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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

Shotley Bridge.

On Saturday last the members of the Shotley Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society held their 31st exhibition of plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Few societies are so highly favoured in the matter of venue, and the delightful grounds of Shotley Spa, under the enterprising management of Mr Simon Rowe, form an ideal site for a floral display, and the numerous adjuncts now so commonly associated with flower shows. The state of the weather was, of course, an all important factor, not only as affecting the attendance itself, but also the comfort and enjoyment of those attending, and the safety of the exhibits. There were threatening clouds hanging about all the morning, but with the exception of one heavy shower during the afternoon the weather conditions were on the whole favourable, and as a result the attendance was a large one, and included visitors from Middlesbrough, Sunderland, and Tynemouth, from where excursions were run. The attendance may be guaged by the fact that the receipts were £5 in excess of those of last year. There was plenty to interest the visitors, for in addition to a display of plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables, which considerably excelled the shows of recent years, there were special departments for poultry, pigeons, and dogs; a bicycle handicap, a cricket match; minor sports, and a ball in the floral tent, which was illuminated by Acetylene gas in the evening. Richardson's switchbacks were also an attraction, whilst in the way of music excellent programmes were gone through by the Rise Carr (Darlington) Rolling Mills Silver Prize Band. It will be seen that the secretary, Mr. J. Hedworth Coupland, and Committee had made ample arrangements for the delectation of their patrons, and their efforts were certainly deserving of unqualified success. The prize list was divided into three classes, open, amateur, and cottagers, and in each there were exhibits worthy of any show. Local talent was well to the front, and without specifying any particular class it may be said that the judges found their duties more arduous than has been the case for several years past. It need hardly be said that the more puzzled the judges are the more keen are the contests, and while those who secure first prizes had reason to be proud of their success others who were less fortunate had no cause to be ashamed of their defeat. Indeed there were many exhibits unrewarded which deserved the most honourable mention, but no one could find fault with the decisions of such experienced gentlemen as Mr. M. D. Thompson, of the Hermitage, Chester-le-Street, and Mr. J. Bollam, of Axwell Park. Mr. John Bell, of Stanhope, performed the judicial duties in the dog classes, and had before him some well-known representatives of the collie and fox terrier breeds. For the best dog in the show the award went to Mr. Proctor's well bred and shapely Flass Folly, who has now a very large number of winning brackets to her credit. The poultry and pigeon classes were judged by Mr. Wm. Wardle, of Gosforth, and fanciers from all round the district were represented. The bread, butter, and honey were judged by Mr. Wm. Wilson, of Shotley Bridge, and Mr. E. Bell, of Blackhill. During the afternoon a large number were attracted to the cycling track, where a two mile bicycle handicap was decided, the winners of the opening heats being as follows:—Heat 1—J. Richardson, Blackhall Mill, 50 yards start; heat 2—A. Hutchinson, Consett, 50; heat 3—T. Spence, Consett, 240; Heat 4—B. Joyce, Shotley Bridge, 190; heat 5—A. Hogg, Blackhill, 220. Final—Hutchinson 1, Richardson 2, Hogg 3, Joyce 4, Spence 0.

A large company sat down to an excellent luncheon provided by Mr. Simon Rowe. In proposing the toast of "The Judges" the president, Mr. J. B. Lazenby, said he was sure the judges had done their duty well. He would not make a long speech, but would just ask them to rise and drink the health of the judges.—Mr. Thompson, Chester-le-Street, in making a short reply, said they had a very good show that day, and a great improvement on last year. The exhibits were very creditable to all concerned.—Mr. C. W. Baines said as one who had formerly lived at Shotley Bridge, he felt as though he would like to see a few old faces, and for that purpose had come to the show that day. There were not as many flowering plants and vegetables shown as there used to be, but, as far as quality went, he could say they held their own.—Mr. Thompson then proposed the "health of the Chairman," and in reply Mr. Lazenby said that was the first time he had had the honour of presidency. They had gone out of their way this year to make the show a success, and had introduced poultry and dogs, and other things. They had done their best to make the show a success.

