LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held yesterday (Tursday), when there were present: Rev J. F. De Pelдge, J.P., Rev C. F. D. Hodge, Councillor R. Murray, Messrs Wm. Logan, J. Lax, W. Gray, T. Pringle, R. Robson, W. H. Hedley, W. M. Handcock, Jos. Watson, T. Nichol, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson). In the absence of the chairman, and both the vice-chairmen, Rev Mr Hodge was elected to preside.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The undermentioned committee was selected to visit the Union inmates of the Sedgefield County Asylum and the Tudhoe Roman Catholic Home:—Messrs The Chairman (G. G. Taylor Smith, J.P.), T. Pringle, J. Lax, J. Watson, and W. Gray.

The following gentlemen were deputed to pay a visit to Wigton Girls Home in Cumberland:—Rev W. Cockin, and Messrs J. Collinson, and Richard Murray.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending July 17th	146
Corresponding week of last year	140
Week ending July 17th	143
Corresponding week of last year	171
Vagrants relieved, during past fortnight	3
Corresponding fortnight of last year	1

ALLEGED NEGLECT OF CHILDREN.

The Board granted permission to the Consett Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to institute legal proceedings against a man at Blackhill, for the alleged neglect of his family. The case was brought under the notice of the Board some two months ago.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castleside."]

We are having abundance of rain on the hills. St. Swithin seems unmindful of the small farmer, who has failed to get his hay in stack. Neither has he respect for the success of our "Alhambra Palace Bazaar" nor Flower Service, or he would be putting the sluice down, and stopping the showers of which a week ago we were pleased to note.

I had the pleasing of witnessing the laying of the foundation stone of the vestry and class-room in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday-School, on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was very ably performed by Ald. U. A. Ritson, J.P., assisted by Rev A. Sargeant, Brunswick, Newcastle, and Mr T. J. Muse, the latter refering to the bottle which was placed in the cavity in the stone. He said it contained a *Consett Guardian*, *Consett Chronicle*, *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, circuit plan, a bill of the days service, the names of the trustees and stewards who would not be seen until the resurrection morn, and two current coins of the realm, one being a "crooked baw-bee." There being present at the opening Coun. Forster, Hedleyhope; Mr and Mrs Richardson, and Mr J. Oley, Shotley Bridge; Mrs Scott, Consett; Mr R. Walton, and Miss Walton, Stanhope House, Stanhope; Mr and Mrs J. Drummond, Allanford; Mr R. Robson, Castleside; Mr G. Westgarth, contractor, Tow Law; Messrs J. Wick, C. Toward, J. Allison, G. Jackson, W. Pattinson, J. Pattinson, and also Mesdames Elliott, J. Towary, T. J. Muse, W. Forster, and Misses Dent, Proud, and Raine, &c.

The "Alhambra Palace" was opened by Mr G. Richardson, Shotley Bridge, in a very nice speech, assisted by Rev. A. Sargeant, and T. J. Muse. There was a nice company at the opening ceremony. The decoration being somewhat lavish and uncommon, and the ladies in Spanish costume giving extra charm to the scene. I cannot name stallholders, &c., as they will be found in another column, but I may just say in passing that they have soon learned to speak in good English. Only one spoke to me in Spanish, and no doubt she will soon be able to converse in good English.

The first day's takings amounted to over £100, which, no doubt, would exceed the promoters most sanguine expectations.

I see from your last issue that Captain W. Gray, and Mr Gray, Healeyfield Lead Mining Company, have been the recipients of handsome presents from the officials and workmen of Hebburn Colliery, as a mark of their esteem on their leaving them. I trust he will endear himself to the workmen of Healeyfield in a like manner, and like his predecessor, Captain Trelease, when leaving us may have our good wishes to accompany him through life.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

BEAMISH.—The View, 19th inst., the wife of Wm. Ridley, of a son.

TOW LAW.—Bridge Street, 14th inst., the wife of W. Hodgson, of a son.

FATFIELD.—The Boat House, 15th inst, the widow of the late Thos. Brown, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WEST STANLEY.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 22nd ult., by Rev J. Magee, William Donaldson to Mary Jane Dearing, both of Annfield Plain.—At the same place, 29th ult., W. Bowman Colpitts, Annfield Plain, to Miss Rosanna Robson, Tanfield Lea.—At the same place, 30th ult., J. Dixon, Shield Row, to Mary Handy, East Stanley.—At the same place, 7th inst, John Kay to Mary Ann Ledger, both of Oxhill.—At the same place, 24th inst, by Mr Philip Reay, Thos. Thompson, Pontop Rows, Annfield Plain, to Mary Jane Dart, Moor Pit.

TOW LAW.—SS. Philip and James Church, 13th inst, by Rev S. Davidsen (curate), Thomas Teasdale to Hannah Catron, both of Tow Law.

DURHAM.—20th inst., by license, Joseph Hall Brown, eldest son of William Hall Brown, of Ushaw, to Mary Ellen (Pollie) Soulsby, eldest daughter of Thomas Soulsby, Brancepeth Colliery.

ZULULAND.—Inkandhla, May 16th, J. W. Foreman, to Clariza Mary, second daughter of Mr J. F. Markham, late of Greytown.

DEATHS.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—22nd inst., aged 50, Thomas, husband of Jane Freick.

TANTOBIE.—20th inst., aged 4 years and 11 months, Thos. Bews, son of Robert Thirlwell.

THE SPEN.—Collingdon Road, 17th inst., aged 48, after a lingering illness, Ann, wife of William Richardson, late of East Holywell.

BURNOPFIELD.—23rd inst, aged 47, suddenly, Hugh, husband of Ann Garland.

GREENSIDE.—22nd inst., aged 62, Joseph Johnson, woodman.

TWIZELL COLLIERY.—17th inst., aged 67, William Simpson.

WITTON GILBERT.—Aged 69, William Liddle.

WATERHOUSES.—15th inst., aged 21, Chas. Raper.

HAMILTON ROW.—16th inst., aged 83, William Cherry.

MOUNTSETT.—17th inst., aged 24, Catherine, wife of John Allan, youngest daughter of, Thomas Davison.

BLAYDON.—Garden Street, 19th inst., aged 67, Thomas, husband of Ann Wilson.

AUSTRALIA.—Aged 55, Robert, beloved husband of Francis Stoker, late of Dipton.

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WHEN the discussion on the Royal Grants first commenced we remarked that for any settlement to be satisfactory two conditions must be fulfilled—"the first is that the amount should be small, and, secondly, that the settlement should be absolutely final." In our opinion, Mr. John Morley's amendment finds ample justification in the fact that the Government have deliberately ignored the latter stipulation. Furious alike at the eloquent and dignified terms in which Mr. Morley declared his hearty allegiance to the Queen, and at the unswerving determination he shewed not to allow the money of the people to be squandered, Mr. Chamberlain and his other opponents endeavoured to shew that the position he assumed was illogical. They seemed unable to grasp the fact that it is possible for a statesman to keep faith both with his Sovereign and his constituents. They affected to jeer because, though Mr. Morley refused to treat the Queen's message with discourtesy he yet declined to accede to the extravagant demands of her Ministers. On the first grounds he voted against Mr. Labouchere's amendment; on the second he turned his back on Mr. W. H. Smith's proposals. We are really sorry for the mental obtuseness of anyone who is unable to see the very broad distinction which separates these two positions. On several occasions we have drawn attention to the monstrous nature of the terms which the Government at first asked the Committee to accept; but they have never been so clearly stated as by Mr. Morley. It is well that people should realise the insufferable burden which Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley have prevented Mr. Smith and his supporters from laying on the nation. "Those original proposals involved an annual charge contingent upon the marriages of the Prince of Wales's family, of £49,000; and they involved a capital sum of £30,000, which would have led to three separate applications to Parliament. Further, there was a demand for the sons of the younger children of her Majesty, making, on the most moderate allowance under the last head, a contingent total of £70,000 or £80,000, and involving a deliberate and formal assertion by Parliament that it would provide for the children of the younger children of the Sovereign." Mr. Morley in committee was prepared to accept a compromise; he would have agreed, that is, to an annuity of £36,000 a year—a pretty liberal sum, we think—if the Government had undertaken to formulate an expression of opinion that no further sum at any future time should be demanded from the nation for the support of the Royal family. Mr. Smith refused to give this undertaking. Mr. Morley therefore cried off the bargain, and, we take it, as much to protest against the culpable extravagance as anything else, opposed the whole grant. There was nothing inconsistent in this action. The same kind of thing occurs in business transactions every day. And if we come to compare the relative loyalty of Mr. Smith and Mr. Morley, we contend that it is the latter who is the real supporter of the Throne. As Sir Robert Peel said on a memorable occasion: "He who acquiesced in a vote which he felt could not be vindicated was not a true friend to the Crown. He was a much greater friend to the Crown who saved it from the unpopularity of an extravagant vote."

Mr. Chamberlain has of late appeared in many strange and diverting travesties, but he never displayed more alacrity in turning his coat than in his reply to Mr. Morley. We all remember how, a few years ago, he used to disgust sober-minded politicians by the way in which he was wont to rant against the Monarchy. He never had that broad comprehension which compelled Mr. Morley to give expression to his belief "that we shall most steadily and surely travel along the path of national progress under Monarchical forms. A Constitutional Monarchy is woven into the very web of our national life and our national history. We feel as well as you feel that Monarchy is the outward and visible symbol of the historic continuity of our nation, the out-ward and visible symbol of that unity which binds together all our scattered colonies and dependencies in the vast realm beyond the sea." Mr. Chamberlain is incapable of understanding sentiments of this kind. His intellect has neither the necessary breadth, nor has it received the needful culture. A "sound commercial education" such as Mr. Chamberlain had in his youth, is no doubt an excellent thing, but it is not the kind of training which is calculated to develop a sense of historical continuity in a man's mind. But Mr. Chamberlain made up for his want of stability by his remarkable nimbleness. To hear the whilom sturdy Radical debiting sentiments more royalist and extravagant than the sturdiest Tory among them all was a strange object lesson in consistency. Even his new allies must have felt uncomfortable at the extraordinary views of the latest addition to the "gentlemen of England." He was unable to see any difference between Parliament declaring now that this grant should be final, and leaving the declaration to some future Parliament. Has Mr. Chamberlain forgotten the great and practical difficulties which prevent a subsequent Parliament overruling the decisions in money matters of a former one? For this is the real reason why it was so important that a declaration of "finality" should be made at once. Moreover, we must not forget that, when the new Civil List is arranged, a strong Tory Government may perchance be in power which will not hesitate, if the path is clear before them, to make fresh demands on the nation. This is no mere conjecture without a basis of probability; for the first Parliament of a reign is often extremely Conservative. To such facts as these, however, Mr. Chamberlain wilfully shut his eyes. There was no limit, indeed, in his complacency towards the Royal family. Apparently he wished to dower them all with countless sums of money. It was unfair not to make the present grant "because there had been no notice to the Queen at any time that she was expected to provide for her descendants." So argued the ex-Mayor of Birmingham. This means, we may fairly assume, that Mr. Chamberlain is prepared to settle money on long, unborn lines of Battenbergs and Fifes. For will they not all be "descendants of the Queen?" We deplore the turn which the debate has taken; but it is entirely owing to the blunders of the Smith-cum-Chamberlain combination that a feeling of irritation has been aroused against the grant, and that a moderate sum has not been allowed to the Royal family with the cordial consent of the nation.

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THE WEEK.

GLADSTONE'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone is calculated to arouse the most genuine interest among all classes in the country. It is rare that a statesman of Mr. Gladstone's rank retains to his advanced age the full force of all his intellectual faculties; it is rarer still that a man has the inestimable good fortune to have preserved to him throughout a long life the partner who has shared his earliest political struggles and taken part in his youthful successes and failures. Few men have been so fortunate as Mr. Gladstone in his lifelong helpmate. Mrs. Gladstone will not go down to posterity as a brilliant leader of society. By intuition she seemed from the first to recognise that her husband was strong and great enough to stand alone. All note with admiration and astonishment the force and vigour which still animate this old man of eighty; few estimate the important share which the constant and assiduous attention of a devoted wife has had in preserving his health and constitution. When past seventy, Mr. Gladstone was struck down by an illness which would have carried off many a younger man; but he slowly, though surely, shook off the grip of death, and recovered. Those who are in a position to know, say that this was mainly due to the ever-watchful care of his wife. In glancing back over the fifty years of married life which have been vouchsafed to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, and in reflecting on the work which the great statesman has accomplished in that period it would be ungracious to pass over the important part which Mrs. Gladstone has played in his life. Some of us may think he has employed his great powers in a manner which has injured rather than benefited his country; while others claim for him that he has introduced more beneficent reforms than any other statesman of the age. But even his enemies do not attempt to deny his personal charm and strange fascination. Great, however, as has been the admiration which Mr. Gladstone has evoked in his life-time, it is probable that the position which he will occupy in history will be greater still.

DICKENS AS EDITOR.

EVERYONE knows how good an editor Dickens was, and the eulogium which his son passes upon him in that capacity in the new number of the *English Illustrated Magazine* is one that nobody will take exception to. Dickens was at once the keenest, the kindest, and the most painstaking of editors. To begin with, nobody was ever quicker to discern merit in a young and unknown author; and no editor was ever more delighted when he had done so. When he got hold of a manuscript that contained much which was good and a little which was not quite so good, he did not promptly return it to the author, "declined with thanks." Not at all; he took pen in hand himself and gave the MS. its proper shape. It requires a great deal of sympathy, and a great deal more of patience, to do this; but an editor who has not sympathy and patience lacks two of the highest editorial virtues. And when Dickens had to return a MS., how charmingly he did it! He was always very good in writing letters of criticism, advice, and so on, to his contributors; and many a young author of promise got great good by these letters. But the best of editors often has the most thankless task, and perhaps it is not to be wondered at that Dickens's successors, when they receive a MS. that is not quite to their liking, are generally content to fall back on that brief, terrible formula, "declined with thanks."

OUR POVERTY IN SINGERS.

THE second instalment of Sir Morell Mackenzie's essay on "Speech and Song" is one of the most interesting articles in the new number of the *Contemporary Review*. Having dealt last month with the voice in its "every-day garb of speech," he treats of it this month as it is when "transfigured in song." It is, he says, one of the most remarkable things relating to song at the present day that the number of "really fine voices" is very few. The complaint is not altogether new, and is, in part at least, nothing more than the inevitable moan of the *laudator temporis acti* over the decadence of things in general. To what, asks Sir Morell Mackenzie, can our poverty in voices of the highest class be due? He assigns three causes: Inadequacy of training; the want of good teachers; and, thirdly, the gradual rise of the concert pitch. As to the first cause, singers, like other people, are, nowadays, in too great a hurry to succeed. Then the want of good teachers "is closely connected with the inadequacy of modern training." Masters who will not go the right way to work to learn their art are scarcely likely to be the best teachers of it. Touching the third of Sir Morell Mackenzie's causes—the high concert pitch—this is an absurd convention which is chiefly confined to England. It grew up out of the desire to get unusually brilliant effects from the orchestra, without regard for the consequences which the rise of pitch entailed upon the voice. But, if this be a mere convention, why not abolish it? Why not lower the pitch? The chief difficulty in the way seems to be one of pounds, shillings, and pence. To sum up, Sir Morell Mackenzie's opinion is, that the reason why great singers are fewer to-day than they were in days gone by, is that voice-training has become almost a lost art. Before we can look for a new generation of great vocalists, we must take a step backwards in the matter of training, and have recourse once more to the methods of the past.

IDENTIFICATION OF PRISONERS.

MISTAKES and mischances occur from time to time which shew that our method of identifying prisoners and criminals is by no means as perfect as it might be. It is, for example, in all ways objectionable that a person on trial for the first time in his life should be declared by a prison warder to be "identical" with some other person who has at some former time been not only tried, but convicted. Such a case as this happened the other day, when a warder compared a prisoner in the dock with the official description of a man sentenced in 1879 to seven years' penal servitude and seven years' police supervision, declaring that the prisoner's height tallied, and that he bore marks which made the identification complete. On this evidence the jury found that the prisoner in the dock was the man who had been previously convicted. It was, however, afterwards proved that he was not. This seems to shew clearly enough that whatever the system be by which prison warders are in the habit of "identifying" prisoners by marks, scars, &c., on the body, it is either an imperfect one, or it is improperly carried out. Our prison officials might do worse than study the system of identification formulated by M. Bertillon, of the French police, which seems to be not less scientific than simple, and quite admirable for the results that it attains.

Thomas Blogg, a carter, has been buried alive in a sandpit at Chorley through the side of the pit giving way. His body was dug out two hours afterwards.

A petition has been presented to her Majesty in Council by the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Fife, and others, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation under the name or title of "The British South Africa Company."

Cricket.

Christ Church, Gateshead, 23; West Pelton and Beamish did not bat.

TANFIELD LEA C.C.—This club wants a match away from home next Saturday, August 10th.—J. Smith, secretary.

RYTON v ELSWICK WORKS.—Played on Ryton Willows, and resulted in a win for the home team by six runs. Score:—Ryton, 42; Elswick, 36.

SACRISTON v LITTLEBURN.—Played at Littleburn, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Score:—Littleburn, 32; Sacriston, 59 for five wickets.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v WHICKHAM.

Played at Consett on Saturday, and resulted in a draw in favour of the home team, who, after two hours' batting, under the new rule declared their innings at a close for 91 runs. Score:—

CONSETT.		WHICKHAM.	
A S Godfrey b Lawson	10	R Atkinson b I Richards	0
I Richards c Merdue	50	G Copeland b Monaghan b I Richards	0
J Siddell b Heighton	15	T Hickson c Jameson b I Richards	1
T Jameson b Height'n	1	Thyne c Maddison b I Richards	4
W A Leadbitter b Lawson	6	R Mordue b I Rich'ds	4
W Turnbull b Height'n	3	M Lawson run out	2
P Gibson b Lawson	5	G Heighton not out	2
Dr Wynne not out	3	T A Smith b Maddison	1
J Monaghan not out	4	J Temperley not out	3
J Maddison to bat		J Dinsdale to bat	
M Williamson ,,		R Lowes ,,	
Extras	4	Extras	6
Total	101	Total	23

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2ND v WHICKHAM 2ND.

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

CONSETT.		WHICKHAM.	
W Gibson c Archer	5	J Mowbray b Wood	5
T Turner b Faldon	20	F Faldon not out	8
R Johnson run out	1	J Faldon c Johnson	0
W Jenkins c Cheeseman	2	T Cheeseman b Lowes	0
T Gibson b Cheeseman	10	G Mason b Wood	0
J Fiddes run out	1	G Cheeseman b Lowes	1
R Lowes c Cheeseman	5	T Archer b Lowes	0
J Aitkin b Faldon	2	W Harm b Lowes	0
R Watson b Cheeseman	1	J Buckhurst b Lowes	0
A Wood not out	12	G Faldon c Gibson	0
Spoor st Mowbray	3	G Sherrington b Lowes	1
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	68	Total	15

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v LEADGATE.

Played at Shotley Spa Grounds on the occasion of the United Friendly Societies Demonstration, in the presence of a large contingent of spectators. The visiting team had much the best of the game, which ended in an easy victory in their favour. The Shotley Bridge club entertained their Leadgate brethren to a splendid tea. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.		LEADGATE.	
V Thirlwell b Jackson	1	J Murphy b J W Lancaster	3
J W Lancaster c Walton b Murphy	2	J Smith b J W Lancaster	3
W Barrass c Murphy b Jackson	7	R Cant b J W Lancaster	15
J Dixon b Jackson	0	F Jackson c Pearson b Barrass	10
J Lancaster b Jackson	0	T Walton b Jos Lancaster	8
R Campbell c Lamb b Jackson	0	A Burnip run out	7
J Thirlwell b Jackson	2	J Watson b Jos Lancaster	7
H Pearson c and b Jackson	3	J Snowdon c Pearson b J Thirwell	5
G Wilkinson st Walton b Murphy	1	J Todd not out	3
M Richley not out	3	J Day not out	3
W Gilbertson b Jackson	0	J Burnip to bat	
Extras	0	Extras	9
Total	19	Total	73

ELSWICK ORDNANCE v TANFIELD LEA.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 66 runs. William Bolam batted well for the winners (46), as did T. Morton (17) for the losers. Score:—

ORDNANCE.		TANFIELD LEA.	
McGregor b Morton	0	Robbs b Higgins	1
Jackson b Thompson	6	T Christopher b Ridley	0
Bolam b Morton	46	Morton b Ridley	17
Dawson c Morton b Thompson	6	Holmes (capt) b Ridley	1
Jos Dixon b Morton	2	Gailes b Ridley	3
Ridley (capt) c Thompson b Morton	5	Robson c Bolam b Ridley	0
Jas Dixon run out	9	W Milburn c Higgins b Jackson	5
T Dixon b Holmes	3	Thompson b Ridley	0
Higgins b Holmes	0	J Milburn b Jackson	0
Sullivan not out	4	W Christopher not out	4
Baird b Morton	17	Elliott c T Dixon b Jackson	0
Extras	2	Extras	3
Total	103	Total	34

WESTWOOD JUNIORS v MILKWELL BURN JUNIORS.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by 15 runs. For the winners, G. Bell was in good form with the ball. Score:—

WESTWOOD.		MILKWELL BURN.	
W Bell c J Jewitt b Booth	7	J Jewitt b G Bell	0
J Curry b Booth	7	J Gallagher b G Bell	1
R Davidson b Booth	1	G Booth b Davidson	0
G Bell b Booth	0	J Kelly b Davidson	4
D Steele run out	2	R Ramsay run out	0
R Smith b Lynn	1	T Lynn b G Bell	2
M Armstrong b Lynn	1	J Waggott b G Bell	4
J Lynn c Kelly b Lynn	1	E Jewitt b G Bell	0
R Jewitt b Lynn	0	T Stubbs c Smith b G Bell	0
J E Armstrong b Lynn	1	T Stevenson b Davidson	1
J Miller not out	0	W Smith not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	3
Total	30	Total	15

MEDOMSLEY CHURCH v ALLENDALE CHURCH.

Played at Medomsley in connection with the Sunday-school treat, resulting in a win for the visitors. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		ALLENDALE.	
J Pearson b Barker	0	R Davison c Pearson	2
W Lovatt c Wigham	1	M Walton not out	15
W Walton b Barker	0	T White c Pearson	1
R Charlton b White	3	J E Parker not out	1
J Sanderson b Barker	0	N Coulson (to bat)	
J Walton b Barker	0	W Barker (to bat)	
J Taylor b Barker	2	T Wigham (to bat)	
G Morris run out	8	T Knox (to bat)	
M Hedley c Davison	0	R Henry (to bat)	
T Calvert run out	0	J Knox (to bat)	
T Walton not out	1	G Walton (to bat)	
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	19	Total	21

GREENSIDE v RIDING MILL.

Played at Greenside, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 23 runs. R. Bolam bowled well for the winners, taking seven wickets for nine runs. Score:—

GREENSIDE.		RIDING MILL.	
W Snowdon b Knott	0	R Moody b Bolam	1
J Hall b Graham	2	G Graham c Snowdon	8
J Pile c Deane	1	G W Swinburne b Bolam	0
M Pile c Tweddle	3	J A Knott b Bolam	1
R Bolam b Graham	12	W Tweddle b Bolam	0
G Urwin c Knott	1	H Deane run out	1
E Holmes b Knott	13	J Tweddle b Hall	0
T Armstrong c Pile	4	W Deane b Bolam	0
W Rochester b Grah'm	1	J Wheatley (sub) not out	7
W Armstrong (sub) b Knott	0	J Fewster (sub) b Bolam	0
H Richardson not out	2	L Armstrong (sub) b Bolam	0
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total	47	Total	24

TANFIELD v MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Tanfield, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 21 runs. Medomsley played one man short throughout. Score:—

TANFIELD.		MEDOMSLEY.	
G Jones b Little	15	G Walton run out	18
T Jewitt hit wkt b Little	18	M Charlton b Robinson	1
W T Brown c Walton b Little	4	M T Milburn c Joice b Robinson	5
H Joice b Cant	1	A Little c Jones b Jewitt	2
R Agar b Little	4	G E Milburn b Jewitt	3
J R Bowes b Little	15	Wm G Thompson b Jewitt	2
W G Robinson run out	3	W Cant thrown out	25
T Swinburn b Little	0	J Ross b Robinson	3
J E Bowes b Little	12	W E Charlton not out	3
N Wilkinson b Cant	1	R Armstrong c Donald b Robinson	3
C Donald not out	7		
Extras	10	Extras	4
Total	90	Total	69

BURNOPFIELD v TYNE DOCK.

The return game between the above clubs was played at Tyne Dock on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by 37 runs. Hogarth and Ramsay both played well for the Burnopfield team, while J. Batey did well for the losers. Score:—

TYNE DOCK.		BURNOPFIELD.	
J Crawford run out	1	J H Cuthbertson b James	8
J James b Hogarth	8	G Cooper b James	0
J Pescod c Banfield	0	R Dent b James	6
J Batey b Hogarth	11	W Hogarth b James	18
R Stoker b Robson	6	G Robson b James	3
R Brown run out	0	T Southren b James	0
J Atkinson b Hogarth	0	J G Ramsay b Brown	12
H Reid b Cuthbertson	0	J Hutchinson b James	5
J Richardson not out	9	R Wake not out	7
J Percy b Hogarth	2	R Banfield run out	0
J Graham b Purdy	0	G Purdy b James	0
Extras	6	Extras	15
Total	37	Total	74

BURNOPFIELD 2ND v DIPTON.

This return game was played at Burnopfield on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team by four runs. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		DIPTON.	
P Allen c Buck	0	J Southren b Potts	0
J Eltringham b Lawson	1	J W Batey c Handcock	5
R Handcock b Lawson	0	T Walker b Allen	6
Wm Turnbull b Lawson	11	J Walker b Turnbull	9
J Potts b Lawson	0	J Curtis b Allen	0
R Davison b Freek	2	T Buck b Hudsmith	0
R Ferguson c Buck	17	J Lawson st Allen	19
N Lamb b Buck	13	N Freek c Ferguson	3
E Hudsmith b Lawson	6	W Smith b Allen	9
E Marshall c and b Lawson	0	R Holmes st Potts	11
R Appleby not out	0	J Teasdale not out	1
Extras	7	Extras	0
Total	57	Total	53

USHAW MOOR v CROOK.

Played at Crook, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 17 runs. Lowes, who is in fine form this season, took five wickets for ten runs. Score:—

USHAW MOOR.		CROOK.	
W Tennick c Furness	15	R Scales b Fenwick	8
J Lowes c Scales	5	J Woodhall c Hudson	8
H Young run out	12	S Barkas c Heckels	4
W Hill run out	1	H Elgie run out	3
A Hudson b Elgie	3	F Blair c Heckels	3
W Lynn b Woodhall	3	T Scales b Lowes	1
G Heckels c & b Elgie	0	R Turner c Hutchinson	4
H Hudson c Furness	0	C Raine b Tennick	1
J Curry not out	4	N Ogg b Tennick	0
T Curry c Furness	2	J Johnson not out	5
J Hutchinson c Turn'r	13	J Furness c and b Lowes	1
Extras	3	Extras	7
Total	61	Total	44

TUDHOE v CORNSAY.

Played at Tudhoe on Saturday, resulting in a win for the home team. Score:—

CORNSAY.		TUDHOE.	
J Slater b Hutchinson	21	C Snowdon c Slater	9
R Hope lbw b Snowdon	7	T Eddy b Harding	5
C Smith b Snowdon	10	M Barrass not out	56
W Gray c Hutchinson	1	E Wainford c Hardi'g	8
Wm Harding b Snowdon	6	W Hall c Harding	0
G Browning b Snowdon	14	R Hutchinson b Slater	1
J Mitchell b Hutchinson	1	R Charlton b Slater	2
R Johnson b Hutchinson	0	G Dawson b Mitchell	2
J Hodgson b Hutchinson	0	Dr Cochlan run out	2
J Milburn not out	7	M Taylor c Milburn	7
J Anderson c Snowdon	4	W Hodgson lbw	7
Extras	0	Extras	9
Total	71	Total	108

TANFIELD v LANCHESTER.

