EMBEZZLEMENT AT CONSETT.

...essions, held at Consett on ...g, before Mr W. B. Van... ...rt Baker, a grocer's assistant, ...astle, was brought up on three ...ing the moneys of his late em... ...Villey, grocer, Mount Pleasant, ...prisoner was only apprehended ...previous day, Inspector Benzies ...nd for a week, which request...

...TALITY AT TOW LAW.

...Wednesday night, William Henry ... 17 years, a hewer employed at ...n and Coal Company's Black ...s killed by a fall of stone while ...ain coal seam. Deceased was ... Dodd, who also had a narrow ...ratched by the falling *debris*. ...in Railway Terrace, Tow Law. ...ke place to-day (Friday).

...ELD LITERARY INSTI... ...SCIENCE CLASS.

...examination held in the Board ...of the students belonging to the ...ection with the South Tanfield ... (erected by Messrs Jas. Joicey ...3th, 1890, has just been received ...tary, Mr Robert Kay, acting ... Tanfield Colliery. The teacher ...te, of Sunderland, and the suc... ...the examination must be very ...fforts, as well as to the relatives ... whom great credit is due for ...tion to their studies. The com... ...lly composed of the officials of ...lliery, although the class is open ...m neighbouring villages. The ...ommittee is Mr T. W. Asquith, ... manifests considerable interest ... examinations, and is anxious ...e continued. The tendency of ...ndoubtedly to assist both the ...l advancement of the students. ...the report:—Science examina... ...ts in Subject XVIII., "Princi... ... the students belonging to South ...nstitute. Advanced stage, 2nd ...nson, F. Davison. Elementary ... Dawson, J. Armstrong. 2nd ...J. McPherson, W. E. Simpson, ...rcher, G. Bowes, H. Shaw, R. ...ord, G. A. Greener, H. Rollins, ...orne, J. Bainbridge, E. Stoker, ... Brack, J. Middlemast, and R.

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...iages, and Deaths.

...RTHS
...'s Vicarage, 17th inst., the ...orey, of a son. ...House, 15th inst., the wife of ...daughter.

...IAGES.
... William Newton, of Swal... ..., youngest daughter of the ...Foster, of Winlaton.

...ATHS.
...eet, 17th inst., aged 36, John ...Mary Ellen Gibson, and son ...e late Margaret Gibson, of ...d 14 years, Thomas, son of ...obson. ...izabeth, second daughter of ...e, of Whickham. ... aged 64, Richard Gibson, ...dowed School. ... inst., aged 32, Joseph, ...h. ...abeth Ann Farrage. ...7th inst., aged 67, Thomas ... 30 years master of Wald... ...th Moor Schools. ..., 18th inst., aged 59, Mary ... George Oxley, formerly of

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THOMAS PHOSPHATE POWDER.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Your issue of the 1st inst. contained a very interesting report on the great manural value of this new and cheap source of phosphates in the county of Durham. My farm is situated in one of the numerous vallies rodiating from the well-known Cumberland mountain of Skiddaw. It is 700 feet above sea level. The land is lying on gravel, and in dry seasons it is liable to drought. I commenced using the new phosphate late in the spring, May, 1887. The drought of that year told materially against it. I have two small patches (two acres) of a peaty nature. This was wonderfully improved, and the letting value increased from 10s to fully £2 10s by using the manure at the rate of 12 cwts per acre. The dry land was literally a bed of clover the following year, with plenty of rie grass and mill foil. The next year (1888) I used double the quantity and had equally good results. I may say the great improved quality of the herbage paid for the outlay independent of the increase in quantity. I have only 82 acres, and have used 2½ tons in 1887, 4½ tons in 1888, 9 tons in 1889, and this year 8 tons. I only plough an acre for potatoes and a few turnips. This acre is used yearly for this purpose. I have had turnips on one side of the plot, which have been given a very liberal allowance of the phosphate in addition to farm-yard manure. I have had excellent crops. This year the potatoes are looking much better on the land grown where the phosphate has been used previously than the centre, which has alway grown potatoes without phosphate being applied. My cattle are milking better and giving plenty of butter, and I am able to keep more of them in a greatly improved condition, in fact beef. I find the best results following after the phosphate with farm-yard manure. This supplies nitrogen on meadows for hay. There is no excuse now for having land in a poor condition, as this manure only costs me £2 5s per ton, or a little over 1s 1d per unit. It should been sown in the autumn, or very early winter, as its action is rather slow, but is certain, and lasting. The best is the cheapest, and I use Alberts' Thomas phosphate powder, which is guaranteed as to phosphate and fine grinding. There is plenty selling at a lower price, but really dearer. I will be glad to show my land to anyone, as it is mixed with fields to which no phosphate is applied, and of precisely the same nature, and people can see for themselves.—Yours &c., THOMAS BARROW.

Swineside, Greystoke, Aug. 13th, 1890.

Football.

ASSOCIATION.
LEADGATE EXILES A.F.C.

The annual general meeting of this club took place at the club-room, Bradley Arms, Leadgate. There was a very large attendance, and Mr J. Hagan presided. The financial secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted, it being considered satisfactory. The corresponding secretary (Mr John McCurley) rendered his account of last season's performances, which showed that the first team had played 25 matches, won 12, drawn 7, and lost 6, scoring 61 goals against 22. He considered this a remarkable achievement, notwithstanding the fact that the tide of fortune had gone against them in two or three of their most important matches, which was due to sheer neglect on the part of some of their players. He hoped that this sort of thing would never occur again, and that everyone would work energetically for the furtherance of the interests of the club. The team last season did a most creditable performance in playing Southwick (the holders of the Durham Junior Cup) a draw of two goals each on their own ground. The Reserve team were also well to the front, having played 13 games, won 7, drawn 3, and lost 3; their total number of goals being 33 against 16. They made a brilliant wind-up at Shotley Spa, defeating Catchgate by seven to nil, and Lintzford by four to one. They are now in active training for the coming season, and give great promise of a successful campaign. The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers, with the following result:—President, Very Rev Canon Kearney, The Brooms; vice-presidents, Dr O'Brien, Catchgate, and Mr A. Mason, South Medomsley; captain, Mr Wm. Magee; vice-captain, Mr Wm. Costello; Reserve captain, Mr A. Connolly; vice-captain, Mr B. Rogers; treasurer, Mr J. Hagan; financial secretary, Mr J. Costello; corresponding secretary, Mr J. McCurley. The following were chosen as the selection committee:—Messrs D. Bradley, J. Hagan, J. Hogan, J. Costello, J. Green, J. Toner, T. Kennedy, E. Quinn, and J. McCurley. The first match of the season will be played on Sept. 6th, when Bishop Auckland St. Wilfrid's will open their ground. The committee are working hard to remedy every defect, and as they have some first-class fixtures, a good season is evidently in store. The following are a few of their most important games:—Shankhouse (winners and joint-holders of the Northumberland Cup), Morpeth Harriers (joint-holders of the same trophy), Darlington St. Augustine's (winners of the Cleveland Cup), and Auckland Town Reserve (winners of the Durham Medals). The popular Dipton Wanderers will visit Leadgate on Sept. 13th, when a keenly-contested tussle is expected, as both teams seem very confident as to the result.

The Tanfield Lea Slashers held a meeting last week at which the following officers were chosen:—W. Plummer, captain; Geo. Mudd, vice-captain; W. Ridley, secretary; W. Gibson, treasurer. Committee, Charles Bassham, Wm. Christopher, James Wood, William Fletcher, Hy. Bloomfield. Umpire, Mr Frederick Jeffery.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

Consett League of the Cross v Leadgate Exiles.—To be played on the ground of the former to-morrow (Saturday). The following will do duty for the home team:—Goal, T. Cain; backs, J. Swan (capt.) and Jas Rafferty; half-backs, C. O'Neil, Wm. Finnigan, and J. Mellon; forwards, P. McKie and H. Fullerton, right wing; J. McCarthy, centre; J. Griffin and P. Rafferty, left wing. Reserves, J. Dolan, J. Barry, and P. O'Haillon. Umpire, P. Coyle.

Sporting Items.

Partridge Shooting in Weardale.—The prospects for the first of September in Weardale are not of the best. Consequent on the wet breeding season of the partridges, they are not as good as they often have been, as numbers of the birds were starved to death during the wet and cold weather of spring.

Grouse Shooting in Weardale.—The grouse shooting continues good as many of the Weardale moors. Big bags are made daily and the birds continue numerous still, but the weather has been against sportsmen, it being wet nearly every day. The moors are completely saturated with rain water, and shooting has been this year amid very inclement weather.

Footrace at Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, a footrace over 110 yards level was run off at Dipton Running Grounds, for £10 a-side, between H. Penno and Matthew Robson, both of Tanfield. There was a numerous gathering of spectaters, and betting ruled at 7 to 4 on Penno, who won easily. Mr I. Bulmer, of Dipton, was judge, and Mr Isaac Thirlwell, Leadgate, pistol-firer.

Wrestling at Tantobie.—A wrestling match in the Cumberland style was decided on Saturday at Mr Matthew Snowdon's, Commercial Hotel, between Andrew Ferguson, of Tantobie, and William Dobson, of West Wylam, the conditions being the best of seven falls for £15 a-side. Dobson was declared the winner by one fall. Mr William Johnson, Annfield Plain, was referee.

Burnopfield Flower Show Sports.—At the annual exhibition, on Saturday afternoon, the undermentioned sports were decided:—Bowling at the wicket—T. Bell, Westwood, 1; J. C. Ramsey, Burnopfield, 2. Referee: W. Charlton, Burnopfield. 100 yards footrace handicap—Winners of heats: J. S. Raine, Victoria Garesfield, 14½ yards; J. McWaters, Burnopfield, 22½; H. Bell, Shotley Bridge, 25; R. Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 14; A. Coulthard, Byer Moor, 19. Final heat—McWaters 1, A Coulthard 2, Milburn 3, Bell 4, and Raine 5. Won by a yard-and-a-half; about half-a-yard between second and third. Handicapper and referee, Roger S. Pattison, Hobson Colliery; pistol-firer, F. Maddison, Hobson Colliery. Skipping competition for girls—Lizzie Jane Dennison, 181 turns in one minute, 1; M. Patterson, 154, 2; Sophia Hall, 149, 3.

Fives Match at The Hobson.—On Saturday, a fives match for £10 a-side, came off in the Hobson Hotel Ball Alley, between Luke Armin and D. Anderson, both of Dipton. There was a good attendance. After the competitors had scored 32 each, the game was broken up. Mr Geo. Rennison, Black Bull Inn, Dipton, referee.

Rabbit Coursing at Dipton.—Mr R. Bowdon's rabbit coursing sweep was run once through on Saturday with the following results:—Hutchinson's Money Waster beat Telford's Mary Ann Cotton, Turner's Last Penny beat Mutch's Young Boy, Burdon's Wild Rover beat Dodds's Nettle, Dixon's Black Star beat Newton's Castaway, Aitchinson's Polly Perkins beat Newton's Lemon Dash, Chamber's Slow and Sure beat Watson's What's Wanted, Smith's Needles beat Coxon's Maggie the Fake, Forster's Pitches beat Mary Ann Cotton, 2nd lot, Glenwright's Docken Seed Lass beat Coates's Jenny, Docken Seed Lass, 2nd lot, beat Newton's Castaway. The sweep was resumed on Monday.

NOTES FROM TOW LAW.

[By "Tow Lawite."]

What a lot of accidents and sudden deaths we have had these last few days. I don't remember anything to compare with it for many years; such a number of old standards have passed away very suddenly. The last to fall was John Wilkinson, who was deputy-overman at Black Prince Colliery for many years. He went for a short walk last Sunday morning, and while sitting by the roadside, a pain seized him, and he had to be brought home in a cart. The doctor and the friends of deceased did their best to restore him, but all to no avail, as he died in a very short time.

A very large company attended the funeral of the young man Dixon, who was killed by a fall of stone at Black Prince Colliery. The Primitive Methodist choir attended to the singing. The burial service was conducted by the Rev R. Garbutt, Wesleyan minister.

We have had very bad hay weather this year. Some of the fields are uncut, others are cut, but there has been no dry weather, and tons are in pikes. The farmers, however, cannot do anything with it, as it is too wet to lead away and stack.

The people who live in the Consett district will have an opportunity of visiting Tow Law Flower Show. I can assure them of as good a show of plants and vegetables as they will see for miles around.

The Good Templars here are going ahead. They are adding to their numbers every week. Young men and women are joining them, instead of going to the public-house dance, which degrades and demoralises.

A knight of the beer-barrel left his home the other day for a walk. Feeling a little thirsty, he called at a wayside "public" to quench his thirst. The beer he got was not the same kind he had been used to at home; it was what is called "fighting beer." It went to his head, and moved his hands and legs and tongue in a very strange fashion. The fighting powers rose within him, and any man could have had a go with him for any number of rounds. So very strong was he that the landlord had to call for help, and they managed to run him into the wash-house. His only companion was a wringing machine. This article was doomed to destruction, for he went at it right and left, and smashed it to pieces. They kept him there all night, and next morning they let him out with the understanding—

That in future he would stay at home,
And try to be a good boy;
Or if by chance he again should roam,
No one he would annoy.
All damages he soon would pay,
Whatever they might be.
Then quickly homeward made his way,
Very glad to be set free.

I was very pleased indeed to see such a large number of people assemble at the top of the town to pay their last tribute of respect to the late Rev G. P. Wilkinson, of Harperley Park, and to follow his remains to the quiet little churchyard at Thornley village. Many of the old standards here can remember his younger days, when his visits among them were very frequent. Truly he visited the fatherless and the widow, and never passed by a case that needed sympathy and help; but, like the Good Samaritan, he poured in the oil and wine, and caused many a sorrowing heart to rejoice. I speak from experience, for in my younger days I have many, many times taken his gifts to the homes of the poor and needy. He too has been taken away. Death is no respecter of persons. We sympathise with those he has left behind, and hope he has gone to spend his eternity in that place where

"Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death
Are felt and feared no more."

Captain Smith, of the Salvation Army, has gone to North Stockton. He was an exception, as he did not confine himself to his own sect, but did good wherever he could.

Brake parties and pleasure trips are all the go now-a-days. I can remember since working men had no time for anything save sleep and work; but we live in better days now. Short hours, better wages, and better education have made improvements—so much so that they can get out into the country to breathe the pure air and see the beauties of nature.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the fortnightly meeting, held on Thursday se'nnight—Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding—it was announced that the late assistant-overseer of the township of Esh (Mr Parkin) refused to deliver up to his successor the necessary parish books.—The Clerk (Mr Riteon) was directed to write and request that the books and documents be handed over to the new assistant-overseer (Mr Smith).—The Chairman then gave notice to propose at the next meeting that Mr W. Ward be re-appointed school attendance office for the eastern part of the Union for another year.—The other business was formal, and the Board resolved itself into the

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The Chairman gave notice to propose at the next meeting that Mr J. W. Rounthwaite be appointed for a further term of three months as assistant inspector and surveyor under Mr Parker. He pointed out that there were several important works (conceived and designed by Mr Rounthwaite) in progress, and it would be to the advantage of the ratepayers, as well as to the benefit of Mr Parker, that he should have some knowlege of Mr Rounthwaite's experience.—Mr J. P. De Pledge thought it objectionable for an old servant to act under a newly-appointed one.—Coun. Curry thought that a month might perhaps be sufficient to retain Mr Rounthwaite's services.—The Chairman said the matter could be discussed next month.—The following reports were read from the medical officers:—

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

Gentlemen,—The following are the fresh cases of catching diseases that have appeared in this district since my last report:—2 cases of scarlet fever at Lanchester, and 1 death; 1 case of scarlet fever at Clavering Place; 3 at Esh Winning; 4 at South Pontop Colliery; and 2 at Old Hedleyhope. One case of erysipelas at Cornsay Colliery, and 1 case at Malton Colliery.

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

Lanchester, August 21st, 1890.

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

Gentlemen,—There is a marked improvement in the condition of the district, as regards zymotic diseases. The number of cases notified to me during the month amounts to 42, made up as follows—Scarlatina 19; measles 12; and whooping cough 11. The majority of the above cases, however, were attacked about three weeks ago, and nearly all appeared in or near infected premises.

The mortality is above the average, 27 deaths were registered, being equivalent to a death-rate of 19 per 1,000 per annum. The deaths that resulted from infectious diseases were—Scarlatina 2, measles 1, and whooping cough 1.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. Benson, Medical Officer.

August 19th, 1890.

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

Gentlemen,—The following cases of zymotic diseases have come under my notice, or have been certified me by medical attendant:—10 cases of scarlet fever at Bradley Cottages; 8 at Low Westwood; 4 at Hamsterley Colliery; 4 at Milkwell Burn Cottages; and 1 at Alleudale Cottages. The Ebchester district continues free from infectious disease.

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

Ebchester Hill, August 21st, 1890.

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Cricket.

Jarrow v Whickham.—Played at Jarrow. The home team won easily by ten wickets. Rain fell heavily at intervals, which prolonged the game. For Jarrow, Renton took four wickets for five runs, while Robinson took five for elven. Score:—Whickham, 23; Jarrow (for no wickets), 33.

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

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v PHILADELPHIA.

These teams met on the ground of the former club at Blackfine. Owing to the rain which had fallen during last week the ground was in a soft state; while the showers which fell during the progress of the game caused the players to retire several times. The result of a well-contested game was a victory for the visitors by eight runs. Score:—

PHILADELPHIA.		CONSETT.	
H Hutton l b w b Wynne	6	A S Godfrey c Hutton b Lee	5
J C Harrison c Walton b Wynne	9	G Epping b Harrison	6
W Laidler b Godfrey	0	G Walton b Lee	8
J Sharp run out	0	M Williamson b Lee	1
W Lee b Wynne	4	A Wood b Harrison	4
R Harrison b Godfrey	13	P Gibson b Lee	2
T Watson run out	0	S Rayner run out	2
W Middlemiss run out	2	Dr Wynne b Harrison	0
J Freak b Godfrey	11	J R Richards c Hutton b Lee	5
T Harrison b Godfrey	3	T D Dales c T Harrison b J C Harrison	6
W Watson not out	2	T Jameson not out	2
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	54	Total	46

LEADGATE v MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Leadgate, and resulted in a draw, rain having stopped play. Score:—

LEADGATE.	
J I'Anson b Cant	12
J Wilson b Cant	4
W Brears c M Charlton b Cant	10
J Snowdon lbw b M Charlton	8
Jos Snaith not out	1
F Jackson not out	2
J Snaith, A Burnhope, J Burnhope, T Hewitt, J Power	To bat.
Extras	5
Total	42

Medomsley team did not bat.

BURNOPFIELD v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Played at Burnopfield Flower Show, and after a pleasant game, resulted in a win for the home team by 48 runs. Cooper, Armstrong, and Lamb batted well for the victors. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.		BURNOPFIELD.	
T Bell run out	3	R Armstrong c Forster	17
J Robson run out	9	J H Cuthbertson b Robinson	7
T Wilson b Hogarth	0	H C Wood c Wilson	0
A Heckles c Lamb	4	R Dent c and b Heckles	3
J Robson b Southern	3	T Southern c Robson	0
J Middleton b Lamb	0	G Cooper b Middleton	27
W Forster b Lamb	0	W Hogarth b Wilson	4
G Lightley b Lamb	0	M P Allan ht wkt	0
F Richardson b Lamb	0	G Robson b Robinson	1
M Richley not out	7	G Lamb b Robinson	12
M Gibson b Lamb	3	J Curry not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	8
Total	31	Total	79

BLAYDON v FELLING CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Played at Blaydon in very wet weather, and ended in a draw in favour of the Institute. J. Guy and Hebron bowled well, the former taking five wickets for 11 runs, and the latter four for 11. Score:—

BLAYDON.		INSTITUTE.	
Wilson b J Guy	2	Jos Guy b Roscamp	2
Brownless b Hebron	0	W Hebron b Roscamp	3
A Tebb c Cresswell b Hebron	5	H Forsyth b Roscamp	4
W Poole b Hebron	5	T Dobinson not out	2
C Milne b Guy	7	J Guy not out	3
J Roscamp b Hebron	2	J Harrison, E Cresswell, J E Farrow, G Boynton, L Dobinson, R Currie	To bat.
E Latimer b Guy	0		
Marshall not out	1		
Newcombe run out	0		
Barrass b Guy	0		
E Tebb c Currie b Guy	0		
Extras	0	Extras	2
Total	22	Total	16

BLAYDON v PONTELAND.

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

BLAYDON.		PONTELAND.	
E Wilkinson b Jameson	2	J Jamieson b Wear	6
C Humble run out	1	T H Burton b Ridley	1
J Hughes b Jamieson	2	J Bayston b Wear	1
T Neville b Bayston	0	J Bell c Ridley	3
M W Ridley c Henderson	25	J Henderson b Wear	0
H Bambridge b Bayston	2	C Jameson run out	3
B Wear c Bell	1	E Rochester run out	1
W McKinnie b Henderson	0	R Charlton b Wear	0
R Trotter run out	2	R Jackson b Ridley	0
C Waters not out	0	A Caughy not out	0
W Baird run out	0	W Bates c Wilkinson	2
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	40	Total	17

OXHILL v USHAW MOOR.

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a draw, owing to rain. Score:—

USHAW MOOR.		OXHILL.	
C Smith b Raine	1	R Henderson not out	2
T Moreland b Middlemast	0	J Richardson not out	3
J Hudson b Middlemast	0	J Mordue, J Ritchie, R Palmer, J Middlemast, W Raine, R Ritchie, R Hook, J Coltman, M Ledger	To bat.
T Curry b Raine	3		
J Saley b Raine	12		
W Lynn lbw b Middlemast	5		
N Howgate b Middlemast	12		
W Armstrong b Raine	9		
L Eccles b Middlemast	6		
J Russell not out	2		
T Lowery b Raine	2		
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total	59	Total	6

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v STANLEY 2nd.

Played at West Pelton, and resulted in a victory for the home team by five wickets. H. Theobald, J. Brayson, and J. Hall batted well for the winners. Score:—

WEST PELTON.		STANLEY.	
T White c Mole	2	E Gales c Brayson	0
G Theobald c Siddle	5	J Weatherall b Brayson	0
H Theobald b Curry	13	T Siddle b Hall	5
J Hall b Curry	10	M Pattison b Hall	0
J Lee b Curry	2	T Curry b Brayson	1
J Brayson not out	12	T Dodds b Brayson	0
H Barrass not out	8	J Robinson run out	1
J Theobald, J Pinkney, J Appleby, T Hutchinson	To bat.	G Barrass run out	0
		J Rowell st Hall	4
		M Elliott b Hall	0
		F Mole not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	54	Total	13

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2nd v CASTLESIDE.

Played at Shotley Spa, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. The home team closed their innings when the score stood at 81. Seed took four wickets with four successive balls. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.		CASTLESIDE.	
S Leadbitter not out	22	W Walton run out	8
J Postle b Toward	7	J Robinson ht wkt b Seed	1
J Seed run out	7	J Proud st Postle	0
E W Bell b Proud	12	J Proud b Seed	1
J Lister b Proud	3	R Gray c Postle b Seed	0
Jno Lister b Proud	0	G Fleming not out	3
J Grant not out	19	J W Golightly b Seed	0
S Laverton, W Robson, A Reed, J Leadbitter	To bat.	W Toward b Postle	3
		J Ripley b Seed	0
		J Jackson b Seed	0
		W Davison b Postle	1
Extras	11	Extras	2
Total	81	Total	19

BIRTLEY PERCY v HORSLEY.

Played on the ground of the latter, and after a pleasant game, resulted in a win for the visitors by 29 runs. The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea. Score:—

BIRTLEY.		HORSLEY.	
J Urwin c W Turnbull	0	S Turnbull b Charlton	0
T Bestford b W Turnbull	8	W Hall b Charlton	1
M Batey b R Turnbull	7	R Finney b Reay	6
R Urwin lbw b W Turnbull	7	W Turnbull not out	9
H Charlton b R Turnbull	0	T Crozier b Charlton	0
J R Hall b Finney	14	G Marsh c Hedley	0
R Robson b Finney	3	T Urwin b Reay	1
J Hedley run out	0	R Turnbull b Charlton	0
R Reay b Finney	13	E Armstrong b Reay	1
B Emmett not out	2	J Scott b Reay	1
T Batey b Finney	0	J Turnbull run out	2
Extras	2	Extras	6
Total	56	Total	27

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

The weather in the district was of the most unfavourable nature for out door games on Saturday, and consequently there were fewer games played than usual. In those matches which did take place, rain interfered more or less with the progress of the encounters.

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A CLOSE GAME AT CONSETT.

The famous Philadelphians (the first holders of the Durham Challenge Cup) visited Consett on Saturday to play the home team. The latter were well represented, but the visitors placed only a moderate combination in the field. The ground was in a very soft condition, owing to the heavy rain which fell during the week; and several cessations of play took place in the course of the game in consequence of frequent showers.

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The home club took first innings, but no stand of any note was made, W. Lee and J. C. Harrison bowling in excellent form. Not a single player reached double figures, G. Walton being top scorer with eight. Mention should be made of the catch which dismissed the home captain (A. S. Godfrey), Harry Hutton (the Philadelphia professional) taking the ball at point in splendid style. W. Lee took five wickets for 22 runs, and J. C. Harrison four for 19.

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With the moderate score of 46 against them, the visitors were thought to have an easy victory in prospect; but they in turn found runs as difficult to make as had the home eleven. The result was in doubt right up to the finish, and only the plucky batting of R. Harrison (13) and J. Freak (11) saved the game for Philadelphia. The "cracks" failed, and in the end the visitors just got home by eight runs—54 to 46. Wynne and Godfrey bowled exceedingly well, and the fielding of Consett was very good, no less than three men losing their wickets through the smart work of the home team in the field. It was a very good game, considering the miserable surroundings, and the losers have no need to be ashamed of their display.

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A "DAMPER" AT LEADGATE.

Medomsley arrived at Leadgate on Saturday with a ridiculously weak eleven, composed of five first team men and six of the second team, and it was perhaps fortunate for them that rain came on so heavily as to cause the game to be abandoned.

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The home team won the toss, and elected to bat, I'Anson and Wilson being the first pair of batsmen. Wilson was soon dismissed, but I'Anson showed fair form for 12, but gave an easy chance before being clean bowled by W. Cant. That sterling old cricketer, W. Brears, contributed a useful 10, and when the game was finally abandoned, Leadgate had put on 42 for four wickets, so that the draw was slightly in their favour. W. Cant took three of the four wickets that fell for eight runs, none of the home batsmen seeming comfortable with his bowling.