The following is a list of awards in the various departments of the show:—

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants—1, T. Clark; 2, H. Small; 3, R. Charlton.
One stove or greenhouse plant—1, H. Small; 2, R. Charlton.
Three fine foliage plants—1, R. Walton; 2, A. J. Small.
Two palms—1, H. Small; 2, A. J. Small.
Group of plants—1, A. J. Small.
Two fuchsias—1, M. H. Marley.
Lady's spray—1, A. J. Small; 2, W. Walton.
Three coleus—1, H. Small; 2, A. J. Small.
Two tuberous rooted begonias—1, R. Charlton; 2, T. Clark; 3, H. Small.
Three exotic ferns—1, H. Small; 2, W. Walton; 3, A. J. Small.
Three British ferns—1, J. Thorpe; 2, T. Clark; 3, R. Charlton.
Lilium auratum—No first, 2, T. Clark.
Two pots of liliums—1, W. Walton; 2, H. Small.
Three pots or pans of achimenes—No first or second; 3, H. Small.
Six plants for table decoration—1, A. J. Small; 2, R. Charlton.
Six gloxinias—1, T. Clark.
Three buttonholes—1, W. Walton; 2, A. J. Small.
Nine cut roses—1, A. J. Small; 2, T. Clark; 3, Mrs. Lazenby.
Twelve French Asters—1, M. Redshaw; 2, H. Small.
Twelve globe asters—1, M. Redshaw; 2, N. Bean.
Six bunches of cut flowers—1, T. Clark; 2, W. Walton; 3, H. Small.
Six herbaceous flowers—1, H. Small; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, T. Clark.
Six trusses zonale geraniums—1, W. Walton; 2, R. Charlton; 3, T. Clark.
Six stands of cut flowers—1, R. Charlton.
Six phloxes—1, N. Bean; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, H. Small.
Six carnations—1, T. Swallow; 2, W. Walton; 3, J. Johnson.
Six show dahlias—1, T. Swallow; 2, N. Bean; 3, M. Redshaw.
Six cactus dahlias—1, T. Swallow; 2, M. Redshaw.
Six spikes gladioli—1, T. Swallow; 2, M. Redshaw.
Floral decoration for dinner table—1, A. J. Small; 2, W. Walton.
Lady's hand bouquet—1, R. Charlton; 2, H. Small.
Nine bunches of sweet peas—1, W. Walton; 2, H. Small; 3, J. H. Coupland.

FRUITS.

Two bunches black grapes—1, C. Baynes; 2, H. Small.
Two bunches white grapes—1, H. Small.
Melon—1, T. Clark.
Six pears—1, R. Hall; 2, R. Charlton.
Six plums—1, A. Houliston.
Six peaches—1, T. Clark.
Six kitchen apples—1, C. W. Baynes; 2, A. Houliston; 3, Mrs. Brown.
Six dessert apples—1, C. W. Baynes; 2, A. Houliston; 3, N. Bean.
Dish of cherries—1, H. Small; 2, T. Clark.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, W. Walton; 2, H. Surtees; 3, W. Vasey.
Pint of black currants—1, M. Redshaw; 2, H. Surtees; 3, H. Small.
Pint of red currants—1, H. Small; 2, A. Houliston; 3, M. Redshaw.
Six heaviest gooseberries—No first; 2, W. Walton; 3, M. Redshaw.

VEGETABLES.

