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The Chinese have been brilliantly successful in the brutal murder of a British missionary, Mr. James Wylie, who was attacked by a party of soldiers, and killed in open day. Of this characteristic achievement the Chinese are doubtless extremely proud. To murder a defenceless European is an act of public spirit, and we are not surprised to read that when the court magistrate in the town of Lia-Yang, instructed by his superiors at Tientsin, called on the officers who had witnessed the crime to surrender the assassins, the demand was treated with contempt. Of course, the matter will not end there. Every Chinaman is rejoicing at the missionary's death, because every Chinaman is a savage, but even savagery is amenable to diplomatic discipline. Li Hung Chang, who is a very astute statesman, will express his deep regret to the British Foreign Office at the unfortunate incident at Lia-Yang. The soldiers will be decapitated, and probably their officers will be degraded, at any rate for a time. Decapitations in China is as common as a fine of half-a-crown in an English police-court, and has about as much significance. Life is so little regarded by the Celestials that a few heads on or off make not the smallest difference to public sentiment. After the various apologies and executions, there will be just the same desire to kill a missionary at the first opportunity. One disadvantage of the war in the East to Great Britain is, that Japan is regarded by the Chinese as our special *protégé*. If the Japanese achieve any notable success the impulse in China to take revenge by murdering unarmed Englishmen will be scarcely controllable. We may expect to hear, therefore, of massacres and of more apologies from Li Hung Chang, and more decapitations. They are all in a day's work for a Chinese diplomatist; but they do not make the outlook for our own diplomacy particularly agreeable.

NEGRO HATRED IN THE STATES.

There seems to be a violent commotion in the Southern States of America about Miss Ida B. Wells's visit to England. This lady, whose life was threatened in Memphis because of her protests against the indiscriminate lynching of negroes, obtained a very large measure of sympathy in this country, and she has returned to America with a special appeal from ministers of religion in Great Britain to American divines of all denominations against the abominable travesties of justice in the South. The necessity for such an appeal may be judged from the fact that a Southern bishop has openly vindicated lynching as the "resumption of the natural sovereignty of the people." To hang a man without trial, and on the evidence very often of mere prejudice against his colour, is to this pillar of the Gospel a legitimate act of popular sovereignty. Cannibalism might be defended in Polynesia on the same grounds. We remember that before the American Civil War slavery was constantly justified both in the North and South as based on Scriptural authority. There were bishops in those days who thought the sale of human flesh was indispensable to "natural sovereignty" and to true religion. The old Abolitionists had more trouble in teaching the elements of Christianity to Christian teachers than they had in impressing their cause in the minds of mere politicians. We see a revival of this difficulty now in Southern opinion. The emancipation of the negro has evidently taught no lesson to the Southerners. They are furious against English public opinion, and they defend lynching with an equal disregard for decency and logic. To judge from the tirades in their newspapers, they evidently wish us to believe that crime in the South is entirely confined to the blacks. A black man must be hanged at once, without process of law, because the law's delay is intolerable; but we are left to presume either that a white man never does anything worthy of the gallows, or that, when he does, the law's delay is quite acceptable. The black is lynched as a rule for alleged assaults on women; but Miss Wells has shewn that there is never any inquiry, that the supposed culprit is often mistaken for another man, that it is quite common for a negro to be lynched because the white mob is looking for another and cannot find him, and that many of the "assaults" are simply guilty intrigues which are not punished when they are practised by white men with negro women. If we wanted any further evidence in support of Miss Wells it would be affected by the tone and temper of the Southern Press. A country in which such writing is possible may be a Republic, and nominally enjoy the appurtenances of civilisation; but it is really sunk in a barbarism that would have disgraced the ninth century as much as it disgraces the nineteenth.

MAGISTERIAL WISDOM.

The wisdom of magistrates is sometimes beyond the common ken. At the Edinburgh Police-court a youth was charged with having stolen the family Bible from his mother's house and pawned it. He said he had intended to redeem the Bible at the end of the week, when he got his wages—an explanation which was scarcely convincing. But he also said that he had been four days' in prison before the case was tried, and he seemed to think this was a sufficient punishment. We share that opinion; but the magistrate thought fit to sentence the prisoner to forty days more of durance vile. Forty-four days' imprisonment is a very severe sentence, which is reserved in England, at all events, for much more heinous offences against property. Is it possible that in Scotland it is considered one of the worst of crimes for a boy to take the family Bible out of his mother's house and pawn it? We can only say that the mother who instituted a prosecution of this kind must be even sterner than the Roman matron of old. Regarded from one point of view, the taking of the Bible was not a theft at all. The boy might with reason have regarded it as property in which he had a share; at all events, it is idle to pretend that the appropriation in this case was as bad as the stealing of property from a perfect stranger. Some punishment was demanded no doubt; but if the magistrate was influenced by the idea that abstracting a family Bible was more nefarious than abstracting the family spoons, he ought to be disabused of that theory by an enlightened public opinion. To some people it will seem that the whole case reflects much more discredit on the parents of the boy, and on the magistrate who inflicted this preposterous sentence, than on the culprit himself. If there was not sufficient household discipline to correct the purloiner of the Bible, it would have been better to pack him out upon the world than to take him before a magistrate and have him stamped for life with the stigma of felony.

Correspondence.

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LAND LAW REFORM.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—I have, in this discussion, no wish to bandy words of a personal character with "Incedo." If we cannot confine ourselves to the question in dispute, then let us abandon the matter altogether. At the same time, I am not disposed to allow myself to be bluffed out of my opinions by the sneers of any defender of private monopoly. The adoption of such a style, if other proofs were wanting, convinces me of the weakness of my opponent's case.

No one except "Incedo" has said, "Mr Robinson has made a special study of the subject," and it is not true. I am neither vain enough nor ignorant enough to be the dupe of such flattery. Your correspondent affects a pretension of swaggering superiority, which, to say the least, is bad form. Having said this much, I shall now deal with that portion of "Incedo's" article which makes some pretence at grappling with the difficulties he evidently finds himself surrounded with.

"Incedo" asserts: "Some years ago the farmers in this country were very well-to-do, and as for the landlords, they veritably rolled in wealth. Very high rents were paid for the land, but as the price of grain and cattle was correspondingly high, the farmers were able to pay their way, and put away the proverbial 'something' for the rainy day. There was no agricultural depression in those halcyon days." It is a pity our friend did not say at once to what period of English history "some years ago" was meant to refer, as, I think, with the exception of the time during our war with Russia, corn has never been double its present price since the abolition of the Corn Laws. I presume then that "Incedo" is speaking of protectionist times. If that is so, I think "Incedo" has made a statement in the above quotation which he will find it most difficult to substantiate. That "very high rents were paid," and that the "landlords veritably rolled in wealth" is true enough, and is the only part of the assertion that will bear investigation. At this period the great mass of the people were steeped in poverty, and before proceeding to investigate the truth or otherwise of "Incedo's statement, it will be just as well if we here ask ourselves the question: "How is it that, while the rest of the community are on the verge of starvation the landlords are 'rolling in wealth'?" An ordinary person may readily be forgiven if he finds some connection between the two, and arrives at the conclusion that the one is a natural result of the other—the masses are in poverty *because* the landlords are rolling in wealth.

The first Corn Law was passed in the year 1804, and great were the promises held out by the landlords to the tenants of the prosperity that was sure to follow on the passing of the Act, but their hopes were doomed to disappointment, for during the whole of the period (1804-46) of the Corn Laws the distress of the tenant farmers of this country was, from time to time, of an unexampled character, and was frequently made the subject of parliamentary enquiry and debate. The first Corn Law, as I have stated, was passed in the year 1804. But we find, in 1814 on the 7th March, Mr Western, a Protectionist member laying on the table of the House of Commons a series of fourteen resolutions in which it was declared that the distressed state of agriculture was of an unexampled description. During the first period of twenty years the rent paid for farms had been doubled. "In view of the item of rent alone," say Mr Leadam, "those high prices (of wheat) had brought no benefit to the farmers, but the contrary." The statement of the high rent that ruled is confirmed by the official estimates. In Scotland rent had risen from £2,000,000 in 1795 to £5,278,685 in 1815. "The consequence of this state of things,' says Lord Fitzwilliam, (first address to the landowners of England, 1839), "cannot have escaped recollection. Great difficulties had been felt by the agricultural interest in 1814, 1815, and 1816, but the difficulties of all former years were surpassed by the distress of the winter of 1821-22. The insolvency of tenants at this period was unparalleled in the history of the agricultural classes." Numerous petitions from the farmers complaining of the agricultural distress were presented at this period to the House of Commons. The distress of the farming industry continuing, more protection was demanded by the landlords, and in 1829 another Corn Law was passed with the same results as from that of 1815—high rents and distress among the farmers.

Here is some of the evidence taken by the Select Committee on Agricultural Distress, 1833. Mr Adam Murray, farmer and land agent, of East Lothian stated: "With respect to the condition of the farmers, their capital is diminishing, I think considerably, in every part of the country. The tenant cannot lay out money in improving the land; he has not the means."

Mr T. Oliver, farmer, of Midlothian, being asked the question: "Supposing a tenant were sold up in Scotland, what proportion of capital would be left, in your opinion?" Answered: "Perhaps none. In general *a large proportion of his means goes to the landlord* (italics mine); the remainder is equally divided among his other creditors."

Asked the following question: "Supposing 100 farmers to be taken indiscriminately from the district of which you are speaking (Doncaster) and to be sold up, how many of those, do you think, would have anything left?" Mr William Simpson, farmer and land valuer, of Loversall, near Doncaster, replied: "I should think half the small farmers—tenants renting from 50 to 150 acres—would be insolvent."

Evidence of a similar nature might be adduced of the distress prevailing among the farmers right up to the year 1846, the year of repeal. Committee after committee of inquiry was instituted to deal with the matter with no good result, except for the information that was drawn from the numerous witnesses.

If all that is said about that terrible myth, foreign competition, were as true as I believe it to be false, can "Incedo" not see that it would be just one more reason why we should get rid for ever of our absurd system of land tenure? I am by no means blind to the advantages possessed by the foreign farmer over our own, nor am I blind to his disadvantages. The greatest advantage he has is the want of a system of landlordism, and the fertility of the soil he cultivates is another, the climate does not count for so much as "Incedo" seems to think. What we lose in lack of sunshine we gain in moisture. So damaging are the long droughts in America and Australia at times that the pastures are literally burnt up. Again, while our farmer sells in the dearest market and buys in the cheapest, the conditions are reversed with the American—he has to buy in the dearest and sell in the cheapest. I am not at all convinced that even wheat can be put into our market from abroad at a price which would render it impossible for our farmers to compete, if ample security was guaranteed. Under a more intensive and less extensive system of farming proof has been given that 40 bushels to the acre as against 25 bushels to the acre has been yielded by the land in this country.

I am not under the necessity of proving that farming in this country, when conducted on reasonable conditions, will pay; "Incedo" showed that quite clearly in the case of the two farmers who amassed a fortune in nineteen years. Where was the bogle of foreign competition in that case? Where was the "cold island"? Will "Incedo" deal with this case, and tell us the cause of the success of these two men in the face of those terrible drawbacks?—Yours, &c.,

John Robinson.

Sunniside, Tow Law, Aug. 27th, 1894.

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Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

Monday Aug. 27th.—Before Councillor James Annandale (chairman), W. B. Van Haansbergen, E. Priestman, J. T. Potts, and E. W. E. Balleny, Esqs.

DAMAGE TO TURNIPS.

John McNastrie, James Parker, and *George Brean,* youths, were summoned by P.C. Dixon for doing wilful damage to a field of turnips at Hamsterley, the property of the Hamsterley Coal Company, on the 16th inst.—Parker pleaded guilty.—The officer spoke to seeing the boys, along with a number of others, in this particular turnip field doing a considerable amount of damage.—Brean stated that he was never in the field, as he was up a tree watching the other boys.—The Chairman: Were you watching for the police?—Brean: No.—The Bench dismissed the charge against McNastrie and ordered him out of the dock on account of his age, and then called on the agents of the farm to prove the damage, which was estimated at 6d each.—The Magistrates accordingly gave Brean the benefit of the doubt and dismissed the charges against him, and fined Parker 6d, along with the damage and costs.

A WAR OF AMAZONS AT CONSETT:

WOMEN SQUABBLING FOUR DAYS.

Mary Conway and *Annie Hagan,* married women, were charged with a breach of the peace by fighting in Princess Street, Consett, on the 17th inst.

Sergt. Mitchell stated that on this particular night, about 10 o'clock, he found the defendants quarrelling, fighting, and indulging in foul language in Princess Street, Consett. There was a crowd of 300 people round about the combatants. The disturbance had been going on for four consecutive days. He put both women into their houses, but one of them came out again, and he had to threaten to lock Mrs Conway up.

Mr Conway: Not with me.

Inspector Mahon corroborated, and said the row was disgraceful.

Conway pleaded guilty, and accused Mrs Hagan of being the agressor.

Mrs Hagan denied the allegation, and charged Mrs Conway with dragging her out of the house and knocking her into the gutter. She was carrying a clothes-prop home when she was molested by Mrs Conway.

Mrs Moss spoke to seeing Conway take Mrs Hagan by the waist and drag her into the street.

The women's conduct was somewhat violent in Court, and the Bench said it was no use binding over women to keep the peace on their own recognisances, as they would be fighting again immediately they got out of the Court. They would have to find sureties of £5 each for their good behaviour during the next six months.

Defendants were detained till the bondsmen were forthcoming.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT LEADGATE.

Two miners named *Thomas McGrachan* and *Thomas Pratt* were summoned by P.C. Crabb for fighting in Bottle Bank, Leadgate, on Saturday night, 18th inst., at 11 p.m. McGrachan pleaded guilty, while Pratt also acknowledged his guilt, but said he was acting in self-defence.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace for six months, and ordered to defray costs.

James McGee, the well-known boxer, was similarly charged by P.C. Crabb.—The officer said that about 12.30 a.m. on Sunday, after McGrachan was defeated in the previous battle, a large crowd proceeded to Pratt's house, and M[illegible] was wanting Pratt to come out and he would fight h[illegible]. The crowd threatened the man so much that witness believed they would have forcibly dragged Pratt out of the house.—Defendant called his brother, Hugh McGee, who averred that defendant was in the house all the while the disturbance was in progress. It was a well-known fact that "the policeman had got hold of the wrong person."—Pratt was called, and substantiated the policeman's version of affair.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £5, and ordered to defray 9s 6d costs.—*M. Slain,* who was also found guilty of wanting to fight Pratt on the same occasion, was similarly dealt with.

SLEEPING OUT AT CONSETT.

An old man named *James Donnolly,* living in Consett, was charged by P.C. Crisp with sleeping out at the Consett Ironworks, on the 27th inst.—The officer stated that the prisoner had done nothing else but sleep out for the past 14 nights. He had repeatedly cautioned him, but he would not desist from the practice, and the workmen would have nothing to do with him, because he was not clean. The man was not the possessor of a shirt, and was nearly starved.—Prisoner said he had worked 34 years for the Consett Iron Company, and was now an old man. His son would not keep him.—Mr Potts: What does your son do?—Prisoner: He works at the Consett Ironworks.—The officer: I believe his son is a metal carrier.—Mr Potts: If you go to the workhouse, your son will be made to contribute towards your maintenance.—The Chairman: The Magistrates will let you go if you will promise them to go to the workhouse.—Prisoner: I will do so.—Mr Potts: If you go to the workhouse, you will be taken care of, and then your son will have to keep you.—Prisoner: Very good. I will go to the workhouse.

POOR LAW ACT.

Peter, James, and *Francis McCarrol* were summoned for refusing to contribute towards the maintenance of their father, who was now in Lanchester Workhouse, and chargeable to the Union.—After hearing the evidence of Mr Moon, relieving officer, the Magistrates ordered Peter and Francis to contribute 1s, and James 2s per week towards the maintenance of their father as long as he remained in the workhouse.

COWARDLY ASSAULT AT WESTWOOD.

John T. Thompson, of Iveston, a fireman, was charged with assaulting Annie E. Bell, a married woman, at Westwood, on August 12th. Mr William Dickinson (Consett) defended.

It appeared from the evidence that the defendant is the father of the complainant's illegitimate child, and he went to the house on this particular night to deliver the usual fortnightly payment in the shape of post-office orders, which were generally made out for Consett or Medomsley. He sat down, and Mrs Bell ordered him out of the house. Defendant said something which aggravated her, and she snatched up the coal-rake, whereupon the defendant pounced upon her, dragged her outside, and dealt her a stinging blow, which knocked her upon the ground.

Complainant said she wished the Magistrates to understand that when defendant came to the house he always brought her post-office orders, instead of coin of the realm, and she had asked him repeatedly to pay her in money, and save her the trouble of travelling all over the district in order to get them cashed.

Cross-examined by Mr Dickinson: She did not strike the defendant with the coal-rake. She never got the chance, as he had hold of the weapon the whole of the time.

A witness said he saw defendant strike the complainant and knock her down.

By Mr Van Haansbergen: Witness said defendant dragged the woman out of the house, and then dealt the blow.

In answer to the Chairman, complainant said defendant had been very regular in his payments, but she had repeatedly taken warrants out against him before she could get her money. There had not been a great amount of trouble since the last time she had Thompson before the court, through the manner in which he used to send her the post-office orders. Defendant came to the house, and brought the post-office orders with him. This was the first time Thompson had come to their house at Westwood. She wished for him to stay away.

The Chairman: You must understand that Thompson has a right to deliver the money to you personally. That is the law.

Complainant: I am aware of that. Thompson must not come to the house and abuse me.

The Chairman: Thompson has no right to do anything of the kind. We want to know something more about this coal-rake.

Complainant: Well, I ordered defendant out of the house five or six times after he had seen the child, and he refused to go. Through what he said it enraged me, so I took up the coal-rake, but did not strike defendant with the same.

Mrs Bird said she heard complainant order defendant out of the house. When on the road Thompson said, "Now, you have come too far," and just took up his fist and dealt her a blow, and knocked her down.

In answer to Mr Dickinson, witness said both of them had hold of the coal-rake when they came out of the house.

Mr Dickinson contended that the defendant merely acted in self-defence. He went to see if the child was still alive, and before he had got within the door of the house he was ordered out, and the coal-rake was brought into use. In the scrimmage to evade the blows from the coal-rake, defendant seized the weapon, and the complainant slipped her foot and fell. There were no blows struck by his client, and he was innocent of the charge of assaulting the woman.

The Bench pointed out that Thompson was at perfect liberty to see the child, but he had no right to molest the complainant. They believed the evidence tendered by complainant and her witnesses, and defendant was found guilty of a most deliberate and cowardly assault. Thompson's conduct towards the complainant had not been of the best, and he had behaved in a most unmanly way, thus bringing all this trouble upon himself. He would be fined 30s, and 17s costs.

The Chairman (to complainant): How do you wish the money to be paid which has to go towards the maintenance of the child?

Complainant: I wish for the orders to be made out for the nearest post-office, and for defendant to stay away from the house altogether.

The Chairman urged defendant to come to some arrangement with the young woman as to the manner in which the payments had to be made which would give no offence to her. He would ask defendant to send the money regularly, and let the court have no more trouble about the matter.

Supt. Benzies: Has the defendant been sending you the orders payable at Newcastle, Consett, and other post-offices in the district?

Complainant: Yes. I wish for the orders to be made payable at Medomsley, or let him send me the coin of the realm.

The Chairman: The defendant has a perfect right to see the child and make inquiries.

Complainant: Yes, but not to annoy me.

Defendant: I want to see whether the child is alive or not. The order says, I have to pay the money to the complainant, and I do so. I may pay £20, and the child might be dead, and yet these people would say nothing.

Complainant: There is no fear of the child being dead and you not becoming acquainted of the fact.

The Chairman: We have heard sufficient about the case. We cannot get you to agree.

Defendant: Will you allow me time to pay the fine?

The Chairman: How much can you pay now?

Defendant: I will pay 5s.

The Chairman: You must pay 9s now, and the remainder of the fine at 10s per week.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John McKenna and *John Callagher,* miners, were summoned for fighting at Burnopfield on the 17th inst.—P.C. Wall proved the case.—McKenna was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and defray 7s 6d costs. The other defendant did not appear, and a warrant was accordingly issued for his arrest.

Robert Gellinder, John T. Simpson, and *Richard Davison,* miners, were summoned for a similar offence at Medomsley on the 18th inst.—P.C. Wright spoke to seeing the defendants stripped and fighting.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were each bound over to keep the peace for six months and defray the costs.

RIDING A BICYCLE ON THE FOOTPATH.

Edward Davison, miner, was proceeded against by P.C. Wall for a breach of the Highway Act by riding a bicycle on the footpath at Hobson Colliery on the 12th inst.—The officer said defendant rode his machine fully 150 yards along a cinder path.—Defendant said he had to take the footpath to get out of the road of a dog.—The Bench imposed a fine of 1s and 6d costs.

STILL REMEMBERED!

Rose Chamberlain was charged with an act of larceny by taking away certain articles, the property of Caroline Branch, on May 29th, 1889.—Complainant said the offence was committed on the date named above, at Derwent Cottages.—Defendant came to the town last week, and was accordingly apprehended.—Defendant: The case was settled years ago.—As no prosecutor put in an appearance, the case was dismissed.

TWO LUCKY CHARGES.

James Mulloy and *Thomas Cummings,* two respectable men, representing themselves to be miners, were charged with an act of vagrancy by sleeping out at West Stanley on the previous night.—The evidence of P.C. Vickers was to the effect that he found the two men sleeping in a coke oven connected with West Stanley Colliery.—Defendants said they were sorry for the offence; but they were strangers to the place, having travelled from Ushaw Moor for the purpose of securing work.—The Bench allowed both men to be discharged.

SECOND COURT.

Before J. T. Potts (chairman) and E. W. E. Balleny, Esqs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Alfred Spry was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of John G. Armstrong at Leadgate, on the 12th inst.—After hearing the evidence the magistrates imposed a fine of 5s and costs.

KEEPING A DANGEROUS DOG.

Benjamin Nicholson was summoned by Mary Jane Oyston, for keeping a dangerous dog at White-le-Head on the 17th inst.—The evidence was to the effect that a boy gave the dog a ham bone, and whilst in the act of taking the bone away from the animal, it was alleged that the dog bit the boy's finger.—The magistrates ordered the defendant to keep the dog under proper control, and pay 9s costs.

A LODGING-HOUSE KEEPER IN TROUBLE.

William Kennedy, lodging-house keeper, of Durham Road, Blackhill, was charged by P.C. Wardell with being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill on the 19th inst.—The charge was denied, and after hearing the evidence of five witnesses so as to deny that Kennedy was drunk, the magistrates still believed the story of the officer, and fined Kennedy 5s and costs.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, August 23rd.—Before Lieut-Col. E. Leadbitter-Smith, C.C., (chairman), and Wm. Logan, Esq.

THE LATE MR F. GREENWELL, J.P.

MAGISTERIAL REFERENCE.

At the opening of the court the presiding magistrate made a touching reference to the decease of Mr Francis Greenwell, of Durham, who was intimately connected with that part of the district by family ties. He said that the City and County of Durham had sustained a very serious loss on the previous night by the death of Mr Greenwell. He was not only a prominent citizen, but as a Justice of the Peace who regularly attended to his duties, and a member of the County Council, and as a leading member of the Sedgefield Asylum Visiting Committee, and the chairman of the committee for carrying out the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, he had rendered useful service to the County. Mr Greenwell was the last man whose death he (Col. Smith) would have expected to hear of. He enjoyed good health, was lithe and active, and seemed in every way likely to have a longer period of existence. Speaking on behalf of himself and his brother magistrates, they could but express publicly their sincere sympathy with the family in their serious bereavement, and the clerk (Mr Granger) would convey the Bench's condolence to the immediate relatives.

THE BOY GOT HIS DESERTS.

Wm. Lewis, and *Elizabeth,* his wife, were charged with threatening to kill a boy named John Thompson at Annfield Plain, and also with assaulting him at the same time.—Complainant, who said he was sitting on the "association" steps, averred that Mrs Lewis came up, and without provocation, struck him on the face. The husband next appeared on the scene and hit him with a stick.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended, and questioned the complainant if he did not throw stones and a hammer at the defendants, and also call Mrs Lewis foul names; but he denied the allegations. The hammer, he declared, she had got from the baby to swear his life away. (Laughter.)—A witness spoke to hearing the complainant call Mrs Lewis "fish Nanny," and the latter came and thrashed him.—Another named Lowes stated that he heard the man Lewis caught hold of the boy and asked him not to throw stones again, and the lad promised not to do so.—The father said that when he went to see the man about striking his boy, Lewis told him to go away as he was a lunatic. (Laughter.)—Mr Welford: But you went with a knife.—Mr Welford said the complainant threw stones and a hammer at the Lewis's, and also called them foul names, and Mrs Lewis certainly boxed his ears.—The magistrates were of opinion that the boy richly deserved a good thrashing and dismissed both cases, complainant to bear the costs.

LICENSING CASE AT LANCHESTER.

WAS IT HOP BITTERS?

George Johnson the occupier of an off beer license at Catchgate was proceeded against under the Licensing Act for selling intoxicating liquor to John Anderson and was privy to the same being consumed on the premises. Mr C. M. Dix (Newcastle), defended.

Sergt Waller attested that on Sunday evening, 12th inst, about 9.30 he was on duty at Catchgate in plain clothes, and along with P.C. Vickers, he concealed himself in a shed opposite the defendant's premises About 25 minutes to 10 two men came out of the house, and five minutes afterwards, four women left the premises the last one leaving the door wide open. Witness observed several men sitting in the kitchen, Joseph Anderson being near the door. The latter spoke to some person, and presently Mrs Johnson came across the room and taking away some empty glasses returned soon afterwards with several full glasses which she carried on a tray, and placed on the bottom of the window seat. Anderson handed a silver coin to Mrs Johnson, who put her hand into her pocket and gave the man his change. The police then went into the place and asked Johnson what he was doing by allowing all these men in the house? He replied "they are my friends." There were a number of empty glasses standing, and two glasses partly filled with beer. After charging the defendant with selling liquor to be drunk on the premises, the latter followed witness outside and asked him not to say anything further about the matter, and he would put it right with him. Witness replied that he would decidedly report the matter to his Supt. One man called John Ferguson was drunk, and used very bad language in the house.

Replying to Mr Dix the sergeant said he was not aware that Anderson was paying his addresses to the defendant's daughter. He smelt one of the glasses and was positive it contained beer and not "hop bitters." (Laughter.) Defendant told him that the other men had been helping him with the hay.

By Supt Benzies: Not one word was said about hop bitters. That was an afterthought.

P.C. Vickers corroborated, and answering Supt Benzies, he said that defendant never mentioned anything about hop bitters or cold tea.

Mr Dix, in defence, said that his client had been in this house for 13 years, and there was no previous charge preferred against him. He had also been working as a deputy overman at the South Derwent colliery for 13 years, and had no stain upon his character. The men Anderson and Brown who were sweethearting defendant's daughters, were given hop bitters and some "pop" but not beer, and the other three men came to see Johnson about stacking hay making on the following day. No beer was sold or paid for

Defendant and his wife and other men who were in the house on the night in question, were called, and emphatically denied that any intoxicating liquor was sold and consumed on the premises, and no money was exchanged. It was admitted, however, that parties occasionally came to the house for jugs or cans of beer, and sat down to have a bit gossip.

The justices believed the case proved, and imposed a fine of £5 and costs, the license not to be endorsed.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

There were 49 charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct before the court. One was dismissed and all the rest were fined in sums varying from 10s to 2s 6d and costs. In some instances where the offender gave the police a fictitious name an extra half-crown was put on.

HOLLINSIDE TO THE FRONT.

Thomas Henderson, Joseph Armstrong, Samuel Holding, George English, and *James Mason,* all belonging to Hollinside, were charged by P.C. Robinson with being drunk and disorderly at Lanchester on the 17th and 18th August, and were each fined 5s and costs.

John Carroll also of Hollinside, was fined 5s and costs for being tipsy at Lanchester on the 17th, and mulcted in a further penalty of 5s and expenses for getting drunk again on the 18th.

HE WANTED IT KEPT OUT OF THE PAPERS.