Played at Lanchester on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. F. Parker batted well for Lanchester. The bowling and fielding of the winners was excellent. T. Mossom was the only one who showed any effort for Tanfield. Score:—

TANFIELD.		LANCHESTER.	
J Hunter c and b McBride	0	C Wilson run out	10
G Mutgeson b Wilson	0	P McBride c Hunter b Charlton	9
J Charlton b Patterson	3	J Patterson run out	8
T Mossom not out	7	R Wilson b Mossom	1
W Robson b Patterson	1	T Wilkinson b Moss'm	1
W Armstrong b McBride	1	F Parker b Mossom	15
J Mossom c and b Wilson	0	H Parker b Mossom	7
J Hodgson c Wilkinson b Wilson	0	H Buckham b Mossom	0
W Smith b McBride	0	J Dowson b Mossom	0
W Birkley b Patterson	0	E Dixon c Charlton b Mossom	1
W Brewis c Wilkinson b Wilson	1	J Hunter not out	5
Extras	0	Extras	9
Total	13	Total	66

WEST SHIELD ROW v OXHILL.

Played on Monday, and resulted in a victory for West Shield Row. Score:—

SHIELD ROW.		OXHILL.	
W Knotts b Middlemiss	3	H Craddace b Knotts	10
J Waugh b Middlemiss	0	J Middlemiss b Knotts	12
C Jacques run out	4	J Calton c Humble	0
W Bryan b Middlemiss	10	J Richardson b Collins	0
G Collins c Middlemiss b Calton	6	J Cox b Robinson	2
J Waugh lbw b Calton	3	R Palmer b Knotts	3
J Jacques b Middlemiss	0	G Collins b Knotts	0
C Trelease run out	3	M Ledger st Jacques	0
W Harvey b Calton	1	M Siddle b Knotts	3
T Robinson not out	1	W Black b Jacques	3
H Humble b Middlemiss	0	E Married not out	0
Extras	13	Extras	0
Total	44	Total	33

WALLSEND EXCELSIOR v WEST STANLEY SHIELD ROVERS.—Played at West Stanley on Saturday, and, after a very pleasant game, resulted in a win for Wallsend. Special mention should be made of the splendid fielding on both sides, not a chance being missed, greatly to the annoyance of various batters, not a few of whom retired "caught" or "run out." Score:—Excelsior, 38; Rovers, 23.

BROWNEY BLUE AND WHITE v LANGLEY PARK.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—Langley Park, 33; Browney, 35.

CHRIST CHURCH (GATESHEAD) v WEST PELTON AND BEAMISH.

Played at Gateshead on Monday, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

CHRIST CHURCH.		BEAMISH.	
J Joicey b Carr	2	Hutchinson hit wicket	28
Scott st Leybourn	23	Leybourn b Wraith	7
Garnett b Carr	1	Humes b Scott	4
Proud b Humes	0	Hall st Garnett	11
Glass st Leybourn	1	Mole b Glass	17
Wraith not out	8	P Carr b Scott	6
Allison not out	0	W Storey b Scott	1
Pickering (to bat)		R Laverick b Glass	0
Trotter (to bat)		Carr not out	2
Wilson (to bat)		Gresty b Scott	0
Holmes (to bat)		A N Other b Scott	0
Extras	10	Extras	13
Total	45	Total	89

CORNSAY 2ND v SEEETBURN 2ND.

Played at Cornsay on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by 77 runs. Score:—

SLEETBURN.		CORNSAY.	
T Gibson b G Lowes	45	G Lowes b Gibson	0
J Gilroy b G Lowes	4	E Austin b Grocquett	5
J Davison c Simpson b Lawson	27	J Raw st Gilroy b Gibson	6
S Grocquett b Lowes	14	J Starforth c Milburn b Gibson	2
W Milbern b Lowes	2	H Lowes c Mould b Gibson	5
H Lee b G Lowes	10	E Hodgson c Mould b Gibson	4
S Fulton b G Lowes	0	R Simpson c and b Gibson	0
H Pinkney b Austin	0	T Robb run out	1
L Eccles b G Lowes	2	J Mace c Mould b Grocquett	5
J Mould not out	0	J Ainsley st	1
		W Armstrong not out	0
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	107	Total	30

LEADGATE ST IVES v ST MARGARET'S, DURHAM.

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

DURHAM.		ST IVES.	
Welch b Foster	2	W G Robson st Richardson b Welch	2
Richardson not out	12	J Lock b Egglestone	1
Egglestone b Willey	4	G Foster not out	12
Weatherall b Willey	4	W Foreman lbw b Egglestone	0
Talbot b Foster	0	J T Willey not out	13
Crow b Foster	0	F Caffery (to bat)	
Shield c Lee b Foster	0	H Murphy (to bat)	
Herron b Willey	0	V McGuckin (to bat)	
T Lock b Willey	0	W Bainbridge (to bat)	
G Willey b Willey	0	T Lee (to bat)	
T Walton b Foster	1	S Lock (to bat)	
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	25	Total	30

STANHOPE v WOLSINGHAM.

Played at Stanhope, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

STANHOPE.		WOLSINGHAM.	
R Pulleine	11	W Hindley	0
T Moore	3	R Hetherington	11
G Waller	1	J Bate	0
J Moore	8	W H Shatall	4
J W Roddam	31	W H Hatton	2
J Dixon	0	W Gordon	0
V A Rippon	1	C Windle	5
T Fairless	5	R W Wraith	0
J Walton	17	G Maine	0
R Johnson	1	T Stobbs	1
J A Watson	1	F Gardiner	0
Extras	0	Extras	0
Total	79	Total	23

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v BLACKHILL JUNIORS.

Played at Medomsley on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home eleven. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		JUNIORS.	
J Hornsby b Stubbs	0	T Lindsay b Hetherington	7
W Bell b Watson	0	M Carlisle run out	1
T Bramley c Robson b Watson	0	J Brown b Hetherington	17
J Hunter b Dunn	14	W Brown c Bell b Hetherington	4
W Hunter c Brown b Carlisle	38	R Stubbs b W Hunter	7
J Veitch b Brown	0	W Atkinson b Hetherington	0
J Hetherington lbw b Brown	9	T Dunn b Hornsby	6
H Pearson b Watson	0	E Robson c Veitch b Hetherington	3
J Hunter b Watson	0	G Sayers c Bell b Hetherington	4
Substitute not out	0	T Watson not out	2
Substitute c Atkinson b Carlisle	0	W Vivian b Hetherington	0
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	65	Total	56

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "UMPIRE."]

To the surprise of everyone, Saturday was a fine day, and the cricket matches in our district were not stopped by rain.

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CONSETT v WHICKHAM.

The Whickham eleven paid their annual visit to Consett and District C.C. on Saturday, and came very near getting a severe beating. As the wicket was a dead one, the Whickham captain, who won the toss, put Consett in to bat. As a change, A. S. Godfrey accompanied I. Richards to the wicket, and began the innings of the home team. Both men played carefully for a time, but after making 10 the home captain had his leg stump removed by Lawson. Siddell followed, and some fine defensive batting was witnessed. Richards then seemed to become aware of the fact, as yet, he had not scored many, and at once began to play with a great deal of freedom, and raised his score considerably before he lost his partner, who had batted finely for his 15. Jameson, Leadbitter, and Turnbull followed, and while the last-named was in Richards, reached his half-century, but a ball or two afterwards was taken at point. This is the first time this season that Richards has made 50. The Whickham club seems to be getting weaker year by year, so that anyone who knew the club 10 years ago, and happened to see their team on the field to-day, would hardly believe that it was the old club. It is to be regretted that there is a great deal of dissension among the members, and the club will never be strong again until they all make up their minds to pull together. The show made by the visitors on Saturday was very poor, and everyone can imagine the difference that the presence of some of the old players would have made. For instance, if R. Warren, W. Burn, T. B. Mowbray, T. M. Burn, and H. Hawkes had been in the team, there would have been a different result. The bowling used to be Whickham's strong point, but now it is remarkably weak. On Saturday Lawson bowled pretty well, and Highton as a rule kept a good length, but the old bowlers were greatly missed. This is the first time that Consett have declared their innings at an end, but they were rather too late in doing it.

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CONSETT 2ND v WHICKHAM 2ND.

Consett 2nd visited Whickham on Saturday, and secured an easy victory. The visitors bowling was very close, and seven of the home team were dismissed without scoring. T. Turner again came off with the bat—I mean he made a good score, not that he made a mistake about bringing a bat away with him—and his 20 were got by good play. T. Gibson (11) and A. Wood (12 not out) also played in good style. I don't know whether Consett cricketers are greater favourites than others at Whickham, but when they go there they always get a hearty welcome, and I have heard some of them say that they enjoy their visit to Whickham better than any other outing during the season.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE v LEADGATE.

These clubs met on the Spa ground on Saturday. They had a good number of spectators, who, for the most part, were sadily disappointed in the display of the home team. The home eleven batted first and were all out for 19. The visitors then went in and made 73 for the loss of eight wickets. Jackson was in good form with the ball, and proved too good for the local men. For Leadgate R. Cant (15) and F. Jackson (10) batted well. There may be some excuse for Shotley team failing in batting as the bowling was good; but surely there can be no excuse for their poor fielding. Some of the Leadgate men were let off frequently and I am rather surprised that they did not make a larger score. How does it come that William Wilson is not used more as a bowler. He has one good point and that is that he is always on the wicket, and when the ground suits him he is difficult to stop. If they want to win the match at the Flower Show they will have to field much better. I happen to know two or three of the outsiders who will be playing that day, and as they are not in the habit of dropping catches themselves they will hardly excuse anybody else for doing so.

TANFIELD v MEDOMSLEY.

Medomsley team went to Tanfield on Saturday, but were unable to come away victors. Tanfield batted first, and made a good beginning, as their first two men—G. Jones and T. Jewitt—made 15 and 18 respectively. J. R. Bowes (15) and J. E. Bowes (12) both played well for their runs. The visitors then went in, and though G. Walton (18) and W. Cant (25) batted finely, they were unable to knock off the required score, and so had to accept a defeat. Had Medomsley had their full team with them they might have won. As it was, G. Walton and W. Cant were both unfortunate in losing their wickets as they did.

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BURNOPFIELD v TYNE DOCK.

On Saturday, Burnopfield managed to exactly double their opponents' score when playing at Tyne Dock. W. Hogarth (18) and J. G. Ramsay (12) batted well for the winners.

CROOK v USHAW MOOR.

These clubs met at Crook on Saturday, when a good game was witnessed. Ushaw Moor batted first, and by the efforts of W. Tennick (15), H. Young (12), and J. Hutchinson (13) their score reached 61. The home team then went in, but were unable to make any stand against the fine bowling of Lowes, who took five wickets for ten runs, and were all dismissed for 44. I am glad to see Lowes in such good form again, for he is a useful man on the team. If the wicket is slightly bumpy, he can frighten those whom he cannot bowl, and that makes the work of dismissing them a lot easier for the bowler at the other wicket.

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TUDHOE v CORNSAY.

Cornsay visited Tudhoe on Saturday, and owing to the fine batting of M. Barrass—who is a son of Mr Barrass, of Highgate—they were defeated. This gentlemen went in first wicket down, and carried out his bat for a well-played 56.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "ANNFIELDITE."]

I forgot to mention last week that the South Derwent (Annfield Plain) Brass Band took part in a contest at West Hartlepool sports on the previous Saturday, and succeeded in bringing away the premier honours. The contest produced an entry of four, viz., West Hartlepool Old Operatic, conductor Mr Hogg; Hartlepool Recreation, conductor Mr Byers; South Derwent, conductor Mr G. Raine; Spennymoor, conductor Mr Whitworth. The prizes (four) were £15, £10, £5, and £3. Result:—1, South Derwent; 2, Whitworth; 3, West Hartlepool Old Operatic; 4. Spennymoor. The winners played "L'Étoile du Nord." Well done, Annfield Plain.

The Catchgate Bethany Christian Lay Church choir and the members had their annual trip to Sunderland. There were five brakes, besides several traps being engaged to convey the passengers.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

The committee of the Shotley Bridge Flower Show are to be congratulated on their selection of Mr Amers' increasingly popular Exhibition Band as the musical attraction at their forth-coming and much wished-for show on Saturday, August the 17th. This very capable band has, since its last visit to Shotley, gained very wide and justifiable renown, having been in request at Manchester, Leeds, and many other towns in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

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In Newcastle, this clever band of instrumentalists draws the people like a charm. Whenever or wherever they are advertised to give a concert, the people flock in crowds to hear them. I speak no fanciful story here. It is quite correct to say that the Newcastle people are so confident of a genuine musical programme when Mr Amers' has the arranging of it that they greet the occasion—however often repeated, with delight, and crowd around the band-stand as if they could not possibly be too close to the players.

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It is rarely indeed that a town like Newcastle has the fortune to possess an orchestral band of the character and efficiency of that which Mr Amers' has been so long associated, and it is only fitting and that they should feel proud of the possession.

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I remember the last occasion of this band's visit to Shotley Bridge, which was, as my readers know, under the auspices of the Shotley Flower Show committee. I cal to mind the excellent programme which had been arranged for, and I also do not lose remembrance of the fact that, excellent as it was, through some flaw in the arrangements, only something like half of it was gone through.

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I do not, either, forget the chagrin of Mr Amers on the occasion, who was decidedly disappointed to have to forego the performance of good music in order to give place to commonplace dance music. As he remarked to me at the time, he would not have minded if those who availed themselves of the dancing had been more numerous; but he did think—and many others thought with him—that it was a great pity to have disturbed the arrangements of the programme for the sake of a sprinkling of lovers of the light fantastic. Now, my dear Mr Ramsay, will you not try to alter things this year?

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I wonder if my friend Mr Hyden is still of the same mind as he formerly was, of helping the Consett Choral Society to a better state of being by encouraging those of his children who have shown musical talent—and they are numerous—in the idea of joining that excellent institution! In these matters the influence of the master goes a very long way indeed, and I have not the least doubt that if he would only bring that influence to bear, in conjunction with the other schoolmasters in the town, the Choral Society might become still more useful than hitherto.

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Nadgy, the comic opera with which the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, re-opened for the season on Monday evening, although less attractive, generally speaking, than *Falka*, by the same composer, is, musically, sweet and tuneful. The choruses are less brilliant that those in the earlier opera, and the solos have less, perhaps, of that ravishing character peculiar to *Falka*, but for all that they are full of charming melody for the most part. A tenor solo in the first act, one for the baritone in the second, as well as another for the tenor in three-four time—likely to become very popular, and a sweet thing in the same act for the soprano took the fancy of the audience. These were interspersed with the more flimsy sort of thing, including a very grotesque duet in the second act, and a funny song in the third, to my mind highly suggestive of the music hall order of song, "Put it to the vote."

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The libretto seemed to me very clumsily done. The interest centres entirely round the "comic man" and his doings, whilst the hero and heroine are made to take quite a back seat. It is true we have plenty of "Nadgy," but we could do with more, and although "Pharagas" is very amusing in his way, the character is made a trifle too obtrusive before the curtain falls. The company is a good one, the scenery and dresses capital, and the singing for the most part up to the average, although there is room for improvement in the choruses.

REV F. RAINE (PRUDHOE) ON "CURRENT POLITICS."

As announced in last weeks issue of the *Guardian*, a meeting in connection with the Prudhoe Liberal Association was held at Prudhoe. It was intended that the meeting should be held in the open air, and at its commencement there was a large company gathered on the show ground. Rain, however, soon commenced to fall, and an adjournment had to be made to the United Methodist Free Church school-room, which was crowded. Rev F. Raine occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings said they had met that night to protest against the tyranny and abominable wickedness of the present Government in relation to a large number of their fellow-subjects who resided on the other side of St. George's Channel. (Applause.) Their object was to assist in the laudable and noble work of relieving Ireland from the slavery and thraldom to which it had subjected. Mr Gladstone had been raised up to deliver Ireland from that slavery, and it was their duty to help him in that work. Sympathy with Ireland was not confined to that part of the country. He had just returned from a very pleasant stay at Redruth in Cornwall, and while he was there there was a monster political demonstration to protest against the imprisonment of Mr Conybeare—(applause)—a gentleman whom any constituency might feel honoured to have representing it in Parliament. That meeting, with a unanimous voice, condemned the incarceration of that noble man. The people of Cornwall were thorough supporters of Mr Gladstone on the Irish question. He begged to propose the following resolution:—"That whereas law and order in Ireland costs the rate-payers of Britian £5,000,000 a-year, or £5 per each Irish family; that about one-third of our regular home forces is kept constantly employed in Ireland; that the taxation of Great Britain already reaches the enormous sum of £13 a-year per family; and that instead of any increase of our over-taxation, what is wanted for the defence of the empire is sweeping reform, which shall remove the drones and wasps from the army, navy, and Irish hives of our United Kingdom. Further, that the cruelly concocted villany already brought to light by the Parnell Commission, the present attitude of the pledge-broken Governmemt, and the discontent with it entertained throughout the country, render an appeal to the constituencies imperatively necessary; and that this meeting of the electors of the Prudhoe Liberal Association hopes, therefore, that immediate steps will be taken to pray her Majesty the Queen to dissolve Parliament, and thus give the electorate an opportunity, by pacifying Ireland, of strengthening the defences of the Empire without any further call for money from her heavily-taxed subjects. Further, that this meeting emphatically protests against any increase or any further royal grants." In regard to the latter clause of that resolution, it was known that her gracious Majesty the Queen had an income of £385,000 per annum, and he thought that if any of them had that amount they would struggle on very well. (Laughter). Then the Prince of Wales had an allowance of £40,000 a year, beside which he received from the Duchy of Cornwall £62,000 a year, making the magnificent income of £102,000 a year. He thought if he had an income like that and one of his daughters was going to get married, he would be able to give her a few pounds. (Applause). As he considered that that money in a very large measure came out of the pockets of the working men, he thought it was proper that they should protest against the perpetuation of such an abomination. (Applause). He was perfectly loyal, and what he had said he did not say in a spirit of disloyalty but from a sense of duty.—Mr T. Robertson seconded the resolution, and, on being put to the meeting, it was carried unanimously.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Stanhope band gala and sports were a thorough success on Saturday. They were fortunate in securing a fine day, and the result was very gratifying—over £20 at the gates and tea. Much of the success of the sports was due to Mr and Mrs Wm. Baitey, who worked energetically for weeks before to make it a success. The working committee all deserve their share of praise for the day's success, and the band hereby express their thanks to all who in any way contributed or helped to bring about the successful issue of the day's proceedings.

The Upper Weardale wrestlers have reason to be proud of their achievements at the above sports, especially when a 9st man carried off the premier honours in both heavy and light weights wrestling. The crack wrestlers of the dale were present from Wolsingham, Stanhope, and Upper Weardale, and the prizes were well contested for. Certainly Mr William Bell was fortunate to have avoided the great, strong physical athletes, who somehow were thrown together, and in the struggle exhausted their strength before he was called to measure swords with them. The question is asked now: Will he manage the Stanhope flower show champion cup, or will Wearmouth secure it?

The big ships which left the Butts dock on Monday morning for Hartlepool were piloted to Stanhope station by skilled pilots as big as the ships themselves. The farewells and good-bye dears were full of promise for the future, and the buxom damsels with tears in their eyes did not sorrow as those without hope, but went home singing—

"There's a good time coming,
Wait a little longer."

The Wolsingham Rovers will perhaps now be satisfied with the beating they got at Stanhope on Saturday. The victory of Stanhope club was decisive—79 to 23. The victorious club contains some excellent cricketers. Mr R. Pulleine, one of the best in the North. Mr J. W. Roddam scored 31 runs, and was not even bowled out. Mr Walton, Mr Rippon, and Messrs Moore are all excellent players, and would do credit to clubs of higher pretensions than the Stanhope cricket club. Mr Fairless, too, is a prodigy, and a decided acquisition to the club.

Weardale is well set for flower shows this year—Stanhope, Frosterley, and Wolsingham—all within a radius of five miles, and all following each other quickly.

Mrs Vickers, of Rookhope, has purchased a silver cup for the light-weights wrestling at Rookhope sports in August next. The question is asked: Will Willie Bell get it, he being the champion of the hour?

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

On Monday evening, the fortnightly meeting of the Beamish branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held in the National Schools, West Stanley. The audience was not a numerous one, yet it was larger than meetings of late. The programme was very good, and was much appreciated by all present. The speech delivered by Rev L. M. Chesters at the commencement of the meeting will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure to hear it. After prayer and hymn 71, "Showers of blessing," the following programme was faultlessly rendered:—Recitation, "The dawn of day," Miss Williams; reading, "The blunders of a bashful man," Mr J. Robson; song, "Far away," Miss Abbott; recitation, "The drunkard's home," Miss Thompson; reading, "The bottle imp," Mr J. Lumley; song, "Some folks," Mr J. T. Simpson; recitation, "Curfew must not ring to-night," Mr Ross; and a reading by the chairman concluded the evening's entertainment. Afterwards the members quietly dispersed.

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Volunteer Intelligence.

Rifle Match at Blaydon.—A most interesting rifle match was decided on Saturday at the Boss Hills range, near Blaydon, between teams chosen from the headquarter companies—Gateshead Shooting Club, 5th Durham Rifles, and the Hexham Volunteers of the 1st V.B. Northumberland Fusiliers. Both sides were well represented, and an exciting contest took place, victory ultimately resting with the home men, who fired very steadily all through. The light during most of the time shooting was proceeding was very bad, and Private Robinson's score of 92 must be accounted a good one. Conditions: Seven shots at each distance of 200, 500, and 600 yards, kneeling at the short and prone at the longer ranges, with two sighting shots allowed all through, highest possible score 105 points. Score: Gateshead, grand total, 830; Hexham Rifle Volunteer team, 828 points. After the match, the visitors were entertained at the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon.

Challenge Cup Competition at Chester-le-Street.—On Saturday, the members of the Chester-le-Street Rifle Club held their half-yearly handicap on the range of the corps. In addition to seventeen money prizes competed for, the members shot for the Rifle Club Challenge Cup, which was presented to the club two years ago by Mr Henry Lamb, King's Head Hotel, Chester-le-Street, and also the gold medal given by the club to the cud-holder. Captain John Turnbull was in command on the range. Appended are the scores:—

	200	500	600	St.	Tl.
Pte Joseph Thompson	29	26	24	18	97
Sergt-Major Adam	30	25	31	4	90
Pte A Nugent	27	29	26	8	90
Sergt James Usher	26	28	31	4	89
Corp R Atkin	29	32	22	1	84
Pte Joseph Bonsall	25	26	25	7	83
Pte R Armstrong	27	20	28	6	81
Pte James Wilson	29	20	21	12	81
Pte W Harle	30	17	16	18	81
Capt J Turnbull	26	22	20	12	80
Pte J Thompson	23	18	26	12	79
Col Sergt I Smiles	27	23	18	11	79
Pte T Huntley	19	19	16	25	79
Sergt Josh Hutchinson	27	20	21	9	77
Sergt John Thompson	30	25	20	1	76
Corp R Finlay	28	26	17	5	76
Corp R Beveridge	22	22	23	8	75
Sergt H L Spence	28	23	16	8	75

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE 4TH V.B. LIGHT INFANTRY.

The 4th Durham Rifles have detachments scattered over a great part of the county of Durham, and at Felling, Washington, Birtley, Beamish, Chester-le-Street headquarters, and Durham, strong companies are formed, bringing up the strength of the regiment to compare favourably with the majority of local ones. The members of this battalion do not go under canvas during the race week, their officers being content with a few good battalion drills and the annual inspection. Since April, however, the various detachments have undergone a thorough grounding in company drill at their respective headquarters, the value of which was fully seen on Tuesday evening, when Colonel Hope, commanding the 5th and 68th regimental districts, inspected them at Vigo, a village hamlet midway between Birtley and Chester-le-Street. The colonel, who was accompanied by Captain Braithwaite, N.F., as *aide-de-camp*, was received with the usual general salute, after which he rode along the open lines, and minutely examined the arms and clothing of the men. Quarter column by the right on number one company was performed; they then marched past by companies in capital style, evoking loud praise from the large concourse of spectators present. Having marched past in column at quick time, which was also creditably done, the column then halted, changed ranks, and marched past in quick time. Considering the uneven ground the companies were kept well in hand, and went past the saluting point in good order. The column then left-wheeled and lined to the left on the rear company, and afterwards went through the manual and firing exercise. With one or two slight exceptions, no fault could be found. The line then advanced and retired, halted and turned to their front, changed front to the right on number five company, marched *en echelon*, halted, and prepared to resist cavalry, reformed companies, and formed up on number eight company. Quarter-column on number four was gone through, after which the inspecting officer briefly addressed the officers and men, saying that from what he had witnessed he was satisfied that they knew their drill. He was also pleased at the turn-out and clean appearance of the men. On the whole, he had little to find fault with, and he was particularly well pleased with the officers, who saluted well and gave the words of command correctly. In conclusion, he said he would have pleasure in forwarding a satisfactory report to the proper quarter.—After Colonel Hope left the ground, the commanding officer, Colonel Rowlandson, in a few choice words, thanked his men for their good attendance and steadiness in the ranks.—The veteran adjutant of the corps, Major Wilkin, next said he had a few words of farewell to say. He deeply regretted that this would be the last inspection he would attend with them, for next year his time expired. He had now attended 29 inspections. That was a long time, but during the whole of it no complaints whatever had been made against the 4th Durham Regiment. He knew every one of them personally, and he felt the parting keenly. It only remained for him now to say good-bye to them all. The Adjutant was greatly affected while addressing the men. Officers then took command, and the men were afterwards conveyed to their various destinations. The following officers were present:—Colonel C. Rowlandson, Major C. Perkins, Major J. W. Pattinson, Capts. J. Cook, H. L. Pattinson, J. G. Robinson, J. Todd, J. H. Bramwell, J. Humble, L. G. Pattinson, F. Coulson, S. Turnbull, Lieuts. W. Loughton, J. D. Wilson, J. C. Gardner, G. Pickering, Second-Lieut. J. Cook, jun, the Corps Adjutant-Major W. B. Wilkin, Surgeon W. J. Brown, M.B., Honorary Chaplain Rev J. Mathwin. The field state was as follows:—Present on parade—officers 20, sergeants 45, band and buglers 40, rank and file 418, total 523; absent with leave—officers 2, sergeants 6, rank and file 57, total 65; absent without leave—sergeants 1, rank and file 35, total 36; gross total 624. C Company, from Durham, was absent, having been examined elsewhere. This company is about 75 strong, which brings the regimental strength up to 700 of all ranks.

CONSETT READING AND RECREATION ROOMS.

The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this prosperous institution was held on Tuesday evening, in the New Town Hall Chambers, Consett, when there was a fair attendance. In the absence of the President (Ald. W. Jenkins, J.P.), and the Vice-President (Rev. F. Steggall), Mr G. Ainsworth was elected to the chair.—The following is the half-yearly report, read by Mr A. Brodie (Secretary):—

"The committee are gratified in being able to congratulate the members on the improved position of this Institute, both financially and otherwise, and to report that the income has exceeded that of the preceding half-year by the sum of £8 3s, being an increase of £5 in "takings" for the billiard table, £2 8s 5d for members' subscriptions, and 14s 7d for the sale of papers. The books last purchased have been in much demand, and have been read with great avidity, and as there is now a sum in hand which might be devoted to the purchase of others, the members are again requested to enter the name of any work that they wish to recommend to the committee in the proposition book. The number of books issued during the half-year shows a slight increase, and on the whole the institution is in a state of great prosperity, the balance in hand being upwards of £30. (Applause).

The Chairman observed that this was the best balance-sheet that had ever been submitted since the establishment of the Institute. The receipts for the billiard table exceeded any previous half-year, and it was the best report they had ever heard. The committee had agreed to further replenish the library with a stock of books to the value of £5; and any member desirous of having any particular work introduced need only enter it in the proposition book, and no doubt his application would be favourably received by the committee. Moreover, they had agreed to repay the balance of £7 10s owing to Ald Jenkins. (Applause).

On the proposal of Mr Robt. Forster, seconded by Mr P. J. Whelan, the report and balance-sheet were accepted.

Mr Forster thought that the rooms might be repainted and cleaned.

The Chairman stated that the matter was under the consideration of the committee.

Mr Powell enquired if nothing could be done to cure the gas meter of squeaking.

The Secretary (Mr Brodie) stated that the matter had been examined by various plumbers and other experts, but nothing effective had been done to remedy the evil.

The Committee were eventually requested to take into consideration the advisably of removing the meter to a place where its screeching noise would not occasion so much annoyance to frequenters of the Institute.