Best collection—1, M. Redshaw; 2, H. Small; 3, R. Charlton.
Brace of cucumbers—1, W. Walton; 2, H. Small; 3, T. Clark.
Six tomatoes—1, T. Clark; 2, C. W. Baynes; 3, R. Charlton.
Twenty-four kidney beans—1, H. Small; 2, T. Clark; 3, W. Walton.
Two vegetable marrows—1, R. Charlton; 2, H. Small; 3, W. Walton.
Six kidney potatoes—1, T. Swallow; 2, R. Charlton; 3, M. Redshaw.
Six round potatoes—1, M. Redshaw; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, W. Vasey.
Two early cabbages—1, M. Redshaw; 2, H. Small.
Three early turnips—1, M. Redshaw; 2, W. Walton; 3, W. Vasey.
Three carrots—1, C. W. Baynes; 2, R. Charlton; 3, N. Bean.
Three parsnips—1, C. W. Baynes; 2, R. Charlton; 3, M. Redshaw.
Thirty-six pods of peas—1, N. Bean; 2, T. Swallow; 3, T. Walton.
Twelve pods of beans—1, A. Houliston; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, R. Charlton.
Three leeks—1, N. Charlton; 2, M. Redshaw.
Two heads of celery—1, M. Redshaw; 2, C. W. Baynes; 3, R. Charlton.
Two cauliflowers—1, T. Clark; 2, M. Redshaw.
Twelve onions—1, C. W. Baynes; 2, M. Redshaw; 3, R. Charlton.
Three roots of beet—1, C. W. Baynes; 2, T. Clark.
Two red cabbages—1, M. Redshaw; 2, H. Small; 3, R. Charlton.

AMATEUR CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants—1, W. Walker; 2, M. H. Marley.
Two fine foliage plants—1, M. H. Marley.
Three British ferns—1, M. H. Marley; 2, G. H. Brown.
Three exotic ferns—1, M. H. Marley; 2, G. H. Brown.
One single petunia—1, G. H. Brown; 2, W. Vasey.
One double petunia—1, G. H. Brown.
One lilium auratum—1, W. Walker.
Two zonale geraniums—1, M. H. Marley; 2, W. Walker; 3, G. H. Brown.
Two coleus—1, W. Vasey.
One tuberous rooted begonia—1, W. Walker; 2, M. H. Marley.
One shrubbery begonia—1, W. Walker; 2, M. H. Marley.
One light fuchsia—1, M. H. Marley; 2, W. Walker; 3, G. H. Brown.
One dark fuchsia—1, W. Walker; 2, M. H. Marley; 3, G. H. Brown.
One balsam—1, W. Walker; 2, H. Surtees.
Six miscellaneous plants in bloom—1, M. H. Marley; 2, G. H. Brown.
Six table plants—1, M. H. Marley.
Six dahlia blooms—1, S. Smith; 2, W. Walker.
Twelve French asters—No first; 2, H. Surtees; 3, W. Walker.
Twelve globe asters—1, W. Walker.
Twelve French marigolds—1, W. Walker; 2, S. Smith; 3, H. Surtees.
Six zonale geranium trusses—1, G. H. Brown; 2, W. Walker; 3, M. H. Marley.
Six spikes phloxes—1, G. H. Brown; 2, W. Walker.
Six cactus dahlias—1, S. Smith; 2, H. Surtees; 3, W. Walker.
Six stands cut flowers—1, M. H. Marley.
Four stands cut flowers—1, M. H. Marley.
Four stands herbaceous flowers—1, G. H. Brown; 2, H. Surtees; 3, M. H. Marley.
Six cut roses—1, W. Walker.
Six bunches sweet peas—1, J. H. Coupland.
Six African marigolds—1, S. Smith; 2, G. H. Brown; 3, M. H. Marley.

FRUIT.

Six dessert apples—1, A. Houliston; 2, W. Vasey.
Six kitchen apples—1, A. Houliston; 2, R. Hall.
Six pears—1, R. Hall; 2, W. Vasey.
Pint flavoured gooseberries—1, W. Vasey; 2, H. Surtees; 3, A. Houliston.
Pint black currants—1, H. Surtees.
Pint red currants—1, A. Houliston; 2, W. Vasey.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, H. Surtees; 2, R. Hall; 3, W. Vasey.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—No first; 2, H. Surtees; 3, W. Vasey.
Six round potatoes—No first; 2, W. Walker; 3, W. Vasey.
Six early cabbages—No first; 2, W. Vasey; 3, W. Walker.
Three early turnips—1, W. Walker; 2, R. Hall; 3, W. Vasey.
Three carrots—No first; 2, W. Vasey; 3, W. Walker.
Three parsnips—No first; 2, W. Vasey; 3, W. Walker.
Thirty-six pods of peas—1, W. Walker; 2, W. Vasey; 3, H. Surtees.
Twelve pods of beans—1, A. Houliston; 2, W. Vasey; 3, H. Surtees.
Three leeks—No first; 2, W. Vasey; 3, W. Walker.
Two heads of celery—No first; 2, W. Walker; 3, W. Vasey.
One red cabbage—No first; 2, W. Vasey; 3, W. Walker.
Two cauliflowers.—No first; 2, W. Vasey.
Twelve onions—No first; 2, W. Walker; 3, W. Vasey.
Three roots of beet—1, R. Hall; 2, W. Walker; 3, W. Vasey.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