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CRICKET AT BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW.

The usual match which takes place at the above flower show annually was this year between Shotley Bridge and the home club. The visitors only made a moderate display with the willow, and were all dismissed for 31, no one making double figures. Lamb bowled well for Burnopfield.

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The home team had an easy task to make the runs required to win, and their total reached 79. G. Cooper (27) batted in splendid form, and received able assistance from R. Armstrong (17) and Lamb (12). Burnopfield are a team that take some beating on their own ground.

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WEST PELTON VIOLETS STILL WINNING.

The Violets added another to their numerous victories this season by defeating Stanley 2nd, on Saturday, at Pelton. The visitors were very easily disposed of, only totalling 13, Brayson and Hall being quite unplayable with the leather. On the home team batting, H. Theobald (13), Brayson (12 not out), and Hall (10) were the chief contributors towards a total of 54 for five wickets. If the Violets only maintain their present form, they seem very likely to have an unbeaten record for the season.

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BLAYDON EFFECT A LUCKY DRAW.

Felling Church Institute were the visitors at Blaydon on Saturday, and the home team were fortunate in escaping with a draw. Blaydon took first innings, but only put together the poor score of 22, C. Milne's 7 being the highest figure. When the visitors had lost three wickets for 16 runs, rain fell heavily, and prevented any further play, the game thus resulting in a draw greatly in favour of the Institute. Blaydon seem sadly in need of some fresh blood. J. Guy bowled splendidly for the Felling, as did Roscamp for the home team

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THE LATE REV. G. P. WILKINSON, OF HARPERLEY PARK.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

As we briefly announced in the last issue of the *Guardian*, Rev Geo. Pearson Wilkinson, J.P., of Harperley Park, near Tow Law, expired at his residence, at 6 o'clock on the the morning of Tuesday week. Since December last the deceased gentleman has been confined to his bed more or less through an attack of dropsy, and during that time has been attended by Dr. McKay, Crook. Dr. Phillipson, Newcastle, was consulted a few months ago, at a time when the life of deceased was almost despaired of. Though his illness covers so long a period, the sad news of

HIS DEATH WAS UNEXPECTED,

he having, up to the night previous to his death, been able to walk from one room to another. About nine o'clock the same night, however, he became very weak, and after a series of convulsions passed peacefully away at the hour named.

The rev. gentleman, who was born at Harperley Hall, on the 10th of May, 1823, was a son of the late George Hutton Wilkinson, and Jane, daughter of the late George Pearson, owner of Harperley Park. Deceased's father was barrister, freeman, recorder of Newcastle, and first coroner for that city. His father was also for some time chairman of the Great North of England Railway, also the Bishop Auckland and Weardale Railway, was a Commissioner in Bankruptcy, and was buried at Witton-le-Wear. Of Mr Wilkinson's three surviving brothers all have attained to

DISTINGUISHED AND HONOURABLE POSITIONS

in life. Next to the deceased gentleman, in precedence of age, comes Rev. Thomas Wm. Wilkinson, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle; then General Henry John Wilkinson; and Rev. Edward Abercrombie Wilkinson, J.P., C.C., of Whitworth Hall. Of the deceased gentleman's two sisters one is married to Rev. Arthur D. Shafto, J.P. the other to Mr A. L. Maynard, of Newton Hall, Durham. Deceased received the earlier part of his education at Harrow, and was afterwards sent to Durham University, where he obtained his M.A. degree. The greater part of his time was

DEVOTED TO LAW

and he ultimately became a barrister and travelled the northern circuit for seven years. He married Miss Mills, daughter of the late Mr Mills, owner of Helm Park estate, Willington, by whom he had two daughters—Frances, married to Mr W. C. Stobart, Spellà Hall, Yorkshire; and Eleanor, married to Mr Charles Shafto, of Hollywood Hall, Wolsingham. After deceased and Mrs Wilkinson's marriage they went to reside at Coatham Hall, where they remained until the death of the owner of the Helm Park estate, of which they subsequently took possession. On the death of his father deceased became

HEIR TO THE HARPERLEY ESTATE,

and shortly after removed to Harperley Hall. His commission as a magistrate dates from 4th March, 1854, and being senior magistrate at the time of the death of the late Colonel Stobart, he was appointed chairman of the Bishop Auckland Bench of Magistrates, the duties in connection with which he continued to discharge consistently and efficiently. No magistrate in the county had a higher reputation for sound judgment and practical knowledge of the statutes of the police court. We find from Crookford (Clerical Directory) that Mr Wilkinson took his degree of B.A. (Durham) in 1844 and M.A. in 1845. In 1857 he was ordained a deacon, and a full priest in 1858, by Bishop Longley. The

PERPETUAL CURACY OF THORNLEY,

a peaceful little hamlet west of Harperley, was given to the deceased gentleman in 1857 by the patron, the Bishop of Chester, and the rev. gentleman has held the living, assisted by a curate, ever since. When not conducting service at Thornley, the deceased gentleman held religious service at the chapel attached to the hall, which for purposes of divine worship was public. In 1854 the late gentleman was appointed to the

COMMISSION OF THE PEACE

for the county. For many years he had been chairman of the Bishop Auckland, Wolsingham, and Stanhope Benches, and deputy-chairman of Durham Quarter Sessions. He was also chairman of the Prison Visiting Committee. He was elected an *ex-officio* alderman of the County Council. It will be remembered that the late gentleman was put to the vote for that position, and received an equal number of votes with another aldermanic candidate before the Council. It was a duty, however, for which the deceased gentleman had not much inclination. His health, however, at that time had begun to fail, and several adjournments to more genial health quarters portended the beginning of the end.

HARPERLEY PARK

is pleasantly situate on the north bank of the Wear, and the mansion is one of considerable pretensions. The estate came into the possession of the deceased gentleman's family by marriage with the heiress. Deceased inherited the intellectual vivacity of his father, who published in 1858 a work, now scarce, entitled "The Old Inmates of Harperley Park in five paraphrases from the Odyssey of Homer." The volume is one of substantial proportions, and the copy before us is in first-class preservation. It contains several interesting engravings. One is particularly noticeable. It is that of a memorable dame—one of the past worthies of the estate—who appears with a long clay pipe in her hand. The

FAMILY OF WILKINSON

has long been settled in this county. The only son born to the deceased gentleman died in infancy. For some time he held a military commission; and it is in recorded history that in 1841 he took part in private theatricals at Witton Castle, when the late Donald Maclean was in possession there. The late magistrate had pleasant, genial manners, and was very hospitable, amongst the fixtures of the kind being his usual *reunions* at Harperley Park of the

CONSTABULARY OF BISHOP AUCKLAND AND STANHOPE.

The deceased magistrate had an almost idyllic affection for the constabulary, and was colloquially but respectfully spoken of as the policeman's friend. His aspirations in respect to a police force fixed a high standard of official morals, and he was ever reluctant to believe that an officer could debase his high and responsible position by suborned testimony or unworthy practices. He delighted to

BESTOW PRAISE ON ANY OFFICER

whom he considered was entitled to the distinction. It is known that nothing gave him deeper pain than to find an officer whom he thought might have lowered the ideal standard he had set up for the force; and if he placed implicit reliance on police evidence it was in the assertion of his belief that a constable must either be absolutely discredited or his honesty upheld by Bench judgment. He never snubbed or flouted a policeman save in extreme cases, and when his

SENSE OF THE DIGNITY OF THE FORCE

was deeply wounded. Some years ago at one of his courts of petty sessions, he detected an apparently slight variation in a constable's evidence. The rev. gentleman asked if the officer had not previously used certain words and a court official confirmed his worship on the point. The late chairman's displeasure was sharp and to the point. "The case is dismissed," he said, with that rapid utterance which every constable knew concealed wounded sensibility on a delicate and disturbing point. The deceased magistrate had one

CONSPICUOUSLY EXCELLENT JUDICIAL TRAIT.

He was sensitive in the extreme to any appearance of disagreement on the Bench. He would rather sink altogether his own *amour propre* than maintain his judgment where a diversity of opinion was likely to manifest conflict of feeling or discrepancy of judgment on the Bench. He was never a party to a "scene" if he could help it, and was always singularly reluctant to flout any solicitor whose professional ardour reflected with apparent invidiousness on the court. The deceased gentleman had a natural capacity for the duties which fell to him as a magistrate. At the same time he had a pronounced disinclination to adjudicate upon cases which were civil rather than criminal in character; and he never failed to relegate a case of this kind to another tribunal where there was sufficient justification for such a course. He had an almost

PERFECT ACQUAINTANCE WITH CRIMINAL LAW;

and his judgments were usually sound and sagacious. To licensed victuallers as a class he looked with a respect, which contemplated rather the original purposes of the trade than its modern development as an institution for drinking merely. He looked upon licensed houses as

PLACES SANCTIONED BY LAW,

and therefore entitled to reasonable protection; and it was no uncommon sight to see the rev. gentleman, at the close of Brewster Sessions, raise his hat courteously, wish the assembled innkeepers good day, and enjoin upon them the necessity for maintaining the dignity and respect of a calling which, in its original shape, was one of the most homely and useful institutions of Old England. To

SWEARING AND BAD LANGUAGE

generally the deceased magistrate showed a sensitiveness born of refinement, and a high view of good manners and social morals. In the cases of women who came before him as victims of intemperance he preferred quiet satire to condign punishment. He regarded frail creatures

MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER,

as silly old women, a rebuke which in many cases went deeper, and would perhaps be more effectual than the usual penalties. He has had to conduct the preliminary examination in

SEVERAL NOTORIOUS CASES,

notably the case of the infamous Mary Ann Cotton and the Spennymoor murder. In such cases he was singularly considerate to the wretched culprits before him. He indeed always showed marked respect for witnesses or other persons whose evidence or demeanour commanded his respect, and was ever ready to bestow commendation on those who evinced high personal morality or aided law in the assertion of its decrees. Altogether, having regard to the deceased magistrate's qualities as a gentleman, scholar, and a magistrate, he was, in this county, one of the men of the time.

The late Mr Wilkinson was

AN ENERGETIC FREEMASON,

has occupied the offices of Provincial Grand Chaplain, Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Senior Warden; and he was a member of the Wear Valley Lodge (1,121) of which he was also chaplain. In the River Wear Angling Association he took a deep interest, presiding at the preliminary meetings which led to the formation of the association.

During the latter years of his life the late rev. gentleman had been subjected to

REPEATED ATTACKS OF ILLNESS,

necessitating occasionally his remaining indoors, but during the last few weeks the distressing malady worked rapid changes in a once robust system, and his failing health was too plainly apparent to all.

In politics he was a Conservative of the first order, and took a deep interest in the Primrose League, the Wear Valley Branch of which his esteemed and bereaved widow is Dame President.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

At Thursday's Auckland Highway Board meeting reference was made to the deceased magistrate, and a letter of condolence will go to his family at the suggestion of Councillor Peverell and Mr Norwood.

At Stanhope Petty Sessions on Friday, the Chairman (Mr C. J. Blackhouse) referred in feeling terms to the loss the County Bench had sustained through the death of Rev. G. P. Wilkinson.—Mr J. T. Proud, on behalf of the legal profession, endorsed the remarks made from the Bench, and said the county had lost a magistrate who had few, if any, equals, whose worth was never known until he was removed from his duties by illness.

At the Bishop Auckland Police Court, on Monday, Sir Wm. Eden, Bart., said owing to the absence of his senior colleagues he was that day in the capacity of chairman. He expressed the regret of the Bench at the death of their chairman. The deceased gentleman had for many years presided over the proceedings of that Court, and his legal training was conspicuous in the ability in which he performed his duties. He (Sir William) could only say he would be very much missed by his colleagues and friends throughout the whole of the country.—On behalf of the Bar, Mr J. W. Teale said there could be none who would miss their late respected chairman more than they. Every sympathy and kindness was shown them, and in him they found one who desired to temper justice with mercy, and a legal talent which was characteristic of all his dealings.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment of the remains of the late Mr Wilkinson took place on Monday, at Thornley Church, of which the deceased clergyman was vicar; and by the desire of the family the sad function was conducted with as much privacy as was possible under such circumstances. The *cortege* left Harperley Park and travelled *via* Tow Law, receiving considerable accessions at different points. Supts. Banks and Liddell, Inspector Harrison, and a detachment of constabulary from Auckland and Stanhope divisions took their place in the *cortege*, as also did several constables in the railway service, as well as other officers from various parts of the county. Amongst those present were: Mrs Wilkinson, the deceased gentleman's widow; Mrs Stobart, Mr and Mrs C. D. Shafto, Mr Stobart; Mr R. D. Shafto, Whitworth; Mr W. R. and Mr G. H. Stobart; Right Rev Thomas Wilkinson, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, brother; Rev E. A. Wilkinson, Rev A. D. Shafto, J.P.—all relatives; Capt. Hicks, Mrs Cowley, Miss Dewell, Miss Sparkes, of the household; Chancellor Espin, Wolsingham; Revs H. Spurrier, Shildon; H. C. Lipscomb, Staindrop; R. Colton, Merrington; R. H. Wilkinson, Whickham; and J. King, Crook; Messrs H. Chaytor, R. Nelson, J. Fryer, G. Pears, and H. E. Surtees; Mr J. G. Wilson, Durham; Dr Mackay, Crook, deceased's medical adviser; Rev J. P. De Pledge; Mr T. D. Bruce, Witton Hall; Mr Hopkins and Mr R. Pattison, Witton Towers; Messrs J. P. Dolphin and W. Love, Wolsingham: G. W. Jennings, J. T. Proud, J. Jobson, Thomlinson (representing Maw, Teale, and Thomlinson), Edward Thompson—all of Bishop Auckland; G. and W. Ayton, Harperley; Mr Darrell, Mr Walburn, Mr Robt. Walton, and many friends from the entire district. There were also the private carriages of Mr Chaytor, J.P., Mr J. C. Backhouse, J.P., Dr Mackay, and Mr Bruce. Wreaths came from Mrs Wilkinson, General and Mrs Walker (London), Rev R. H. Winson (Whitburn), Mrs D. Shafto (Whitworth), Mrs Stobart (Spellow Hill), Master Shafto (Wolsingham), Mr T. Bruce, Mr Bruce's children, and from the household. The service was conducted by Rev Mr Eade (Aycliffe), Rev Mr Smith, curate of Thornley, and the church was filled. The grave is a walled one, and was affectionately embellished with flowers, &c. The coffin, made by Mr G. Ramshaw, Witton-le-Wear, was of polished oak, which enclosed a leaden shell. Messrs Duff and Rowntree were the undertakers, and the morning coaches were supplied by Mr J. Lanchester.

FATAL FALL AT CONSETT.

On Friday afternoon, Mr John Graham, coroner, held an inquest in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, touching the death of Emily Brownlee, aged 73 years, of Rippon's Lane, Consett, the widow of Wm. Brownlee, and mother of one of the men injured by the recent explosion of an ingot at the Consett Steelworks, the inquiry into which was held that day.

Thos. Brownlee, steelworker, of 8, Atkinson Street, Stockton-on-Tees, identified the body, and attested that

HIS MOTHER'S LEG WAS BROKEN

at the thigh-bone last New Year's eve by falling downstairs, subsequently, the injury was re-set, and Mrs Brownlee recovered from her affliction, except that she had been

RATHER WEAK ON THAT LEG

ever since.

John Morgan, who keeps a refreshment shop in Raglan Street, Consett, deposed that he had known deceased for many years. She occupied rooms up above his shop, the entrance being from the back. He heard

SOMETHING HEAVY FALL ON THE FLOOR

between one and two o'clock on the afternoon of the 7th August. He was sitting in the kitchen underneath her room at the time, reading the newspaper. Mrs Brownlee rapped for him, and he (Morgan) went up to see what was the matter. On going upstairs, he found her

LYING UPON HER RIGHT SIDE ON THE FLOOR

resting her head upon her elbow and her legs crossed. She was alone, and the arm-chair was upset and lying on the top of her. He removed the chair, and assisted to lift her up. She said that she was very ill; but did not complain of her leg being broken. She could not tell witness how she came to fall down, but requested him to place her on the bed and he did so. He sought the neighbours, and Dr Shannon subsequently came and set her leg.

Mrs Britton, wife of Wm. Britton, of 11, Benfieldside, said that deceased was her mother. She was sent for on the 7th August, and arrived at her mother's house between three and four o'clock. The shin-bone of her

RIGHT LEG WAS BROKEN.

Dr Shannon re-set the fracture, and attended her till her death on the 20th August. Her mother told her that she was sitting in the arm-chair,

TOOK A DIZZY FIT

and fell upon the floor.

The jury returned a verdict that death had resulted from the effects of

ACCIDENTALLY FALLING ON THE FLOOR,

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

CONSETT.

The seventh annual exhibition was held on Sat ur day, in a field adjoining the Water Company's reservoir at Consett. Last year the show, and consequently the society's finances, were damaged by a deluge of rain. Naturally, therefore, after a summer composed of "a fine day, two wet days, and a thunderstorm," there was again a quaking of evil foreboding in the hearts of the society as to what luck might be in store for them. However, despite an endless array of ominous-looking clouds that slowly passed overhead, and rain falling in torrents at intervals during the afternoon, a large number of visitors patronised the show, which is beginning to assume a very important position amongst the local exhibitions. The entries in the floral, horticultural, and industrial department totalled about 900, being considerably in excess of the number on any previous occasion. There was a capital collection of flowers, and the vegetables were likewise a tolerably good display; but fruit was below the average of last season, and the exhibition was an excellent one, taken as a whole. The flowers presented a very pleasant appearance, the central position being occupied by beautiful foliage and flowering plants artistically arranged, amongst which was a good display of stovehouse plants in bloom, and that good old-fashioned flower—the fuchsia—which is still beloved by many, had a flattering collection of admirers. The side stands were filled with groups of cut flowers of many varieties of colour, dahlias of grand quality and at the end of the tent was a splendid collection of vegetables. In the industrial department there was a much larger and more varied display than was ever before seen at this exhibition, and we must congratulate the committee and the exhibitors upon the excellence of the classes generally. The competition for the writing, figures, drawing, &c, was very keen, and great interest was taken in the schools. The oil-painting by Mr Geo. Surtees, Benfieldside, was disqualified owing to having taken a prize at Shotley Bridge Flower Show. The same honour fell to Mr M. Little, Esh Winning, with his fretwork clock. A novel feature was the introduction of prizes for domestic servants. Mrs and Misses Jenkins, of Consett Hall, offered prizes of one guinea each to the two domestic servants who have been longest in their situations and are in them at the present time; also one guinea to the cook, now in service, who had served the longest period in the same situation in the Consett Local Board district. The last-named competition did not unfortunately obtain a single entry; but in the former the prize for the housemaid was awarded to Miss Tutland, who has been in the service of Mrs O. Graham, Consett, for the space of eight years. The awards in the schools competitions went chiefly to the Consett British and Wesleyan Scholars. The following ladies and gentlemen were entrusted to the judging—Flowers, Messrs Bolam, Axwell Park, and Thomas Castles, Benwell Grange; school competition, Messrs W. I. McKay, Catchgate, and W. Sterling, Annfield Plain; drawing, &c, Mr Patterson, Durham Science and Art College, Newcastle; ladies' work, Mrs C. P. Douglas and Miss A. Hodgson, Consett; butter, eggs, &c, Mr T. J. Muse, Castleside. The *Wellesley* Training Ship Band discoursed capital selections of music at intervals. During the day there were actively employed a good representation of the officials of the society, amongst whom were Messrs W. S. Shell and G. T. Egglestone, secretaries, who showed commendable energy in every possible direction for the success of the show. The following is a

COMPLETE PRIZE LIST.
OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, dissimilar—1, W Anderson, Shotley Bridge; 2, W Ridley, Shotley Bridge.
Three fine foliage plants, dissimilar—1, W Anderson; 2, W Buck.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W Anderson; 2, M Robson, Consett.
Three orchids—1, A Petrie, Selby Lodge, Consett.
Pot of liliums—1, W Anderson.
Pot of lilium auratum—1, G T Hyden, Consett.
Single petunia—1, W Anderson; 2, W Buck; 3, W Ridley.
Double petunia—1, W Buck; 2, W Anderson; 3, W Ridley.
Two balsams—1, W Ridley.
Three zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, W Anderson; 2, J W Egglestone, Consett.
Tricolour geranium, dissimilar—1, W Buck; 2, W Anderson; 3, J W Egglestone.
Herbacious begonia—1, W Anderson.
Two coleus, dissimilar—1, W Ridley; 2, W Buck; 3, W Anderson.
The gloxineas—1, W Anderson; 2, W Ridley.
Four plants suitable for table decoration, dissimilar—1, W Anderson; 2, A Petrie.
Three exotic ferns, dissimilar—1, A Petrie.
Three British ferns, dissimilar—1, M Robson; 2, W Buck; 3, W Anderson.
Two ivy-leaf geraniums, dissimilar—1, M Robson.
Six trusses zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, W Anderson; 2, J W Egglestone; 3, G Levett, Consett.

CUT FLOWERS.

Four cut roses—1, W Anderson; 2, A Petrie.
Six French asters—1, W Ridley.
Six globe asters—1, W Ridley.
Six herbaceous flowers, dissimilar—1, J W Egglestone; 2, J Towns, Carribees Farm, Consett; 3, A Petrie.
Six stands cut flowers—1, W Anderson; 2, A Petrie.
Six bunches cut flowers, each bunch one variety—1, A Petrie; 2, W Anderson.
Six French marigolds—1, J W Egglestone; 2, W Ridley; 3, G Levett.
Six show dahlias, dissimilar—1, W Ridley.
Floral decoration for dinner table—1, W Anderson.
Ladies' hand bouquet—1, W Anderson.
Fern case—1, J Towns; 2, A Towns, Consett.

FRUIT.

Bunch of black grapes—No awards.
Bunch of white grapes—1, W Anderson.
Melon, not to be cut—No awards.
Six peaches—1, W Anderson.
Six pears—No awards.
Six apples—1, A Petrie; 2, W Anderson.
Six plums—No awards.
Dish of strawberries—1, A Petrie; 2, W Anderson.
Dish of raspberries—1, W Buck; 2, W Anderson; 3, A Petrie.
Dish of cherries—1, G Mackay, Benfieldside; 2, W Anderson; 3, A Petrie.
Brace of cucumbers—1, G Diement, Templetown; 2, J Towns; 3, W Anderson.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1, H Clark; 2, S Tempesley, Delves Lane; 3, J W Egglestone.
Six round potatoes—1, H Clark; 2, J W Egglestone; 3, G Craig, Castleside.
Three early turnips—1, H Clark; 2, G Craig.
Three carrots—1, H Clark; 2, G Craig; 3 J Patterson, Consett.
Three parsnips—1, Patterson; 2, J W Egglestone; 3, A Petrie.
Two early cabbages—1, A Petrie; 2, W Temperley, Delves Lane; 3, G Levett.
Twenty-four pods of peas—1, W Anderson; 2, H Clark; 3, W Templerley.
Twelve pods of beans—1, J Butcher, Templetown; 2, G Levett; 3, J W Egglestone.
Four leeks—1, J W Egglestone.
Two heads of celery—1, G Levett; 2, J Butcher.
Twelve onions, tripoli excepted—1, W Anderson; 2, M Morgan, Consett.
Two cauliflowers—1, J Patterson, Consett; 2 G Levett; 3, A Petrie.
Three roots of beet—1, W Anderson; 2, J Patterson.
Two red cabbages—No awards.
Collection of vegetables—1, W Anderson; 2, Jas Frosdick, Consett.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, G T Hyden.
Two balsams—1, J Towns.
Single petunia—No awards.
Double petunia—1, G T Hyden.
Lilium auratum—1, G T Hyden.
Three British ferns, dissimilar—1, J Towns.
Three exotic ferns, dissimilar—No awards.
Tuberous-rooted begonia—1, J Towns.
Herbaceous begonia—No entries.
Three plants suitable for table decoration—1, J Towns.
Two ivy-leaf geraniums, dissimilar—1, G T Hyden.
Three cut roses—1, J Towns; 2, G T Hyden.
Six French asters—1, J Towns.
Six globe asters—No awards.
Six French marigolds—1, J Towns.
Six African marigolds—1, J Towns.
Three stocks—No awards.
Six zonale geranium trusses, dissimilar—1, J Towns.
Six spikes of phloxes, dissimilar—No awards.
Four stands of herbaceous flowers, dissimilar—1, J Towns.
Four stands of cut flowers—1, J Towns.
Four bunches of cut flowers, each bunch one variety—No awards.
Four show dahlias, dissimilar—1, J Towns.

FRUITS.

Dish of strawberries—No awards.
Dish of raspberries—1, S Temperley.
Six kitchen apples—No exhibits.
Six dessert apples—no awards.
Pint flavoured gooseberries—1, J Towns; 2, S Temperley.
Pint of black currants—1, S Temperley.
Pint of red currants—1, S Temperley; 2, J Towns.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, S Temperley; 2, J Towns.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1, J Towns; 2, S Temperley; 3, J Frosdick, Consett.
Six round potatoes—1, J Towns; 2, S Temperley; 3, J Frosdick.
Two early cabbages—1, G T Hyden; 2, J Towns; 3, J Frosdick.
Three early turnips—1, J Frosdick; 2, G T Hyden.
Three carrots—1, J Frosdick; 2, J Towns.
Three parsnips—1, J Frosdick; 2, J Towns.
Thirty-six pods of peas—1, J Frosdick; 2, S Temperley; 3, J Towns.
Twelve pods of beans—1, G T Hyden; 2, J Towns.
Four leeks—1, J Frosdick; 2, J Towns.
Two heads of celery—1, J Frosdick; 2, J Towns; 3, S Temperley.
Two cauliflowers—1, J Frosdick; 2, M Elsdon; 3, G T Hyden.
Twelve onions (tripoli excepted), spring sown—1, J Towns.
Three roots of beet—1, J Frosdick; 2, S Temperley; 3, J Towns.
Two red cabbages—1, J Towns.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J Towns.
Cucumber—1, M Morgan.
Vegetable marrow—1, J Towns.
Collection of vegetables—1, J Towns.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Plant in pot, in bloom—1, A Young; 2, M Robson; 3, J W Egglestone.
Fine foliage plant—1, M Robson; 2, A Young; 3, Mrs Walton.
Light fuchsia—1, M Robson; 2, A Young; 3, B Young.
Dark fuchsia—1, M Robson.
Petunia—1, W Ridley.
Begonia—1, M Robson; 2, W Ridley; 3, A Young.
Balsam—1, G Levett.
Lilium auratum—No awards.
Zonale geranium—1, W Ridley; 2, M Robson; 3, J W Egglestone.
Tricolour or bicolour geranium—1, M Robson; 2, J W Egglestone; 3, A Young.
Coleus—1, W Ridley; 2, A Young.
Two British ferns, dissimilar—1, M Robson; 2, J W Egglestone.
Exotic fern—1, G Levett; 2, M Robson.
Ivy-leaf geranium—1, M Robson; 2, G Levett; 3, B Young.
Three cut roses—1, J W Egglestone.
Six French asters—1, J Butcher; 2, G Levett.
Six globe asters—1, J Butcher; 2, G Levett.
Three stocks—1, M Robson; 2, J Butcher; 3, G Levett.
Six French marigolds—1, M Robson; 2, J Butcher; 3, G Levett.
Six African marigolds—1, J Butcher; 2, G Levett.
Two stands of cut flowers—1, J W Egglestone; 2, J Butcher.
Six pansies, dissimilar—1, G Craig; 2, J W Egglestone.
Three stands of herbaceous flowers, dissimilar—1, J W Egglestone; 2, G Levett.
Six bunches of hardy annuals—1, G T Egglestone.
Three snap-dragons—1, M Robson; 2, J W Egglestone.
Three show dahlias, dissimilar—No awards.