Tom Lichley, of West Stanley, was summoned by P.C. Ferguson for being helplessly drunk at West Stanley, on the 14th inst. Defendant, who did not deny being drunk was fined 5s and costs.—Defendant I wish to make representations to the Bench to get the case kept out of the papers. (Laughter.)—Supt. Benzies: You must apply to the reporters.—Defendant: Oh, very well.

THE POLICEMAN'S EGGS.

John McIrwin appeared to answer a charge preferred against him by P.C. Lewis of having been drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct at West Kyo, on August 12th—Defendant, who was along with a batch of other men, denied the charge, and averred that P.C. Lewis sold him fourpennyworth of eggs that day. (Laughter.) He had only threepence, and had to borrow a copper off a companion to make up the price.—Lewis: I never sold you any eggs.—Defendant: Most certainly you did, I can bring witnesses to prove it.—The Chairman: That has nothing to do with you being drunk.—Defendant: Oh, it has. He would not sell eggs to a tipsy man, and besides if his evidence is wrong about the eggs, he can be believed about the drunkenness.—A fine of 5s and expenses was imposed.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Thomas Hall, Archibald, Samuel, and *Jas Herdman, Wm Graham,* and *Miles Hardy,* were proceeded against by P.C. Vitty for playing at pitch and toss near South Moor, on August 11th.—Defendants were fined 10s and 7s 6d each and costs.

Luke Dodd, Thos Green, Geo Dawson, Robt Pearson, and *Wm Halliday* were charged by P.C. Ferguson with committing a similar offence at West Stanley on August 12th, and were similarly dealt with.

PAINFUL CASE OF THEFT.

John Bowman, blacksmith, of Birtley, a decent-looking old man, pleaded guilty to stealing a silver lever watch the property of his son-in-law Edward T Coulson, of 365 North Cross Street, Leadgate, on the 12th March last.—Annie Coulson, wife of the prosecutor, said that the prisoner who was her father, came and stopped with them from the 10th to the 12th March. About 6.30 on the last named date she got up and found her father gone, and she afterwards missed the watch produced. She never authorised prisoner to take the watch. She gave information to the police. The watch was valued at £2. James Davison said that he was a pawnbroker and carried on business at 112, Askew Road, Gateshead. On the 12th March prisoner came to his shop and offered the watch produced for pledge. Prisoner gave the name of Davison. Witness lent prisoner 10s on the watch, and he afterwards handed the watch over to the police.—PC Crabb, stationed at Leadgate, deposed that from information received he apprehended the prisoner at Leadgate on 17th August. He took him to Consett police station and charged him with stealing a silver lever watch the property of Edward Coulson on the 12th March last Accused replied "I took the watch and pawned it at Gateshead, I don't know what made me do it"—Mrs Coulson said that they did not want to prosecute the prisoner—The Bench sent him to prison for a month's hard labour

NEIGHBOURS AT LOGGERHEADS.

Sarah Prescott, married, attended in response to a charge of assaulting Margaret Bowey, at West Stanley on August 7th. Mr Welford defended—Complainant attested that Mrs Prescott dragged her out of the house by the hair, and "jammed" her head against the garden wall—The charge was denied, but the Justices deemed the offence proved, and fined the defendant 5s and costs

A BOY FINED ONE PENNY FOR ASSAULT.

William Batey (11), was charged with assaulting Edward Emmett (10), by slashing him across the neck with a whip at Quebec, on the 14th of this month—The Bench imposed a fine of 1d and costs

ASSAULTS ON THE POLICE.

William Halliday, was prosecuted by PC Iceton for having assaulted him at West Stanley, on the 18th August—The officer deposed that there was a disturbance on the night in question in front of the Stanley Hotel He had occasion to take the defendant's brother into custody, and while Iceton was in the act of removing him to the police station Richardson seized hold of him by the leg and flung him down on the ground Other policemen had to come to his assistance, and both Richardson and his brother were locked up—Sergt Waller said that when he came upon the scene and remonstrated with the defendant, the latter seized him by the throat and struck at him Witness got hold of the man by the shoulder, and PC Ferguson came up and put the "snips" on—Defendant persisted in saying that he was not drunk, adding that he promised to take his brother safely home if the police would only release him—He was mulcted in a fine of £1 and costs

Thomas Smith, a rough-looking customer, who is a stranger to the district, was brought up on charges of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting PC Wardell at Blackhill, on the 15th inst—The officer stated that about 5 minutes to 10 on the evening referred to, defendant was drunk and kicking up a row in front of Mr Sheil's public house in Derwent Street, Blackhill. As the man refused to go away when repeatedly requested to do so, the constable took him into custody On the road to Consett police station, the man became very obstreperous and resisted with all his strength. He kicked the policeman on the legs and shins, and dealt him several blows, and in the course of the encounter they both fell flat on the ground Wardell managed to put the "snips" upon the prisoner, and blew his whistle, when Sergt Tones came to his aid—The sergeant declared that the man was so violent that they had to engage a trap to take him to the police station—For being inebriated, Smith was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days' hard labour. For the assault, he was committed for a month without the option of a fine, the sentences to run consecutively

ILLEGAL FISHING.

Two young fellows named *Richard Wheatley* and *Thomas Edwards* were charged with unlawfully taking fish.—Inspector Daley's evidence was that on the 12th August, about 12.15 in the daytime, he was proceeding along the railway, and on approaching Stockerley Burn he perceived the defendants lying on their backs by the side of the water. As soon as they saw witness, however, the youths walked away along the footpath towards Esp Green. The Inspector despatched P.C. Robinson to intercept them, and they accordingly returned, and marched right in to his arms. On searching them, he found that each had three trout in his possession.—Defendants acknowledged having the trout, but denied that they had been caught illegally.—The Justices pointed out that they had rendered themselves liable to a heavy penalty. They would be fined 2s 6d and costs.

THEFT BY A DOMESTIC.

Theresa E. Pickard, a young woman, was placed in the dock charged with stealing 3s 11½d from the till in Mrs Ritson's millinery establishment in Front Street, West Stanley, on August 11th. Mr Oliver (Durham) appeared to defend.—It transpired that the accused was a domestic servant in the employment of John George Ritson, and it was alleged that on the day in question there was 15s in the till. Of this sum 4s 6d was missing, and the theft had been traced to the accused, at least that sum was found upon her.—Mr Oliver repudiated the charge, and ridiculed the idea of the girl being charged with stealing 4s 6d when only 3s 11½d was proved to have been stolen. The money had been given to the girl by Mrs Ritson's daughter.—Defendant's mother went into the box and complained of the treatment her daughter had received from her mistress, who made her go out late at night.—Mrs Ritson, re-called, denied that she caused the defendant to be out late at nights. If she stayed out late it was her own doing. Further, her little girl could not have given Pickard the money, inasmuch as she was only three years old.—Mr Oliver said there was considerable doubt about the case, and the Bench should therefore give his client the benefit thereof.—The Magistrates said they would be obliged to convict, and fined the defendant £1, the alternative being 14 days' hard labour.

OTHER CASES.

Several charges of wilful damage, breaches of the peace, &c., were gone into, the customary punishment being meted to each culprit.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

Friday, Aug. 24th.—Before C. J. Backhouse (chairman), V. A. Rippon, J. W. Roddam, and Ald. Livingstone, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were fined for being drunk during the month:—*Henry Ridley* (17), Stanhope, on the 22nd, fined 10s; *John Wilkinson,* Stanhope, on the 28th, fined 12s 6d; *Erin Gray,* Stanhope, on the 28th, fined 10s; *John Russell,* Stanhope, on the 28th, fined 10s.

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE HIGHWAY ACT IN DERWENT.

Thomas Makepeace, farmer, Derwent, was charged by P.C. Wallace, with allowing five cows of his to stray on the highway on the 6th inst.—Mr J. J. Devey defended.—P.C. Wallace, on being asked who was his informer, declined to tell.—The defence was that he was only removing the cows from the low field to a higher one when the police officer came across them. Defendant was a respectable farmer, had been on the farm 24 years, and had never been brought up before.—John Bainbridge was called as a witness. He was haymaking there, and deposed to hearing the father give orders to the boy to take the cows from the low field to the high one.—The case was dismissed.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Joseph R. Bell was charged by P.C. Reeves with fighting with a navvy at St. John's Chapel, on the 4rd. inst. (The navvy has since absconded.)—Defendant was bound over in his own recognisances of £5 to keep the peace for three months and pay costs.

KEEPING A DOG WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Isaac Thompson, innkeeper, Wearhead, was charged by P.C. Reeves with having two dogs and only one license.—In defence he said he had sold one of the dogs to a person now in Leeds, who asked him to keep it for a time. He had sent pay for the dog, but had not sent the license, or the money to get it.—The Chairman: You are liable to pay license for the dog as long as it is in your possession.—Fined 10s including costs.

SALE OF AN AGRICULTURAL ESTATE, AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon week, Mr William Walker, of Bedale, offered for sale at the Railway Hotel, Consett, the copyhold agricultural estate known as the Meddlesheads Farm, comprising a dwelling-house with numerous farm buildings, and 227 acres, 1 rood, 13 perches or thereabouts of pasture, meadow, arable, and woodlands, situate in the township of Healeyfield, and about four miles from Consett. Mr Bowey, the tenant, and his predecessors have occupied the farm for upwards of a century, and the rental is now £91 per annum. There was a large company present, including the leading agriculturalists of the district. Amongst those present were Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Woodlands; Mr Robert Anderson, Mosswood; Mr Kirton, Walbottle; Mr Jos. Murray, Consett; Mr Beattie, Consett Junction; Mr Hy. Davison, Consett; Mr Thompson, Whittonstall, and Mr Bowey, Middlesheads. Bidding commenced by Mr Robert Anderson, Mosswood, offering £1,800, followed by Mr Wm. Bowey, the tenant, with £1,850. Mr Anderson then offered £1,900; Mr Bowey £2,000, and Mr Anderson, £2,050. After Mr Kirton, Walbottle, had bid £2,100, the auctioneer withdrew the estate, intimating that the reserve price was £2,500. Bidding was commenced again, and Mr Chambers, solicitor, Durham, on behalf of Mr Raw, of Waterhouses, offered £2,550, at which price the estate was knocked down, and Mr Raw became the purchaser. Mr C. Yalden, solicitor, on behalf of Messrs Wynne and Sons, London, acted for the vendors.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

LEADGATE PARK v. DIPTON WANDERERS.

These old rivals will open the season at Dipton to-morrow. The following team will do duty for the Park:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and Wm. J. Foreman (capt.); half-backs, J. Wilson, Robt. Wilson, and T. Snowdon; forwards, J. B. Robson and R. Graham, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; W. Bell and Jos. Wilson, left wing. Linesman, Wm. Johns. The following team will represent Dipton:—Goal, Wm. Ellis; backs, T. Rowell and A. Black; half-backs, T. Cleghorn, W. Parker, and R. Coates; forwards, Wm. Turner and G. Davies, right wing; M. Brown, centre; D. Crozier and T. Walker (capt.), left wing. Kick-off at 3.30. Referee, Mr P. Gibbon, Gateshead. The ball for the match will be presented to the Wanderers by Mr H. Teasdale, saddler, Dipton.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. LINTZ ROVERS.

The first game in the above competition will come off at Leadgate to-morrow, when the Park team will be chosen from the following:—Chas Burnhope, J T Willey, H O Foreman (capt), J Day, R Foster, D Cartnell, T Calvert, G Foster, J Lock, G Milburn, T Smith, G Lock, H Makepeace, R Makepeace, and J Veitch.

LEADGATE EXILES v. TOW LAW.

The Exiles open the season out at Tow Law, and although they have not had a great amount of practice, they are in fairly good trim, and hope to give the home club a good game. The Exiles will be represented by the following team:—Goal, H Callaghan; backs, W. McGee (capt.) and J. Haggan; half-backs, P. Hughes, T. McGrachan, and Jas. Monaghan; forwards, Jas. McGee and J. Hill, right wing; J. Daly, centre; T. Kelly and A. N. Osher, left wing.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's.—At Dipton. The home team will be—Goal, A. Wilkinson; backs, D. Anderson and J. Adams; half-backs, M. Evans, M. Cain, and Jos. Barrow; forwards, H. Walker and J. Spinks, right wing; Temple, centre; J. Bird and J. Brown, left wing. Kick-off at 2.

Consett Town Swifts v Allendale Park.—A match between the above keen but friendly rivals will be played on the Fell ground, Consett, to-morrow. Previous games between the clubs have always been of a close nature, so that a good game may be anticipated. The Swifts' team will be selected from the following:—J Jones, G Eustace, T Winter, J Finnigan, J McKie, Jos Allison, R Russell, J Rafferty, B McKie, F B Howatt, A Daly, A Young, J Walton, and D Elliott.

Hymns for Sunday School Anniversaries, &c., printed on the shortest notice, and at the cheapest rates by Robert Jackson, Consett

LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

TOW LAW.

Reverses in the matter of public support accorded to various shows of Durham County have been a somewhat common experience this year, but the exhibition of the Tow Law Floral, Horticultural, and Industrial Society on Saturday was one of the finest yet held under the auspices of the society. Full excursions arrived from Newcastle (*via* Consett) and Saltburn and intermediate stations. The day was fine but not warm, but everywhere there was interest. The stock pens were crowded, bantams being a huge show. Mr W. Anderson runs the secretarial office with success, and has a good committee. A band contest, Punch and Judy, and travelling shows, and a ball in the Mechanics' Institute made a popular programme. Advance was shown in most departments, the show of poultry and pigeons being admirable. Rabbits were not quite so numerous as usual, but the quality of the rabbits was of a fairly good standard. The display of blooms and plants was really brilliant, whilst the industrial department afforded an attractive exhibition. The judges were as follows:—

Plants, flowers, fruit, and vegetables—Messrs James Larkin, Castle Gardens, Bishop Auckland; Thomas Rutherford, Lanes Lodge, Durham; and T. Hardisty, Bishop Auckland.

Poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and cavies—Mr E. Hutton, Pudsey, near Leeds.

Butter, eggs, and bread—Mrs Burn, Witton-le-Wear.

Industrial department—Messrs R. Charlton, Tudhoe, and W. Oughton, Pease' West.

Lady amateurs' section—Mrs Robertson, Howden-le-Wear, and Mrs Crawhall, Stanhope.

Schools' section—Mr J. Barnett, Shildon, and lady amateur judges.

The chief bye-attraction was a brass band contest. Four bands competed, and the performance was listened to with keen interest by the great crowd present. The adjudicator was Mr Walter Reynolds, of Kettering. In the selection contest, the test piece being "The Elixir of Love," the judge said he had no difficulty in finding the winner of the first prize. The result of the contest was as follows:—1, £25, South Derwent (conductor, Mr John Gladney); 2, £15, New Shildon Temperance (conductor, Mr W. Holdsworth); 3, £8, Whitworth (conductor, Mr T. Snowdon). South Derwent also took first prize for the quick-step competition (£1), and New Shildon Temperance second prize (10s).

The following is a list of the prize-winners:—

POULTRY.

W E Alcock, Sunderland; R Chapman, Frosterley; J Metcalfe, Annfield Plain; Major Staveley, Driffield; J Christison, Tow Law; J Brough, Carlisle; Thos Leatherd, Medomsley; W Proud, Brampton Junction; I W Messenger, Hesington; Tysack and Hindle, Hetton; J W Crossman, Ripon; Henry Elsringham, Blackhill; H Maidment, Lanercost; Allport Bros., Cornsay Colliery; J J Devey, Wolsingham; Miss A G Fox, Shipley; W and J Ridley, Wolsingham; J Wood, Hutton Rudby; S Walker Anderson, Rotherham; R W Milburn, Tow Law; H C Wilkinson, Tow Law; G H Pickering, Driffield; Storey and Petty, Harrogate; L Wilkinson, Stanhope; J Robson, Bishop Auckland.

PIGEONS.

Dr Fordham, Sheffield; T Brett, Crook; W E Alcock; N Claughton, Guisely; J Dargue; T E Dower, Stingsby; J Davison, jun., Darlington; R S Magee, Hetton-le-Hole; J M Barlow, Monkwearmouth; Potts and Blake, Blaydon Bank.

RABBITS.

J Towers, Esh Winning; A Rymer, Northallerton; T S Dawson, Cleckheaton; J Stoker, Crook; J W Tomlinson, Bishop Auckland; J Stephenson, Shildon; J and R King, Annfield Plain; G Vyrall, Cornsay Colliery; G Dowson, Tow Law; G Sanderson, Cornsay; J Smith, Crook; W T Geldard, Blackburn; W Christison; Curl and Carr, Crook; John Naisbitt, Crook; J Brown, Tow Low; T Cummins; Rd Cole, Crook; J J Dowson; T Bointon, Pickering; Miss D Tomlinson, Bishop Auckland; Oughtred & Hansell, West Hartlepool; J Simpson, Darlington; Gordon Christison.

CAVIES.

Frankland and Hawe, Shildon; W E Alcock; J T Irving, Cornsay; W J Key; Thos Brunskill, Rumby Hill.

BUTTER, &c.

Miss Jackson, Wolsingham; Mrs Ridley, Tow Law; Mrs E Young, Tow Law; Mrs Burton, Stockton; Mrs Clark, Darlington; Mrs Milner, Castleside; Mrs Dent, Burnhill.

HORTICULTURE.

OPEN CLASS.

T Beesley, J Kirtley, R Jones, J Allison, J R Welford, R Craggs, Heseltine, J W Laverick, W French, R Moor, G Hindmore, F Raine.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

J W Gardner, T Thompson, W Gleason, W Graham, T Dawson, W Heseltine, G Spedding, W Craggs, F W Raws, T Smith, W Bell, Mrs Bond, J Edmondson, T Readley, Walliker, T Armstrong, I Graham, T Dowson, R Craggs, W R Moses, C Moor, J Moor, H Slater.

The chief awards for stove and greenhouse plants went to W Bell; 2, Trenery; 3, T Burrell; 4, Mrs Bond.

INDUSTRIAL.

Useful or ornamental household article in metal—1, Dixon, Wolsingham; 2, H Oliver, Darlington; 3, G Hildreth, Darlington.

Model church—1, J Tolmie, Spennymoor; 2, H Robinson, Danby Wiske; 3, J H Palliser, Howden.

Mechanical drawing—1, C Miles, Wolsingham; 2 and 3, T Lazensby, Darlington.

Stuffed birds or animals—1, R Lowe; 2, W Coates, Sedgefield; 3 and extra, W Rowe, Crook.

Artistic picture frame—1, T Stephenson, Shotley Bridge; 2, T Slack, Crawleyside; 3, W B Hindmoor.

Oil painting—1, C E Hodgson, Middlesbrough; 2, J Urwin; 3, Miss F Eddy, Durham.

Drawing, pen and ink—1, H Curchin, Middlesbrough; 2, Mrs Lawson, Darlington; 3, Mrs Curchin.

Crayon or pencil drawing—1, Curchin; 2, Hodgson; 3, A Teasdale.

Painting on china, &c—1, C E Hodgson; 2, Hanson; 3, Curchin.

Fretwork—1, G W Walker, Stockton; 2, R Duff, Bishop Auckland; 3, Pallister.

Cabinet, inlaid or overlaid work—1, T Stobart, Darlington; 2, Pallister; 3, E Peele and E H Hope.

Useful articles, unclassed—1, J Todd, Darlington; 2, D Logan; 3, R Wheatley.

Ornamental articles, unclassed—1, Pearson; 2, W Shaw, Wolsingham; 3, R Wheatley.

Brackets—1, Mrs Cummings; 2, W Etheridge, Cornsay; 3, T Slack.

Mounted horns, &c—1, E Harper, Howden; 2, R Wheatley; 3, W Hutchinson.

Carving, wood or stone—1, T Stephenson; 2, T Davison; 3, T Alsop.

LADY AMATEURS.

Quilted quilt—1, Miss E Simpson; 2, Miss M J Simpson; 3, Mrs Simpson.

Patched quilt—1, Mrs Dawson, Durham; 2, M Cooper; 3, R E Lawson.

Quilted skirt—1, Miss E Simpson; 2, Mrs Simpson; 3, Miss M J Simpson.

Knitted skirt—1, Miss E Simpson; 2, K Etherington, Blackhill; 3, M J Simpson.

Ivory work—1, Mrs Heron; 2, W Southern; 3, S A Heslop.

Crewel work, silk—1, Nimmo; 2, S A Heslop; 3, Lamas.

Crewel work, any other kind—1, Heron; 2, G Fleming; 3, S A Heslop.

Hearthrug—1, C Winter, Skelton; 2, S Watson, Middleton; 3, Pattinson, Tudhoe.

Fancy tablecover—1, Heron; 2, S A Heslop; 3, Addison.

Fancy apron—1, Healey, Middlesbrough; 2, Miss Emmerson, Hurworth.

Tea cosy—1, Miss Ogg, Crook; 2, S A Heslop; 3, Mrs Heron.

Worked slippers—1, Nimmo; 2, S A Heslop; 3, Miss Constance, Middlesbrough.

Pincushion—1, Heron; 2, Bland; 3, Eddy.

Child's dress—1, Beckwith, Middlesbrough; 2, Heelan, Middlesbrough; 3, A Graham.

Chair or sofa cushion—1, Slack; 2, Durno; 3, Pallister.

Woollen shirt—1, 2, and 3, Simpson.

Embroidered skirt—1, Simpson; 2, S A Heslop; 3, Emmerson.

Nightdress case and brush bag—1, Linton; 2, Robins, Middlesbrough; 3, S A Heslop.

Done-up collars and cuffs—1, Miss Rawes; 2, T E Dixon; 3, W Allison.

Toilet or table mats—1, W Etherington, Blackhill; 2, H Eastwood, Middlesbrough; 3, Bland.

Woolwork—1, J Rutter, Frosterley; 2, Laverick; 3, Miss Bland.

Hand painting—1, Etherington; 2, Eastwood; 3, J Dawson, Westgate.

Dressed doll—1, Lawson, Darlington; 2, Miss Sidney, Middlesbrough.

Articles unclassed—1, Miss Heron; 2, A M Laverick; 3, Emmerson.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Firsts went to George Hall, Willie Brewer, Tom Hall, G A Hall, Isabella Carr, Harry Ayton, W Irvine, Joseph Gray, George Hall, Esther Wilson, Lily Stephenson, Ada Sherwood, Nellie Dodd, Alice Wollitter.

KYO.

The Kyo Floral, Horticultural, and Industrial Society held its 26th annual show on Saturday, in a field situated centrally at the rear of the Crown and Cushion Inn, Catchgate, kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr George Hobson, of Harperley Mills. The weather was fine, though cold, but this circumstance did not at all interfere with the attendance of visitors, the exhibition being remarkably well patronised. The entries, numerically, were about the same as last year, and the exhibits may safely be classified as "excellent" throughout; the vegetables especially being a decided speciality. The pot plants made a very formidable display of both bloom and foliage; but the outdoor flowers seemed to have suffered from the constant variations of the climate. Fruit, too, was limited in quantity, although no fault could be found with the quality of the produce. A capital programme of music was contributed by the Tanfield Lea Silver Model Brass Band, led by Mr Forster. This band, although little heard of this season, seems on a fair way of regaining its former *prestige* and popularity. A few sports were brought off; and at the ball held in the marquee at night, Mr W Queens, of Catchgate, officiated as M.C. Mr Geo Bullerwell, assisted by Mr George Pace, ably attended to their duties as secretaries to the show. The chief interest, apart from the exhibition itself, was centred in the vocal contest, open to all choirs in the district; each to number not more than 30 voices, and select their own pieces. Mr Forster of Tanfield Lea, acted as adjudicator, and gave his award as under:—1st, £5, Burnopfield Primitive Methodist Choir—leader, Mr Smailes, piece, "Comrades's song of hope"; 2nd, £3, Spennymoor Baptist—Mr Roberts, "The Lord's Prayer"; 3rd, £1, Dipton Primitive Methodist—Mr Herdman, "Who are those appearing in white robes?"

Subjoined are the judges in the other departments:—Flowers, fruit, and vegetables, Mr A Trotter, Blackhill; Mr J Battensoy, Hagg Hill; and Mr Watt, Harperley Hall. Ladies' classes, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Oxley, both of Catchgate; farmers class, Mr George Hobson, Harperley Mills, and Mr J Lumley, Annfield Plain; school work, Messrs Sterling, Annfield Plain; Mackay, Greencroft; and Telford, Hare Law.

FULL LIST OF AWARDS.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, dissimilar, in bloom—1, J Scott; 2, R Kirsopp, Pontop Pike; 3, J Burton, Kyo.

Pot of liliums—1, R Kirsopp; 2, W Porter, Carr Myers.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, J Little; 2, J Burton; 3, R Kirsopp.

Two petunias, dissimilar—1, Kirsopp; 2, J Scott.

Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, J Scott; 2, J Burton.

Two tricolour geraniums, dissimilar—1, J Burton.

Two balsams—1, J Newall

Two foliage plants—1, J Burton; 2, J Little.

Lilium auratum—1, J Little.

Three ferns, dissimilar—1, J Burton.

Two begonias, dissimilar—1, R Kirsopp; 2, R Johnson.

Four stands of herbaceous plants, each one variety—1, R Kirsopp; 2, J Robinson; 3, J Summerbell.

Six dahlias, four dissimilar—1, J Summerbell.

Six blooms of roses—1, R Kirsopp.

Six French asters, four dissimilar—1, R Kirsopp; 2, J Ward, Dipton.

Six globe asters, four dissimilar—1, J Ward; 2, J Summerbell.

Six African marigolds—1, W Armstrong; 2, J Ward.

Six French marigolds—1, T Bowes, Annfield Plain; 2, J Ward.

Twelve show pansies, six dissimilar—1, J Ward.

Twelve fancy pansies, six dissimilar—1, J Ward; 2, R Kirsopp.

Six carnations, three dissimilar—1, J Summerbell.

Six picotees, three dissimilar—1, J Summerbell.

Four stands of cut flowers—1, (dress piece, given by Mr Robt Carmichael), J Robinson; 2, J Scott; 3, R Kirsopp.

Four stocks, dissimilar—1, J Little; 2, J Burton.

FRUIT.

Bunch of grapes—No award.

Basket of fruit—1, J Summerbell.

Six pears, flavoured—No award.

Six kitchen apples—No award.

Six dessert apples—No award.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1, J Summerbell; 2, Jas Little.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1 and 2, J Summerbell.

Pint of white currants—No award.

Pint of red currants—1, J Brewis, Tanfield Lea; 2, J Summerbell.

Pint of black currants—1, J Summerbell.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, white—1, J Robinson, Dipton; 2, J Ward.

Six ditto, coloured—1, J Summerbell; 2, John Ward.

Six round potatoes, white—1, J Robinson; 2, J Summerbell.

Six ditto, coloured—1, J Robinson; 2, J Scott.

Two cucumbers—1, Thomas Bowes, Annfield Plain.

Three turnips—1, J Robinson; 2, J Summerbell; 3, J Lawson.

Six onions, shown as grown—1, J Ward; 2, J Brewis.

Three leeks—1, J Brewis; 2, J Lawson; 3, J Newall.

Three carrots—1, J Scott; 2, G Pace, Harperley Hall Farm; 3, J Wilson.

Three parsnips—1, J Summerbell; 2, R Kirsopp; 3, J Newall.

Three roots of beet—1 (given by Mrs Dodd, Annfield Plain), J Robinson; 2, J Summerbell; 3, R Robson.

Two plants of celery—1, J Ward; 2, R Robson; 3, J Wilson.

Early cabbage—1, G Pace; 2, G Pace.

Red cabbage—1 (given by Mr W Taylor, Newcastle), J Scott; 2, (ditto), J Wilson.

Savoy cabbage—1, Joseph Robinson; 2, J Summerbell.

Cauliflower—1 (given by Mr J Lumley, Annfield Plain), J Little; 2, J Lawson.

12 pods of beans—1, J Ward; 2, J Little.

12 pods of peas—1, R Kirsopp; 2, J Ward.

12 eschallots—1, J Ward; 2, E Vipond.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, F Thompson, Annfield Plain; 2, Geo Bullerwell, Kyo.