Mr Quigley asked if it was the intention of the committee to extend the recreation room by acquiring the shop now vacant; but the Chairman understood that the shop had been let by the New Town Hall Company.

A complaint with reference to the inadequate ventilation was ordered to be enquired into, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

SAD ACCIDENT TO TWO BROTHERS AT WEST STANLEY.

On Saturday afternoon, when Matthew Stephenson, of Joicey's Square, was trying to drive a very obstinate horse, in the act of striking the animal with the shank end of a whip, the bottom of the ferrell came off through colliding with the shaft and flew into his brother's eye. Dr A. Mantle saw the case immediately after the accident and removed the piece of brass metal, but the ball of the eye was so damaged that the doctor removed it next morning. The unfortunate brother had only just left the army.

FROM THE LAND OF THE SUNNY SOUTH.

BEING THE DIARY OF SEVEN WEEKS' VOYAGE, FROM QUEENSLAND TO ENGLAND,

BY J. W. FAWCETT, OF THE GRANGE, SATLEY.

(*Continued from our last issue*).

An hour afterwards we anchored at the mouth of the Endeavour river, where is situated the municipal seaport of Cooktown—the town being named after the immortal Captain Cook, and the river after his vessel. Approaching the town from the sea, it presents a very pretty picture, consisting principally of one long main street, commencing at the wharf at which we land, and at the foot and on the western slope of Grassy Hill, always beautifully green, on the summit of which is the signal station for shipping in the Endeavour Roads. This hill is 500 feet high, and, with Mount Cook, 1,500 feet above sea-level, shelters the town from the prevalent south-east winds. The Chinese compose a great number of its inhabitants—in fact, they have a portion of the township for their exclusive occupation, and called China Town. They traffic chiefly in beche-de-mer, fungus, pearl shell, &c., which they purchase from the many vessels, trading to the coast of New Guinea, the Louisiade Archipelago, and neighbouring islands, and their export it to there Chinese correspondents at Hong Kong by direct steamers. Cooktown is one of those Australian towns "born in a day" and at one time held an important position as a mining centre. It was the port of the well-known Palmer Goldfields which claim the unexample record of production during four and a half years of fifty-three tons of gold from alluvial workings, while from 12,000 tons of stone from the same field, 36,000 ounces of the precious metal produced, and which yielded, in sterling, £140,000. For some time after these results the field was in a comparative comatose state, but it shows sign of revival, and may yet assume its old importance. Tin is also becoming a fair export. The sugar industry is yet only in its infancy, and the cultivation of rice is only on a small scale.

April 24th.—After taking on board a heavy mail and a number of passengers, we resumed our voyage in a heavy rain at 3 a.m. It rained, as it only does rain in the tropics, incessantly for three hours, when it cleared away, the day afterwards being fine. During the morning we passed Cape Bedford, a double headland, Cape Flattery, and Lookout Point, off which lay many small wooded islands and choral patches, including amongst the larger ones Lizard and Eagle Islands, and the Turtle group. A little further northwards come Murdoch Point, the Howick group, consisting of numerous small islands, and Cape Melville, between the two last, lie numerous coral patches, some nearly awash, other covered with sand and bushes.

The coast here turns south-west for about 40 miles, when it again turns northwards, and forms two bays—Bathurst Bay, between Cape Melville and Bathurst Head, and Princess Charlotte Bay, which receives numerous small rivers—Normanby, Cennedy, Saltwater, Amie, Balclutha, and Stewart—that descend from the Coast and McIlwraith Ranges, and drain a level part of the country, covered with excellent timber of various descriptions, suitable for building, &c. Over its head is a level-topped hill named by Captain Cook Jones's Table Land, and on its northern side it is almost enclosed by the Claremont and Flinders groups of islands. The former group stretches from Claremont Point to Cape Sidmouth, a distance of 40 miles, and consists only of small rocks and islets of a very dangerous character. At 10 p.m. the vessel anchored for the night near one of the small rocks, it being too dangerous to proceed after dark.

April 25th.—Resumed our voyage at 5·30 a.m., and shortly afterwards passed Cape Sidmouth, and then Cape Direction. The morning was a splendid one, whilst the south-east trade winds blew briskly, cooling the tropical atmosphere with their pleasant breezes. Soon after 8 p.m. we passed a German man-of-war—going south—who dipped her flag as we passed, in acknowledgment that she was in British waters. Whilst off Cape Grenville it commenced to rain, and continued, in real tropical showers, at intervals during the whole of the morning. Away to the east lies the great Barrier Reef, an immense reef of coral rocks. It is the work of wonderful little creatures popularly called "coral insects," but more correctly "polypes." Though their bodies are of a jelly-like matter, they can extract from the sea a hard substance composed chiefly of lime, and with it build up their habitations, which are so often massed together as in time to form not only rocks, but also vast reefs and whole islands. A "coral" island is but little elevated above sea level, for the animal ceases to work when it has reached high water mark. This great reef is the most astonishing example of this creature, and extends along the eastern coast of Queensland for 1200 miles with only a few breaks or openings through it. It was on this reef that the Endeavour, Captain Cook's vessel, grounded June 10th, 1770, and was much injured by the sharp and jagged points of the coral rock; and since his day many ships have been wrecked in attempting to cross from one side to the other. On the whole the reef runs parallel with the coast, but the interval between them varies in breadth from five to fifteen miles at the inner, and from ten to seventy miles at the outer edge. The passage for vessels within the reef is narrow and intricate, but generally safe; the outer passage is little frequented, except by whalers and sailing vessels. The depths of the inner passage ranges from 320 fathoms (2009ft).

(*To be continued*).

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SUDDEN DEATHS OF CONSETT RESIDENTS.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the rather sudden demise of Mrs Ann Cooper, the wife of the late Mr Bartholomew Cooper, of 2, Mount Pleasant, Consett (formerly of York), the melancholy event having taken place at 30, Wolseley Road, Byker, Newcastle, on Saturday afternoon, her age being 60 years. Mrs Cooper, who is the mother of the mistress of the Infants' department at the National Schools, Consett, only went to Newcastle upon a short visit a few weeks ago, and was then apparently in her usual state of health. Miss Cooper was sojourning at Scarborough, while the schools were closed for the midsummer vacation, and a few days previously she was hastily summoned to Newcastle, in consequence of the serious illness of her mother. Her loss is very deeply felt, as only a few weeks have elapsed—viz., May 6th—since we had to record the decease, after a protracted illness, of Mrs Louise Brodie, wife of Mr S. J. Brodie, the younger daughter of Mrs Cooper. The greatest sympathy is being extended to Miss Cooper, who is the only daughter left to mourn the deaths of her beloved mother and sister. It is only some five or six years since Mrs and the Misses Cooper took up their residence at Consett, and they have earned the esteem of all who knew them. On Tuesday afternoon, the body of the deceased was conveyed from Newcastle to Consett and Blackhill Station by the 3·15 passenger train, where a large company of mourners assembled to follow the remains to their last resting-place—Benfieldside Cemetery. The funeral service was reverently performed by Rev C. S. Wilson, curate of Christ Church, Consett. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mrs F. Christopher, Consett.

On Sunday morning, Miss Lily Thompson, the youngest daughter of Mr Wm. Thompson, aerated water manufacturer, passed away in an unexpected manner, at the residence of her father, Clarendon Villa, Consett. Miss Thompson, who was a very promising and accomplished young lady, and had just attained her majority, has been suffering from that fell disease—consumption—for a considerable period, but she had so far recovered as to be enabled to take a drive out in the fresh air on Saturday. It was the intention of her parents to have her removed to their farm near Iveston, on Monday, where it was hoped the change of air and scenery might recuperate her enfeebled energies. Alas! their wishes were not to be carried out. "Man proposes, but God disposes." Early on Sunday morning, dangerous symptoms were developed, and she succumbed in a very short while. The father of the deceased is a well-known worshipper at Christ Church, having acted as people's warden since last Easter. The parents have been plunged into the deepest grief, and the townspeople generally have shown the sincerest compassion for the bereaved father and mother consequent upon their irreparable loss. The interment took place on Wednesday afternoon, at Benfieldside Cemetery, a great number of relations and friends attending the funeral, the obsequies being impressively performed by Rev C. S. Wilson. Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co., Consett, were entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

On Sunday evening, Rev. F. Steggall (vicar), in the course of his sermon preached in Christ Church, Consett, from the solemn words "Thou shalt not die," explained that he had been away from home during the past four weeks upon his holidays. Since his return on Friday night, circumstances had so shaped themselves that he felt constrained to select these words as the basis of his discourse. During his absence, however, he had read in the newspapers, and had been informed by letter, how things had been going on in Consett. It had pained him very much to read of the sudden death of some of his parishioners. To many persons such an end often came unexpectedly. Two of those who had been removed from their midst were engaged in active business, and they would sincerely hope that both had gone to a happier home. How little did he expect that they would be stricken down with grief nearer home—that two worshippers should be taken away from his congregation. Since his return home, two members of the congregation of that church had passed away. One, whose presence there had been familiar to him for some time—the mother of their infant schoolmistress—had gone to her eternal rest. They would remember how very recently the mother and daughter had been called upon to mourn the loss of a dear relation, and now the daughter was mourning the loss of a very dear mothhr. And all this had happened within a few weeks. The sister was removed just before he went away on his holidays, and the other had been called hence on Saturday last. And yet again; as he came into church that morning, he was apprised of the fact that the youngest daughter of one of their esteemed churchwardens had been suddenly called away. Although lying sick of a fever which often left very serious effects behind, her general health lately had been such that no one ever anticipated that she would be so soon called hence. Her last words were worthy of special mention. Her oldest sister—who was but recently married—was in the same house—aye, even in an adjoining room. She sent for her sister at once, but being afraid that she would not have an opportunity of seeing her before her eyes were closed in death, she asked to be "kindly remembered to my sister, and tell her that I'm going to Heaven." Her sister, however, appeared in the chamber of death at once, just in the nick of time, and the younger sister embraced the elder sister and exclaimed "It is all well," and expired. So, they were morning the loss of two of their congregation who were officially connected with the church—the mother of the infant's schoolmistress, and the youngest daughter of the churchwarden. Surely these warnings ought to speak to their hearts and consciences. The rev gentleman, having related a touching and pathetic incident which had come under his holiday tour, preceeded in an earnest manner to exhort his hearers to be ready and prepared to go hence whenever dread summons came, and entreated them to follow the example of Samuel and David of old, and make their place with the Almighty; whose ways werr inscrutable and mysterious. He also added some words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved ones in their sore afflictions.

As the congregation left the sacred edifice, the organist (Mr J. Surtees) played the "Dead March in Saul" upon the instrument.

THE PRIESTMAN MEMORIAL FUND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' DEMONSTRATION AT SHOTLEY SPA.

Amid the most propitious and pleasant surroundings, the Consett and District United Friendly Societies' Demonstration took place in the pretty and sequestered Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge, on Saturday afternoon; the place having been gratuously placed at the disposal of the committee by Messrs Wilson Bros., the enterprising and obliging lessees. The idea of holding such a gathering originated, we believe, with the local Free Gardeners, who intended to celebrate the majority of the establishment of their lodge in Consett, in this fashion, and the representatives of the other Friendly Societies in the locality of the proposed demonstration, decided to enter into hearty co-operation with the spirit of the scheme. The proceeds of the demonstrasion are to be devoted to the fund which is now being inaugurated in the district for perpetuating the beloved memory of the late Mr Jonathan Priestman, J.P., of Derwent Lodge, Shotley Bridge, by enabling poor and necessitous people to be sent to the Whitley or other Convalescent Homes till they have recovered from the effects of their illness. The various local committees, (of which Councillor James Annandale, J.P., The Briary, Shotley Bridge, is acting as chairman, and Mr W. Ramsey, Blackhill, as secretary, are now canvasing assiduously to realise a substantial sum; the Consett Co-operative Society have proffered a donation of £5, and now some £15 or £20 will be handed over to the fund as the outcome of the Friendly Societies' Demonstration. As soon as the project was broached, an influential committee composed of representatives of each Friendly Society was appointed. Mr R. Walton (Blackhill) being chosen as chairman, and Mr W. S. Davies (Consett) as secretary. Arrangements were rapidly pushed forward and perfected, and in little more than a month from the commencement the scheme was brought to a successful issue. The following was the official programme of the procession:—

Blackhill Section—The Sons of Temperance, headed by Blackhill Mission Band, left at 2·30 p.m. for Consett, as also the Mechanics and Bolton Unity of Oddfellows, Shotley Bridge, left the Mechanics' club-room, headed by Consett Iron Company's Brass Band, and proceeded to Sherburn Terrace, near the Water Company's offices.

Leadgate Section, headed by Leadgate Saxhorn Band, also moved at 2·30 for the same place.

Consett Section left the Wesleyan Day School-room, Gibson Street, headed by St. Mary's Catholic Band, being followed by the Sons of Temperance (Consett), proceeded down Gibson Street. When at the Co-operative Store the Foresters joined in rear of the "Sons," and passing on through Victoria Street to the Alexandra Hotel, where the Foresters halted to allow the Oddfellows to join in the rear of the "Sons"; the Free Gardeners at the same place succeeding the Foresters, this section moving on through Trafalgar Street to Medomsley Road for Sherburn Terrace.

The procession was then re-arranged — the societies and bands taking their places, as per arrangement of ballot, viz:—Leadgate Saxhorn Band, Sons of Temperance, Oddfellows; Consett Iron Company's Temperance Brass Band, Foresters, Mechanics; Mission Band, Free Gardeners, Shotley Oddfellows, B.U.; St. Mary's Catholic Band, Juveniles, Blackhill Sons of Temperance, Consett M.U. Oddfellows, Consett Foresters. The huge procession moved from Sherburn Terrace about 3·30, going by way of Middle Street, Consett, Foundry Row and Derwent Street, Blackhill, to Shotley Spa Grounds. Owing to a misunderstanding, a slight detour from the original route was made to take in a portion of the Mechanics, which body was assembled in front of the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel. Most of the lodges were headed by their magnificent and illuminated banners, and the members and officers of the different societies being attired in their handsome regalia, the procession was certainly an imposing and brilliant spectacle, such as is seldom seen in the neighbourhood. The bands gave their services free. The procession was very efficiently marshalled by Messrs R. Walton, R. Simpson, and W. S. Davies, although we regret to say that the last-named gentleman was seriously indisposed, and was not up to his usual form. He had to quit the grounds soon after the arrival of the procession about 4·30 p.m. It was announced that Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., Ald. W. Jenkins, J.P., and other gentlemen would address the assemblage in explanation of the praiseworthy objects of the Priestman memorial scheme; however, on Saturday morning, Mr Walton was in receipt of a telegram from the hon. gentleman intimating that the late division in the House of Commons on the preceding night, anent the Royal Grants, prevented him attending, but he wished the promoters every success. Ald. Jenkins, while heartily in sympathy with the movement, previously acquainted the committee that he could not attend. Councillors J. Annandale, G. Nicholson, and R. Murray favoured the company with their presence, but under the circumstances, it was deemed advisable not to haveany "speechifying." After the spell of showery weather, the day was delightfully fine, and the result was that everybody thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing at the Spa, the grounds being adorned at the present moment in their glorious summer garb. About 600 members of various Friendly Societies joined in the procession, while something like 1,500 persons paid a visit to the grounds. A detailed report of the sports appears in another column. An excellent tea and refreshments were supplied by Messrs Wilson. Selections of music were performed by the different bands, and the proceedings, despite one or two drawbacks, were as successful as the most hopeful of the committee dared to imagine. It would be a capital idea, we think, if the demonstrations were made an annual fixture, and the selected speakers being prominently connected with the Friendly Societies. In addition to the gentlemen before-mentioned, we ought to state that Messrs E. Whittaker, C. Allison, J. Hodgson, T. Davies, T. Gailes, W. Bell, R. Turley, E. Hobday, W. Stobbs, A. Richardson, W. Moir, R. Turnbull, J. Wilson, J. Lovatt, all vied with each other to produce the gratifying results already foreshadowed.

COUNTY COURT APPOINTMENTS.

His Honour E. J. Meynell, judge of No. 2 circuit has appointed county courts to be held at the following places and times up to the end of the year:—

Consett.—Wednesday, August 7, October 9, November 6, and December 4—at 10 a.m.

Wolsingham.—Saturday, August 3, October 12; December 14—at 11 a.m.

Durham.—Monday and Tuesday, August 12 and 13, October 21 and 22, November 18 and 19, and December 16 and 17—at 10 a.m.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—There was forward at this mart on Monday, a good supply of fat and grazing stock, which met a capital trade, a large company of buyers being present. Prices:—Fat cattle to £19; 130 fat sheep and lambs; sheep to 54s, lambs to 36s; calves, 19s to 31s; pigs, 21s 6d to £5 1s 6d. Geese 4s 9d each. Store stirks, £6 to £7 each. 16 cows, £15 to £19 15s. Dog-cart, £11 5s. A large stock of poultry, harness, stack nets, rakes, forks, and sundries sold at fair prices.

Tow Law—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 12 cows, calved and to calve, up to £18 10s; 6 fat cattle, up to £17 5s; 8 store cattle, up to £9; 6 calves up to 56s; 96 fat sheep and lambs, fat mule ewes to 52s 9d; fat black-faced ewes, to 40s—top, Mr Atkinson, Greenwell; fat lambs to 35s 3d—top, Mr Stephenson, Stanhope; 2 sow pigs, to £6; 2 pork pigs, to 48s.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr James Turnbull had forward at his usual sale on Monday 30 fat cattle, 10 grazing bullocks and heifers, 5 new-calved and in-calving cows, 2 veal calves, 35 fat sheep, 32 fat lambs, 1 sow in pig, 16 young pigs, 1 bay horse, spring carts, &c. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and trade was brisk for all classes of stock. Prices:—Fat bullocks, from £14 12s 6d to £21 5s, top, W. R. Liddle, Urpeth. Fat heifers, from £15 15s to £18 10s, which were a consignment of six Irish heifers. Fat cows, to £18 17s 6d. Grazing cattle from £8 17s 6d to £19 10s, which were a consignment of seven bullocks from the Thrislington Coal Co., well up in condition. Incalving and newly calved cows, £14 7s 6d. Fat lambs, to 44s 6d, top, Mr L. Wood, Hermitage. Fat sheep; Shearlings, to 53s, top, Birtley Iron Co., Fat ewes, to 62s, top, Mr R. Ryle, Platts Farm. Young pigs, to 26s. Beef may be quoted fully up to 8s 9d per stone; mutton, to 9½ per lb. Several consignments of stock were not forward, as farmers were busily engaged with their hay.

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THREATENED STRIKE.

We regret to learn that, for the first time, we believe, in the history of Messrs John Annandale and Son's Paper Mills at Shotley Grove, an unfortunate dispute has arisen between the employers and some of their workmen, and if the vexed question is not satisfactorily adjusted to suit the views of all the parties concerned, it is very likely to terminate with serious consequences. The circumstances in conjunction with the unhappy dispute, which we have carefully gleaned from some of the *employes*, appear to be as follows:—

Nearly two years ago, a section of the work-people were asked by their employers to remain at work on Saturday nights, till 11 o'clock, while a portion of the low mill was standing to undergo necessary repairs, the customary time for stopping heretofore being five p.m. At that period, it seems, there was a flush of orders to be executed by the firm, which necessitated this arrangement, and it was agreed to on the part of the men, who worked at the high mills. However, when the low mill was completed, some time afterwards, the workmen petitioned the employers to allow them to cease work at the accustomed time—five o'clock—inasmuch as they were paid at the ordinary rates, and no extra remuneration was awarded for overtime. Messrs Annandale intimated that, in consequence of the low state of prices prevailing in the paper market at that time, it would not be at all to their advantage, nor that of the men, to reduce the number of hours; but they (Messrs Annandale) would keep the matter under consideration and await the turn of future events. About Whitsuntide, this year, the men authorised the foreman, as a deputation to the firm, to renew their application to shorten the hours of labour to the usual period. The reply they obtained was that the paper market had undergone very slight change, but after the usual stock-taking operations, and the return of Mr Jas. Annandale, J.P. (who was away from home at that particular date), they would consider the subject and give the workpeople a definite answer in due course. About three weeks ago, however, the men received a reply to the effect that the masters could not make any alteration whatever with respect to the hours of labour. The present stock-taking had proved to be the worst that they had ever experienced, consequently they could not change the working hours. After the men received that answer, they determined to give fourteen days' notice, that they intended to cease work at five o'clock on August 3rd. Up to the present the matter has remained *status quo*; but it is fervently hoped that some amicable settlement will be come to. The latest reports are that the men have proposed to work until six o'clock on Saturdays and instead of beginning on Monday mornings at two o'clock to commence operations at one. The machine men likewise consented to change their felts and wires after six o'clock on Saturday, this work having previously being done on Monday mornings. As no reply has been received it is to be feared that to-morrow (Saturday), or Monday morning at the latest, the men will be compelled to leave their houses, as many received 14 days' notice to quit their dwellings immediately upon the firm receiving the notices from the employes. The question materially affects the day and night workmen — machinists, beater men, firemen, roaster men, and labourers, and nearly 50 of the operatives are immediately affected by the dispute. If these men come out on strike, it is feared that the manufactory will be brought to a complete standstill.

On Wednesday afternoon, the representative of this journal, accompanied by another reporter, waited upon Mr W. M. Annandale, a member of the firm, at the offices, and after laying the foregoing statement of the men before this gentleman, he stated that it was in some respect inaccurate, particularly with regard to the payment of overtime. When questioned, he positively declined to particularise the points wherein the workmen's story was incorrect. Mr Annandale was informed that it was in justice to the firm that the reporters had submitted the particulars supplied by the workmen to them, with a view to the employers supplementing or contradicting any of the assertions on the part of the operatives. In the absence of his partner, however, he refused to make any statement, and remarked that it would be a great pity if the circumstances were published, as it was a matter in which the press were not entitled to interfere; and besides the publicity of the statements might be detrimental to an amicable settlement between the firm and their men. He added, however, that if the *employes* did not accede to their terms, they would be enabled to obtain others to fill their places. He further stated that whatever concerned the Shotley Grove Mills would also effect the Lintzford Paper Mills. If the newspapers published the mens' statement, he went on to say, they would do so upon their own responsibility, and must take the consequences.

It is also rumoured that the Lintzford *employes* have also given in their notices; but as far as can be ascertained there is no corroboration of this story.

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

Tynedale Hunt v Mickley.—Played at Stagshawbank, and after a keenly-contested game resulted in a win for the Hunt team by one goal to nil. The goal was kicked by George Young, who played a splendid game. These clubs may possibly come together again at Humshaugh on Saturday, seeing they are both entered for the competition at that place, eleven silver medals being offered for the winning team.

JOTTINGS.

Tanfield Lea Football Club (A) wants matches with first-class clubs in Durham or Northumberland.—J. Smith, secretary.

West Wylam Harriers (A) would like to arrange matches with good 2nd and 3rd elevens for next season. Address R. E. Charlton, West Wylam, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.

Leadgate Exiles A.F.C.—A largely-attended meeting of this most flourishing club was held the other evening at the house of Mr Isaac Thirlwell, Bradley Arms, Leadgate, to take into consideration the registration list for the Durham Challenge Cup and other important business. It was decided to make a slight alteration in the colours of the club, and the hue selected was green and white striped jerseys with navy blue knickers, instead of white formerly worn by the team. The Exiles' new costume is similar to that worn by the famous Celtic eleven, and will be donned for the first time on the 14th of September in their great match with the Durham Cup holders—Sunderland Albion. We trust the public will rally round the Exiles on this occasion, as the club must be at considerable expense in bringing such celebrities to the district.

CONSETT ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—While looking through your valuable paper I was gratified to learn that the long-looked for Association Club for Consett has at last become an established fact, and I am informed from a reliable source that some of the most prominent footballers in the district have volunteered to give their services. The new team will make their *debut* at the Leadgate Cricket Club Sports in the football competition, and I for one would be extremely glad to see them pull through with flying colours. The members have acted wisely in placing Mr William Knaggs at the head of affairs as hon. secretary, as a more suitable pioneer they could not have selected. I understand he will in future be stationed at Leadgate, and the quiet little village ought to feel proud of such a representative. Trusting you will find space for this in your next issue,—Yours, &c.,

An Observer.

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

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As the same time I have submitted to careful analysis the essences, alkaline salts, &c., used in the manufacture of the above preparations, and have found them to be of good flavour, aroma, and quality. I am decidedly of opinion that the utmost care has been exercised on the part of Mr Elsdon in the preparation of his goods.

Granville H. Sharp, D.C.S., Analyst,
Late Principal of the "Liverpool College Chemistry" 687a

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Which everyone who values their health should read the whole of them. If it cannot be obtained of their chemist, they should apply to G. Handyside.

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80, Heaton Park Road, Newcastle,
July 9th, 1889.

Mr G. Handyside.
Before I came to you I was very ill for four years. The doctors treat me for my liver and indigestion, and I was a weak heart. I had no appetite, could not walk any distance ; I had shooting pains in my head, and frequently was very low-spirited. I am 43 years of age. Since I have taken three lots of your medicine, I now feel quite changed ; indeed everyone is surprised at the change who knows me.

(The above lady had several years of poor health before her and other fingering, but might just sink. The taking of the medicine has made a wonderful change.)

Annisford,
May 26th, 1889.

Mr G. Handyside.
Sir,—The bearer has for a long time been in a chronic state of suffering from general debility and derangement of the liver, and, on using your medicine, a healthier tone seemed at once to set in, and, continuing to use it, a normal condition of health appeared, giving both freedom from pain and comfort, where before existed much sickness and great lassitude.

I am, yours, &c.,
Rev. H. Walmsley.

(The testimonial of the reverend gentleman above was for Mr Dixon, 31, Cranlington Terrace, Cranlington ; he was marvellously changed from sickness to health.)

66, Madeline Terrace, Gateshead,
December 10th, 1888.

Mr G. Handyside.
Dear Sir,—I have been for several months suffering from serious affection of the glands of the neck and inflammation of the eyes, for which I was under medical treatment, and got no relief. I, at length tried Mr Handyside's medicines, and have found them of the greatest benefit. My weight is quite restored, the glandular swellings are much reduced in size, and have almost entirely ceased to give me pain. I can attribute the improvement in both cases to the medicines I got from Mr Handyside.
G. Fairbairn.

54, Chancer Street, Gateshead,
December 15th, 1888.

Mr G. Handyside.
Dear Sir,—Having been ailing for some time from serious affection of the chest, I was induced to try your "Consumption Cure." I am glad I did, for my cough and pain in the chest left me directly I used it, and would advise all those who are suffering from the same to try it.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,
R. H. Wardle.

1, Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead,
January 15th, 1888.

I have pleasure in certifying that the cases of G. Fairbairn and R. H. Wardle referred to above are well known to me, and I can confirm both their statements as to the benefit received from Mr Handyside's medicine.
Rev. Robert Stewart,
Presbyterian Church, Gateshead.

(The above testimonials show what a wonderful blood purifier the Consumption Cure is, and the impure blood irritated the glands of the neck, the latter rather put it into a proper state to draw from it the irritating acidity that irritated them. They fell in their natural size, and the pain ceased, for the blood became so purified that there was no humours to pass away.

23, Tweed Street, Bentick,
December 19th, 1888.

Mr Handyside.
Dear Sir,—I was unfortunate to be crushed between two wagons at Sir William Armstrong's works, I went under medical treatment for about ten months. I was reduced in weight from nine stone pounds : I was fading away ; I had neither life nor spirits, all I could do was to creep from my bed to the easy-chair-closet the pain was dreadful, and I could get no peace, even without taking bearing down and exertion, and the pain of passing anything was most severe. I tried the effect of your "Consumption Cure," and the effect is more wonderful. I have taken it for six weeks ; my bowels are perfectly free, the pain is entirely gone, I have gained seven and a half pounds in six weeks, and now cheerfully and happy : the doctors said I would never be able to work any more.

James McNamara,
December 11th, 1888.

Knowing Mr McNamara very well, and having attended him during his illness, I have great pleasure in testifying to the immense benefit he has derived from the new medicine that he has been using, and which was supplied by Mr Handyside of Bentick. It is a pity that this medicine has not a greater notoriety : it would be quite a boon to the public.

Rev Father Dunn,
St. Michaels, Newcastle.