FRUITS.

Dish of strawberries—1, J W Egglestone.
Dish of raspberries—1, G Diement; 2, W Temperley; 3, G Levett.
Pint of white currants—1, W Temperley; 2, J Butcher; 3, J W Egglestone.
Pint of black currants—1, J W Egglestone; 2, G Levett; 3, W Temperley.
Pint of red currants—1, G Diement; 2, W Temperley; 3, J W Egglestone.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, W Temperley; 2, G Diement; 3, J W Egglestone.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, J Butcher; 2, J W Egglestone; 3, W Temperley.

VEGETABLES.

Three early turnips—1, H Clark; 2, G Levett; 3, W Temperley.
Three carrots—1, H Clark; 2, G Craig; 3, W Temperley.
Two early cabbages—1, M Robson; 2, G Levett; 3, J Butcher.
Six onions—1, G Levett; 2, J W Egglestone; 3, W Temperley.
Three parsnips—1, G Diement; 2, J Patterson; 3, J W Egglestone.
Six kidney potatoes—1, J Butcher; 2, H Clark; 3, G Craig.
Six round potatoes—1, G Craig; 2, H Clark; 3, W Temperley.
Twelve pods of beans—1, H Clark; 2, J Butcher; 3, G Levett.
Twenty-four pods of peas—1, H Clark; 2, W Temperley; 3, G Levett.
Three leeks—1, G Levett; 2, J Butcher; 3, G Diement.
Three roots of beet—1, J Butcher; 2, G Levett; 3, W Temperley.
Cauliflower—1, J Butcher; 2, G Levett; 3, J Patterson.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J W Egglestone; 2, G Levett; 3, J Butcher.
Vegetable marrow—1, J Patterson.
Red cabbage—1, J Patterson.
Two heads of celery—1, J Butcher; 2, G Levett; 3, G Diement.
Cucumber—1, J W Egglestone.
Collection of vegetables—1, G Levett; 2, G Craig; 3, G Diement.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Six swedes, grown from their seed (given by Messrs W. Fell and Co., seedsmen, Hexham—1, 10s, value in seeds or nursery stock, J Towns.
Window plant in bloom, cottagers only (given by Mr W. Watson, seedsman, Newcastle)—1, 12 good-named gladioli bulbs, J W Egglestone.
Collection of cut flowers, grown from Co operative seed, amateurs and cottagers (given by Consett Industrial and Provident Society)—1, 5s, J W Egglestone; 2, 3s, J Butcher; 3, 2s, J Towns.
Collection of vegetables, any variety, grown from Co-operative seeds, amateurs and cottagers (given by Consett Industrial and Provident Society)—1, 5s, G Levett; 2, 3s, J Patterson; 3, 2s, J Towns.
Begonia in bloom, amateurs and cottagers (given by Mr John Charlton, market gardener, Ebchester)—1, 3s, G Levett; 2, 2s, M Robson.
Six rose blooms, dissimilar, amateurs and cottagers (given by Messrs Jos. Robson and Sons, seedsmen, Hexham)—1, 8 rose plants, value 6s, selected from their catalogue, J Towns.

FARMERS' CLASS.
(Open to all).

Collection of farmers' produce, consisting of 2 varieties of corn (12 ears each), 2 varieties of potatoes (6 each), and 3 turnips—1, 7s 6d, S Rowe; 2, 2s 6d, S Temperley.
Twelve hen eggs—1, S Temperley; 2, W Surtees; 3, T Pratt.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.
OPEN CLASS.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

(By Mrs and the Misses Jenkins, Consett Hall), one guinea to the two domestics who have been longest in their situations, and are in them at the present time—1, Miss Florence Tutland, eight years with Mrs O. Graham, Consett; 2, Miss Petrie, five years with Mrs W. Jenkins, Consett Hall.
One guinea for washed, starched, and ironed gentleman's white shirt and collar—1, Miss S J Petrie, Consett Hall.
Half-a-guinea for the best washing and ironing of any three garments—1, Miss S J Petrie.
(By Mrs C P Douglas, Highfield, Consett). Specimen of plain sewing—1, 5s, Ruth J Best.
Loaf of white bread—1, 3s, Mrs Walton, Consett; 2, 2s, Mrs Pratt.
(By Mrs MacIntyre, Sherburn Terrace, Consett). Specimen of frock for child under three years of age—1, 7s, Miss Frazer, Consett; 2, 3s 6d, Miss G A Graham, Consett.
(By Mrs W S Shell, Barr House, Consett). Toilet pincushion—1, 5s, Miss P Elsdon, Consett.
(By Messrs J W Davison and Sons, Consett). Hand-quilted quilt—1, a lamp, value 10s, Mrs T Jones, Consett.
(By Miss A Hodgson, Templetown). Antimacassar, any description—1, 5s, Miss J Robson.
(By Mrs Jos Siddle, Newmarket Street, Consett). Hand-quilted cradle quilt—1, a copper kettle, Mrs Bell.
Design in fretwork—1, 5s (by Mrs W Wiles, Consett), W T Gaskill; 2, 2s 6d (by Miss Wilson, Newmarket Street, Consett), G Baxter.
Knitted pair (plain) gentleman's socks—1, 5s (by Mrs J Hardy and Mrs A Russell, Templetown), Fanny Bell; 2, 2s 6d, (by Mrs Smith, Templetown), Ruth J Best.
(By Miss B Collinson). Fancy apron—1, 3s, Mrs Bell.
(By Mr W Rippon, Consett). Best-made man's wool shirt—1, 4s, Mrs J Summerbell, Consett; 2, 2s, Miss J Robson.
(By society). Painting in oils (confined to amateurs)—1, 7s 6d, Miss M Watson, Consett; 2, 2s 6d, Mrs W S Shell, Consett.
Brown loaf of bread—1, 3s, Mrs Walton, Consett; 2, 2s, Mrs W S Shell.
Two pounds of table butter—1, 5s, Mrs Anderson, Number One Farm, Consett; 2, 2s 6d, Mrs J Towns.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

(Special prize by Miss E J Allison, Consett). Figures in a reduction sum, aged 10 and 11 years—1, 3s, Martha Minto, Consett; 2, 1s 6d, J Gardner.
(Special prize by Mr J G Wood, Consett). Map of Italy (coloured outline), fifth and sixth standards—1, 3s, H Waugh; 2, 2s, W Surtees.
(Special prize by Mr G T Hyden, Consett). Freehand drawing (lined)—1, 3s, J W Bryant; 2, 2s, G Wood.
(Special prize by Mr J Fetherick, Consett). Freehand drawing of an ordinary wheelbarrow, for boys or girls attending any day-school or Consett art class—1, 3s, J W Bryant; 2, 2s, T Davies, Consett.
(Special prize by Mr Charles Routledge, Consett). Ornamental scroll, "Consett Floral and Industrial Society," for boys or girls, any day-school or Consett Art Class—1, 5s, T Davies.
(By society). Map (under 15 years of age)—1, 3s, J W Bryant; 2, 1s 6d, J Allison.
By Mrs G T Hyden, Consett). Pair of hand-knitted gloves for girls (under 15 years)—1, 3s, Mary J Hogg.
(By Mrs J Scott, Consett). Plain pinafore for girls (under 10 years)—1, 3s, R Elsdon.
(By Miss M E Browell, Consett). (Confined to standard V.). To sew and fell together one inch of two pieces of calico, and to put in a guessett, as for the body of a shirt and stitch it across—1, 3s, J Errington; 2, 1s 6d, E Johnson.
(By Mrs E Farnsworth, Consett). Knitted pair of plain stockings (for girls under 14 years)—1, black and gold flowered teapot, Jane Gaygill.
(By Miss Wilson, Consett). Knitted pair of cotton garters (for girls under 9 years)—1, black leather hand bag, Hetty Lamb.

BURNOPFIELD.

The seventeenth yearly exhibition, under the auspices of the Burnopfield Floral and Horticultural Society, took place on Saturday, in a field generously lent by Mr John Thompson, farmer. The day wore a threatening aspect, but withal the attendance at the show equalled the patronage bestowed on the preceding year's exhibition, when the weather was really fine. There was a large entry, and the exhibits were of a high class order, and formed an excellent display. Plants and vegetables seemed to be the prominent features of the show, and there was moreover a meritorious selection of cut flowers; the fruit, too, being a fairly good collection. Selections of music were efficiently performed by the Tanfield Lea Prize Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr Keskeys, the programme being as follows:—Waltz, "Rich and rare;" solo cornet, "Rosalind;" selection, "Nil Desperandum;" waltz, "Land and wasses;" quadrille selection, "Beauties of Scotland;" cornet solo, polka. The success associated with the career of this little society is mainly due to the persevering efforts of the hon. secretaries (Messrs B. Mason and J. Hood), who are nobly supported by the officials and committee-men. The following gentlemen fulfilled the duties of judges:—For flowers, vegetables, and fruit, Messrs T. Battensby, Hagg Hill Farm, and W. Scott, Dunston Hill; farmers' classes, Mr Errington, Lintzford; schools' competition, Mr E. Saunders, Marley Hill; ladies' needlework, &c., Mrs P. Moore, Byer Moor, and Mrs Greener, Burnopfield. Various sports were decided, and a ball was held at night, the extensive marquee being filled to its utmost capacity. Annexed is a

FULL LIST OF AWARDS.
OPEN CLASS.

POT PLANTS.

Three decorative plants, not less than two in bloom, fuchsias and geraniums excluded—1, Jacob Rowell, Clough Dene; 2, Hy Wilkinson, Tantobie; 3, T Simpson, Loosing Hill.
Two fuchsias—1, T Simpson; 2, H Wilkinson; 3, J Rowell.
Two coleus, dissimilar—1, J Rowell; 2, H Wilkinson.
Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, T Simpson; 2, W Armstrong, Clough Dene; 3, J Rowell.
Two petunias, dissimilar—1, T Simpson; 2, J Rowell.
Three ferns, dissimilar—1, J Rowell; 2, H Wilkinson.
Two balsams—1, W M Handcock, Burnopfield; 2, T Simpson.

CUT FLOWERS.

Four stocks—1, W Armstrong.
Six phloxes, three dissimilar—1, R Bell, Hamsterley Hall.
Three stands of antirrhinums, three trusses of each variety—1, J Gardner, Whickham; 2, R Copeland, Fellside.
Four stands of herbaceous flowers—1, W M Handcock; 2, J Cawthorne, Windy Hill.
Six gladioli, three dissimilar—1, J Gardner; 2, J Rowell.
Six dahlias, three dissimilar—1, J Cawthorne; 2, R Maughan, Fellside.
Six French asters—1, J Gardner; 2, S Nicholson, Marley Hill.
Six globe asters—1, J Cawthorne.
Six African marigolds (orange)—1, J Cawthorne.
Six African marigolds (lemon)—1, S Nicholson; 2, W M Handcock.
Six French marigolds—1, S Nicholson; 2, Jos Gardner.
Six roses, three dissimilar—1, J Gardner; 2, J Cawthorne; 3, W Turnbull, Whickham.
Six trusses of geranium blooms, three dissimilar—1, W Turnbull.
Twelve fancy pansies—1, S Nicholson; 2, J Cawthorne.
Twelve show pansies—1, J Cawthorne; 2, S Nicholson.

FRUITS.

Bunch of grapes—1, J Lawson, Whickham; 2, W Turnbull; 3, J Rowell.
Melon—1, R Bell; 2, W Turnbull; 3, J Lawson.
Eight dessert pears—1, W Turnbull; 2, J Lawson; 3, J Hood, Lintz Green.
Six kitchen apples—1, R Bell; 2, J Lawson; 3, J Gardner.
Six dessert apples—1, W Turnbull; 2, J Best, Ryton; 3, J Lawson.
Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1, J Lawson; 2, W Turnbull.
Pint of black currants, on strops—1, J Lawson; 2, W Turnbull.
Pint of red currants on strops—1, J Hood; 2, R Bell.

VEGETABLES.

Two vegetable marrows—1, J Hood; 2, J Lawson; 3, W Turnbull.
Two cucumbers, suitable for table—1, W Turnbull; 2, J Lawson; 3, J Best.
Three heads of celery—1, W Dawson, Crookgate; 2, J Gray, Hobson; 3, W M Handcock.
Two cauliflowers—1, J Rowell; 2, W Dawson; 3, R Bell.
Eighteen pods of peas—1, J Eltringham, Burnopfield; 2, J Best.
Twelve broad beans—1, Mrs Cawthorn, Hobson; 2, J Best.
Eighteen pods of kidney beans—1, R Bell; 2, Jos Best.
Eight summer onions, shown as grown—1, W Turnbull; 2, H Wilkinson.
Three roots of beet—1, R Bell; 2, J Rowell.
Six round potatoes, white—1, R Bell; 2, J Best.
Six kidney potatoes, white—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Copeland; 3, J Best.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, W Turnbull; 2, G Gray.
Six tomatoes, shown in dishes—1, W Turnbull; 2, R Bell.

AMATEUR'S AND COTTAGERS' CLASSES.

POT PLANTS.

Two greenhouse plants, in bloom, fuchsias and geraniums excluded—1, W Wailes, Marley Hill; 2, R Mason, Hobson.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, J Lown, Hobson; 2, J G Ramsey, Burnopfield.
Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, J Lown; 2, W Armstrong; 3, J G Ramsey.
Geranium, tricolour—1, J Lown; 2, W Armstrong.
Bronze geranium—1, J Lown; 2, W Armstrong.
Pelagorium geranium—1, W Armstrong; 2, R Mason.
Two balsams—1, W M Handcock; 2, J G Ramsey.
Petunia—1, W Wailes; 2, W Armstrong.
Pot liliums—1, J G Ramsey.
Two coleus, dissimilar—1, J Lown; 2, J Eltringham; 3, J G Ramsey.
Two ferns, dissimilar—1, J Lown; 2, W Wailes.
Window plant (members having greenhouses not allowed to show)—1, G Gray; 2, R Abbott, Lintz.

CUT FLOWERS.

Three gladioli, two dissimilar—1, W M Handcock.
Four dahlias, two dissimilar—1, W Dawson.
Two stocks—1, W Armstrong; 2, W M Handcock.
Three phloxes, dissimilar—1, J Hood; 2, W M Handcock.
Three stands of antirrhinums, dissimilar, two of each variety—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Copeland.
Two stands of pestamons, dissimilar, two of each variety—1, W Wailes; 2, W Parker, Marley Hill.
Two bottles of hardy and half-hardy annuals—1, R Maughan; 2, W Dawson.
Six asters—1, S Nicholson; 2, W M Handcock.
Six globe asters—1, W M Handcock.
Six French marigolds—1, R Copland; 2, W Dawson; 3, S Nicholson.
Six African marigolds (orange)—1, W M Handcock; 2, S Nicholson.
Ditto (lemon)—1, R Maughan; 2, W M Handcock; 3, W Armstrong.
Six pansies, show—1, S Nicholson.
Ditto (fancy)—1, R Copland; 2, S Nicholson.
Four roses—1, W M Handcock; 2, J Hood.
Hand bouquet—1, Jos Eltringham.
Six stands of phlox drummondi, three trusses in each stand, shown in water—1, W Dawson.

FRUIT.

Four kitchen apples—1, J Hood; 2, W M Handcock.
Four dessert apples—1, J G Ramsey; 2, G Davis, Burnopfield; 3, J Hood.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, G Davis; 2, R Mason; 3, J Hood.
Pint of red currants—1, J Hood; 2, W Armstrong; 3, H Wilkinson.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, W Armstrong.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetable marrow—1, W M Handcock; 2, J Hood.
Two cucumbers—1, H Wilkinson; 2, S Blyth, Lintz; 3, J Lown.
Six kidney potatoes—1, W M Handcock; 2, W Wailes; 3, R Copland.
Six round white potatoes—1, W M Handcock; 2, J Hood; 3, W Wailes.
Ditto (other than white)—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Maughan; 3, J Eltringham.
Early cabbage—1, R Mason; 2, W M Handcock; 3, B Mason, Hobson.
Red cabbage—1, W M Handcock; 2, B Mason.
Three early cabbages—1, Mrs Cawthorne; 2, W M Handcock; 3, R Abbott.
Twelve pods of peas—1, R Maughan; 2, J Eltringham; 3, W M Handcock.
Six pods of broad beans—1, R Copland; 2, Mrs Cawthorne; 3, J Eltringham.
Three leeks—1, E Charlton, Hobson; 2, W M Handcock; 3, G Gray.
Two heads of celery—1, W Wailes; 2, R Maughan; 3, H Wilkinson.
Cauliflower—1, W Dawson; 2, J Brewis, Tanfield Lea; 3, W M Handcock.
Six onions, spring sown, shown as grown—1, H Wilkinson; 2, W M Handcock; 3, S Nicholson.
Ditto, winter grown—1, W Dawson; 2, S Blyth; 3, H Wilkinson.
Three roots of beet—1, E Charlton; 2, W M Handcock; 3, J Brewis.
Three carrots—1, B Mason; 2, G Gray; 3, J Brewis.
Three parsnips—1, W M Handcock; 2, J Brewis; 3, R Maughan.
Six eschalots, all bagged—1, R Mason; 2, T Potts, Byer Moor; 3, B Mason.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, W Armstrong; 2, B Mason; 3, E Charlton.

FARMERS' CLASS (OPEN).

Twelve ears of wheat—1, John Thompson, Burnopfield; 2, Wm Callender, Leazes.
Twelve ears of barley—1, J Thompson; 2, W Callender.
Twelve ears of short oats—1, J Thompson; 2, W Callender.
Twelve ears of barley—1, J Thompson; 2, W Callender.
Three swede turnips—1, J Thompson.
Three white turnips—1, J Thompson.
Six largest hen eggs—1, Mrs Fenwick, Syke Lane; 2, J Thompson.
Six field potatoes—1, J Thompson; 2, W Callender.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

OPEN CLASS.

Half-pound of plain butter—1, 7s 6d (given by Mrs R. Fewster, Burnopfield), Mrs Fenwick, Syke Lane; 2, 2s 6d (by society), Miss Dixon, Priestfield.

OPEN TO ALL.

Plain loaf of white bread, not to exceed 4 lbs—1, teapot, value 10s 6d (by society), Mrs G Finlay, Burnopfield; 2, a bake board (given by Mr G. Maddison, Hobson), Mrs Best, Ryton; 3, bread knife (by society), Mrs Wilkinson, Tantobie.
Three stove or greenhouse plants, dissimilar—1, 21s (given by Mr W. M. Annandale), T Simpson; 2, 10s (by society), Jacob Rowell; 3, 6s (by society), H Wilkinson.
Hand bouquet—1, 5s (by Mr W. M. Handcock), J Gardner; 2, 3s (by Mr J. Smith, Burnopfield), John Cawthorne.
Six roses—1, 2lbs best tea (given by Miss Turnbull, Leazes), J Gardner; 2, two parts (by society), Wm Turnbull.
Six roses, shown with foliage—1, 3s (given by Mr D. Spinks), J Gardner.
Collection of vegetables, 4 varieties, 2 of each—1, 5s (given by Mr R. Armstrong, tailor, Crookgate), W Dawson; 2, 2s (given by Mr J. Coulson), H Wilkinson.
Six button-hole bouquets—1, 5s (given by Burnopfield Cricket Club), J Gardner; 2, 2s 6d (by Mr W. Charlton, Burnopfield), J Cawthorne.

OPEN TO AMATEURS AND COTTAGERS.

Collection of vegetables, 6 varieties, and 2 each—1, 21s (given by Mr W. M. Annandale), W M Handcock; 2, prize value 10s (by Mrs G. Glendinning, Leazes), W Dawson; 3, 6s (by society), E Charlton; 4, 3s (given by Mr W. M. Dawson, Crookgate), J Brewis.
Two cauliflowers—1, 2 ox tongues (given by Mrs Clark, Leazes), T Potts.
Three carrots—1, 2s 6d (given by Mr B. Mason), G Gray.
Collection of vegetables, 3 varieties, and 1 of each—1, 3s 6d (given by Mr J. F. Robinson, Burnopfield), T Potts; 2, one part (by society), E Charlton.
Collection of vegetables, 3 varieties, 1 of each—1, pair of sheets (given by Mr Wilson, Newcastle), H Wilkinson; 2, one part (by society), E Charlton.
Three stands of cut flowers—1, 12 gladioli bulbs (given by Mr W. Watson, seedsman, Newcastle), J G Ramsey; 2, a garden spade (by Messrs Finney and Co., seedsmen, Newcastle), J Eltringham.
Collection of vegetables, 3 varieties, and 2 of each (cucumbers and vegetable marrows not allowed)—1, 5s (given by Mr R. Pace, Burnopfield), W M Handcock.
Hand bouquet—1, 5s (given by Mr R. Pace), Jos Eltringham.
Four blooms of roses—1 (given by Messrs Stuart and Mein, seedsmen, Kelso), J Hood.
Two globe asters, 2 French asters, and 2 French marigolds—1 (given by Mr S. Nicholson, Marley Hill), S Blyth.
Collection of vegetables, 3 varieties, and 1 of each—1 (given by Mr Benjamin Harrison), Wm Dawson.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Best specimen of writing (boys under 12 years)—1, J G Angus, Burnopfield National School; 2, M Bell, ditto; 3, E Appleby.
Best specimen of hemming (girls under 12 years)—1, Eleanor Robson, Hobson; 2, Elizabeth Ferguson; 3, A Dobbinson.
Map of England, done at school (prizes given by Mr R. Abbott)—1, Wm Thompson; 2, Thomas B Robson; 3, Joseph Wilson; 4, John Patterson Maddison.

WOLSINGHAM.

The annual show was held on Saturday in a field at the west end of the town. A spacious marquee contained the exhibits which were both excellent and numerous, and the show many be fairly considered a good one many of the exhibits being very good. The specimens of greenhouse plants and fuchsias were excellent, as also were the collections of ferns. Cut flowers were only moderate, consequent upon the bad season and in several classes there were no entries. Pansies were but moderate. Fruit was good, and the competition among vegetables keen, and some excellent productions were exhibited. Wild fruit collections were excellent, and premier honours were carried off by Mr Devey, of Wolsingham, who also carried off the laurels for his interesting and excellent collection of fungi. The industrial department was well represented, as also the ladies' amateur section, and the school childrens' department. The arrangements were capital, and reflected the highest credit upon the committee and secretary, Mr Shaw. The afternoon was showery and unfortunately interfered largely with the attendance. The committee will be able to pay their way although the receipts of last year were far from being realised. The New Shildon Temperance Brass Band enlivened the proceedings with playing a good selection of music, whilst Professor Hull, ventriloquist, occupied the attention of the audience at intervals during the afternoon. A cricket match between Beechburn and Wolsingham was played, the former scoring 98, and the latter 57. The judges for the flowers, &c, were Messrs Stodhert and Knaggs, Whorlton; industrial section, Mr J. Bond, Tow Law; school department, Mr T. Collingwood, Stanhope; ladies' department, Mrs Armstrong, East Hedleyhope, Mrs Collingwood, Stanhope, and Miss Fell, Wolsingham. Mr Rutter, Royal Oak Inn, was honoured with dinner preparations, which were served up in that princely style which is peculiarly characteristic of the host and hostess. The committee, judges, &c, were well entertained, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to.

PRIZE LIST.
OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Four stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, dissimilar—1, J Lamb, Shildon; 1, T Bond, Wolsingham; 3, G Moses, Stanhope.
Two fine foliage plants, dissimilar—1, J Lamb; 2, G Moses.
Two coleus, dissimilar—1, T Bond; 2, R Lambert, Wolsingham; 3, W Hesseltine, Tow Law.
Two fuchsias, one dark and one light—1, G Walker Wolsingham; 2, T Bond; 3, Moses.
Fuchsia, any colour—1, T Bond; 2, A Rutter, Wolsingham; 3, G Walker.
Pot of liliums—1, A Rutter; 2, G Moses.
Begonia—1, G Moses; 2, J Lamb; 3, T Bond.
Petunia, single—1, G Moses; 2, W Hesseltine; 3, J Lamb.
Petunia, double—1, A Rutter; 2, A Jackson, Witton; 3, G Walker.
Two balsams, dissimilar—1, J Bowes, Wolsingham; 2, J Walton, Wolsingham; 3, T Bond.
Two geraniums, tricolour—1, R Lambert; 2, T Bond; 3, A Rutter.
Two geraniums, double—1, A Jackson; 2, G Walker.
Two zonale geraniums—1, A Rutter; 2, T Bond; 3, G Walker.
Two bronze geraniums—1, A Rutter; 2, R Lambert; 3, T Bond.
Three exotic ferns, distinct species—1, T Bond; 2, J Bowes; 3, R Lambert.

CUT FLOWERS.

Six dahlias, dissimilar—1, J G Bainbridge, Stanhope; 2, W Harker.
Twelve pansies, dissimilar—1, W Coulson, Wolsingham.
Nine asters, dissimilar—1, W Harker; 2, A Jackson.
Nine French marigolds—1, W Hesseltine; 2, A Rutter.
Nine African marigolds—1, J Vickers, Tow Law; 2, W Hesseltine.
Four gladioli, dissimilar—1, J G Bainbridge; 2, J Wayner, Wolsingham.
Six stands of cut flowers—1, W Sinclair, Stanhope; 2, G Moses.
Six stocks, dissimilar—1, A Rutter; 2, R Lambert.
Six phloxes, dissimilar—1, G Moses; 2, R Lambert.
Six herbaceous, distinct species—1, J G Bainbridge; 2, A Rutter.
Six hardy annuals, distinct vaaisties—1, T Bond; 2, W Hesseltine.
Large bouquet—1, W Hesseltine; 2, W Sinclair; 3, R Lambert.
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Six dessert apples—1, W Wharton, Wolsingham; 2, T Batty, Wolsingham.
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Six pears—1, A Rutter; 2, J G Bainbridge.
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Gill white currants, on strops—1, J G Bainbridge.
Two bunches of grapes—1, T Bond.

