAMAGE TO A DOOR.

Wm. Lazenby was charged with doing wilful damage to a door to the amount of 6d, the property of Isabella Jefferson.—The prosecutor stated that at about 10.20 p.m. on Sunday evening, the accused knocked her door in by kicking the same.—The accused was fined 2/6 and costs.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Thomas Pickervance and Maria Pickervance were charged with assaulting Ann Chorley at Annfield Plain, on the 4th inst.—Thomas Pickervance, Charles Pickervance and Margaret Pickervance were also charged with assaulting Lizzie Chorley at the same time and place.—The Bench, after hearing evidence, dismissed the whole of the defendants, with the exception of Maria Pickervance, who was fined 2/6 and costs.

THE MINING FATALITY AT PERKINSVILLE.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Coroner Graham held an adjourned inquest at the Ship Inn, Perkinsville, on the body of Christopher Pointon, who was killed by a fall of stone in the "C" Pit, Urpeth. At the opening of the inquest, which was held on the day following the accident, evidence was given by Henry Pointon, brother of the deceased, identifying the body, and by James Flowers, deputy. In the course of his evidence the latter said that he was beside the deceased twice on th day of the accident, the first time at five minutes past three o'clock. On the last occasion he told the deceased to take some coal off and put a pair of gears in, as there was a stone in the coal. The deceased refused and he did not insist. Asked by the Coroner why he did not insist, the witness said he did not insist because he thought the place was safe. The Coroner then asked him if he thought the place was safe why did he tell the deceased to put a pair of gears in? The witness replied that he told him to do so to make the place look better.

The Coroner said he never heard of such a thing before. If he (the witness) wanted to make the place look better he should have sent the joiners to do it, and afterwards sent the painters to paint it.

After other evidence had been given, Mr. J. Errington stated, on behalf of the workmen, that the men appointed by the workmen to inspect the place of the accident had been refused permission to do so. As the manager of the colliery was at his residence at the time, and it being too far away for the inspectors to go and get permission, and then examine the place, they saw the fore-overman and he refused to give them permission. There was an under-manager of the colliery, but he had no power to give them permission.

At this point the inquest was adjourned to allow the inspectors appointed by the men to visit the place of the accident with Mr. Bell, H.M. Inspector, and report.

At the adjourned inquest, Mr. Stoker, manager of the colliery, made an explanation of the alleged refusal to allow the workmen's inspectors to examine the place of the accident, and said that any refusal which was given was quite unofficial.

Messrs R. Mole and J. Allen then submitted the report of their inspection of the place where the fatality occurred, in which they stated that they found sufficient timber lying about, and also that there was no one to blame for the accident.

The Coroner said that the inspectors' examinations had always been of the greatest value. In summing up he said that it was one of those accidents which would happen in spite of every care.

The Jury returned a verdict that "the deceased was fatally injured by a fall of stone from the roof."

HINTS FOR THE HOME

To keep flies away from any place, sprinkle a few drops of oil of lavender in the adjacent vicinity.

To get rid of moths, sprinkle allspice berries among the clothes, or shavings of camphor are equally efficacious.

To cure burns, lime-water beaten up with sweet oil is about one of the best and most reliable preparations known.

FLOUR absorbs odours, and should not be kept in a place where there are onions, fish, vegetables, or any odorous substances near.

MEDICINE stains may be removed from silver spoons by rubbing them with a rag dipped in sulphuric acid and washing it off with soapsuds.

A TABLESPOONFUL of powdered borax dissolved in the bath will prove very invigorating, as well as soften the water so that it will feel like velvet.

ADVICE TO COOKS.

Great cleanliness as well as care and attention are required in cooking.

Keep your hands very clean, and don't wipe your fingers on anything that is handy.

Don't try to save time by laying down utensils anywhere; it makes work.

Clean up as far as possible as you go, put scalding water in each pan as you finish with it.

Dry your pots before you put them on the shelf.

See that all "left-overs" are promptly used.

Never throw anything but water down the sink. Keep sink and sink-brush scrupulously clean.

Be careful not to use a knife that has cut onions until it has been cleaned.