Collection of vegetables, six varieties, not named—1 (brass kettle, given by Mr A Brown, Annfield Plain), J Robinson; 2 (leg of mutton, given by Mr J Robinson), J Scott; 3 (dozen teaspoons given by Messrs Moffatt Bros, Newcastle), J Little; 4 (5s given by Mr J Irwin), M Bates, Kyo; 5 (2s 6d given by Mr J Lumley), R Kirsopp.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Six ears of white wheat—1, G Garraway; 2, W Wilson.

Six ears of red wheat—No award.

Six ears of Barley—1, J Jameson, Bushblades; 2, G Garraway.

Six ears of early oats short—1, W Wilson; 2, G Garraway.

Six ears of tartar oats—1, J Jamieson; 2, G Garraway.

Three swede turnips—1, E Maddison, Catchgate; 2, J Jamieson.

Three yellow turnips—1, W Wilson; 2, E Maddison.

Three white turnips—1, W Wilson; 2, J Jamieson.

Six red potatoes—1, W Wilson; 2, J Jamieson.

Six white potatoes—1, J Lumley; 2, J Murray.

Six hen eggs—1, Geo Pace; 2, W McKay.

Pound of butter salted—1 (teapot given by Mrs Hobson, Harperley Mill), A Wilson; 2, (5s given by Mrs Irwin, Oxhill), J Jamieson; 3, Mrs Turnbull.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

(Given by Mr Geo Hobson, Harperley Mills.)

Three purple turnips swedes—1, J Jamieson, Pea Farm; 2, J Lumley.

Three green top swedes—1, W Wilson.

Three green top yellows—1, J Jamieson; 2, W Wilson, Maiden Law.

Three white, green, or greystone—1, W Wilson; 2, J Lumley.

White loaf—1, J Murray; 2, Mrs E Bullerwell; 3, Mrs R Jackson.

Brown loaf—1, J. Murray; 2, W Stoker; 3, Jos Irwin.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom—1, J Burton; 2, J Scott; 3, R Kirsopp.

Two fuchsias dissimilar—1, Kirsopp; 2, Burton.

Light fuchsia—1, Kirsopp; 2, Burton.

Dark fuchsia—1, Lawson; 2, Burton.

Three cut roses—1, Kirsopp; 2, Summerbell.

Pot of liliums—1, Kirsopp.

Lilium auratum—No award.

Zonale geranium, in pot, single—1, Scott; 2, Burton.

Tricolour geranium—1, Burton.

Double geranium—1, Scott; 2, Kirsopp.

Balsam—1, Newall.

Window plant—1. (5s given by Mr R Ramsay) G Pace; 2 (2s 6d ditto), J Irwin; 3, T Burton.

Four stands of hardy annuals, each one variety—1, Robinson; 2, Summerbell; 3, Burton.

Three plants of antirrhinums, shown as grown, dissimilar—1, Newall; 2, Burton.

Three dahlias dissimilar—1, R Kirsopp; 2, J Summerbell.

Three gladioli dissimilar—No award.

Six French asters, three dissimilar—1, R Kirsopp; 2, Ward.

Six globe asters, three dissimilar—1, Summerbell; 2, Ward.

Six French marigolds—1, T Bowes; 2, Newall.

Six African marigolds—1, W Armstrong.

Four stocks dissimilar—Newall; 2, Burton.

Three spikes of phloxes dissimilar—1, Ward.

Six show pansies dissimilar—1, Ward; 2, W Armstrong.

Six fancy pansies dissimilar—1, R Kirsopp; 2, J Ward.

Six picotees, three dissimilar—1, Summerbell; 2, Burton.

Six Carnations, three dissimilar—1, Summerbell.

FRUIT.

Six pears, flavoured—No award.

Six kitchen apples—No award.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1, Summerbell.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1, W Armstrong.

Pint of white currants—1, W Armstrong.

Pint of red currants—1, J Summerbell.

Pint of black currants—1, J Summerbell.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, white—1, J Robinson; 2, J Ward.

Six kidney potatoes, coloured—1, J Ward; 2, R Kirsopp.

Six round potatoes, white—1, J Robinson; 2, J Scott.

Six round potatoes, coloured—1, J Scott; 2, J Robinson.

Two cucumbers—No awards.

Three early turnips—1, J Ward; 2, J Robinson; 3, J Scott.

Six onions, shown as grown—1, J Ward; 2, J Brewis.

Three leeks (prizes given by Messrs Kirsopp, Henderson, and Bullerwell)—1, J Wilson; 2, J Brewis; 3, M Bates; 4, Geo Pace.

Three carrots—1, J Scott; 2, J Wilson; 3, G Pace.

Three parsnips—1, J Summerbell; 2, R Robson; 3, R Johnson.

Three roots of beet—1, J Summerbell; 2, J Lawson; 3, J Robinson.

Two heads of celery—1, J Ward; 2, J Wilson; 3, J Carrick.

Early cabbage—1, J Scott; 2, W Stoker.

Red cabbage—1 (bottle of rum, given by Mr J Dodd), J Robinson; 2, J Scott.

Scotch cabbage—No awards.

Savoy cabbage—1, J Lawson; 2, E Vipond.

Cauliflower (prizes given by Mrs J Dodd)—1, T Burton; 2, M Bates.

Twelve pods of beans—1, W Armstrong; 2, J Ward.

Twelve pods of peas—1, J Robinson; 2, R Kirsopp.

Twelve eschalots—1, J Ward; 2, J Robinson.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1 (given by Mr Jos Lumley), M Bates; 2, J Brewis.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties, not named—1 (pair of blankets, given by Mr Heslop), J Scott; 2 (clock, given by Mr W Carmichael), J Summerbell; 3 (garden seeds, given by Mr Charlton), M Bates; 4 (7lbs beef, given by Mr Parker), R Kirsopp; 5 (2s 6d, given by Mr Lumley), J Ward.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

(Open to amateurs and cottagers.)

Group of flowers, space 5ft by 4ft—1, J Burton.

Cauliflower (prizes given by Mr J Guthrie)—1, J Wilson; 2, J Little.

(Cottagers' class.)

Early cabbage and two heads of celery (prizes given by Mr Richardson)—1, J Wilson; 2, M Bates.

Two cauliflowers and two heads of celery—1 (bottle of whiskey, given by Mr Lumley), M Bates.

Bouquet of flowers (prizes given by Messrs Lumley and Cuthbert)—1, R Johnson; 2, J Scott; 3, J Robinson.

Three roots of beet (prizes given by Mr Geo R Hobson, Catchgate)—1, J Robinson; 2, J Ward.

Collection of vegetables, five varieties, one of each kind—1 (spade, given by Mr Thompson), T Burton; 2, J Lawson; 3, W Stoker; 4, T Bowes.

FARMERS' CLASS (NO. 2.)

Three swedes, three yellow turnips, and six potatoes—1 (prize given by Mr Jos Henderson), W Wilson; 2, J Jameson, Pea Farm.

Three yellow turnips—1 (bottle of rum, given by Mr Miles Handy), W Wilson.

White loaf—1 (5s, given by Mrs M Coates), Mrs G Hobson; 2, J Lawson; 3, C Bullerwell.

Brown loaf—1 (5s, given by Mrs Coates, Miss A Coates; 2, J Lawson; 3, W Stoker.

Six heaviest hen eggs—1 (bottle of rum, given by Mr Lumley), J Scott; 2, J Jameson.

HEARTHRUG COMPETITION.

(Prizes given by Mrs Swallow.)

1, J Summerbell; 2 and 3, Margt Crawford.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

WRITING.

Standard II.—Eight lines prose—1, J Fairclough, Hare Law Board; 2, J Johnson, Hare Law; 3, A Welford, Hare Law.

Standard III.—Eight lines prose—1, J Armstrong, Hare Law Board; 2, C Green, Hare Law; 3, R Wilmot, Hare Law.

Standard IV.—10 lines prose—1, E Gladders, Annfield Plain Board; 2, E Kellett, Annfield Plain; 3, R Fairlamb, Hare Law.

Standard V.—10 lines prose—1, M Bulman, Catchgate Board; 2, M Telford, Hare Law; 3, J Fenwick, Hare Law.

Standards VI. and VII.—10 lines prose—1, T Bowes, Catchgate Board; 2, M Healey, Brooms R.C. School; 3, L Guthrie, Annfield Plain, and J Kirsopp, Catchgate Board, equal.

MAPS.

Standard V.—Map of England, not coloured—1, J Fenwick, Hare Law; 2, G Ferguson, Hare Law; 3, S Hendry, Hare Law.

Standards VI. and VII.—Map of India, coloured—1, T Cumberledge, Hare Law; 2, W McKay, Catchgate Board; 3, J Kirsopp.

FREEHAND DRAWING.

Aged eight to ten years—1, J Swinburn, Annfield Plain; 2, M Gray, Annfield Plain; 3, N Maltby, Hare Law.

Aged 10 to 12 years—1, A Morson; 2, E Kellett; 3, T Swinburn, Annfield Plain.

Aged over 12 years—1, J Kellett, Annfield Plain; 2, W Brown, Annfield Plain; 3, L Guthrie and L Dobinson, Annfield Plain.

KNITTING.

(Prizes given by Mrs Hobson, Catchgate.)

No awards.

MEDOMSLEY.

The annual show of the Medomsley Floral and Horticultural Society took place at Medomsley on Saturday, in the Kitchen Field, in close proximity to the Vicarage, granted for the occasion by Mr J Hunter, farmer, The Grange. This is one of the most popular shows in the district, and this fact, coupled with the fine weather, drew an immense number of people to the showground. During the afternoon the Westwood Brass Band discoursed a capital programme of music, which greatly enlivened the proceedings.

The number of exhibits for this show was exceedingly large, and the display was a most excellent one. In fact it was the best all-round exhibition that has taken place this season. There was a capital show of greenhouse and foliage plants, whilst the fuchsias were fine specimens of their class. There was also a splendid display of liliums and miscellaneous plants in bloom. The red ticket for the basket of cut flowers was secured by Mr R Charlton, of the Benfieldside Nurseries, whose exhibit was the stamp of exquisite taste, and deft manipulation. So far as regards the quality of the fruits and vegetables, they were pronounced the best that have ever been seen under the auspices of the society. There was a strong competition for premier honours for the vegetables, especially so with respect to the collection. The first prize was won by Mr E Ward, of Mickley, and was closely followed by Mr R Charlton with second prize. A considerable amount of interest was centred in the class for butter, bread, &c., and the display was a most excellent one. The first prize for white bread was won by Miss Bell, Medomsley, whilst the second and third prizes were awarded to Miss Charlton and Mrs Scott respectively. For the design of fancy butter Mrs Oswell, Newlands, took first prize and also secured second for the plain butter. In connection with the farmers class, Mr W J Oswell, Newlands, took the red ticket quite easily for the basket of farmers' produce, whilst J Hunter, The Grange, Medomsley, received the second prize.

Throughout the various classes open to cottagers there was a capital show.

The judges were as follows:—

Plants, flowers, vegetables, &c.—Messrs Bolam, Axwell Park; Stoddart, Greencroft Park, Lanchester.

Butter, Bread, &c.—Mrs Calvert, Leadgate, and Mrs J Hunter, The Grange, Medomsley.

During the afternoon a programme of sports was brought off. The result of the same will be found in our sporting column. The arrangements for the day's proceedings were most satisfactorily carried out by an energetic committee; and the secretarial duties were ably and admirably discharged by Messrs W E and R Charlton. The refreshments, which were supplied to the committee by Mr J. Calvert, Medomsley, gave very satisfaction. A successful ball was held in the evening. Appended is a full

PRIZE LIST.

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, dissimilar—1, E Ward; 2, M Redshaw; 3, R Charlton.

Two fine foliage plants—1, P Doig; 2, R Charlton; 3, H Marley.

Two petunias, dissimilar—1, G H Brown; 2, M Redshaw.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, G H Brown.

Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, G H Brown.

Two coleus—1, R Charlton.

One tuberous-rooted begonia—1, M Redshaw; 2, R Charlton.

Best lilium auratum—1, M Redshaw; 2, T Snowdon.

One pot of liliums—1, M Redshaw; 2, Jacob Walton.

Two balsams, dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, G H Brown.

Three miscellaneous plants in bloom—1, M Redshaw; 2, G H Brown.

Four bottles of cut flowers in bottles—1, M Redshaw; 2, R Charlton.

Four gladioli, dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, R Bell; 3, M McCabe.

Four herbaceous flowers in bottles—1, G H Brown; 2, M Redshaw; 3, R Charlton.

Three phloxes, dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, M Charlton.

Six dahlias, dissimilar—1, M McCabe; 2, R Charlton.

Six cut roses, three dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, R Charlton; 3, R Bell.

Four trusses of geraniums in bloom, dissimilar—1, and 2, R Charlton; 3, G E Milburn.

Six French asters, dissimilar—1, E Ward; 2, M Redshaw; 3, E Ward.

Six globe asters, dissimilar—1, M Redshaw; 2, G E Milburn.

Six French marigolds—1, M Redshaw; 2, Jacob Walton.

Six African marigolds—1, R Bell; 2, R Charlton.

Six pots of table decorations, pots not to exceed six inches—1, P Doig; 2, E Ward.

Basket of cut flowers, not to exceed 14 inches—1 and 2, R Charlton; 3, M Redshaw.

FRUITS.

Six pears, flavoured—1, M Redshaw; 2, E Ward.

Six kitchen apples—1, R Charlton; 2, M Redshaw.

Six dessert apples—No award.

Pint of black currants—No award.

Pint of red currants—1, T Snowdon; 2, M Redshaw.

Pint of white currants—1, W E Charlton; 2, R Charlton.

Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, W E Charlton; 2, M McCabe.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1, G Moyle; 2, W Milburn.

VEGETABLES.

Two cucumbers—1, R Charlton; 2, Jacob Walton; 3, G E Milburn.

Six kidney potatoes—1, E Ward; 2, R Charlton.

Six round potatoes—1, M Redshaw; 2, E Ward.

Three turnips—1, M Redshaw; 2, G Dixon.

Six onions—1, E Ward; 2, M Redshaw.

Three leeks—1, R Charlton; 2, R Bell; 3, J Soulsby.

Three parsnips—1, H Stewart; 2, M Redshaw.

Three carrots—1, R Charlton; 2, J Soulsby.

Three roots of beet—1, S Rudd; 2, H Stewart.

Two heads of celery—1, G Dixon; 2, H Stewart.

Twelve pods of beans—1, R Bell; 2, E Ward.

Twelve pods of peas—1, J Soulsby; 2, M Redshaw.

Two cauliflowers—1, M Redshaw; 2, R Charlton; 3, S Rudd.

Two early cabbages—1, M Redshaw; 2, S Rudd.

Two red cabbages—1, G Dixon; 2, R Charlton.

Best collection of vegetables—1, E Ward; 2, R Charlton; 3, J Soulsby.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, dissimilar—1, H Marley; 2, T Snowdon.

Two fine foliage plants—1, H Marley.

Dark fuchsia—1, H Marley; 2, T Snowdon.

Light fuchsia—1, T Snowdon; 2, H Marley.

Zonale geranium—1, T Snowdon; 2, H Marley.

Double geranium—1, H Marley.

Coleus—1, J Surtees.

Two British ferns—1, H Marley.

Petunia—1, T Snowdon; 2, H Marley.

Four dahlias, dissimilar—1, M Armstrong; 2, R Bell; 3, J Walton.

Six cut roses, three dissimilar—1, J Walton; 2, M Armstrong; 3, G E Milburn.

Six French asters—1, M Charlton; 2, G E Milburn.

Six globe asters—1, M Charlton; 2, J Surtees.

Six French marigolds—1, T J Johnson; 2, J Surtees.

Six African marigolds—1, R Bell; 2, M McCabe.

Twelve pansies in water, six dissimilar—1, J Surtees; 2, R Bell.

Three bottles of cut flowers—1, H Marley; 2, M McCabe.

Three spikes of phloxes, dissimilar—1, J Walton; 2, G E Milburn.

Window plant—1, N Charlton; 2, R Scott.

FRUIT.

Six kitchen apples—1, W E Charlton.

Pint of black currants—1 and 2, W E Charlton.

Pint of red currants—1, T Snowdon; 2, W E Charlton.

Pint of white currants—1, W E Charlton.

Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, W E Charlton; 2, G E Milburn.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1, G Dixon; 2, T Snowdon.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1, J Nichol; 2, S Rudd; 2, T Snowdon.

Six round potatoes—1, T Snowdon; 2, N Charlton; 3, W Milburn.

Three early turnips—1, R Scott; 2, J Surtees; J Johnson.

Six onions, shown as grown—1, J Walton; 2, T Snowdon; 3, S Rudd.

Three leeks—1, W Milburn; 2, J Walton; 3, H Stewart.

Three carrots—1, G E Milburn; 2, S Rudd; 3, R Scott.

Three parsnips—1, H Stewart; 2, J Walton; 3, S Rudd.

Three roots of beet—1, S Rudd; 2, G Dixon; 3, G E Milburn.

Two heads of celery—1, G Dixon; 2, W Milburn; 3, R Bell.

Twelve pods of peas—1, J Surtees; 2, J Smith; 3, T Snowdon.

Twelve pods of beans—1, R Bell; 2, J Surtees; 3, J Nichol.

Cauliflower—1, S Rudd; 2, R Scott; 3, J Walton.

Two early cabbage—1, G Moyle.

Red cabbage—1, H Stewart; 2, W Milburn; 3, J Walton.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, N Charlton; 2, J Charlton; 3, W E Charlton.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Basket of farmers' produce—1, W J Oswell; 2, J Hunter; 3, G Bell; 4, T Walker.

Six hen eggs—1, Miss Simpson; 2, Miss Bell; 3, T J Johnson.

1lb of butter without salt—1, Mrs A Fewster; 2, Mrs Oswell; 3, Mrs G E Milburn.

Design of fancy butter—1, Mrs Oswell; 2, Mrs G E Milburn; 3, Mrs T Walker.

EXTRA PRIZES.

(Cottagers only.)

Cauliflower—1, poss-stick (given by Mr J Wardle)—1, S Rudd.

Collection of vegetables—1, a trouser piece (given by Mr E Riddle, Hexham), W Milburn.

Collection of vegetables—1, gentleman's umbrella (given by Mr T Ridley, Medomsley), G Dixon.

(Open class.)

(Special prize offered by Messrs W Fell and Co., Hexham.)

Twelve pods of peas (Lord Armstrong)—1, W Milburn.

(Special prize offered by Mr W J Watson, Newcastle)

Twelve pansies in water—1, R Charlton.

(Special prizes offered by Messrs Biddles and Co., Loughbro'.)

Four varieties of vegetables—1, R Scott; 2, J Leech.

(Open to persons residing in Medomsley parish.)

Loaf of plain white bread—1, Miss Bell; 2, Miss Charlton; 3, Mrs Scott.

Loaf of brown bread—1, Mrs A Fewster; 2, Mrs N Charlton; 3, Mrs Stewart.

BEAMISH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The 20th annual exhibition of flowers, vegetables, etc, was held in a field over-looking Beamish Park, kindly granted by Mr Clark, the agent, and [the customer, Mrs English. Owing to several attractions in the neighbourhood the attendance was small. The judges were Mr Fish, Mr Handcock, and Mr Cawthorn. A cricket match was played between Beamish and Blackhall Mill which resulted in favour of the home team. Appended are

THE AWARDS.

CONFINED.

Collection of vegetables—1, J Salvage; 2, A Thompson; 3, E Nicholson; 4, Thomas Hall; 5, A Jacques; 6, M Laybourne; 7, Thomas Scott; 8, W Urwin; 9, G Bennett; 10, R J English; 11, T Kay; 12, R Bell; 13, W Blake; 14, C Blake; 15, Dawson Storey; 16, P Allen; 17, T Henderson; 18, W Hewison; 19, W Cockburn; 20, J Curry; 21, H Dodds; 22, T Young; 23, J Young; 24, R Dodds; 25, G Wilkinson; 26, E Cruddas; 27, J Handy; 28, G Gowland; 29 G Maughan; 30, J Rodham; 31, G Barbie; 32, D Welsh; 33, J Gowland.

Leek—1, G Bennett; 2, W Cockburn.

Two carrots—1, A Jacques; 2, R Dodds.

Two parsnips—1, A Jacques; 2, G Bennett.

Two beet—1, J Salvage; 2, A Thompson.

Cauliflower—1, A Thompson; 2, A Jacques.

Red cabbage—1, J Salvage; 2, M Laybourne.

Spring cabbage—1, A Jacques; 2, W Blake.

Savoy cabbage—1, E Cruddas; 2, G Wilkinson.

Six onions (any class)—1 D Storey; 2, G Golding.

Six white kidney potatoes—1, G Bennett; 2, H Dodds.

Six red kidney potatoes—1, W Urwin; 2, E Cruddas.

Six white round potatoes—1, G Bennett; 2, H Dodds.

Six red round potatoes—1, G Bennett; 2, E Cruddas.

Two heads of celery—1, G Bennett; 2, R Bell.

Two turnips—1, W Urwin; 2, W Cockburn.

Six eschalots—1, H Dodds; 2, E Blake.

Six pods of beans—1, R Bell; 2, T Scott.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J Gowland; 2, C Blake.

Three dahlias—1, W Hewison.

Three stocks—1, M Laybourne; 2, A Thompson.

Three pansies—1, J Curry; 2, W Urwin.

Three French marigolds—1, W Urwin; 2, E Nicholson.

Three African marigolds—1, A Jacques; 2, J Curry.

Three asters, quilled—1, W Cockburn; 2, E Nicholson.

Six asters, feathered—1, W Cockburn; 2, G Wilkinson.

Three picotees—1, W Cockburn; 2, E Nicholson.

Three carnations—1, W Coeburn.

Three antrians—1, Thomas Scott; 2, G Wilkinson.

Pot plant—1, E Nicholson; 2, J Curry.

OPEN CLASS.

Fuschia—1, J Curry; 2, E Nicholson.

Geranium—1, W Cockburn; 2, J Curry.

Coulies—1, M Summers; 2, E Nicholson.

Petunia—1, E Nicholson; 2, G Wilkinson.

Geranium (tricolour)—1, M Summers

Balsam—1, J Wilkinson; 2, T Scott

Coxcomb—1, E Nicholson; 2, G Wilkinson

Begonia—1, M Summers; 2, J Curry

Three dahlias (dissimilar)—1, W Cockburn; 2, T Scott

Three spikes gladioli (dissimilar)—1, T Scott

Three cut roses—1, E Nicholson; 2, W Hewison

Three stocks—1, G Bennett; 2, E Nicholson

Three pansies—1, J Riddle; 2, G Bennett

Three French marigolds—1, W Cockburn

Three African marigolds—1, E Nicholson; 2, W Cockburn

Three asters, feathered—1, W Cockburn; 2, J Curry

Three asters, quilled—1, W Cocburn; 2, M Summers

Three picotees, dissimilar—1, W Cockburn; 2, J Curry

Three carnations, dissimilar—1, W Cockburn; 2, G Bennett

Hand bouquet—1, T Scott; 2, E Nicholson

Buttonhole—1, J Riddle; 2, G Bennett

Three leeks—1, T Scott; 2, E Nicholson

Two carrots—1, T Scott; 2, G Wilkinson

Two parsnips—1, W Cockburn; 2, G Bennett

Two heads of beet—1, G Bennett; 2, M Summers

Cauliflower—1, M Summers; 2, T Hall

Red cabbage—1, G Bennett; 2, W Hewison

Spring cabbage—1, G Bennett; 2, M Summers

Savoy cabbage—1, M Summers; 2, T Hall

Six onions—1, G Bennett; 2, M Summers

Six white kidney potatoes—1, M Summers, 2, J Curry

Six red kidney potatoes—1, M Summers; 2, J Curry

Six white round potatoes—1, G Bennett; 2, J Riddle

Six red round potatoes—1, W Hewison; 3, G Bennett

Two heads of celery—1, T Scott; 2, M Summers

Two turnips—1, E Nicholson; 2, J Curry

Six eschalots—1, E Nicholson; 2, G Bennett

Six pods of beans—1, E Nicholson; 2, M Summers

Six pods of peas—1, T Hall; 2, J Riddle

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, W Cockburn; 2, T Hall

Best model or design—1, T Young (fender); 2, J Smith (kitchen range); 3, R Dodds (clock)

BLANCHLAND.

The Blanchland Floral and Horticultural Society held their 52nd annual exhibition of flowers, fruit, vegetables, &c., on Saturday last, on a picturesque site near the Derwent, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr R G Scudamore, Commercial Hotel, Blanchland. The weather being favourable, the attendance of visitors was consequently the largest on record. The show of flowers and fruit was quite up to the average, especially the former, but the vegetables were short of last year, no doubt owing to the peculiarity of the season. The Consett Iron Company's Prize Brass Band (leader, Mr Lamb) performed a choice selection of music, which was highly appreciated. A cricket match was played between Leadgate and a scratch team from Blackhill (captain, Mr R Walton), which was easily won by the former. The display of butter (22 stands) was unanimously pronounced to be the best ever seen at a local show. The usual ball was held in the evening, and was numerously attended. The duty of M.C. was ably fulfilled by Mr Maughan, Minsteracres. The judges were:—

Flowers, &c.—Mr W Anderson, gardener to Coun. Annandale, Shotley Bridge; Mr T Clarke, gardener to Mr F Priestman, Shotley Bridge.

Butter—Mr T Swallow, Slaley.

Appended is the

PRIZE LIST.

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Six dahlias, dissimilar—1, R Jewitt, Slaley; 2, T Swallow, Slaley; 3, J W Winter, Leadgate.

Three dahlias, dissimilar—1 and 2, R Jewitt.

Three dahlias (cactus)—1, T Swallow; 2, George Roland, Roughside.

Six phloxes—1, H Surtees, Edmundbyers; 2, R Jewitt.

Four stands cut flowers—1, R Jewitt; 2, J W Winter; 3, T Swallow.

Six pansies—1 and 2, John Hutchinson, Penny Pie.

Three picotees—1 and 2, R Jewitt.

Three carnations—1 and 2, R Jewitt.

Six French marigolds—1, W M Bell, Blanchland; 2, R Jewitt.

Six African marigolds—1, R Jewitt; 2, H Surtees.

Six English marigolds—1, T Swallow; 2, J W Winter.

Gladiolus—1, R Jewitt; 2, T Swallow; 3, H Surtees.

Six spikes snapdragon—1 and 2, H Surtees.

Six stocks—1, H Surtees; 2, E Oliver, Blanchland; 3, H Surtees.

Six French asters—1, J W Winter; 2, H Surtees.

Six globe asters—1, J W Winter.

Twelve trusses verbenas—1, Geo Ridley, Slaley; 2, R Jewitt.

Four trusses zonale geraniums—1 and 2, R Jewitt.

Six penstemons—1, T Swallow; 2, R Jewitt.

Three ferns—1, E Oliver.

Two button holes—1 and 2, J W Winter.

Basket cut flowers—1, Geo Ridley; Miss E Shell, Sanderson.

Garland—1, J Hutchinson; 2, E Oliver; 3, Jabez Oliver, Blanchland.

Four pot plants in bloom—1, Geo. Roland; 2, J Hutchinson; 3, Jabez Oliver.

Hand bouquet—1 and 2, J W Winter; 3, Geo Ridley; 4, Jabez Oliver.

Six roses—1 and 2, R Jewitt; 3, T Swallow.

Floral device—1, W Dodd, Slaley; 2, Geo Ridley.

FRUITS.

Six cooking apples—1 and 2 D Hall, Allansford.

Six dessert apples—1, D Hall.

Pint flavoured gooseberries—1, J Hutchinson; 2, J Stephenson, Newbiggin.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1, H Surtees; 2, R Jewitt.

Pint black currants—1 and 2, H Surtees.

Pint red currants—1, T Swallow; 2, Geo Ridley.

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Pint raspberries—1 and 2, J Hutchinson.

Pint strawberries—1 and 2, Geo Ridley.

Basket of fruit—1, Geo Ridley.

Collection of wild fruit—1 and 2, Geo Ridley.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1 and 2, R Jewitt; 3, Wm Dodd.

Six round potatoes—1, R Jewitt; 2, Wm Dodd; 3, T Swallow.

Six red kidney potatoes—1, T Swallow; 2, David Hall; 3, E Oliver.