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Two red cabbages—1, W Potts; 2, J Vickers, Park.
Two white cabbages—1, J Lamb; 3, J Vickers.
Two cauliflowers—1, W Hesseltine; 2, R French, Tow Law.
Nine onions, not tripoli—1, T Moore, Thornley; 2, J Vickers.
Nine tripoli onions—1, J Vickers; 2, R Cragg.
Nine round potatoes—1, W Brown; 2, R Craggs.
Nine kidney potatoes—1, T Moore; 2, R Craggs.
Twenty pods of peas—1, W S Watson, Wolsingham; 2, M Bewley.
Four carrots—1, T Smith; 2, W Hesseltine.
Four parsnips—1, T W Morley, Wolsingham; 2, W Hesseltine.
Three roots of beet—1, C Watson; 2, W Brown.
Nine pods of beans—1, W Harker; 2, Messrs Oddy and Potts, Witton.
Three turnips—1, W Brown; 2, C Moore.
Three heads of celery—1, A Rutter; 2 J Lamb.
Four leeks—1, W Brown; 2, C Moore.
Nine eschalots—1, W Brown; 2, W Watson.
Two cucumbers—1, J Sanders; 2, R Lambert.

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Tray of potatoes, six varieties—1, R Lambert; 2, C Watson.
Tray of fruit, six varieties—1, A Rutter.
Dish of "Whinham's Industry" gooseberry—1, A Rutter; 2, Miss Lacey, Wolsingham.
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Collection of wild fruit—1, J H Devey, Wolsingham; 2, T H Devey, Wolsingham.
Sunflower—1, R Grundon, Wolsingham; 2, W Coulson, Wolsingham.
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Tidy—1, J Skelton, Wolsingham.
Fretwork—1, W Bennett, Preston; 2, A Conn, Fawnlees.
Two picture almanacks—1, W Shaw; 2, C Stankley.
Case of stuffed birds, special—1, J Stothard, Wolsingham.
Collection of British fungi—1, J H Devey; 2, Master W Devey.
Chipping and filing competition—1, G Hutchinson, Darlington; 2, J B Archer.

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(Open).

Quilted quilt—1, Mrs Simpson, Frosterley; 2, Miss Simpson, Frosterley.
Quilted skirt—2, Miss Simpson.
Patchwork—1, Miss J Etherington, Wolsingham; 2, Mrs W Keyworth, Darlington.
Pair of knitted ribbed stockings—1, Mrs Bell, Bishop Auckland.
Pair of knitted plain stockings—1, Miss Simpson; 2, E Heatherstone, Westgate.
Pair of darned stockings, well worn—Miss Bell, Eldon, Bishop Auckland; 2, Mrs Simpson.
Crewel work, in silk—1, Mrs E Dent, Sunderland; 2, Miss J E Stephenson, Eastgate.
Hearth rug, hand-made—Mrs J Sanderson, Wolsingham; 2, Mrs W Keyworth.
Woollen antimacassar or wrap—1, Mrs Skipsey, Wolsingham; 2, Miss Hewitson, Newcastle.
Cotton antimacassar or wrap—1, Mrs T J Barker, Haughton-le-Skerne; 2, Miss Saunders, Wolsingham.
Article not classed—1, Miss S A Heslop, Darlington; 2, Miss Banks, Haughton-le-Skerne.
Tea cosey or pair of worked slippers—1, Mrs Hewitson, Newcastle; 2, Mrs Bell, Eldon; 3, Mrs J Brown, Wolsingham.
Wool work, not classed—1, Mrs Hewitson; 2, Miss Etherington, Wolsingham.
Fancy apron—1, Miss Hunter, Frosterley; 2, Mrs Bell.
Macrame work (lady or gentleman)—1, Miss Banks; 2, Miss Fleming, Tow Law.
Gentleman's fine shirt—1, Mrs Bell; 2, Miss Simpson.
Gentleman's woollen shirt—1, Miss Simpson; 2, Mrs Simpson.
Twelve button-holes—1, Miss C M Nelson, Bishop Auckland; 2, Mrs Bell.
Plain sewing—1, Miss C M Nelson; 2, Miss S Manners, Coundon; 3, Mrs R Teasdale, Darlington.
White bread—1, Miss Banks; 2, Miss Pettit, Wolsingham.
Brown bread—1, Mrs A Rutter, Wolsingham; 2, Mrs W Keyworth; 3, Mrs Jackson, Wolsingham.

SCHOOL SECTION.

Writing for children under 14 years—1, E Snowdon, Thornley; 2, T Herbert, Thornley; 3, J Hall, Thornley.
Writing for children under 12 years—1, Lilian Snowdon, Thornley; 2, A Glaxton, Thornley.
Writing for children under 10 years—1, T Hall, Elm Park; 2, J Mitchell, Wolsingham; 3, E O Mann, Wolsingham.
Freehand drawing for children under 14 years—1, Bertie Morgan, Wolsingham.
Needlework and marking for girls under 14 years—Miss F Brown, Wolsingham; 2, Miss J A Pickering, Wolsingham.
Needlework and marking for girls under 12 years—1, Miss E J Batty, Wolsingham; 2, Miss E Henderson, Wolsingham.
Needlework and marking for girls under 10 years—1, Miss M Wharton, Wolsingham; 2, Miss A Dobinson, Wolsingham.
Knitting for girls under 14 years—1, J Copely, Wolsingham; 2, Miss J A Pickering.
Darned stockings for girls under 14 years—Miss M Ridley, Wolsingham.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, August 25th.—Before WM. GREEN, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

William Mann, employed as a mason at Medomsley, was charged by P.C. Nicholson with being tipsy in Green Street, Consett, on the 14th inst.—Fined 5s and costs.

John Ninomy was charged by Sergt. Minto with drunkenness at the back of Middle Street, Consett, on Sunday night, was similarly dealt with.

GOOD BUSINESS FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES.

George McGregor, mason, pleaded guilty to a charge preferred against him by P.C. Nicholson, of being drunk and staggering about Victoria Street, Consett, at 10.30 on Saturday evening. The officer was forced to lock him up, as he was afraid McGregor would stumble through some shop window.—Fined 5s and costs, 7 days in default.

A ROW IN A LODGING-HOUSE.

Mary Pattinson, a hawker, hailing from Middlesboro', was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Saturday night. — P.C. Nicholson attested that at 11.14 p.m., Tuite, a lodging-house keeper, came and complained of the conduct of the woman, whom he insisted to have locked up. She had assaulted him, and Tuite's face was bleeding. Witness went to the place, and found the woman kicking up an uproar in the back-yard.—Defendant, who had a pair of black eyes, said that both Tuite and his wife first attacked her, and she was obliged to defend herself.—Fined 2s 6d and expenses, or be imprisoned for a week.

INGENIOUS RAILWAY SWINDLE IN WEARDALE.

A case of great interest to railway companies and excursionists came before Sir Wm. Eden and Dr McCullagh—at Bishop Auckland, on Monday—when Ralph H. Armstrong, a master draper and tailor at St. John's Chapel, Weardale, was charged with travelling on the railway without a ticket without having previously paid his fare, in the township of Bishop Auckland.—Mr Meek, the railway solicitor, prosecuted; Mr Dix defended.—The opening statement, as counsel said, was rather complicated. Briefly, defendant and his wife left Stanhope for Tynemouth on Whit-Monday, Mrs Armstrong taking a return available for a few weeks, and defendant taking a single to Wolsingham. On the Friday following defendant arrived from the North by the train due at Auckland at 2.50, passing the ticket collector with Mrs Armstrong's return half, and finally giving up a single ticket from Wolsingham to Stanhope on reaching the latter station. Next day Mrs Armstrong arrived at Auckland from Tynemouth by the 2.50 train; and the presumption was that defendant, on reaching Stanhope, posted the return half to his wife. Defendant had since sent a long explanatory letter, now put in, to Railway-Inspct. Pears. Mr Charlton, stationmaster, examined gave formal evidence of issue of tickets. Mrs Armstrong's Tynemouth ticket was the only one issued on Whit-Monday. Defendant had frequently travelled before and since that date. Witness (pressed as to why he noticed the ticket number) said defendant had previously made several attempts to pass at Stanhope, and therefore they knew him.—Collector John Robson said while Mrs Armstrong was showing her ticket at Auckland defendant slipped past without appearing to recognise her.—Witness insisted on seeing defendant's ticket. The latter, with his finger on it, was then shown, and witness seized it, without, however, pulling it from defendant, as witness was not sure there might not be some mistake. Witness, however, took the number of the ticket. On Friday defendant produced the same ticket to witness on return from Tynemouth.—Collector Thomas Robinson, Bishop Auckland, proved that Mrs Armstrong tendered him the return half used by defendant. Witness gave it back to her.—Constable Dodd gave formal evidence, as did the Stanhope collecter, who proved receiving from defendant, on arrival at Stanhope, a single ticket from Wolsingham.—Mr Dix said there was this difficulty—the sworn information did not afford any ground on which to eludicate the case for defendant, whose mouth, and that of his wife, was closed.—Inspector Pears proved an interview with Mrs Armstrong, who told him her ticket was never out of her possession. She could not say what ticket her husband got.—Mr Dix suggested an adjournment to prove what points the defendant travelled between.—Mr Meek said that was immaterial. The offence was that two persons used one ticket. Even if defendant did book from Wolsingham to Stanhope that would prove nothing in this case.—Mr Dix was instructed defendant could prove he was not at Stanhope when this ticket (produced) was issued.—The Bench saw a difficulty in getting over the evidence of the Auckland collectors, and no utility in adjourning the case. They then retired for ten minutes, Sir William saying their conclusion left no doubt that the ticket was twice used as alleged, and that the same ticket had been issued to Mrs Armstrong at Stanhope. That being so an adjournment would do no good.—Mr Dix said had he thought the Bench would not adjourn the case, he would like to have stated some facts as they occurred to him. There might, for example, be some mistake as to the issue of the ticket, and he was instructed that defendant booked from Auckland, not from Wolsingham, to Stanhope.—Mr Meek then, under powers of statute, put in evidence of defendant's conviction in 1886 of a similar offence, when a fine of 20s and 10s costs was imposed.—The Bench said the present case was proved. They must make an example that would debar people from such offences. Defendant would be fined £5, including costs.

THEATRE ROYAL CONSETT.

A regular treat is afforded to play-goers this week at the above theatre in the production by Mr John Holland's company of *The New Magdalene* a drama taken from the novel of the same name by the late Wilkie Collins. It is a play brimful of interest from start to finish, and on Monday evening last the closest attention of a vast audience was paid to the development of the plot. A few words as to the arguments, for the benefit of those unfamiliar with the book itself may not be out of place Mercy Merrick, a Red Cross nurse during the Franco-German war, who has been reclaimed by means of a refuge, meets a young lady on her way to her friends in England with letters of introduction. Soon after a shell from the German lines who are shelling the village bursts into the room killing the young lady presumably. Mercy Merrick now seeing the chance she has of making a new start in life yields to the temptation and resolves to impersonate the dead lady. Accordingly she goes to England and is accepted with open arms in the strength of the dead girl's letters. All goes well for a time, and she is engaged to be married to a young war-correspondent. But retribution awaits her. The Canadian lady was not really killed by the shell, and soon appears on the scene to demand her rights. Of course she is looked upon as an imposter, and is driven from the house. At length overcome with remorse and acting under the guidance of the Rev Julian Grey, a sort of muscular Christian, Mercy Merrick confesses her deceit and loses her lover, but wins her crown at last through truth, for the Rev Julian Grey filled with admiration at the sublimity of her character, notwithstanding the past, asks her to marry him, and the curtain falls leaving them in each other's arms. The ladies and gentlemen of the company are all first-class *artistes*, and well-deserving of the patronage and support of those who delight seeing a good play. Miss Nelson Ramsay as "Mercy Merrick" displays undoubted ability as an emotional actress, and richly merited the hearty applause bestowed upon her. Miss Rita Warne has a most disagreeable part as "Grace Roseberry" nevertheless she acquitted herself with very great credit. As "Lady Janet Rey" Miss Beatrice Hudson was most pleasing. The "Rev Julian Grey" is a splendid character, and in the hands of Mr J. W. Wilkinson was pourtrayed with immense success. Mr C. Coventry did ample justice to the part of Horace Holmcroft, the young war-correspondent, the other parts being well sustained by the remainder of the company. The scenic effects and general staging of the piece are admirable. The drama is preceded each evening by a most laughable farce, entitled *A brace of blunders*. Next week, we are to have a return visit of Mr Chas. Harrington and his company, with the ever-welcome *Is she guiltless* by Mr Arthur Shirley, and a farcical comedy by the same author entitled *As large as life*. This is the third time Mr Harrington has been here during Mr Brodie's lesseeship, and we trust that this visit may be equally as successful as the last two.

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Public Notices.

MR. ALLAN McPHERSON RUNS A BRAKE from TANTOBIE to CONSETT every Saturday and Monday; leaving Tantobie at One o'clock, and Dipton at Half-past One, Half-past Three and Seven on Saturdays; and leaving Tantobie at Nine o'clock, and Dipton at Half-past Nine and One o'clock on Mondays. The Brake leaves Consett at 2.30, 6, and 9 o'clock on Saturdays, and at 12 and 4 o'clock on Mondays. 486c

TANFIELD FLOWER SHOW,

WILL BE HELD IN THE CRICKET FIELD, ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH

PRIZES for Plants, Flowers, Fruits, & Vegetables, Farmers' Produce, and Scholars' Prizes for Writing, Sewing, Knitting, &c.

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TANFIELD LEA PRIZE BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

A Ball will be held in the Marquee after the Show. Gentlemen, 1s.; Ladies, 6d.

Gates open at One o'clock. Admission, 6d; enclosure, 6d extra. Children, Half-price.

For Swings, Shows, Stalls, &c., apply to Mr Smith, High Street, Gateshead. No Sandwiches or Lemonade allowed on Stalls.

J. W. ANDERSON, Secretary, East Tanfield. 901c

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J. SOMMERVILLE begs to intimate to the Inhabitants of Blackhill and surrounding District that he has now OPENED the Shop, situate in 2, Derwent Street, Blackhill (so long and successfully carried on by the late G. PEART) with a General Assortment of IRONMONGERY and HARDWARE GOODS, and trusts by supplying a good Article at a reasonable price, to receive a share of Public support. 905c

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THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Tanfield, 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 CHAYTOR, now residing at West Stanley, in the Township of Tanfield, in the county of Durham, grocer, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the adjourned General Annual Licensing meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the twenty-fifth day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to sell by retail, in pursuance of the Act 11 Geo. IV., and 1 William IV., c., 64, and Acts amending the same, beer, to be consumed off the shop or premises thereunto belonging, situate at West Stanley, in the said Township, of which premises Hannah Chaytor, of West Stanley, is the owner, and which said premises are now in my occupation.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

908c JOHN CHAYTOR.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-1874.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Lanchester, 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, THOMAS MILNER, now residing at Consett, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the Twenty-fifth day of September next, for a License to hold an Excise License or Licenses, to sell by Retail, in pursuance of the Act 23 Vict. c. 27, s. 3, and Acts amending the same, Wine to be consumed off the Shop or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Shakespeare Street, Consett, in the said Parish, of which Premises Isabella Wilson, of Consett, is the Owner, and which said Premises are occupied by me.

Given under my hand this Twenty-first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

909c THOMAS MILNER.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-1874.

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To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Lanchester, 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, THOMAS ARMSTRONG, now residing at Blackhall Mill, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, Innkeeper, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the Twenty-fifth day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to sell by Retail, under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, 1828, all Intoxicating liquors, to be consumed either on or off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Blackhall Mill, in the said Parish, of which Premises I am the Owner, and which said Premises are occupied by me.

Given under my hand this 21st day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

937c THOMAS ARMSTRONG.

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To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Conside and Knitsley, 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, THOMAS DOUGLAS DRYDEN, now residing at Consett, in the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, Provision Merchant, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the Twenty-fifth day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to sell by retail, in pursuance of the Act 26 and 27 Vic., c. 33, s. 1, and Acts amending the same, Beer, to be consumed off the shop or premises thereunto belonging, situate at Front Street, Consett, in the said Township, of which premises William Ridley, of Tow Law, is the owner, and which said premises are now in the occupation of T. D. Dryden and Company.

Given under my hand this 21st day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

906c T. D. DRYDEN.

Public Notices.

"RED DUKE," belonging to JOHN MARTINDALE, Muggleswick, will serve Cows. Fees, 2s 6d each; to be paid at time of serving. 949c

IVESTON FLOWER SHOW will be held on the 13th September, 1890. Parts to be the same as Consett, counting their Shillings as Parts also. STALLS allowed on the ground at 2s each. CRICKET MATCH—Given a Ball. 945c

NOTICE.

STOBART'S SALVES.—These well-known Salves are sold at the RAILWAY HOTEL, Consett; STAG'S HEAD INN, Medomsley; NORTH-EASTERN HOTEL, HEXHAM; and WHITE HORSE INN, Groat Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 856c

ANNFIELD PLAIN RACES.—Run September 10th, 1890. £5 10s. for Foot Handicap. Entrance 1s each. To close September 5th.—For Bills apply to THOS. N. STAFFORD, Secretary. 850c

CARR HOUSE, CONSETT.

WM. JOHNSON supplies CAB, BRAKE, WAGGONETTE for HIRE to suit Parties, on Reasonable Terms. 822c

MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW & SPORTS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 1890.

120 YARDS HANDICAP.—1st Prize, £5; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. (Entries, 1s each, close Tuesday, August 26th). Quoiting (£2 5s), Bowling at wicket (15s), and other Sports. Tanfield Lea Prize Band will be in attendance.

Schedules on application to

W. E. CHARLTON, Hon. Sec.

Medomsley, Lintz Green, R.S.O. 775c

BLANCHLAND FLOWER SHOW.

A BRAKE will leave Messrs T. C. RAWES AND Co's LIVERY STABLES, Consett, for Blanchland Flower Show, To-morrow (Saturday) at Twelve o'clock. An early application for seats is necessary.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SHOTLEY.

THE VICAR and Churchwardens appeal for Help to complete the Re-building of the Old Parish Church. Amount required, £500; amount promised, £283. Donations thankfully received by Rev R. WILSON, Vicarage, and Mr WALTON-WILSON, Shotley Hall. 933c

THE OLDEST AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

WOLSINGHAM AND WEAR VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their Annual Show of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs, Poultry, Rabbits, Cats, Dairy and Field Produce, &c. Special: Sheep Dog Trial. Schedules, R. E. STOBBS, Secretary. Entries close August 30th, 1890.

RE JOHN BURNETT, DECEASED.

WE, the undersigned, hereby publicly contradict the false rumours concerning the recantation of the above, and beg to state that he died as he had lived, a Staunch Freethinker and Atheist.

(Signed) JESSIE BURNETT.
JESSIE BURNETT, Daughter.

Oxhill, August 26th, 1890. 911c

NOTICE.

ALTERATION OF DATE.

LANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 1890. Schedules can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, G. T. WILSON.

LOOK OUT FOR CASTLESIDE FLOWER SHOW.

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1890.

SEVERAL Special Prizes given, including 7s 6d for the best Dandy of Honey, divided, 1st, 5s, 2nd, 2s 6d. A leg of Mutton for best collection of Vegetables, two of each, and 1lb. of Tea, 2nd Prize. 5s for the best 2lbs Plain Butter, Salt. (Open to all comers.) A Quilt for best Geranium and Fuchsia (Cottagers' Class.) Entries for these up to date of Show.

935c JAS. KETTLEWELL, Secretary.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1890, and during the Week, Mr. CHAS HARRINGTON'S LONDON COMPANY in "IS SHE GUILTLESS" and "AS LARGE AS LIFE."

Time and prices as usual. 955c

ALICE ELLIOTT, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of Alice Elliott, late of Tantobie, in the County of Durham, Widow, who died on the 23rd day of April, 1890, are requested to send full particulars thereof forthwith to me, the undersigned.

THOMAS WM. WELFORD, JUNR., Consett.

958c Solicitor for the Administrator.

BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHAPEL.

THE FOUNDATION STONES will be laid on WEDNESDAY, September 10th, 1890, at 3.30 p.m., by L. ATHERLEY-JONES, Esq., M.P., Messrs R. BROWN and J. WATSON (for Sunday-school), Mrs M. JOHNSON, Misses P. BRABBAN, and I. RODDAM. The following Ministers and Gentlemen will also be present:—Revs J. Hallam (President of the Conference), W. Johnson, F.L.S., J. Young (District Building Secretary), A. Latimer, (District Missionary Secretary), J. Elliott, E. Phillipson, T. J. Watson, M. P. Davison, M. Johnson, and Messrs T. Brabban, J. Bell (Durham), L. Trotter, T. Grieves, R. Mason (Hobson), J. Clarke, T. Telford, H. Pringle, Councillor M. Dent (Mayor of Jarrow), and others. Tea will be provided in the Marquee. Tickets, 1s, Children, Half-price. In the Evening, a Public Meeting will be held, to be Addressed by the above-named Ministers. Chairman, Mr J. W. Taylor. Collection will be taken at the Stone-laying and Public Meeting. N.B.—The Burnopfield Mission Band will render a Selection of Music during the day. 932c

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Tanfield Lane Farm.

MR JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from the Executors of the Late Mrs ISABELLA WATSON, Deceased, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the above place, on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1890, all her Valuable Household FURNITURE, Feather Beds, &c.

For particulars see Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

JOSEPH OLEY, THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, 10, WOOD STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

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...l leave Messrs T. C. Rawes and ...Stables, Consett, for Blanch... To-morrow (Saturday) at Twelve ...application for seats is necessary.

...'S CHURCH, SHOTLEY.

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Sales by Auction.

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

Wednesday, September 10th, 1890.—Sale of House and Premises, at Catchgate, with Off Beer License attached thereto.

MR. ADAM BRODIE, F.A.I., is instructed to Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. Miles Handy, Innkeeper, Catchgate, on Wednesday, September 10th, 1890, at Half-past Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then and there produced and read, the Superior

HOUSE AND PREMISES,

Situate at Catchgate, with the Land, Outhouses, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and with Off Beer License attached, as at present occupied by Mr. G. Johnson, as Tenant.

Particulars may be had from Mr. T. W. Welford, Solicitor; or from the Auctioneer, Town Hall, Consett. 965c

Monday, Sept. 1st, 1890. — Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, 3 Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses, Feather, Down, and Flock Beds, Fenders and Fire Irons, Splendid American Organ, Fine Harmonium, nearly new, Cottage Pianoforte, Sewing Machine, Oil Paintings, 2 Filters, &c.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove, and SELL BY AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, September 1st, 1890, the Superior House FURNISHINGS, and Sundry Effects.

Sale to commence at 1.30 p.m.

Other Goods may be included in this Sale. 923c

Sale of Property and Shares.

MR A. BRODIE, Member of the Institute of Estate Agents, will SELL BY AUCTION at Mrs Brown's, Railway Hotel, Consett, in the early part of September, several Valuable lots of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, and Gas and Water Shares. Present particulars:—2 Dwelling Houses in John Street, Consett; £80 Consolidated Stock and 2 Shares Capital A of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Company.

Particulars and date in future advertisement. 924c

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ADAM BRODIE and ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Auctioneers' Institute, are prepared to SELL FARMING STOCKS, HOUSES, LAND, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and STOCKS-IN-TRADE, by PUBLIC AUCTION, or otherwise. The Victoria Sale-Rooms, are open daily for the reception of Goods for absolute Sale. General Office: Town Hall, Consett. Private Office: 17, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 301c

By Mr. John Crawford.

Mr John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove and SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday September 1st, 1890, at the above rooms, a Splendid lot of Mahogany and other FURNITURE, consisting of Mahogany Drawers; Couches; Brass-mounted Bedsteads; Feather and Rabbit Down Beds; Tables; Chairs; a lot of Masons' Tools; Picks; Stoves; a quantity of Groceries, Draperies, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 961c

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to John Crawford, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 903a

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1st, 1890.—50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 7 Fat Cattle; 150 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 8 Finger Calves; Barrel Churn.

Entries to day of Sale.

Sale at 10.30 a.m. 963c

SECOND SPECIAL SALE of MULE, TWICE CROSS, and BLACK-FACED LAMBS, Friday, September 5th. Over 1,000 now booked. Further Entries invited.

JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1st, 1890.

Present Entries:—
- 5 Fat Cattle.
- 120 Sheep and Lambs.
- 100 First-class Mule Keeping Lambs.
- 30 to 40 Calving Cows. 30 direct from Ireland.
- Veal and Finger Calves.
- New Spring Cart.
- Pigs, Poultry, &c.
- And other Miscellaneous Lots.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

967c JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

SALE OF

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Woodbine Cottage, Benfieldside. — Royal Hotel, Blackhill, Monday, September 8th, 1890.

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G.C. Westwood.—Next week.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, August 29th, 1890.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

The recent successful exhibition, held under the auspices of Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, reminds one of the large amount of good achieved in the domain of field culture by the all-round extension of agricultural shows. There can be no doubt whatever that but for the class of exhibitions referred to the profession of farming would have been in a much less advanced position than it is to-day. It was thought some years ago that any successful merchant could follow the farming business as if he had been born to it; but that allusion has long since been dispelled. The tiller of the soil has also profitted even more than his master has by the introduction of machinery, which is due directly to the periodical exhibitions of farming implements. Instead of the scythe and reaping-hook, which to the hind proved the hardest work of the year, the introduction of machinery has placed the toil on the sinewy shoulders of the horse—an invention due, by the way, to the cultured brain of a Scotch divine. The march of progress was slow, it is true, and many a good story is told of the objections raised by "the rude forefathers of the hamlet" to the change from the old to the new. The writer is still happily in the beyday of life, and yet he has been at farms where there was neither threshing mill nor winnowing machine. The grain was thrashed by flails—work about as hard as puddling—and dressed by a natural current of wind blowing between two open doors. The winnowing or dressing machine was among the first—if not the first—of the first fruits in the new departure; and in the North it is well enough known that the pious Scottish peasantry offered very strong opposition to the new order of things. To prepare corn for the market without subjecting it to the action of a strong wind was a thing unheard and undreamed of, and it consequently so fell out that the country people did not take kindly to the new, although very simple machine. To produce wind where there was no wind was both novel and new, and the result was at once ascribed to the cantrips of the Evil One. Nobody, it was contended, could make wind issue from a box placed in a quiet room, and so the wind thus produced must, of course, be devil's wind.