(After the testimony of the Reverend Father it is not I need say little, but is may arouse the curiosity of others to see how well a great blood purifier could mend a great crush. It is simply the invigorating of the body by the purification of the blood. If pain happens an accident, the vigour of his youthful blood would soon mend ; but if he is old and his blood is poor, he dies. Therefore, anything that will improve the blood, and thereby invigorate the body, will assist greatly in the recovery as may be seen from the above.)

St. John of God Hospital for Incurables,
Scotton, near Darlington.

Mr Handyside.
Dear Sir,—Before I took your medicine I had been ill for six years. I have been in three hospitals, and they told me I was incurable. I have been in this hospital three years and was given up as incurable, but I got better and had no dose of physic better. I suffered from chronic bronchitis, and some years ago had one consumption. I have taken your medicine seven weeks, and every one is astonished to see the great change that has taken place.
Thomas Lynch.

(The above is a marvellous testimony from the Prior who is head of the hospital, told me that many of the sisters were expected him to see the patients and he is now looking for employment. I am quite sure that the Lady Prior or any of the inmates, will cheerfully give any information.)

87, Saville Street, South Shields,
December 16th, 1888.

Mr G. Handyside.
Dear Sir,—I have great pleasure in testifying to the benefit I have taken from your remedy for my complaint—rheumatism in my knees and ankles. For years I find the pains gone out of my knees, and they are going out of my ankles, and I hope in another week I will be able to work as well as ever. All remedies and medicines that I have taken, and medical men that I have had, only appeared to do me any good, and I have had advice from some very old army doctors. I can only say that they gave me to try never moved the pain from my knees, it still remained until I began with your remedy.

Believe me to be,
Yours faithfully,
William Sargent.

(The above was a case of sciatica, which is the first cousin of rheumatism, and is treated by me as incurable. It was distressing to see him walk, and his screaming on his knee through the pain. I gave him a lotion—Handyside's Rheumatic Cure—and a bottle of Handyside's Blood Purifier, and in three days he felt better. He is now able to walk without a cane, and I attribute the great benefit owing to the Rheumatic Cure, and, no doubt, it is of great service, but it is on me trying to empty a well if there is a spring at the bottom. Sciatica is caused by an acid in the blood, produced by indigestion. It is generally well-known that when the indigestion is bad, and the food lies upon the stomach, an acid is produced, which passes into the blood and produces the worst form of rheumatics. The Blood Purifier improved the blood, and by improving the blood the digestion was better, and as there was no acidity to pass into the blood, there was an end to the rheumatics. To double the lotion did good by irritating the skin and getting the acid fluid out of the system ;

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less if the supply of acid had not been cut off by proper digestion, the rheumatism might be eased, but could not be cured.

[I saw the above case from the beginning, and I can certify the above is correct.]

Rev Father Dunn.

8, West Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
January 8th, 1889.

Mr G. Handyside.
Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the value of your patent medicines. After having your medicine, three months since, I had been ill for two years with indigestion, and subject at times to very severe pains in the kidneys. My breakfast would sometimes, and I had no appetite for dinner. I consulted three doctors, who only relieved me for a few days. I have had four bottles of your patent medicine, and from partaking of the first, I felt immediate relief, and can now enjoy my breakfast, and make a good dinner. Before using your medicine, I was subject to catching cold in damp and foggy weather, but now I am happy to state, the weather has no effect on me whatever. In fact, in that respect, I feel twenty years younger. Will you kindly give me with your testimonials, as I am very anxious that all suffering in like manner should know the immense value of your medicine.

I remain, your obedient servant,
C. G. Armstrong.

(The above is no uncommon case. The gentleman says he feels himself twenty years younger ; meant every one express themselves the same after taking the Consumption Cure, and it is not surprising when we consider what age is. A great many people consider that age is occasioned by years, this cannot be, for some are old as forty, while some are young at sixty. It is the blood that makes people either old or young. If the system is allowed to get into a weak state through poor blood, all parts of the body get weak, and do not perform their necessary duties to sustain health and life. The nerves are the first to go, a person with good blood are vigorous and healthy, they move by the sense of cold to a great extent, the ceaseless shutters that are placed in the pores of the skin to keep the cold out of the body, and regulate the perspiration, and other duties the skin has to perform ; but when bad blood has weakened the nerves and deprived them of their natural sensibility, and they are unable to shut up the pores of the skin against cold, an aged, shivering feeling takes place, and as the pores cease to act properly, the excretory ability digestion becomes impaired, and the system is not fed. The individual then becomes old to the world, and to himself. I know a person who has taken the medicine eighteen years, and he seems younger to the world and to himself now than he was eighteen years ago. He can go out in a boat whatever kind of clothing that is necessary, a young man, because his blood is rich and keeps the nerves healthy, and enables them to carry out the movement of the crescentic shutters in the pores of the skin, which have been placed there by the wonderful Creator, and so perfect, that when in health they cannot be detected, and cannot get out of order.

CAUTION.—The Inland Revenue for the protection of Handyside's Consumption Cure, has printed "Handyside, Bentonck, Newcastle," upon the Government Stamp, but be not deceived by any other article. A lady was persuaded for extra profit to take another medicine, but it proved far worse for three months, and when she found out the fraud, returned to Handyside's Consumption Cure,"was cured in a fortnight, and frequent testimonials are received of daily cures, and because so that people cannot be too particular to be sure that the genuine article is obtained. Handyside's consumption Cure is also known upon each bottle, and when the Government Stamp is over it. Handyside's Consumption Cure" is stamped on was over the back of the Stamp. Handyside's Consumption Cure Head and a Bunch of Grapes below the Government Stamp.

G. Handyside gave his patients a trip from Newcastle to Consett and back free for every £10 amount of £10 and nine hundred people, including patients, went to witness the effect of this wonderful discovery. They expected to see a lot of Rheumatic Cripples and pale-faced Consumptives, but were surprised to see a crowd of healthy people and gay with glee. It was amusing to see them all dancing to the Band, and the fun of the day was unsisting upon telling them the marvellous benefit they had received from the use of the medicine (see newspaper reports.) I must again remind everyone that the medicine not can act in no other way, but that it claims to do is to purify the blood and by purifying and enriching the blood, gives strength to all of the lungs, and invigorates the whole system. It is certainly a wonderful purifier of the blood, the number of runnings it has healed up in marvellous, when all other medicines have failed, but the greatest wonder it has produced in blood purifying was on a child that had a large fresh sore on the cheek, the Consumption Cure has reduced it to one-third part of its original size, and bonework is visible in the remaining part. Another case is that of a lady who had a large sore on the calf of the leg, and also on her body, before she had finished the second lot of medicine the sore on the calf was healed up to about an inch thick, and the lady opened them out and put on a bandage, and the lady came to thank me last week, her face was brilliant and glowy with health, and the sore was clean, and only a few small places were unhealed. But the most wonderful part of its marvellous purifying power was a case that of a man whose ribs were operated upon about six months ago, and the doctors could not heal them up. When the poor fellow came to me I had no hope that anything would purify the blood sufficient to heal them. The smell from it was awful. In six weeks the wounds were entirely healed up, in verification of this, if the nurses of any of the hospitals in the district would take the trouble to investigate the cases, I will pay the expenses to Newcastle for the person appointed to investigate for 3 days, and give the person £5 for their trouble, but of the wonderful effect it has done, and the marvellous is for the Change of Life,

Let me take a delicate, whose heart and lungs are weak, or the lungs half decayed, should be without it, the medicine would be taken in reduced quantities long after the patient has found relief. I know from experience how long my patients have continued taking the medicine too soon. One boy came to me with boils and pale, fat appearance, took it for six weeks, he became quite plump and fat ; his mother then discontinued it, and in about three or eight weeks after he became quite weak and puny. The boils and fatness were gone, and the reason was, the purifiers of the blood, when they are half gone, they cannot purify the blood as a sound system, in consequence, when they get a slight cold, and the lungs are not strong enough to throw it off, the blood must be assisted by a blood purifier ; therefore no one can be too careful in taking the Consumption Cure. The same with people who have taken laxatives, purifiers of the blood, and have not strength to keep them down. They may eat what they like, their blood is poor for want of the nourishment. In the case of consumption medicines should be taken, and they should note be denied, with a consequent weakening of the stomach to that which really makes them cheerful, and permanently cures. It is a most wonderful cure for a boy, and I recommend it to be taken instead of wine ; but it is not a stimulant, and does not intoxicate in any way possible, but it is made of such bitter ingredients, that it is a most wonderful tonic, and has a good effect, like other medicines. I have taken it for myself when I felt as if I was going to be ill, and appears to do its work by purifying the blood, and by that it feeds the system, for I am not troubled with the clearness it imparts to the complexion, by the purifying of the blood, and I am proud of the result of appearance to good people.

Handyside's Pills are far short of the wonderful blood purifying properties of either his Consumption Cure or his Blood Purifier, for those who is not ill enough to take nauseous medicine, it will be found a good aperient, a better pill for a person of much study and careful investigation, and are clear of the mercury and blue pill compounds, and will keep people better for a short time, and make them worse after. They are ever popular with those who want to make people better for a short time, but ruins the constitution. Nearly all the medicines sold are compounded from constituents, corrupted blood, indigestion, rumination, wind, bad breath, nervousness, and other general weakness are all taken for colonel pills. The ways to find out which are best is to take the advice of the leader of the trade, and he should never be taken but in extreme case, as the pills are the worst of poisons.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

From the marvellous testimonials I hear of the effect of Handyside's Consumption Cure in female ailments, especially during that critical period, change of life, I hereby agree to refund the money to all purchasers who fail to derive benefit from its use. A written guarantee to this effect will be given to purchasers, but so satisfied am I of its power that I anticipate no returns. I have sold 300 bottles in a week without any claim being made.

Signed, John Watson, 34, Grainger Street New-castle-on-Tyne.

Agent for Consett—Messrs. HUGHES & CO., Chemists, Front Street, and Mr T. MILNER, Chemist, Shakespeare Street.

Public Notices.

NOTICE.—ALTERATION OF DATE.

LANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW, SPORTS, AND BALL will take place on Wednesday, 4th, 1889.
Sub-edities now ready.
T. C. PARKER, Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL.

JOS. G. WYLIE, PRIVATE TEACHER IN LANGUAGES AND MATHEMATICS.

☞ Pupils attended at their own Homes.

Evening School, from 6d. to 1s. per week. Commence on Monday, 19th October. 684e

WESLEY PLAIN TOWN ANNUAL FIELD DAY, Saturday, August 10th, EVENING MEETING at 7.30, Chairman, Rev. John Gemmell, vicar of Collierley ; TEA at 4 ; PUBLIC MEETING at 6.30. The Grand Choice of Assisted Plain, Catechetic, and the Mission Band will take part in all the services. Also Miss Wilson, and several speakers. For particulars see bills. 667e

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Separate Building Lease of a Plot of Land, situate at LEADGATE, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, in the District of Lanchester, being a Building Certified according to law as the Dwelling House of a Publican, was on the day of July, 1889, duly Transferred by SUSAN MARIA LAWRENCE thereon, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV. c. 85.
Witness my hand this day of July, 1889.
GEO. ALDER,
Superintendent Registrar.
660e

STANHOPE FLOWER SHOW.
SATURDAY, AUG. 10.

CONCERT BY STANHOPE SAXHORN BAND. EXHIBITION OF MINERALS,
Sports, Dancing, &c.
WILD FLOWER, WILD FRUIT, FERNS, Etc.
Tea in Marquee at Castle Gardens. 662e

CONSETT FLORAL and HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

BAND CONTEST, 1st Prize, £15 ; 2nd, £5 ; 3rd, £2. EXTRA. Farmers' Class open to all.
INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.
Schedules and other particulars on application to the Hon. Secretaries.
T. W. S. SHELL,
T. T. HYDER.

REGISTER! REGISTER! REGISTER!
THE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

TO ALL LIBERAL HOUSEHOLDERS.—On the 20th day of August next the Overseers of every parish will place the List of Electors for the ensuing year on the door of each Church, Chapel, Public House or other Public Building in the parish. Examine this list, and if your name is not on it, give Overseers or other part of it, go at once to the Liberal Agent, and he will see that it is done. Make your claim to be on the Register. Do not delay, as all claims must be sent in by the 20th August. If you find your name omitted from the list, or if your name is not put on, nothing, as claim forms can be had free from the Liberal Agents in each polling district, or from the
ADAM BRODIE,
Secretary and Registration Agent.
Town Hall, Consett.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.
NOTICE.

THE Householders in this District are requested to apply at the Local Board Office, Consett, for a PRINTED FORM OF CLOT LIME for cleansing purposes. All Contracted Spots, Yards, Out-Houses, &c., must be White-washed and Thoroughly Cleansed, in order to prevent the Spread of Ill-health. Otherwise, the Penalty will be enforced.
WM. RIPPON, Inspector.
Local Board Offices, June 27th, 1889.

TO FARMERS! TO FARMERS!

KYO SHOW will be held on August 31st, 1889, at Catchgate, when Mr George R. Hodgson will give the following prizes :—

5s For Three of the best Purple Top Swedes (Hobson's Choice).
5s " " Green Top Swedes (Hobson's Choice).
5s " " Green Top Yellows (Hobson's Choice).
5s " " White, Green, or Grey Turnips.
5s for the best White Loaf made from Hobson's Prize Sieves.
5s " Brown Loaf made from Hobson's Prize Sieves.
£2 2s " For Potatoes, with Name.

TOW LAW FLOWER SHOW
AND
INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.
IN CONNECTION WITH
LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND BRASS BAND CONTEST.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1889.
NEARLY £100 IN PRIZES FOR FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, BUTTER, BREAD, &c.
DURHAM LADY FARMERS' AND SCHOOL CHILDREN'S
SPECIAL PRIZES.
Schedules and Entry Forms ready,
J. ANDERSON, Secretary.
Tow Law. 620a

THE COLLIERS, MECHANICS, WORK-MEN, AND OTHERS, OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

A GROSS piece of Case Legislation is, if possible soon to be passed through Parliament. It is at Mr Mundella's Bill to Amend the Boys in Great Britain, EXCEPT those of the Nobility and Landed Gentry, Sons of Clergymen, Solicitors, Barristers, &c., are to be allowed to go about Collieries, Mines, Quarries, Factories, Workshops, Workmen, and Others are to be Muzzled. The Parent is to be made responsible. There is a Protest which is an insult to common-sense. Packs of Cards, Dominoes, and Bone Boxes are to be no longer kept as Friends, Companions, or Guards by Working Men about their Work. Surely, there is not any unnatural treatment of them, is calculated to create Drunkenness, Gambling, &c.

Promptly Memorialise your Representatives to use their powers to make this Bill Impossible.
SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT CIRCUIT.

THE WESLEYAN PULPITS will be occupied on Sunday, August 11th, 1889, on behalf of the WESLEY BUILDING AND LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

Shotley Bridge, 10½ and 6, Mr George Luckley, and Mr Hall.
Castleside, 2and 6, Mr R. Wormersley, Leadg.
Stanley, 10½ and 6, Mr Hall, Newcastle Road Area, Newcastle-under Lyne (President).
Leadgate, 10½ and 6, Rev. Robert Castle, Mr J. Harding, Leadgate (sec).
Blackhall Mill, 10½ and 6, M'Thomas Dover, Crook.
Derwent Cottages, 2 and 6, Mr John Hillary, Leadgate.
Medomsley, 2and 6 (including Allendale Cottages), Mr J. Hall, Medomsley.
Newlands, 2, Whitcontsall, 6, Mr A. Seed, Whitcontsall.
Ebchester, 6, Mr H. Whitfield, Leadgate.
Lanchester, 10½ and 6, Mr Thomas Richardson and Evershfield), Mr W. D. Thompson, Middlehope.
Burnhope, 10½ and 6, Mr Hall.
Edmondbyers, 2 and 6, Mr. M. Brodie, Consett.
Muggleswick, 2 and 6, Mr Handyside's Assistant.
Annfield Plain, 10½ and 6, Mr W. Wilson, Bunderhead.
Iveston, 2 and 6, Mr W. Smith, Crook.
Tantobie, 10½ and 6, Mr Thomas, Middlehead.
Stanley, 10½ and 6, Mr J. Pallister, Sunderland.
Tantobie Lee, 2 and 6, Mr T. Watson, Gateshead.
Tantobie, 10½ and 6, Mr J. Rollinson, Stockton.
Burnopfield, 10½ and 6, Mr J. Warwick, Tanfield.
A great PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday August 12th. Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock by MR JOSHUA LAX, of Shotley Bridge, Speakers—MR S. RATHBONE EDGE, MR HARDING, and others.
The Shotley Bridge, Consett, and Blackhill Choirs will take part.
The Blackhill Mission Band will play selections in the open-air previous to the meeting.
The Collection at each service on behalf of the Association.

Public Notices.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, BLACKHILL.

ON SUNDAY, August 11th, SERMONS will be Preached by the Rev W. DENT, of Wolsingham, at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Special Anthems by the Choir. Collection in aid of Trust Fund. 662

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

BANK HOLIDAY.

EXCURSION TO LONDON.

ON SUNDAY, the 4th of August, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett at 8.35 p.m., for KING'S CROSS (for the Bishop Auckland, &c.) for LONDON, for 2 Days.
Second Class.
Return Fare ... 15s 6d.
See Bills.
CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE SPECIAL MEETING for the consideration of the SOCIETY'S SUBSCRIPTION towards the FRIESTMAN MEMORIAL FUND has been Postponed from August 3rd to August 10th, owing to the Workmen's Trip being on the former date. 672a

TANFIELD RACES AND OTHER SPORTS, August 17th, 1889. £20 given for Steeplechase and Flats ; £5 10s for Footracing ; £2 10s Quarter of a Mile ; Wrestling and other sports. Entries for the Two Footraces close August 13th, to R. Jonkins and C. Dodsworth, Tanfield Lea. 1st Class Brass, Entrance, 120 Yards, 1s ; Quarter of a Mile, 1s. Sheffield Rules. 661a

ENGLISH and MILBURN
BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEIR
GREAT SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE
WILL
COMMENCE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd, AND CONTINUE TILL SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th.
SPECIAL CLEARING LINES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.
ENGLISH and MILBURN,
MIDDLE STREET,
CONSETT. 679e

BLACKHILL, CONSETT, AND DISTRICT "MODEL" BUILDING SOCIETY.

A PUBLIC MEETING
Under the Auspices of the above Society, will be held in the
TEMPLARS' HALL, MEDOMSLEY,
ON
WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 7th, 1889.
CHAIR TO BE TAKEN BY
J. H. MORRIS, Esq.,
AT 8 P.M.
Several Eminent Speakers. ALL INVITED.
Office : 2, St. Aidans Street, Blackhill.
W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW,
AND
INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION,
SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1889.
Special Engagement of
MR. J. H. AMERS' RENOWNED ROYAL EXHIBITION BAND.
GRAND CRICKET MATCH,
Shotley Bridge v. Elswick Works.
ADMISSION : 10 to 4, 1s. ; 4 to 7, 6d. Children Half-price.
Excursionists and Visitors by the Line, on showing Railway Tickets, will be admitted at 6d. each during any time of the day.
Further Notice August 10th, 1889.
W. RAMSAY, Secretary.
Blackhill.

ST. IVES CHURCH LEADGATE.

BAZAAR,
Previously announced, will be held in the INFANT SCHOOL, CHURCH SQUARE,
ON MONDAY and TUESDAY,
AUGUST 5TH and 6TH.
The Stalls will be Declared Open by
THE REV CANON CHESTER,
Rector of Ryton and Rural Dean.
AT 2.30 P.M. EACH DAY.
ON TUESDAY EVENING, 6th August,
A PAYMENT WITH THE CURTAIN
"ALADDIN, OR THE WONDERFUL SCAMP."
Will be Performed at 8 o'clock, in the INFANTS' SCHOOL.
For Particulars see Hand-bills. 545a

S. IVES CHURCH, LEADGATE.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH.

10.30—Matins and Celebration of Holy Communion.
2.30—Special Prayer Service.
3.30—Address by Rev. A. F. MITCHELL, Curate of Guisborough.
6.30—Evening and Sermon.
PREACHER : REV. A. F. MITCHELL.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

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Grove Villa, Tow Law.

By Mr. Wm. Richardson

Commercial Inn, Tow Law.
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VALUATIONS EFFECTED FOR PROBATE, ETC. 653e

Sales by Auctio

By Mr. William

LANCHESTER AUCTION

Wednesday, August 7th.
Present entries are :—
A number of Fresh Calving Cat
Fat and Grazing Cattle.
Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Calves, Young Pony, Stock Ne
Implements, &c.
JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. Wm. Richar

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BANK HOLIDAY.

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ON

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ADMISSION FREE. ALL INVITED.

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Blackhill. W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

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For Particulars see Hand-bills. 645a

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VALUATIONS EFFECTED FOR PROBATE, ETC. 653z

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

65, Durham Road, Blackhill.

MR. WILLIAM RAW honoured with instructions from Mrs BARRON, who, with her Family, is about to emigrate to America, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of her Valuable Household FURNITURE on Wednesday, August 7th, 1889, comprising—Mahogany Writing Desk and Drawers; Beautiful Chest of Mahogany Drawers; Do. Mahogany Press; Mahogany High Put-up Bed, or Wardrobe; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating, nearly new; Mahogany Centre Table; Mahogany Tea Table; Chest of Painted Drawers; Longsettle, in American Leather; 6 Polished Birch Chairs; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; Windsor Arm Chair; 4 Cane-bottomed Chairs; 2 Kitchen Tables; Iron Half-Tester Bedstead; Desk Bed; Four-poled Bedstead; Folding Iron Bed; Iron Chair Bed; Basket Cradle; 2 Mattresses; 2 Feather Beds; Flock Bed; Rabbit Down Bed; 2 Dressing Tables and Washstands; 3 Mahogany Swing Glasses; 4 Fenders and Sets of Fire Irons; Book Shelves; Clothes Horse; Small Box; Towel Rail; 30-Hours' Clock, in High Oak Case; Kitchen Sideboard; 2 Oil Lamps; Kitchen Oil Cloth, nearly new; Stair Carpet, and Brass Rods; Room Carpets and Hearth Rugs; Small Clock; Small Glass; Pictures; Child's Chair; a good Bottle Screw Jack; Poss Tub and Staff; Bath Tin; Double-Barrelled Gun; Door Mats; Kettles; Pans; Glass; Ware, &c.; a quantity of Books. Also, one of Singer's Best Sewing Machines, with Box, and several other Articles.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

14, John Street, Consett.—Valuable Business Premises for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, honoured with instructions, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr Patrick Coyle, Mount Pleasant, Consett, on Friday, August 9th, 1889, all that Valuable HOUSE AND SHOP, in a central business situation, 14, John Street, Consett, containing Front Shop and Front Sitting Room, Kitchen, Pantry, &c., on the Ground Floor; 3 Bed Rooms on the Second Floor; together with a newly-built Stable and Loft above, with Large Yard and every necessary Convenience, with the Off-Beer License to the House.

This is a Commodious, Valuable, and Business Property, and well worth the attention of business men, now in the occupation of Mr James Quigley, who will, on application, shew the Premises, and further particulars may be had by applying to JOHN McCARTEN, Esq., Solicitor, Durham and Consett, or to the AUCTIONEER.

Sale to commence at Three o'clock, p.m.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 637a

Castleside near Consett.—Valuable Property for Sale

MR WM. RAW, commissioned by MR WM. SPOTTISWOOD, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the following valuable LAND and HOUSE PROPERTY, at MRS DAVISON'S Smelters' Arms Inn, Castleside, on Wednesday, August 21st, 1889.

Lot 1—All that Comfortable and Convenient DWELLING-HOUSE, pleasantly situated on the Main Road, Castleside, containing Front Sitting Room, with Bow Window, Kitchen, Wash house, Pantry, &c., on the ground floor; three Bed-rooms on the second floor; Front Garden, Kitchen Garden, Three-Stalled Stable with Loft above, Hay Shed, Large Yard, and all necessary conveniences, together with about 2¼ acres of RICH MEADOW LAND, now in the occupation of Mr Duckworth as tenant thereof.

Lot 2—All that DWELLING-HOUSE adjoining Lot 1, containing Two Rooms, Pantry, and all out necessary conveniences, now in the occupation of Mr John Watts as tenant thereof.

Lot 3—All those two DWELLING-HOUSES called Quarry Houses, one containing Three Rooms, Pantry, &c., and the other containing Two Rooms, Garden, and a large portion of LAND adjoining, now in the occupation of Messrs Hall and Hewitson as tenants thereof.

The Tenants will on application, show the property, and further particulars can be had by applying to John Booth, Esq., solicitor, Shotley Bridge, or to the Auctioneer.

The Auctioneer can strongly recommend this property to intending buyers, as Castleside is one of the pleasantest and healthiest places in the country, and has good schools, and four places of worship.

Sale to commence at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Durham. 660a

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Smith Square, Dipton, Saturday, August 10th, 1889.

MR G. R. HOBSON, honoured with instructions from Mr W. Smith, who is declining housekeeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of his household FURNITURE AND MISCELLANEOUS EFFECTS.

Particulars in posters and next issue.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 668a

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY FIRST, AUGUST 5TH, 1889.

7 Fat Cattle.
100 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
12 to 20 Calving Cows.
A number of Grazing Heifers, Calves, Pigs, and Poultry.
Harness, Stack Nets, &c.
Black Entire Cob (Jack's Delight), quiet, and a capital worker.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY, AUCTIONEER, AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. William Nicholson

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Wednesday, August 7th, 1889.

Present entries:—

A number of Prime Calving Cows and Heifers, Fat and Grazing Cattle.
120 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Calves, Pigs, Poultry, Stack Nets, &c.

Sale at 2 p.m.

Entries taken up to time of Sale.

WM. NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

Sale Office, Hill House, Lanchester.

By Mr. Wm. Richardson.

Commercial Inn, Tow Law.

MR WM. RICHARDSON will SELL BY AUCTION on Monday and Tuesday, August 5th and 6th, 1889, the whole of the Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, belonging to the late MRS GEORGE RANDALL. Monday's Sale.—Best of Furniture, together with part of Kitchen and Cooking Utensils.

Sale to commence each day at One o'clock.

For particulars see bills.

WM. RICHARDSON, Auctioneer, Tow Law.

By J. G. Smith.

Leadgate, North Brancepeth, and Newbottle.

In the matter of the Northern Counties Bank (Limited), in Liquidation.

J. G. SMITH has been instructed to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs LUMLEY'S, Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate, on Friday, August 9th, 1889, at Four o'clock in the afternoon, the following FREEHOLD PROPERTIES:—

LEADGATE.

LOT 1. A STONE BUILDING in Watling Street, formerly used as a Bakehouse, with boiling room, warehouses, 2-stalled stable, cart shed, &c., the vacant ground from the end of the building to the railway.

LOT 2. The DWELLING HOUSE in Iveston Terrace, containing 5 rooms, &c., in the occupation of Dr McIntyre.

LOT 3. A similar DWELLING HOUSE adjoining on the north.

LOT 4. A similar DWELLING HOUSE adjoining.

LOT 5. 275 5-9 Square Yards of BUILDING GROUND adjoining Lot 2 on the south.

NEWBOTTLE.

LOT 6. One-third part or share of a DWELLING HOUSE, 13, Hopper Street, Dubmire, in the parish of Newbottle.

NORTH BRANCEPETH.

LOT 7. A DWELLING HOUSE, 18, Angus Street, Langley Moor.

For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, 3, West Street, Gateshead; Mr J. M. Winter, Chartered Accountant, Market Street, Newcastle; or to Mr W. M. Pybus, Solicitor, Post Office Chambers, St. Nicholas' Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

July 26th, 1889.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

To Farmers and others.—62, Front Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr BORROW, Cooper, &c., &c., to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday first, Aug. 3. Sale to commence at Four o'clock, and on Monday, Aug. 5th, at Six o'clock in the evening, the whole of his STOCK-IN-TRADE—Consisting of Churns, Butter Tubs, Scales, Prints, Wash Tubs, Beer Barrels, Poss Tubs, 20 Sets of China, 20 Doz. Breakfast Cups and Saucers, 12 Doz. Tea Cups and Saucers, 100 Teapots, 18 Sets of Pie Dishes, 2 Doz. Brown Ware Milk Bowls, Tree Pots, Glasses, Jugs, together with a Lot of other Articles.

For particulars see posters.