STRAWBERRIES.

To Preserve Strawberries Whole.—Select only firm, entirely ripe berries, and cook but a few at a time. Stalk and free from sand. For each pound of fruit allow one pound of loaf sugar, and for each four pounds one pint of red currant juice. Make a sponge of the sugar and currant juice, and let it boil until clear and thick. Add the strawberries, cook them gently until they are clear and tender; take them up carefully and place in the jars, and continue thus until all the berries are finished. Drop a little of the syrup on a cold plate to see if it will jelly; if not, let it cook until it will, then pour is over the fruit, and when cool cover and put away.

Strawberry Jam.—To each pound of strawberries allow three-fourths of a pound of white sugar, add barely enough water to keep them from burning, bring slowly to the boiling point, cook gently for twenty minutes, skim carefully, pour into jam pots, and in twenty-four hours cover and put away.

Strawberry Cream.—Crush and strain one quart of fine, ripe berries and add one large cupful of white powdered sugar. Dissolve one-half box of gelatine (previously softened in one cupful of cold water) in a bowl over a kettle of boiling water and strain the strawberry juice into it. Cool, and mix it with one cupful of whipped sweet cream. Pour into a suitable mould and leave on ice overnight. Serve with whipped cream.—*Farm, Field, and Fireside.*

CAUSES OF HYSTERIA.

Most people do not sufficiently understand that hysteria is a *symptom*, and not a disease. Among the many predisposing causes which might be named are chronic dyspepsia, neuralgia, anæmia, depressing surroundings, and great mental anxiety and worry. Sometimes hysteria is due to *ennui*, and it is a well-accepted fact that it is an affection which chiefly attacks the upper middle classes. Poor people have not time to indulge in the luxury of a display of the emotions. When the cause can be ascertained, the general treatment must be directed towards its removal. Daily exercise in the open air, the morning sponge bath, and a good quinine and iron tonic are valuable aids towards cure. A change of air and scene will also sometimes work marvels, and in all cases the patient's mind should be kept interested and amused.

VARIETY IN DIET.

Variety has been well described as the salt of life, and there is no question that nine-tenths of the women who break down and suffer from what the doctors call "nervous debility" are really the victims of want of variety. Although much good advice is given concerning the advantages of systematic arrangements in regard to the daily work and every detail of the home life, we must not overlook, says *Farm, Field, and Fireside*, the equal advantages of variety in many departments of the home. The housewife, in the routine of four meals a day, and the necessary washing, baking, and sweeping incident to the running of a well-regulated household, thinks, perhaps, that the element of surprise should not be introduced into the clock-work system, lest confusion be the result. Here is just where the mistake lies, for in the endeavour to secure perfection of detail affairs get into a rut, and order becomes both monotonous and tiresome. The family does not like to feel that on Wednesday it will sit down to boiled beef as surely as it will dine on roast mutton on Sunday. Only the other day we heard a wife say to her husband, "What shall I get for dinner?" and the reply came straight from the man's heart, "I don't care, so long as I do not know what it is going to be." This sentiment is universal. Vary the daily *menu*, and likewise vary the arrangement of your rooms. Of course, it will be best to enter into the new *régime* with moderation and good sense, or the desire to produce a surprise may result in something not so agreeable as anticipated. Do not throw the house into confusion every day in order to obtain a new arrangement in furnishings, and do not eschew entirely the sensible meals well served that have heretofore been the standby in your daily *menu*; but contrive once in a while to strike the keynote of variety, for it is likewise the keynote of domestic harmony.

HEALTH AND EXERCISE.