One light fuchsia—1, H. Coxford; 2, J. Thorpe; 3, E. Bain.
One dark fuchsia—1, H. Coxford; 2, E. Bain; 3, J. Thorpe.
One fine foliage plant—1, T. Snowdon; 2, J. Thorpe; 3, H. Coxford.
One single petunia—1, H. Coxford; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, J. Thorpe.
One greenhouse plant—1, H. Coxford; 2, J. Thorpe; 3, E. Bain.
One begonia—1, T. J. Johnson.
One zonale geranium—No first; 2, N. Bean.
Two exotic ferns—1, J. Thorpe; 2, H. Thorpe.
Two British ferns—1, J. Thorpe; 2, H. Surtees; 3, H. Coxford.
One lilium auratum—1, J. Thorpe; 2, T. Snowdon.
One balsam—1, J. Spraggon; 2, T. Surtees; 3, T. J. Johnson.
Four cut roses—1, J. Spraggon; 2, T. J. Johnson; 3, J. Thorpe.
Four dahlia blooms—1, T. Surtees; 2, Jos. Proud; 3, T. J. Johnson.
Six French asters—1, H. Coxford; 2, N. Bean; 3, T. Surtees.
Six globe asters—1, N. Bean; 2, T. Surtees; 3, H. Coxford.
Three spikes of gladioli—1, H. Coxford; 2, Jos. Proud.
Six French marigolds—1, N. Bean; 2, H. Surtees; 3, T. Snowdon.
Four stands of cut flowers—1, J. Thorpe; 2, T. Surtees.
Six African marigolds—1, H. Coxford; 2, Jos. Proud; 3, T. J. Johnson.
Four bunches sweet peas—1, Jos. Proud; 2, T. Surtees; 3, N. Bean.
Twelve pansies—1, T. J. Johnson; 2, H. Surtees.
Three spikes of phloxes—1, N. Bean; 2, H. Coxford; 3, J. Thorpe.
Three stands of herbaceous flowers—1, T. Surtees; 2, H. Coxford; 3, H. Surtees.
Four Phloxes drummondi—1, J. Thorpe; 2, T. J. Johnson.
Four cactus dahlias—1, T. Surtees; 2, H. Coxford; 3, T. Snowdon.

FRUITS.

Six dessert apples—1, N. Bean; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, J. Spraggon.
Six kitchen apples—1, H. Surtees; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, N. Bean.
Six pears—1, T. Snowdon; 2, H. Surtees.
Six plums—1, J. Spraggon.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, J. Spraggon; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, T. Surtees.
Pint of black currants—1, N. Bean; 2, J. Spraggon.
Pint of red currants—1, H. Coxford; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, J. Spraggon.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, T. Snowdon; 2, H. Coxford.

VEGETABLES.

Three early turnips—1, T. J. Johnson; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, H. Coxford.
Three carrots—1, N. Bean; 2, H. Coxford; 3, H. Surtees.
Two early cabbages—1, T. Snowdon; 2, H. Surtees; 3, H. Coxford.
Six onions—1, H. Coxford; 2, H. Surtees; 3, T. Snowdon.
Three parsnips—1, H. Coxford; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, H. Surtees.
Six kidney potatoes—1, J. Spraggon; 2, N. Bean; 3, H. Surtees.
Six round potatoes—1, T. Snowdon; 2, H. Coxford; 3, H. Surtees.
Twelve pods of beans—1, H. Coxford; 2, J. Spraggon; 3, T. Snowdon.
Twenty-four pods of peas—1, H. Surtees; 2, J. Spraggon; 3, T. Surtees.
Three leeks—1, T. J. Johnson; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, H. Surtees.
Three roots of beet—1, Jos. Proud; 2, N. Bean; 3, H. Coxford.
One cauliflower—1, H. Surtees; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, H. Coxford.
Two heads of celery—1, H. Surtees; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, H. Coxford.
Best collection—1, T. J. Johnson; 2, H. Surtees; 3, T. Snowdon.
One red cabbage—1, H. Coxford; 2, T. Snowdon; 3, N. Bean.