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

Monday First, August 5th, 1889.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove to the above Sale Rooms for convenience of sale, a Lot of New and Second-Hand FURNITURE, consisting of 6 sets of Mahogany Drawers, Beautiful Mahogany Sideboard, Hair-seated Chairs and Couch to Match, Sewing Machine, and a Lot of other valuable Goods too numerous to mention. See Posters

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Commercial Inn, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr JOHN PROUDLOCK, who is retiring from business and leaving the above Inn, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Wednesday First, August 7th, 1889, his Valuable FURNITURE and EFFECTS, consisting of Useful Pony, 5 years old; 2 Whitechapels; Four-wheeled Phaeton; Grocers' Spring Cart; 2 sets of Silver-Mounted Harness; Brass-Mounted Harness; Saddles and Bridles; Set of Springs and Axles; Wheelbarrow; Churn; Butter Tubs; a lot of Old Iron. FURNITURE—Beautiful Set of Mahogany Drawers; Sewing Machine; Cheffioneer; Easy Chairs; Arm Chairs; 6 Chairs, all Hair-seated; 12 Bedroom Chairs; 2 Carpets; Large Mirror; 4 Brass-Mounted Beds and Mattresses; Rabbit Down Beds; 7 large Club-Room Tables; 6 Forms; Kitchen Chairs; Long-settles, &c.; Breech-Loading Gun, made by Burnand, and a Muzzle-Loader. Also, a lot of other Goods too numerous to mention.

Sale at One o'clock, as the Lots are numerous

Valuable Freehold Property for Sale at St Ives' Road, Leadgate.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr JOHN MARCH, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of MR THOMAS LONGSTAFF, Leadgate, on Thursday First, August 8th, 1889, all that Valuable,

FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

Viz., TWO HOUSES, situate in St. Ive's Road, Leadgate, nearly opposite the Park, and adjoining Mr Foreman's Property, containing 2 Rooms, Back Rooms, and large Pantries, with large Yard and all out-door Conveniences.

The Houses can, at little expense, be converted into one.

For full particulars, apply to Mr John Crawford, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett; Mr March, Owner; or Mr Taylor will show the Premises.

Sale to commence at Mr Thomas Longstaff's at Seven o'clock p.m.

The Auctioneer begs to call the attention of the Public to this Sale, the houses being well finished, containing beautiful Kitchen Ranges; the rooms are lofty, well lighted, and fitted-up with Wardrobes and Cheffioneers.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

For Sale.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL BY PRIVATE CONTRACT that Beautiful Well-built FREEHOLD HOUSE, with 10 Rooms, Large Yard, and every Convenience, situate in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, and now occupied by Dr McINTYRE. For full particulars, apply JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

PEOPLE that are leaving the District can have their FURNITURE TURNED into CASH, at once, by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 891o

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Business done promptly, and on reasonable terms.

By Mr. Thomas Nelson.

Luton House, Middle Street, Consett.—Last Two Days of Sale.

MR THOMAS NELSON will SELL BY AUCTION, to-night, Saturday, and Monday, at 6·30 p.m., a large assortment of Books, Stationery, Albums, and Fancy Goods.

Late Advertisements.

WANTED, at once, a good GENERAL SERVANT, aged 17 or 18, for public business.—Apply Burton House, Burnopfield. 707a

A SPLENDIE TWO-WHEELED FLAT will be disposed of by Mr J. S. Murray, at his Auction Mart, on Monday first

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL, BURNOPFIELD.

REV. G. TALALUN NEWTON, Of Brunswick Circuit, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Will give his Interesting and Popular Lecture, entitled, "SHAFTESBURY" England's Nobleman, on MONDAY EVENING, August 5th, 1889. Doors open at 6·30; chair to be taken at 7 o'clock by H. F. BULMAN, Esq., High Marley Hill. FRONT SEATS, 1s; BACK SEATS, 6d. Proceeds in aid of Mission Brass Band.

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY TOWN HALL CONSETT.

☞ SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY. Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property repayable as arranged, or for fixed period.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., Secretary.

What's beautiful carriage Where did you get it? From ALFRED BOAG, St. Mary's Place, Newcastle. I was perfectly astonished to see his Stock of New and Second-hand Carriages and Harness, and more so when I heard his prices. Thanks for his address. I want my carriage repaired and painted. Good morning. 716z

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On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Gems, &c., &c., at

J. & E. WILSON'S,

The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England. Established 1780

12, PILGRIM STREET FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET) PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH FRIAR LANE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

N.B.—A Large Stock of New and Second-hand WATCHES, Gold & Silver GUARDS ALBERTS &c., on Sale at the Lowest Prices.

☞ SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12. OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW. 739y

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 1889.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

"LADIES SPECIALLY INVITED."

One occasionally hears some tall talk about women's rights, but in that, as in many other matters, it not unfrequently happens that those who pipe the loudest are the last to put into practice the principles which they seem very zealous to uphold. But this falling on the part of not a few is balanced by the attitude of those who put into practice what others preach but themselves forget to perform. Under the last-named head, the gentlemen who rule the destinies of the Blackhill, Consett and District "Model" Building Society seem to me to deserve a place. In corporated with the advertisement convening the public meeting on Wednesday last was the significant phrase: "Ladies specially invited." Well, now, if that is not a direct recognition of women's rights it is nothing. The ladies in the districts within the circle in which the building society is supposed to exert an influence, cannot be other than flattered by the compliment paid them, and that it was the right thing to do there can hardly be two shades of opinion, for if the mistress of a household is against her liege lord speculating in the purchase of houses and land, in nine cases out of ten the name of that devoted husband will not be registered on the books of the district building society. No sensible man would disregard the counsels of his wife, because in most instances what is termed the weaker vessel is in reality the stronger one. I do not refer to gossips who spend their time in analysing the doings of their neighbours, but to sensible folks who know what life is and make the most of it. In doing homage, therefore, to the feminine section of the community the gentlemen more particularly interested know quite well what they are about. It is all very well for Shakespeare to declare that—

"Such duty as the subject owes the prince,
Even such a woman oweth to her husband."

Duty may be many-sided, and not a few good women seem to think, and that rightly, that their first duty is how best to control what at one period in the life of the sex they longed for by day and dreamed about by night—their husbands.

DOINGS AT LEADGATE.

I see by advertisement that the church party are to have a big day at Leadgate, a bazaar, that popular source of attraction, being the pivot upon which the proceedings will turn. It is true that the old and favourite practice of trying one's chances of success by lottery has been forbidden by law; but although shorn of one of their strongest pillars, bazaars still continue to maintain their pristine popularity. The sums raised annually by bazaars in connection with the various Christian denominations must be very great, the most obscure congregations being equal to the task of raising the matter of £100 by a single effort. I have sometimes thought that Leadgate has never had the full thale of justice done to it in the matter of its leading inhabitants being brought before the notice of the reading public, Consett overshadowing in its stronger light this unpretentious little town, which in some respects is a good deal ahead of its big neighbour. It is sometimes said that human nature is much the same in all generations and if that be true, then have I pretty good grounds for inferring that the promoters of the bazaar referred to will have a hearty time of it. It was so on the last occasion on which I had the pleasure of meeting the same flock, and on precisely the same errand—a bazaar. Everything went merry as the proverbial marriage bell, and from what one knows of the calibre of the inhabitants of Leadgate, it may reasonably be assumed that no effort has been left undone that was in any degree calculated to render the meeting a success. At out of the way places like Leadgate a good deal of support usually comes from without, friends from the adjacent towns and villages making it a point of duty to patronise their neighbours, bearing in mind, no doubt, the inspiring assurance: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

IN THE RIGHT PATH.

Good examples sometimes come from quarters where they are least expected. Take Medomsley, for instance, a comparatively obscure hamlet commanding an extensive view of the Derwent fells and the winding valley of the Derwent itself. It appears that a lending library has been established at a very opportune season—the autumn to wit, when a good book and a good fire are among the most delightful luxuries of life. I have made frequent reference in this column to reading rooms and libraries, institutions by the way for which I have but little admiration. But it does not follow that because people will not do exactly what I should like to see them do that I must needs sound the war slogan and enter on the warpath. Not at all. Although I believe that the age of lending libraries has passed away and given place to a better order of things, I am nevertheless immensely pleased to note that there is a spirit predominating at Medomsley which calls for increased facilites for the dissemination of literature. Personally, I prefer to purchase a book rather than borrow one—for never were books so cheap as they are in our day and generation—but that, however, may or may not be a matter of opinion. But the people of Medomsley are getting the books all the same, and the cardinal points are—make the most of them, for I have no disposition to cavil on the particular ways and means by virtue of which the literary treasures of the past are brought within their reach. It may, I suppose, be inferred that the selection is a fairly good one. It is true, as Byron humourously put it, that a book's a book if there's nothing in't; but much more valuable is the advice: "Choose a book as you would a friend."

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.

Dear me! how the world spins. The matter of a fortnight hence and the flower show at Shotley Bridge will have come and gone. I feel almost disposed to fall out with the committee, inasmuch as no attractions of a sensational character are likely to be introduced this year. I speak for nobody but myself, and I have an idea that the fault lies with them—not with me. It is true that in this matter they may liken me to a spoiled child who cries when the toy is wrenched from its finger; but even on these grounds I contend that I have become quite accustomed to the tinsel and the pagentry which for years past characterised the annual flower show at Shotley. Classic music is good, and smart cricketers in white flannels are pleasing to the lover of the willow; but my soul longs for something beyond these sights and sounds. If the soldiers have girded on their swords and gone to the war, then give me a spinning donkey (I think that was the name of the creature). In any case give me something that I do not behold in this wicked world every day.

Local and District News

CONSETT.

The County Court Office will be closed on Monday, 5th day of August.

BANK HOLIDAY.—Monday first being Bank Holiday, the banks at Consett and Shotley Bridge will be closed. At Consett, Blackhill, Shotley Bridge, and Leadgate, there will be only the morning delivery of letters.

On Wednesday, the *employes* and friends of the Consett Co-operative Society, to the number of 80, had their annual trip to Barnard Castle. The day was all that could be desired, al the party enjoyed themselves immensely.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Master Percy Lowdon, Spencer Street, Consett, and Miss M. J. Smith, Allendale Cottages, pupils of Mr T. Jones, Church Street, Consett, have successfully passed the theoretical examination (junior division) of the Musical International College, London, held in Newcastle, on May 29th. Dr E. M. Lott was the examiner.

Murphy's switchback railway has been stationed at Consett (near the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Schools) during the present week, and has been doing a remarkable amount of trade. On Wednesday night, the total proceeds were handed over to Whitfield, the armless boy, and Mrs Terence Coyle. It is superfluous to remark that the switchback was very largely patronised. The sum of £18 was realised, and after £2 were deducted for expenses, £8 were given to each recipient.

INCIDENT AT THE SWITCHBACK.—On Tuesday night, a young woman, on a visit to Mr Douglas Marshall's, Puddler's Row, Consett, had been riding on Murphy's switchback, now stationed in John Street, Consett, and on alighting she fainted and fell. She was removed to Mr Jas. Quigley's, where restoratives were applied, and she was ultimately taken to Mr Marshall's residence by Mr T. Moir in his waggonette. It is stated that the young woman is subject to fits.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT THE STEELWORKS.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, about eight o'clock a single young man named Harry Sile, one of the eight men now employed by Messrs Keay, of the Staffordshire Iron Co., Birmingham, engaged in constructing a roof adjoining No 3 Plate Mill at the Consett Steelworks, was refitting the top of the roof, when the scaffolding gave way, and he alighted upon some steel plates on a barrow underneath where he was working falling a total distance of nearly 30 feet. He was conveyed on a stretcher to the Consett Co's., Infirmary, where he was attended by Dr Scurfield. He has sustained a sprain to the wrist of the left arm, besides a severe wrench to the neck. It is stated that the man now lies in a most precarious state.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—On reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that this Association is, as usual, giving attention to the work of registration, and we cannot too strongly urge upon every Liberal in the division to lend their assistance to the secretaries of the various local polling districts and to Mr Brodie the registration agent in seeing that every person entitled to vote is on the Overseers' lists which may be found on each church and chapel door in the district. If the name of any person so entitled does not appear thereon, we earnestly request them to apply to any of the local secretaries or to Mr Brodie, Town Hall, Consett, from whom forms of claim may be had. This matter calls for prompt attention as August 20th is the latest date on which claims can be sent in to the overseers.

CLUB SUPPER.—On Saturday evening, the members of the Grey Horse Sick Benefit Society held their half-yearly supper at the house of Mr Wm. Quinn, Grey Horse Inn, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. About 45 sat down to an excellent repast, served up by Mr Martin in his usual finished style, assisted by an efficient staff of waiters. After full justice had been done to the good things prepared, the cloth was removed, and Mr Westhorpe was unanimously voted to the chair. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the chairman presented to Mrs Quinn a splendid silver brooch (from the establishment of Messrs Marshall, Town Hall Buildings), as a token of respect and esteem in which the host and hostess is held by the members. The gift was gracefully acknowledged, after which songs were rendered, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" bringing to a close one of the most successful and most enjoyable suppers held since the formation of the society.

BLACKHILL.

The United Free Methodists of Blackhill, held their camp-meeting, on Sunday afternoon, on the vacant space of ground at Bessemer Street. Several leading members of the society gave addresses. The Blackhill Mission Band, conducted by Mr J. Palliser, accompanied the singing. The weather being fine, there was a large gathering.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY.—We learn that Mr W. Greenwood, who for some time acted as assistant with Mr James Palliser, grocer, Foundry Row, left Blackhill on Thursday se'nnight, for Manchester, where he is going to graduate as a minister in the Primitive Methodist Society. He has been a local preacher for the past three years, and two months ago he passed his preliminary examination at Newcastle, sustaining a severe shock the same week through the death of his father. He was much esteemed and respected throughout the district.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS.—At the examination of the above college, held in St. James's Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on July 8th, the following pupils of Miss Sloane (organist of St. Mary's, Blackhill), successfully passed in pianoforte playing in the preliminary grade, under the supervision of Dr Hills, F.C.O., Manchester, and Mr Franklin Haworth, F.C.O., Liverpool:—Miss Ethel Ainsworth, West Bank, and Miss Lily Little, Fell House, Consett; Miss Maggie Wood, Benfieldside; Miss Polly Eltringham, Railway Terrace, and Miss Teresa Sloane, Post Office, Blackhill, second class honours.

ACCIDENT AT THE RAILWAY STATION.—On Wednesday morning, upon the arrival of the 10·30 train at Consett and Blackhill Station, one of the painters (belonging to York) engaged in painting the water tank above the pump-room, had a miraculous escape. It appears that he over-reached himself, and the ladder he was standing upon slipped, and he fell—first up on the roof of the joiners' shop, and afterwards alighted upon the ground with great force. The man was badly injured and severely stunned, and being removed to a waiting room, Dr Wynne was called in to attend to him. Latest accounts show that he is slowly recovering.

NEW FESTIVAL SERVICE.—On Sunday evening, the new festival benediction service, composed by Mr E. J. Sloane son of the esteemed postmaster of Blackhill, was rendered before a crowded congregation at St. Michael's Church, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle. The different movements are written with great musical skill, and the work contains beautiful passages. It bids fair to become popular with all Roman Catholic churches. The composer was heartily congratulated on his success and upon its excellent rendering by the members of St. Michael's choir. The principal solos were taken by Mesdames Tomsett, Fleming, Best, and Miss Johnson, and Messrs. Moody, Burton, and Lohmeyer. The composer wielded the baton, and Miss Sloane, presided at the harmonium.

LEADGATE.

SPORTS.—The Leadgate Cricket Club intend holding their first sports and pic-nic to-morrow (Saturday), in a field belonging to Mr Snaith, Queen's Head Inn. With fine weather and a capital programme of events, the venture is certain to be worthy of patronage, and will undoubtedly prove a great success.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—On Sunday, the anniversary of this school at Annfield Plain was celebrated. Two sermons were preached, morning and evening by the Rev Thomas Kirup, of Didsbury College. In the afternoon, a service of praise, consisting of anthems, solos, duets, &c., was rendered by the scholars, assisted by the choir. The chairman was the Rev T. Kirup. Large congregations were present on each occasion. Collections were taken in aid of the school funds.—On Wednesday, the teachers held a field-day and tea in a field near the Lizzie Pit, where the scholars were entertained to a splendid repast. A public tea was also provided, and was well patronised. Games and other amusements were indulged in during the evening.

DEATH OF A MINERS' OFFICIAL.—On Wednesday se'nnight the remains of Mr Thomas French, husband of Mrs Ann French, of Annfield Plain, were conveyed for interment to St. Thomas's churchyard, Collierley. He died on the 22nd ult, at the age of 50 years, after a long and severe illness. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss. His remains were encased in a beautiful coffin, bearing a suitable inscription. A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends were present at the funeral. We may add that Mr French was a miner at Old Pontop Colliery, and was looked upon by his fellow-workmen as an honest upright man. He was often entrusted with looking after their interests at the colliery, and on several occasions he represented them at the council meetings at Durham, besides being their local secretary. Deceased was a quiet, inoffensive man, but his intellectual training and general knowledge of all matters appertaining to mining disputes brought him into active service, and often, with others, he was enabled to settle what would otherwise have been serious disputes between the employers and men.

SLALEY.

A TORY FIZZLE.—A Conservative meeting was announced to be held at Slaley, on Monday evening, to be addressed by Mr J. T. Mills, Skipton. About a dozen people assembled at the appointed time, but as the speaker did not put in an appearance, they shortly afterwards dispersed.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Wednesday, the butchers of Gateshead had a very pleasant pic-nic in the Shotley Spa Grounds.

ACCIDENT AT THE PAPER MILLS.—Shortly before noon on Friday, an accident occurred to a married woman called Janet Wright, living in West Row, Blackhill (whose husband is abroad), who was following her employment at the Shotley Grove Paper Mills (Messrs John Annandale and Sons). She was walking across a stack of esparto grass, when she got her foot between two of the bales, and falling down broke her leg. Several ambulance men scientifically bandaged the fractured limb, and conveyed the woman home upon the new ambulance stretcher. She received professional attendance, and is now progressing favourably.

CASTLESIDE.

On Saturday and Sunday, the annual flower services were held in the Castleside Primitive Methodist Chapel.

SCHOOL TREAT.—On Wednesday afternoon, the boys and girls numbering 230, attending the Healeyfield and Rowley Board schools at Castleside were provided with their summer treat, given annually immediately after the long vacation. At one o'clock the children assembled at the schools, and at about 1.30 marched through the village to a field at Dean Howls, kindly granted by Mrs Elliot. The scholars were regaled with a tea at the expense of the Board, some of the members—including of course, Mr T. J. Muse (chairman)—honouring the galliery with their presence. Afterwards various games were indulged in, prizes being offered to the successful competitors. Each infant also received sweets, tops, oranges, &c. During the evening, a balloon was despatched into the air, and its movements were watched with much interest. The children were in charge of their teachers—Mr T. Duckworth head master; Mr H. Potts, assistant master; Miss Gordan, infants mistress, Misses I. Raine and Lily Muse, assistants and spent a very happy and enjoyable day, the weather being exceptionally fine.

CLOSE OF WESLEYAN BAZAAR.—The "Grand Alhambra Palace Bazaar," held in the Board Schools, Castleside, in aid of the fund for the erection of a vestry or class-room behind the Wesleyan Sunday-school, was brought to a brilliant and successful termination on Saturday night. Towards the sum of £150 required, the undertaking realised £146 1s 8d. About £20 of goods were left on hand, and these articles are to be offered for sale at Xmas.—On opening the bazaar on Thursday se'nnight, Mr T. J. Muse, explained that that was not the first occasion that he had introduced Mrs R. Walton, of Stanhope House, at a similar gathering, for she was the lady who laid a corner stone of their new chapel, and likewise rendered valuable assistance towards every object for improving their place of worship, and promoting the cause of christianity. (Applause).—Mrs Walton, being a native of the village was very heartily received, and opened the bazaar in a really graceful speech, the purport of which was always wishful to forward a good cause, and she hoped that the efforts of the Wesleyan Methodists of Castleside would meet with every success. (Loud applause).—Rev T. Broadbent, Consett, also proffered a few suitable remarks.—Owing to the showery weather, the bazaar was not very numerously patronised on that date, but on Saturday, the building was literally thronged.—At the conclusion, Mr Muse proposed that a cordial expression of thanks should be tendered to the Leadgate Mission Brass Band for their services. A collection was likewise taken amongst those assembled for the benefit of the bandsmen.—Mr Hardy, in acknowledging the compliment, returned heartfelt thanks to the people of Castleside for their kindness. They had often volunteered their services, but that was the first place that they had been pecuniarily rewarded. However, he wished it to be distinctly understood that they did not give their services for money, but they were only working men, and besides their expenses were great.—We regret to say, that, owing to an oversight, the name of Mrs Davison was omitted in our last issue from the list of waitresses at the tea-table.

WATERHOUSES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday afternoon, the Sunday-school scholars in connection with the above society held their annual treat in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr T. Dalkin, when upwards of 180 teachers and scholars partook of a free tea, prepared by Mrs Henry and Mr McLane. The following ladies and gentlemen were in attendance at the tables:—Misses Taylor, Richardson, and E. Garnett, Messrs J. Pearson, Davison, Simpson, White, Henry and G. McLane. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, various innocent games for their amusement were engaged in.—On Sunday the members of the above place of worship celebrated their Sunday-school anniversary. The services were conducted by Mr H. Maine. In the afternoon, a service of song, entitled "Christ's desire of all nations." The children in a most efficient style recited pieces of poetry, dialogues, and portions of scripture, in the morning and evening, in a manner that reflects great credit upon the superintendent, teachers, and scholars. The choir under their leader, Mr W. Davison, assisted by the scholars, rendered a choice selection of hymns and anthems most appropriate for the occasion. The spacious building was literally packed at each service. A collection was taken at the close of each service in aid of the Sunday-school fund.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—On Sunday last the Foreign Mission services were held in the above place of worship, when the Rev. J. Roscamp preached two excellent sermons in the morning and evening. In the evening the rev gentleman took his text from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and 5th verse, "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven." The subject being somewhat interesting, the services were exceedingly well attended. Mr Dyson officiated at the organ, and hymns and anthems were rendered, most appropriate for the occasion.

TOW LAW.

On Sunday, the Rev Earnest J. Scott of Glasgow, preached two eloquent sermons to large congregations in the Presbyterian Church, Tow Law. Mr Scott was the first Presbyterian minister stationed at Tow Law.

FLOWER SERVICE.—On Wednesday night the usual weekly meeting of the "Beacon of Hope" Lodge of Good Templars was held in the Mission room, Campbell St., Tow Law. It being "Flower night" on the programme, the room was very tastefully decorated with flowers &c. A capital programme of singing, recitations, &c. was given by the sisters, who also officered the Lodge. There was a good attendance of members. At the close of the lodge a good supper was provided, which concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable session. The flowers were afterwards sent to a few sick people.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION IN THE BISHOP'S PARK.—Saturday was a unique and an interesting day in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society and the Bands of Hope within the rural deanery of Auckland. Arriving in brakes, by train, or a-foot, about 1,000 Band of Hope children, attended by a body of clergy and friends, were massed at the railway station, to the stirring strains of the Edgar Memorial Drum and Fife Band. The streets were crowded as the children passed on to the park of Auckland Castle, where melody, recital, and competitions were the order of the day. The Bands of Hope represented Tudhoe, Crook, Hunwick, High Grange, Bishop Auckland, Coundon, Eldon, Stanley, Shildon, Tow Law, South Church, and Tudhoe Grange. Rev Mr Davis, Crook, and Rev A. Boot, Darlington, judged the singing, and judicial duties were also taken by Revs T. M. Callinan, Pearpark, and A. Watts, Witton Gilbert. The prizes were distributed from the band platform by Bishop Sandford on behalf of Mrs Sandford, and cheers were given for the Bishop of Durham for the use of the park. Amongst the local prize-takers were:—Recitation—1. G. W. Dent, Stanley. Recitation for juniors —2. Edith Hayton, Crook. Solo singing—Ada Hobson, Crook. Flat race, under 10—2, John Gamsby, Tow Law. Under 14 years—2 John Mackintosh, Tow Law. Under 17 years—2 Charles Pattison, Tow Law. Three-legged race—1 Charles Pattison, 2, John Mackintosh.

SOUTH MOOR.

MUSICAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE.—At the examination held in Newcastle on the 12th, inst., Miss Hannah Dixon (daughter of Mr Robert Dixon, South Moor and pupil of Miss Maud Gray, 'Low Fell,) passed successfully in the Primary Division.

LANCHESTER.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A DOG.—At Hexham Petty Sessions *William Fail*, Manor House, Lanchester, was summoned for unlawfully stealing a dog, the property of Annie Potts, at Greenhead, near Shotley, on 27th June.—Annie Potts said defendant called at their house about eleven o'clock, for some cattle which had been left there for him. Defendant was driving other cattle at the time, and he asked her to help him out with the stock which were in the yard. She did so. About three or four o'clock in the afternoon she missed her dog. It was a black and white collie dog. She gave information to the police on 3rd July. She next saw the dog (produced) on 6th July. She had been offered and had refused £5 for the animal.—Wm Potts, residing near Shotley Field said the prosecutrix was his neice. On 4th July he saw defendant at Stagshawbank fair and asked him about the dog. The defendant denied having the dog, but said it followed him to Castleside, where he struck it and he saw no more of it.—P.C. Edwards said he received information from Miss Potts about having lost her dog. On 4th July he saw defendant at Stagshawbank and apprehended him and charged him with stealing a dog. Defendant replied that he had nothing to do with it. A short time afterwards he said it followed him and he hit it with a stick, and he had not seen it since. Defendant made another admission later on saying, "This is a bad job for me. The dog is at Manor House; if I get it will you let me away?" The same night he (witness) visited Manor House, Lanchester, but the dog was not there. On 5th he went to Croxdale, near Hexham, to defendant's father's. He asked Mrs Fail if her son had brought a strange dog there lately. She said that he had brought one on Tuesday previous. He went and saw the dog and indentified it as the animal he was in search of. A letter came while he was there to send the black dog immediately. Defendant said the dog would follow him though he tried to get it away.—The magistrates were unanimously of opinion that Fail had stolen the dog. As they had got the dog back that would save him a good deal, but he was liable to a £20 penalty. As he seemed to have a good character and it was a first offence he would be fined £2 and costs, or one month's hard labour.

EBCHESTER.

WESLEYAN METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday and Sunday, the anniversary of the Wesleyan Sunday-school was celebrated at Ebchester. On Saturday, a public tea was provided, when the children belonging to the school were supplied with tea and cake free of charge, to which they did ample justice. A good number of the public also attended and partook of tea—a considerable number more than has attended for some years, the tea being a decided success. The tables were gracefully presided over by Misses Bell, Milburn, and Johnson, senior scholars, and Miss S. J. Waggott. They were ably assisted by Missts Wood and Hunter. Mesdames Johnson and Moody prepared the tea. After tea, a public meeting was held, when a good company attended. Practical addresses were given by Mr A. Seed, Shotley Bridge, and Mr Wm. Henderson, Derwent Cottages, on Sunday-school work. The children, assisted by the choir, sang several select pieces. On Sunday, services were held in the afternoon and night, the chapel on each occasion being literally packed, many having to go away, as they could not obtain admittance. The children recited portions of scripture, dialogues, poetry, and catechism in a very creditable manner, and sang several select pieces of music, assisted by the choir. Miss Stoddart presided at the harmonium. Mr R. C. Foster, Consett, gave two practical addresses—in the afternoon to children, and in the evening to teachers and parents. The weather being fine, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The whole of the services were a great blessing and encouragement to teachers and scholars. The collections were in advance of last year.

TANTOBIE.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday, the members of this edifice at Tantobie, held their annual flower service. The chapel was neatly decorated with flowers. Two services were conducted—morning and evening—by Mr M. Frankland, Blackhill. In the afternoon, Mr Warwick, Tanfield, occupied the rostrum, and gave a pointed address. The congregations were large. The Tanfield Lea Mission Band was in attendance, and paraded the principal streets. Collections were taken at the close of each service.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.—On Saturday, the members of the above order at Tantobie held their annual dinner and procession. The members to the number of 160, headed by the Tanfield Lea Brass Band, marched to St. Andrew's Church, Beamish, where a service was conducted by the Rev L. M. Chesters, (curate). After the service, they made their way by Oxhill, Harperley, White-le-Head, to the Co-operative Hall, Tantobie, and partook of a substantial dinner, prepared by the lodge.

LINTZ COLLIERY.