Six round red potatoes—1, R Jewitt; 3, W Dodd; 3, D Hall.

Six spring sown onions—1 and 2, Samuel Oliver, Riding Mill.

Six winter onions—1 and 2, R Jewitt; 3, W Dodd.

Three leeks—1, S Oliver; 2, Wm Dodd; 3, J W Winter.

Three carrots—1, T Swallow; 2 and 3, H Surtees.

Three parsnips—1 and 2, D Hall; 3, J W Winter.

Three table parsnips—1, T Swallow; 2, R Jewitt; 3, E Oliver.

Cauliflower—1, G Roland; 2, R Jewitt.

Early cabbage—1, W Dodd; 2, J Hutchinson.

Pint of peas in pod—1, H Carr, [illegible]; 2, W Dodd; 3, R Jewitt.

Twelve pods of beans—1, G Roland; 2, W M Bell; 3, D Hall.

Two cucumbers—1 and 2, D Hall.

Three roots of beet—1, D Hall; 2, E Oliver; 3, H Surtees.

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Pelargonium—1, J Brown; 2, J Hutchinson.

Zonale geranium—1, J Hutchinson; 2, J Oliver.

Begonia—1, G Roland; 2, J Hutchinson.

WINDOW PLANTS.

Begonia—1, J Robson.

Dark fuchsia—1, J Robson.

Balsam—1 and 2, W M Bell.

Geranium—1, J Brown; 2, W Waggott, Garden House.

Three window plants in bloom—1 and 3, W M Bell; 2, J Brown.

VEGETABLES.

Six white kidney potatoes—1, J Hutchinson; 2 and 3, E Oliver.

Six white round potatoes—1 and 2, J Hutchinson; 3, E Oliver.

Three parsnips—1, W Waggott; 2, W M Bell.

Cauliflower—1, G Roland; 2, H Surtees.

Three carrots—1, J Hutchinson; 2, H Surtees.

Six summer onions—1 and 2, W M Bell; 3, J Hutchinson.

Six winter onions—1 and 2, H Surtees.

Pint of peas in pod—1, H Carr; 2, J Hutchinson; 3, W M Bell.

Six pods of beans—1, J Stephenson; 2 and 3, W Waggott.

Three leeks—1 and 3, J Hutchinson; 2, E Oliver.

Early cabbage—1, H Surtees; 2, E Oliver.

Three table parsnips—1 and 3, E Oliver; 2, W M Bell.

Single turnips, heaviest—1, W M Bell; 2, E Oliver.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J Stephenson; 2, E Oliver.

Three roots of beet—1 and 3, E Oliver; 2, J Brown.

Three bunches of eschalots—1 and 2, W M Bell.

Collection of vegetables—1, W M Bell; 2, J. Hutchinson.

Collection of fungus—1, E Oliver; 2, W Southern.

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1, dinner set (given by society), Miss Vipond; 2, tea pot (given by Mr Phipps, Hexham), Miss Lowdon, Whitelees; 3, flower-stand (given by Mr Moffatt, Hexham), Miss Bowman, Coppershields; 4, two knives (given by Mr Snowball, Hexham), Mrs Stobbs, Blackburn; 5, butter cooler (given by Mr Thompson, Newcastle), Mrs Weir, Crosshill.

TANTOBIE AND THE TELEGRAPH.

A well-attended meeting of inhabitants of Tantobie and district was held in the Co-operative Store on Tuesday night, to hear the reply of the Post-Office authorities to a request that telegraphic communication be established in the village. Mr. J. Harrison, president of the Co-operative Store, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings, referred to the disadvantage to which the people of Tantobie and district were subjected by not having a telegraphic service.—Mr Wm. Balmer, secretary, then read to the meeting the correspondence which had passed between himself and the authorities in respect to the matter, and when he announced that the latter had declined to accede to the petition of the inhabitants much indignation was manifested by those present. It was stated by the secretary that, in addition to several places of business, there were in the locality over 650 dwelling-houses with a population of about 3,500. Eventually four gentlemen were appointed as a deputation to wait upon Mr Stephenson, postmaster of Newcastle, and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the chairman and secretary.

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Honours—Miss M. Ruddy, Consett, 85 marks; Miss L Balleny, Consett, 82 marks; Miss Lizzie Burns, Blackhill, 70 marks; Miss F. Bell (pupil of Miss Stelling), 66 marks.

Examiner—Dr C. H. Briggs, Mus. Doc. (Cambridge University.

Theoretical Examination.

Junior Honours—Miss E. Potts, Crookhall, 96 Marks; Miss L. A. Sloane, Blackhill, 95 marks; Miss M. Lamb, Consett, 94 marks; Miss W. A. Balleny, Consett, 90 marks.

Junior Pass—Miss S. Jacks, Blackhill, 92 marks; Miss J. Armstrong, Blackhill, 90 marks.

Elementary Division.

Miss L. Burns, Blackhill, 82 marks; Master R. Wardle, Ebchester, 80 marks; Miss R. Downs, Ebchester, 75 marks; Miss M. Ruddy, Consett, 70 mards; Miss Mary Egglestone, Benfieldside, 70 marks.

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ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th.

SPECIAL PRIZES for
Collie Dog or Bitch,
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Any Variety, Dog or Bitch, above 30lbs weight
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Rabbit, Dog, or Bitch; open to dogs and bitches which have not won more than Three First Prizes; Entrance, 2s. 6d. each.

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Comical Costume Bicycle Parade. 1st Prize, value 10s.; 2nd, value 5s.

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Entrance fee, 1s., to be made to Mr. J. THIRWELL, Front Street, Leadgate, by Saturday, September 1st.

Bowling at Wicket. Kicking at Goal.
Dribbling Contest Kite Flying.
Skipping for Girls.

The Leadgate Band will be in Attendance.

A Grand Ball in the Evening.

Applications for Prize Lists and for Stalls, Swings, Roundabouts, etc., to the Secretary,

J. W. WINTER,
Watling St., Leadgate.

All Entries close Saturday, Sept. 1st. 972o

Public Notices.

IVESTON

FLOWER SHOW AND SPORTS

Will be held on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1894,

When prizes will be offered for Shooting Competition, Quoit Handicap, Sack Race, Boys' Race, Bowling at Wicket, Kicking at Goal, etc.

For Roundabouts, Swings, etc., and Refreshment Stands apply to

M. LATHAM, Secretary,
Iveston, near Leadgate.

THE FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT 27OTH STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY will hold their 80TH APPROPRIATION in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, at 7-30 p.m., on the 17th of September, 1894. All Books to be clear September 11th, 1894. Also they offer £700 FOR SALE by Tender, Notice will be sent out shortly.—By order,

D. ORMDROD, Chairman.
J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

51p

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HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, ETC.

Special Classes for Driving, Leaping, etc.

Entries close, August 27th.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE MEMBERS of the above Society are respectfully informed that the Committee are prepared to SELL 28 FRONT BUILDING SITES facing the road leading from the Cement Houses to Stanley. Also, 13 BACK SITES immediately behind the sites just sold, facing the road leading from Annfield Plain to Lanchester. Price and full particulars can be had from the Secretary, Co-operative Store, Annfield Plain. WILLIAM PIGG, Secretary.

CONSETT RACES

CARRIBEES RACE COURSE, CONSETT

ON SATURDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1894.

FIVE EVENTS & FOOTRACE HANDICAP

Footrace Handicap.—Entries to be forwarded to Mr I. L. Thirlwell, Leadgate, or Mr G. Teasdale, Consett. All entries must be prepaid or not put on cards. Entries close Saturday, September 1st, 1894. Monday morning's post in time.

73p JOHN G. MURRAY, Secretary, Consett.

SOUTH MOOR

FLOWER SHOW & SPORTS

To be held

ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 22ND.

120 Yards Handicap, 1st, £4; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. Entrance 1s. Money with entrance to John Riddel, Handicapper.

Quois Handicap, 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s. Entrance 6d.

Senior Football Competition, 1st, 11 Silver Medals; 2nd, Champion Football. Four entries or no 2nd prize. Entrance 2s 6d.

Junior Competition, not to exceed 16 years, 1st, 10s; 2nd, 5s. Entrance 6d.

Entries close Monday, September 17th, for handicap to the Secretary. JOSEPH WILSON.

WOLSINGHAM AND WEAR VALLEY

AGRICULTURAL SHOW

WILL BE HELD]

ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1894.

ENTRIES CLOSE September 1st. Schedules apply R. E. STOBBS.

EXCURSIONS from Consett, Tow Law, Crook, &c.; Saltburn, Middlesbro', Thornaby, Darlington, &c., with bookings from the Hartlepools. 66p

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.

Morning, 10-30, } MR. W. FOSTER.
Evening, 6. } MR. T. CAREY.

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

Will take place at

Leadgate, September 5th; Stanley, Saturday, September 8th. Service at 3; Tea, 4-15; Reception Meeting, 6-45.

Preacher—Leadgate, REV. J. URWIN,
" Stanley, J. W. GREENWAY.

Proceeds on behalf of Circuit Funds.

SWALWELL

FLOWER SHOW AND SPORTS

AXWELL PARK, SEPT. 1st.

SMITH'S FAMOUS MILITARY BAND.

Footballing, 1st, Handbags, value 8s 6d; 2nd, Shin Guards.

Goal-Kicking, 1st, a splendid Gold Medal, value 25s; 2nd, Football Boots, valued 8s 6d.

Egg Picking, 1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s.

Bowling at Wickets, 1st, a Silver Medal, valued 7s 6d.

Skipping, Good Prizes.

Entries close day of Show.

102p J. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

BEER (OFF).

Notice of Intention to apply for Justices' Certificate.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Tanfield, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of the Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, JANE STOKOE, now residing at Front Street, East Stanley, in the Township of Tanfield, in the County of Durham, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the adjournment of the General Annual Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the 27th day of September next, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell by Retail, at a house situate at Front Street, East Stanley, aforesaid, BEER to be consumed off the premises, in pursuance of the Act 11th Geo. IV. and 1st Wm. IV., cap. 64, and Acts amending the same.

I am the owner of the premises in respect of which this application is made, Jane Stokoe, Front Street, East Stanley, and which premises were lately occupied by me.

Given under my hand this 29th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

68p JANE STOKOE.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, BLACKHILL.

ENLARGEMENT AND RENOVATION OF THE ABOVE CHAPEL AND SCHOOL-ROOM.

THE RE-OPENING SERVICES

Will take place on WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12th, 1894, when the Rev. A. T. KINNINGS, of Newcastle, will preach in the Chapel at 3 o'clock; after which there will be a PUBLIC TEA in the School room, tickets Ninepence each. In the Evening at 7 o'clock, a PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Chapel, to be addressed by the Rev. A. T. Kinnings, R. W. Butterworth, C. M. Greenway, J. Irwin, and A. E. Salmon. J. B. Bowes, Esq., of Newcastle, will preside. Selections of Music by Choir and Orchestral Band.

On Sunday, September 16th, Sermons will be preached, morning and evening, by Rev. A. E. Salmon; and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock there will a MUSICAL SERVICE, consisting of Solos by Miss Taylor, of Newcastle (Soprano), and Mr Dalrymple, of Newcastle (Bass); Mr J. W. Gradon, of Newcastle, (Organist for the day) will give Organ Recitals Anthems by the Choir and Band.

On Sunday, September 23rd, the Rev. J. Irwin will preach morning and evening; also on Sunday, September 30th, Mr J. H. Walker, of Darlington, will preach morning and evening. Collections will be made at each of the above services in aid of Building Fund. 65p

Public Notices.

JAS. NIXON, COACH PAINTER. Carriages and Bicycles painted and enamelled.—Address: J. Nixon, c/o Mr. T. Bewes, Consett. 96o

FOOTBALLS.

(Season 1894-95.)

TRY ELIZABETH TEASDALE and SON, Saddlers, &c., Dipton and West Stanley, and W. R. TEASDALE, Saddler, Tow Law, for the PATENT BUTTONLESS FOOTBALLS, viz.:—The Wanderer, Hero, Volunteer, Eclipse, Athletic, and the Unique Balls.

The above Balls were used by the majority of Clubs in the North-West Durham last season, including Dipton Wanderers, Hobson Wanderers, and Oakey Lilywhites.

Elliman's Royal Embrocation to Clubs at reduced prices.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO SUNDERLAND AND SOUTH SHIELDS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th of September, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT and BLACKHILL at 1-55 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange) for SUNDERLAND and SOUTH SHIELDS; returning from South Shields at 7-40, and Sunderland at 8-10 p.m. the same day.

For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.

GEORGE S. GIBB,
General Manager.

York, August, 1894. 100p

SWEETS (OFF.)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Kyo in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, JOHN HALL, now residing at Front Street, Annfield Plain, in the Township of Kyo, in the County of Durham, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Adjournment of the General Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the 27th day of September, next, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell by Retail, at a shop situate at Front Street, Annfield Plain, aforesaid, SWEETS to be consumed off the premises, in pursuance of the Act 6th Geo. IV., c. 81, and Acts amending the same. The owner of the premises in respect of which this application is made is JOHN HALL, of Front Street, Annfield Plain, and which premises were lately occupied by me.

Given under my hand this 15th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

963o JOHN HALL.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1894.

13 to 20 Fat Cattle.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
A number of extra good Dairy Cows, now calved; and 3 prime Ayreshire Calving Heifers
1 light Pony Gig, Double Barrel Gun, Stack Nets, Poultry, a lot of Quarry Tools and other lots.

Sale at 12 o'clock.

96p JOHN S. MURRAY.

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

By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

SECOND SPECIAL SALE OF LAMBS AND STORE CATTLE will be held on Wednesday, September 5th, at 1-30 p.m.

500 LAMBS AND 50 STORE CATTLE.

200 Mule and Twice-crossed Lambs,
100 Half-bred Lambs,
100 Cheviot Lambs,
100 B. Faced Lambs,
50 Store Cattle.

The Mule Lambs are a select lot, selected especially for this sale, all of noted hirsels. Buyers of Mule Lambs will find a rare chance at this particular sale.

67p GREEN and DOWSON.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

NEXT SALE of Cows, Fat and Store Cattle, and Sheep will be held on Monday, Sept. 10th. Early Entries invited to J. GREEN, Satley.

By Mr James Turnbull.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart.

THE TENTH ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW and SALE OF RAMS and RAM LAMBS, and SPECIAL SALE OF DRAFT EWES and GIMMERS, KEEPING LAMBS, &c., will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, 1894. Prize Cards on application to

89p JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION by MR JAMES TURNBULL, F.A.I., on Wednesday, September 5th, 1894, in a field adjoining Flass House, three minutes walk from Durham Railway Station. The Entire Stock of Prize-Winning Pedigree SHROPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP, the property of Mr G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham, (who requires the land for shorthorns) comprising:—

60 Breeding Ewes, Shearling Gimmers, and Ewe Lambs.
22 Shearling and Older Rams.
15 Ram Lambs.

The whole of these will be sold without reserve.

The Flock was founded about 12 years ago by the purchase of Ewes from Messrs Bradburn, Bach, Napper, Mansell, Evans, and Townsend; and Rams from Mansell, Napper, Townsend, Beech, Bach.

During this time the Flass House flock have won upwards of 50 prizes, including Champion Cup at Durham County Show at Chester-le-Street, for best sheep in the yard.

Sale to commence at two o'clock.

Catalogues on application, giving pedigree of each sheep. 995o

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove from Leadgate to his Sale-rooms and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, September 10th, Three Loads of Valuable Household FURNITURE.

Any one wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it sold in the above Sale.

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

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY

W. Aynsley, Esq.
James Oliver, Esq. } Trustees.
Hedley Nicholson, Esq.

The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 10th September, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place. Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

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BEEF & MALT WINE
THE MOST RELIABLE WINE FOR INVALIDS.

Composed of Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract, and old Port Wine. It forms a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength. Prices: 3s. 9d. Per Bottle; 2s. Per Half-Bottle.

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BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, Burton House.
CONSETT.—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c; T. D. DRYDEN, Grocers, &c.; THOMAS MILNER Chemist; JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer and Wine Merchant.
DIPTON.—R. ARMSTRONG, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
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LEADGATE.—WM. AYNSLEY Grocer, &c.; JOHN SNAITH, Queen Victoria Hotel.
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STANLEY.—WM. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.; T. FORSTER, Wine and Spirit Merchant; J ROBINSON, Family Chemist.
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SPEN.—R. BROWELL, Miners Arms.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, Pack Horse Inn.
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OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, August 31st, 1894.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

THE LATE MRS RENTON.

A much respected lady, and a familiar figure on the banks of the Derwent at Shotley Bridge, has during the past few days been laid beneath the sod. Mrs Renton, of Orchard House, was comparatively little known outside the radius of the secluded village of Shotley Bridge, and the sheltered environments of Orchard House. The deceased lady no doubt felt, and felt truly, that a woman's home is her kingdom, and she fulfilled the sentiment therein inculcated to the letter. Everybody spoke in kindly terms of Mrs Renton, and her memory will be held in pleasant remembrance for many years to come.

THE SHOTLEY PRIMITIVES.

So my old neighbours, the Shotley Bridge Primitives, have turned their backs on the old tabernacle in Wood Street, having resolved to ascend the heights, Excelsior-like, and pitch their tents at a higher altitude. That they are a lively, progressive people I can well testify, having once upon a time lived next door to them. In those days I was a sort of innocent abroad, and knowing absolutely nothing of the peculiarities of Primitive Methodist ways of worship, the sounds that used to echo through the walls of the chapel in Wood Street almost took my breath away. It was, I believe, during a mission service that the wheel of fortune led me to settle at Shotley, and being cradled amongst the mountains of the north, I had never heard either ejaculation or response uttered during the service in Church, the people all remaining standing while the minister prayed, and sitting in a body while they sang. Little wonder then that the sounds produced in a Primitive Methodist Chapel during a revival service led me to imagine that either some terrible tragedy or unholy rite was being enacted within the sacred walls of the house of God. I will never forget the mixed feelings of mingled dread and wonder which led me to leave my sanctum one dark winter night, just as the sounds from the chapel waxed louder and louder, and peer through the keyhole of the door. It was the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties, but I learned with no small degree of satisfaction that no deadly weapons were being used, nor did any bones appear to be broken. Since the date at which the incident narrated above took place, not a few of those enthusiastic worshippers have entered into the rest they laboured so faithfully to obtain, but the work still goes on and prospers, a fact which is best exemplified by the recent arrangements to leave the old sanctuary in the valley, and build a more excellent one further up the mountain.

TRAINS ON THE DERWENT VALLEY LINE: IS IT POSSIBLE TO PLEASE SOME PEOPLE?

The train service on the Derwent Valley Line was again raised by a contribution to the correspondence column in the last issue of this journal. The writer of the epistle under note—like many men who take to letter writing—waxes a trifle extravagant. As the service from Newcastle at present stands trains leave the city by 5 20 in the afternoon and 7 30 in the evening. This does not meet the requirements of the writer of the letter in question, and he is consequently in favour of agitating to the end that a train leave Newcastle city at six o'clock at night. This, I think, is going a trifle too far, and were such an application made it would certainly militate against the running of a train nightly from the city to Consett at a late hour in the evening. It is as astonishing as it is unfair that a train to Consett and the intermediate stations should not leave Newcastle nightly, so as to enable passengers arriving by the late special trains from the north and from the south to reach home the same night. In this respect the present arrangements are really behind the times, and when the Parish Councils Act comes into operation this subject will have to be grasped with a firm hand. On the lines indicated above the people have a strong claim, and they will, I fancy, see to it when the time comes, that their case is not weakened by such a request as that which has for its object the running of an extra train at six o'clock.

HOW RAILWAY COMPANIES DISCHARGE THEIR OBLIGATIONS.

Apropos of the preceding note, the following narration will be read with interest It was, I believe, in the middle of the winter before last that I had occasion to "do" a meeting in a town which lay outside the radius of my jurisdiction. Not knowing by which route I should return to Newcastle, I took a single ticket only, and later in the evening I booked for home direct. It was exactly ten minutes to midnight when the train by which I travelled reached Newcastle, being five minutes after the train to my actual destination had departed. This was a nice state of affairs, with the wind blowing a hurricane, and the rain descending like a waterspout. I reflected for a moment, and approaching the chief official in charge for the night, I asked him when the next train would leave for——, "The last train is gone sir," was the reply. A brief interchange of opinions followed, touching the responsibility of the Company for train connections. My case was very plain. There were two of us, who little more than an hour before had booked for a station to which, it appeareds the Company had made no provision to carry us. This, I contended, was not business, and home we must be. Should the Railway Company decline to convey us thither, then I should go into the city and hire a cab and charge the Company with the expense incurred. The official left the room, and a few minutes later returned and said "This way gentlemen." An engine stood hissing as if in wrath, and entering the carriage attached, the iron horse, with a shriek and a snort, dashed forth into the darkness, and the city and its twinkling lights were soon left behind. It is not every day nor night that two solitary passengers can get a train all to themselves. and as the incident happened so near as the city of Newcastle, it affords a very apt illustration of how—when approached in a practical way—railway companies can discharge their obligations.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

London International College of Music—The following pupils of Mr T. Jones, 5, Church Street, Consett, have passed successfully in the practical examination in pianoforte playing held in Newcastle, on July 28th, Dr E. M. Lott, examiner. Primary division—Miss Edith Foster, Leadgate, and Miss Lillie M. Hunter, Town Farm, Medomsley.

The contractors for the construction of the new passenger railway from Annfield Plain to Consett have made a commencement with the work, the necessary plant and machinery having been brought on the spot, and the excavations made for the new railway station at Carr House, Consett.

Wesleyan Sunday-school.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached morning and evening by the Rev W. E. Fletcher of Hexham. In the afternoon, a children's service was held, when addresses were delivered by the rev gentleman, Messrs V. Dunn and R. C. Foster. Large congregations were present at each service. The children, assisted by the choir and band, rendered a choice selection of hymns, anthems, &c.—On Monday night, Mr Fletcher delivered his popular lecture, "Tomorrow, or the outlook." There was a good company present. The chairman was Mr Geo. Richardson, Shotley Bridge.

Confirmation.—On Wednesday afternoon, the Right Rev. Dr. Sandford, assistant bishop of Durham, conducted a confirmation service in Christ Church, Consett. There was a fairly good congregation. The rite was administered to 28 females and 4 males, all belonging the same parish; 11 persons having been confirmed at Blaydon in June last, when the confirmation proposed to be held at Consett was postponed. The service was of a very impressive character, the Bishop in his first address dwelling upon the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the second address, after the laying on of hands, he based his discourse on Galatians V. 22-23.

To Science Class Students.—Just received at the *Guardian* Office, Consett, a large stock of drawing boards, T squares, set squares, and compasses.—*Advt.*

Supper.—The Duke of Wellington Sick Benefit Society held their half-yearly supper at the house of Mr William Quinn, Consett, on Saturday night, when about fifty partook of a sumptuous repast, admirably served up by the worthy host and hostess, the tables being presided over by Mr Matthew Martin in his usual able style. Mr Martin was assisted by Mr J. Nimmons, Mrs C. Hughes, Mrs P. Ward, and Mrs P. Maguire. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed and Mr John Atkinson was voted to the chair, and Mr J. Donaghy to the vice-chair. Songs were rendered by Messrs Barlow, J. Parkinson, C. Hughes, and T. Armstrong, and a pleasant evening ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

BLACKHILL.

P.M. Chapel.—On Sunday, the flower service in connection with the above place of worship was held, when two sermons were preached, morning and evening, by the Rev. G. J. Lane, of Hebburn. In the afternoon, a musical service was held, when solos, etc., were rendered, and an address on "F. R. Havergall" by the Rev. G. J. Lane. There were good companies present.

Incorporated Society of Musicians.—At the summer examination of the above Society, held at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, the following pupils of Mr J. Surtees, passed successfully in pianoforte playing, &c.:—Preliminary grade, Lottie E. Elsom, East Law. Honours, Albert S. Ackerman, Consett. Intermediate grade, William T. Kirk, Blackhill. The examiners were Edwin J. Crow, Mus. Doc., Cambridge, organist of Ripon Cathedral, and Mr Carl Heinecke, of Liverpool.

TANFIELD.

The annual flower show and sports take place to-morrow (Saturday). The West Stanley Military Band, in Hussar uniform, are announced to be in attendance, and a grand ball will be held in the evening.

WILLINGTON.

Willington flower show, brass band contest, &c., takes place to-morrow (Saturday). For full particulars see bills and advt.

STANHOPE.

An enthusiastic Conservative meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday evening. Addresses were delivered by Messrs L. H. Hayter and Frank Healey.

Evening excursions were run from Stanhope, down the valley, on Friday and Monday evenings, to Barnard Castle and Darlington. Before leaving Bishop Auckland the trains were heavily freighted.

Hospital Sunday at Stanhope.—Collections were taken at the various places of worship on Sunday at Stanhope in aid of the Stanhope Nursing Association which is doing a good work among the working classes there. Nurse Woodham by her untiring kindness has brightened and cheered many a home in which her services have been required. Mrs John Crawhall is secretary, and Mrs James Parmerly, treasurer.

Brewster Sessions.—The Stanhope Brewster Sessions were held on Friday. There were on the Bench C. J. Backhouse (chairman), V. A. Rippon, J. W. Roddam, and Alderman Livingstone. The Chairman congratulated the licensed victuallers of Weardale on the large decrease of drunkenness in their district, there being 22 cases fewer than last year, and only one case (a trivial one) of a conviction against any innkeeper. The Bench hoped the record would be still better next year. The licenses have all been renewed. Special day licenses were granted for the agricultural shows at Stanhope and the Brents. A transfer of license was granted for the Hare and Hounds Inn, Frosterley, from Mrs Peacock, who is leaving the district, to Joseph Bainbridge.

TOW LAW.

Smart Capture by the Police.—On Saturday night, whilst the railway platforms at Tow Law Station, were crowded with excursionists returning from the show, an old gentleman raised an alarm that he had been robbed of his watch and chain, and pointed out a well-dressed young fellow as being the suspected thief. The man was making off with great haste, when he was caught by a county sergeant of police and a railway constable, and at the same time the watch was picked up where the prisoner had dropped it. The man was lodged in the lock up pending further inquiries.

Good Templary in South Durham.—The 86th quarterly session of the South Durham District Lodge was held on Tuesday, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Hunwick Lane Ends, near Bishop Auckland. The meeting was opened at 10 a.m., by Bro. J. E. Dixon, D.C.T., Tow Law, who presided, and was supported by the whole of the Executive Council officers, and a goodly number of representatives from various lodges throughout the district.—The report of the Executive Council was presented by Bro. E. Oliver, D.C., Hartlepool. The state of the lodges was commented upon, and the "Onward" lodge, of Stockton, was adjudged the winner of the challenge block and gavel, awarded quarterly to the lodge showing the largest numerical increase. This lodge had won this award two quarters in succession. Bro. W. C. Harbud, of London, had been engaged for a month's mission in the district. A number of open air meetings had been held throughout the district. The death of Sister Bainbridge, of Hartlepool, which took place on July 27th, was feelingly alluded to. The D.C.T. presented his report, in which he stated that most of the lodges had been actively engaged in aggressive mission work during the half-year. The District lodge adjourned for luncheon at 12·30 p.m. On re-assembling, the D.s.J.T., Bro. G. H. Pattinson, Tudhoe, submitted his report, stating that the Juvenile membership now numbers 1,526 in 21 Temples. Bro. Harbud gave a very interesting address on "Juvenile Templary." Bro. Dyson, D.E.S., Bishop Auckland, presented the report of the work of the Political Action Committee during the past half-year. Bro. J. H. Howe, D. Sec., Stockton, reported that the adult membership to be 1,650 in 36 lodges, whilst the D. Treasurer, Bro. E. O. D. Sibson, Norton, announced a balance in hand of £22 14s 4½d. Bros. Hayler and Tomlinson, Newcastle-on-Tyne, briefly addressed the District Lodge. The next session of District lodge will be held at Spennymoor, in November.—In the evening, a public meeting was held, presided over by Bro. John E. Dixon, D.C.T., and addressed by Bros. Guy Hayler, and George Tomlinson, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Rev. Graham Barton, Crook.