We are all aware that good health is secured and preserved by exercise. All sorts of devices are on the market, as "exercisers," "expanders," &c., but, good as they are, we must not forget that exercise in the open air is what does most for building up a sound constitution in youth and keeping it in middle age. There is a great fad for calisthenics and exercises at present, and many zealous persons not only use dumb-bells and patent "exercisers," but they even row dummy boats and ride dummy horses, and have all sorts of quaint devices for developing muscle, chest measurement, height, and breadth. Artificial gymnastics can, we must remember, never be of the value that outdoor exercise is, nor take its place in its varied and invigorating charm. Walk, ride, drive, cycle, swim; play football, cricket, hockey; box, fence, and wrestle—anything you like, but be sure that you get plenty of fresh air too. What we want, with our complex nature, is recreations to exercise the body and divert the mind naturally and simply, to carry fresh ideas to our brains and fresh air to our lungs; in short, to go directly to our mother Nature for the boons she gives so lavishly to her faithful children, instead of striving to obtain them by short cuts and clever devices.

NICE DISHES.

CORNED BEEF SALAD.—Mix two tablespoonfuls of salad oil with a little pepper and salt and a saltspoonful of made mustard, then add one tablespoonful of vinegar in which some red cabbage has been pickled. Place a layer of sliced cooked potatoes at the bottom of a salad bowl, then a layer of thinly-sliced corned beef or tinned tongue; cover the meat with some pickled cabbage, sprinkle a little of the oil and vinegar dressing over it, and then put another layer of potatoes, meat, and cabbage, and proceed in the same way until the bowl contains the requisite quantity of the salad.

DEVILLED BISCUITS.—Melt two ounces of butter, or clarified dripping, in a frying-pan, and place in it six or eight plain biscuits which are not thick—milk biscuits answer very well; turn the biscuits occasionally, and let them remain until all the butter is absorbed, taking care that they do not burn. Dust them well with black pepper, salt, cayenne, and a little curry powder, which have been mixed together. Cover the biscuits with a layer of bloater or cod-roe paste which has been heated in a saucepan with a little butter, and serve at once. If more convenient, cheese may be used instead of the paste; melt the cheese in a saucepan with a small quantity of butter, add pepper and salt, a saltspoonful of made mustard, and a little Worcester sauce, and pour over the biscuits.—*Country Life.*

SHEEP'S HEAD SOUP.—A sheep's head is inexpensive, and delicious soup can be made from it if carefully prepared, or it will make good stock as a foundation for soups and gravies. Wash the head well, and cut it up small, breaking all the bones. Put it in a pan, with three quarts of cold water, three onions (stuck with four cloves), two carrots, a turnip and some celery, one or two long peppers, and a bouquet of sweet herbs. When it boils remove the cover, skim it well, add a little salt, and skim till clear. Then stand the pan at the side of the fire, and simmer slowly for eight hours. Strain into a pan, and allow to cool. Next day remove all fat, and you will have some good soup, that only requires a little flavouring, and, if liked, the addition of vermicelli or pearl barley.

Weardale

POOR-BOX ROBBERY.—The poor-boxes in Stanhope and Eastgate Churches have been broken into and pilfered. Both these Churches are open day by day. Eastgate was broken on the Friday, and Stanhope on the Saturday. The lock of the Stanhope Church box was broken.

IRESHOPEBURN NEW READING-ROOM.—Sir Joseph Pease has sent £5 and Sir David Dale £1 1s to Mr Pentland, postmaster, for the new Ireshopeburn Institute. Mr V. Rippon, J.P., has also sent a guinea "in remembrance of a pleasant day's shooting on Ireshope," and Drs. Easton and Wolfe, St. John's, have given a like sum.

WEARDALE AND THE TRANSVAAL QUESTION.—Public meetings were held at Frosterley on Thursday night, Stanhope on Friday night, and St. John's Chapel on Saturday night, addressed by Mr Strong, a former Cleveland miner, who has been out in the Transvaal some time. He showed up the grievances of the Uitlanders and their ill-treatment by the Boers—the only country in the world where Britons are slaves. Resolutions were carried at each meeting in favour of Sir Alfred Milner's policy.

Winlaton Woman Found Drowned in the Tyne near Scotswood.