WESLEYAN MISSION SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The teachers and scholars of the above school held their first anniversary on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, the teachers, scholars, and Juvenile Templars met in procession, and marched through the village, headed by the Burnopfield Wesleyan Mission Band, to the Temperance Hall, Leazes, Burnopfield, where they were regaled with a substantial tea. A public tea was also provided, and partaken of by a large number of people. A public meeting was held in the evening.—On Sunday, three services were held in the above hall, conducted by Mr J. Cook, Swalwell. Large congregations were present on each occasion. During each service the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, &c., and also sang a selection of hymns, assisted by the Burnopfield Wesleyan Choir. Collections were taken in aid of the school funds.

MEDOMSLEY.

SCHOLARS' TREAT.—On Saturday, the scholars attending Medomsley Church Sunday-schools had their annual treat in the rectory ground, about four hundred scholars and teachers being present. They were entertained to tea, and various games were indulged in.—On the same day, the children connected with the Wesleyan Chapel, Medomsley, were similarly entertained in a field belonging to Mr Simpson, Bradley.

We are pleased to learn that Mr Wm. Walton, son of Mr J. Walton, overman of the Busty Pit, Medomsley, who is at present a student of the St. John's Training College for Schoolmasters, Battersea, London, has just passed the matriculation examination in connection with London University, with honours. Mr Walton has also gained the "Kangaroo" prize at St. John's College, which is awarded for the most progress made from entering college to the time of the first examination; he having sprang from the 35th to the 15th place on the list.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

At a committee meeting of the Chester-le-Street Liberal Association held on Thursday se'nnight, a vote of confidence in Mr Joicey, the member of Parliament for the Division, was carried, as was also a resolution expressing strong disapproval of any further allowance being voted to the Royal Family.

THE ACCIDENT TO REV W. A. HUNTER.—Rev W. A. Hunter, senior curate of Chester-le-Street, who was badly injured about the face on Wednesday se'nnight with a cricket ball during a match at Chester-le-Street, has been very ill since the accident. Great difficulty has been experienced by his medical attendant in keeping the hemorrhage in check. At the time our news parcel left the rev gentleman, however, was a little better.

STANHOPE.

STANHOPE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD.—The monthly meeting was held on Friday—Dr. Livingstone in the chair. The question as to allowing children under five years of age to attend school free was adjourned. Miss J. A. Wilkinson was appointed assistant mistress at Westgate Board School, and Miss M. H. Walker assistant at Rookhoope Board School.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The fortnightly meeting took place on Friday, at Stanhope workhouse—Dr. Livingstone in the chair. With regard to a complaint from Mr Ralph Featherstone, of Bridge End, near Cowshill, which was adjourned from the last meeting, the Board quite exonerated him as to a small sum of money in the bank in the name of his brother, who had recently been sent to an asylum, and considered he had acted in a disinterested and honourable manner towards his mother and brother.

WEARDALE.

The wife of Mr Joseph Peart, of Lanehead, died suddenly near midnight on Wednesday week.

SAVED FROM SHAME.

A SHOTLEY BRIDGE STORY OF LOVE, CRIME, AND MYSTERY.

BY HARRY BLYTH,

Author of, "In the Midst of Foes," &c.

CHAPTER XXXIX.—JOHNNY'S NEXT STEP.

It was with a heavy heart that Johnny once more set his foot in Newcastle Central Station. He was far more gloomy than when he had left it. Then there was the excitement of the chase, and his burning hopes too, in some measure, buoyed him up and now he had nothing to look for. He never knew how much he loved Kitty till now. His heart was terribly sore. No dainty gentleman of the land or delicate lady ever felt a love more keenly than did this honest joiner. He walked through the deserted streets, for it was yet early morning, completely saddened. The day was bright, but the town seemed desolate and unsatisfying. The men cleaning the roads stood out clean and well defined in that rarefied atmosphere. The little drinking place seemed to blink in the crisp light. The post-office carts rattled along the thoroughfare, and, save for a solitary pedestrian here and there, there were no other signs of activity. It was a usual thing, of course, for Johnny to be abroad early, but somehow the streets seemed quieter than usual, and the very air appeared to be laden with sadness. His mother was not yet up; he was dull and heavy himself; his blood felt as though it had received a chill, but he was too restless to sleep, and altogether too agitated to think of returning to his occupation, so he set about kindling the fire in the sitting-room, to the keen admiration of the servant.

Mrs M'Crab was sufficiently surprised to see her dear Johnny home again, but he had a suspicion that she would have been as well pleased had he not returned for some days longer.

"And did you discover the *locus standi* of the young lady?" this good woman asked.

"Yes," answered her son, dolefully, "We found her."

"I was quite certain that you would," said she with infinite satisfaction, and a very sapient shake of the head; carefully measuring three spoonfuls of tea into the pot—one for herself, one for Johnny, and "one for the pot," as she'd often explained it. The servant did not count. "I was quite sure Miss Bloomfield would come to no harm, and I never exercised my mental aptitudes about her. No doubt you found her the embonpoint of bliss, and entirely oblivious of her old friends. I'm sure if she had been my daughter—which Providence forbid, seeing the trial my one child has been to me (she regarded Johnny with a serious and pathetic eye), I could not have treated her more kindly. Has she made a good match?"

Johnny was sitting in front of the fire making toast, but something dropped on the bright part of the fender and made a rust stain of about the size of a shillin. There was a quaver in his voice as he replied—

"She's married one we'll all have to go to one day. She's dead."

Mrs M'Crab let the cup fall from her hands and it was scattered to pieces on the floor; she herself flopped on to the sofa, and uttered a piercing scream still Johnny toasted away and did not move.

"You will be the death of me," his mother cried, "and I have not got over the fright that vulgar old sailor gave me. Oh dear, oh dear!"

Her son neither spoke nor moved. After a few general complaints and moans the distressed lady calmed herself, and then turned to know every particular of their journey.

Simply her son told her his story, having, however, to pause every now and again, probably to turn the toast, which appeared to require a considerable amount of attention.

"Poor dear," said Mrs M'Crab, feelingly, "her tribulations are over. Instead of being sorry for her," she added, "perhaps we, who are left in this hollow vale of tears, ought to rejoice at her release. Ah, well, we all live in the midst of magnifications."

The sad news in no way affected the lady's appetite, but Johnny only made a pretence of eating.

I've made up my mind," he said abruptly, "to go abroad."

His mother put her cup down so quickly that she was in danger of breaking it.

"The boy is mad," she declared promptly.

"I haven't fixed on the place yet," he went on, not heeding her interruption, "but there's more scope in the colonies than here for good workers, and I'm tired of Newcastle now. Thank Providence," he added, "I've a good trade in my hands, and that will carry me through anywhere. I'm better-off," he added proudly, "than your professional man, who is done for when he gets into a place where they don't speak his own language. Everybody wants a joiner, no matter what their lingo may be. When you see me return, mother, in a few years with a bagful of gold you'll be glad I went"

I never heard of such a wild and preposterous proposal in my life," said Mrs M'Crab, "and who in the name of miracles ever put it into your head."

Deeply as Johnny's thoughts were engaged in his scheme and on the loss of Kitty, he could not help observing that his mother took his determination with comparative coolness. He could remember the time when such a suggestion as he had thrown out would have sent her "madder" than any bull tackled by trocadero. He was soon to discover the reason of this extraordinary complaisance.

"I'll be the better for the change," said Johnny, adding in an unmistakable tone of decision, "I've quite made up my mind to it, mother."

"It will be a bitter cup for me to swallow like the ranseed—(perhaps the worthy soul meant rancid) and oil given to the unfortunate gentleman on the wayside. But if you have made up your mind to tempt the unbrageous waves"—here she wept—"I have never denied you anything, and you—you must go. But"—with her face still in her handkerchief and waving a piece of toast in her disengaged hand—"what will become of me? Who will protect me and cheer me?"

"There wass to be no trouble about that whateffer," cried Mr MacDougal, entering the room at this moment, and encircling the widow's waist without disguise; "he will protect her, and she will marry her moreover, and she wass being a very goot husband again, only more so."

Mrs M'Crab's sobs increased, and so did the Highlander's attentions. Johnny regarded the couple with some curiosity. He had a shrewd suspicion how the land lay, but his feelings greatly changed. The contingency which he once regarded with the utmost resentment he felt indifferent about now. If his mother was bent on marrying this scheming Highlander he was powerless to prevent it. And if he had resolved to have her perhaps he had no right to interfere.

After a little the lady managed to gurgle out—

"Tell him, Mr MacDougal—dear Mr MacDougal—tell him of the beautiful figurative language of the North—tell him *all*."

"It was just the way, Mister Johnny, you see she wass all alone, to pe sure, and she wass wandering up and down the earth, and there wass no comfort for her pa'nsel but the whiskey. Ah, ah, she wass ferry fond of whiskey, and she said to herself maybe MacDougal you are a ponny man, and would be the better of a ponny wife. And, you see, it wass this ways your ferry goot mother she thought it was more wise whateffer, and so you see, Johnny, we that wass two will be made into one, and many more whateffer. And then was a good soul moreover, and pright and ponny lad. There was never a finer clan in all the ponny Highlands than the MacoDugals whateffer." The young fellow shook his future father-in-law by the hand, then the MacDougal gave a wild whoop of victory, and, rushing into the entrance hall produced his bagpipes, marched up and down the room to a Gaelic air, which was supposed to have a most inspiring influence on the hearers, and had, as was most obvious, a strong tendency to increase the player's thirst in an amazing and abnormal degree.

This rough festivity grated on Johnny's thoughts. He soon found an excuse for leaving them, and he walked down to the places he knew of where he would be likely to learn some credible information to the best place for a man of his trade to emigrate This business carried away some time. It seemed that just then there was a likely opening in Nebraska, but he was advised to loose no time in starting, for in all cases of demand there, as here, it is the early emigrant who catches the work. He met another young fellow who was about his own age, and who was also anxious to try his luck abroad. The two agreed so well that they agreed to go together, and to start in two days' time. On his way home he encountered Mr Wave, who stopped him, but with an ill grace.

"You are soon back," he said.

"Yes," answered Johnny, and in reply to further questioning he told George all that had occurred.

George listened to the end, and then hurried away.

"What a hanged funny complication," was his thought. "Fancy thinking that woman was Kitty. It's wonderful how it all fitted so well. I wonder how it will all turn out? It will keep that mad old father quiet, I suppose. He can't do anything while he thinks his daughter dead. It might be awkward for me if Kitty did turn up in Newcastle before I am married to Dimity. But she won't do that. Shame will keep her away. What a blessing for some of us that some women have shame."

It occurred to Johnny that George Wave would as well answer the description of the man who had been seen at the Station with Kitty as any one else. But he had seen many people of whom the same might be said, and he did not pursue the notion. It was altogether out of the question to suspect Mr Dunlop's partner of such treachery.

Mrs M'Crab received the tidings of her son's coming departure with becoming fortitude. She bestowed on him much sage advice, and in the matter of money behaved with unexpected liberality. I am sorry to say that her generous conduct did not awaken in Johnny's heart such powerful feelings of gratitude as might have been expected. Her indifference to his absence somewhat saddened him.

"She is glad to get rid of me," was his thought. We are never satisfied, this good world.

CHAPTER XL.—HARD PUSHED.

"Do you know, Miss Dunlop, though I congratulate you very heartily on the unexpected good fortune which has been yours, I can't help feeling sorry that you are not poor."

It was George Wave who spoke. He looked his best, his tone was low and sympathetic. It was that pleasantness of all times for lovers' talk, the gloaming, just before the dull light of the late afternoon deepens into the blackness of night. They were in Mr Dunlop's house. The dancing flames of the fire were sufficient to throw a glow through the room. She was sitting in a low chair by the side of the grate busy with some fancy work. He stood on the hearthrug, sometimes gazing into her face and sometimes peering into the flickering embers as though he could read much there.

"Why?" she asked, with some little wavering in her voice.

"Well," he answered. fidgetting his foot about, "it would have made my path pleasanter, if not easier."

"Still I don't quite understand you."

"I wanted to come to you and to speak to you," he went on in a still lower tone, "when I had all to give and nothing to win—nothing to win in that way, at least. But now what I am about to say may be misconstrued in a hundred ways. I do trust," he added fervently, "that you won't think meanly of me."

"I cannot comprehend you," said Dimity. "Whatever position I might occupy in the world I could never think differently of you."

The speech was an ambiguous one. He chose to take it as one flattering to himself.

"You are very kind," he said. Then he knelt down by the chair she was on, and rested his hands on the broad wicker arms.

"Miss Dunlop—Dimity—for heaven's sake listen to me."

She turned quite white, and a shudder shook her. Between her clenched teeth she said—

"I will."

And she made no effort to move.

He had dined there, as had frequently been the case lately. Mr Dunlop had gone for a stroll or to the smoking room. He had left them together, and purposely, Dimity thought.

"If you have eyes," he went on, with a touch of passion, "If you have an atom of that instinct for which your sex is so justly celebrated, you must have known long ago how deeply I have admired you. That mere admiration long, long ago commenced to soften into a feeling of pure and intense love, which has grown and grown and grown till it is stronger than myself. All the passionate adoration of which my heart is capable—and heaven knows I have a warm heart—I shower on you. Long before I knew of your good fortune I determined to speak to you. I swear to you, Dimity, that safe in the security of my love your life shall pass as one long summer's day. My whole soul is yours to do with as you will. Come do not send me away one of the most wretched, of earth's men. Be my wife."

His speech had grown in energy as he proceeded, and now he seized her hand, and would have pressed his lips to her's, but she rose, and with gentle dignity put him from her. She was strongly agitated.

"It is good of you to say the kind things you have," she said nervously. "You will find some other more worthy of such love as yours. It can never be for me. I am already betrothed." He had risen by this time and was facing her.

"Oh, yes," he said with a hard laugh, "I heard some story about some harmless, but ridiculous flirtation with our office boy. That is too ridiculous to speak about."

"Indeed, I do not think so, Mr Wave. I have promised to be his wife, and I will keep my word."

"Really?" He laughed boisterously. "Come, you cannot be in earnest? It is altogether too droll. However," he added with a bitter sneer. "You have enough money to get this fellow educated."

"You forget, sir, that you call yourself a gentleman, and that you are under my father's roof."

"Forgive me, and don't go. I did forget, and if you knew the poignancy of my feelings you would marvel at my coolness. And have you resolutely made up your mind to become the wife of Harry Freshton?"

"I have."

"Very well, then," he said in an altered tone, seizing her arm abruptly, "Just one word more?"

His look and his voice told her that he meant evil now. She cowered before him. "You remember that night when you interrupted your papa and myself in an amicable discussion?"

Remember? Could she ever forget it?

"Of course you do. You then learned that I was the possessor of a secret which, once published, might—mind I say *might*—place your respected parent in the felon's dock on the charge of murder."

"But you will never expose him like that?" she begged. "He, who has been so good to you."

"And I have been good to him. Of course, as far as I can see, nothing would ever tempt me to speak. Still, poor, human nature is very weak. A quarrel or the sharp feeling of having suffered some wrong might make me denounce him in a fit of passion, which I could not control. I should be awfully sorry when it was too late."

"Is this a threat?" she asked, in deadly fear.

"Not at all," he answered, with a biting laugh. "I am only pointing out to you that the only way to be quite certain of your father's safety is to make him my father-in-law. One is not likely to round on one's own relatives."

Dimity looked at George blankly, and she endeavoured, as far as her agitation would permit her, to consider what his true meaning was, and to what lengths he would go.

"If you knew how you pain me," she said at last "you would not pursue the subject. I can never marry you—indeed, indeed, I cannot; and even if it were in your power to force me, what satisfaction could you feel in being saddled with a wife who could never love you? Pray put aside this foolish fancy. We can never be more to one another than we are now."

He smiled, and would have encircled her waist with his arm, but she put him back.

"Ah!" he said, "time will tell a different tale. In the bright years to come you will bless me for having saved you from throwing yourself away on a fellow so infinitely inferior to you as young Freshton."

"To revile the man she loves is not the way to win a woman's heart," cried Dimity, reddening with indignation.

Again his sullen, threatening mood returned.

"I have spoken to you fairly," he said, "and with respect. It is idle to trifle. I tell you this thing must be unless you wish your heart broken in another way."

"Coward," she exclaimed, "how you make me despise you."

"I wonder if you know how beautiful you look in your anger," he half guessed. Come, Dimity, accept the inevitable and consent to be my wife. It is your father's wish"

She did not doubt him. It was this suspicion that terrified, cowed, and crushed her. If this man really did hold her father's safety in his hands, God help that good and affectionate parent should she excite the malice of the man in whose power he was.

"Mr Wave," she said, with calmness, "let us be friends, not enemies. You are my father's partner—his closest companion. I do not wish to quarrel with you. You know my statements regarding marriage with you. Tell me, will nothing but my hand satisfy you?"

"Nothing, and I ask it for your sake—for your fathers."

"If my fortune——"

"Stop. Were I cad enough to take your money. I should be rascal enough to threaten your father when I wanted more. I have no design on your father's credit or his liberty; but we are all human, and a day might come when a desire for revenge might get too strong for me. You can close my lips for ever. It is the most natural thing," he argued; "no arrangement could be happier. The great wealth you new possess would still remain in the family—for I shall remain your father's partner. Don't you see yourself how reasonable it is, Dimity?"

"Yes," she said, in icy tones, "as a commercial transaction, it is perfect. You would make me a sort of sleeping partner of the firm."

"My love," he commenced.

"Your love," she echoed, ironically. "Your love? Heaven help me!"

His face flushed; he stamped the floor angrily.

"If I were an angel, I should lose my patience," he exclaimed. "I must get your father to talk to you."

At this moment Mr Dunlop returned to the room.

"What are you doing here?" he asked cheerily, with a side glance at his daughter, who turned from him to hide her white, bedewed face.

"I thought you would have joined me long ago. Try one of these cigars; they are a special parcel sent from France. They came over packed in tea, which is said to marvellously improve their flavour. I want your opinion," and arm in arm the two men walked across the lawn.

"Well," said Mr Dunlop, after an interval of silence, "have you spoken to her?"

"Yes," George answered, lightly. "I like the flavour of these cigars immensely."

"I thought you would. And what did she say?"

"Well," returned George, with a short laugh; "when maids are easily won they sit lightly on our hearts."

"Then she was not favourable."

"Well, you see, it came as a surprise, and——"

"Well?"

"She still thinks of that lad."

"Poor simple Dimity. Did she give you any encouragement?"

"Oh, yes. She wanted us to be always friends."

"Just like her," cried her father. "She was never at enmity with a soul in a her life."

"I pointed out to her what a natural arrangement it would be, and that her money would still remain in the family as it were. I think she saw the force of that, but for her own sake, and especially for your sake, it will be necessary to push the matter hard. By Jove, it would be a nice thing for Newcastle gossip to have your office boy living in better style than yourself."

"It must never be, George," declared Mr Dunlop. "It shall never be. She shall marry you and no one else."

Since Dimity had fallen into her fortune her father was more anxious about her future than perhaps he had been before.

"To win," said George, "we must be quick, and bold and firm. I'm no believer in long engagements. I shall require all your help, you know. Indeed, without it I would not be so sanguine of success. You must pitch it into her hot," George went on earnestly. "If you want to save her, to save yourself, you must make her believe that this union is more necessary than perhaps is the case."

"I'm anxious to save her from a foolish marriage, and one which, I am sure, will turn out happily for both," rejoined Mr Dunlop drily; "but as for myself, I don't quite see where the saving comes in."

George made no reply, but he regarded his companion with one of those moody, ominous looks which always brought back to the merchant the recollection of the fatal bank draft.

They finished their cigars and George stayed to supper.

Dimity's cheeks were white, and her eyes a little red. Outwardly she was calm, but distant in her behaviour to both Mr Wave and to her father. The truth was she could not trust herself to say much

Seeing the mood she was in, Mr Wave, who had a good stock of common sense and considerable knowledge of human nature, neither pestered her with attentions nor annoyed her with compliments. He behaved, indeed, just as if their recent conversation had never taken place. He wished her good night in his usual light and pleasant way—usual in that house at any rate—and he even refrained from unduly squeezing her hand when he held it in his own. Unconciously to herself she thought the better of him for his moderation. It was only when he hinted at love that she could not endure his presence.

"Upon my soul," reflected Wave, as he walked away, "I don't know why I ever thought of that little doll. If she hadn't always been so cheeky to me I don't suppose the notion of marrying her would ever have come into my head. Now, of course, the thing is different; she has a fortune sufficient to tempt a German prince. I never yet made up my mind to conquer a woman and failed to succeed. What a fool she is, to be sure, to want to let little Freshton have the handling of her money. Why, the little idiot would not know how to spend it for her. There's one thing—whether we get on well or not—and it is a hundred to one we don't—I'll give her a good show for her coin. She shall see everything, and she shall be the finest dressed woman in Europe. If that doesn't make her happy I don't know what will. Poor old Dunlop fancies I'll remain here, drudging away at the office, but he'll soon find out his mistake. Our honeymoon will be a long one. I've sighed for the chance of having a good fling, and by George I've got it at last. There's not a capital in Europe shall not hear of me. The comparative tame fun of Paris shall be succeeded by the wilder joys of Berlin and Vienna, and then for the luxurious sensuality of Petersburg. Yes, George Wave, my boy, you are going to have a time, as the Yankees say."

For a little after the sanguine wooer had left Dimity and her father sat in silence—he reading an article in the "Nineteenth Century" on "The Condition of Ireland," and she busy with her crewel work. Presently she said, not raising her eyes from the complicated business she was busy with—

"Mr Wave was talking to me to-night, papa."

"Yes, my dear," looking over the top of the magazine.

"Do you know what he said, papa?"

"How could I, my dear, when I was not in the room?"

"He—he—seemed to hint that you knew all about it."

"Did he?"

"Yes," faintly.

"He is my partner, and the closest friend I have in Newcastle, as you know, Dimity, and we have no secrets one from the other; but, of course, he does not repeat to me all he says to you."

"I didn't mean it in that way," said Dimity, giving her needle a vicious pull and breaking her silk.

"I thought you didn't," he answered, provokingly, returning to the somewhat rambling essay in his magazine.

"Papa," said Dimity, after another long pause, but looking straight at him this time, "do you know that he asked me to marry him?"

(*To be continued*).

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LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This body assembled at Lanchester Workhouse on Thursday, last week, immediately after the termination of the Guardians' meeting. Mr Wm. Logan (vice-chairman) occupied the chair, and there were present Councillor R. Murray, Revs J. P. De Pledge, J.P., and C. F. D. Hodge, Messrs J. Lax, R. Robson, W. H. Hedley, T. Nichol, Wm. Gray, J. Watson, the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson), and the inspector (Mr J. W. Rounthwaite).

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ACT.

A code of bye-laws, drafted by a special committee, for the regulation of these places, was approved by the Authority, and ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their sanction.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

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

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with your instructions I have made a survey and inspection of a house at Lanchester, proposed to be used by David Champney as a common lodging-house, and am of opinion that the house should not be registered for that purpose until the conveniences have been put into order in conformity with the model arrangement of the Authority—that is to say, two proper privies and a small covered ashpit should be provided in place of the present unsanitary outbuildings. The yard also requires some re-paving or cementing.

The sub-committee appointed to visit Biggen Farm held their meeting at that place on Thursday, 18th inst.

The Weardale Iron Company have in progress the laying of a small pipe from Hedley Hill Colliery over the hill to Hedley Hill (or Fell) houses, but as far as could be learned they do not propose to continue such pipe to Cowsley, nor to put taps into the houses, or distribute the water to the rows in any other way, the intention being simply to provide water at one point at the head of Hedley Hill Rows by forcing it through said pipe to a tank at such point. It is needless to enlarge upon the thoroughly inadequate nature of this scheme. The pipe should be extended to Cowsley, and if each house is not provided with a tap, at least a number of stand-pipes should be fixed at different points—both at Cornsay and Hedley Hill.

At East Hedleyhope, Messrs Samuelson and Co. are piping a "runner" or spring of water from the hill-side to a limited number of points in the village (four or five), but they do not think of completing their work as it ought to be finished—by the provision of a tap in each house.

On the other hand, I have pleasure in being able to report that owing to the extension of the pipes of the Consett Water Company, from Oxhill in the Edmondsley direction, the water supply to the south-eastern portion of your district will be vastly improved; one of the first results of this extension being that at Burnhope Colliery, where there are about 200 houses, and a population of 1,000, every house—with two or three exceptions only—has now its tap. It is satisfactory also to note that another result of this extension of the Water Company's mains will be that South Moor, Quaking Houses, Greenland, &c., will likewise get water laid on.

Another length of the sewer at New House Cottages having become choked up, I have had to open it out and put it into order during the month.

Monthly Summary:

Nuisances notices served	16
Drainage, &c	19
Letters written with regard to nuisances, &c.	112
Habitation certificates issued	5
Plans received and examined	14
Plan approval notices sent out	4
Villages and hamlets inspected	29
Visits to new buildings in progress	31
Visits to sewerage works in progress	6

Yours, &c.,

J. W. ROUNTHWAITE.

Lanchester, July 25th, 1889.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Reported that they had examined 14 plans of new erections, two or three of which had been rejected. The remainder had been passed subject to certain alterations.

THE RECENT MAGISTERIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Inspector mentioned that Mr J. Forster, Biggen Terrace, Esh, was now carrying out the order of the Lanchester magistrates to abate nuisances existing upon his property; but he understood that Mr Forster had not paid the penalty imposed.

The Inspector was empowered to take steps to enforce the payment of the fine.

EAST HEDLEYHOPE AND HEDLEY HILL WATER SUPPLIES.

The CHAIRMAN reported at length upon the subject of the Hedley Hill and East Hedleyhope water supplies. They were busy at Hedley Hill Colliery in carrying the mains for the Weardale and Shildon Water Company from Sunniside to Hedley Hill. It was not what they desired, however, and the scheme was far from being satisfactory. He thought that the Weardale Iron Company should continue the pipes to Cowsley, as the supply there was very deficient, and the people would still have to go about half-a-mile up a steep hill before they could get their water. He thought if a little pressure was brought to bear upon the company, they might be induced to supply that want by bringing the water pipe right over the hill to Cowsley.

Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: Is there no water in the burn?

The CHAIRMAN said in dry weather there was no water therein, and in wet weather the water only ran very slowly. The people had a long way to go for their water at the present time, and they were really in a miserable condition so far as water was concerned.

Mr LAX: Yes, they are bound to be.

The CHAIRMAN thought the supply would be completed at the end of the week, so far as the Colliery Company intended to bring it. If the colliery owners intended to levy a rate upon the householders, he thought it was necessary that they should have the water laid into their houses; but he understood from Mr Crow that they did not propose to make any charge. Still, he argued stand pipes ought to be affixed.

Mr DE PLEDGE considered that the owners did everything in a parsimonious way. They had lost a portion of the grant at the schools.

The CHAIRMAN went on to say that at East Hedleyhope Colliery, near Tow Law, the water service about completed by Messrs Samuelson would be a very good one. The water from a spring was collected in a tank, and he considered the supply would be amply sufficient to meet the requirements.

BIGGEN FARM BUILDINGS.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Mr Taylor Smith and himself, along with the inspector, had visited the Biggen Farm, near Esh (belonging to Ushaw College authorities, and had come to the conclusion that the new privies came under the category of new buildings. The old privies had been converted into ash-pits. They found that the place was in the same state as their inspector reported it. Rev Peter Lonsdale, agent, however contended that the place did not come under the Public Health Act, as it was not a new building; but he (the chairman) was of opinion that it did come under the category of new buildings. The privies had been constructed without plans, and the drainage was deficient. Under those circumstances the Sanitary Authority had the power to compel the owners to pull the buildings down and reconstruct them; but he would not recommend the Authority to press the matter, however, as Mr Lonsdale had promised to cement the ashpit, and put proper drains in the house. Besides, it was not advisable to cause the owners to pull down the buildings, as the farm was at present unoccupied. The Inspector was perfectly justified in calling attention to the matter.

The Clerk will communicate this fact to the College authorities.

TANFIELD VILLAGE WATER SERVICE.

The committee presented a report with reference to the water supply at Tanfield Village. There were three wells, none of which were dry. There were only 46 tenants in the village, and the cost of carrying two-inch pipes from Clough Dene to the low end of Tanfield would be £173 5s.