ON THE MARCH.

The present is often spoken of as being a weary world, and the preachers never weary reminding us that there is no abiding city here. That is all very true, but it is a common saying that some happy folks are born with the proverbial silver spoon in their mouths, which is, I suppose, but another rendering of the axiom that some are born great, and that others have greatness thrust upon them. But I wish to speak on the present occasion of the lowly—not of the great. I was very much interested on the afternoon of Wednesday in a group of emigrants congregated on the platform at West Hartlepool. It could, of course, be seen at a glance that they were not born under these inconstant skies, the fanciful colours of the attire worn by the feminine section of the group savouring of the bright flowers in their native land. It was in a moment that they were poor people on the march, men, women, and children. It was not, perhaps, good manners to linger near them at a time when the table was spread for a humble meal; but the scene was of such a novel character as to at once arrest the attention. We are told in Holy Writ of an epoch in history when at last a section of the community had all things common, and it was because the curious scene at Hartlepool railway station reminded me of that blissful state of society that I lingered for a space on the skirts of the group.

AN OUT-DOOR MEAL.

The fare was of the humblest possible order, consisting exclusively of bread and fruit. The men seemed to have been accustomed to that sort of go-as-you-please dining, the prevailing practice being to cut the bread with their pocket knives, and "chuck" the pieces into their mouths. The women managed the thing more gracefully, as became their sex. The bairns, and especially the younger ones, appear to have been hungry, for they made such efforts to cram entire penny rolls down their throats intact that I had to turn on my heel and hold my sides. They seemed, however, to be enjoying themselves consumedly, for the jubilant utterances to which they ever and anon gave expression formed the only bright tints in an otherwise sombre picture. The liquid beverage supplied to the company was of a character and quality beyond my comprehension, and the vessel in which it was served was about the most novel for such a purpose that ever came under my observation. It resembled a modern coffee-pot, but was nearer the size of the utensil used by gardeners for watering flowers than the domestic vessel named. No cups were used, the huge pot being handed round, the members of the company, irrespective of age or sex, drinking in turn from the projecting tube.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Serious Loss to Local Tradesmen.—On Tuesday evening, a valuable horse, the property of Messrs T. C. Rawes & Co., Consett, whilst grazing in a field at Stannifordam, where the works for the Consett Sewage Scheme are being proceeded with, fell into the drain and had to be destroyed.

Consett Art Classes.—The following are the results obtained by the students attending these classes in the Consett Iron Company's British Schools, Trafalgar Street:—Geometry:—Thomas Allison, pass; Joseph H. Walton, pass; John G. Robinson, pass; Mabel Weaver, pass; Dora E. Brodie, pass; Samuel Rayner, pass; Henry Farnsworth, pass; Joseph B. Robson, pass; John W. Bryant, pass; Margaret Ferguson, pass.—Freehand drawing:—Samuel Raynor, first class, excellent and prize; John W. Bryant, first class, excellent and prize.—First class:—John G. Wood, Joseph B. Robinson, Dora E. Brodie.—Second class:—J. G. Robinson, Edith M. Brodie, John T. Maddison, Georgina Prevell, Joseph H. Walton, Mabel E. Weaver, Margaret J. Ferguson, Thomas Allison, Frances J. Lee, Rose McGroghegan, Margaret E. Robinson, George Surtees. — Model drawing:—Second class:—John Wm. Bryant; Florence M. Atkinson. — Shading from models: — Benjamin Bailey, pass.—Shading from cast:—B. Bailey, pass. The geometrical drawings worked by Mr B. Bailey have been "accepted" by the Science and Art Department towards his Art Teacher's Certificate.

BLACKHILL.

Starr-Bowkett Building Society.—The members of the First Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society, had an appropriation meeting on Thurday se'nnight, when number 446 was drawn in the name of Mr John Siddle, holding one share, entitling him to £100, as per rule. Mr W. J. Gillies acted as chairman, Mr Kirk and Mr Parker were scrutineers, Mr Kirk being the ball drawer.

MEDOMSLEY.

Flower Show and Sports.—The annual festival of the Medomsley Floral and Horticultural Society will take place to-morrow (Saturday) in a field contiguous to the Miners' Arms, Medomsley, kindly lent to the society by Mr John Minto. We understand that there is an excellent entry in the floral and horticultural portion of the exhibition, while in the 120 yards handicap some of the best sprinters in the north will figure on the card. There are also capital entries for the quoiting, &c. We sincerely hope that the society will be favoured by that most desirable adjunct for a flower show—fine weather, which is all that is needed to make the present *re-union* one of the most successful in the society's history. Music will be discoursed by the celebrated Tanfield Lea Prize Brass Band; and in the evening lovers of the "light fantastic" will have an opportunity of indulging in their favourite amusement in the spacious marquee. To all desirous of spending an enjoyable day, we would advise to visit the flower show in the above pretty little village.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

Flower Service.—The annual flower service in connection with the Primitive Methodist Chapel, at Allendale Cottages was held on Sunday week. Rev J. Elliott, Blackhill, preached in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon, a service of song, entitled "Primrose Garth," was given by the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir. There were good congregations on each occasion.

Sudden Death of a Class-leader.—On Monday evening, a class-leader in the person of Mr John Williams, of Allendale Cottages, was leading his usual class meeting in the Primitive Methodist school-room when he suddenly dropped to the floor from a paralytic stroke, due to inaction of the heart. Medical aid was at once sent for, and Dr Wynne, assistant to Dr Renton, of Blackhill, arrived, but could do nothing for the unfortunate man. Deceased was interred yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the burial service being performed by Rev John Elliott (of Blackhill), in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Allendale Cottages. Deceased leaves a grown up family to mourn his loss, and was highly esteemed in the district.

WOLSINGHAM.

The Alabama choir visited Wolsingham on Wednesday week, and Frosterley on Thursday evening and gave concerts.

The Local Committee at Wolsingham have met and have decided to erect some additional gas lamps in the village, which will be done the present week. This will now bring the number up to forty-two lamps.

WEARDALE.

Sudden Death at Rookhope.—Mrs Elizabeth Fairless, widow of the late Mr Cuthbert Fairless, shopkeeper, Rookhope, has died very suddenly this week at her residence in Rookhope.

Mr Matt. Dunn, Stockton-on-Tees, who has been sojourning in Upper Weardale for a holiday, concluded his evening lectures on ambulance on Wednesday se'nnight. Mr Dunn, as is his wont, annually, has addressed gatherings at St. John's Town Hall and the Board School, Wearhead, on the utility of first aid.

TOW LAW.

Choir Trip.—On Wednesday, the members of the Parish Church choir, Tow Law, had a pleasant outing to Durham, where a very enjoyable day was spent.

Sudden Death at Drover House.—On Saturday morning, Mr John Atkinson, of Prospect Place, head keeper on Edmondbyers Moors, died very suddenly. It appears that deceased had been to see some gentlemen who were leaving for London, and afterwards went into an outhouse and sat down by the fire. Immediately on sitting down, he fell back in his chair and expired. Mr Atkinson had occupied his position as a gamekeeper a number of years, and was widely esteemed for many miles around. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

WEST STANLEY.

A commencement has been made with the building of new business premises for the West Stanley Co-operative Society.

Accident.—On Saturday night, a boy named Ridley, living in Scott's Houses, West Stanley, whilst running to ride upon the steps of a brake, tripped himself up, and before he could regain his footing to get out of the way, another conveyance following closely behind ran over the unfortunate youth, breaking his thigh bone and bruising his head severely. The boy was picked up and taken home, and medical aid was speedily procured.

TANTOBIE.

Wesleyan Chapel.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached in this place of worship at Tantobie, by Mr J. Cook, Whickham. The congregations were good, and collections were taken in aid of the new chapel fund.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Victoria School, Chester-le-Street. — The result of the examination in sound, light, and heat, held under the Science and Art Department in May last, is as follows:—Elementary Stage, 1st class, John William Temple, John William Oliver, and John Carss.

PITT HILL.

Polling District.—A meeting of the electors of the above district was held on Thursday se'nnight in the schoolroom, Pitt Hill. Mr Robert Ratcliffe presided, and the electors were addressed by Mr Elliott, of Twizell, and Mr Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea. After votes of thanks to the speakers and the chairman, the following were appointed to further the Liberal course in that particular part of the constituency:—Chairman, Robert Ratcliffe. Committee, Messrs Geo. Stacey, Geo. Maughan, Henry Brunning, Jno. Welsh, Ben Burridge, Hugh Lawson, and others. Secretary, R. J. English, Beamish Colliery, Chester-le-Street.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting—which was postponed for a week by reason of the Agricultural Show being held at Blackhill on the Wednesday previous—took place on Wednesday night, in the Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge. Coun. J. Annandale (chairman) being absent from home, Mr Joseph Eltringham was called upon to preside, the other members present being Messrs J. Lax, J. Dowson, W. Robinson, A. E. Turner, the clerk (Mr John Booth), and the surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

CEMENTING THE FOOTWAYS.

The Finance Committee recommended that the tender of Mr Ormerod, of Blackhill, whose contract was considerably the lowest, be accepted for executing the necessary kerbing, channelling, and cementing advertised by the Board.

The question as to whether Durham Road footpath, as well as Cutler's Hall footpath, should be kerbed, channelled, and cemented, was discussed.

Mr Lax said it was understood, at the last meeting, that if there were sufficient funds, both works should be carried out.

The Clerk said the Board had about £500 in hand.

The Surveyor estimated that the total cost of cementing, &c., of the two portions of footpaths would be about £200.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr Robinson, seconded by Mr Turner, that the tender of Mr Ormerod be accepted for kerbing, channelling, and cementing the footpath on the north-east side of Cutler's Hall from Old Cutler's Hall to the Slonks; also from the south side of Durham Road from Derwent Street to the railway bridge.

Mr Dowson thought the Board should cement the footpaths at Bottle Bank.

The Surveyor: That is the Consett Iron Company's private property.

THE SURVEYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

With reference to the report of Mr C. F. Jordison, assistant district auditor, that the Surveyor's account and the Clerk's ledger did not correspond in their several items for highway expenditure and repairs, the Clerk read the communication he had forwarded to the Local Government Board. Their lordships replied that with regard to the last paragraph of Mr Booth's letter, they had since been informed by Mr Jordison that the total cost of repairing highways in the ledger did not correspond with the total cost as entered in the highways expenditure, and that the latter book is not kept by the clerk, but by the surveyor. The Clerk had drafted an answer to the foregoing letter, explaining that the only difference between the two books was that he (the clerk) entered the street-watering separately, while the surveyor included this expense under the head of highway repairs. The Board would remember the case he mentioned a month ago—Local Board against the Westminster Council—and he added that watering was certainly an expense which rightly came under the heading of repairs, because if the highways were not watered, they would get into a bad state. Lighting was rather different, and could not under any circumstances be charged to the County Council. They would have to settle that question, however, with the County Council. If the Local Government Board and the auditor were driving at the item of expenditure alluded to, it was a most roundabout red-tape way of proceeding to attack the surveyor's accounts because that official had included something which was quite correctly entered under the heading of highway repairs.

The Surveyor mentioned that the system had now been in vogue for about six years, and was approved of by the district auditor (Mr Hockin) himself.

On the proposal of Mr Lax, seconded by Mr Dowson, the Clerk's draft rejoinder was ordered to be transmitted to the Local Government Board.

THE NUISANCE AT BLACKHILL.

A letter was read from the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company intimating that they were taking steps to remove the nuisance arising from the old gas tank in the Blackhill quarry.

The Chairman observed that the Company were advertising for tenders for filling up the place.

Mr Turner stated that evidently the refuse from the ashpits was being deposited in the hole, making the nuisance as bad as ever.

The Surveyor said that Mr Richley (secretary to the Company) told him that they had given instructions that no more privy refuse should be emptied into the hole. There was a possibility, if the water was only taken therefrom, of the place being utilised as a *depot* for the Local Board's nightsoil.

THE PUBLIC SEATS.

Mr Robinson said the seats erected along the roadsides for the benefit of the public would be much better if there was a blocker or large stone inserted at the bottom of each for the feet to rest upon, instead of placing the pedal extremities in a puddle hole.

Mr Turner remarked that the way in which the seats were being cut by people was something disgraceful.

On the motion of Mr Lax, the surveyor was instructed to affix huge blockers as foot rests to each of the seats.

PLANS.

The Building and Sanitary Committee reported as follows:—Plans for alterations to out-offices in Walton's Row, Blackhill, for Mrs Isabella Christopher, recommended to be passed subject to the same being ventilated by opening the back and front walls; plan for additional bedrooms in houses now building in St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill, for Messrs Gibson and Hobday; also a plan and letter from Mr Peter Gibson, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, asking to be allowed to build a w.c. at the back of his house in St. Cuthbert's Terrace, were recommended to be erected in accordance therewith.

The Board approved of the plans.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the workmen had been employed on the several streets and highways water-tabling, gathering off loose stones, and dressing up. The stonebreakers were preparing materials for next season. The 10 seats ordered by the Board had been made and placed in several parts of the district. He had posted notices declaring Wesley Street, Blackhill, a public highway. The lamps had been placed out, and the lamplighter had commenced to light the same. He had collected and paid to the treasurer the sum of £45 13s 2d on account of general district rate; caution bills had been posted in the district.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector reported the district to be in fair condition. He had served notices on the proprietors of Walton's Row, Blackhill, and expected the works would be commenced shortly.

The reports were adopted.

FINANCIAL.

The Finance Committee recommended the settlement of the Surveyor's monthly pay-bill (£62 17s 10d), and other accounts representing a total of £122 9s 7d.

This was agreed to.

ESTIMATE AND NEW RATE.

The estimates for the ensuing half-year's expenses were laid before the Finance Committee, and they recommended the same to be passed, and a rate of 10d in the pound be made for the ensuing half-year:—

	£	s	d
Salaries	100	0	0
Rent	7	10	0
Incidentals	20	0	0
Stationery	10	0	0
Gas and lighting	152	0	0
Highways	400	0	0
Medical Officer...	7	17	6
Audit	4	0	0
Footpaths	100	0	0
Hospital...	30	0	0
Total	£831	7	6

The rateable value of the district would realise £550 5s 8½d; the estimated grants from the County Council, £350; making a total of £900 5s 8½d.

The Chairman advised the Board not to levy the rate till after October, when they would reap the benefit of the increased rateable value of about £300.

A TRADESMAN'S CELLAR FLOODED.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr G. Eltringham, grocer, Blackfine, complaining of the flooding of his cellar by reason of the Board's main drain having become stopped up.

Mr Robinson explained that he saw the place just after the water had subsided. It was in a dreadful mess. The casks, crockery ware, glass, &c. broken was something fearful. Mr Eltringham had certainly not exaggerated as regards the amount of damage he had suffered. The water had flooded his cellar to a depth of 2½ feet, and filth was standing several inches high. If the Board could do anything to obviate this state of affairs, action should certainly be taken at once.

The Chairman enquired if it was the water from the Board's sewage pipes that flooded the cellar, or was it the water that accumulated on the ground and percolated the wall into the cellar?

Mr Robinson understood that the valve in the sewer did not act properly, and the water rushed back from the sewer.

The Chairman said that Mr Eltringham admitted to him that the water came spurting through the walls of the cellar round about the sides.

Mr Lax thought the subject might safely be referred to the Sanitary Committee for investigation.

The Surveyor wished to know if it was the duty of the Board to lay their sewers sufficiently large to cope with heavy thunderstorms? The sewer worked all right during an ordinary rainfall, but when a thunderstorm came on the pipe became overcharged, and no doubt overflowed altogether. The pipes were small and were laid too level. This particular drain was inserted 17 or 18 years ago. It was a 9 inch pipe. There had not been a great deal of property built since that date. This question of flooded cellars cropped up from time to time, and ought to be settled one way or the other.

The Clerk said the probability was that this was not sewage, but surface water than ran into the cellar.

The Chairman was satisfied that water from the sewer could not penetrate the cellar as long as the valve worked all right. There was a possibility, however, of the overflow of water bursting the pipes and rushing back again.

The Clerk pointed out that the question was whether this was sewage or surface water that entered the cellar? The matter could only be satisfactorily investigated by the Sanitary Committee.

The Surveyor thought that the whole of the water from Watson Street accumulated there.

It was agreed to refer the subject to the Sanitary Committee to report upon next month.

MORE LIGHT.

After a short discussion, it was decided that the Highway Committee inspect Prospect Place, Thomas Street, and Market Street, Blackhill, with a view of laying the gas mains along these thoroughfares and report by the next meeting as to the number of lamps necessary to be erected.

THE WIDENING OF THE CHURCH BANK.

Mr Lax said he was authorised by Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., Shotley Hall, to state that that gentleman was willing to fulfil the terms of his original agreement in relation to the widening of the Church Bank, at Shotley Bridge, the question having been before the Board two years ago. The reason the scheme was not carried out was because Mr J. S. Moffatt offered to give sufficient ground to make the street 22 feet wide at the bottom, and Mr Walton-Wilson was willing to concede sufficient land to continue the thoroughfare the same width up to Benfieldside Vicarage. Eventually, Mr Moffatt had not space enough to allow that width at the high end, but there was plenty of room at the foot of the bank. The high portion was only 28 feet wide. However, Mr Walton-Wilson was prepared to give sufficient ground to continue the street 22 feet wide from Mr Moffatt's property to the Vicarage. This scheme would cost little money, and would effect a very great improvement indeed. It was a very narrow road for a public thoroughfare, and he (Mr Lax) trusted the Board would accept the generous offer.

The Chairman remarked that Mr Wilson originally offered to give the ground, providing the Board took down the existing wall and re-built it at the extended width, the footpath being made wider.

Mr Robinson moved, and Mr Turner seconded, the undermentioned resolution:—That the following minute be entered on the book: The Board learn with pleasure of a verbal connection made to the Board by Mr Lax from Mr Walton-Wilson that he is willing to give land to widen the Church Bank, and will be glad to have from Mr Wilson a plan of the ground he proposes to give, so as to have the improvement effected as soon as possible, and that this minute be communicated to Mr Walton-Wilson.

The motion was carried *nem con*.

THE NEW ROAD.

Mr Lax urged upon the Board to kerb, channel, and cement the footpath from the corner of Mrs Thirlwell's house to the of Green Street, on the Shotley and Derwent turnpike.

The Chairman explained that there would not be sufficient time to cement the footpath this season. The Board had already received more contracts for more cementing than could be done before the winter set in.

Mr Robinson mentioned that the footpath at the high part of Blackfine was arranged to be cemented next.

Mr Lax said the cost of this would only be £80, half of which will be defrayed by the County Council. It would not interfere with the other works. Besides, their rates had been reduced 2d in the pound, and they had a good balance in hand.

The Chairman answered that although the Local Board rate had been deceased, the poor rate had increased, in consequence of the money required by the County Council in payment of the grants.

After a sharp discussion, it was ultimately agreed that the Board kerb and channel the foot path, according to Mr Ormerod's tender, with a view to cementing it next spring.

This was agreed to.

THE LIGHTING SEASON.

The Board's contract with the Gas Company for lighting the public lamps was sealed and stamped.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD.

A letter was read from Mr R. Simey informing the Board that it was the intention of that body to have the south approach to the bridge at Shotley Bridge paved with granite blocks, and the work would be commenced forthwith.

The Chairman said that he had been informed that no tenders had been received in reply to the advertisement.

The Clerk announced that the County Council had granted the Board £20 on account and establishment charges, instead of £230. He counted this both unfair and unjust, and counselled the Board to join the Association of Local Boards with a view of testing whether the action of the County Council was legal or not.

It was resolved to become members of the Association on payment of £1 1s per annum.

The meeting then adjourned.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[By the "Old Crow."]

At the Theatre Royal, Consett, this week, has been produced for the first time that most successful of plays adapted from Wilkie Collin's novel, *The New Magdalen*. It is a play in which, as I have previously said, Miss Ada Cavendish first made herself famous by her admirable pourtrayal of the heroine, Mercy Merrick. Of more than usual interest *The New Magdalen* was, if my memory serves me rightly, produced at the Olympic Theatre, London, something like twelve months ago.

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For Monday next I notice *Is She Guiltless* will be put on the boards at the local theatre. The play has previously made two visits to the town—a fact which may be taken to signify, when looked at in conjunction with the coming visit, that it is something of a favourite at Consett.

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At the Tow Law Flower Show on Saturday, there is, I notice, to be another band contest. I believe this was the case last year at Tow Law, and the result must on that account have proved satisfactory when it is felt well to repeat the experiment this year. If a good number of bands only compete the contest should prove very attractive. By-the-way, does the Consett band have a look in here?

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The music at Medomsley Show to-morrow (Saturday) is to be supplied by the Tanfield Lea Band, and a good band too. I don't know what its present strength may be, but I have a recollection that two or three years ago, in this respect, it was able to hold its own. I have no doubt that the programme for rendition will be of a popular character, and should prove a draw for Medomsley.

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The band of the *Wellesley* Training Ship has been engaged by the committee of the Kyo Flower Show, which is also to be held to-morrow (Saturday), and judging from their happy reception at Consett the other day, good old Kyo may be congratulated on having made a capital selection in securing the services of these juvenile instrumentalists.

THE CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT AT CONSETT.

At Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) evening, *Robert Baker*, of Newcastle, formerly employed by Robert Willey, grocer, Consett, was committed for trial at the Sessions on the charges of fraudulently embezzling and stealing the moneys of his employer, on July 4th and 5th and August 2nd. Mr Welford (Consett) prosecuted; Mr Dix (Newcastle) defended.—Bail was accepted.—The trial will be published fully next week.

LANCHESTER AND CONSETT BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The general annual licensing meeting for the West Division of Chester Ward in the County of Durham was held yesterday (Thursday) in the Justice Room, Lanchester, before the following magistrates:—Rev J. P. De Pledge (chairman of the Division), Messrs Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, J. W. Walton-Wilson, W. Green, F. Priestman, and W. B. Van Haansbergen.

NEW APPLICATIONS.

There were only two fresh applications for the sale by retail in inns of intoxicating liquors, under the Licensing Act, 1828—viz., Edward Taylor, retailer of spirits and beer, at Ivesley Three Lane Ends, near Hedleyhope, in respect of a house belonging to himself; and Joseph James, beerhouse-keeper, Langley Park, in the township of Esh, for a house belonging to John Coates, innkeeper, Cornsay Colliery. Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, Consett, supported the other applications, which have repeatedly been heard by the Bench. Mr Taylor has made his application 17 consecutive times, while Mr Coates's has been heard for six or seven years in succession. There were no fresh circumstances connected with either case, except that the population around Cornsay Colliery had increased to about 300.—Their worships retired for consideration, and on their return the Chairman said they had carefully considered these applications, and decided not to grant any fresh licenses.

THE "BLACK LIST."

Supt. Oliver submitted the subjoined list of beerhouse keepers convicted of offence against their licenses during the year ending 28th August:—Samuel Siddle, West Kyo, permitting drunkenness, Sept. 12th, fined 40s and costs; George Coates, South Moor, permitting drunkenness, May 8th, fined 20s and costs; Francis McKinley, Hill Top, selling drink during prohibited hours, May 12th, fined 40s and costs.—The Chairman mentioned that two of the occupants of these houses had removed and been replaced by fresh tenants. He reminded the owners that it was not sufficent to cause a landlord convicted of any offence to be shifted, as their responsibility did not cease there.

THE OLD LICENSES.

The Justices renewed the whole of the existing licenses for a term of 12 months.

POLICE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Supt. Jas. Oliver, Consett, presented the following statement:—

Police Office, Consett,
August, 1890.

To the Chairman and Magistrates of the West Division of Chester Ward in Brewster Sessions assembled.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit the following statement of offences under the Licensing Act during the year ending, July 31st, 1890. There are within your jurisdiction 113 full licensed houses, 32 beerhouses, and 43 beer and wine and spirit licenses for consumption off the premises. During the year, 3 beerhouse keepers have been convicted, viz., two for permitting drunkenness, and one for selling drink during prohibited hours. No publicans holding full licenses have been convicted, although several have been summoned for permitting drunkenness, but were discharged. I have found great difficulty in obtaining convictions for this class of offence, owing to the fact that in almost every case a large number of witnesses were called to prove that no drunkenness had actually taken place. The following number of persons have been proceeded against for drunkenness and other offences, under the Licensing Act, 1872:—

No. of persons proceeded against... 1,072
No. of persons convicted 1,009
No. of persons discharged 63

being an increase over last year of 364 persons proceeded against, and 333 convicted.

I consider the conduct of the license-holders of division to have been fairly good, also of the inhabitants generally, taking into consideration the activity prevailing in the local industries, which has caused a great influx of migratory labourers into the district, and who having no home comforts, ivariably drift into the public-houses as soon as they have received their earnings.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Jas. Oliver, Supt.

SOUND ADVICE FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

Rev J. P. De Pledge, addressing the large number assembled in court, said: I desire to say a few words of friendly counsel and advice to you, and in the first instance, Supt. Oliver, we congratulate you on the satisfactory report you have just submitted to us. It is highly creditable to you and the officers under your charge, that so far as the licensed owners are concerned, by your vigilance and tact you have been able to maintain order and conformity to the law. At the same time it is to be regretted that nearly 17½ per cent. of the population have been convicted of drunkenness during the past year. We also congratulate you, the licensed victuallers of this Petty Sessional Division, on the way in which you have conducted your useful but difficult vocation. We are not insensible of the difficulties you have in maintaining sobriety and order in your hostelries, and it would be unfair to most of you to suppose that you have any desire to encourage drunkenness upon your premises. There are many cases occur where the liquor has not been consumed within this division, especially in the vicinity of railway stations. There are many who get more drink than sufficient at some of the neighbouring towns, and on their return drop into the nearest public-house, apparently steady, but "the last straw breaks the camel's back." These are very different cases, so far as you are concerned, to those where persons are allowed to remain for hours in your houses, and get drink until they are completely incapacitated. Such cases we shall deal with with great and well-merited severity. During the past year your trade has been harassed by useless but abortive legislation. The magistrates still retain the power of granting or withholding licenses. I think, with all humility, it must be acknowledged that they have hitherto used that power with sound judgment and discretion—without fear or favour. It is very doubtful whether any other tribunal can be constituted where the interests of the public and yourselves would be more carefully and impartially considered. So long as a house is well-conducted, it appears to me to be unfair, not only to the publican but also to the taxpayer, to withdraw a license and give compensation. It would not promote the cause of temperance, but would endow and create a property which would be enormously increased in value for the benefit of individuals at the expense of the taxpayer. I would again remind you that you are licensed victuallers, and that it is your duty to provide food as well as drink for the public. Let your liquor be good and well-matured, and avoid as far as possible the introduction and use of "long bars"—(laughter)—which have a great tendency to encourage habits of intemperance. While not wishing to interfere with the reasonable recreation of the people, it appears to me very undesirable that you should encourage the cruel practice of rabbit coursing, and pigeon and sparrow shooting. It is not sport; it only tends to poaching and drinking. In conclusion, gentlemen, I may say that you will always have the support of this Bench and of the police in the maintenance of good order and sobriety in your respective houses.