EXTRA PRIZES.

COTTAGERS ONLY.

Bunch of cut flowers—1 (a watering pan), T. Surtees; 2 (a digging fork), J. Thorpe.
Best four stocks—1 (3s), H. Coxford. No second or third.

OPEN CLASS.

Best dish of Logan berry (Fell and Co.'s prizes of 5s and 2s 6d in seeds or stock)—1, R. Charlton. No second.
Best brace of cucumbers (12 gladioli bulbs)—1, N. Bean.
Best three leeks (a garden spade)—1, R. Charlton.
Bouquet of wild flowers (a trouser piece)—1, T. Clark.
Twelve cut roses (a pair of trousers to measure)—1, R. Charlton.
Two vegetable marrows (Mr. Surtees Leslie's prizes value 4s and 2s)—1, N. Bean. No second.
Pound of fresh butter—1 (groceries value 7s 6d), Mrs. Elsom; 2 (leg of mutton), Miss Simpson; 3 (groceries value 2s 6d), Mrs. Thompson.
Twelve hen eggs, brown, (Secretary's prizes of 3s and 2s)—1, Mrs. Walton-Wilson; 2, Mr. Swallow.
Twelve hen eggs, white, (President's prizes of 3s and 2s.)—1, Miss Telford; 2, Miss Simpson.
Four sections of honey—1 (breakfast cruet), J. Collinson; 2 (a ham), T. Swallow.
Loaf of white bread—1 (five stones of flour), Mrs. Houliston; 2 (three stones of flour), M. Redshaw; 3 (two stones of flour), Miss Simpson.
Loaf of brown bread (made from the Shotley Bridge Industrial and Provident Society's brown bread meal, prizes in groceries)—1, Mrs. Wrath; 2, Mrs. Watson; 3, Mrs. Walton.
Best garden, (prizes given by Mr. J. B. Lasenby in the amateurs' and cottagers' classes)—Amateurs—1, A. Houliston; 2, G. H. Brown. Cottagers—1, T. Surtees; 2, J. Spraggon.

DOGS.

Collie, rough, dog or bitch—1 and special, Thomas Wallace's Ryton Laird; 2, John Joicey, Bensham, Ravensworth Bella; 3, H. Milburn, Tanfield Lea, Nellie Wonder, and Cuthbert Whaley, Newcastle, Alwyn Patrick, (equal); r., H. Rochester, Dipton, Surefoot.
Collie, smooth, dog or bitch—1 and special, W. T. Thompson, Willington, Hunwick Lassie; 2, Thomas Wallace's Ryton Bachelor; 3, Robert Weddell, Edmondbyers, Meg; r., John Hall, Burnopfield, Dean Lassie.
Fox Terrier, white-haired, dog or bitch—1 and special, M. Clark, Pittington, Volra; 2, Mr. Wilkinson, Crook, Scamp; 3, George Matthews, Consett, Consett Result; r., William Lee, Shotley Bridge, Jack.
Fox terrier, smooth, dog or bitch—1 and special, George H. Proctor, Durham, Flass Folly; 2, George H. Proctor, Flass Flint; 3, Lewis Priestman, Shotley Bridge, Jack; r., W. Robson, Burnhope Colliery, Spot.
Any other variety, dog or bitch—1 and special, Mrs. Day, Newcastle, Gosforth Nancy; 2, J. B. Lasenby, Shotley Bridge, Lord Roberts II.; 3, W. Henderson, Elswick Swell, Imported; r., Master Horace Mackey, Blackhill, Jack.

POULTRY.