The CHAIRMAN considered three-inch pipes more serviceable than two-inch pipes, and that would increase the cost to £260. Three-inch pipes were not so likely to corrode as two-inch pipes, and could be flushed out when necessary; besides, the expense was not much increased.

The members considered the cost was rather high for each house, and the question was ordered to remain in abeyance.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Medomsley District.

GENTLEMEN,—During the quarter ending June 30th, 71 births and 28 deaths were registered. Of these deaths five were from whooping cough, four from phthisis, and seven from pneumonia. Several cases of whooping cough and croup have been noted during the month, but no other form of zymotic disease.—Yours, &c.,

W. T. BOLTON.

Eastern District.

Gentlemen,—The number of cases of zymotic diseases brought to my notice during the month were nine, viz., four of whooping cough, and five of scarletina. The latter occurred at Shield Row, and the former at Stanley. In both instances, it is likely they originated from others that had recently been in the neighbourhood.

The mortality for the same period is exceedingly high; 39 deaths were registered, giving a death-rate of 27·4 per thousand per annum. Although the number of deaths were so great, not one was due to infectious disease.—Yours, &c.,

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

Lanchester District,

Lanchester, July 25th, 1889.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—In the year 1885 I reported upon the unsanitary condition of Hill Top, near Esh. On the 16th of this month I again inspected this place, in company with Mr Rounthwaite, but found that nothing had been done to remedy matters. Permit me, without comment, to lay before you the state of matters as they now exist in this village:—

House occupied by R. Knowles—No privy nor ashpit.

House occupied by W. Avery—Privy in bad condition, no ashpit.

Three houses occupied by W. Jopling, Mrs Avery, and Edward Johnson—Two privies against house end, but no proper ashpit.

House occupied by Thomas Bolam—Privy in bad condition, no ashpit.

House occupied by Mrs McIntyre—No proper privy nor ashpit.

House occupied by Thomas Seed—Privy against house gable, with bad ashpit.

House lately occupied by Shaw—Privy and midden against house.

The cottage in connection with the Stag's Head Inn, near New House, has a stable on the south side or back of the cottage, and a dirty, uncovered ashpit on the east gable. The fluid contents of stable and ashpit strain through the walls, keeping them damp for some inches above the floor of the house, and causing an offensive smell. The yard belonging the inn is in a delapidated condition. All the sinks are broken and useless.

Since my last report the fresh cases of catching diseases in this district are two cases of whooping cough at Hill Top. Five cases of whooping cough and five of diarrhœa at Quebec, five cases of diarrhœa at Hamsteels Colliery, five cases of diarrhœa and twenty cases of scarlet fever at Cornsay Colliery.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN WILSON.

THE SANITARY STATE OF HILL TOP.

The Chairman explained that when this subject was previously reported by Dr Wilson, Monsignor C. Gillow then promised, on behalf of the Ushaw College Authorities, to see that the evils were abated. As nothing had apparently been done, he suggested that notices should be served upon the owners.

The Inspector said that the places were in pretty much the same state, except that a few slight alterations had been made.

It was decided to serve the usual notices upon the owners.

THE HIGH DEATH RATE.

The Chairman pointed out the large death rate (27·4) in the Eastern (Dr Benson's) district. The members seemed to be of opinion that it was greatly above the average; but they could not account for the fact.

After directing the Inspector to serve notices upon several defaulters, the Authority arose.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

A special meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon, at the Benfieldside Edge Schools, under the presidency of Rev Alex. Baillie. There were present: Revs Geo. H. Ross-Lewin and Jas. Foran, Mr W. Telford, and the Clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay). Mr John Smith, architect, Shotley Bridge, was present at the meeting.

THE GIRLS' NEW CLASS-ROOM AT THE BOARD SCHOOLS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Education Department, with reference to the two plans and specifications for the erection of a class-room to the girls' department of the schools, intimating that the arrangement shown by the plan is satisfactory for 57 additional girls. It was requested that the Board should obtain tenders for the execution of the work, and that, before any contract had been signed, the plans and specifications, together with one of the enclosed plans, duly completed, might be returned to that office for further consideration. It was assumed that the whole of the expenditure would be entered in the form. Their Lordships could not sanction a loan to meet expenditure which had not been previously approved by the Department The Board would be informed in due course whether the plans, specifications, and tenders were finally approved, whether the loan required for the execution of the work could be sanctioned, and if so whether the Public Works Loan Commissioners would be recommended to make such loan.

The Clerk stated that he had received a similar circular with regard to the babies' class-room proposed to be erected to the Blackhill (Derwent Street) Infant Schools for 40 additional infants.

Mr CARSS urged upon the Board, when the money was borrowed, to fix its own terms, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act of 1870. In some instances, the Public Works Loan Commissioners were charging 5 per cent. interest.

The Clerk suggested the advisability of providing a cooking-range, in the class-room, for giving the girls lessons in cookery, thereby following the example of the Kyo Laws School Board.

Mr Smith stated that a cooking range which costs between £7 and £8, could be easily inserted. That was the price of those in use at Kyo.

The Clerk said if the Board wished, he would write for particulars from the Kyo School Board.

Mr CARSS questioned whether it was conducive to the health of the children that cooking should be done in the classes during school hours. There was no doubt that cooking was an excellent art, but it should be taught in a separate building.

Mr Smith jocularly rejoined that it was also in the interests of the general health that the principles of cookery should be instilled into the girls. (Laughter.)

The Clerk observed that there was no occasion for the Board to come to a definite decision that day.

Mr CARSS hoped the Board would decide to have stoves in the schools instead of fireplaces. A stove generated twice the heat of the ordinary fires in their schools.

The CHAIRMAN considered that if cooking could be taught in a separate room, it would be a very useful and important science.

Mr Smith stated that when first established at Kyo, the cooking classes were held on a Saturday. He was not aware whether the system was adhered to now or not.

After a desultory conversation, the Clerk was authorised to procure further information concerning the teaching of cookery.

Mr Smith suggested that the question should be left in abeyance at present. This particular fireplace could be so constructed that a cooking-range could be easily affixed therein at any future period.

Mr TELFORD proposed that Mr Smith be empowered to advertise for tenders for carrying out the work, provision to be made for placing a cooking-range in the fireplace hereafter.

Father FORAN seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

DERWENT STREET BABIES' CLASS-ROOM.

The plans for the erection of a class-room in the centre of the front of the Blackhill (Derwent Street) Infants' School, for the accommodation of 40 children, between the ages of three and five years, who will be allowed to attend school free, were considered, and on the motion of Mr TELFORD, seconded by Father FORAN, the same were approved of, and the architect authorised to invite tenders for the work.

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Sporting Items

Quoiting at Blackhall Mill.—On Saturday, a quoit match took place in a field near the house of Mr W Cusson's Mill Inn, Blackhall Mill, between Matthew Scott, of Westwood, and George Cranston, of Victoria Garesfield, on the sward, for £30, 41 points game. There was a good company of spectators. Scott beat his opponent by 21 points, the score being—Scott 41, Cranston 20.

Fives at Hot Hill, near Chester-le-Street.—During the present week, a fives handicap, promoted by Thomas Mason, has been played at the Hot Hill Ball Alley, much interest being manifested in the various heats, many of which were closely contested. Mr John Clark, handicapper and referee. The results of the heats played are as follows:—H Williamson and R White beat E Blacklock and W Redhead by 3; W Boyd and R Laverick beat E McDermot and G Cooper by 4; J Pickles and J Coulson beat J Redhead and M Cavanagh by 3.

Ryton Rowing Club.—The annual pair-oared race was rowed over the usual half mile course from Hedwin Streams to the boathouse on Saturday. Mr F Hurman acted as judge. Three crews entered, but the racing was on the American system—that is the loser of the first heat rowed against the odd crew, and thus there were no byes. Heat 1—J P Dalton, Fred Hawdon (stroke), 1; T N Bourn, Jos Cowen, jun., (stroke), 2. Won by a few feet. Heat 2—T N Bourn, Jos Cowen, jun., (stroke), 1; E R Richardson, G Bourn, (stroke), 2. Won easily. Final heat—T N Bourn, Jos Cowen, jun., (stroke), 1; J P Dalton, Fred Hawdon (stroke), 2.

Quoit Matches at Dipton.—On Saturday, a quoit match was played on the quoit ground adjoining Mr John Bennet's, Fox Inn, Dipton, between Joseph Asky, Dipton, and R Turnbull, White-le-Head, for £5 a-side. Conditions:—6lb quoits, 10 yards on the clay, 2inch pins, 31 game. There was a large attendance. The game was a very exciting one, Asky winning by one point. W Smith, Dipton, referee and stakeholder.—Another match was afterwards played for £3 a-side, between J Asky, Dipton, and G Kirtley, White-le-Gead, 25 game. Asky, 25; Kirtley, 7. J Coburn, Annfield Plain, referee and stakeholder.

STANHOPE BAND GALA AND SPORTS.

The annual gala and sports in connection with the Stanhope Saxhorn Band were held at the Batts, and the day being exceedingly fine, there was a large attendance. A very substantial knife and fork tea, under the superintendence of Mr and Mrs W. Baty, was provided in a large tent, and the tables were attended to by the Misses Hodgson (2), Miss Parkin, Miss Elliott, Miss Brown, Miss Wallace, Miss Watson, Miss Mason, and Miss Bainbridge. The band, in uniform, and under the leadership of Mr Tinkler, performed a choice selection of music, utilising the new music stands presented to them by Dr Arnison. The sports, especially the wrestling, proved very interesting, as the principal competitors in the rings were present from Wolsingham, Stanhope, and Upper Weardale, Mr W. Bell, from up the dale, making a splendid score. There were nine entries for the 10 stone wrestling. First round—W. Bell threw E. Rowell, H. Burke threw T. Harrison, J. Angus threw J. Pattison, C. Allison threw T. Whitfield, Isaac Wearmouth odd man. Second round—Wearmouth threw Angus, Bell threw Allison, and Burke odd man. Third round—Wearmouth threw Burke, Bell odd man. Final—Bell threw Wearmouth twice in succession and won. Heavy weights (nine entries).—W. Foster threw E. Rowell; Wm. Bell threw Tom Whitfield, Joseph Walton threw Isaac Wearmouth, Joseph Wearmouth threw Thomas Walton, James Pattison odd man. Second round—Jos. Walton threw Jos. Wearmouth after a very severe struggle, Bell threw Pattison, Foster odd man. Third round—Joseph Walton threw Foster, W. Bell odd man. Final—Bell threw Walton twice in succession and won. The wrestling throughout was good, all competitors being old hands. Mr Robert Sisson acted as referee, and Messrs Joseph Allison and John Walton as umpires. For the 120 yards handicap there were nine entries. First heat—H. Burke, 15, 1; J. Charlton, 13, 0; J. Jackson, 9, 0. Second heat—C. Williamson, 9, 1; E. Iley, 17, 0; I. Wearmouth, 13, 0. Third heat—Greenwell, 14, 1; W. Craggs, 5, 0; C. Allison, 17, 0. Final heat—Greenwell, 1; Williamson, 2; Burke, 3. There were five entries for the running high leap. Cleasby, of Stanhope, won; W. Johnson, of Wolsingham, second. There were 27 entries for quoits: Winners, W. Johnson, Wolsingham, 1; John Bell, Stanhope, 2; Michael Harker, Wolsingham, 3.

The whole of the proceedings passed off pleasantly, and at the close dancing and various games were entered into. The total proceeds were £20 12s.

The sports were resumed on Monday evening, and were of a very enjoyable character. A coffee supper was held in the large marquee of the Stanhope floral society, after which the tent was cleared and a ball was held, when members tripped the light fantastic on the green sward up to a late hour. Outside the tent the sports were kept up with gusto. A boys' handicap footrace caused much sport, as also did high leaping. A football match was also played by the two Stanhope teams, and "jolly miller," "kiss-in-the-ring," "oats, beans, and barley," were played until after dusk, when darkness intervened. The amount taking at the gate on Saturday was £20, and on Monday evening about £4, in all about £24, of which some £9 or £10 will go in expenses, leaving a substantial balance for the band funds. At the close cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Baitey, and for Mr Thompson. The band then played the National Anthem, and concluded the most successful sports Stanhope band has ever held.

NEWCASTLE NEW MARKET SPORTS AT SHOTLEY SPA.

On Monday afternoon, the butchers and their assistants connected with the Newcastle Markets held their annual pic-nic and athletic sports in the picturesque Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge, by kind permission of Messrs Wilson Brothers, lessees. The weather was exceedingly fine, and upwards of 700 passengers left the Central Station, Newcastle, by the excursion at ten minutes to one o'clock, and on arriving at Shotley Bridge station, a procession was formed, headed by the Newcastle Workhouse Band, under the conductorship of Mr J. J. Moore, and to the strains of music, the spectators wended their way to the grounds. In addition to those who travelled by the excursion train, a large number of visitors also journeyed to the scene of action by the ordinary trains, and also by road, and during the course of the afternoon a very large company of holiday seekers was present upon the ground. Prizes to the value of upwards of £40 were offered in competition for flat-racing over various distances, but although the programme was scarcely so extensive as usual, it was large enough, and the sport witnessed during the course of the afternoon was exceedingly interesting, the finishes in the whole of the events being very close and exciting, and the handicapping certainly reflected the utmost credit upon the judgment of Messrs W. Carr and T. Temple, to whom the duty of apportioning the starts had been entrusted. Mr John Bell officiated as starter, Messrs W. Carr and T. Temple as judges, and Mr R. H. Atkinson as referee, while Messrs J. Bray and T. Darling were hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively; and a word of praise is due to the whole of these gentlemen for the perfectness of their arrangements and the satisfactory manner in which they discharged their respective duties. The prizes were principally the gifts of various tradespeople in the city. Amongst the local visitors who honoured the company with their presence were Mr John Crawford and son, of Consett, on horseback. Between 1,500 and 2,000 persons patronised the grounds. Results:—

120 yards handicap, for masters and assistants (24 entries).—W Oliver, 11 yds, 1; T Archbold, 23, 2; J Atkinson, 10, 3. Won after a desperate race by a foot; third close up.

120 yards handicap, for the sons of masters and assistants (age 12 to 15).—R H Atkinson, jun, 4 yds, 1; W Lancaster, 4, 2; T W Temple, 8, 3. Won by four yards; two yards between second and third.

80 yards skipping race (handicap), for the daughters of tenants and assistants of the markets (handicapped on the ground).—Eleanor Brewis, 6 yds, 1; Isabella Darling, scratch, 2; E Darling, 3, 3. Won by three yards; same distance between second and third.

100 yards handicap, for the sons of masters and assistants (under 12).—J Carr, 13, 1; J Rose, 12, 2; J Turner, 13, 3. Won on the post; half a yard between second and third.

Quarter-mile handicap, for masters and assistants; 27 entries.—Thomas Thompson, 33, 1; G J Robinson, scratch, 2; J Walker, 20, 3. Won by four yards; a yard between second and third.

Running high leap; six entries.—J Walker, 4ft 7in, 1; W J Davison, 4ft 5in, 2.

200 yards handicap, open to masters and assistants both inside and outside the markets.—Final heat—R Bell, 10 yds, 1; W A Thompson, 4, 2; W J Reed, 7, 3. Won by a yard and a half; six inches between second and third.

Mile handicap, for masters and assistants; 28 entries.—T Thompson, 190 yds, 1; E Brown, 45, 2; J Halls, 130, 3. Won by four yards; the same dividing second and third.

Tug-of-war, for teams of seven and eight men.—Final round—Whinfield's team pulled Bray's team twice in succession, and won.

The sports were concluded about seven o'clock, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, the party returning home shortly before nine o'clock. The prizes to the successful competitors were distributed on Wednesday evening, at Messrs Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, Clayton Street. The committee return their thanks to the tradesmen of Newcastle for the liberal manner in which they subscribed to the prize list. The visitors also were well catered for by Messrs Wilson Bros., lessees of the grounds, tea and refreshments being supplied ad. lib.

PIC-NIC AND SPORTS AT PRUDHOE.

On Saturday, the miners of West Wylam Colliery held their annual pic-nic and sports in a field at High Prudhoe. The weather was beautifully fine, and there was a large attendance. The West Wylam Brass Band was present during the day. The officials were:—Judge, Mr John Callender; handicappers, Messrs John Mark and Geo. Cairns; starter, Mr T. Nesbit. Appended is a return of the sports:—

Boys' Race.—W. T. Brown, Mickley Square, 1; W. Pattinson, Mickley Square, 2; W. Bell, Low Prudhoe, 3. Won by two yards; 20 ran.

120 Yards Handicap Flat Race.—Heat 1—J. Stuart, West Wylam, 10, 1; R. Watson, Greenside, 19, 2; G. Reay, Low Fell, 8, 3; A. Hamilton, Ryton, 17, 0. Won by half a yard. Heat 2—W. Dixon, West Wylam, 13, 1; C. Beck, Throckley, 4, 2; J. Terant, Low Prudhoe, 18, 0; G. Ferguson, Mickley, 18, 0. Won easily. Heat 3—G. Fairbairn, Newburn, 14, 1; G. Liddle, Blaydon, 15, 2; T. Aitman, Blaydon, 9, 3. Heat 4—G. Dixon, West Wylam, 24, 1; E. Liddle, Blaydon, 11, 2; G. Soulsby, Mickley, 19, 3; J. Dinning, West Wylam, 23, 3. Won easily. Heat 5—R. Henderson, Winlaton 13, 1; G. Middleton, Mickley, 15, 2; C. Elliott, Low Prudhoe, 18, 3. Won by a yard. Final heat—G. Dixon, 1; W. Dixon, 2; Henderson, 3; Stuart, 0; Fairbairn, 0. Won by a yard, same distance between second and third.

440 Yards Handicap.—C. J. Beck, Throckley, scratch, 1; W. Dixon, West Wylam, 7, 2; M. Fenwick, Walbottle, 25, 3. Won by a couple of yards; 9 ran.

Wrestling for 11-stone Men.—First round—Davidson threw Liddle, Prudhoe, T. McGee, Scotby, threw J. Goodfellow, Alston; Holmes, Brampton, threw Dykes, Carlisle; Gill threw Halliwell; W. Dobson, West Wylam, threw Moffatt; Young threw Bulman; Blaylock, Newcastle, threw Armstrong, Newcastle; A. Rutherford, Dukershagg, threw Amos. Second round—Gill threw Rutherford, McGee threw Young, Blaylock threw Davidson, Dobson threw Holmes.—Third round—Blaylock threw McGee, Dobson threw Gill. Final falls—Blaylock threw Dobson, Dobson threw Blaylock, Dobson threw Blaylock and won. Gill and McGee divided the third prize money. Mr Walter Robson was referee, and Messrs John Wright and John Frazer umpires for the wrestling.

PIC-NIC AND SPORTS AT ROWLANDS GILL.

On Saturday, these sports took place on ground beautifully situated in the picturesque dell of Rowlands Gill, in the Derwent Valley, kindly granted by W. G. Gray, Sherburn Tower. A better ground for the occasion could not have been desired. The day was delightful, and a slight breeze prevailed. It is about five years since the sports were held, being at that time under the auspicies of a local lodge in connection with the Durham Miners' Association, and the cricket club, but judging from the large concourse of people that visited the Sherburn Park on this occasion, we may safely say that they have lost none of their interest. A good muster arrived by ordinary trains at Rowlands Gill during the day, and it is estimated that over 1,000 persons witnessed the sports, which greatly exceeded the management committees' and the officials' expectations, who carried out the arrangements satisfactorily. The secretary (Mr J. Hetherington) worked energetically, along with the committee, in order that the day's proceedings might be a success. The sports were in aid of the Rowlands Gill Temperance Reed Band which has just recently been established, and in order to reduce the debt resting upon the establishment; and the amount realised during the day, we understand, will enable the committee to pay off the debt, amounting to about £30. The chief items for attractions were the 120 yards £4 handicap, and the quarter mile handicap, which were competed for by some of the best "sprinters" of the district, and the running track was in splendid condition, the grass being cut short for the occasion. Tea and other refreshments were provided in a large and spacious marquee. A ball in the evening brought a most pleasant day's enjoyment to a close at 11 p.m., the music being supplied by the Spen Excelsior Reed Band, under the leadership of Mr C Summerside, who rendered several selections of popular music during the day. Upon the ground, we might mention, was erected a "Switchback," upon a new system, for a very charitable purpose, in aid of the Victoria Garesfield Sick Fund, and was fairly well patronised. Details as follows:—

120 Yards Handicap—1st prize, £2 10s; 2nd, £1, 3rd, 10s; 36 entries.—Heat 1—R Coan, Newcastle, 16 yards, 1; F Johnson, Winlaton, 22½, 2; J Bell, Winlaton, 22, 3; G Gibson, Low Spen, 23, 3. Won on the post. Heat 2—W Herren, The Spen, 19½, 1; James Bell, Winlaton, 22, 2; R Lowthian, Barlow, 21, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 3—J Urwin, The Spen, 23, 1; F Cox, The Spen, 23, 2; J Brooks, Blaydon, 18, 3. Won by two yards. Heat 4—J Farrage, The Spen, 26, 1; G Hands, Blaydon, 20½, 2; W Wright, Swalwell, 21, 3. Won by two yards. Heat 5—H Terry, Dunston, 10½, 1; G Brooks, Winlaton, 3, 2; P Davison, Swalwell, 18, 3. Won by half a yard. Heat 6—J Patterson, Winlaton, 22, 1; J Coulson, The Spen, 22½, 2; F Campbell, Winlaton, 20, 3. Won by two yards. Heat 7—W Charlton, Marley Hill, 17½, 1; T Brown, Dipton, 20½, 2; A Coulthard, Byer Moor, 22, 3. Won easily. Heat 8—W McKenna, Westwood, 21, 1; J Armstrong, Dipton, 20½, 2. Won by a yard. Heat 9—J Leadbitter, Dipton, 21, 1; W Bewick, Blaydon, 20, 2; W Reed, Byer Moor, 3. Won by two inches. Second round—Heat 1—Urwin 1, Herron 2, Coan, 3. Heat 2—Farrage 1, Ferry 2, Patterson 3. Heat 3—McKenna 1, Charlton 2, Leadbitter 3. Won easy. Final—Farrage 1; Urwin 2, McKenna, 3. Won by a foot; a few inches between second and third.

Quarter Mile Handicap—1st, 15s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s; 16 entries—Heat 1—W Herron, Spen, 40, 1; J Lowthian, Barlow, 50, 2; H Terry, Dunston, 9, 3. Won easily. Heat 2—Aiston, Blaydon, 40, 1; Hands, Blaydon, 50, 2; Evans, Dipton, 35, 3. Heat 3—J Bell, Winlaton, 50, 1; W Davison, Swalwell, 35, 2; J Coulson, 50, 3. Won easily. Final—Herron 1, Bell, Aiston 3. Won by five yards; a yard separating second and third.

Fifty Yards Sack Race—1st, 5s; 2nd, 2s 6d; five entries—J Farrage, Spen, 1; J Liddell, Spen, 2. Mr J Hetherington, Rowlands Gill, was handicapper; Mr Thomas Knots, Rowlands Gill, referee; and Mr George Smart, High Thornley, starter.

Quoiting on the Sward—2-inch pins, 9 to 12 yards pitch, 58 entries, 1st, £1, 2nd, 10s, 3rd, 5s—W Whitfield, Spen, and W Embleton, divided first and second prize, while Wesley and Morrison divided third money. Mr John Graham, Thornley, was referee.

Bowling at the Wicket—J Burnip, Spen, 1; J Shotton, Rowlands Gill, 2. W Goodfellow was referee and timekeeper.

For the football prize there were no competitors.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE SPORTS AT RIDING MILL.

A *fete*, under the auspicies of the Broomhaugh and Riding Mill Habitation, was held on Saturday, and a fairly good programme was got through. The ladies, too, were to the fore with a special programme of their own, as, after they had dispensed the ever-welcome cup of tea to the fatigued and weary (and a capital tea it was, to be sure) they adjoined to the Habitation and enjoyed themselves to the strains of the Mickley Brass Band, which had done good service on the ground during the day by rendering excellent music. Results of the various events follow:—

100 Yards Race—boy 10 to 13—A Watt, 1; F Robson, 2; E Robson, 3.

High Jump—J Lowry 1; C Dixon 2; J A Knott 3.

100 Yards Race—members and sons—C Dixon 1; F Dixon 2; J Lowery 3.

Long Jump, open—M Scott 1; C Dixon 2; O McKeon 3.

100 Yards Race—boys 13 to 16, sons of members—C G Watt 1; A Trotter 2; C Robson 3.

Obstacle Race, open—C Scott 1; C Dixon; M Scott 3.

Wrestling, all weights—J Telford 1; R Surtees 2.

Wrestling, under 10 stone—C Dixon 1; J Halliburton, 2.

Three-Legged Race—J Trotter and J A Knott 1; H Dean and W Dean; M Scott and M Harper 3.

Putting the Shot—J Telford 1; C Scott 2; M Scott 3.

Sack Race—W Smith 1; H Dean 2; A Linge 3.

Tug-of-War—H Smith's team, The Riding, 1.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the presentation of prizes was deferred until Monday evening, when the successful competitors presented their credentiials at the Habitation, and Mrs Sharp, Miss Lowry, and Miss F Lowery presented respectively the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Before the presentation, the hon treasurer (Mr R Sharp), said a few words explaining that the dame president (Mrs Lowry) regretted her inabilibty to present the prizes owing to indisposition. This the members the more regretted, as it was in great part owing to Mrs Lowry's thought, influence, and energy that the Habitation kept its place as one of the most thriving little habitations of the north. The Ruling Councillor (Dr McLagan) was also prevented from taking part in the proceedings owing to the serious accident he met with some weeks ago, which all the members regretted very much. There was still another whose genial face would be missed by all at that gathering—he referred to their old friend and late hon sec (Mr Bowstead)—who was at present abroad, but no doubt the members all hoped that Mr Bowstead would soon be amongst them again, (Hear). Votes of thanks were most certainly due to those ladies who had worked so earnestly, and to such good purpose, to provide sport, and to those who had so kindly and so thoughtfully dispensed such a good tea to members and visitors. Of the latter committee great praise was due, to Mrs Carr, Mrs Fuller, and Mrs Watt, who organised and provided this most welcome repast. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to Mr George Richardson for so kindly placing his field at the disposal of the committee, and also to Mr R. Lowry for acting as judge at the wrestling.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT FRIENDLY SOCIETIES GALA AND SPORTS.

In connection with the great demonstration, promoted by the Friendly Societies of the Consett district, held in the Shotley Spa Grounds, by permission of Messrs Wilson, lessees, on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the Priestman Memorial Fund for sending necessitous persons to a convalescent home, a varied and attractive programme of sports was brought off. The day being of a very favourable description, between 1,500 and 2,000 persons paid for admisson into the Spa. The ground was in admirable condition after the continuous rainfall of the past week. Details appended:—

120 Yards Handicap Footrace for Boys.—20 competitors.—Final heat—A Smith, Consett, 9 yards, 1; P Quigley, Consett, scratch, 2; F McAleer 8, 3. Won easily.

Wheelbarrow Race for Boys.—80 yards, 16 entries.—Final heat—Turnbull and Robinson, 1; Johnson and Eustace, 2.

Girl's Skipping Competition. 9 competitors.—Isabbella Postel, 251 turns, 1; M Jones, 242, 2; S Gardiner, 219, 3; F Bell, 210, 4; B Postle, 204, 5.

120 Yards Foot Handicap. 15 entries.—Heat 1—R Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 6 yards, 1; M Clare, Leadgate, 14, 2; W Swinburne, Benfieldside, 12, 3; W Ridley, Shotley Bridge, 10, 4. Won by two yards. Heat 2—P. Tumilty, Blackhill, 16, 1; J Bell, Consett, 10, 2; J Winter, Leadgate, 18, 3; A Haggerstone, Leadgate, 15, 4. Won on the post, after a close contest. Heat 3—J Haggerstone, Leadgate, 8, w.o. Heat 4—M Wilkinson, Blackhill, 15, 1; J Davison, Blackhill, 11, 2; H Gair, Blackhill, 16, 3. Won easily. Final heat—Tumilty, 1; Milburn, 2; Haggerstone, 3; Wilkinson, 4. Won on the post; the second, third, and fourth being divided by a foot each.

Cricket.—Shotley Bridge, 19; Leadgate, 73, with three wickets to fall.

Tug-of-War, for teams of 8 men.—Westgarth's (South Shields) team beat Whittaker's (Consett) team; Campbell's (South Shields) team a bye. Final—Westgarth's beat Campbell's team twice in succession and won.