THE DOUBLE FATALITY AT CONSETT STEEL WORKS.

VERDICT OF THE JURY.

A WORKMAN SEVERELY CENSURED.

On Friday afternoon, in the ante-chamber connected with the New Town Hall, Consett, Mr Coroner Graham

RESUMED AND CONCLUDED THE ENQUIRY

into the circumstances attending the death of Joseph Lancaster, aged 23 years, of Benfieldside Edge Road, a pitman at the Consett Steel Works, who was fatally burnt by the explosion of a steel ingot, on the night of the 5th inst., and expired in the Infirmary the following morning from the shock to the system; also concerning the fate of John Gibson, aged 36 years, of 45, Queen Street, Consett, pitman at the Steel Works, who was burnt on the legs and arms at the same time, and succumbed to blood poisoning in the Infirmary on the 17th August. The Consett Iron Company were represented as before; while Mr J. G. Murray, solicitor, Consett and Newcastle, watched the proceedings on behalf of the relatives of Lancaster; Mr James Urwin, miner, Leadgate, appearing for the wife and family of Gibson.

Mr George Ainsworth deposed that he was manager of the Steel Works at Consett. He had

EXAMINED THE INGOT

which blew out and also the ingot mould. These both showed distinct indications that the mould, when set in the casting pit, had contained a layer of slag, which had adhered to the mould, about half-way up, and obstructed the passage of the steel. The ingot had

A DISTINCT RING OF SLAG

round it to a depth of several inches, at a distance of two feet from the bottom, and the ingot mould also showed signs of slag having been sticking all round it at the same height. In addition, there was a clear indication that the clay wash, which was poured into the moulds, after being set in position, but whilst still hot, in order to seal the bottom, had run round the slag which was

STICKING HALF-WAY UP THE MOULD,

this showing there was little, if any, passage through this disc or shelf of slag. When the fluid steel was run into this mould, it had rested on the slag instead of running to the bottom of the mould, thus explaining the evidence of Brownlee, the teemer, that the mould appeared to get full when only about

HALF THE USUAL QUANTITY OF STEEL

had been run in. When the weight of steel in the mould became too heavy for the slag to sustain, it had collapsed into the lower empty portion of the ingot mould, and the sudden rush of air out of this cavity, intensified by the expansion due to the great heat, had

BLOWN THE MOLTEN METAL

out in all directions, and so burnt the men working near. It was the duty of the teemer who set the moulds in the casting pit to see that all of them were clean and clear of slag before he put them in.

Witness, questioned by the jury, said the weight of the molten steel was

SUFFICIENT TO BREAK THE SLAG,

but would not melt it in such a short space of time. The explosion occurred before the mould was filled; but Brownlee, the teemer, being injured, the ladle was allowed to run till the metal rushed over the top of the mould. The iron mould would expand with the heat, and loosen the slag round the sides, thereby causing the slag to drop sooner. There was a manager for the night-shift to see that the men were

PERFORMING THEIR WORK PROPERLY.

The teemer was promoted from a pitman, and became accustomed to his duties by daily habit. If the foreman had seen Stoker (as alleged) setting the moulds for Barron in the pit, he would certainly have been stopped. If the foreman had been aware of the fact, it would have been reported to witness, who actually

KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER

till mentioned by Barron the other night. Stoker was a teemer before he went to the furnaces. It occupied about half-an-hour to set the eight moulds. The men

USUALLY EXAMINED THE MOULDS

to see that they were free from slag, &c., just before they were deposited in the pit.

By Mr Murray: Brownlee (who was teeming) had some experience of the business, although not actually engaged as a teemer. Three men formed a set of "teemers." Thomas Armstrong was night manager, and Thomas Jarvis foreman, on the date of the accident. They

WOULD NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

except setting the workmen in their places, and generally superintending the operations. All the men were supposed to be aware of their particular duties.

Mr J. Petherick, assistant-manager of the Steel Works, sworn, said that the accident which occurred at the Consett Works, on the night of August 5th, was due to an ingot mould—the eighth in the pit—containing about the middle a

THICK LAYER OF SLAG.

This mould was used at the cast on the Monday night (4th inst.). 7½ to 8½ ingots being obtained from a charge; the eighth mould, as will be seen, remaining often about half-full. The last two or three cwts. of steel, when teeming, brings out slag as well; one specific gravity of slag being very much less than steel. The former

FLOATS ON THE TOP.

The eighth mould contained a half ingot about two feet long, and upon this there was a portion of slag. In about half-an-hour after a furnace was tapped, the pit is stopped—that is, the moulds were taken off, the ingots remaining in the pit to be taken out immediately after. The last or eighth mould was taken out with the others. The pit was then cleared of the ingots, and the

MOULDS WERE RE-SET

for the next cast. Witness was present when the "K" furnace was tapped again on the day-shift on Tuesday, and on this occasion only

FIVE MOULDS WERE REQUIRED.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth moulds were not disturbed, but were allowed to remain for the succeeding day. The man whose duty it was to set the moulds on the Monday night was Joseph Barron, and he should have

EXAMINED THE MOULDS

to see that they contained no slag before setting them back in the pit.

Witness, in answer to the Coroner, stated that he entirely agreed with Mr Ainsworth as to the

CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION.

The Jury said they were perfectly satisfied that some slag had adhered to the mould in question, and prevented the proper quantity of steel being poured therein. They were also agreed as to the cause of the explosion—viz., that the slag had not been removed, and the liquid metal having rested thereon, the slag subsequently gave way, and the heat and air concentrated in the mould

ACTED AS AN EXPLOSIVE AGENT.

The Jury were further satisfied that the mould had not been properly cleaned, and the accident happened in the way described.

The Coroner, in summing up the evidence, said the question before the jury now narrowed itself into this:

WHO WAS TO BLAME FOR THE ACCIDENT?

Somebody was to blame. As to whose duty it was to see that the mould was properly cleared out, there could not be any question, because Joseph Barron admitted that fact, but after being cautioned and interrogated as to whether he did actually examine the moulds and ascertain if the were perfectly free from slag or other substance, Barron declined to answer the question. This circumstance must not, however,

PREJUDICE THE MINDS OF THE JURY

against the man, because it was quite within his prerogative not to reply to the question. But at the same time, the jury must be perfectly satisfied, from other evidence, that Barron failed in his duty. Even if Stoker, the person whom he said was acting for him, neglected his duty, the fact remained the same because the

RESPONSIBILITY STILL RESTED UPON BARRON'S SHOULDERS.

Some of the jury thought that Stoker should have been called as a witness, either to have substantiated or contradicted the evidence of Barron.

The Coroner replied that this was immaterial, inasmuch as there was not a third party involved in the matter. If Barron got Stoker to do his work, the former was still responsible.

WHAT DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY

arose in their minds was another matter. The jury might consider it carelessness on the part of a not over careful man. They might attribute his negligence to forgetfulness on the part of Barron, who knowing that Stoker had been previously accustomed to that particular work, would not, he perhaps thought, have failed to see that the

MOULDS WERE PERFECTLY CLEAR

when he set them in the pit. The jury also might think it was negligence of such a highly culpable character as to render

BARRON LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED

for it. The jury must decide what degree of negligence Barron had been guilty of. It rested entirely upon his shoulders. If Barron chooses to employ another man to do his work, Barron is still responsible; he

HE CANNOT SHIFT HIS LIABILITY

upon the shoulders of another person, no matter how experienced in that particular class of work Stoker might have been. One man died from the shock consequent upon the burns, and another one died from blood poisoning; both the result of the same accident.

Mr Ainsworth, questioned by a juryman, said that, assuming that Barron had been attending to his own work, it was his duty to have examined the interior of the moulds, while they were being suspended aloft by the crane, just after the ingots had been removed, and before the moulds were again placed in the pit. They were supposed to

EXAMINE THE WHOLE OF THE EIGHT MOULDS

before being replaced. Very frequently they found rings of slag inside the moulds, and both Barron and other men

HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY CAUTIONED

against leaving the slag there, because, although no accident occurred, the ingots were spoiled, and the firm lost £10 worth of steel.

The jury then returned to consider their verdict, and after, half-an-hour's absence, the foreman (Mr G. Weaver) announced: The jury unanimously agreed that

BARRON WAS GUILTY OF NEGLECT,

and they wished him to be severely censured by the Coroner for his misconduct.

The Coroner: Very well. You do not consider his negligence is of a sufficiently culpable character as to warrant you

RETURNING A VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER?

The Foreman: No sir.

Barron was called in, and the Coroner informed him that the jury had come to the conclusion that the deaths of these two men were attributed to his negligence, inasmuch as he

FAILED TO DO HIS DUTY

in seeing that the moulds were clean and free from slag. The moulds had been used during the previous shift, and there was only sufficent steel to half fill the eighth one and in consequence slag had adhered to the sides and formed a sort of crust across the inside of the mould, and prevented the steel from running to the bottom when being poured in. The jury were quite satisfied that he was responsible for the accident, inasmuch as the molten steel being poured on the slag the heat had

CAUSED AN EXPLOSION,

whereby two men had been fatally burnt. The accident was attributed to his (Barron's) neglect in not seeing that the moulds were properly cleaned. The jury requested him to

CENSURE BARRON FOR HIS NEGLIGENCE.

He (Mr Graham) understood that Barron was not now in the service of the Consett Iron Company, but if ever he obtained

SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT ANYWHERE

else, the Coroner warned him to attend to his duties. It was no excuse for him to say that he expected the work would have been properly done by Stoker, who was deputed to discharge that duty. Stoker was a professional teemer, and doubtless Barron trusted him to perform the work properly, and perhaps thought that the blame lay with Stoker. Was that not so?

Barron: No sir.

The Coroner (continuing) explained that whenever he got any person to do his work, although he might be a very competent man, he was still responsible if his deputy did not discharge his work properly. No person could shift the blame upon the shoulders of another person whom he employs to do his own work. Barron's duty was a

VERY IMPORTANT ONE,

and would not bear neglecting, because here was two deaths which had resulted through his negligence. He trusted that Barron would never shirk his duty in the future.

Barron: I don't think it is my fault.

The Coroner: The jury think differently. I don't want to hear any explanation from you.

Barron: I can make a statement, surely?

The Coroner: No. You must retire.

Barron: It's a strange thing that I'm not allowed to speak.

The verdict of the jury was that

BOTH MEN LOST THEIR LIVES

in consequence of being seriously burnt by the bursting a steel ingot at the Consett Works on August 5th, the accident occurring through the negligence of Joseph Barron, in not performing his duty in seeing that the moulds were perfectly clear from slag or other substance.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT FOAL SHOW.

The third annual foal show in connection with the Chester-le-Street and District Horse Society was held in the cricket field, on Monday, when there was only a moderate attendance. The entries for the different classes exceeded the numbers of all previous years. The society had especial reason to be satisfied with the result of the show, for a colt foal by Home Secretary, the sire at the disposal of the club, besides winning the event confined to colts by this sire, won first honours in the open event, which had eight competitors, Mr T. D. Eden, taking second place with the well-shaped colt by Young Prodigy, who soon became the object of attention and comment as the winner of first prize at Blackhill, last week, as well as on account of its fine appearance. A strong, compact beast, the property of Mr T. Hall, Fatfield, also received special notice. Both, however, had to give way to the Ouston Coal Company's colt, which as already stated, took premier honours in the first class. It may be here remarked that at Blackhill it competed against Mr Eden's colt. On Monday, the latter was second. The foals by Gentle James which were shown last year would appear to have come on satisfactorily, for in the class for yearlings by the above animal, which belonged to the club the year previously, they were placed in exactly the same order as placed when foals. The half-bred foals did not compare favourably with other years in quality. The judges were Mr Spraggon, Nafferton; Mr Turnbull, Twizell Hall; and Mr Turnbull, Falforth House, Witton; while the secretary's duties were in the hands of Mr Brewis. The following is the prize list:—

Class 1.—Colt foals, by Home Secretary (four entries—1, Ouston Coal Co.; 2, T. Smith, Twizell Dykes; c, G. E. Forster, Biddick.

Class 2.—Filly foals, by Home Secretary (two entries)—1, E. Young, Broomyholme.

Class 3.—(Open).—Draught foals (eight entries) 1, Ouston Coal Co.; 2, T. D. Eden, by Young Prodigy, dam by Wellington; c, T. Hall, Fatfield, sire Waren John.

Class 4.—Yearlings by Gentle James. Colts, geldings, or fillies (three entries)—1, Ouston Coal Co.; 2, R. Ryle, High Flatts; c, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester.

Class 5.—Colt or filly foals, by Home Secretary or Lord Cross (five entries)—1, Ouston Coal Company, by Home Secretary; c, T. Smith, Twizell Dykes, by Lord Cross.

Class 6.—(Open Class).—Half-bred foals (seven entries)—1, J. Clark, Chester-le-Street, by Even; 2, J. Waugh, Low Moor, by Prince of Hebron; c, E. Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall, Pride of the Day, by Even.

Class 7.—Foal, by Even (four entries)—1, J. Clark, Chester-le-Street; 2, E. Hedley, Burnhopside Hall.

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

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents. King Edward Street, London, E.C.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, fleas bed-bugs, roaches, ants, insects, ground moles, &c. 6½d and 1s. boxes.

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IONIE, THE PRIDE OF THE MILL.

A THRILLING LOVE STORY,

By Laura Jean Libbey.

CHAPTER XVII

THE HOME-COMING OF THE DISCARDED SON.

It so happened that business connected with the iron mills took Arthur Rochester to New York for a day, which was quite contrary to his expectations; and the first person he met coming down the steps of the Stock Exchange was—his father!

John Rochester would have passed his handsome, noble son by in silence and without recognition, but Arthur suddenly stopped short.

"Father," he said, eagerly extending his hand, "have you not one kind thought left in your heart for me?"

Mr. Rochester's fine old face turned a shade paler. He bowed stiffly as his eyes rested for one brief instant on the fair, debonair face and the happy expression on it.

No one knew, save himself, how he had yearned for this son of his; but he was too proud to relent and recall him. And, although he received Arthur's overtures with coldness and lowering brow, that would have daunted any one less brave, at heart he was well pleased.

"If you have anything to say to me you may come to the house," said Mr. Rochester, ungraciously, and only too pleased at the scant courtesy extended.

Arthur took his place beside his father in his carriage.

How the old butler's face lighted up when he saw his genial young master! He hurried down to the servants' hall all in a flutter, exclaiming, thankfully:

"The good Lord be praised! The old gentleman and Master Arthur are reconciled at last! He brought young master home with him in his carriage. They are in his study."

Miss Rochester was almost overcome by the joyful intelligence, and Elaine Granger, the heiress, old Mr. Rochester's ward, was, to use her own expression, "beside herself with delight."

She rang her bell hastily for her maid.

"Patrice," she said, excitedly, "I want you to bring my prettiest dress at once, and help me on with it quickly. Mr. Arthur Rochester is here."

Patrice was becoming quite used to hearing her pretty young mistress bemoan Arthur's absence with every day that had passed.

Aunt Hilda went down to the drawing-room at once, and she was most agreeably surprised to hear the father and son talking upon the most amicable of terms as she opened the door.

Arthur had made a clean breast of it, telling his father all, and how Ionie was now not a poor working girl, but Colonel Whitney's heiress; yes, heiress to the three millions of money which would be left her by the wealthy iron merchant of Pittsburgh, who was her uncle, and whose only living relative she was.

Arthur Rochester would have liked his proud old father rather better if he had not said, eagerly:

"As the case now stands, I am willing, of course, to withdraw my objections to the young lady. The heiress of Colonel Whitney of Pittsburgh, who is well and favourably known to me by reputation, is quite a different personage from a girl who earned her bread in the mill."

Arthur Rochester flushed to the roots of his fair, curling hair.

"My determination has never wavered, father," he said. "I would have won her had it lain in my power to do so when she was only a working girl. She refused me then—yes, that is the truth—she refused the millionaire's son, only to accept me when fate brought us together again, and I hadn't a dollar, but was making my own way in the world. She knew then that you had disinherited me, but she never knew why, God bless her."

"I have repented of that, and have made a new will," said John Rochester, huskily. "You are still my heir, Arthur, worth quite as much as the young lady herself."

"I am quite as much obliged, father, but I shall not accept it," said Arthur, decisively. "I have learned that I can make my own way in the world, and life seems more acceptable to a man when he earns his own livelihood."

The entrance of Aunt Hilda Rochester cut short any further conversation, and a few moments later Miss Granger, the heiress, joined them. All the old family servants gathered round the door, eager for one glimpse of "Master Arthur."

It brought tears to John Rochester's eyes when he saw and realised how dearly his son was beloved.

"I hope you have come to stay, Arthur," said Miss Granger, fluttering down into the velvet easy-chair opposite him, wondering the while if he did not hear how her heart was throbbing, and if he noticed how the colour came and went in her cheeks.

"Only for a day, Elaine," he said, smilingly. "I must return to Pittsburgh at once."

He must have been blind not to see how the colour faded from her face, and her lips trembled; but the fact is, when a young man is in love with one woman he seldom observes the emotions of another.

"In that case it was cruel kindness to come near us at all," pouted the little heiress, striving to keep back her tears of vexation. "I have missed you so much, Arthur," she went on plaintively; "you know I always depended upon you as my cavalier on my rides and drives."

"I should have imagined you would have found many only too glad to fill my place at your side," he said, lightly.

"Do you wish I had?" she asked, quickly, and again he might have noticed the sudden whiteness of the girl's drooping face and the quick, spasmodic quiver of her lips.

"Certainly," he responded, "you should have done so, Elaine. I am really surprised that you did not."

"He has not missed my society as I have missed his," thought the girl, bitterly, "or he could not say that."

It had been a strict secret with Mr. Rochester and his sister as to why Arthur had left home so suddenly, and Elaine never thought of connecting pretty Ionie Lawrence with the cause of it.

It had been a dear wish of Mr. Rochester's that his lovely ward would one day be Arthur's wife, but he had long since abandoned all hope of it, having been brought to a full realisation of the old adage that:

"Love goes where it is sent."

As the evening wore on Arthur pondered long and earnestly as to whether he should speak to the family of his betrothal to Ionie, and of their approaching marriage, or whether he had best leave that piece of news for his father to break to them. He concluded upon the latter course.

"I shall have something important to write you very soon, Elaine," he said at parting, and those words dwelt for many a day in the girl's heart.

But the letter she looked for so long and so eagerly never came.

Arthur Rochester was all impatience to catch the western bound express the next morning.

It seemed to him the train fairly crept past the little villages, the green sloping hills and vales, yet he comforted himself by the thought that every step brought him nearer to his darling.

"I am one day late, but she will be all the more anxious to see me," he told himself, with a smile on his lips.

How he planned on that long journey, just to fill in the time pleasantly, what their future would be like; how he should take Ionie abroad, and how happy they should be, for the best part of all was, they were wedding for love alone.

At the depot he took a coupé to drive him at once out to the villa, as he had written Ionie he should do.

Would she be watching for his coming from one of the lace-draped windows? Of course she would, and his handsome, bonny face glowed with expectancy as he neared the broad entrance gate.

He scanned the windows eagerly, each one quickly in turn, but no lovely girlish face greeted him with answering smiles of welcome.

He ran up the stone steps, two steps at a time, ringing impatiently at the bell.

He was shown by the footman who answered the summons into the morning room, a pretty little apartment which Ionie favoured most. He looked eagerly around; no grateful form sprang from behind the velvet portière to meet him with outstretched hands; no rosy, blushing face was turned expectantly from the sunlit window; the room was quite empty.

He touched the bell hurriedly.

"Tell Miss Ionie I am here," he said to the servant who answered the summons.

A half hour passed, yet Ionie did not make her appearance. She was trying to write him the letter in her boudoir which was to part them, but her hand trembled so she could not hold the pen.

"He would demand to see her any how," she thought, "and see her he would, sooner or later. It might as well be then as at any other time."

With the desperation of utter despair, Ionie brushed the tears from her eyes, and went slowly down to the morning room, with a prayer on her lips to Heaven for bravery.

Arthur heard her footsteps, and he knew it was Ionie, for her approach was always heralded by the faint odour of heliotrope.

He sprang from the sofa on which he had been seated, advancing to meet her with eager warmth and open arms, but she shrank from him with a pained, scared face.

"You must not touch me, Arthur," she whispered, standing before him as white as a marble statue.

His arms fell motionless by his side, and an exclamation of astonishment broke from his lips.

Was he mad, or dreaming? Had he heard aright?

"Arthur," she murmured, piteously, raising those lovely dark, velvety eyes to his face, "I have that to tell you which must be told quickly; and you must believe, too, that it is no jest; every word comes from the depth of my heart. It is this, Arthur—*you and I must part*. I give you back your betrothal ring—for your bride I can never be."

CHAPTER XVIII.

"I HAVE PARTED FROM MY LOVER—I WISH THAT I COULD DIE."

A thunderbolt from a clear sky could not have startled Arthur Rochester more than the words that fell from Ionie's white lips.

She saw the look of bewilderment on his face, and crept nearer to him.

"It is quite true, Arthur," she said, bravely, "we must part."

"Ionie," cried Arthur Rochester, in the most intense astonishment, "what on earth do you mean? You are trying to get up a sensation to frighten me, dear, and to test my love for you," and a merry laugh broke from his lips at his own cleverness in seeing through her little ruse at once.

"Hush, Arthur!" she cried. "It is quite true, oh, believe me."

He looked at her curiously. It was no girlish jest, he was beginning to comprehend; the sad, dark eyes, which had great circles under them, were too serious for that.

Had she heard anything regarding him? No, it could not be that; his life was as clear and open as the page of a book.

"I think," said Arthur, "that I need ask Heaven for patience. You have promised to be my wife, and now you tell me some barrier has arisen between us to part us. You are cruel to me, Ionie. Fate parted us once before; you must not take it into your hands to try to make me miserable again."

"Hush, Arthur!" cried the girl again. "I cannot bear it."

"Ionie," he asked, abruptly, "has the colonel repented giving you to me at the last moment?"

"No," said Ionie, faintly. "It is not that."

"Then I will listen to nothing else," he declared, impatiently. "I will not hear one word more. Nothing under heaven shall take you from me, I promise you, for I love you too well for that. Why, my darling, I cannot endure the *thought*, even, of life without you. You have agreed to be my wife, and not for anything will I consent to release you—do, pray, plead, say what you will."

She only looked at him sadly, tears falling like rain down her cheeks, answering that it could never be.

His anger overpowered him.

"You have never loved me," he cried, "or you would say with me that nothing but death should ever part us. Remember, I am not asking you for the happiness of a few years—for the content of a few months. My whole life is at stake. If I lose you, I would be adrift for life. But you would not do that. You would not have encouraged and accepted me if you had intended to throw me over."

His voice died away in a whisper. He bent his fair, handsome head and kissed the little white hands that were clutched so tightly together.

"You must try to believe me, Arthur," she repeated, piteously. "We must part; but all through your life you will know that you have my liking if not my love," she added, faintly.

He dropped the little white hand and started back, as though she had struck him a heavy blow, and a laugh that was hardly human fell from his white lips.

"Your liking!" he repeated, with infinite scorn. "What word is that to give me? I ask for your love, and you speak of liking. Sun and moon, heat and cold, night and day are not more opposite than love and liking. One is strong, the other weak."

"Ionie," he cried, "have you deceived me? Have you encouraged me with false hope, false smiles, false words you never meant?"

"You frighten me, Arthur," she cried, piteously. "You will be sorry in the time to come that you have spoken so angrily to me."

"I am sorry now," he answered with eager repentance. "Can you not see, Ionie, that I am half mad with wonder and dismay? But really, dear, you do not mean it. You cannot look at me and mean that we are to part."

"I do mean it, Arthur," she said, with pitiful bravery.

He sprang forward and gazed into the pale, lovely face, his own darkening with bitter wrath.

"Ionie," he cried, "can you, whom I have believed little removed from the angels, be that most detestable of all women—a coquette? Oh, surely," he went on, "you have not won my heart from me to hold it in the hollow of your hand, to cast it at your feet and walk over it? If you have done me such a cruel wrong as that you have killed me."

He stood looking at her, the great drops falling from his brow, the swollen veins standing out like whipcord on his forehead, his strong hands trembling like leaves in the wind, his fair, handsome face convulsed by intense emotion.

It was breaking her heart—this terrible scene—but she could not tell why they must part. She clung to the nearest chair for support. How was he to know that she was offering up a wild prayer that she might die then and there at the feet of the man she loved?

"I want an answer," he cried, "I have a right to demand it. Tell me the truth, Ionie; I ask you a plain question. Great God! that I should ask it and live! Have you purposely befooled me? Has it all been a farce, an actual lie?

"I have heard of women who have used every gift that Heaven gave them to win a man's love, only to play with it, to amuse themselves with it, as long as suited their pleasure; then toss it aside. Did you think to do so with mine? Did you think I would submit tamely? It cannot be true!

"Oh, my beautiful love, my passionate anger has led me away! See, I am kneeling at your feet, praying you to pardon me! I have been mad with fear."

He was kneeling at her feet, his fair, handsome head half buried in the soft, perfumed lace, clinging to her with kisses and tears. She was his idol, his darling, the one love of his noble life.

"No man could live," he said, slowly, "with the knife of the guillotine touching his neck or the point of the pistol his heart. Save me or kill me, as you will. Tell me that you will keep your pledge—you will be my wife!"

She tried to answer him, but the words died on her lips, making no sound save an inarticulate moan.

"You have made yourself the sunshine of my life," he went on, eagerly. "You have won from me the strongest, deepest love that a man can give to woman. You have taken my whole heart from me. You have made yourself a necessary part of my existence. And now you would have me believe that I am nothing to you; that I am to live without you. And I tell you frankly I cannot. I can never give you up.

"I cannot believe you have been duping and deceiving me for this one end and aim. It is too horrible to be true!