A mysterious case of drowning is reported from Blaydon. At about half-past 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the dead body of an elderly woman was noticed lying on the foreshore of the river Tyne, near the Scotswood Stephenson Bridge, by a man named Spark, who was proceeding from his home at Blaydon Haugh to the Derwenthaugh Rolling Mills, by way of the riverside walk. Information was immediately given to the Blaydon police, and the body, which did not present the appearance of having been longer than a few hours in the water, was removed to the Pioneer Tavern, Blaydon Haughs. At a later hour the body was identified as that of Bridget Hinds, aged about 70, who, it is stated, lived by herself in a house in Back Street, Winlaton. The deceased was said to have been seen in Winlaton on Tuesday night.

Funeral of the late Mr J. S. Bagnall

The remains of the late Mr John Siddoway Bagnall were interred in Winlaton Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased gentleman, who died rather suddenly on Saturday night at the comparatively early age of 37, was a partner in the well-known firm of chainmakers, &c., Messrs R. S. Bagnall and Sons, who have an establishment at Hylton, near Sunderland, and also works at Winlaton and Swalwell. Though he took no active part in local public matters, he contributed generously towards various sports in the district, and was a member of the Blaydon Race Committee. At the funeral on Tuesday evidence was shown of the popularity of the deceased, the cortege, which left Thornley House, Rowland's Gill, just before two o'clock, being a very large one. Amongst those present were:—Mr George William Gray, Sherburn Tower; Mr E. Ayton, Newcastle; Mr H. Swinburn, Gateshead; Mr William Hall, Swalwell; Mr Charles Thirman, Stockton; Mr Jas. Roxborough, Gateshead; Mr J. W. Greener, Winlaton; Mr Harold Reed, Forest Hall; Mr J. Reed, Winlaton; Mr H. Carr, Newcastle; Mr T. Robinson, Low Thornley; Mr H. Crues, Barlow; Mr Morgan, Shotley Bridge; Mr Thomas Robinson, Blaydon; Mr G. Ellison, Mr Thos. Douglass, Mr Geo. Bullerwell, Mr William Atkinson, Mr James Douglass, Mr William Stewart, Mr Thomas Forster, Mr Thos. Thompson, Mr C. Whitfield, and Mr R. Forster, Winlaton. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. G. D'Eath, curate in charge of St. Patrick's Church, Chopwell. There was a number of wreaths placed upon the grave.

The Late Rev. Dr. Simons, formerly Vicar of Hunstanworth

Memorial Service at Low Fell.

On Sunday special reference was made at the services in St. Helen's Church, Low Fell, to the death of Dr. Simons, the first vicar of the parish. In the evening a former curate, the Rev. A. A. Boddy (Vicar of All Saints', Monkwearmouth), was the preacher. In the course of his sermon he said: If it is possible for those who are no longer in the flesh, but in the spirit, to return to the places most dear to them, I feel sure that there is with us to-night one who spent here some of the happiest and most useful years of his life. The home-call came to the first Vicar of St. Helen's but a few days ago, and though his last days were passed in fair Devon, I am sure there were few of those days in which his heart did not go out to Low Fell, to the parish here in the north where his memory is still treasured in affectionate remembrance. I am here to-night as one who is permitted to call to your recollection some of the days which are gone, when he ministered here so faithfully and lived the life of the true Christian gentleman that he ever showed himself to be. In all the relations of life he was, as I have said, the Christian gentleman, and certainly in the relations of vicar and curate. I owe more than I can express to his guiding hand in those early days of one's ministry. Dr. Simons, as most of you remember, had had strange and interesting experiences in the Far East in his earlier days, when he was a Government chaplain in Ceylon. Some of us have heard him relate how on a Mohammedan rising he was in a bungalow where a number of English were gathered together for fear of the fanatical foe. They heard the cries of the enemy and the beating of drums, and they stood up solemnly at his request, and as in the presence of God confessed their faith in the words of the Apostles Creed. The danger passed away, and that little band of Christians was not compelled to choose between Mohammed and Christ. I fully believe that there would have been one willing martyr that night if the bungalow had been surrounded. Then followed an English life—a peaceful life, I should think—among the rolling hills around Hunstanworth. Then the donor and patron of this church was thrown in contact with him, and learned his worth, so that when this parish was formed, and a vicar was to be appointed, Mr E. Joicey, of Whinney House, with his brother, went over to Hunstanworth and obtained Dr. Simons' acceptance of the charge. Dr. Simons was, as you know, the first vicar of this parish, and his vicariate extended over some 15 years, until increasing weakness and a keen sense of honour strengthened his resolution to resign the charge. He has, as you know, lived ever since on his son's property in North Devon, where to-day a devoted, faithful wife and an affectionate son mourn the life that is at last ended, while they rejoice with an unclouded hope of his resurrection with the Just. When he was going to and fro in the parish the very children would run to meet him. He was tender-hearted and kind, and had wide sympathies and a great respect for the religious convictions of others.