Orpington cock—1, H. Diver, East Dereham, Norfolk; 2, W. Stobbs, Leadgate; 3, H. and E. Eltringham, Blackhill.
Orpington hen—1, W. Stobbs; 2 and 3, H. and E. Eltringham.
Wyandotte cock—1 and special, R. Gray, Blaydon Burn; 2, T. Lockwood; 3, Armstrong and Paull, Leadgate.
Wyandotte hen—1, Thomas Hodgson, Cotterstone; 2, R. Gray; 3, James Boyd, Winlaton, Blaydon.
Minorca or Andalusian cock—1, special, and 3, H. and E. Eltringham; 2, J. G. Lovett, Blackhill.
Minorca or Andalusian hen—1, R. Shield and Son, Swalwell; 2, Lamb and Clark, Fellside Row, Swalwell; 3, H. and E. Eltringham.
Leghorn, any variety, hen—1 and special, J. Reader, Escrick, Yorks; 2, R. Shield and Son; 3, George Dover and Son, Langley Park.
Old English game, any variety, cock—1 and special, Armstrong and Paull; 2, W. Dixon, Haselrigg Colliery, Dudley; 3, J. Griffiths, Milkwell Burn.
Old English game, any variety, hen—1, Armstrong and Paull; 2, R. Shield and Son; 3, Peary and Henderson, Ashington.
Any other variety not mentioned, cock—1 and special, G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham; 2, Miss A. A. Chapman, Hungate, Pickering; 3, J. and T. Currah, Frosterley.
Any other variety not mentioned, hen—1, Miss Chapman; 2, G. H. Proctor; 3, T. Milner, Castleside.
Selling class, any variety, price not to exceed 10s, cock or hen—1 and 2, H. and E. Eltringham; 3, R. Gray.
Bantams, any variety, cock or hen—1 and special, R. Shield and Son; 2, W. Costello, Leadgate; 3, J. and T. Currah.

PIGEONS.

Show homer cock—1, Turner and Graham, Low Row; 2, A. J. Crisp, West Stanley; 3, W. R. Mason, Carlisle.
Show homer hen—1, James Boyd; 2, J. R. Lishman; 3, W. Woodhouse.
Likeliest bird for flying purposes, cock or hen—1 and special, Geo. Cadwallador; 2, N. Scott, Cutlers Hall Road, Blackhill; 3, W. Robinson, Redwell Hills, Leadgate.
Any other variety, not mentioned, cock or hen—1 and special, A. W. Kelday; 2, G. Cadwallador; 3, J. G. Lovett.
Selling Class, 5s., cock or hen—1 and special, G. Cadwallador; 2, F. and J. Siddle, Consett; 3, C. Sharpe Magee.

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Tanfield.

On Saturday afternoon the annual exhibition of the Tanfield Floral and Horticultural Society was held in a field kindly lent by Mr. T. H. Smith, of Tanfield. The weather, though of a threatening nature, was an improvement upon what had been experienced during the few days previous to the show day. As usual a fairly large company patronised this old-established show, special attractions being found in the bread-baking competition, a trotting handicap, a £10 foot handicap, quoiting, and bowling at the wicket. During the afternoon the Tanfield Lea Silver Model Band played several selections and dance music, much to the enjoyment of the company. The refreshments were supplied by Mrs. Irwin, of Tanfield, and in addition there were fruit and confectionery stalls, roundabouts, etc., all of which received their share of patronage. The judges in the amateur and cottagers' class were Mr. A. Watt, Shotley Bridge, and Mr. J. Cawthorn, Windy Hill. Farmers' class—Mr. George Hobson, Harperley Mills. Bread-baking competition—Mrs. Bowes, Tanfield. School work—(boys), Messrs J. L. Weedy, Burnopfield, and R. Wilkinson, Pickering Nook. Sewing—Miss Davison, Tantobie. In the amateur and cottagers' class the exhibits were of an excellent quality, and in some branches the competition was keen, while in others Mr. W. M. Handcock, of Leazes Hall, seemed to carry nearly all before him. The farmers' section was fairly well represented, and considering the bad season some creditable field produce was placed upon the stands. The fruit too was up to the average, but the flowers in quantity were rather slack, although the quality of the exhibits shown was remarkably good. The school section created a great amount of competition, and formed one of the most popular branches of the show. Some good work was on view from the hands of the juniors, and the judges found some difficulty in apportioning the awards. In the evening a grand ball was held in the tent after it had been cleared of the exhibits, the M.C.'s being Messrs J. Shippin and W. Robson. The following is a

LIST OF AWARDS.