TANFIELD LEA

Generosity.—On Saturday, Mrs W. J. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park, displayed her great kindness another year, by giving to the scholars and teachers of the Wesleyan and Primitive Sunday-schools of Tanfield Lea, in the way of a good tea and a packet of sweets served up to them in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, (340 in all.) The children afterward adjoined to a field kindly granted by Thos. Pringle, Esq., manager of the colliery, where they enjoyed themselves till dark. Three hearty cheers were given for Mrs Joicey for her great kindness.

WEARDALE.

Cost of Vaccination in the Weardale Union.—According to the statement of the published accounts of the Weardale Union the vaccination bill for the half-year ending on Lady Day 1894 amounted to the sum of £24 16s 5d.

Weardale Union Accounts.—During the last half-year the sum of £1179 11s 11½d was paid for out-door relief including new residents' relief, and £218 12s 1d for inmaintainence of inmates of workhouse. Paupers in hospitals and schools, £26 4s 6d. Lunatics in asylums &c., at £257 12s 4d. Registration, £43 16s 6d.

Co-operation.—The balance-sheet of the Weardale Industrial and Provident Society has just been published. It shows there are 849 members on the books of the Society; 62 have been added during the half-year ending June 30th, and 18 have withdrawn. The penny bank for the encouragement of thrift among the amount of their deposits was £231 17s 2d. During the half-year 22 new accounts have been opened and 11 closed. The sales for the half-year amounted to £8,630 15s 3½d. A dividend of 3s. in the pound has been declared on general purchases, and 1s 8d in the pound on flour, etc. The share capital is £9,241 5s 8d. The wages bill for the half-year is £453 3s 7d. The society has its central store at Stanhope, and branch stores at Frosterley and at St. John's Chapel, and is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

Trade—Advance of Wages.—The workmen in the new Weardale railway last week got an advance of wages from 3s 4d to 3s 6d per day. The men working at Ludwell, where there is some walking to and from work have 3s 7d per day.

MICKLEY.

Disestablishment.—The Rev Alfred Bromley, of Sunderland, delivered an interesting address in the Free Methodist Church, Mickley Square, on Monday night. The subject was "Why Meddle?" and in the course of his remarks the rev gentleman dealt with the history of the Nonconformist position in regard to the establishment, the reasons for meddling, the question of tithes, the origin of establishment, &c. Mr Jos. Vickers presided over a large audience.

WATERHOUSES,

Waterhouses Horticultural and Industrial Society have decided to include horses, cattle, sheep, &c., in their future show schedules. The show already is second to none in the North financially, and in extent it is almost the largest in the county.

WEST STANLEY.

P.C. Vickers, who has for some years been stationed at West Stanley, and has proved himself one of the most able, active, and intelligent officers the Durham County Force possesses, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He will, in all probability, be located at Annfield Plain.

BURNHOPE.

On Monday evening, last a very successful meeting was held in the Burnhope Colliery Schools, under the auspices of the Northern Conservative Union. F. W. Donati, Esq., gave an excellent address on current politics, many of his points being new, and some of his similes exceedingly smart. The address was very appropriate for working men, and was thoroughly appreciated by the audience. The chair was taken by J. R. Ritson, Esq., who, when proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, announced that a series of similar lectures would be given through the winter of 1894-5, and trusted that even larger numbers still would attend these meetings. J. P. Kirkup, Esq., seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried with applause. The lecturer in thanking all present for their courteous and patent hearing, proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able and pleasant manner he had presided over the meeting. The proposition met with the heartiest approval from those present. This brought the meeting to a close.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

St. Cuthbert's Magazine for September contains, in addition to a full copy of "The Dawn of Day," a chronicle of parish events for the past month, and a sketch of the work of the respective vicar of Newcastle during the past twelve years.

Early on Sunday morning Mrs Renton, the widow of the late Dr. Renton, a well-known medical practitioner in the Consett district some years ago, died at Oakfield, Shotley Bridge, at 80 years of age. Her two sons—Dr. W. M. Renton of Chester-le-Street, and Dr. Geo. Renton, of Consett and Blackhill—are leading surgeons in their respective localities. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside.—The offertory collection during morning service at St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, next Sunday, Sept. 2nd, will be given to the National Society for Education, the sermon will be preached by Rev. E. A. Newton, M.A., of Liverpool, the newly-appointed organising secretary for the North of England. The National Society seeks for the aid of churchmen in protecting the twelve thousand Church Schools in union with the Society, from the attacks of Secularists, and other opponents who seek to destroy their distinctive religious character, and generally in adopting every legitimate means for the maintenance and extension of the voluntary system of church education, which has proved so great a blessing to this nation. For the year ending August 31st, 1893, the Church of England provided about two millions and seven hundred thousand seats for children, and had an average attendance of one million and eight hundred thousand children, and churchmen have voluntarily contributed, since 1870, more than twenty-two millions, for building and maintaining schools and training colleges. The voluntary offerings for Church of England schools during eighty-two years of this century amount to over thirty-seven millions and two hundred thousand pounds. The National Society is in much need of still further support, especially for training colleges, as it is most important that all teachers should continue to be of high character, well-grounded in Holy Scripture, and the doctrines of the Gospel. Aid is also required for schools in poor districts, and thinly populated country places.

The Late Mrs. Renton.—An appropriate hymn was sung last Sunday at St. Cuthbert's Church, at morning service, and at evensong, in memory of Mrs Renton, who, with her husband, the late Dr. Renton, was from the first an earnest supporter of the church. The late Dr. Renton was also one of the original subscribers to the building of St. Cuthbert's Church, and until his death showed his love for it by unceasing care and liberality. "The Dead March" was played by the organist, Mr George Stephenson.

LEADGATE.

On Saturday the members of the Leadgate Mission Prize Brass Band held their annual demonstration in a field at Pont Head. There was a large gathering.

IVESTON.

The annual flower show and sports will be held to-morrow (Saturday). There is a large number of entries, and, should the weather prove favourable, the event ought to be a success.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

Yesterday (Thursday), this committee held their monthly meeting at the Union Buildings, Lanchester—Rev P. C. Portis presiding.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Southern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

Gentlemen,—During the last month I have devoted some time to census work—visiting houses and making new lists.

The following table shows the number of visits made to the homes of absentees and irregular attenders:—

Name of Parish.	Number of visits made.	Number of children dealt with.
Cornsay	12	15
Esh	114	128
Hedleyhope	25	29
Lanchester	74	84
Langley	—	—
Satley	—	—
Totals	225	256

Twenty visits to schools have been made as under:—

Name of Schools.	Date of Visits. August.
Lanchester National	2nd and 9th.
Hamsteels National	6th and 13th.
Burnhope Colliery	7th and 27th.
South Moor Infant	27th.
South Moor Girls	27th.
Esh Winning British	13th and 20th.
Ushaw Moor R.C.	29th.
Esh National	8th.
Newhouse R.C.	20th.
Esh R.C.	8th.
Cornsay R.C.	20th.
Cornsay Almshouses	29th.
Hedley Hill Colliery	29th.
East Hedleyhope	29th.
Consett British	6th.
Consett National	6th.

One bye law notice has been served at Lanchester.

John Turnbull, of Colling's Green, and John Rowe, of Hollinside Terrace, Lanchester, were, by your directions, summoned before the Magistrates for breach of your bye-laws, on the 9th inst., and were each fined 5s.

Owing to the returns not having come to hand from the under-named schools, I am yet unable to furnish statistics of attendance for the quarter ending June last. Repeated application has been made to the teachers for same.

School.	Quarters for which returns are wanten.
Lanchester National	June, 1894.
Esh National	Whole of year ending June, 1894.
Cornsay British (Infant Department)	Dec., 1893, and June, 1894.
Cornsay Almshouses	March and June, 1894.
Tow Law R.C	June, 1894.

In my report book you will find entered for your consideration, and in which I ask your directions, 17 cases, including five in which fines inflicted by the Magistrates have not been paid.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant.
John Gibson.

Lanchester, Aug. 30th, 1894.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Attendance Committee of the Lanchester Union.

Gentlemen,—On March 15th last, I reported a case to you where a parent, owing to giving a wrong age, illegally withheld a child from school for nine months. Since that date two similar cases have come under my notice, the particulars of which are entered in my report book.

During the past month I have visited 995 absentees, and reported 110 to their officers, served 28 bye law notices, and made 30 visits to schools as follows:—

Schools.	Dates of visits. August.
Consett British	10th, 16th, and 23rd.
" National	10th, 17th, and 22nd.
" St. Patk.'s	10th, 17th, and 22nd.
" Wesleyan	10th, 17th, and 23rd.
Leadgate National	9th, 17th, 24th, 29th.
" Infant	9th, 17th, and 29th.
" Wesleyan	9th, 17th, 24th, 29th.
Brooms St. Mary's	9th, 17th, and 24th.
Iveston British	13th, 22nd, and 24th.
Ebchester National	
Castleside Board	7th.

Although the attendance has considerably improved during the last fortnight, altogether since the re-opening of the schools it has been most unsatisfactory. This is chiefly owing to so many parents extending the holidays from two or three days to four weeks beyond the period allowed by the school managers.

Mr Gibson and I beg to lay before you the statistics of attendance at the schools for the year ending June last.

Fourteen cases, including the two referred to above, will be laid before you.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Wm. Ward.

Iveston, Aug. 30th. 1894.

The reports were adopted.

THE SAD DEATH OF A TEESDALE FARMER.

On Wednesday, at the Police station, St. John's Chapel, Deputy-coroner Badcock held an inquest on the body of Mr Thomas Tarn, Lane Head, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who was injured on his way home from the Weardale Agricultural Show.—After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," with a strong rider that the bridge and stones on the road where the accident happened be forthwith remedied to make it safe for life and limb.

FATAL TRAP ACCIDENT NEAR USHAW COLLEGE.

Yesterday (Thursday), Mr Coroner Graham held an inquest at Square House, near Quebec, touching the death of Roger Scurfield, aged about 65, formerly a miner living at the above place.—It appeared that on Monday morning deceased, who had been in failing health for some time, drove, along with his wife, to the Sherburn Hospital. On returning home the driver took the horse to get a drink of water on the roadside near Ushaw College. The vehicle canted over and was overturned, the result being that Scurfield was thrown violently upon the ground. He received such injuries that he died soon after being picked up.—A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

ST. IVES', LEADGATE.

The annual flower services and commemoration of the Blessed Dead were held in the Parish Church on Sunday last. The services began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8·30, the Rev T. Varley and the Rev R. S. Hey officiating.

The Vicar was the preacher at the morning service, taking the text "One generation passeth away, another generation cometh," Ecc. 1 4. He observed that the older persons now living were the generation passing away, and as now forming part of the Church Militant; living in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. They would pass on to the Church triumphant, waiting for the resurrection of the body, with those who have gone before, whose life and labours we commemorate, and deck their graves with flowers, so typical of our fleeting lives. The young people of our day and Sunday schools were the generation coming, who would in future years fill our offices and discharge those duties which now devolve upon ourselves. To train those up in the faith and fear of God, in religious as well as secular knowledge, was a duty revolving upon the older generation. At the same time it was the duty of the young to profit by what they were taught, and so be fitted for the duties of this present life, and further enjoyment of the life of the world to come.

At the afternoon service the address was delivered by the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, vicar of Benfieldside, and Rural Dean. The rev. gentleman founded his address on Hebrew II, 22:—"By faith Joseph, when he died, gave commandments concerning his bones." Mr Ross Lewin was also the preacher at the evening service, taking the text, Exodus 2 9: —"Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give the thy wages." Both addresses were exceedingly appropriate to the occasion, and were listened to by large congregations with the closest attention.

The progress made in making an addition of one acre of land to the churchyard attracted general attention, and the great improvements made to the burial ground generally, drew forth expressions of the highest approval from the large concourse of people the special services drew together. Two interments have already taken place in the new portion of the churchyard

The offertories were for the school treat and prize fund.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Two sad accidents marred the Weardale Agricultural Society's show on Saturday—one of which has since proved fatal. A Teesdale farmer, Thos. Tarn, was pitched out of his trap in crossing the Harthope Burn bridge, and fell on his head, sustaining a fracture of the skull, which caused his death on Monday night. Another accident occurred in the showground during the galloping competition. A young man named Harrison, of Newhouse, fell from his horse, and had his leg broken. These accidents threw a gloom over the day's proceedings.

Horse racing at Agricultural Shows is a growing evil, and should be discountenanced. It is highly dangerous to the public in such a small field as the show field at St. John's Chapel, and consequently the racecourse has to be in a circle in the field amongst the people, and the wonder is there is not more accidents Besides Agricultural Shows are not the place for such brutal cruelty to the poor horses. Country people, generally speaking, object to this sort of thing, and the local committees of such shows would do well to clear out of such bad, debasing, brutalising sport.

The bridge at Harthope Burn, near St. John's Chapel, on the Middleton road, is really an awkward and highly dangerous bridge, and is not at all safe for the public It approaches, like many other of the bridges in Weardale, are a positive disgrace to engineering, and are more like the engineering of a North American backwoodsman. It takes a skilled driver to get safely over. There is a nasty angle at each end of the bridge, which renders it very dangerous to get either on or off it. The public should not rest until both this and other dangerous bridges in the dale are made safer. When human life has to be sacrificed occasionally before the authorities attempt to remedy existing evils, those authorities should be sent right about face, and others who are abreast with the times, and who have the welfare and safety of the public at heart, put in their place.

I must compliment the police, who, at St. John's Chapel, at both these accidents, did yeoman service in the shape of ambulance aid and first help to the injured. They displayed a knowledge of ambulance work and a care for the injured that does the force great credit.

I congratulate the Wolsingham Improvement Association on their praiseworthy attempts to beautify the old town and benefit the public, by placing seats here and there in places which command nice views. All honour to them. They are doing a good work. It is a pity that they should receive any check or hindrance whatever from any of the landowners in and about Wolsingham, who hinder the Association all they can, and object to the public having seats on their preserves.

Some young ladies at one of the big houses in Stanhope, while doing domestic duties in the house, came across a bottle which they thought was a cosmetic, and used it to beautify their complexions. They used it largely, and expected to be pretty when the dear ones arrived; but after they had used it, imagine their surprise when it turned out to be cough mixture!

Hospital Sunday at Stanhope turned out well. The collections in aid of the Stanhope Nursing Association at the Church, on Sunday last, amounted to the handsome sum of £10 4s. The Wesleyans also did well.

I hear the entries for both Wolsingham and Stanhope Agricultural Shows are coming in fast, and there are likely to be capital shows at each place.

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

THE HOME INDUSTRIES OF LONDON.

The home industries of London are many and various. Of late years they have languished under the foreign sweater. Many a home which was creditably maintained is now a den of starvation. The foreign Jew, both as toiler and sweater, has ruined the home work of the metropolis. The ingenious Yankee who invented wooden nutmegs did not have much of a show after his first cargo; but there is in London a curious industry that is of long standing.

It was discovered by the commissioners of the "British Weekly" on a tour of the smaller industries of the metropolis.

Mending bad nutmegs employs a colony of women at Hackney. They fetch the worm-eaten fruit from the spice factories and warehouses, and patch them up with nutmeg dust. A good nutmeg is ground to powder and mixed with glue or gum. This is then used to fill holes in the bad nutmegs, which are returned for sale to the employer, who pays for the labour the starvation wage of twopence per gross. What strikes one as a terrible thing in connection with some of the home industries of London is the danger to public health that arises from the wretched places in which the work is done. Imagine a nutmeg-dealer brushing up the dust of her table to finish her day's tale of work!

Worse still is the rabbit fur industry. This fur is used for all kinds of purposes, including the lining of ladies' cloaks, and the stuffing of sofa cushions. The work is done under unsanitary conditions—amidst dirt and filth, that it is almost impossible for the collier to grapple with. The skins are stripped in rooms used for living and sleeping in. Often the floors are not washed for months. Once a day they are swept for the purpose of collecting the remainder of the pulled fur with all the possible bacilli that may live in pestiferous rooms.

Think of that, my lady, when you are lolling upon your silken cushions of alleged unadulterated swansdown.

The picture is almost as hideous as Hamlet's object-lesson of Yurick's skull.—Joseph Hatton.

A CHILD'S KISS.

He had been shot down while trying to escape from the guard house. He was a big, burly man, fierce of look and rough of speech, and when they brought him into the hospital he cursed and raved in a way to freeze your blood. He had received a mortal wound, but death had no terrors for him. When the surgeon told him that he must die within forty-eight hours, he replied—

"Bah! What of it? The only favour I have to ask is that you keep snivelers away. I want no praying and singing about me!"

He had been a wicked man. He boasted of it. He ridiculed the idea of a hereafter, and cursed the Bible and religion. Men and women came to speak with him so that he might not die as a dog dies, but he mocked and cursed them. We who were watching for the end saw a shadow when it fell. He realised that life was ebbing, but still he cursed and reviled.

An hour before he died the wife of a wounded sergeant came in to visit her husband. She brought with her a little fair-haired girl of four or five years, and as she talked the child slipped away and wandered up and down the aisles to inspect the cots and their occupants. A score of us tried to coax her nearer, but she was coy and bashful.

When she reached the cot where lay the bounty jumper, the pallor of death on his face, but fighting the spectre away, she paused and stared at him. He beckoned her to approach, and to our great surprise she hesitatingly advanced until she stood beside his cot.

The mother rose up in alarm, but the nurse whispered to her not to call the child.

"Is you sick?" queried the little one, as the man reached out his hand and touched her golden curls.

"Ay, child, I'm dying!" he whispered.

"And ain't you dot anybody to speak to you," she asked.

"I didn't want them."

"But you wanted me, didn't you?"

"Yes—God bless you:"

"Is you shot, just like papa?"

"Yes, dear."

"Ise so sorry! I dess I'll give you a kiss."

As his lips touched her cheek the death-rattle in his throat frightened her, and she ran away to her mother. The kiss was still warm when his eyes closed, his head fell back, and he shivered and died.

"See the wonderful change in his face!" the nurse whispered.

Ay, it was wonderful! The hard lines had all melted out, and there was a smile hovering about the mouth. The savage expression which had intensified as the hours passed and the end came nearer had been kissed away by the little child.

SENSATIONAL FEAT OF A YOUNG DOCTOR

A correspondent writes from New York:—"It is scarcely possible to exaggerate the sensation caused here by the act of a young doctor, who claimed before an assembly of doctors in this city to have discovered an infallible antidote for opium, morphine, and similar poisons. Despite the protests of those present, who declared that they would not sanction certain suicide, he mixed three grains of morphia in two wineglasses of water and drank them. Immediately afterwards he took four grains of permanganate of potash, similarly dissolved in water. The doctors who watched him for five hours, expecting to see him die, seeing that one grain is a fatal dose, could detect no injury whatever in his constitution nor any effect from the poison, and he is now alive and well. Seeing that half the deaths due to poison are said to be caused by opium and its preparations, the importance of the discovery is enormous. The doctor happened upon the antidote in this way. He found that the permanganate in a wineglass promptly precipitated the poisonous part of the morphine, removing entirely the well-known taste. He found that this occurred with extaordinary rapidity, while the action of the permanganate on the albumen closely representing the substances the antidote would meet with in the stomach, was 75,000 times more slow. He inferred that there was no danger that the wineglass test would fail when applied to the stomach, as the doctors had feared. He was sure that the action of the antidote would be so rapid as to ensure safety. The young man is Dr. Moor, and he is the brother of the distinguished musician."—"Pall Mall Gazette."

"YOU CAN STEP DOWN."

A noted lawyer once had a case in hand in which, among other things, he wished to prove that his client had no money, and to that end he cross-examined one of the opponent's witnesses as follows:—

"You asked my clent for money, did you not?"

"Well, yes, sir."

"Answer promptly, sir. Let us have no hesitation. You asked him for money. Now, what was his answer?"

"I don't know as I can tell."

"But surely you can remember?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then out with it. What was his answer?"

"I'd rather not tell."

"Ho! ho! You are on that tack, are you? You won't tell?"

"I would rather not."

"But you must, and if you do not answer my question promptly and truthfully, I call upon the court to commit you for contempt."

"Well, sir, if I must tell tales out of school, here you have it. I asked him yesterday if he could lend me half-a-crown, and he told me he couldn't."

"And you believed him, did you not?"

"Yes, sir, for he said you had robbed him of every penny of his ready money, and if he didn't get out of your hands pretty soon, his wife and little ones would come to——"

"That will do, sir. You can step down."—"Cassell's Saturday Journal."

Original Poetry.

LANCHESTER CHURCH.

Majestic'ly thy proud and stately tow'r
High in the air doth lift its lordly head,
And looks serenely o'er the peaceful dead,
Who once with merry heart full many an hour
Have viewed this lovely vale and ev'ry wood
That shrouds thee in a mist of solitude.

Around thy walls in radiant beauty lie
Resplendent slopes all clad in summer sheen,
And there in myst'c splendour o'er the scene
Rise lofty hills in sullen ecstasy,
Whose summits mark the valley's mighty sweep,
Where reigns an eloquence profoundly deep.

Oft have I heard thy chimes; like phanthom sounds
Break wild and free upon the solemn hush,
And magic music pour from every bush,
Lending the rose, that everywhere abounds,
A sweeter blush, a fragrance more divine,
There at thy feet those lights terrestrial shine!

Thy gladsome chimes that swell the Sabbath a
Celestial-toned o'er serried heights do flow,
And melt into the distance sweet and low,
Like echo of an angel-chanted prayer,
Celestial-toned! for they bespeak of heaven,
"Goodwill on earth. Peace, peace to all be given."

WM. STRAWBRIDGE.

Quebec, Durham.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

FOUNDATION-STONE CEREMONY.

On Saturday afternoon, the ceremony of laying the foundation-stones of a new Primitive Methodist Church and Sunday-school at Shotley Bridge, was performed in the presence of a large and representative gathering. For years past the old chapel in Wood Street has been found far too small to cope with the growing requirements of the district, and a more central site has been secured in Front Street, on the main road to Newcastle. The edifice is to be of Gothic design, and the church itself will provide accommodation for some 450 worshippers, while the school will have sufficient room for about 250 children and teachers. The cost of the building is roughly estimated to be £2,000. The architect is Mr George Race, C.C., of Westgate, Weardale, the contractors being Messrs Lubbock and Sons, of Blackhill. The sub-contractors are as follows:—Joiner work, Mr Geo. Race; painting and decorating, Mr J. Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge; plumbing and glazing, Mr L. Urwin, Shotley Bridge.

The proceedings commenced with a hymn, after which the Rev E. W. JENKINS (Baptist), Highgate, read the 84th Psalm.

The Rev W. RAISTRICK said he was pleased to see such a representative gathering to witness the performance of the ceremony which would ever be remembered in the annals of Methodism at Shotley Bridge. They all knew that they required a more commodious place of worship for the village, and they were about to lay the foundation-stones of a building which, when completed, would be a credit to the Society, and a credit to the village of Shotley Bridge. He held in his hand a bottle, which he would place in the cavity of the first stone. It contained many important documents, including a plan of the building, a circuit plan, the names of the trustees of the new Church, Circuit Magazine, *Primitive Methodist*, *Consett Guardian*, a bill of the day's proceedings, &c.

Mr TELFORD said he had a pleasant duty to perform. It had been allotted to him to introduce the gentleman who had to lay the first stone. The name of the Annandale family had been connected with the village of Shotley Bridge for a lengthened period, and was a household word amongst the families that had, and were residing in the Derwent Valley. The name of the firm, Messrs Annandale and Sons, had been a blessing to that locality. They had been true friends to the Primitive Methodist cause. Many of those who had been employed under this firm had been the most prominent members of the Society. Mr Annandale, who had to lay this stone, was a worthy son of a noble sire. They regretted that Coun. James Annandale, J.P., was not present with them that day, but they all knew the cause that detained him. When they went to see the Annandale family about performing this important ceremony, they received a ready response that they would heartily comply with the wishes of the Primitive Methodists of Shotley Bridge. They were glad to think that they were going to become the possessors of a building worthy of the cause, and a credit to the village. Before calling on Mr Annandale to perform the ceremony, he would read to them the contents of a letter he had received from Mr James Annandale, which explained his absence from the gathering, and expressed a hope that the building would be happily completed. He also enclosed cheques to be placed on the first stone. It now afforded him great pleasure to call upon Mr W. M. Annandale, of Lintzford, to lay the first stone. (Cheers.)

Mr ANNANDALE, who was heartily cheered, having pronounced the stone to be truly laid, said: I feel deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon me by being asked to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new Primitive Methodist Chapel at Shotley Bridge, and more especially so after the very kind words spoken by Mr Telford. In the unavoidable absence of one more worthy, I am proud to stand here as the representative of a family who have been connected with Shotley Bridge and its progressive industries for the greater part of a century, and to hear that the memory of my progenitors is held in such high esteem by those who have lived sensibly and made for themselves a name and a position among the sensible hard workers of the district. I can truly say that that esteem was fully appreciated by the last as it is by the present and the rising generations of our family. We have felt ourselves all to be co-workers with the people in the battle of life, and among our many friends none have been more valuable and trusted than those connected, in the past and in the present, with the Primitive Methodist cause at Shotley Bridge, and we should feel wanting in brotherly kindness did we not come forward now and lend a helping hand in their time of need. I hold in my hand a short history of the congregation from the year 1822, when Primitive Methodism was first introduced into Shotley Bridge. The sect seem to have had many ups and downs since then, but to have weathered the storm, and to have breasted the billows with greater confidence in its own strength. The Primitive Methodists have carried on a noble work in this district in a humble unobtrusive way; but as time rolls on and the taste of the people alters they find it necessary to meet changing ideas by having a more elegant and comfortable place of worship, in fact I am told that the great sanitary improvements carried out in the district have sapped the foundation of their present chapel, which threatens to become a ruin about their heads. Naturally, they prefer to escape from that calamity, and think they can do more good as preachers than as martyrs. That our friends are worthy of our best sympathy and support in their present undertaking there can be no doubt. The work is a great undertaking, but it is a work of necessity, and that being so they have not shirked their duty; they have faced the difficulty like men, and are determined to build a tabernacle for the worship of God that will eclipse in beauty and comfort any of their own dwellings—a house, beautifully situated, which will catch the eye of visitors coming to Shotley Bridge, and which should be more attractive to the thoughtful than the well-lighted bars of the public-houses. Having carefully and prayerfully, and for many years considered the matter, like Nehemiah of old, they have backed their convictions by putting their shoulders to the wheel; like the ants the men have been carefully plodding on whilst the ladies have been cheerfully buzzing about gathering the honey from every flower. Concerts, bazaars, and tea fights have each and all told the tale of much hard work, and added their quota to the little hoard. Nor has this been all—hard working-men have put their hands deep into their pockets and given liberally and cheerfully of their hard earned savings, and all this not being sufficient they have undertaken the responsibility of guaranteeing some further hundreds of pounds to complete the work. Under these circumstances, and as a disinterested onlooker, I would earnestly urge all those present to show their sympathy in a very practical way. Coin of the realm is urgently needed to complete the work. Money given to such a cause brings its own peculiar reward and blessing, for "he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." (Cheers.)

Rev W. RAISTRICK afterwards presented Mr Annandale with a volume of the history of the Primitive Methodist Connexion from its origin to the year 1880

Mr ANNANDALE acknowledged the gift, and said —I thank you most heartily for this beautiful volume. It will be carefully studied, and a lifelong reminder to me of many pleasant friendships, and of the happy accomplishment of the work so nobly carried out by the Primitive Methodists of Shotley Bridge, and I feel sure it will be equally valued as an heirloom by my family who are unavoidably absent. (Cheers.)