"I ask you once again, darling, take back the cruel words you have uttered. Look up into my face, and tell me you love me still; that our betrothal shall be broken only by the stronger, more holy, more beautiful tie, the marriage bond, which will give you to me to love and to cherish until death parts us. What is your answer, dear?"

She took off her betrothal ring slowly, and laid it into his hands.

He would never know the happy tears that had been shed over it, the kisses that had been showered upon it, the bright, girlish day-dreams that clustered around it. It was better so.

"There is an insurmountable barrier between us, Arthur," she repeated. "I can give you no other reason. My answer is, what it has been from the first,—your path and mine lie widely asunder through life. Try to realise it."

"You are my betrothed bride, and now you tell me some mysterious reason prevents you from marrying me. You can have no such reason, Ionie. Such an argument seems weak and foolish. It is all a pretence or subterfuge. I am speaking harshly to you, Ionie. I cannot help it. I love you too well to think of losing you with calmness."

A sudden idea came to him. He turned to her quickly.

"Ionie," he cried, hoarsely, "answer me this: Have you dismissed me to make way for another lover?"

She raised her beautiful face, white with the pallor of death upon it. It was best that he should part from her in anger.

"I am to marry another," she said, gaspingly—"one whom I—I—loved long ago."

Those were the words that slew the noblest heart that ever beat in a man's breast.

Before he could reply a servant appeared at the door with a note for Mr. Rochester. He saw at a glance that it was in Colonel Whitney's well-known chirography.

There were but a few words; the note ran as follows:

"MR. ARTHUR ROCHESTER—SIR: I have concluded to dispense with your services as superintendent of the mills at the close of the present week. Please consider this decision as final. Yours, etc.,
"COLONEL WHITNEY."

The note fairly struck him dumb with amazement. He read it for the second time slowly aloud.

"This cannot be true," he said, huskily. "I will go to the colonel at once and demand an explanation," he cried, hotly. "I have been too true and loyal to the colonel's interest to be dismissed without a word of warning in this way."

"Stop!" cried Ionie. "You must not go to him. I—I—asked him to write that letter to you."

"You!" he cried, recoiling with horror.

"Yes," she answered, desperately, choking down a sob.

He turned from her without another word and left her standing there, miserable enough to die.

In hot bitter anger he strode away. The disappointment was too great—to severe too bear. He took the little golden circlet she had worn, and which he still held clenched in his hand, and threw it far from him with a bitter laugh.

"Thus do I fling away her love," he cried. "I think I am brave of heart. It will blast my life, but it will not kill me. I am not the first man whose live has been wrecked by a false, fair woman."

He would never know that in that self-same moment Ionie lay in a deep swoon on the floor of the morning-room, and that the bitter cry on her lips as she fell downward was:

"I have sent away my lover! We are parted forever! O, would that I could die!"

(To be continued.)

FATAL ACCIDENT IN BEAMISH QUARRY.

On Monday morning, and only half-an-hour from commencing work, an accident befel Wm Carmichael whilst loading a window sill, at Beamish Quarry.—It appears the poor fellow had got into the cart to load the stone from off the rock top when the horse moved away, and he was thrown out the stone falling on the low part of his chest. At first, it was thought that his injuries were not of a serious nature, but after having suffered most acute pain, he died on Tuesday night. Deceased was a single man about 48 years of age and lodged in the village having only worked in the place some five weeks, and hailed from Scotland. A coroner's inquest was held on Friday when a verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

WEARDALE GUARDIANS AND SANITARY AUTHORITY.

At the fortnightly meeting, held at Stanhope Workhouse, on Friday—Councillor Dr Livingstone (chairman) presiding—it was reported that the Tow Law ratepayers were moving for an advance of Guardians from three to four.—The Chairman thought the application to the Local Government Board might have been made through the Guardians.—Mr L. P. Wherly said the Guardians, when once solicited, declined to take the question up.—Meantime the Local Government Board gave no word as to filling the late Mr Ridley's seat; and the Clerk (Mr Lee) was asked to press the Department for attention.—Wolsingham is to have more lamps next week, making the total number forty-two.—It was announced that the St. John's Chapel water supply was rapidly approaching completion.

THE COLLIERY FATALITY AT TOW LAW.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr Dean, coroner, held an inquest at Tow Law, relative to the death of William Henry Dixon, aged 17, living in Railway Street, Tow Law, a putter, who was killed by a fall of stone while following his employment in the Black Prince Colliery, on the preceding Wednesday evening. The evidence disclosed the fearful hazards to which miners are exposed. It appears Dixon had, out of good nature, helped to fill a tub, when a huge fall came away, breaking deceased's back, and causing almost instantaneous death. He lay under the *debris* for nearly an hour. Another pitman, called Dodd, was slightly hurt by the falling stone, while a companion named Nattrass, who was working right under the fatal roof, had only left a few moments previously, or he would have been killed. The lodge representatives, after careful inspection, declared the occurrence to be purely accidental, the timbering being satisfactory.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by the jury.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr J. S. Murray had forward on Monday, 7 fat cattle, 65 fat sheep and lambs, 24 cows, 7 calves, 7 pigs, and a number of geese, poultry, and miscellaneous lots. Fat cattle sold to £14 15s, cows to £20 10s, calves to 31s 6d, pigs to 75s, sheep to 52s 6d, lambs to 42s 6d, geese 5s, and poultry to 2s. A good company was present, and a fair good trade ruled throughout, mutton and lamb making exceptionally good prices. A special sale of keeping lambs was held yesterday.

TOW LAW.—On Monday, Mr Vickers had forward 51 cows (calved and to calve), 6 fat cattle, 5 store cattle, 13 calves, 190 fat sheep and lambs. Calved cows, made up to £25; cows to calve to £23; fat cattle up to £17; store cattle up to £13; calves to 66s; fat half-bred shearlings to 49s—top, Messrs Stobart and Co., Etherley; fat lambs to 39s—top, Mr J. Walton, Thornley Hall: fat black-faced ewes to 33s 6d—top, Mr Ayre, Rear Dene; fat black-faced wethers to 30s—top lots, Messrs Jos. Raine and R. Wilkinson, Stanhope.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday. There was a larger attendance than usual, and trade for all classes of stock was good, the mutton trade being especially keen. Forward, 21 fat cattle, 3 geld cows, 5 grazing steers, 2 incalving cows, 136 fat sheep and lambs, 40 young pigs, and 250 mule and three-parts bred lambs. Fat heifers made up to £17 15s—top, Messrs Hedley Brothers, Holmside Old Hall. Earl Durham was represented by two small but exceedingly neat heifers at £15 5s and £16 10s. Mr H. Wallace, Ravensworth Park, sold four heifers of very neat quality to £16 15s. Grazing steers sold to £9 12s 6d. Fat lambs to 48s—top, Mr James Howden, Hagg House. Fat sheep, shearlings: North Hetton Coal Co., 55s; Mr Bell, Butterby, 55s 6d; Mr Howden 55s; Mr Walker, Finchale, 54s 6d; Mr Hutchinson, Urpeth, 54s; Mr Wallace, Ravensworth, 52s; Mr Hutchinson, Durham, 51s 6d; Mr Munro, Longacres, 52s. Young pigs to 43s, averaging about 22s. Keeping lambs: Mules, 24s 6d; three-parts bred to 29s 6d, off Broom House; middles, three-parts bred, 29s 6d.

A VISIT TO A MISSION STATION AT MOCHI (EAST AFRICA) OF AN AFRICAN KING.

Sunday at the C.M.S. Mission Station, at Mochi, is generally as quiet a day as one could wish for. On the previous evening, if the night is likely to be fair, or if otherwise in the early morning, a flag is hoisted on the pole outside, and can be seen from far and wide, and five years of this custom have taught the natives that the white men there will buy nothing that day. Some few perhaps with more property than brains will toil up the steep paths with a 40lb bunch of bananas, or something else equally heavy, only to meet with a refusal; but these are exceptions. On Sunday, May 11th, the visit mentioned in the above title was made. The Mission house has its main front to the west, and along the northern end where there are no doors or windows, have been erected a carpenter's bench, and a long seat. Here was the writer sitting at about four o'clock in the afternoon. On my right, sitting on the ground, was a native named Kitimbo. On my left, sitting on the seat, were two mission boys, Titus Kibwanja and Gilbert Medallah, preparing food for the fowls. Suddenly there appeared two men from round the corner of the house, wearing coloured clothes, and carrying long staves and umbrellas. The latter articles were extremely Gaspish, and had cane ribs, and collars of peculiar hue; but I ought to have at once realised that their bearers were probably baronets, earls, or even dukes, as well as lords of the Privy Council, or they would not be the possessors of such rare and valuable articles. I did not think of this, however, at the moment, and took no notice of them. Moreover, a slight headache made me indisposed to exert myself unnecessarily. The new comers stood for some time in dignified silence (as became their rank), when one of them spoke, and said to me, "Fumba akusalimia," that is "Fumba sends his compliments." Here I must explain that eastward of Mochi lies a state named Kilema, containing perhaps 2,000 people. The king of Kilema is Fumba, and he is noted among Europeans who have seen him as a great proficient in the art of begging, and is also, I believe, equally skilful in promising presents in return, which he has no intention whatever of giving. To resume, I duly acknowledged the compliments, and then asked, "Is Fumba quite well?" "He is well," was the reply. Nothing further seemed to be required, so I turned to Gilbert, who had been in Mochi only eight days, and asked him if he knew who these men were. On his replying negatively I was proceeding to explain, when there came from round the corner a third stranger to whom my attention was turned. He was a very tall and strong built man, with massive features, broad forehead, double chin, and small eyes. He was dressed in a kawzbe, or long white shirt, reaching almost to the ankles, and had a scarlet shawl thrown over his shoulders. On his head was an ancient and dirty white wide-awake hat, the crown of which was surrounded by a woven white cotton night-cap of a conical shape. This stately being regarded me in silence, and I returned his scrutiny, and Kitimbo, at my side, whispered "It is himself," but whom he meant I did not for a moment or two understand. His Majesty King Fumba, for it was none else, turned to his attendants, none of whom had joined the group, and in a tone that seemed to betoken supreme contempt for one who had failed to recognise his royal features, asked who I was, and was informed. Then I uttered in broken language a kind of apology for not knowing him, having never seen him before, and explained that the other European whom he had seen on a previous visit had gone to live elsewhere. Gilbert here helped me out of a rather embarrassing situation by saying he would fetch a chair, and I followed him into the house. On our return his majesty seated himself, and I waited for him to begin the conversation, which he was by no means quick to do. At length he explained that he was calling to give me his "salaams" while on his way to see King Mandara, and would see me again on returning next day. At this I felt a great relief, for I hoped to find a way of avoiding two or three hours of royal begging, as I had quite made up my mind not to give this man even a farthing's worth of property, as he had no claim whatever upon me. If my existing headache did not develope into an attack of fever, I should at any rate be able to observe the maxim that "discretion is the better part of valour," and to go for a little walk by the back door when his majesty appeared at the front of the house.

After the last-mentioned remark, silence reigned once more, and became almost painful, until the king, who had noticed the corn in the boy's hands, asked in tones of surprise whether the white man really ate Indian corn? He was told that it was for the fowls. Then he asked to see the birds, and a few stragglers were shown him, the others being out of sight. A few minutes later he rose from his chair—actually without asking for it—and said he would go on to King Mandara; so I said "Good-bye," and thankfully saw him depart. He went off with stately step, his retainers following at his heels. It remains to be said that the promised visit of the next day was not paid, and the day which will render me in his sight mean and contemptible beyond expression has been deferred to a later date.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 14th, King Fumba appeared once more at the mission station. I was up in our loft at the time, sorting some stores, and when Gilbert announced that his majesty was outside, I told him to lock the door, and went on with my work. After waiting about half-an-hour he left, saying he would come again next day. It was clear that he was not to be denied a second interview, and I am glad now that it has been given him, though unintentionally. On Thursday at noon, I came out of our school-room after giving my four boys a reading lesson, and turned up to the house to give Titus some rice to cook for dinner, and there, just outside our enclosure-gate, stood Fumba and his retainers. There was no avoiding him, so I shook hands and asked him whether he was returning home to Kilema, to which he replied that he was. Then at once came the request for a present, even if it were something small enough for him to carry in his hand. I refused as politely as was possible, saying that my work was teaching—that I was not rich like some Europeans he had seen, and that what cloth and beads I had I wanted to buy food with. A little argument followed, and then he said, "Come, let us go into the house," so I led the way. Arrived there, I stood in the doorway, and the begging was begun again. Large lustre beads were first asked for, then cloth, then the small trade beads of Chagga. Still I refused to give him anything. "Suppose," I said to him, "I were to come over to your house at Kilema and ask for things, what would you think?" "I would give you a cow, or goat, or whatever you asked for," was the reply. But I knew better. I knew that unless I took him a gift of three times the value of the animals he would part with nothing. And here I must confess that I was near giving way, and going into the house to get a large coloured shawl which had been given me some months before; but I managed to stand firm. "Just a little present," urged Fumba, "because we have shaken hands." I had no reply to make to this, and failed to see any good reason stated in his words. "Am I to have made this journey for nothing?" was Fumba's next question, and to this I replied only mentally, while explaining again that my work was to teach, and that I wished neither to give nor receive presents from anyone. The king here told his attendants to withdraw, and it was evident that his wrath was rising, though his self-control was admirable. Once more he appealed pathetically to the fact that we had shaken hands, but still I managed to withstand his eloquence. He eyed me narrowly, then suddenly turned his back, and stalked away with kingly step without a farewell word. I felt a little sorry at the thought of having made an enemy of him, but after all an enemy who can do you no mischief may, I thought, be more desirable than a friend whose regard has been purchased with ten yards of unbleached calico and five strings of blue beads, which articles would have to be regarded merely as the beginning of a series of presents to be continued as long as the friendship. Of course, if I had to pass through Kilema in order to go elsewhere King Fumba's warriors would probably be called out to bar the way, and I would have to pay a heavier toll, or "hongo," for my stinginess here. But the day of that journey is not yet visible, even in the distance, and I am content to wait until it comes before providing for it.

Moral—Never shake hands with an African king without looking at the transaction as a financial one—a matter of £ s. d.

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STANLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The Sunday School committee and teachers' quarterly council meeting was held in the school-room, Stanley, on Saturday afternoon. The president (Rev J. Magee) occupied the chair, supported by Mr P. Reay (Annfield Plain), secretary. Representatives were present from the following schools:—Stanley, West Pelton, Annfield Plain, Tanfield Lea, Burnhope, and Greencroft, the teachers present numbering upwards of 40. The council was opened by singing, after which the president led in prayer. The secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. Reports were received from visitors who had visited the schools during the quarter, and spoke very highly as to the conduct and earnestness on the part of the teachers in their work. The visitors' reports were received as satisfactory. After discussion on the method of electing the visitors for the plan, the following motion was passed:—"That each school be informed that in future, at their teachers' meeting, they have liberty to nominate visitors for the plan; but the election is to be with the Circuit Sunday-school committee; and that eight visitors be the number for the work of visiting the schools." A motion on gambling and drunkenness, to take steps to form a Circuit Temperance Society, and that a branch society be formed at each place, to be worked through the Sunday-school Union, was carried unanimously. A strong committee, with power to add to their number, was appointed to carry out the object. It was decided to hold children's services at each place on the Sunday, at the time most suitable for them; each school to arrange for time, place, and conductor. The secretary submitted the quarterly statistical account of the schools as follows:—Number of teachers on the roll, 185, being a decrease of five for the quarter; average attendance, 122; all are members of the church except 13; one had joined the church during the quarter. Number of scholars on books, 1,110, being an increase of 30 on the quarter; average attendance, 800, being an increase of 60. The number of classes is 110; 15 scholars have joined the church during this quarter. All the schools are in the Connexional Union, and all are teaching the international lessons. Several of the schools are in possession of libraries, which have a fair circulation of books. Messrs J. Sasbury, E. Haws, and G. Straughan were appointed as representatives to the District Conference, to be held at North Shields in October. The next council was appointed to be held at Stanley, with a public temperance meeting in the evening. By the kindness of the teachers of the Stanley school, tea was prepared in the larger school-room for the delegates and those present. Afterwards, the quarterly teachers' class was held, conducted by Mr J. Sasbury, of Annfield Plain. At the close, votes of thanks were presented to Mrs Brown for making the tea, and to the Stanley teachers for the manner in which they had entertained the council meeting.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, August 22nd.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), Dr ARNISON, and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were fined for being drunk during the month:—*Nicholas Makepeace*, Frosterley, 7s 6d; *William Armour*, 12s 6d; *Edward Plews*, 12s 6d; *Henry Stephens*, 7s 6d. The case against *William Wigham* was dismissed.

NIGHT POACHING.

Joseph and *Nicholas Watson* were charged by P.C. Sedgwick with night poaching near Wearhead, on July 18th.—The officer saw them after rabbits with a dog.—The Bench said they had no alternative but to send them to prison; but not wishing to do that, if they would pay the costs, they would let them off. Defendants paid the money.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Thomas Turnbull, schoolmaster, from the south, now staying at Frosterley, was charged with riding a bicycle on the footpath, near Rogerly Gates, between Stanhope and Frosterley.—A police-officer deposed to seeing defendant riding on the footpath. —Defendant said he thought he had a perfect right to the footpath; but the Bench thought different, and fined him 5s and costs.

Thomas Peart was charged by P.C. Parker with allowing cattle to stray on the highway, on the 14th inst., at Wearhead.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

PEDLARS' ACT.

Robert O'Neil, *Ann O'Neil*, and *Richard Weir* were each charged with committing a breach of the Pedlars' Act at Westgate, on July 22nd.—Fined 10s each.

STANHOPE BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The Stanhope Brewster Sessions were held on Friday.—Supt. Liddle, in submitting the lists to the Bench, informed them that he had got a clean sheet to present this time to them, there not being a single charge against any publican for the year—a thing which had never occurred before during his 16 years' connection with the force at Stanhope.—Mr Backhouse said it was highly creditable that the Superintendent could show that no case had been brought before them, and hoped that in the ensuing year a similar state of affairs would prevail.—All the licenses were granted.

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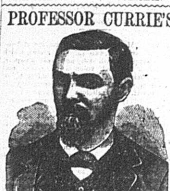
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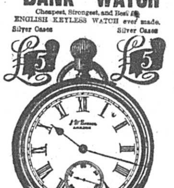


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TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

Fixtures for Saturday, Aug. 30th.

Consett and District 1st v North Durham 1st, Consett.
Consett and District 2nd v Durham City 2nd, at Durham.
Burnopfield v Medomsley, at Medomsley.
Shotley Bridge v Blackhill Scratch Team, at Bianchland.
Tanfield v Beamish, at Tanfield.
Cornsay v West Stanley, at Cornsay.
West Stanley 2nd v St. Silas (Newcastle), at Newcastle.
Burnhope v Leadgate, at Burnhope.
Oxhill v Birtley Temperance, at Birtley.
Newfield v Littleburn, at Newfield.
Wallsend v Chester-le-Street, at Wallsend.
Blaydon v Tudhoe, at Tudhoe.
East End v Westwood, at Heaton.
Sacriston v South Moor, at Sacriston.
Grange Villa Juniors v Beamish Juniors, at Beamish.
East End 2nd v Ryton 2nd, at Ryton.
Corbridge v Riding Mill, at Riding Mill.
Ushaw Moor v Peases' West (Bankfoot), at Ushaw Moor.
Whickham v Benwell Hill, at Benwell Hill.
Walridge Fell v Lumley Thicks, at Lumley.
Swalwell Y.M.C.A. v Romandale 2nd, at Swalwell.

Wednesday.

Consett and District v West Stanley, at Consett.

Leadgate v Burnhope.—Leadgate journey to Burnhope to-morrow (Saturday), when the visitors will be selected from the following players:—F. Jackson (captain), J. I'Anson, W. Brears, J. Snowdon, J. Maddison, A. Burnhope, Jos. Snaith, T. Walton, John Snaith, R. Johnstone, T. Hewitt, J. Burnhope, and J. Wilson.

Medomsley v Burnopfield.—This match will be played at Medomsley to-morrow (Saturday), the following eleven representing the home team:—Dr J. R. Bibby, William Baron, George E. Milburn, M. Milburn, J. W. Daniells, R. Cant, W. Cant, J. Walton, A. Little, M. Charlton, and W. Simpson.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Quite a gloom was cast over Stanhope on Monday, as the news spread of James Gibson's death—the poor fellow who was accidentally shot on the Edmondbyers moor on Friday week by a horse treading on a loaded gun, which was lying bye among the heather. He was a well-known character in Stanhope, and was universally respected, and his death is much lamented.

Shooting in the Butts on the moor is a most dangerous and reprehensible practice, and should be discountenanced wherever it prevails. The drivers all gather there, and if a bird arises, in the excitement of the moment, the sportsman raises his gun and fires. How easy a man may be shot. The late Mr Hildyard would never allow it on his extensive moors. He had a rule, which he strictly enforced, that all the sportsmen unloaded their guns directly the drivers neared the Butts, so that there was no danger whatever from accidents with loaded guns. Mr Hildyard's example was well worthy of imitation by all sportsmen and lessees of moors.

The Bishop of Richmond every now and then throws open his beautiful gardens and grounds on Sunday afternoons, between the hours of four and six to the public. The Stanhope public thoroughly appreciate the kindness of the rev. gentleman for so doing, and would be more glad if he would throw them open an hour or two earlier in the afternoon.

Some queer characters live at Westgate. Their sayings are sometimes very trite, one of them speaking of the Upper Town at Westgate said, "If anything should happen his satanic majesty and another should be wanted, his place could be well supplied at Upper Town, Westgate."

Four tourists from Westgate to Rookhope were lost the other day, just before they sighted the docks at that sequestered seaport. They were heard shouting, lost! lost! lost! at Bishop's Seat; and were found by a good Samaritan, who righted them and showed them the nearest route to the pier.

Two or three crack shots at Wolsingham, were seen practising the other day at a hedgehog, which they took for a target, and, although only a few feet from the gun muzzle they could not hit him. The poor thing was frightened to death, but was not wounded by shot.

The Alabama choir visited Frosterley last week, and gave an entertainment in the Primitive Chapel. One of them, whose complexion betokened him a son of Ham, went to the chapel-keeper's door, rapped, and politely asked for the chapel-steward. The good lady answered the door, and seeing a black man at the door asked if he wanted a wash!

One of the great unpaid in the Wear Valley has passed away—Rev G. P. Wilkinson, of Harperley Hall. Mr Backhouse, or the Stanhope Bench, on Friday, paid a high tribute to his departed worth, as also did Mr J. T. Proud, solicitor, on behalf of the legal profession. He was a true friend of the policemen at all times, and also was a true friend to those in trouble who come before him at the magistrates bench, and always seemed to be wishful to give delinquents and offenders a fair hearing. He was generally very lenient towards the erring, and on that account was much respected.

An excursion to Wolsingham would be looked upon as a precusor of the millennium. The scenic beauties of the old town and its surroundings are far more attractive than many places of far greater pretensions, and to which the North-Eastern Railway Company afford great facilities in the shape of cheap excursions. There are many trips out of the valley but few into, and yet for romantic and picturesque scenery the Wear Valley and Weardale are difficult to equal. Teesdale is favoured by the gods, yet Weardale is left out in the cold. The time is at hand again when Sir Joseph may be expected to trot out the Weardale Railway bogie. His constitutents at Wolsingham and other places in the valley should remind him at the hustings how Weardale is treat by the company of which he is chairman, and seldom if ever allowed a trip into it while Barnard Castle and Middleton-in-Teesdale have them by the score.

Castleside is in the march of progress. It is to have a flower show of its own this year, and efforts are being made in it to raise a good band. It is a nice little place, and why shoud it not possess a good band? There are always some, and always have been some, who say can any good come out of Nazareth? These prophets of evil are numerous and everywhere present; but Castleside contains in itself the constitutent elements required for the formation of an excellent band. They only went fostering, encouraging, and developing, and the day is not far distant when the spirited little country village may hear its celebrated band.

Wolsingham is always a hundred years behind in the van of progress. The ritualistic practices at the old church have a Romanizing tendency, and people are asking why should the state pay a man to propagate Romish practices in the Protestant church? The protestant loving people in the old town who wish the old church well, should not tolerate in the least any of the principles or practices of those on the road to Rome.

Three Stanhope ladies essayed to visit Linkirk Cave the other day. The old dame tumbled into Shittlehope Burn, and returned home wet without seeing the cave. The other two young ladies ventured further, and arrived at Linkirk; but in getting down the rocky sides, one of them slipped and fell, pulling the other after her into the burn. Their bedraggled appearance, as they went home to the station, attracted unusual attention. The head of the house arrived soon after, and wondered to see so many wet garments hanging about the house, but for the life of him could not tell what it all meant, nor would they enlighten him. A little bird, however, let out the secret of their mishaps, and their fall into the tiny stream, and he has thoroughly enjoyed the fun at their expense ever since. They are assuredly not the first that have come to grief in visiting Linkirk. There has been many a baptism there by immersion before.

There are preachers in Weardale who, if they had to be examined on the doctrinal points, would not be found orthodox, and yet they have preached to large congregations here and there. They cherish the theory that the saints will not be judged at the general judgment. No matter how they live in the heinousness of their sins, or their ill-treatment of others, they will not be called to account for them at the bar of God. A very congenial doctrine this for transgressors. Who would not be a saint, have their sins forgiven, and after that go scot-free? and only render up to God an account of their lives up to their conversion. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and my experience of life is that saints and sinners are much alike. If anything, saints are the worst of the two.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday, Aug. 27th—Before Col. Sheppee (in the chair), and H. W. Kerrich-Walker, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Fines varying from 5s to 7s 6d and costs were imposed upon the following offenders from Chester-le-Street, Ouston, Beamish, and Birtley for drunkenness and disorderly conduct:—*Joseph Meanon, Thomas Trainer, John Gibson, William Anderson, David McAvoy, John Duffy, Thomas Gillner, Thomas Barrett, Thomas Gallagher, Thos. Hutchinson*, and *William Marshall.*

REFUSING TO QUIT.

George Nevis was charged with refusing to quit the premises of George Levett, at Birtley, on the 16th inst.—The landlord said that defendant came to the house perfectly mad, and behaved badly. He refused to quit when ordered to do so.—Fined 5s and costs.

Robert Coltman was charged with a similar offence at the Swan Inn, Waldridge, on the 16th inst.—Fined 5s and costs.

A FIGHTER.

Matthew Goundry pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking the peace by fighting at Chester-le-Street, on the 9th inst.—Bound over for three months in the sum of £5.

A FILTHY FELLOW.