SAD SUICIDE AT TOW LAW.

Inquest and Verdict.

Mr Coroner Proud held an inquiry at the Tow Law Hotel on Tuesday, touching the death of John Johnson, whose death occurred on the previous day under somewhat painful circumstances.

W. Johnson, retired miner, said deceased was his father, and was 81 years of age. He (witness) left deceased in bed about 8.20 a.m. on Monday morning. He always lit the fire, and made a "sup" of tea, and then called his father. Witness, who said he went out to get some milk, returned about 8.45 a.m. He found deceased lying on the mat, and a bottle by the side of him. The bottle contained spirits of salts. There were two knives also against him, both of which had blood upon them. There was a bit of a cut on the deceased's throat, and his lips were slightly burnt, apparently with the spirits of salt. The deceased died at one o'clock the same day. Witness said that his father wished himself dead for years, and he (witness) always had to dress him. His father had said that his life was a burden to him, and had repeatedly expressed a desire to do away with himself. Witness was understood to say that he had used spirits of salts himself for soldering purposes.

Jane Jopling, who said she was a relative of the deceased, said she lived a few doors away from deceased's house. She had a great deal to do with him. When she came in on the Monday deceased was lying on the mat, and said to her he thought he would have been able to have finished the job before she came in, and pointed to the bottle. There were some marks on his forehead. Deceased said to her that he had hit himself with a hammer, but could not succeed to accomplish his object.

By the Coroner: She did not think that anyone had done anything to him.

Witness was then questioned by a Juror as to Sunday's proceedings, and as to whether his friends who were in to dinner that day had deprived the deceased of his meal. Witness said that she made him a dinner, and that the son was struck by the deceased.

The Coroner: Has ever anyone ill-treated the deceased?

Witness: No.

A juryman then said that the deceased, it was rumoured, was distressed at his son's drinking habits.

P.C. Sherwood said that on Monday morning, about 10 o'clock, from information received, he proceeded to the deceased's house. The doctor was going in at the same time. The son shortly afterwards came upstairs, and said, "Whatever has made you do this, father?" and the latter replied, "Thou is the cause of all this." Shortly after the deceased said, "I wish I were dead." He was in great agony at the time.

In answer to the Coroner, the constable said the deceased had evidently done the deed himself. The knives had blood upon them, and which was quite warm.

The son, W. Johnson, was then called in to sign his statement, when the Coroner, addressing him, said: The jury are of opinion that your drinking habits have had something to do with your father's death.

W. Johnson: I was not drunk.

The foreman of the jury concurred with the Coroner, and Mr Proud said: You must try to keep sober, and it is to be hoped that this will be a lesson to you. It may have had nothing to do with it, but we cannot help thinking that your intemperate habits have contributed towards a regrettable action which your father might otherwise have not done.

A verdict to the effect that the deceased had committed suicide by poisoning himself whilst temporarily insane was returned.

The Brake Accident at Kilnpit Hill.