AMATEURS AND COTTAGERS' CLASS.

POT PLANTS.

Two greenhouse plants in bloom, fuchsias and geraniums, dissimilar—W. M. Handcock, Leazes Hall, 1.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—W. M. Handcock, 1; J. Robinson, 2.
Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—W. M. Handcock, 1.
Geranium, tricolour—W. M. Handcock, 1.
Bronze geranium—W. M. Handcock, 1.
Two balsams—W. M. Handcock, 1.
Petunia—J. Robinson, 1.
Pot of liliums—J. Robinson, 1.
To coleus, dissimilar—W. M. Handcock, 1; Jos. Robson, 2.
Two ferns, dissimilar—W. M. Handcock, 1; Jos. Robson, 2.
Foliage plants—W. M. Handcock, 1.

CUT FLOWERS.

Three gladiolis, two dissimilar—W. M. Handcock, 1.
Six dahlias, two dissimilar—J. Robinson, 1; W. M. Handcock, 2.
Six cactus dahlias—H. Dodds, 1; Jos. Irwin, 2.
Three phloxes, dissimilar—J. Robinson, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Three stands of penstemons, dissimilar, two of each variety—J. Robinson, 1.
Six French asters—E. Gray, 1; Jos. Robson, 2.
Six globe asters—J. Summerbell, 1; G. Gray, 2.
Six French marigolds—Mr Lawson, 1; T. Carr, 2.
Six African marigolds, orange—Jos. Robson, 1; W. M. Handcock, 2.
Six African mariogids, lemon—Jos. Robson, 1; W. M. Handcock, 2.
Six show pansies—Benj. Mason, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Six fancy pansies—J. Summerbell, 1; Jos. Robson, 2.
Four roses—W. M. Handcock, 1; J. Robinson, 2.
Hand-bouquet—J. Summerbell, 1;
Six picotees—Jos. Robson, 1; Benjamin Mason, 2.
Six carnations—Jos. Robson, 1; J. Robinson, 2.

FRUIT.