Peter Waugh was charged with doing damage to a gate, the property of Samuel Tyzack, at Edmondsley, on the 3rd inst. Mr John T. Green, Sunderland, appeared to prosecute.—Mr Green said that Mr Tyzack's family had been very much annoyed by men going through a gate in front of the house into a field and committing a nuisance. Defendant did that, and when advised by a constable to apologise to Mr Tyzack he made use of a filthy expression, and said he would do worse the next time.—P.C. Lay corroborated, and Mr Brown, farm manager for Mr Tyzack, laid the damage to the gate at one penny.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

A BEWICKE MAIN ROW.

Luke Barnes was charged with assaulting Thos. Pyle, at Birtley, on the 21st inst. Mr Fred Harle (Chester-le-Street and Newcastle) appeared to prosecute.—Complainant said he was at Urpeth Haughs at the shooting, and saw two of defendant's sons were going about pinning papers upon people's coat tails. Witness felt some one doing something to his coat, and turning sharply round he hit the boy with the back of his hand. They both attempted to assault him, and said they would bring their father. Nothing further occurred then, but afterwards, when witness was sitting on the rails at Bewicke Main, defendant came and knocked him off, afterwards severely beating him when on the ground. He was still under the doctor from the effects. — Cross-examined: Did not say he would fight defendant, and did not attempt to do so.—Defendant's son totally denied complainant's statement, and said that Pyle stood in a fighting attitude waiting for his father to come up, and they at once began to fight, complainant getting the worst of it.—A witness named Barker corroborated.—Both parties were bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and to bear the costs between them.

A WIFE-BEATER SENT TO PRISON.

Thomas Hutchinson, who did not appear, was charged with assaulting his wife, Isabella, at Hanson Hold, on the 16th inst. Mr Fred Harle prosecuted.—Complainant said that her husband struck her on the head with his fist, then asked for his clothes, and said he go away and come no more back.—Fined 20s and costs, or one month's hard labour.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

James Parker and *Alfred Bendelon* were charged with damaging tares, the property of James Hutchinson, at Urpeth Mill, on the 8th inst. The damage was laid at 6d each.—Fined 6d, 6d damage, and costs.

Ralph Cooper, for a similar offence at the same place, on the 7th inst., was fined 6d, damages 6d, and costs.

Thomas Mawson, for damage to wheat, the property of Robert Ayre, at Dunkirk, near Birtley, on the 10th inst.—P.C. Dodds proved the case, and said the boy laid down in the wheat 70 yards into the field.—Fined 2s 6d, 6d damage, and costs.

Joseph Johnson, Wm. Dunlop, Thomas Mawson, and *John Curry*, for damaging turnips, the property of Charles Perkins and Company, at Birtley, on the 10th inst, were each fined 1s, 1d damges, and costs.

Charles Sowerby and *John Carr*, for a similar offence at Lamesley, on the 10th inst, were each fined 6d, 1d damages, and costs.

Michael and *James Murphy* pleaded guilty to a similar charge, on the same day and place.—Fined 6d each, 1d damages, and costs.

John Urwin pleaded guilty to damaging growing crops, the property of John E. Coxon, at Plawsworth, on the 17th inst.—Fined 6d, 1d damages, and costs.

Johnson Elliott pleaded guilty to a similar charge at the same time and place.—Fined 6d, 1d damages, and costs.

George Wears, George Best, and *Ralph Collinson*, for damaging turnips, the property of John Bowes and Partners, at Eighton Banks, on the 17th inst., were each fined 6d, 1d damages, and costs.

James Archbold was charged with aiding and abetting in his son, James, stealing turnips, the property of John Bowes and Partners, at Eighton Banks, on the 17th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—Fined 1s, 1d damages, and costs.

ILL-TREATING A HORSE.

Thomas Hart was charged with working a horse while in an unfit state, at Birtley, on the 1st inst.—Sergt. Hutchinson said he saw defendant working the horse near Birtley Station. The animal appeared to be in pain, and on examination witness found both shoulders very sore, open wounds being on both. The horse belonged a man at Stanley.—Inspector Alpin, R.S.P.C.A., said he examined the animal about three days afterwards, and found the shoulders better, but they had been very bad.—Defendant said he had only been a day or two in that employment, and put the wrong collar on the horse by mistake. It was all right when he left Stanley.—Fined 10s and costs.

A FAMILY ROW.

Charles Ashford was charged with neglecting to support his wife at Pelton. Mr Fred Harle was for the defendant.—Complainant said that defendant left her, and was living with another man's wife. She had always had to work to keep herself and her daughter. Here complainant went off into a long list of the troubles she had had, and refused to answer Mr Harle or the Bench anything; while defendant and she set up an independent discussion respecting the morality of each other.—After allowing them to go on for some time, the Chairman said they could have no more of it, but defendant refused to be silent, and Mr Harle sat down saying that defendant evidently could manage his own cause. — The Chairman ordered defendant to pay 7s 6d a week towards his wife.—Defendant: I wont pay a penny.—The Chairman: Then go to prison.

REMOVING SWINE.

George Hodgson was charged with removing eight pigs from the borough of Gateshead into the county of Durham, without having a license to do so, on the 28th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 1s for each pig, and costs.

ODDFELLOWS' MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Saturday evening, the officers of the Durham District of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, held a "Purple Lecture" in the Rose of Derwent Lodge-room, Alexandra Hotel, Havelock Sreet, Consett. The officers present were G.M. R. Cole, St. Oswald's Lodge, Shincliffe, D.G.M. J. Wilson, Queen Bee Lodge, Witton Gilbert, P.P.G.M. J. Craig, Poor Man's Friend Lodge, Durham, acting secretary, and P.G. Geo. Nichols, Star of the North Lodge, Durham, examining officer. There were three candidates for the degree, viz:—P.G. F. Bidwell, P.G. S. Carruthers, and P.G. R. Chambers of the Rose of Derwent Lodge. There were also present P.P.G.M. Geo. Matthews, of the Christiana Lodge, Leadgate, Bro. W. Hunter, of the Queen Bee Lodge, Witton Gilbert, P.P.G.M. W. S. Davis, P.G's. J. Harwood, E. Lennox, J. B. Davis, J. Rowell, P. Maund, A. Stothers, and W. Maund, guardian of the Rose of Derwent Lodge. After the business of the meeting had been transacted, the company adjourned to the small hall of the New Town Hall. Here a splendid dinner, prepared in Mrs Medici's best style, awaited the company which now numbered nearly 50. On the removal of the cloth, G.M. R. Cole presided over the meeting in an able manner. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the chairman proposed "The Manchester Unity" coupled with the name of P.P.G.M. J. Craig, who briefly responded. After the district officers were proposed by P.G. J. B. Davis, and briefly acknowledged by D.G.M. J. Wilson. This was succeeded by "Success to the Rose of Derwent Lodge" proposed in happy terms by P.G. Geo. Nichol, coupled with the name of the secretary P.P.G.M. W. S. Davis. Mr Davis in acknowledging the compliment gave a few statistics showing the progress of the lodge financially. From which it seems to have nearly doubled its capital during the last ten years, chiefly owing to better investments. Its juvenile branch is also in a very flourishing condition. Outsiders evidently could not do better than accept the free invitation, "Come with us and we will do thee good." The D.G.M. then in highly complimentary terms proposed the newly initiated brethren, which each suitably acknowledged. The chairman then proposed "The trade and commerce of the district"—commenting upon the great success which had attended the formation of the Consett Iron Company. This was responded to by Mr D. Williams, who spoke briefly on the relationship that ought to exist between capital and labour, the disastrous effects of strikes, and the mutual advantages of forbearance towards each other. The D.G.M. afterwards proposed the worthy hostess, who had catered so successfully for them during the evening. Mr J. Westhorp returned thanks on her behalf.—The evenings proceedings were pleasantly interspersed by some capital songs, by Messrs A. Stother, P. Maund, and R. Chambers, Mr Clennell also by his brilliant performances upon the Northumberland small pipes, contributed very much to the enjoyment of the company. The pleasant gathering was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

MUSIC SCHOOL, BLACKHILL.

It is with great pleasure we announce the very satisfactory results of the Miss and Mr E. J. Sloane's pupils at the recent practical and theoretical examinations, held in the Music School, Blackhill, on July 2nd and 15th, in connection with the London College of Music; and in Newcastle on July 5th, in connection with the Musical International College, London. Examiners: Mr Churchill Sibley, C.E.C., London College, and Mr E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., International College.

Mr Sloane's pupils.

Elementary Division.—Pianoforte playing (London College—Miss Christina Askew, Cort Street, Blackhill, honours; Miss Keivedon Burton, Annfield Plain, honours; Miss Eva Margaret Belle Foreman, East House, Leadgate, honours; Miss Matilda Aynsley, Consett, and Miss Emily Watson Benfieldside (the latter obtaining 93 marks for theory in the junior division). Miss Foreman's pianoforte playing was highly commended by the examiner.

Miss Sloane's pupils.

Junior Division—Pianoforte playing (London College)—Miss Jessie Ada Heymer, Benfieldside, honours; Miss Jane Annie Hewitson, Cort Street, Blackhill, honours.

Elementary Division—Miss Lily Little, Fell House, Consett, honours; Miss Teresa Gertrude Sloane, Music School, Blackhill, honours; Miss Mary Isabella Eltringham, Railway Terrace, Blackhill, honours; Miss Teresa Brady, Cort Street, Blackhill, honours.

Musical International College, London, July 4th. (Junior Honour Division)—Miss Jane Annie Hewitson, 1st class honours; Miss Jessie Ada Heymer, 2nd class honours.

Primary Division—Miss Alice Jane Richley, Benfieldside, Miss Katie Sloane, Music School, Blackhill, Master William H. Palliser, Foundry Row, Blackhill, and Master William Veitch, Medomsley, passed successfully in pianoforte playing.

Theory (London College) — Junior Honours Division—Miss Jessie Ada Heymer, 99 marks, honours; Miss Jane Annie Hewitson, 97 marks, honours.

Junior Pass Division—Miss Teresa G. Sloane, 97 marks; Miss Lily Little, 97 marks; Master W. Veitch, 96 marks; Master W. Palliser, 94 marks; and Miss Mary I. Eltringham, 86.

A book prize was awarded in the Blackhill centre to the candidate obtaining the highest number of marks in the subject of theory, the successful candidate being Miss Jessie A. Heymer, Benfieldside.

THE GUN ACCIDENT NEAR EDMONDBYERS.

DEATH OF THE INJURED MAN.

John Gibson, of Stanhope, the unfortunate man who was accidentally shot in the leg, whilst with the grouse shooters (Messrs Eccles party), on 15th inst., died from the injuries he received on Monday. He was considered to be doing tairly well until about Saturday, when the usual ten days symptoms after such cases set in. Lock-jaw ensued and paralysis, after which he gradually sank. Dr Robinson, of Stanhope, and Dr Fieldon, of Shildon, took off the injured lime, on Monday morning, but that did not save him, and he died between one and two o'clock on the Monday afternoon.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

James Gibson was a nice, well-meaning young man, and was well-known in Stanhope and neighbourhood. He was a native of the place, and has not been much from it, except during the time he was a Captain in the Salvation Army, and when he spent some time in London at Mr Booth's Training College, and afterwards in Ireland, where he was engaged in the work of the army. In Stanhope he was universally respected, and was frequently spoken of as being true blue. He was brave, earnest, and persevering, not brilliant, intellectually speaking, yet earnest and sincere, and laboured hard in the cause he had espoused. He was broad in his views, and was no sectarian, but lent a helping hand wherever needed. For years he was connected with the Wesleyan society at Stanhope, but when the Salvation Army visited that place he joined them, and was useful to them as a helper. Many a time, amid storm and sunshine, has his voice been heard in the Market Place in the Master's cause. He stood by the Army lasses when all others looked down upon them, and on a snowy winter's day he has been seen taking his place beside the lasses and speaking for the Master, when other young fellows would have thought it beneath them to do so. Jimmy was a true friend to them, and many have been the times when he gave them all his pocket money, and even bought them the necessaries of life in the shape of bread and other edibles. Naturally he was kind, social, free, generous, hospitable, and possessed many other qualities, which made him hosts of friends in Stanhope No death has occurred recently in the place which has caused such universal regret. He was respected by even the rougher class, and none are more sorry than they at the sad circumstances which surrounded his latter end. The Bishop of Richmond, be it said to his credit, was assiduous in his attentions towards him, and visited and talked with him very much on spiritual matters. Mrs Roddam and the Messrs Eccles were extremely kind towards him, and even in the higher circle of society Jimmy was a special favourite, as was evinced by the numbers calling to enquire respecting his condition. Everything that could be done, and that money could purchase, was done and got for him, but his work was done, his mission was accomplished, and he heard the call of the Master—"Come up hither, thou blest of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for thee from the foundation of the world." The Stanhope High Street Mission have lost in him a true friend and helper in times of need. He was ever ready and willing to take the pulpit when the leader was absent or ill, and to take the chair at their concerts or entertainments when required, and he offered his services voluntarily at times. Of him it might be said, "He hath done what he could." The many excellent traits of his character were such that nature herself might stand up and say to all the world—"This is a man." His life has not been all sunshine; since he married he has encountered trials which would have discouraged many a timid Christian. But he bore up patiently under all, and just now when he had got a comfortable home of his own, and likely to live happy with the woman of his choice, this untoward accident happened, which has left his wife a young widow, but for whom has been aroused the deepest sympathy of the Stanhope public. It is said that she will be well provided for by the Eccles family, and rightly so too. James Gibson, although dead, yet his memory will live long after him, and his many kind acts will be remembered long after his body has mouldered with the dust.

THE INQUEST.

On Tuesday night, Mr J. T. Proud held an inquest at the Grey Bull Inn, Stanhope, on the body of Gibson.

James Sanderson identified the body, and said that deceased told him before he expired that it was a pure accident.

Dr Robinson said he found deceased on the moor suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg, which he reduced and set. Deceased made rapid progress till the 22nd inst., when symptoms of lock-jaw developed, and proved fatal.

Mr Alexander Eccles, of Roley, near Liverpool, said he was staying at Stanhope, and on the day in question was shooting grouse on the above-named moors. He had deceased with him as "pony boy." About four o'clock they were standing near one of the "batteries," the "drive" just being over, when deceased gave him a bag of cartridges. In order to sling it over his shoulder he put his gun upon the ground. It was loaded, about a dozen gentlemen were standing near, and the next thing that took place was the discharging of the gun, brought about, he believed, by being trampled upon either by the pony or some of the gentlemen. The contents entered deceased's leg, and he was afterwards taken home in a conveyance.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased met his death by misadventure.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesideite."]

The heavy rains during the last fortnight have caused considerable damage to the footpath between Castleside and Consett, which damage ought to be attended to at an early date.

Mr R. Brownlee, who was injured by the explosion at the Consett Steel Works, is progressing favourably, having been able to get home to see his family and friends on Monday.

Some little excitement and tear shedding was caused on Sunday morning by two young tourists failing to put in an appearance at the breakfast table. Their young wives were beginning to look at the dark side of the picture, and their mothers were like one of old, "weeping for her children and would not be comforted," but the dinner table was favoured with their presence. One of the tramps had been benighted, and took shelter at a wayside inn, and the other slept the caller and could not be at home according to promise.

On Saturday night, an entertainment was given in the Board School, Castleside, by a number of young ladies and gentlemen hailing from Consett and Blackhill, on behalf of the armless youth (Mr Whitfield). This is a case deserving the sympathy and support of all well-meaning men and women.

The monthly meeting of the Healeyfield School Board was held on Monday night. Present: Messrs T. J. Muse (chairman), M. Lee, W. Patterson, and J. Proud (clerk).—The Attendance Officer (Mr A. McKean) tendered his resignation, on account of the Benfieldside School Board objecting to him holding that position.—The resignation was accepted. It was decided to advertise for another officer in the "Consett Guardian."—The master's report showed number of children on roll to be—Boys 115, girls 132—total 247. Cash to hand—School fees £11 9s 11d, books sold 10s 8d—total £12 0s 8d. Fees remitted 4s, arrears £6 4s 6d.

The general committee of the Castleside Floral and Horticultural Society met in the Board Schools on Tuesday night, under the presidence of Mr T. J. Muse, for the purpose of making the final arrangements for the show, which will be held on September 6th. Should the American prophet send us fine weather, no doubt hundreds will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the show.

Within the proverbial hundred miles of this place, there has appeared what was expected to be a "moon," but which has been discovered to be a "sun" (son), and the supposed "stars," which were travelling west, have been discovered to be "comets," and may not be seen to the present generation.

Mr J. W. Davison, organist at St. John's Church, Castleside, has resigned that post, after serving two years. He has been succeeded by Mr G. Stephenson, Blackhill, whose father (Mr Chas. Stephenson) made his debut as a teacher of music at the same place some 24 years ago. We wish the young musican success in his first venture.

The September issue of Weldon's Ladies' Journal (3d), is brimful with the latest Autumn styles for Ladies and Children. The number contains some sixty designs, a choice coloured plate of September fashions, a valuable paper pattern of the new tailor-made bodice, also useful lesson in Millinery. Fancy work, home information, beauty in dress, books for the family, and the usual valuable instructions for cutting out and making at home the latest Paris and London fashions.

Weldon's Practical Netting, 4th, series (2d), is another useful publication, forming No. 57 of Weldon's Practical Needle-work, a magazine entirely devoted to fancy work. The present issue contains instructions how to net curtains, night-dress case, brush and comb bags, doyleys, nightcaps, &c., illustrated with high class wood engravings. Ladies who devote time to fancy work should not fail to obtain a list of this useful series.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Annfieldite."]

Y.M.C.A.

The Young Men's Christian Association at Annfield Plain have now two splendid rooms, which are well supplied with daily and weekly papers, and over a hundred volumes of useful and instructive books. This institution offers to all young men who are anxious to improve their social, moral, and religious character every facility, and it is to be hoped the young men will take advantage of the opportunity now offered. The place is open every day from eight a.m. till ten p.m., so that at any part of the day they can repair to the rooms. All these advantages are granted at the nominal charge of one shilling per quarter. I hear the debt on the new premises is only about £70, which may soon be wiped off if the suggestion of the committee is carried out—viz., to obtain 70 persons to give £1 each, or 70 persons to give 10s each by the end of November. Report says there are those outside who are talking in the same manner, and three persons have declared if the secretary can get 69 persons to promise £1 each they will make it £70. It is to be hoped the secretary will be able to make a claim upon those gentlemen, and I hear he is in a very fair way to success, as he has already got a number of promises. It only needs a united effort and the thing will be realised by the time named. The work of the association is a noble one, and is deserving of support.

CHOIR TRIP.

The Primitive Methodist choir had their annual trip on Wednesday to South Shields, whence they were conveyed by brakes, and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Many crossed to Tynemouth, but others were too nervous to take that journey, and remained in South Shields.

A TRIP TO STANHOPE.

On Monday, a trip was made to the famed village of Stanhope in Weardale. The young men and maidens highly enjoyed their journey to Stanhope, and after walking about for a short time, they began to feel their need of refreshing the inner man. After a long search for refreshments at houses where tea was supplied, they had to be served at a public-house, as no one had made arrangements for tea for a dozen visitors! It was a matter of great surprise to find that noted Stanhope could not so much as put up a few temperance folks. But these trippers were of the right mettle, and returned home in good order, delighted with the dale, but hoping better accommodation would soon be obtained at good old Stanhope.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By Wearsider].

After all the squabbling, and there has been plenty of it, about the lighting of our old city, the ratepayers in vestry meeting assembled last Thursday night, decided to adopt for other three years the provisions contained in an Act of William IV., c. 90; and also decided to increase the amount to £195. So that we may now rest with some sort of assurance that we are not to be left in the dark this winter. Particularly so as Mr Matt. Potts, on behalf of the Gas Company, says that they are quite prepared to meet the requirements of the city—if they are paid.

By the way, Mr Potts says we need not be beholden to the introduction of either Newcastle or any other gas, or of any "Greased Lightning Company." All right, Mr Potts; you go on and provide us with gas—*gas*, I mean—and there is not a bit of fear of the electric light coming.

The Mayor has made "a new departure" in the way of improvements. He has gone in for the erection of seats at various places in his dominion—*i.e.*, the township. He has already had one erected on the Pelton Fell road, which I have not seem, but which I am informed bears the inscription, "Mare's nest," but which I believe to be "Mayor's rest." Another has been put up at the "Bridge end" in the city—a favourite gathering-place. This seat has already been appropriated by the youngsters, as a racecourse upon which to run "straight out" races. Meanwhile the old-time loungers still stick to their stand on the bridge, where they have stood ever since Dr Wolff opened the bridge out. Which, by the way, reminds me that the now famous north country artist, Mr H. H. Emmerson, was in youth called "The bridge end pet." And it is with pardonable pride that the citizens claim Mr Emmerson as one of their own, But this is too discursive.

I have before mentioned, in this column, the success attending the initiatory efforts of Mr Francis, in his science classes, at the Victoria School. I have just received the results of the examinations in sound, light, and heat, which are as follows:—Elementary stage—1st class—John Wm. Temple, John William Oliver, and John Carp. 2nd class—none.

When, if ever, will that wonderful machine, the Durham County Council, take into consideration the desirability of a bridge over the Wear at Chester-le-Street? That the bridge is needed is not denied. That it would be a benefit to the public in every way is agreed by all parties, on both sides of the river. It is therefore not too much to expect that our newly-appointed and supine legislators will give some attention to the matter, and that before long the two important communities will have access to each other without being bound to travel a few miles out of their way.

If it is not possible to congratulate the Chester-le-Street Farmers' Club upon the attendance at their annual Foal Show on Monday, it is at least as little as one can do to congratulate them upon the success of their object. When the club first set out on this new branch of their work, they began with the object of improving the breed of horses in the district. They first held a horse show, and selected the best horse they could get for the district. These shows have been held annually, supplemented also by the foal shows, as a sort of test. That they have not been disappointed in their object was proved on Monday by the superior lot of foals submitted to the inspection of the judges; and further by the fact that a son of their own horse, "Home Secretary," carried all before him. This foal, which was bred by Mr Ed. H. Wilkinson, for the Ouston Coal Company, was shown in four classes, and although closely pressed, won the first prize in each class. I congratulate the Chester-le-Street Farmers' Club, and their energetic secretary, Mr James Brewis; and I can not well leave out the demonstrator of their success—Mr Ed. H. Wilkinson, the able manager of the Ouston farms, who so often demonstrates his ability as a high-class agriculturist in the show-yard, both with live stock and other farm produce.

While writing about things agricultural, it may be mentioned that the harvest progresses slowly. The weather is "hindersome," rain falling every day, and that heavily. Under existing circumstances, the harvest is being hindered, and root crops do not prosper as well as they would have done under the influence of genial warmth, and the constant sunshine we should have at this time of the year. August, instead of being "sultry," has been "soakey."

What ought to have been the annual *soiree* and sports in connection with the Chester-le-Street Mechanics' Institute were attempted to be held on Wednesday afternoon, in the grounds of The Hermitage, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr Lindsay Wood, J.P., who had also thrown open his gardens for public inspection that day. A fine forenoon was followed by a rainy afternoon, which completely spoiled the whole affair. Only a very limited company attended, and after it was seen that instead of improving the afternoon got worse, the committee very wisely decided to postpone the advertised sports. As it was, a fairly good company sat down to tea, and after the tent had been cleared, the rest of the day was spent in dancing, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the rain notwithstanding. A ball, which was fairly attended, was held at night in the large hall of the Institute, Mr R. J. Coxon officiating as M.C. Taken as a whole, the affair cannot be reckoned a success.

This is to be regretted, as the Mechanics' Institute is not only an old-established, but a most useful institution, the usefulness of which is not so fully appreciated as it deserves to be. Moreover, the committee depend largely upon the result of the annual gala for extending their usefulness. It may be said here that the Institute possesses a splendid library, and a fine reading-room, well supplied with the best leading newspapers and periodicals. Quite recently also there has been added to the library the last edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," which in itself makes the institution worth the nominal fee charged for membership.

Mr Adam Thompson, for fifty years brewer at Chester-le-Street Brewery, and one of the oldest standards in the city, died here on Tuesday at the advanced age of 89. "Old Adam" was well-known and highly respected, and his name was almost a household word in Chester-le-Street. His death removes another of the few remaining links between this age and a former one.

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26th inst., the wife of Thomas Moore, of a daughter.

Chester-le-Street—Wilfrid Terrace, 19th inst., the wife of J. H. Middlemast, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Chester-le-Street—Parish Church, 21st inst., by Rev F. L. Milward, George Henry Fender, of Newcastle, to Mabel, third daughter of the late J. T. Middleton, builder, Chester-le-Street.

DEATHS.

Consett—2, Rippon's Lane, 26th inst., aged 73, Emily Brownlee, widow of the late William Brownlee, of Stannifordham.

6, Puddlers' Row, 22nd inst., aged 19 years and 5 months, Margaret, beloved daughter of Margaret and the late John Cockburn. 947c

Forster Street, 24th inst., aged 48, John, husband of Annie Brown.

Leadgate—North Cross Street, 22nd inst., aged 55, Elizabeth, wife of John Pattinson.

St. Ive's Road, 24th inst., aged 61, Mary Ann, wife of William Graham.

Allendale Cottages—26th inst., aged 59, John Williams.

East Kyo—22nd inst., aged 76, Robert Thompson, farmer.

Tantobie—25th inst., aged 64, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Newton.

South Tanfield, Oxhill—27th inst., aged 67, Peter Kay, colliery manager.

Tow Law—Drover House, 23rd inst., aged 67, John Atkinson, of Prospect Place, for many years head keeper on Edmondbyers Moors.

24th inst., aged 63, John Wilkinson.

High Street, aged 3 years and 8 months, Ethel, daughter of Thomas Hall, jun.

Rookhope—26th inst., Mrs Fairless, widow of Cuthbert Fairless.

Stanhope—New Town, 25th inst., aged 26, James Gibson, grandson of James Sanderson, of Stanhope.

Swalwell—23rd inst., aged 84, Robert, husband of Ann Oxley, Whickham Thorn Farm.

Edmondsley—Railway Terrace, 24th inst., aged 11 years, Ethel Susannah, daughter of George Black.

Chester-le-Street — 26th inst., aged 88, Adam Thompson, 56 years brewer for Messrs Fenwick and Co.

West Pelton—22nd inst., aged 33, Hannah Jane, wife of William Amers.

Waitby, Kirby Stephen—24th inst., aged 23, John Sutherland, saddler, late of Consett.

Adamstown, New South Wales—21st June, aged 28, George William, son of the late William and Isabella Foster, Hill Top, Dipton.

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