Another Account

Another account of the catastrophe is that the bandsmen with their wives and friends left Slaley Flower Show, where they had been playing, about midnight, with two three-horse brakes, supplied by Mr. Geo. J. Christopher, hackmaster, Blackhill and Consett, each brake containing 15 or 16 passengers. All went well until they reached the four road-ends at Kilnpit Hill, where the driver, Levison, on the first brake, in turning the corner, ran on to the embankment and overturned the vehicle. A man named Matthew Bell, and a youth named Johnson, on seeing what had happened, hastened back to the second brake, which was some distance behind, and acquainted the rest of the party of the accident. The brake was immediately stopped, and a man named Robson, together with others, ran to the scene of misfortune. On arriving, a touching scene met their gaze. The men were lying all over the road in all directions. They at once set to bandage the wounds of their comrades, after having washed them with water, which the people living on either side of the road willingly and promptly supplied. In addition to this they rendered every assistance, and placed their goods and services at the disposal of those who rendered "first aid." One of the men on the second brake loosed one of the leading horses, on which a man called Alfred Johnson, the driver of the second brake, rode off with all haste for Dr. Allen, with whom he returned in a very short time. The doctor bandaged up the wounds, had the wounded carried into the brakes and despatched to their homes, which were reached a few minutes before five on Sunday morning. A man named George Johnson was cut on the head, and at first it was thought his hip had been dislocated, which, we are happy to state, is not the case. Another man, John Stoker, received injuries to his face; in fact, his nose was nearly severed. Charles Dibley was badly cut about the head and face. A lad named Adams, a stranger to the district, having only been member of the band a short time, was badly injured. His arm was broken. It was his first engagement with the band, and will no doubt remain fresh in his memory for some time to come. A young man named Charles Winter got his nose cut badly, while another called Butler had his shoulder slightly sprained. The leader of the band, Mr. Michael Hobday, was cut about the head and severely shaken, whilst others had most marvellous escapes. Levison, the driver, was so badly cut about the head and face that he was unable to render assistance, and his place was taken by Mr. George Robson, while the other brake was driven by Alf. Johnson. A man named Downs, who was sitting between Levison and Geo. Johnson, on the "dicky" escaped without a scratch, whilst both of his mates were injured. Fortunately the second brake was some distance behind or the consequences might have been of a more serious and painful character. Several of the instruments are damaged, but it is not known whether they will be fit for further use. All the injured are progressing as favourably as might be expected, and it will be a source of thankfulness to their friends to know that their injuries are not as serious as they were at first thought to be.

Wesleyan Methodism at Annfield Plain.

Interesting Lecture

On Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. J. Cuthbertson, of Nottingham, preached a special sermon in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, to a fairly good audience. In the evening Mr. Cuthbertson delivered a lecture from the subject of "Men of mark in the early history." Mr. J. McPherson, of Annfield Plain opened the meeting and introduced the chairman, Mr. J. Urwin, of Hollinside Hall, Lanchester.

Mr. Urwin introduced the lecturer to the meeting as an amiable, good, north-country man, who had worked his way into his present position.

Mr. Cuthbertson said if they had read nothing of history they would be disappointed with the lecture. The books he had obtained had cost him many pounds which should have been spent on clothing for himself. The lecturer then took his congregation back in thought to the early times in the history of the Christian Church. In those times Antioch was an important place, whither the early Christians fled to work out their new theories. Proceeding, the lecturer said that Ignatius was the young child whom Christ held to the disciples, and that when he was 12 years of age, his mother took him to see the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. That minister who was trained by the Apostles was the pastor of the Church at Antioch for forty or fifty years, after which the Roman Emperor ordered him to be chained and sent to Rome to be put to death for refusing to offer worship to the emperor. He died bravely for his religion in 107. The lecturer then referred to Polycarp, the minister of the Church in Smyrna. The leading members of the church sought every course to make their religion "go." The old people in their churches to-day were not sufficiently reverenced. When persecution began they sought out Polycarp, who met his persecutors bravely, before whom he prayed two hours until they trembled and wished they had had nothing to do with such a respectable man. When asked to curse Christ he replied, "I am a Christian, Christ did me no harm, how can I blaspheme him in my old age." When put on the stake strange to say the flames only played round about him, and did not burn him, and when the soldiers saw this one of their company was ordered to stab him in the heart, from which he died. Continuing, the lecturer remarked that Justin the philosopher was the first who wrote to the Roman Emperor on the subject of religion. Another worthy early Christian was Origen, who was an eminent christian and great writer. All the churches of Alexandria were open to him, and he also visited the prisons and pointed many thieves and murderers to the Saviour of the world. The lecturer then reviewed the lives and characters of the most eminent leaders of the early church, and the persecutions they suffered for the cause of religion. Then the lecturer dwelt upon the Council of Nicaia, at which the Divinity of Christ was discussed and established by the Bishops assembled. But for the early reformers and their glorious work, England would have been Papist. In conclusion, he urged the workingmen to stand by their Protestant religion at any cost. (Applause.)