Obstacle Race. 6 competitors.—J Haggerstone, (Leadgate), 1; D Tweed, Blackhill, 2.

Messrs Allan and Eldson (Consett,) acted as handicapper and starter; P Quigley (Blackhill) referee; and Thomas Davies (Consett) score-keeper.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE PIC-NIC AT GIBSIDE PARK.

On Wednesday afternoon the annual pic-nic in connection with the Ravensworth Habitation, Gateshead and the Glavis Habitation, Whickham, of the Primrose League took place—through the kindness of Earl Strathmore—in Gibside Park, Rowlands' Gill. The members of each habitation had made every effort in order to ensure success, and favoured with excellent weather, their hopeful expectations were fully realised. Shortly after two o'clock a special train left Newcastle, and was well freighted with passengers, the band of Gateshead Workhouse playing selections of music during the short journey. On the arrival of the visitors at Gibside they were coruteusly received by the Ruling Councillors of the respective habitations, and every endeavour was made to provide a pleasant afternoon's outing. As already stated, there was a very numerous attendance, and amongst those present were:—Capt. Burnett, R.N. (Ruling Councillor of the Ravensworth Habitation), Mr J. J. Hunter (Ruling Councillor of Glavis Habitation), Mr Henry Carrick, Dr Todd, Dr Green, Mr and Mrs T. Lambert, Mr J. W. Bagnall, Mr W. F. Brown, Mr M. Powell, Mr G. A. Wright, Mr W. Liscomb, Mr W. Guthrie, Mr C. Knight, Mr T. Pearson, Mr J. Turner, Mr A. Wadge, Mr G. B. Hay, Miss F. Carrick (hon., secretary) Miss H. Wakefield (treasurer), Misses Carrick, Mrs Hay, Misses Knight, Mrs Carrick, Mrs Hamilton, Mr J. Davison (hon. secretary of Constitutional Association), Canon Carr, Miss Carr, Mrs and Miss Grace, Dr and Mrs Attwater, Miss Harroway, the Rev Mr Ingham, Mr and Mrs Glass, Misses Taylor, Mr A. C. Coning, Mr R. Atkinson, Mr J. T. Atkinson, Mr T. Nicholson, Mr C. T. Robson, Mr J. Gardner, Mr F. Thirlaway, Mrs and the Misses Thirlaway, Mrs and Miss Willis, Mrs Swinburne, Mr R. T. Swinburne, Mr J. Jobling, Mr A. Appleby, Mr J. Iveson.

An excellent tea, catered for by Mr R. Stokoe, Gateshead, was provided in the banqueting hall. The appetites of all having been appeased, Mr Thomas Lambert and other gentlemen, who have the interests of the Constitutional cause at heart, at once proceeded to gather funds to be competed for by the youngsters present, and their efforts were emminently successful, something over £3 being subscribed, and this amount was judicioualy laid out in various events, which were keenly competed for, and in addition provided excellent amusement for those who witnessed the sport. During the progress of the impromptu trials, which were managed in a praiseworthy manner.

A meeting was summoned near the hall to hear an address from Rev Edward F. Campbell, Killyman, Ireland. Mr J. J. Hunter presided, and there was a large assembly of people round the temyorary platform.

Mr J. Tolson moved "That thismeeting heartily congratulates Her Majesty's Government upon the continued success of their home and foreign policy."

Capt. Burnett seconded the motion, which was carried amidst applause.

On the motion of Mr W. Grace, seconded by Mr D. M. Dodds, a vote of thanks was given to the ladies for their services; and on the motion of Mr Henry Carrick, a vote of thanks was passed to Earl Strathmore for having placed the park at the disposal of the League. Mrs Grace moved, and Miss Carrick seconded a vote of thanks to Mr Campbell, which was carried; and a vote of thanks to the chairman was also passed, on the motion of Miss F. Carrick, seconded by Mr Knight.—The remainder of the evening was occupied by sports and dancing, music being provided by the boys' band from the Gateshead Workhouse. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed.

Holloway's Ointment.—Sores, Wounds, Ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who had suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflamation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

Fancy Bazaar and Fete at Lumley Castle.—On Wednesday afternoon, a bazaar and sale of work was held in the old baronal hall of Lumley Castle, the object being to pay off the remainder of the cost of building the new Victoria National Schools at Chester-le-Street. The weather was delightfully fine, and the result was that a large number of people attended. The band of the Wellesley training ship, under the leadership of Mr W. Wigg, Mus. Bac., was in attendance. The following ladies presided over the stalls:—Mrs Lindsay Wood, The Hermitage; Mrs Arthur Blunt, Mrs J. Mitchell, Mrs W. Mitchell, Mrs J. Oliver, Mrs C. Ridley, Mrs Parkin, the Misses Steele, Davis, Robson, Richardson, Shemation, Richley, Hodge, and other assistants.

"How to Behave, price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarke Street, Consett.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

Stations.		Week Days.						
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle Dep.	6 10	9 42	11 0	12 15	3 30	5 25	7 30	
Scotswood „	6 17	9 49	11 7	12 22	3 37	5 32	7 37	
Swalwell „	6 24	9 54	11 14	12 28	3 42	5 37	7 44	
Rowlands Gill „	6 34	10 3	11 24	12 39	3 56	5 46	7 54	
Lintz Green „	6 40	10 9	11 30	12 45	3 [illegible]	5 52	8 0	
Ebchester „	6 53	10 18	11 40	12 56	4 12	6 1	8 13	
Shotley Bridge „	6 59	10 22	11 44	12 59	4 [illegible]	6 5	8 19	
Consett Arr.	7 5	10 27	11 50	1 5	4 23	6 10	8 25	

Consett Dep.	7 10	10 34	1 12	5 25	6 33	
Knitsley „	7 21	10 45	1 23	5 36	6 44	
Lanchester „	7 30	10 55	1 32	5 45	6 53	
Witton Gilbert „	7 38	11 3	1 40	5 53	7 1	
Aldin Grange „	7 45	11 11	1 47	4 0	7 9	
Durham Arr.	7 50	11 17	1 52	4 5	7 15	

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Durham Dep.	7 25	11 50	2 35		5 20	8 10
Aldin Grange „	7 32	11 57	2 41		5 27	8 17
Witton Gilbert „	7 40	12 5	2 48		5 35	8 25
Lanchester „	7 50	12 15	2 58		5 45	8 35
Knitsley „	8 2	12 25	3 8		5 55	8 45
Consett Arr.	8 12	12 34	3 16		6 5	8 55

Consett Dep.	8 15	9 5	12 40	3 25	6 10	9 1
Shotley Bridge „	8 20	9 10	12 45	3 30	6 15	9 7
Ebchester „	8 24	9 14	12 49	3 34	6 19	9 11
Lintz Green „	8 34	9 24	12 58	3 44	6 29	9 22
Rowlands Gill „	8 39	9 29	1 2	3 50	6 34	9 28
Swalwell „	8 47	9 37	1 10	3 57	6 42	9 36
Scotswood „	8 54	9 44	1 16	4 4	6 49	9 43
Newcastle Ar.	9 5	9 55	1 25	4 15	7 0	9 55

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	7 20	7 20	Consett dep.	8 35	8 20
Scotswood	7 27	7 27	Shotley Bridge	8 40	8 25
Swalwell	7 44	7 34	Ebchester	8 44	8 29
Rowlands Gill	7 54	7 44	Lintz Green	8 54	8 39
Lintz Green	8 0	7 50	Rowlands Gill	8 59	8 44
Ebchester	8 13	8 0	Swalwell	9 8	8 55
Shotley Bridge	8 19	8 4	Scotswood	9 14	8 59
Consett arr.	8 25	8 10	Newcastle ar.	9 25	9 10

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Swalwell	7 24	4 30	Witton Gilbert	8 9
Rowlands Gill	7 34	4 40	Lanchester	8 20
Lintz Green	7 40	4 46	Knitsley	8 32
Ebchester	7 53	4 59	Consett and Blackhill a	8 45
Shotley Bridge	7 59	5 5	Consett and Blackhill d	8 50
Consett and Blackhill a	8 5	5 12	Shotley Bridge	8 55
Consett and Blackhill d	9 20		Ebchester	8 59
Knitsley	9 32		Lintz Green	9 9
Lanchester	9 41		Rowlands Gill	9 15
Witton Gilbert	9 50		Swalwell	9 22
Aldin Grange	9 58		Scotswood	9 29
Durham arr.	10 5		Newcastle dp	9 40

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Consett		8 17		12 15	3 0			6 15
Rowley		8 25		12 23	3 8			6 23
Burnhill		8 35		12 33	3 18			6 33
Tow Law		8 47		12 45	3 30			6 45
Crook arr.		8 59		12 57	3 42			6 57
„ dep.	7 30	9 1	11 15	1 0	3 56	5 20	7 0	
Bishop Auckland	7 47	9 25	11 35	1 24	4 16	5 53	7 25	
Darlington	8 30	10 0	12 10	1 55	5 5	6 45	8 15	
Stockton	8 56	10 20	12 40	2 25	5 34	7 16	8 41	
Middlesbro'	9 5	10 40	12 50	2 35	5 45	7 30	8 53	
Saltburn	10 10	11 14	1 26	3 9	6 19	8 6	9 26	

Stations.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn dp.	5 48	8 5	9 52	11 10	1 40	3 45	5 40	
Middlesbro'	6 17	8 40	10 25	11 48	2 13	4 18	6 15	
Stockton	6 27	8 48	10 32	11 58	2 21	4 26	6 22	
Darlington	7 10	9 20	10 52	1 45	2 56	4 55	7 20	
Bishop Auckland	7 43	9 46	11 23	2 15	3 25	5 21	7 48	
Crook arr.	8 4	10 8	11 52	2 33	3 44	5 50	8 10	
„ dep.	8 8		11 53	2 37		5 51		
Tow Law	8 20		12 5	2 49		6 3		
Burnhill	8 35		12 18	3 2		6 16		
Rowley	8 45		12 28	3 9		6 23		
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CONSETT RATEPAYERS AND THE LOCAL BOARD.

LIVELY RATEPAYERS' MEETINGS.

Last (Thursday) night, a public meeting of ratepayers, which was convened by the bellman, was held in the small hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, for the purpose of considering certain matters of importance connecting the rated inhabitants generally. Over 30 ratepayers were present. Mr W. Dodds was voted to the chair.

In the preliminary remarks, the CHAIRMAN informed those present that a preliminary meeting was held in the previous Friday evening, when the question of the doings of the Consett Local Board for some time past—especially in reference to the sewerage scheme, and the agreement or conditions upon which the present scheme was to be accepted, and as to whether the charges for work done in connection with the sewerage scheme were excessive or contrary to the terms of the said agreement.

Mr N. ELSDON asked if the chairman would state the over-charges referred to. The ratepayers were willing to pay a reasonable price for work done.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the question was neither the salary of Mr Welford, was £20 higher than his predecessor (Mr Elliott), the cost of his being a professional man, that he was enabled to give advice and guide the Board in legal matters. They, however, discovered that the clerk had made charges in his legal capacity in connection with the business of the Board. For instance, in the case of preparing an agreement with Messrs Annandale for the alleged purchase of Howden Barn, and the purchase of certain land by the Board, he sent in a bill, charging £3 for each journey to Durham. After the three charges were true, he would not pretend to say. This request was for the purpose of investigating the matter, the ratepayers having had an opportunity of gathering information since the Preliminary meeting.

Mr HALL understood clearly that it was not the clerk, but the members of the Board, who were to blame for the complaint as to over-charges. If it was a fact that there had been unreasonable payments, which ought to have been included in Mr Welford's salary, surely the ratepayers were justly complain, and ought to call upon the Board to pay the accounts or repudiate the same. He believed the accounts according to the *Consett Guardian* and *Chronicle*, had always been passed so they could simply proceed by declaring not paying these bills, and not incurring the cost of an expense. He (Mr Hall) considered the Clerk of the Board ought not to be a member of the legal profession, and should be appointed to the situation at a fixed salary for definite work to be performed, so that there would be no charge of over-charges. He understood Mr Welford was appointed to the situation because he possessed the qualifications to be a solicitor, although there were advantages of being a solicitor, although there were unprofessional gentlemen who were equally capable and qualified to discharge the duties, and Mr Jenkins remarked that Mr Welford's appointment would be a saving to the Board because they would obtain legal advice free of cost. This remark was received by several other members. Mr J. Elliott used to obtain legal advice for the Board at his own cost, often going from Durham to consult a solicitor. That formed a precedent, and Mr Well. rd was appointed on the same footing under standing that his salary included legal advice. However, Mr Welford had presented three bills—one for £60 and one for £10—and there was no likely to follow in connection with the work for the sewerage scheme. The Co-s account for journeys to Durham to consult the vaulers' solicitor amounted to £9 for the year 1888 and at Stanliordam, charging £3 3 for each journey, but his (Mr Hall's) directors only allowed for 3s his expenses time he went to Durham. (Laughter, and voices, "You should ask for more. He moved :—

"That this meeting considers the recent legal expenses incurred by the clerk to the Consett Local Board, and that when Mr Welford posted his present appointment it was clear to the Board it was distinctly the impression of several members of the Board, and the general body of the ratepayers, that he was appointed in preference to other comp-tent candidates, because he could, and would perform all legal work, and give legal advice to the Board at a salary of £65 per annum, and that we are of opinion that Mr Welford ought to be requested to withdraw these accounts in full; and in the event of his refusing to do so, that he should be requested to resign his position, and the Board proceed to advertise for, as cheap-ist that the clerk, who is not a solicitor, at a salary not exceeding £40 per annum, and employ a solicitor to do the legal work of the Board when necessary."

Mr HALL pointed out that it was to the advantage of a solicitor to place legal difficulties in the way of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN, replying to Mr Wm. Davison, believed the salary of the late clerk was £45 a year.

Mr THOS. SWAINSTON averred that he was in a position to prove that the late clerk's remuneration was £50, and had he lived to see another meeting, it was the intention of the Board to have raised that amount to £55 a year. If it was explained some years ago to give a salary of £65, how much more necessary was it to pay that figure now. It was such as the rateable value of the township had considerably increased. He thought the meeting was making a great mistake in talking about things they had no knowledge of. (Hear). They had no right to make assertions upon the strength of mere rumours. It was a downright shame for professing Christians to act in such shabby manner. (Cheers and interruption).

The CHAIRMAN said they had got the information, and were desirous of ascertaining how far it was true. If they could not get the proof, they would be sorry they were investigated and refuted the better, and that was the only legitimate mode of dealing with such matters. He considered that the ratepayers were perfectly justified in holding that meeting.

Mr SWAINSTON thought the proper way would have been to seek a requisition in the form of one of the Board asking him to convene a town's meeting, to glean the particulars they required, and then the ratepayers could quietly act upon the information.

Dr A. D. M. MCINTYRE, on behalf of a few ratepayers who assembled on the previous Friday night, explained that the general feeling was that a larger meeting should be summoned, to consider the advisability of presenting a requisition to the chairman of the Board, and having the subjects discussed and probed.

Mr ELSDON deemed that that course was the proper mode of putting down the sewerage scheme. The assembly agreed with him. They were fully laid out if they got some return for their money. They would be wisely expended if done for 1d, and not the works were estimated to cost another £6,000; but it would probably cost more than before £10,000; but it would probably cost more than before. It proposed that the ratepayers employ competent engineer to survey the ground, and see if the scheme could not be carried out for £7,000. (Applause).

Mr R. C. FOSTER spoke in favour of requesting Mr Jenkins to call a town's meeting, as the debate the question at issue; it was unquestionably the duty part of a few ratepayers to put the town to the expense of such a meeting. They had a Board of Guardians to deal with the sewerage scheme and Mr Welford's charges; but he thought it advisable to a smaller feeling in favour of requesting Mr Jenkins to convene a public meeting.

Mr C. DIXON was in favour of Messrs Foster and Swainston's suggestions, adding that this was an inopportune time to be subject to the scheme.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that they would gain nothing by further delay, and besides that it might prevent any future additional expense being incurred.

Mr WEAVER approved of the action of the promoters in asking for a town's meeting. They had three facts before them; and he had no doubt that Mr Welford should be called upon to explain things thoroughly. They paid the rates, and had a right to know how their money was being spent. He was confident the Local Government Board would listen to the voice of the ratepayers if raised in protest against an extravagant scheme. Regarding the Park question, it ought to be taken up in earnest. Thousands of people were taken from this district by cheap trips, and if the Board only spent their money in beautifying the Park and improving the town, so as to make it attractive to visitors, instead of laying out thousands what he deemed to be an unnecessary sewerage scheme, then the inhabitants of Consett would be considerably enriched. (Applause.)

Mr HALL, being asked by the CHAIRMAN to withdraw his resolution, said that the meeting must either adopt or reject it. Decidedly the best way of gathering information was through the medium of a public meeting, with Mr Jenkins in the chair; but he submitted that they had certain facts before them, as published in the newspapers. There were some statements of the Board which were not published. Whether this was the fault of the reporters or not, he could not say, but the Local Board members he did not know. The initial business of the Board was conducted in committee, and the ratepayers knew nothing about it till this scheme was brought before them. Mr Jenkins, however, when a Government enquiry was held to consider the Consett water scheme, as Chairperson attended to object to it. He argued that it would be both unjust and unreasonable to oppose the scheme on the stiff fr-m the Consett Iron Works, instead of purifying the sewerage, would be polluted it, and nothing would grow upon the farms. They would soon be saddled with rates of 2s 6d. to the pound.

Mr MCINTYRE seconded the motion. He observed that Mr Welford's first bill dated back three years. He charged 7s each for copies of about 20 notices upon occupiers of land affected by the scheme, and while attending to the work taking minutes, Mr Welford had charged 6s 6d for receiving instructions from the Board to serve those notices. (Shame.") For five journeys to Durham, within a fortnight of each other, the Clerk had an account for the expenses of each visit, and yet he (Dr McIntyre) only received one. (Hear, hear.) The last-case charge was for when he was called on to go to Durham. No extras appeared in the account. He considered he ought to have charged £15 3s for conducting similar negotiations. (Hear). They had to look back to the *Guardian* for their information as to the doings of the Board, as the newspapers were the only source, unless the Chairperson attended the meetings themselves. He urged that one of the most comprehensive business men in Consett would perform the clerk's duties for £40 a year. Considering the large sum of money that the Board had to spend in the way of payments to solicitors, which were estimated to be 100 guineas.

Mr HALL remarked that other cases where Mr Welford had charged the Board 6s 8d; and some of the signatures stated that those communications had not appeared in the *Guardian*.

Mr SWAINSTON proposed as a counter-resolution that a requisition be forwarded to the Chairman to call a town's meeting, and a series of questions to Mr Jenkins with a view of obtaining the facts required. He was sorry that Mr Hall was not a member of the Board, otherwise these complaints would not have been made in connection with the sewerage scheme. He held that the Board was responsible for the expenditure, and he objected to their utmost in the interests of the ratepayers.

Dr MCINTYRE seconded the motion, and he last Board meeting it was decided that the clerk be paid £65 a year, but he was allowed any pecuniary costs of running back again. He considered that if the clerk disputed any of the statements made, he (Dr McIntyre) would be willing to meet him.

Mr C. ROBINSON challenged Mr Swainston's statement that the Board were carefully guarding the interests of the ratepayers, for on-per-ist that the gentlemen mostly interested in the scheme were those who resided upon the committee. He held that those members ought, by courtesy, to have retired from the Board while the scheme was being discussed.

Mr J. FREDRICK stigmatised the people of Consett as "Cowards, Shirkheads, Curs of Consett," and "order." They must have been asleep when they did not see the notices of the Board concerning the sewerage scheme. He was even backguarded by ratepayers for posting such notices, but now all them ever attended the meeting. Had he been an educated man, he would have gone and opposed the Board himself. (Laughter.) He was not educated enough. (Laughter.) He supported Mr Hall's resolution.

Mr HALL pointed out that in the original minute of Mr Wellford's appointment the word "legal advice" had been substituted for "legal work." Whether that was done legitimately or not he could not tell.

Mr CARR seconded Mr Swainston's proposition. The Parties ruled that of Mr Hall's, and discuss the resolutions at once.

Mr THOMAS DIXON, ironmaster, the CHAIRMAN put Mr Hall's motion, thereupon Mr ROUTLEDGE declared that the motion got more support from everyone ought to vote one way or the other.

The CHAIRMAN was then eventually carried by 7 to against 5; a few not holding up their hands.

Mr SWAINSTON then objected to his counter proposition being submitted, and affirmed that the last resolution was dictating to the Board.

Some "exchanges of arms" ensued, in the course of which Mr WEAVER proposed that the meeting should form itself into committee whether it would not be the wisest plan first to request Mr Jenkins to call a town's meeting before Mr Hall's resolution was conveyed to the Board.

Dr MCINTYRE submitted that Mr Weaver's motion was practically carried by the previous resolution just passed.

Mr WEAVER denied this, and Mr Swainston seconded the last proposal.

During the subsequent discussion, there was a general wrangle from the chair, and the meeting was rapidly brought to a close.

Mr HALL and Mr WEAVER will carry the resolution to the Board; though Mr WEAVER suggested that it should be briefly expended a few days hence, and not upon the members.

The company separated without any definite understanding as to when any future meeting should be held.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, AUG. 3RD).
Consett and District 1st v Close House 1st, at Close House.
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Medomsley 1st v Newcastle North-Eastern 1st, at Medomsley.
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Westwood Juniors v Consett Illywhites, at Consett.
Leadgate St. Ives v Shotley Bridge St. Cuthbert's, at Shotley Bridge.
Tanfield v Pelling, at Tanfield.
Stanley v Pelling, at Conney.
Newfield Excelsior v Usworth Illywhites, at Usworth.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH.
Consett and District v West Stanley, at Stanley.
Medomsley v Leadgate, at Medomsley.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached—afternoon and evening—in the place of worship at White-le-Head, by Mr J. P. Squires, Newcastle. Good congregations were present. Collections were taken in aid of the circuit fund.

MODEL BUILDING SOCIETY AT LEADGATE.

On Wednesday night, a public meeting in connection with the Model Building Society, was held in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate. The speakers were the directors of the society. There was only a moderate attendance of the public. Councillor Nicholson took the chair, and in his opening remarks said that the object of the meeting was to spread the new Model Building Society. The society had been started at Blackhill, and had so far proved successful, and as its directors wanted to make its success universal, they had arranged to hold meetings in other places, starting if they would. Blackhill was a place where several building societies had been started, and the lives of great use throughout the county. As a rule building societies took the form of companies to enable working men to be in them, but this was one in which a working man would be able to join, and which, if he had received, as the instalments were small. Thus a working man would be able to get a home of his own over the head on very easy terms. (Applause.)

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STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "EXPRESS."]

The painful accident that occurred in this village on Saturday is pretty freely discussed at the bye-lanes in the locality. It appears that while the driver beat the animal was shaunted instead, and if one of the inspectors of the P.C.A. had only witnessed the scene, as it was by hundreds of the residents, there might have been something more than a caution. It is a pity that the brutality that is carried on too frequently with dumb animals. It is a great pity that a young man has to lose the sight of an eye through another person's carelessness, and it is to be hoped that it will be a warning to others.

The conduct of the cricket team that came from Wallsend on Saturday was anything but decent. Cricketers should not have come here to play foolishly. The umpire was very one-sided, and the manner in which he acted was a bad one. Let with the cricketers at West Stanley. My advice is to get a home of his own over the head on very easy terms. (Applause.)

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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DEATHS.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, July 31st—Before Colonel F. F. [illegible]SHIPPEN (chairman), and Mr H. W. KERR[illegible] WALKER.

DRUNKENNESS.

For being drunk and disorderly at Chester-le-Street on the 20th July, *Joseph Witherspoon*, who did not appear, was fined 10s and costs.

Thomas Hall, charged with the same day, *Cornelius Coyle*, was fined 5s and costs.

ASSAULT.

William Noddle pleaded not guilty to a charge of refusing to quit the house of Mr Thomas Maxwell, proved the case. Fined 5s and costs.

Henry Thompson was charged with a similar offence.—Henry Lamb, Kings' Head, Chester-le-Street, said he was the landlord of his house under the influence of drink. He refused to serve them, and ordered them out; they would not and Mr Thompson struck at him. Liddle did not behave as stated. Witness was fined 40s and costs, and Liddle 2s 6d and costs.

Joseph Brown pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting Wm. Burnside, at Chester-le-Street, on the 24th July.—Complainant said he was a collier, and lived at Wylam-on-Tyne. Defendant was a collier, and lived at Felton Fell. Mr John Turnbull appeared for complainant, and Mr C. M. Dix for defendant. The legal gentlemen asked the sanction of the Bench to bind defendant over, and for the parties to go together.—The Bench explained, and after an admonition from the chairman as to their future conduct, the parties left the court together.

BAD BOYS.

James Maddison, Charles Barnes, and *John G. McDermott*, boys were charged with doing damage to a reservoir, the property of Lord Dunsany at Felton Fell.—Sergt. Fraser said they were found by him when they went into a field where the ponies and chased them about; one of the ponies had gone down the reservoir embankment and broke away. During the previous day a pony was driven over the embankment and killed, it had to be killed before it got to the bottom.

MINERS' REGULATION ACT.

John McIntire and *Daniel Martin* were charged with a breach of the special rules, at Edmondsley Colliery.—Both pleaded guilty. Mr Dix explained that the lads quarrelled and fought in the pit, and one of their lamps was broken in the fray.—Fined 10s each.

John Hubble pleaded guilty to a breach of the rules at Felton Fell pit.—Mr F. Hart appeared for the owners, and said that they did not ask for a severe punishment as the man had been discharged. The offence he committed was that of leaving his lamp within the swing of his pick, and his pick had gone through it.—Fined 1s and costs.

YOUNG THIEVES.

Thomas Bendelow and *Walter Howard*, two very young lads, were charged with stealing a pair of boots from the shop of John W. Wilson, Front Street, Chester-le-Street, and also with stealing a shirt from the shop of Jacob Swalwell, clothier, Front Street. After hearing the evidence the Bench decided that the parents were to bring the boys up when called upon.

ALLEGED DRUNKEN LODGERS.

Isabella Mee was charged with stealing a bed rug, the property of Mary Ellis, lodging-house keeper, Chester-le-Street. Prisoner was staying in Ellis's house and left on the 18th, shortly after which the rug was missed. The rug had been pledged the same day at Chester-le-Street.—She was sent to gaol for one month.

CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S MECHANICS' WAGES.

On Wednesday night, the mechanics, waggonshops men, engine shed men, house joiners, &c., in the employment of the Consett Iron Company, held a largely attended meeting in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, to consider the question of a rise in their wages. It appears that the *engineers* gave notice on the 17th June for an advance of wages of 10 per cent in their negotiations have been pending up to the time, when the engineers were the men met their general manager (Ald. W. Jenkins) on Wednesday, and the said Alderman gave them a 5 per cent. In discussing the matter it was agreed to accept the terms off-red by the Company.

The marriage of Mr Cuthbert Bainbridge of Leazes Park Terrace, to Miss J. M. K. Rennie, R. of Mayfield Hall, Wolsingham, will appear in our next issue.

On Saturday, the Independent Order of Rechabites held their annual procession and fete. The Annfield Plain Brass Band was in attendance, there was also a good turn out of members.

The Annfield Plain Temperance Choir. On Friday evening a goodly number of workmen in connection with the above choir assembled in the above-mentioned place for the purpose of making a testimonial to Mr Joseph Hope, Oddfellows' Arms, Front steels. Mr J. Hammel occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Mr J. Farnell, Mr Foustain, (Waterhouses,) Mr D. Cheek and others; after which, the Rev. J. Farnell made the presentation, which consisted of six splendid volumes of Benson's Commentary on the Bible, and three guineas, and a purse of gold. Mr Hope responded in a most complimentary manner for the kindness shown to him, and he thought would ever keep him in remembrance of their high appreciation of his services. A vote of thanks to the chairman, speakers, and workmen, who had got up the testimonial being carried, the proceedings were brought to a close.

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BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL

THE above BOARD are desirous of receiving TENDERS for ADDITIONAL ALTERATIONS and REPAIRS to the DERWENT STREET SCHOOLS, Benfieldside.—Plans and Specifications may be seen, and Forms of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender can be supplied at our Office, Rose Cottage, Benfieldside.

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