The next stone was laid by Mr W. E. Manners, ex-Mayor of Darlington, who said that although he was a stranger to most of them it afforded him great pleasure to take part in that ceremony and he congratulated the Primitive Methodists of that village upon the success that had crowned their efforts. The history of Primitive Methodism was a most interesting one. Let them look at its origin, and see how God had prospered the cause. The first class in the establishment of Primitive Methodism was formed at Standley in Staffordshire in March 1810 The class was composed of 10 members, some of whom were members of another church. The class was the result of a special mission to that place by the Messrs Bourne and a lady evangelist. This class was offered to the Burslem circuit by the old Methodist Society, but Mr Edmundson the superintendent, declined to accept it unless the Bourne's should not be allowed to preach there. This was not conceded, thus sprung up the Primitive Methodist Church. It was against the intention of our founders, but in the providence of God the first chapel was built at Tunstall, Staffordshire in 1811. This chapel was 16 yards long and 8 yards wide. The roof was not coated with plaster. It was very plain, and so built that it could be converted into cottages if the new movement should not succeed. They also found that the first missionary employed was old James Crawfoot, at a salary of 10s per week. However, he was glad to think that the new movement had succeeded. (Hear.) There was a mighty contrast to-day. They had 193,750 members, 1,115 travelling preachers, 10,559 class leaders, 4,360 Sabbath schools, 61 763, Sabbath school teachers 456,331 Sabbath scholars, 4,605 connexional chapels, the value of which was estimated at £3,496,347 12s 8½d with a debt of £1,046,632 11s 3d. They had also about 626,070 worshippers at their principal services. Let them listen to a little history connected with the Shotley Bridge circuit. Shotley Bridge was missioned early in 1123, and was a part of the Westgate Branch. In due time it became the head of a circuit. In the year 1868 the circuit was divided and Stanley was made a new circuit. Since then Stanley had been divided. Thus there were now three circuits which in 1868 was one. Besides some important societies had been transferred to Newcastle circuit. When they looked at all this, they found that the old chapel in that village was rich with grand memories—memories of glorious meetings and of blessed reveries. He trusted the work would still prosper. (Applause.)

Other stones were laid by Mrs Hall, Mrs Dixon, and Mrs Raine. The Sunday-school stone was laid by Mr Wm Telford, of Cutler's Hall, chairman of the Benfieldside School Board.

A suitable address was delivered by the Rev W. Jones, of Sunderland, and the circuit ministers—Messrs W. Raistrick, Blackhill, and R. B. Hanley, Consett—assisted at the ceremony.

Subsequently a public tea, served in the Temperance Hall, was partaken of by over two hundred people.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church, kindly granted for the occasion. A good company was present. Councillor J. T. Thubron, Gateshead, presided, and gave an earnest address, in which he urged upon all Christians to diligently attend all the services of the House of God, to be real in character and zealous in Christian work.

Mr R. CAMPBELL, secretary, presented the financial report as follows:—W. M. Annandale, Esq., £25; J. Annandale, Esq., £25; E. Manners, Esq., Darlington, £5; Mrs Hall, in memory of her late husband, Robert Hall, £8; the choir, £10; Mr E. Telford, £5; Mr W. Campbell, £10; Mrs R. Dixon, £10; Mr W. Telford, £15; F. Priestman, Esq., £5; Mr W. R. Coxon, £2; Mr J. Urwin, £1; Mr J. Urwin's book, £2; Mr R. Dixon's book, £2; Mr J. Fairlamb, £1; Mr R. Aitkin, £2; Mr R. H. Dobson, Durham, £1; Mrs Macdonald, Gateshead, £1; Mr T. Mackay, £10; Mrs Patterson, Newcastle, £1; Mrs. Bleakley, Radcliffe, Manchester, 10s; Mr J. Leadbitter, £5; Mr Thos. Amos, £2; Mr W. Telford's book, £42 9s 0d; collected by scholars, &c., £9 7s 8d; Mr Joseph Amos, £5; Mr T. Hull, £1; Mr W. Mackay, £1; Mr T. Oliver, Blanchland, £1; Mr A. S. Coates, £1; collection at stone-laying ceremony, £13 14s 9½d; proceeds from tea, £12 12s 6d; evening collection, £10 8s 6½d; proceeds of supper, &c., bringing up the day's proceeds to the grand total of £250. The report showed the estimated outlay to be £2,000, towards which over £1,000 has already been raised.

The Rev H. YOOL, North Shields, followed with an earnest address dealing with several current religious topics. He stated that we ought to make prominent the fatherhood of God. He also insisted upon the importance of conversion, that merely adhesion to a Christian Church was not sufficient, but to be born again of the Spirit. We must preach the old verities of the Christian religion which have been so powerful in the past, and by means of which we have achieved success. The speaker said that a good deal was said about the inspiration of the Bible; he believed the Bible to be inspired because it inspired us, and we were to bring our spiritual needs to the Bible and Christ, and there we get them satisfied. We are not only to be saved from sin, but to become perfect in Christ. The perfection of man was exhibited in Christ, and we must imitate our Master. We must seek and obtain culture, and be zealous in Christian work. We want a re-discovery of Christ in society. The Church is God's agent to redeem society, and Christ will triumph in the earth. The world wants godly, earnest men, and we must represent Christ in and by our lives. Christianity has done much for humanity, and we must be filled with God, and then selfishness and every kindred evil will be cast out.

Rev W. JONES, Sunderland, was the next speaker and delivered an eloquent address in his own inimitable style.

The tone of the meeting was excellent throughout. The choir was present under the leadership of Mr W. Urwin, and several old Methodist hymns were sung.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Rev W. RAISTRICK and seconded by Mr W. TELFORD, was accorded to all who had taken part in the proceedings.

A supper was afterwards held, which was largely attended.

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WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL (3d.) for September is an excellent number. The paper pattern of a new skirt with pleated or flutted back, also a coloured plate of early autumn designs are presented, there are numerous sketches of smart gowns, bodices, capes and coats, stylish evening bodices and tea gowns, lingerie, fashions for matrons, latest millinery and styles for children with practical instructions for cutting out and making at home.

WELDON'S PRACTICAL NEEDLEWORK (2d.) the September issue (No.105) is devoted to crotchet and contains clear directions for working petticoats, shawls, crossovers, boots, hood, scarfs, dolmanette, &c.

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WEARDALE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The annual show was held at St John's Chapel on Saturday, and was, as in previous years, a great success. The society was favoured with fine but cold weather, and the attendance of visitors from the surrounding districts was exceptionally large. The entries numbered 291, and compared favourably with those of previous years. There was a little falling off in the entries for black-faced sheep, but this deficiency was fully made up in the classes for shorthorned cattle (open and district), dales ponies, and driving. There was some keen competition in the class for foals, colt or filly, by "Norfolk" cob, the prizes for which were given by Sir Joseph Pease Bart, M.P. and the society. After some serious consideration the judges awarded Sir Joseph's prize to Mr J Sutherland Lonton-in-Teesdale, and Mr J Beadle, Ettersgill, the second ticket. In the sheep section, Mr J Vickers, Elm Park, Tow Law, was a successful exhibitor. He was awarded first prize for black-faced tup above two years old. Mr Vickers was successful with this animal at the Durham County Show held at South Shields last week. This animal has been exhibited at ten shows, and has secured ten first prizes and two specials. During the afternoon, the Weardale Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr W English, played an excellent programme of music. The energetic secretary, Mr J Watson, is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the whole of the arrangements were carried out. The judges were as follows:—

Cattle—Mr J Johnson, Coat House, Blanchland; and Mr W Johnson, Old Town, Whitfield, Langley-on-Tyne.

Horses—Mr T Laws, High White Lea, Crook; and Mr W Fairless, Grey Street, Crook.

Sheep—Mr G Stobbs, Park, Allendale.

Butter—Mrs Proudfoot, Crook, and Miss Stephenson, Swinhope House.

AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

SHORTHORNED CATTLE.

Bull above two years old—1, W Vickers, Weardale; 2, J Nattrass, Field Head, Westgate.

Bull, above one year old—1, J Walton, Westgate; 2, M Reed, Ludwell, Eastgate.

Bull calf—1, T Robinson, Shield Ash, Stanhope; 2, M Reed.

Cow in milk or calf—1 and 2, H Stephenson, Billingshield, Eastgate.

Dairy cow in milk or calf—1, T Featherstone, East Black Dene; 2, J Graham, Sedling.

Heifer, two years old—1 and 2, Mr Thomas Robinson.

Yearling—1, T Robinson; 2, J Thompson, Stotley, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Heifer calf—1, W Deighton, Westgate; 2, O Monkhouse, Cowshill.

DALES PONIES.

Agricultural, not exceeding 15h—1, R Peart, Cowshill; 2, J Roddam, Rookhope.

Dales ponies, not exceeding 14½h—1, R Peart; 2, J Heward, Mickleton.

Dales ponies, not exceeding 14h—1, J L Forster, West Allendale; 2, T Beadle, Mickleton.

DRIVING CLASS.

Horse or mare, any age—1, G Stephenson, Swinhope House; 2, R Dalkin, Westgate.

PONIES (not exceeding 14 hands.)

Brood mare, with foal at foot—1, J Charlton, Weardale; 2, J T Lee, Mickleton.

Gelding or filly, two years old—1, F Walton, Newhouse; 2, Peart, Lynnhead.

Colt or filly, one year old—1, T Kidd, Sidehead; 2, J Coatsworth, Wellhope.

Foal, colt or filly, dam produced—1, P Raine, Middleton-in-Teesdale; 2, John Charlton, Silver Dykes.

SHEEP.

Leicester tup lamb—1, W Vickers, Eastgate; 2, T Henderson, Nentsberry.

Two gimmer lambs—1, W Vickers.

Three black-faced ewes, having reared lambs this year—1 and 2, George Brown, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Pen of three shearling gimmers—1, J Vickers, Tow Law; 2, G Brown.

Pen of three gimmer lambs—1, J Vickers; 2, W Oliver, Rookhope.

BLACK-FACED TUPS.

Above two years old—1, J Vickers; 2, W Wilson, Snowhope.

Shearling, above two years old—1, W Oliver; 2, W Wilson.

Tup lamb—1 and 2, J Vickers.

DISTRICT CLASSES.

SHORTHORN CATTLE.

Bull, above two years old—1, J Nattrass, Westgate.

Bull, above one year old—1, J Walton, Westgate; 2, W Featherstone, White Stones.

Bull calf—1, J Walton, Westgate; 2, J Featherstone, Burnhope.

Dairy cow in milk or calf—1, T Featherstone, East Black Dene; 2, J and T Walton.

Cow in milk or calf—1, W Bainbridge, Westgate; 2, J Graham.

Dairy cow not exceeding 40 stones—1, G Herdman, Westgate; 2, T Coulthard.

Heifer, two years old—1, W Lowes, Cowshill; 2, T and H Fairless, Mount Pleasant.

Yearling heifer—1, J Waugh, Aller Cleugh; 2, E Peart, Dyke.

Heifer calf—1, W Deighton, Westgate; 2, O Monkhouse, Westgate.

Heifer calf under six months—1, J R Coulthard, High House; 2, T Rutherford.

SHEEP.

Pen of three black-faced ewes having reared lambs this year—1, S Maddison; 2, J Peart, Stonedress.

Shearling gimmer—2, J and J Watson, Burnhope.

Gimmer lambs—1, S Maddison, Chapel Pasture; 2, T Rutherford.

Old tup or shearling—1, H Bell; 2, R Rowell, Burnhope.

Tup lamb—1 and 2, S Maddison.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Polled cow—1, I Dawson, Ireshopeburn; 2, G Stephenson, Swinhope House.

Best foal by "Norfolk" cob—1, J Sutherland, Lonton-in-Teesdale; 2, J Beadle, Ettersgill.

BUTTER.

Salt butter—1, J J Lowdon, White Lees, Blanchland; 2, Miss H Coulthard, Westgate; 3, Miss Stephenson, Eastgate.

Unsalted butter—1, J J Lowdon; 2, Miss Coulthard; 3, J Graham, Wearhead.

Bull or heifer calf, not exceeding 12 months, having been fed on Bibby's calf meal; age to be considered by the judges—T Rutherford, Burnhope.

The galloping was won by Mr J L Lawson, of Butterknowle.

THE LUNCHEON.

At the close of the show the judges sat down to luncheon in the Oddfellows' Hall, the purveyor being Mr J G Watson, Blue Bell Hotel. Mr J A Hildyard, of Hersley, Eastgate, presided; and Mr J Roddam, J.P., Stanhope, occupied the vice-chair.

The CHAIRMAN, having proposed the loyal toasts, gave "Success to the Weardale Agricultural Society." He was sorry indeed that their M.P. was not able to be present with them, but he had pleasure in reading to them the following letter:—

DEAR SIR,—I am exceedingly sorry not to be able to be present at the Weardale Agricultural Show to-morrow, but so many of my partners are taking their holiday, and I find so many things to attend to after my long absence in London, that I cannot easily spare the day. Will you kindly apologise to the Chairman for my absence, and convey my regret that I am unable to support him.

I am sure the Weardale people will be satisfied with the excellent progress which the railway is making. I believe that six of the bridges are practically completed, and that seven others are rapidly progressing towards completion; that the river diversions are also practically completed; that the earthwork in the cuttings and embankments are well forward, and that in ten days' time the first four miles will be formed and ready for ballasting. The station yards and works are also being done, and the heavy part of the line is nearly over. This, I am sure, must be a cause for congratulation in the dale. I am afraid, however, there are many reasons for depression, especially in the present condition of local mining, and I fear wet weather has been very detrimental to the hay harvest. —Yours faithfully,

J. W. PEASE.

He agreed with Sir Joseph Pease, and hoped that his good wishes would be fully realised. He was talking to one of the members of their show that day, and that gentleman thought their thirty-fourth show almost equalled Stanhope show. (Hear.) Well, he did not like comparisons at any time, and much less at shows, but he was glad to see that they had an improving number of entries, while the show of dales ponies was especially good. (Hear.) A few years ago he thought that this breed had died out, but what he had seen had caused him to change his opinion. The dales pony was a most useful animal, and it would be a great pity to see them die out. With the toast he coupled the name of Mr Ralph Watson, who appropriately responded.

Mr JOS VICKERS, Tow Law, gave "The Judges," and Mr Johnson replied.

Mr T PEARTLAND, Ireshopeburn, gave "The Donors" and "The Vice-chairman," the latter being responded to by Mr Roddam and Mr Stanhope.

The last-named remarked that he took a great interest in the farmers. He thought if the farmers went that there would be nothing left. (Laughter.)

The toast of "The Chairman" was given and accorded musical honours, after which the proceedings were brought to a close.

ACCIDENTS.

Two regrettable accidents somewhat marred the day's proceedings. A young man named Thomas Harrison, of New House, who was riding a black pony of Mr J. Watson's in the galloping competition, had his left leg broken by coming in contact with a post. Dr Bradshaw, of Allendale, at once attended to him and set the injured limb. Another accident of a more serious nature occurred at Harshope Bridge, by which a Middleton man named Thomas Tarn, of Harley Hill, was seriously injured. He, along with three others, had been to the show to seek entries for Middleton Show, and were returning home in a trap, and when passing over this very awkward and highly dangerous bridge the trap was overturned and he was pitched out, falling heavily with his head against the mason work of the bridge. Blood gushed from his ears and he lay apparently dead. Medical aid was promptly on the spot. Dr Bradshaw and Dr Hewitson both arrived, and had the poor fellow removed into a neighbouring house. It was feared that he had sustained a fracture at the base of the skull.

The man Tarn died from the effects of his injuries on Monday night.

PASSING EVENTS.

JUDGES' HOLIDAYS—"EXPRESS" POSTAL RULES—THE COLLECTION-BOX NUISANCE—CRICKET—LITERARY AND THEATRICAL—EXHIBITION NOTES.

Once more the periodical cry is raised against the Long Vacation. That unconscionable holiday for the judges was curtailed by a fortnight six years ago, but it is still ten weeks, and there is a demand for the cutting away of four of them. At present the judges enjoy a hundred and sixteen days' holiday in the whole year—distinctly more than a third of the available working-days in a twelvemonth. No other class of the community gets so much playtime, except school-children, whose holidays continue to augment, and will, I suppose, eventually embrace the whole of their scholastic lives. It is only the judges who cling to the Long Vacation—judges, and perhaps wrongdoers, who are gratified to think that a citation served in July need not be answered till the end of October. Barristers, especially junior barristers, do not relish the prolonged spell of idleness, and smile in a sad sort of way at the people who always assume that every lawyer on a holiday takes care to be paid for it.

The Postmaster General is at variance with the Post Office Guide and sundry postmasters with respect to the steps requisite to be taken by the public when they want their letters to be forwarded under "express" regulations. Mr. Arnold Morley maintains that the senders of such letters have simply to endorse on them their wishes and post them in any letter-box, pillar or otherwise. But those whose duty it is to forward them take another view of the situation, and ignore such requests unless the letters have been handed over the counter. Mr. Henniker Heaton is surely justified in thinking that the authorities of the Post Office should come to some agreement among themselves. This is by no means the first illustration of the slowness with which instructions from headquarters permeate the entire postal administration. Mr. Morley seems to think he has only to speak and it is done. The heads of a good many district and branch post-offices are somewhat hard of hearing.

The importunity of collection-boxes in the streets is beginning to excite quite a vehement irritation. Now the thoroughfares are thinned by the annual exodus the pedestrian is more vigorously beset than ever by smart young women, who rattle money-boxes under his nose, and regard him with infinite disdain if he does not contribute something to the funds of the charitable institution they have taken under their wings. The ordinary mendicant can be outfaced without difficulty, but when the begging is done by a young and rather good-looking, and even well-dressed, woman the refusal is not so easy. Charity levied in this fashion is really a form of brigandage, or, as an eminent statesman would say, of "ransom." That is why the citizen is making a rather violent protest.

The county cricket season has ended in the anti-climax that not infrequently follows conditions of unusual excitement. Seldom has there been a season so full of thrilling incidents and dramatic surprises; seldom has the finish been so tame. But the rain amid which St. Swithin has passed from our midst has, among its many other depressions, laid the anticipations of the cricket-field as effectually as it has beaten down the crops of corn that should be golden and are sodden.

Some surprise is expressed in theatrical circles at the prosecution of a "deadhead," alleged to have obtained tickets on false pretences by representing himself as an editor. The usual practice of managers is to distribute tickets amongst representatives of the Press, real or pretended, without any rigid scrutiny of credentials. Every applicant is supposed to be capable of getting a paragraph in somewhere. At one well-known house the applications from correspondents of unheard of journals, both at home and abroad, are invariably granted without demur. It may easily be imagined, therefore, that the news of a prosecution has caused a commotion in the "deadhead" world. Why, it has always been assumed that part of the business of an acting manager is to find "deadheads" of suitable appearance to occupy seats when the public rush to the box-office begins to flag! It would be easier to understand a prosecution of a supposed journalist by the journal whose name he took in vain than a campaign by deluded managers.

It is interesting to learn that Miss Marie Corelli carries in a little silk bag round her neck the message from the Queen intimating that her Majesty "desires all Miss Marie Corelli's works." But I wonder whether the Queen has really accomplished the task of reading every one? Has she, for instance, struggled through "Barabbas"? Did she get any further than the scene in which Pontius Pilate is made to scourge Christ with his own hand? And what does she think of Miss Corelli's belief that this is literally accurate, because the sacred narrative does not state that Pilate ordered someone else to perform this hideous task? A copy of "Barabbas" with her Majesty's annotations would be a priceless curiosity.

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Sporting Items.

QUOITING AT MEDOMSLEY.—On Saturday afternoon a quoit match was played on the ground attached to the house of Mr John Minto Miners' Arms Inn, Medomsley, between John Wigham of Westwood, and William Holmes, of Clough Dene, for £15 a side, the conditions being 6lb. quoits, 10 yards on the clay, 51 points game. There was a good attendance of people, and Wigham, who won by 8 chalks, was made favourite in the betting. Scores:—Wigham, 2 2 2 2 4 1 4 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 2 3—51; Holmes, 1 2 1 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 3 3 2 2 1 2 2 2 2—43. Mr Hugh McGee, Leadgate, acted as referee.

Pigeon Flying at Consett.—On Saturday afternoon a pigeon flying handicap, promoted by Mr Wm. Quinn, landlord of the Duke of Wellington Inn, Consett, from the Hat and Feather Inn, near Medomsley, to the different dovecotes, at Consett, a distance of about a mile-and-a-half, was decided, there being a dozen competitors. The result was that Miller's birds came in first and third, while Barrett's bird was second. Referee and timekeeper, Mr Wm. Quinn.

Quoit Match at Blackhall Mill.—On Saturday afternoon, there was a large attendance at the quoit enclosure adjoining the premises of Mr W. H. Stonehouse, Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, near Ebchester, to witness a match between H. Cranstone, of Barnopfield, and J. Laws, of Hamsterley Colliery, who played for £15 a side, 11 yards on the sward, 51 chalks game. After a most exciting contest Cranstone was the winner by one point only, the final score standing—Cranstone, 51; Laws, 50. Mr M. Scott, Westwood, was referee.

FIVES HANDICAP AT DIPTON.—The double-handed fives handicap promoted by Mr Robert Hoult, of the Red Ox Inn, Dipton, who gave £2 to an entrance of 1s. per lot, was resumed on Saturday afternoon, in the ball alley attached to that hostelry. The weather was fine, and there was a large muster of spectators. Details:—First round (continued)—Henry Hovvells, Burnhope, and J. Neale, Hobson Colliery, beat R. Strong, Hobson, and J. Thompson, Dipton; Wm. Nevins, Dipton; and R. Ritchie, Dipton, beat Heny Nevins, Dipton, and T. Moie, West Stanley; J. Willey, Dipton, and G. Liddle, Burnhope Colliery. Second round—J. Willey and George Liddle beat J. Ritchie, Dipton, and W. Nevins; R. Richardson, Dipton, and W. Swinbank, Dipton, beat R. Hoult, Dipton, and T. Shield, West Stanley. The handicap is to be resumed and concluded on Saturday first. Handicapper and referee, Mr Wm. Thompson, Hobson Colliery.

MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.

In connection with the Medomsley Flower Show on Saturday, a number of sports were brought off in a field known as the Kitchen Field, situate close to the vicarage, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr John Hunter, Grange Farm. Appended are the results:—One mile pony race, for ponies not exceeding 14 hands high—Ions' Eveline, £2, 1; Frieck's Billy, £1, 2; Burnside's Little Wonder, 10s., 3. A capital race; Eveline won by only a short distance. Best mare or gelding in harness (7 entries)—J. Walker, Station Hotel, Swalwell, £2 1; A. Phillipson, Dipton, £1, 2; Geo. Wade, Consett, 10s., 3 Messrs J. Hunter, The Grange, Medomsley; J. Allison, Hamsterley Mill; and W. Wheatley, Shotley Bridge, were the judges. Football competition—Allendale Park beat Consett by one goal to nil; Allendale Park beat Medomsley White Stars by five to four, and thus won the 11 silver medals. Mr Charlton, Medomsley, was the referee. Quoiting (28 entries)—Thomas Cain, Dipton, 1 and 3; D. Clarke, Westwood, 2. Mr. H. Hume, Allendale Cottages, officiated as referee. Bowling at the wicket—S. Ward, 1; W. Cant, 2.

KYO FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.

At the 27th annual exhibition of the Kyo Floral and Horticultural Society, held on Saturday, in a field lent by Mr Geo. Hobson, of Catchgate, there was an exceedingly large attendance of spectators. The subjoined sports were decided:—Association football competition—Lizzie Celtics (Annfield Plain), who had three teams entered, carried off both first and second prizes. Referee, Mr Argyle, Greencroft. Girls' skipping competition—Dorothy Jane Errington, 370 turns, 1; V. Burton, 340, 2; L. Dobbin, 312, 3; and Elizabeth Dixon, 4. Foot-race for boys under 12 years (40 entries)—John Herron, Kyo, 1; Charles Errington, Kyo, 2; Patrick Kilty, Catchgate, 3; Benjamin Embleton, Oxhill, 4. Referee and handicapper, S. Dart, Kyo.

CONSETT AND NORTH-WEST DURHAM RACING COMPANY.—The directors have practically completed their arrangements for holding the second meeting over the Carribees racecourse at Consett, on Saturday, 8th September. Mr Wm. Young, Dipton, has been appointed prompter, Mr Ed. Wylam, Consett, starter, and Mr T. C. Rawes, Consett, clerk of the scales, the stewards remaining the same as on the last occasion. There will be six events and a £15 foot handicap, the latter being in charge of Messrs W. Young, Dipton; Isaac Thirlwell, Leadgate; Gibson Teasdale, Consett; and R. M. Rutherford, Medomsley.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward at this mart on Monday, 30 fat cattle, 145 fat sheep and lambs, 87 keeping lambs, left over from Saturday's sale, 12 store cattle, 3 geld cows, 3 newly-calved cows, 11 calves, two traps, a quantity of poultry and other miscellaneous lots. Fat cattle, Messrs Graham, £14 7s 6d to £15; Mr J Hunter, £13 7s 6d to £15; Mr T Surtees, £10 to £11; Mr John Pattison, £12 15s to £14 10s; Messrs Anderson, £13 15s to £16 12s 6d; Mr Dixon, Lanchester, £10 to £11 10s; Mr Haansbergen, £11 5s to £14 17s 6d; Mr R Stoker, £10 10s to £11 17s 6d; Mr J Wall, £9 to £12 12s 6d. Geld cows, £8 5s to £10 5s; cows, £11 to £13; calves, 18s to £2 10s. Poultry, 1s to 1s 6d each. Traps, £3 10s to £5 10s. Store cattle, £4 to £5 10s and £8 17s. Sheep to 40s 6d, Mr S Brewis; 45s, Mr Potts; 37s 6d, Messrs Graham; 44s, Mr Gledson; 43s 6d, Mr G Heppell; 42s 6d, Mr J Hunter; 44s, Messrs Wood; 38s, Mr Miller; 36s, Mr Stoker. Lambs, 30s 6d, Messrs Graham; 26s, Mr G Heppell; 31s, Mr J Hunter; 27s, Messrs Fisher; 23s 6d, Mr Hudspeth; 23s, Reed. Keeping mule lambs, 18s to 20s 6d. An extra large company of buyers were forward, and trade was good for all classes of stock at better prices. On Saturday, Mr Murray held a special sale for keeping lambs, for which there was a very poor trade, nearly one-third of them being left over until Monday, the weather being exceptionally fine and many farmers being busy stacking their hay.

LANCHESTER.—Messrs Green and Dowson had forward on Monday, 9 cows and heifers, 3 fat cattle, 68 fat sheep and lambs, and 40 store cattle. Cows met a slow trade, but making more money; fat cattle at late rates; fat sheep and lambs, made fair prices; store cattle—there were forward a good supply of strong good heifers. Appended are a few of the prices:—Cows made from £11 15s to £16 17s 6d, for a useful farmer's cow from J Mitchinson; fat cattle up to £13 5s; fat sheep top—36s 6d, E Herdman, Colepike Mill; mule lambs top—26s, from G Gibson, Thristle Nest; b.f.w. 26s 6d, G Walton. Messrs Green and Dowson would particularly invite all in want of good mule g. lambs to refer to the advertising columns, as a more select lot of mule g. lambs as will be shown on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, it will be difficult to find. All of crack hirsels.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 40 dairy cows and heifers, 23 fat cattle, 6 store cattle, 8 calves, 275 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £20; fat cattle to £16 10s; store cattle to £8; calves to 30s. Fat lambs to 32s, top —Mr T Nichol, Westshields; fat sheep to 42s 6d, top—Mr W Robinson, Burnley.

THE PRETTIEST WOMAN IN LONDON is said to be Miss Clara D——, a young lady belonging to a very old English family. She is shortly to appear —so rumour declares—at a West-end theatre in a new comedy by one of our leading dramatists. She is very wealthy, and her only reason for going on the stage is that she is reluctant to keep hidden away any longer her genius and beauty. These gifts of nature were meant for mankind, and it would be selfish to conceal them. Actuated by a similar motive, George Henry Camp writes to say that he has been cured of his rheumatism by Holloway's Ointment; while by the use of Holloway's Pills he keeps himself healthy in mind and body.