The proceeds were in aid of the new Church building fund. After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to the lecturer and the chairman, the meeting terminated.

Uniformity of Punishment

Mr. Joseph Collinson, of Wolsingham, who is well-known to our readers as the acting Secretary of the Humanitarian League, London, has addressed an important memorial to the Home Secretary on behalf of his Committee, protesting against the extreme severity of the sentences passed by some Judges. In view of this action, it is interesting to learn that the judges and the Home Office are making a joint effort to reduce the irregularity of sentences; and that Lord Russell of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice, has been appointed Chairman of a Committee of Queen's Bench judges which will meet to consider the question. The following extract is taken from the Humanitarian League's memorial:—"Sir,—Your memorialists, the committee of the Criminal Law Reform Department of the Humanitarian League, in common with many other members of the community, have been greatly impressed by the inequality of the sentences passed by different Judges on prisoners convicted of the same offence, and by the extreme severity of the sentences passed by some of them. They apprehend that this difference does not arise from any peculiarity in the cases tried before the Judges to whom they refer, inasmuch as the same differences appear year after year, notwithstanding changes in the circuits taken by the Judges. They believe that different Judges differ in principle as to the objects which should be aimed at by the State in punishing criminals, and some of the Judges aim not merely at the protection of society, but at retaliation or revenge upon all persons who in their opinion should be punished, whether such retaliation is beneficial to the community or otherwise; and they believe that if the Judges were consulted as to their reasons for inflicting punishment a startling difference of opinion among them would be apparent.

"We therefore appeal to you to take a more active part in the correction of these evils than has hitherto been done; to ascertain whether certain Judges do not systematically pass sentences based on principles in which neither you or the public concur; to remedy as promptly and completely as possible the evil of excessive or unsuitable sentences, and to avoid any appearance of sustaining by your action (or inaction) principles and practices with which we feel confident that you do not concur."

("Signed) JOSEPH COLLINSON.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

TAYLOR.—Sunniside, Granby Terrace, on 19th inst., the wife of Joseph Taylor, of a son.

Marriages.

CORR—WARD.—On the 17th inst., St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, Newcastle, by the Rev. F. Smith, Patrick Corr, Leadgate, to Elizabeth Ward, of Redwell Hills, Leadgate.

FAIRBAIRN—DODDS.—At St. George's Church, Gateshead, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. A. W. Stote, B.A., James Fairbairn, Stanley, to Jennie Dodds, Gateshead.

LAYCOCK—WHITTAKER.—On the 21st inst., at St. John's, Middlesbro', R. T. Laycock, only son of F. H. and M. Laycock, late of Lanchester, Durham, to E. M. Whittaker.

PEART—PURVIS.—On the 21st., by the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., Vicar, St. Margaret's, Tanfield, Harry, eldest son of John Peart, Wallsend, to Mary, eldest daughter of William Purvis, Tantobie.

ROBINSON—YOUNG.—At St. James', Burnopfield, 14th inst., by Rev. J. Madill, E. E. Robinson, of Normanton, to Jennie, youngest daughter of Mr W. Young, Hobson.

SMITH—BINKS.—At St. Hilda's Church, South Shields, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. L. R. Majendie, M.A., Alexander Smith to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Binks.

WINSKILL—TEASDALE.—Wesleyan Church, Tow Law, on the 22nd, by the Rev. T. H. Wilkinson, John R. Winskill, Birmingham, to Lucy, daughter of Mr W. R. Teasdale, Tow Law.

Deaths.

BARKER.—Victoria Garesfield, on 21st inst., aged 25, Alfred Royal Barker.

BROWN.—45, Poplar Street, South Moor, 20th inst., Elizabeth Brown, wife of John Brown, late of White-le-head.