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VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

The fourth, and last for this season, of the field meetings of this club, took place on Saturday, the place selected being Gibside, permission to visit the grounds having been kindly granted by the resident agent of Lord Strathmore. An arrangement had previously been made with the members of the Morpeth Field Club that they should join the Derwent Society on this occasion. The Morpeth friends arrived at Rowland's Gill by the train leaving Newcastle at 12 25. From there the members of the two clubs were conducted to the ruins of the old chapel at Friarside, which were inspected with much interest. A brief sketch of its history, as far as it was known, was given within its walls by the president of the club, Mr James F. Robinson. The place next visited was the well-known Gibside Chapel. The visitors who had not before seen its elegant interior were very much interested in it. The acoustic properties of it were tested by one of the party playing a hymn tune on the organ, and the rest joining in the music. The wood of which the pews are made (black cherry tree) and the elegant columns supporting the dome were inspected with much interest. From the chapel the route was taken by the conservatory and the path through the old rookery, above the steep banks overhanging the Derwent, where formerly stood, in a secluded spot, the beautiful bath-house built by George Bowes about 1760. Here was seen a steep ravine finely clad with the lady fern (Æthyrium fili fœmina). The hall was now reached, after an inspection of which the party sat down to an excellent tea in the servants' hall, which had been kindly granted for the occasion by Mr McIntyre, the resident agent of Lord Strathmore. The tea was supplied by Mrs Cheesem of the Chapel House, and was thoroughly enjoyed. After tea, Mr Egdell, of Morpeth, in a brief reply to a few words of welcome to the Morpeth friends, spoke of the pleasures which young people especially deprive themselves of by not making acquaintance with one or two simple subjects relating to natural history, remarking how much more pleasant their country rambles might be made if they had even a slight knowledge of botany or geology, or such sciences. A short paper on the history of Gibside was then read by the president. Several new members of the society were elected, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Lord Strathmore and his agent for their kindness. After tea the large oak was visited, many saying it was the largest tree they had ever seen. It is about 17 feet height, and contains about 400 cubic feet of timber. Leaving the oak, a fine view of the terrace, with the chapel at the end, was obtained and much admired, as also the sheet of water called the Low Basin. A shady walk led from here to the Monument, where some interest was shown to the details of its construction as related by the president, which details had been obtained from the original accounts contained in the estate books. From the Monument, by way of fine avenues of trees, a visit was paid to the Banqueting House, erected by George Bowes, as a part of the improvements which he made shortly before his death. The view from here was much admired, as at the foot of the steep slope on which it stands is a fine sheet of water, of an octagonal form, about 200 feet in diameter, in which were some pretty beds of water lilies. A pleasant walk to the Rowland's Gill Station brought to a close a very agreeable and pleasantly spent afternoon. About 35 members and friends were present. Among the plants noted were Bartsia Odontites, Malampyrum Pratense, Lysimachia, Nummularia, Alchemella Vulgaris, and Berberis Vulgaris.

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

In our issue of Friday next, Sept. 7th, our contributor, "Off-side," will supply the first instalment of his "Football Jottings" for the season. "Off-side" will be pleased to receive notes on games, and also any information likely to prove interesting to our readers. All communications should be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, and must reach our office not later than TUESDAY in each week.

Allendale Park have the following dates vacant:—Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Nov. 24, Dec. 22, 25, Jan. 1, home; March 9, 23, 30, April 20, 27, away. Address—Wm. Mansell, Fines Cottages, Medomsley.

Milkwell Burn Juniors have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with moderate junior teams. Address—Wm. Dodds, Six Houses, Low Westwood, Ebchester.

Hamsterley White Stars have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 11 to 13. Apply to Charles Rudd, 26, Hamsterley Colliery, near Ebchester.

Quebec St. Michael's have all dates open. Apply to James Conway, secretary.

Burnhope Rovers have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up with moderate second teams. Apply to R. Wallace, Burnhope Colliery, *via* Lanchester.

KIP HILL WANDERERS v CAUSEY ARCH HEROES.—Played at the Causey, and ended in a victory for the Wanderers by two goals to one.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The following are the fixtures and referees appointed for September:—

SEPT. 1ST.

Burnopfield Temperance v Hamsterley United—G. Grey, Marley Hill.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Lintz Rovers—T. Amos, Hobson.

SEPT. 8TH.

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Leadgate Park Reserve—W. Shield, Swalwell.

Hamsterley United v Lintzford—T. Parkin.

SEPT. 15TH.

Hamsterley United v Burnopfield Temperance—T. Dixon, Lintzford.

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Lintz Rovers—M. Dewyer, Byer Moor.

Axwell Rovers Reserve v Spen Albion—J. Weedy, Lintz Colliery.

Hobson Wanderers Reserve v Byer Moor—R. Abbott, Lintz Green.

SEPT. 22ND.

Lintz Rovers v Byer Moor—W. Hogarth, Burnopfield

Spen Albion v Hamsterley United—W. Smith, Victoria Garesfield.

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Hobson Wanderers Reserve—J. Hickman, Lintz Colliery.

Axwell Rovers Reserve v Leadgate Park Reserve—W. Ridley, High Spen.

SEPT. 29TH.

Hamsterley United v Leadgate Park Reserve—J. Ross, jun., *Guardian* Office, Consett.

Axwell Rovers Reserve v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's—J. Cairns, Lintz Green.

Byer Moor v Burnopfield Temperance—W. Douglas, Swalwell.

RUGBY.

HAMSTEELS R.F.C.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Hamsteels Rugby Club was held at the Hamsteels Colliery Inn, there being a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr Thos. Lowdon; vice-president, Lieut.-Colonel E. Leadbitter-Smith, C.C., J.P., Rev F. G. Rev J. Dent, Rev Samuel Harris, Dr Kirkland, Sergt. Smallwood, Messrs J. T. Todd, Jas. Todd, S. Tate, J. B. Johnson, J. Wallis, R. Wall, G. French, T. Chambers, Wm. Oyston, J. Stephenson, and Gowland; captain, Mr Alex. Dodds; captain 2nd team, Mr J. Blenkiron; vice-captain, Mr M. Maycock; hon. secretary and treasurer, and county representative, Mr J. B. Johnson; assistant hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr E. McDonald; committee, Messrs J. Hasson, J. Heightley, R. Calle, W. Davidson, W. Gleghorn, J. Anderson, J. Carter, T. Brown, E. Wilson, and Pigg. It was announced that for next season matches had been arranged with Durham City, Tudhoe, Houghton, Sunderland Nomads, Jarrow, Ryton, Tyne Dock, and Durham University.

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Cricket.

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

TANTOBIE v. TANFIELD.

Played at Tantobie, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

TANFIELD.		TANTOBIE.	
J Watson c Rockett b Morton	8	W Charlton b Robson	10
W Robinson b Rockett	3	J Brown c Robinson b Robson	11
W Wallace c Brown b Morton	7	W Armstrong b Robson	6
M Robson b Rockett	6	M Ledger b Robson	1
T Irwin c & b Ledger	5	T Morton c Watson b Wallace	2
N Wilkinson c Keilor b Morton	0	J Bowes st Watson b Wallace	1
T Mossom b Rockett	0	F Rockett b Wallace	0
C E Hughes b Ledger	5	W Hall b Wallace	0
F Parker b Morton	0	J Harrison not out	3
M Pattison not out	3	G Keilor c Irwin b Robson	0
W Milburn b Morton	7	J Tyson c Hughes b Wallace	4
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	47	Total	43

BEAMISH v. BLACKHALL MILL.

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

BEAMISH.		BLACKHALL MILL.	
J Ironsides hit wkt b W Wood	41	J Greener b W Cook	3
C Cummings b Mason	6	W Wood c Lee b W Cook	0
H Cook b Mason	9	J Wood run out	4
W Cook c Charlton b Mason	6	J Lonsdale not out	23
F W Mole run out	1	T Embleton b H Cook	0
R Dorling c Mason b J Wood	3	T Bell b H Cook	0
J Brayson c Greener b J Wood	0	G Emmerson b H Cook	0
J Lee run out	3	T Richards'n b W Cook	0
M Laybourn l b w b Mason	9	P Charlton c Cummings b W Cook	2
G Finlay not out	26	J Rooney st Lee b H Cook	0
J Jackson b Wood	4	W Mason b H Cook	1
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total	115	Total	34

WHICKHAM v. RYTON.

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

WHICKHAM.		RYTON.	
T Mowbray b Bartram	22	J Charlton b J Mowbray	1
T Cheeseman b Purdy	0	R Draper c J Mowbray b W Burn	1
T M Burn c Draper b Purdy	3	Bartram c G Cheeseman b J Mowbray	6
G Cheeseman b Purdy	3	A Brownlees lbw b J Mowbray	6
W Thyne b Bartram	8	J Armitage c and b J Mowbray	0
J Mowbr'y lbw b Purdy	0	Spurgeon run out	0
R Mordue c and b Benson	12	J Maughan c W Burn b J Mowbray	0
R Cook c Spurgeon b Benson	11	A Benson c T Cheeseman b W Burn	1
T Atkinson c and b Benson	2	G Purdy not out	7
T Smith not out	0	Raisbeck b W Burn	1
W Burn run out	7	Armstrong b W Burn	0
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	70	Total	25

CHESTER-LE-STREET WEDNESDAY v. SOUTH HILL.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a victory for the visitors by 17 runs. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		SOUTH HILL.	
T R Hall b Armstrong	0	A Manuel b Hutchins'n	4
E Hutchinson c Forster b Armstrong	0	W Moore b Hutchins'n	6
W Speed b Armstrong	10	G W Anson Firth not out	52
T Toman b Moore	26	A Forster b Davidson	4
J Morgan b Armstrong	5	W Armstrong c Hall b Hutchinson	0
R Coxon b Armstrong	9	R Robinson b Hutchinson	1
G Donnison c and b Armstrong	0	G Liddell b Davidson	0
J Davidson b Moore	5	H Armstrong b Hutchinson	0
J Cowing b Moore	0	W Thompson b Davidson	7
J Bailey not out	3	J Hume b Coxon	1
W Middleton b Armstrong	2	C Forster c Bailey b Toman	4
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	66	Total	83

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. STANLEY AND DISTRICT.

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

STANLEY.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
R Noble run out	11	Jas Bewick b Jewitt	4
W Raine st Halliday b J Middleton	0	J Jamieson b Clough	63
T Jewitt b J Middleton	0	Jas Middleton b Smith	3
S Wood c Walker b W Middleton	15	T Toman c Jewitt b Wood	2
R Holmes b W Middleton	1	G Halliday b Jewitt	34
W T Brown b J Middleton	6	T Middleton b Smith	14
J Dixon b J Middleton	0	W Middleton b Jewitt	15
R Gibson b J Middlet'n	0	R Walker b Smith	0
M Smith b J Middlet'n	2	J W Morgan c Holmes b Smith	4
T Bennett b J Middleton	3	E Hutchinson not out	2
G Clough not out	0	R Garbutt c Gibson b Raine	3
Extras	5	Extras	10
Total	43	Total	154

TANFIELD LEA BLOCKERS v. WHITE-LE-HEAD Y.M.C.A.

Played at Tanfield, and ended in a victory for the home team. Score:—

TANFIELD.		WHITE-LE-HEAD.	
G Douglas c Gedling b Pyle	1	J Atkinson c Sanders b S Christopher	3
J Hindmarsh b Pyle	1	H Green c Douglas b S Christopher	17
J Sanders b Atkinson	16	Wm Richardson c H Christopher	0
G Anderson c Green b Pyle	4	J Arthur b S Christopher	0
S Christopher not out	15	T Houghton c S Christopher b Sanders	3
A Stephens b Atkinson	1	J Pyle c H Christopher b Sanders	0
J Christopher run out	0	J Sanderson b S Christopher	0
H Christopher run out	0	G Gedling b Sanders	0
J Armstrong b Arthur	9	W Pyle not out	12
W Rockett run out	0	J Nicholson c Armstrong b Sanders	6
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	49	Total	46

OXHILL 2ND v. CONSETT Y.M.C.A.

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

OXHILL.		Y.M.C.A.	
J Middlemast b Spencer	14	J Middlemast run out	10
G Collin b Hull	14	B Sheldon b Middlemast	6
W Hunter c Collin b Siddle	10	J Spencer b Middlem'st	8
P Palmer c & b Spencer	3	J Siddle c Rix b Wilson	6
J Wilson c Spencer b Siddle	4	J Hull b Middlemast	4
J Rix b Siddle	0	W Tilley c Wilson b Middlemast	9
W Wilson b Spencer	14	J Borrow b Middlema't	1
J Ledger b Hull	1	T Grainger b Middlemast	0
W Thorne c Siddle b Spencer	2	J Collin b Collin	1
H Middlemast not out	6	D Bell b Collin	0
J Mumford c Collin b Spencer	[illegible]	C Mumford not out	4
Extras	5	Extras	1
Total	73	Total	50

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. BENWELL HILL 2ND.

Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.		BENWELL.	
G Hall b J Lawson	0	J Shaw b Dales	1
J Postle c Gaisley b Rankin	3	J White b Seed	4
T D Dales not out	57	J Rankin b Wood	11
A Wood run out	0	J Gaisley lbw b Wood	8
T Wilson hit wkt	16	G Lawson c Oliver b T Wilson	6
M Williamson not out	13	T Shaw run out	2
J Seed to bat		R Green not out	6
J Booth ,,		T Bowman not out	3
W Wilson ,,		J Lawson to bat	
Lancaster ,,		Shaw ,,	
A Mackay ,,		Bean ,,	
Extras	5	Extras	5
Total	94	Total	46
Innings declared closed.			

LANGLEY PARK v. LANCHESTER.

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

LANGLEY PARK.		LANCHESTER.	
Savory c Crone b Hall	0	Lowery b Lowes	1
Scott b Hall	5	W Ramsay not out	5
Bell b Hall	0	Parker b Lowes	0
Pace b Hall	0	Hall b Lowes	0
Plews c Ramsay	0	J Ross c Wilkinson	2
Lowes b Hall	2	Crone not out	4
Plant b Hall	2	Five men to bat	
G Lowes b Crone	0		
Wilkinson b Hall	0		
Ardley c Crone	2		
Vickers b Hall	0		
Extras	0	Extras	0
Total	11	Total	12

LANCHESTER v. OXHILL.

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

OXHILL.		LANCHESTER.	
T Tindale b Hall	1	Crone not out	14
Smith b Crone	1	Ward not out	4
Ledger b Hall	0	Nine men to bat	
Henderson b Crone	0		
Price b Hall	0		
Middlemast b Hall	2		
Wilson b Hall	8		
Thompson not out	0		
Reay c Hall	3		
West c Ross	1		
Dowson b Crone	0		
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	19	Total	20

LANCHESTER v. SOUTH MOOR.

Played on the former's ground, the home team winning easily. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		SOUTH MOOR.	
C J Sadler hit wkt	4	Robinson c Crone	3
H Parker c Logan	1	Joyce b Crone	0
W Crone b Smith	13	Welsh b Crone	2
W Ramsay c Dixon	2	Dixon b Sadler	0
J Ross b Baker	11	Smith b Crone	7
J Ward b Baker	3	Gibbon b Sadler	2
J Sinton b Welsh	14	Brass run out	0
H Dixon hit wkt	0	Low run out	0
R Walker run out	3	Logan run out	2
J McEatton not out	4	Baker not out	0
G W Wilson run out	1	Jackson b Crone	0
Extras	3	Extras	0
Total	59	Total	16

TEMPLETOWN v. LANCHESTER 2ND.

Played on the former's ground, the home team winning by 41 runs. Score:—

TEMPLETOWN.		LANCHESTER.	
J Lowes b Lowery	12	Lowery run out	2
R Lowes b Lowery	1	Wilson c Kempster b J Lowes	9
C Lowes run out	7	Mace b Dunn	2
M Lowes b Hall	0	Thompson b Dunn	0
T Dunn b Hall	8	Hall b Dunn	0
J Brown b Jackson	7	Jackson b J Lowes	1
J Grant retired hurt	2	Crone lbw b J Lowes	0
I Lowden st Lowery	6	Ward not out	4
J W Basey b Jackson	2	E Shipley c Brown b Dunn	0
F Thornton not out	9	Pemberton b J Lowes	3
A Kempster b Hall	5	Thompson b J Lowes	0
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total	64	Total	23

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

Played on the former's ground, the home team winning by 54 runs. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		CORNSAY.	
J Vickers b Nicholson	5	F Hardy b Potter	1
W Potter b Nicholson	0	J Dodds b Potter	0
H Eccleston b J W Sargent	0	J Lynn b Lawton	13
J Lawton b J Sargent	0	J W Sargent run out	33
J Rutter run out	4	R Lynn b Lawton	2
A Plews b Nicholson	5	M Seymour run out	0
J Plews b Nicholson	0	G Whitfield c Potter b Lawton	7
T Lawton b J Sargent	2	G Sargent c Vickers b Eccleston	0
M Vickers b J Sargent	0	R Harrison c Eccleston b Potter	4
R Cooper b Nicholson	0	J Garbutt b Eccleston	6
E Rutter not out	1	J R Nicholson not out	0
Extras	3	Extras	8
Total	20	Total	74

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."]

A QUEER COMBINATION AT WHICKHAM.

Ryton sent the strongest team to Whickham on Saturday they have ever probably placed in the field, to bring off their return fixture. The eleven was a combination of Ryton, Greenside, Blaydon, Newcastle, Newcastle Grammar School, with Bartram, the old Benwell, and present Grammar School professional. They evidently meant to wipe out old scores with Whickham. As the home club was without the services of the brothers Cook—who were engaged by Beamish to play against Blackhall Mill—they entered upon their task with somewhat doubtful feelings. Whickham took first innings, the old members of the team playing confident cricket, but the younger ones were evidently very nervous with Bartram's deliveries. However, the homesters compiled the very fair aggregate of 70. T. B. Mowbray (22) played a fine innings, and is rapidly getting into his old form since he recommenced playing. He was far from satisfied, moreover, about the way in which he was out. Bartram delivered the ball before Mowbray was prepared, and when the latter looked up the ball was close upon him. In fact, he had not time to play it. W. Burn was also playing admirably when he was unfortunately run out. He was apparently in for a good score.

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On Ryton going in to bat, the Whickham captain, in the absence of the brothers Cook, put on J. Mowbray and the veteran "Billy" Burn to bowl, and, as they were backed up by some of the smartest fielding ever seen upon the home ground—some of the catches taken being really superb—the combination team were sent back in a short time for the miserable score of 25. The Whickham team thus retains its unbeaten certificate. Their record now stands—Matches played, 13; won 11; one tie; and one drawn. The above match serves to show the great bowling strength of Whickham at the present time.

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QUESTIONABLE TACTICS.

Apropos of my remarks above concerning the brothers Cook, a Whickham correspondent writes as follows:—"Bribing young players (of course, the two Cooks were well remunerated for their services) is somewhat new to the Whickham club. All through the lengthy career of our club we have never had any assistance from other clubs, with the exception that Mr I. Richards once or twice played for Whickham when his own club had no engagement; but this was quite different, as nothing gave Mr Richards more pleasure than a game amongst his old opponents; and, moreover, the sentiment was thoroughly reciprocated by the members of the Whickham club. Our members are, I fancy, somewhat annoyed about it, and I should think that the Blackhall Mill club—who were badly beaten—will have something to say about the matter, as there can be no two opinions concerning the two lads—they are a pair of very fine bowlers, and it was decidedly wrong of Beamish to engage them to play against a young club such as Blackhall Mill.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH A FAVOURABLE DRAW.

For their return engagement with the second string of the Benwell club—which took place at the Spa Grounds on Saturday—Shotley Bridge had got together a pretty strong team, seeing that it included T. D. Dales (Medomsley) and A. D. Wood and M. Williamson (Consett). Dales was again in good form, and, barring one chance, his 57 (not out) was an exhibition of finished cricket. It is doubtful if Dales ever played better than he is doing just now, and he is undoubtedly the most consistent scorer in the district. T. Wilson made 16, and Williamson had 13 (not out) to his credit when the "closure" was brought into force with the total standing at 94 for four wickets. Wood had not a chance to shine, as he was run out before he had scored.

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As events turned out, the visitors offered a more stubborn resistance than had been expected, and the Shotley men were unable to bring about the victory which they no doubt thought well within their grasp. Not one of the Benwell men failed to score, and at the cessation of hostilities they had totalled 46, and still had four wickets to fall. The draw, of course, was very much in favour of Shotley Bridge, and another half-hour would probably have given them a win.

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AN EXCITING GAME AT TANTOBIE.

The neighbouring clubs of Tanfield and Tantobie played a very close and exciting game on the latter's ground, last Saturday, the visitors just gaining the verdict by four runs only. Tanfield batted first, and although not one of them got into double figures, Watson, Wallace, and Milburn showed good form. Brown (11) and Charlton (10) opened promisingly for the home club, but they were not well supported, and consequently had to accept defeat by the narrow number mentioned above. Wallace and Robson (especially the former) bowled splendidly for the winners. Wallace's analysis reads:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Wallace	4 3	3	2	5

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LANCHESTER GOING STRONGLY.

What has come over the Lanchester club of late? They appear to have taken a new lease of life. At the beginning of the season they could scarcely win a match, and now they cannot lose one. At the Lanchester Flower Show, on Wednesday week, the home club polished off Oxhill and Langley Park in easy fashion, and thus won the bat offered by the Flower Show committee. They followed this up on Saturday by inflicting a decisive reverse upon South Moor, at Lanchester. The home team put together 52, the most prolific scorers being Sinton (14), Crone (13), and Ross (11). With the exception of Smith (7), the visitors could make no stand whatever against the attack of Crone and Sadler, being all dismissed for the paltry score of 16. Keep it up, Lanchester!

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THE I.O.G.T.s WIN EASILY.

The Cornsay I.O.G.T. team have done exceedingly well during the present season, and at home on Saturday they added Langley Park 2nd to their list of victories. The visitors opened the batting, but cut up poorly against the deliveries of J. W. Sargent and Nicholson—who have been wonderfully successful in nearly every match—and could only muster 20 as the result of their united efforts. Following up his excellent bowling, Sargent (33) easily beat the Langley score off his own bat, and is certainly entitled to the lion's share of the honours of the day. J. Lynn (13) also batted well, and Cornsay eventually topped their antagonists' aggregate by no less than 54.

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TEMPLETOWN DO THE TRICK.

The Lanchester second team were the visitors to Templetown on Saturday, but they proved no match for the home club. The latter compiled 64, the chief contributors to which were J Lowes (12), Thornton, Dunn, C. Lowes, and Brown, only one member of the team being credited with a cypher. Lanchester were totally unable to cope with the admirable bowling of J. Lowes and Dunn, and could only manage 23, the best form being displayed by Wilson and Ward. The analyses of the Templetown trundlers are appended—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
J. Lowes	6·4	3	5	5
T. Dunn	7	2	18	5

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THE Y.M.'S GO DOWN.

Consett Y.M.C.A. travelled to Oxhill on Saturday with a moderate team to oppose the second string of Oxhill. J. Middlemast (14), Wilson (14), Collin (14), and Hunter (10) did well with the bat for the home club, who made the capital score of 73. The visitors could only reply with 50, and were thus defeated by 23 runs. Good form was shown by Middlemast (10), Tilley, Spencer, Siddle, and Sheldon.

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DUE RECOGNITION.

DEAR SIR.—On perusing your last issue I was pleased to learn that the committee of the Consett and District Cricket Club had arranged for the continuation of the services of their gallant little professional and groundsman (Mr J. W. Janes) during the season 1895. As a member of the trading community of the district, it has only been my fortune to see Janes perform on two occasions with the Wednesday, or in other words tradesmen's team, and from what I there saw it made me follow with deep interest his doings in all other games, and I candidly admit that I have been amply compensated for so doing. He has proved himself a fair good bowler and batsman, but it is in that important department of the game, fielding, that he more particularly shines, and I am pleased to hear that his example in this respect has been so beneficial that the fielding of our local players has improved quite 50 per cent. Now, sir, it was with great regret that I learnt that on the occasion of Janes's benefit, owing to adverse circumstances, such as the workmen's trip and the Wild West Show at Leadgate being held on the same day, the gate did not come up to the expectation of his many friends and admirers, and I now wish to suggest to the committee that by way of compensating him for the disappointment on that occasion they might give him a Wednesday benefit, say on September 5th, the return fixture with Wallsend, and final Wednesday game of the season, and thus give the tradesmen of the district a chance of showing their appreciation of his services to the district during the season. Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space with my suggestion, but thanking you in anticipation,—I am, yours respectfully,

W. W. WALLACE.

Dixon Street, Blackfine, Aug. 29th, 1894.

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MEMS.

Signs are not wanting that the season is rapidly drawing to a close, and another fortnight will practically finish the cricket campaign.

I am pleased to hear that Janes, who has been rather seriously ill, has very nearly recovered his usual health and strength.

At Durham, to-morrow, Consett will do their utmost to take down the numbers of Chester-le-Street. It should be a rare good game.

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STANLEY LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday afternoon, the monthly meeting of this body was held in the Public Offices, Front Street, West Stanley. Mr George Forster, (chairman), presiding. The other members present were Messrs J. Green, J. Smith, R. Kay, the clerk (Mr J. G. Ridley), the Surveyor (Mr Jos. Routledge), and the Rate Collector, (Mr W. Hewison).

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This Committee recommended that the plan for three houses in Murray Street, Stanley, for Mr H. Collins, be submitted to the full Board.

That the plan for the Mission Room at Oxhill for Beamish Church be received subject to ashpit and w.c. being provided.

They also recommended that the plan for alterations for Messrs Grundy and Glendinning be considered by the full Board.

The plan submitted for hotel premises at South Moor by the Newcastle Brewery Company should be passed.

It was recommended that the plan for a washhouse, stable, and outoffices, at Stanley for Mr H. Armstrong be passed subject to the open space between scullery and wash-house being 10 feet.

It was also agreed that the plan for a bedroom for Mr W. Rowe, be passed subject to the space between stable and bedroom being 15 feet.

That the plan of alterations to premises at South Moor for Mr J. Larkman be rejected.

That the plan for 25 houses at Stanley for South Moor Coal Company be passed, and also the plan for alterations to 23 houses be passed.

That the plan for the premises at Shield Row for Mr Joseph Watson be passed.

It was recommended that the plan for alterations of premises at Stanley for Messrs Costello and Slater be rejected.

That the plan of houses in Towneley Street for Mr R. Hutchinson be passed.

That the plan for two houses in Murray Street for Mr T. Sampson be passed.

That the plan for the premises at Stanley for Mr T. Forster be passed, subject to notice form being filled in.

On the proposition of Mr SMITH, seconded by Mr GREEN the report was adopted.

It was also agreed that the deviations to the plan submitted by Messrs Grundy and Glendinning should not be conceded.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Jos. Routledge) submitted the following monthly report:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your workmen have chiefly been engaged during the past month, watertabling, scraping and dressing up the roads. They have opened out the drain at Oxhill, underneath the North Eastern Railway and they have commenced to take off the hill, and fill up the slack and the bridge on Shield Row Road, behind West Shield Row Villa.

I will require about 100 tons of freestone and 50 tons of limestone to macadamise the road with.

The duplicate plans and estimate for the road and street improvements, also the plan for the extension to South Moor outfall works are ready for the Local Government enquiry.

I have got one ton of ilumenoferic for precipitating and dedorizing the sewer at South Moor Colliery, and I find it to be a great help for precipitating purposes.

I expect to have the whole of the lamps painted, numbered, and fixed ready for lighting by Saturday September 1st.

We will require a better arrangement both for cleaning and lighting the lamps during this next season.

Several plans have been laid before your Building Committee and they will report on the same.

The following houses are ready, or will shortly be ready for habitation certificates:—

Two houses and shops for Mr Fewster.
One house for Mr John Palmer.
One house and shop for Mr Armstrong.
One house and shop for Mr Nattrass.
One house in Towneley Street for Mr Snaith.
One house in Towneley Street for Mr Bloomfield.
One house in Towneley Street for Mr Dunn.

The report was adopted.

MORE FREESTONE REQUIRED.

Mr GREEN moved that the Surveyor have power to order 100 tons of freestone and 50 tons of limestone.

Mr KAY seconded.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PUBLIC LAMPS.

The Surveyor pointed out that a better arrangement was required for both lighting and cleaning the public lamps during the forthcoming season.

Mr SMITH: May I ask the question when do we get the gas to South Moor. Has the mains been laid down yet?

The Surveyor: No we are waiting for the new road being completed.

Mr SMITH: It is time this work was done.

The Surveyor: It is not my fault, I have endeavoured to push forward with the work.

The CHAIRMAN: South Moor will be attended to in due course.

Mr SMITH: I quite understand.

The Surveyor: With regard to the cleaning of the public lamps I think they should be cleaned once every week instead of being attended to monthly.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes I think so, once every month is too far a stretch. The globes get very dirty during that time.

Mr GREEN proposed that Messrs Burns and Co be asked to provide two men to light the public lamps, also to see that the globes were cleaned once every week.

Mr KAY seconded.

Agreed to.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Jos. Routledge) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have inspected the whole of the district during the month, and I find that the ashpits are fairly well cleaned out, and the district is in a good sanitary condition.

Several notices have been given to remove nuisances, which have nearly all been attended to.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOS. ROUTLEDGE.

On the motion of Mr GREEN, seconded by Mr KAY, the report was approved of.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Benson) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The condition of the district, as regards infectious diseases, is most satisfactory, only one case of scarlatina and one of mild enteric fever were reported to me during the month. Both occurred in Havannah. The former was probably an importation, but then there was no apparent cause to account for the latter.

The death-rate for the five weeks is over the overage, being at the rate of 21 per 1,000; but only one death resulted from preventable disease.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

On the proposition of Mr SMITH, seconded by Mr KAY, the report was considered satisfactory.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee presented their financial statement, and recommended that cheques for accounts to the sum of £255 15s 1d should be signed.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr KAY, seconded by Mr SMITH, the report should be adopted, and the necessary cheques signed.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The collector (Mr W. Hewison) reported that during the month he had collected and paid over to the treasurer the sum of £4 16s 4d.

SOUTH MOOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr GREEN pointed out that the contractor (Mr Johnson) for the South Moor improvements was not pushing on with the work as satisfactorily as he would like to see.

Mr SMITH: Yes. I think the contractor might push on with it a little more quickly.

The CHAIRMAN (to the Surveyor): What do you think about this work.

The Surveyor: Well, the contractor is going on with the same; but very slowly.

Mr SMITH: We must take into account that the weather of late has been very bad, and outside work has been interfered with. I do not wish to shield the contractor; but I have been many a time annoyed when I have seen the men losing time. The heavy part of the work is completed now, and the weather was fine. He thought the contractor would be able to finish the contract by the specified time, if he would only make an effort, and push on with the work.

Mr KAY: The weather is fine now; and it should not prevent the contractor from getting on with the work.

Mr SMITH: I should like to see the work done.

The CHAIRMAN: What do you suggest should be done?

Mr KAY: How long has the contractor got now to finish the work?

Mr GREEN: About eight weeks.

Mr SMITH: If that is so, the contractor will have to push on, or he will not get the work done.

The CHAIRMAN: How much kerbing and channelling is there done?

The Surveyor: About 1,100 yards is completed.

The CHAIRMAN: The contract was for 1,800 yards.

The Surveyor: Yes.

Mr SMITH: There will be no harm if the Surveyor was to write the contractor urging him to push on with the work. The footpath is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and not safe to walk on in daylight, alone in the dark.

Mr GREEN: Shall we withhold the cheque that is to be signed for the contractor to-day.

Mr SMITH: I don't think we can do that. It is for work done.

Mr GREEN: The contractor is not doing the work according to the agreement decided upon at the last meeting.

Mr KAY suggested that the whole of the members should form themselves into a committee, and go and inspect the work, and also meet Mr Johnson, the contractor. This would have a better effect. Let Mr Johnson know the complaints that is to hand from the people.

Mr GREEN: It would not be a bad idea to do so.

The Surveyor: Since I spoke to the contractor about this work he has made a great improvement is getting the place tidied up for the safety of the public.

It was agreed that the suggestion of Mr KAY should be carried out.

THE PURCHASE OF LAND.

A letter was read from Mr N. Clark, Beamish Park, pointing out that as the Board had not accepted the offer made to them in his letter of March 3rd, 1893, the Board would have to consider the negociations for the purchase of the land for sewage disposal at Stanley at an end.

It was decided that the letter should lie on the table.

WHERE IS THE VOTING LISTS FOR SOUTH MOOR?

A complaint was made to the effect that the voting lists had not been posted in the customary places in the South Moor district.

The Clerk was requested to write the assistant overseer anent the matter.

THE SURVEYOR'S HOLIDAYS.

It was agreed that the Surveyor should be granted 14 days' leave of absence.

This was all the business.

HOMES FOR AGED MINERS

THE SCHEME DISCUSSED AT DURHAM.

After the miners' council meeting at Durham on Saturday had finished, a conference of delegates, favourable to the establishment of aged miners' homes, was held. There was a fair attendance.

Mr Wilson, M.P., was voted to the chair, and in opening the proceedings, expressed himself very favourable to the movement which had for its object the provision of cottage homes for aged miners, thereby assuring them a shelter in their old days. He urged upon the delegates to give the movement their most practical and sympathetic support. He called upon Mr Joseph Hopper, of Felling, to state what progress had been made in furtherance of the scheme.

Mr HOPPER stated that at the last conference, held in the same hall some two months ago, a small committee, consisting of Mr Gannigan, of Tinsdale; Mr Darby, of North Hetton, and himself, were appointed to take steps to urge the question upon the attention of the executive committee. The committee invited a deputation of supporters of the scheme to meet them, and discuss the best means of procedure. A deputation consisting of Mr George Rooney, Felling; Mr Daniel Rowland, and himself, met the committee and had a very full and friendly interchange of views. A few days after the interview he (Mr Hopper) made a written communication to Mr Steel of the deputation's suggestions, with the request that each member of the ex-committee should be furnished with a copy. In that letter of suggestions it was urged that the first steps of inquiry should be to ascertain, with accuracy and care, what the scheme would actually cost. In pursuance of that idea it was suggested that branch committees should be requested to make the fullest inquiries in their respective districts as to suitable properties that might be for sale, and report upon proper forms the results of their inquiries to the executive committee with full particulars as to price, &c., and where cottages already built were not available, to ascertain the cost of building the same, and when that full information had been obtained, to make that the basis of calculation as to the cost of the scheme. Mr Hopper urged that it would not be wise to rely upon any mere speculative estimates of the cost but to be guided by actual facts, and with such facts drawn from every part of the Society's jurisdiction it would be safe to estimate the cost for the consideration of the members' trip. It was further suggested that circulars, with questions, should be issued to ascertain the views of aged miners themselves upon the general scheme. Mr Hopper spoke highly of the courtesy and frankness of the executive and general officers, and their readiness to listen to any pertinent suggestion.

After Mr Hopper's statement, it was moved:—"That the thanks of the meeting be accorded to the executive committee, and that they be respectfully requested to take effective steps to ascertain by full local inquiries the cost of the scheme for the information of the members." This was seconded and heartily adopted.

Mr GALBRAITH, of Browney, speaking as a member of the executive committee, assured the meeting that they were in earnest sympathy with the movement, and every possible effort would be made to carry it to a successful issue.

Mr House, of West Auckland; Mr Cann, of Castle Eden; Mr Ganigan, of Tinsdale; Mr Derby, of North Hetton; Mr Dobson, of Chopwell; and others spoke in support of the scheme.

In the course of the discussion the hope was expressed that similar conferences would be held in Northumberland to arouse interest upon the question in the various branches.

It was decided to hold another conference for Durham after the rising of the next council meeting when a large attendance of delegates is expected.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

CARDINAL VAUGHAN IN NEWCASTLE.—The jubilee of St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was celebrated with great splendour on Sunday last, in the presence of the Mayor, Corporation, and distinguished visitors. Amongst the high church dignatories present were Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishops Eyre, McDonald, and Stonor, Bishops Riddell and Wilkinson. The sermon in the morning was preached by Cardinal Vaughan, and Rev. J. Croke Robinson preached in the evening. On Monday evening a grand reception was given to Cardinal Vaughan and Archbishop Eyre, who for many years officiated at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Olympia was filled to overflowing, and the reception accorded to the distinguished visitors was most hearty.

EPPS'S COCOAINE.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea like).—The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely-flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now beneficially taking the place with many. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in packets and tins, by Grocers, labelled "James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 29th.—Before Col. SHEPPEE and other Justices.

PETER'S PONY.

William Temple, the younger, was charged with illtreating a pony at Chester-le-Street, on the 2nd August, and also with doing damage to the same animal, the property of Peter Hay, to the amount of £2. Mr F. Harle appeared for the prosecution, Mr Ed. Clarke, Newcastle, defending.

Peter Hay said the pony belonged to him. He did not see the pony on the day named, but saw it on the next day. It was then suffering from a wound behind the fore leg, and also from a wound in front of the hind leg. The pony was suffering severely. He sent it to Bowes's house for Lord Durham's veterinary to see. The veterinary gave something to relieve the pain. About ten days after that the pony was again sent to Bowes's house for the veterinary to assess the damage.

Cross-examined by Mr Clarke: The pony was the best tempered pony in the world. It had never shewn temper, and did not behave badly in the stable. He did not refuse to let Mr Cox, of Newcastle, see the pony.

Ernest Stainbank said he took the pony to the trough, and on his way, at his request, Temple got on its back, kicked it, and threw it down.

Cross-examined: Witness fell off the pony and asked Temple to ride it. Temple did wear spurs, but hit the pony on the belly with his feet.

Charles Brewster, a small boy, said the pony had been at the trough, and would not go any further. Stainbank asked Temple to make the pony go. Temple fell off the pony, and it fell on Temple.

Cross-examined: Temple kicked the pony with his heel. He did not kick the pony when he was off it.

Fred Stainbank, groom with Peter Hay, said he saw the pony at night. He found the pony suffering from several wounds.

Cross-examined: He took the pony to Bowes's house. He did not suggest that the wound were made by kicking, but by falling down.

William Ainsley said he was standing near the trough when he saw Swinbank with the pony. The boy was thrown off the pony, and Temple went forward, caught the pony, and at the boy's request got on the pony, rode it about forty yards when it fell down upon him. He never kicked the pony as had been suggested. He only struck it once with a short stick.

Robert Place said he was with Temple, and saw the boy in difficulty with the pony. The boy called the assistance of Temple, who went to him. Temple never kicked the pony at all.

Cross-examined: He knew that Temple was a skilled horseman. The pony was in a canter when it fell, and Temple brought it back to the boy.

George Clifford said he was not with the others, but happened to be on the road at the time. He saw Temple get on the pony, and saw the pony fall down on him. Temple did not kick the pony at all, but struck at it with a stick.

Cross-examined: He thought Temple's leg was broken.

Mr Cox, M.R.C.V.S., Newcastle, said he went to see the pony, and had seen the pony on the 9th August. He ascribed the wounds upon the pony to falling upon the macadamised road. They were not at all consistent with kicking, but quite consistent with falls.

Cross-examined: He could not on any account say how defendant could kick the hind leg of the pony as described by the witnesses.

By Mr Clarke: The wounds could not have been inflicted by boots without toe plates or heel plates.

Mr Wm. Temple, M.R.C.V.S., father of the defendant, said defendant never wore boots with toe or heel plates.

The Bench at this stage dismissed the case, the damage case following in the same way.

A FRIVILOUS CASE.

Benjamin Hope was charged under the Poaching Prevention Act with an offence at Chester-le-Street, on the 17th inst.—P.C. Elwood said he met defendant in Middle Chare, and on searching him found two rabbits, quite warm, in his possession.—Defendant said he got two rabbits from his uncle on the 15th inst. in order to try his dog. He ran the dog at the rabbits in the house.—Dismissed, the Chairman remarking that the case ought not to have been brought before him.

GAME TRESPASS.

William Walton was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on the Birtley Iron Company's land, on the 11th inst.—A servant of the company said he saw defendant trespassing on the land, and charged him with trespassing in pursuit of conies, which he denied.—Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 7s 6d and costs.

BREWSTER SESSIONS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The annual licensing meeting of the Justices was held in the Court-room—Mr H. W. Kerrich-Walker in the chair.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Supt. Rutherford stated that the population of the division was 33,077. There were 69 full-licensed houses, seven beerhouses, and seven wine and beer "off." The proportion of licenses to population was to each license, 398; and to each public and beerhouse, 435. He objected to the renewal of the licenses to the Plough Inn, High Flatts, and the Red Lion Inn, Ouston. During the year four publicans and one beerhouse-keeper had been convicted—the beerhouse-keeper for permitting gaming; he had since left the house; one of the publicans for permitting drunkenness, the other three for selling adulterated spirits.

THE PLOUGH INN.

Mr A. T. Crow, Sunderland, appeared on behalf of the Earl of Durham, owner of the Plough Inn, and stated that it was the intention of his lordship to re-build the premises complained of.

THE RED LION.

Supt. Rutherford said he understood that the owners of the Red Lion also intended to re-build that place.

With the exception of the two places named, which were adjourned for the production of plans of the proposed improvements, the whole of the licenses were renewed.

THE BRIDGE INN.

Mr Thos. Lambert applied for an alteration, and submitted plans, to the Bridge Inn at Chester-le-Street. The owners proposed to give up a portion of their ground in order to straighten and widen the road, and remove a very dangerous projection over the road at that point. This had already met with the approval of the County Council and the Highway Board. He understood that there were some objections on the ground that the application was intended to mean an extension from a six to a seven days' license. That was not so.

Mr Fred Harle and Mr Wynn Parry appeared on behalf of adjoining landowners, but as they had neglected to give notice of their objection, they could not be heard.

A large deputation of the Temperance Party appeared in court, ready to oppose the application; but as soon as Supt. Rutherford suggested a slight alteration to the plan, to which Mr Lambert at once agreed, the Chairman said the Bench considered the alterations would be a decided public improvement, and granted the application.

LANCHESTER.

These sessions we held yesterday (Thursday) at Lanchester—Councillor J. Annandale presiding—and lasted for nine hours, the court not rising till eight p.m. The licenses of James Daley, grocer, Consett, beer and wine off; Joseph Murray, Consett, grocer, wine off; Michael Martin, South Moor, general dealer, beer off; Geo. R. Hobson, Catchgate, grocer and auctioneer, spirits off; and Jos. Robinson, West Stanley, chemist and druggist, medicated wines off, were granted, and all the rest of the applications were rejected. A detailed report will appear next week.

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FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, SEPT. 1st.)

Leadgate Exiles v Tow Law, at Tow Law.
Dipton Wanderers v Leadgate Park, at Dipton.
Consett Town Swifts v Allendale Park, at Consett.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Lintz Rovers, at Leadgate.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's, at Dipton.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, SEPT. 1st)

Consett and District v Chester-le-Street, at Durham.
Medomsley v Elswick Works, at Benwell.
Medomsley 2nd v Templetown, at Medomsley.
Shotley Bridge v Blaydon, at Shotley Bridge.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Marley Hill Temperance, at Marley Hill.
Stanley and District v Greenside, at Stanley.
Blackhall Mill v Winlaton, at Blackhall Mill.
Oxhill v Tantobie, at Tantobie.
Consett and District 2nd v South Moor, at Blackfine.
Langley Park v Cornsay, at Langley Park.
Esh Winning and District v Sacriston, at Sacriston.
Burnopfield v Beamish, at Beamish.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

This test match will be played at Durham tomorrow, and the winners will be awarded a place in the Senior League. The following team will represent Consett:—A. S. Godfrey (capt.), Geo. Walton, W. Turnbull, M. Williamson, Rev R. S. Hay, J. Siddell, A. Wood, W. Railton, R. Bradley, T. C. Charlton, and Janes (pro.)

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The usual meeting of this body was held at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday), Mr Wm. Logan, J.P. (chairman), presiding.

LEADGATE FEVER HOSPITAL.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the Hospital had been inspected by the Committee on the previous day. There were several improvements required to be done. The ambulance carriage required to be done up, and the disinfecting chamber would have to be enlarged, so as to meet the requirements in the future. There were no patients in the Hospital.

The Clerk: Yes, there are two cases of typhoid fever.

The CHAIRMAN: There were no cases when we were present.

The Clerk: Quite so; but they arrived at the Hospital shortly after the Committee left.

On the motion of Mr OLIVER, seconded by Mr NICHOLSON, it was agreed that the improvements required to be done should be carried out.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Local Committee had full power, with the medical officer, as to ordering all victuals for the Hospital in the future.

The Clerk reported that there was no report from the medical officer (Dr G. Renton).

There was no other business.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[BY "OBSERVER."]

The readers of my notes from this district would notice that last week's notes had been held over for want of space. This accounts for them being late and rather out of joint. Since I began to write these "Stanley Notes" I have endeavoured to follow all matters of interest week by week which keeps up the interest of the residents in the district. Of course, it must be done in a brief way or they cannot be printed, as other districts require their share of space.

The topic of conversation this week is concerning the Brewster Sessions. There is a diversity of opinion on the various applications for Stanley district. Some maintain that extra "publics" would not increase the sale of drink; others affirm that it would, and thus the conflict is raging. Many think it will be a flagrant disgrace if the magistrates grant the licenses for the two applications near to the Primitive and Wesleyan Chapels, as it would cause interruption to the services, and the sights witnessed near these places are out of harmony with sacred things. Another point in connection with the "publics" is this: If working men who reside a short distance from the "publics" would refrain from spending so much time in them, there would be ample accommodation for travellers and others who may come from a distance and need refreshments; but at present the houses get crowded with men that live close to the spot.

The Kyo Floral and Horticultural Show was held on Saturday last. The exhibits were of a good class. The weather was favourable, and a large number of residents patronised the 26th yearly gathering, which took place in a field belonging to Mr G. Hobson, of Harperley Mill. An interesting contest proved a special attraction, instead of the usual brass band competition which is at present a prominent feature at shows, this took the form of a choral competition. Mr Foster, Tanfield Lea, was the judge, and his awards were:—Burnopfield Primitive Methodist Choir, 1; Spennymoor Baptist, 2; Dipton Primitive Methodist, 3.

The Beamish Wesleyan Society held their chapel anniversary on Sunday last, when two interesting and impressive sermons were preached—morning and evening—by Mr George Parkinson, of Sherburn. This gentleman is very popular in the Wesleyan connexion, and is admired for his simplicity and orthodox preaching. Good congregations were present.

The Rev J. Crawshaw, circuit minister, preached his farewell sermons at the West Stanley Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday last. The services were well attended. Mr Crawshaw carries with him the good wishes of many who have profited from his counsel and ministration. He is a gifted and finished preacher. His sermons are well arranged, and an embodiment of sound information on all matters pertaining to theological questions.

The West Stanley Roman Catholics have closed a successful mission. The building was on some occasions crowded to excess. Fathers J. O'Brien and L. Davenport conducted the services, which have been very orderly and well arranged.

The third portion of the West Stanley Co-operative Society's trip went to Sunderland on Saturday last. The excursionists numbered 1,350. The day was fine, and all went in for seaside recreation. The parks are at their best, and they looked neat and clean. The museum and picture gallery are very interesting, and present an orderly appearance. The only drawback to this portion of the trip was that about 400 persons had to wait nearly two hours after the others had gone through some defect in connection with the locomotive engine. This happened in the morning. Everything else went smoothly and up to the mark.

The Beamish Vegetable and Flower Show was held on Saturday last in a field near to the Shepherd and Shepherdess Inn. The weather being fine, good numbers patronised the committee's efforts, which were of a satisfactory character. The exhibits were of a good class, which bespeaks great credit to the local residents who have done their level best in this competition.

P.C. Vickers, of the West Stanley staff of policemen, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant for the Annfield Plain district. We congratulate him on his success. He is known to be diligent in his duties, and he has been active in his sphere of labour while in this district.

The Primitive and Wesleyan Sunday-school scholars of Tanfield Lea held their annual tea and field-day on Saturday. 340 children partook of the excellent provisions, which are annually provided at the expense of Mrs W. J. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park. Enjoyable games were indulged in until darkness called them to their homes.

LANCHESTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

Yesterday (Thursday) this committee held a meeting at the Union Buildings, Lanchester, Mr W. Logan, J.P., presiding.

THE ASSESSMENT OF THE LINTZFORD PAPER MILLS.

Mr W. M. Annandale, of the firm of Messrs Annandale and Sons, paper manufacturers, Shotley Bridge and Lintzford, appeared, and raised an objection to the manner in which the overseers of the Tanfield Parish had increased the assessment of the Lintzford Paper Mills, it had been raised from £225 to £250. He contended that if the overseers had taken into account the state of the paper trade at the present time they would have reduced the assessment instead of increased the same. They had made no additions to the machinery or the buildings.

The CHAIRMAN: The overseers have raised the valuation of nearly all property in this district.

The Assistant Overseer (Mr J. G. Ridley): Yes, in most of cases.

The CHAIRMAN: For my part, I think Mr Annandale was paying quite sufficient without being raised.

Mr RUTHERFORD: I don't see why this should have been done.

Mr LAX: For Mr Annandale to have to pay this increased assessment, I think it is most unreasonable. I don't think the overseers have any reason for doing this.

It was eventually decided to reduce the assessment back to £225.

There was no other business.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Yesterday (Thursday) the fortnightly meeting of this body was held in the Union Buildings, Lanchester, Mr W. Logan, J.P., (chairman) presiding.—The other members present were Messrs George Hobson, Coun. T. J. Muse, Thomas B. Longstaff, L. Nicholson, James Oliver, T. Lowden, Thomas Wilkinson, R. Robson, Rev P. C. Fortin, Coun. R. Murray, W. Rutherford, J. Lax, the clerk (Mr W. H. Bitcon), and the master (Mr W. Brotherhood.)

MASTER'S JOURNAL.

Present number of inmates	178
Corresponding period of last year	160
Vagrants during the past fortnight	12
Corresponding period of last year	34

RE-APPOINTMENT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

It was agreed that Messrs Wm. Ward and John Gibson should be re-appointed attendance officers. Mr John Gibson, was also re-appointed inquiry officer.

THE WATER SUPPLY AT THE WORKHOUSE.

The master reported that the water supply for domestic purposes at the Workhouse was a capital one, there being a good pressure.

It was resolved on the motion of Coun. MUSE, seconded by Mr HOBSON, the agreement with the Consett Water Company should be signed.

THE REMOVAL OF A LUNATIC.

Mr Longstaff inquired of the relieving officer (Mr Walton) if he engaged a farmer named Mr Thos. Smith, of Tanfield, to remove a lunatic named Bullerwell, from Tanfield to Lanchester.

Mr Walton: I did not.

Mr Longstaff: Was there a horse and cart hired for such a purpose?

Mr Walton: Yes, but it was provided by one of the relatives. I had a conveyance for the purpose, but it was decided to convey the man in a cart.

Mr LONGSTAFF: I maintain if this man did the work he should be paid for the same.

The CHAIRMAN: I see you have got one side of the story Mr Longstaff. You must not blame Mr Walton for not paying the man. It has distinctly been a misunderstanding.

After further discussion it was agreed that Mr Walton should defray the cost of the conveyance of the man to Lanchester.

Mr Walton was exonerated from all blame by the members.

This was all the business.

METHODISM AT SOUTH MOOR.

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY.

On Wednesday, the members of the Wesleyan Society at South Moor witnessed a very important ceremony performed which will ever be remembered in connection with Methodism at that place. Within a very short space of time the population of the village has almost doubled. For years the members of the Wesleyan body at this place have worshipped and conducted services in their little chapel, but with the ever increasing population the old sacred edifice has been found to be quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the district. Negotiations were commenced with the South Moor Colliery Company, with the result that an excellent site for a new building was given and conveyed free of cost. The architect is Mr J. W. Thompson, of the firm of Thompson and Selby, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. The building will consist of both chapel and school-room, the former to seat 288 people, and the latter 340, with vestries, heating chambers, and tea preparing room. The building will be composed of freestone, with front and back windows of tracery, and the side windows of terra-cotta. The woodwork throughout will be of pitch pine, stained and varnished and the roof will also be of pitch pine stained and varnished. The windows will be of glazed cathedral glass, with leaded lights. The total length of the structure from back to front will be 67 feet, and 52 feet wide. It will be heated with hot water-pipes, and lighted by means of gas. The total estimated cost will be about £1,400.

The first stone was laid by Mr Robinson, one of the circuit stewards, Lanchester, and upon it he placed £30. He was presented with a bible and hymn book by Mr Oliver, Stanley.

Coun. Muse, of Castleside, laid the next stone, and upon it he laid £5, and a similar presentation to the above was made by Mr Richardson, of South Moor.

The Rev A. E. Salmon, for Mr Richardson, of Shotley Bridge, laid the third stone, and subscribed £5.

Mr Brown, of South Moor, presented a bible and hymn book to him.

Stones were laid by the following gentlemen, to each of whom was made a presentation similar to the above:—

Mr Nicholson, Leadgate, £5, presentation made by Mr McPherson, Annfield Plain.

Circuit Sunday-school stone, by Mr Elliott, president of the Sunday-school Union, £10, presentation made by Mr W. Parkinson, of South Moor.

South Moor Sunday-school stone, laid by the superintendent, Mr Forster, £14, which included £5 from Mr Maughan, of South Moor, presentation made by Mr Humble, Annfield Plain.

Mr H. Kellett, South Moor, £25, presentation made by Mr Cull, South Moor.

Rev R. W. Butterworth, superintendent minister of the circuit, £5 5s, presentation made by Mr Palliser, Blackhill.

Rev J. Crawshaw, one of the circuit ministers, laid the last stone, and upon it he placed the following amounts:—

	£	s	d
Mr Hedley, South Moor Colliery	5	5	0
Mr Archer, South Moor Colliery	5	5	0
Mr Fairley	5	0	0
Mr Wood, Middle Farm	5	0	0
Mr Buckham	1	0	0

Mr Crawshaw was also presented with a bible and hymn book.

A collection was taken amounting to £5 0s 8d, making a total of £130 10s 6d. Previous to this above, £100 had been promised, and a bazaar is intended to be held shortly. A public tea was provided in the South Moor Girls' School, and was largely patronised, trays being given by the following ladies:—Mrs Kellett, Miss Gray, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Swinboe, Mrs Parkinson, Mrs Maughan, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Nichol, Mrs Riddell, and Mrs Glister. A public meeting was held in the evening, addressed by the circuit ministers and others.

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A *Dewsbury Chronicle* reporter remarks on the number of recent and undoubted occurrences termed by general consent "Miracles," testimony following testimony over so wide an area that neither collusion or delusion is possible.

The case that I investigated the other day (says the reporter) was that of Mrs Elizabeth Haigh, of Staincliffe Road, Dewsbury. It is one of great interest. Numbers of persons are aware that they should be in health, but are at a loss to know what is precisely the matter with them. Something oppresses them and takes away their zest for life. There is heaviness, lassitude, lack of energy, "mopishness," and weakness. They try one thing and another; but ordinary medicine will not cure them. There is a cure, however, as we now know, but it is something not like other medicines.

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RYTON—26th inst., the wife of Wm. Steel Stobo, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

STANHOPE CHURCH—25th inst., by the Bishop of Richmond, William Taylor, of Waterhouses, to Miss Hetherington, of Crawleyside.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL—53, Derwent Street, 25th inst., aged 16 years and 8 months, Mary, the beloved daughter of James and Jane Howie. 75p

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Oakfield, 24th inst., in her 80th year, Hannah, widow of the late John Renton.

LEADGATE—27th inst., aged 17 years, John William, the beloved son of John and Margaret Birkett.

337, South Cross Street, 24th inst., aged 6 months, John Henry, son of John J. and Harriett Thompson. 76p

MEDOMSLEY—At the residence of his daughter (Ann Hunter), 29th inst., aged 84 years, William Hetherington, late farmer. Interment at Medomsley Church on Saturday, September 1st. Friends please accept this, the only intimation. 69p

LANCHESTER—27th inst., aged 62, Edward Lennox, late of Consett.

HAMSTERLEY—On the 27th inst., aged 54 years, Thomas Fenwick. To be interred on Friday, at Ebchester; lift at 3 o'clock. 76p

STANHOPE—29th inst., Mrs W. Fenwick.

CORNSAY COLLIERY—23rd inst., aged 42, Margaret, wife of John K. Coates.

STARGATE—24th inst., aged 34, Alice, wife of G. Leck.

BLAYDON—28th inst., aged 18, Margaret Ann, daughter of Charles and Jane White.

PRUDHOE—20th inst., aged 49, Brown Harrison, husband of Sarah Haarison.

NEWCASTLE—76, Cookson Street, 28th inst., the infant son of William and Mary Walker, late of Consett.

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