BAGNALL.—At Thornelly House, Rowland's Gill, on the 19th inst., John Siddoway Bagnall.

BULMER.—At Graingerville, Whitley, on the 17th inst., Elizabeth, wife of John Bulmer, of 2, Graingerville North, Newcastle.

BICKERTON.—Jarrow, 18th inst., at the residence of her nephew, Robert Bell, 15, Nansen Street, aged 75, Mary Ann, widow of the late Henry Bickerton, late of Marley Hill.

CURRY.—Blaydon, Depot House, on the 17th inst., aged 72 years, John, husband of Isabel Curry, for 47 years under Messrs Joseph Cowen and Co.

DUNN.—West Wylam, 16th inst., in his 32th year, Thomas, eldest son of Henry and Margaret Dunn, and husband of Angelina Stephens.

ENGLISH.—Winlaton, 19th inst., suddenly, aged 2 years, Robert, son of Robert and Helen English.

ELLIE.—Winlaton, 5, Gardener's Square, at the house of her son, Jos. Ellie, on 22nd inst., aged 54, Margaret Ellie.

HUMPHREY.—Street Gate, 22th inst., aged 71, John Humphrey.

HOGARTH.—On the 17th inst., at Frosterley, aged 48, Hall Hogarth.

HEAD.—Chester-le-Street, South Burns, 18th inst., aged 68 years, Sarah, wife of William Head.

HALL.—At Selby, suddenly, on the 20th inst., aged 24, on his way home from London, Samuel, second son of Pearson and Sarah Hall, of 7, Oakdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

IONS.—Addison Colliery, aged 12, Richard, the son of Robert and Margaret Ions.

ROBSON.—Ebchester, on 21st inst., John Robson.

ROBSON.—Dipton, 21st inst., aged 52, Susan, wife of Matthew Robson, Dipton.

ROCK.—South Moor, 26, Poplar Street, Eliza Rock, widow of Frank Rock.

ROUTLEDGE.—At 9, Sea View, Ryhope, on 18th inst., aged 66 years, Joseph, husband of Alice Routledge; late manager of Ryhope Colliery.

SWINBANKS.—White-le-Head, on the 21st inst., aged 66 years, Robert, husband of Ann Swinbanks.

SWINBANK.—The Square, Dipton, August 21st, aged 7 years, George Edgar, son of David and Phœbe Ellen Swinbank.

SYMONS.—Shield Row, Stanley, 17th inst., aged 7 years, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Jane Ann Symons.

TAYLOR.—Kibblesworth, on the 15th inst., aged 46 years, William, husband of Isabella Taylor.

WILLIAMSON.—Old Brewery, Stanley, 20th inst., aged 73 years, Richard Williamson.

WILSON.—At Oaklands, Riding Mill, on the 20th inst., Thomas Wilson, in his 86th year.

WILSON.—Birtley, Blyth Terrace, on the 18th inst., aged 37 years, Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Wilson.

WILKINSON.—Annfield Plain, 10, Jubilee Terrace, 16th inst., aged 10 months, Violet, daughter of Joseph and Mary H. Wilkinson.

In Loving Memory of Jane, the dearly beloved daughter of Hannah and the late S. W. Hudson, who died at Smiddy Shaw Reservoir, Waskerley, on August 23rd, 1898, aged 35 years. Respected in life, remembered in death.

In Loving Remembrance of Thomas, the dearly beloved son of John and Ann Robson, who died at 29, Towneley Street, West Stanley, on August 23rd, 1898, aged 29 years.

A light from our household is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant at our hearth,
Which never can be filled.

Ever remembered by father, mother, brother, and sisters.

In loving remembrance of John Rudd, the beloved husband of Eliza Rudd, who was fatally injured at East Castle Colliery on August 26th, and died on August 27th, 1898, aged 41 years.

Death did to me short warning give,
Therefore be careful how you live.
My weeping friends I leave behind
I had not time to speak my mind.
Farewell, dear wife, my life is past,
Truly thou loved me till the last.
Grieve not for me nor sorrow take,
But love our children for my sake.

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