Four kitchen apples—L. Middleton, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Four dessert apples—T. H. Smith, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Pint of black currants—J. Summerbell, 1.
Pint of red currants—J. Summerbell, 1.
Pint of gooseberries—J. Summerbell, 1; Jas. Wyld, 2.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetable marrow—Alex. Atkinson, 1; Benj. Mason, 2.
Two cucumbers—H. Dodds, 1; G. Gray, 2.
Six kidney potatoes—J. Weedy, 1; Wm. Thirlaway, 2.
Six round potatoes—J. Weedy, 1; J. Piper, 2.
Six round potatoes, other than white—Lawson, 1; J. Piper, 2.
Early cabbage—Wm. Gibson, 2.
Savoy cabbage—C. Scott, 1.
Red cabbage—C. Scott, 1; T. Car, 2.
Three early turnips—Jos. Robson, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Twelve pods of peas—W. M. Handcock, 1; J. Robinson, 2.
Six pods of broad beans—G. Gray, 1; T. Jewitt, 2.
Three leeks—T. Jewitt, 1; C. Scott, 2; W. M. Handcock, 3.
Two heads of celery—Jos. Robson, 1; G. Gray, 2.
Cauliflower—M. Smith, 1; H. Scott, 2.
Six onions, spring grown, shown as grown—W. M. Handcock, 1; T. Jewitt, 2.
Six onions, winter grown—J. Summerbell, 1.
Three roots of beet—M. Wilkinson, 1; Wm. Lake, 2.
Three carrots—E. Watson, 1; Benj. Manson, 2.
Three parsnips—C. Scott, 1; W. M. Handcock, 2.
Six eschalots, to be bagged—T. Jewitt, 1; J. Weedy, 2.
Three stalks of rhubarb—Benj. Mason, 1; W. M. Handcock, 2.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Twelve ears of wheat—T. H. Smith, 1; C. Callender, 2.
Twelve ears of barley—Alex. Atkinson, 1; C. Callender, 2.
Twelve ears of short oats—C. Callender, 1; T. H. Smith, 2.
Twelve ears of tartar oats—Alex. Atkinson, 1; C. Callender, 2.
Three swede turnips—T. H. Smith, 1; C. Callender, 2.
Three soft turnips—T. H. Smith, 1; E. Watson, 2.
Three yellow turnips—T. H. Smith, 1; C. Callender, 2.
Six white potatoes—J. Henderson, 1; T. H. Smith, 2.
Six red potatoes—C. Callender, 1.
Twelve ears of black or white tartar oats—T. H. Smith, 1; A. Atkinson, 2.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Hand bouquet—J. Summerbell, 1, load of potatoes, given by Mr T. Robinson, Tanfield Leith.
Basket of flowers—W. M. Handcock, 1, 5s, given by Miss Irwin, Tanfield; Jos. Robson, 2, spade, given by Mr Short, Newcastle; J. Robinson, 3, pair of slippers, given by Mr P. Kirkup, Stanley.
Plant of any variety in bloom or not in bloom—W. M. Handcock, 1, an umbrella, given by Mr Newlands, Newcastle; W. A. Swallow, 2, ox tongue, given by Mr G. Hunter, Tantobie.
Three stands of cut flowers—J. Summerbell, 1, pair of sheets, given by Mr. Beattie, Newcastle; W. M. Handcock, 2, 1lb. tea, given by Mr Cumberledge, Dipton.
Six roses—No number, pair of sheets, given by Mr Wood, Stanley.
Three dahlias—H. Dodds, 1, an album, given by Mrs Walker, Stanley; J. Summerbell, 2, thermometer, given by T. B. Winter and Sons, Newcastle.
Collection of vegetables (1st prize confined to workmen under Mr W. A. Swallow, 2nd and 3rd prizes open to members); stands to be of exhibitors bona-fide growth and stamped—T. Carr, 1, wheelbarrow, given by Messrs J. Joicey and Co. Ltd., Newcastle; C. Scott, 2, 10s; Jos. Robson, 3, 1s., given by the society.
One red cabbage, one head of celery, and one carrot—T. Carr, 1, load of potatoes, given by Mr Smith, Tanfield; M. Smith, 2, pair of slippers, given by Mr C. Armstrong, Stanley; J. Henderson, 3, bag of turnips, given by Mr Smith, Tanfield.
Six potatoes, three carrots, three leeks—T. Carr, 1, leg of mutton, given by Mr G. Watson, Stanley; Jos. Robson, 2, spade, given by Mr Proctor, Newcastle.
Six potatoes, one cauliflower, and one parsnip—M. Smith, 1, load of potatoes, given by Mr J. Henderson, Tanfield; T. Carr, 2, gripe, given by Messrs Moffatt and Bros., Gateshead; H. Dodds, 3.
Four button-holes—B. Mason, 1, pipe, given by Mr Stewart, Newcastle; M. Smith, 2, spade, given by Mr Dunford, Newcastle.
Lady's spray—B. Mason, 1, jelly stand, given by Mr Castle, Stanley; T. Hunter, 2, 3s, given by Mr Tweddle, Burnopfield.
Two heads of celery—Jos. Robson, 1, prize given by a friend; T. Carr, 2, half-pound tea, given by Mr Arkle. No Place.
Gents' button-hole—T. Hunter, 1, prize valued at 5s, given by Messrs J. W. Davison, Stanley; T. Carr, 2.
Three phloxes—Jos Robson, 1, pair of sheets, given by Mr Grundy, Stanley; T. H. Smith, 2.
Collection of vegetables, own grown and stamped—T. Carr, 1, load of potatoes, given by Mr J. Henderson, Tanfield; M. Smith, 2, given by society; H. Dodds, 3, 1lb. tea, given by Messrs J. Hall and Co., Annfield Plain.
Collection of vegetables—T. Carr, prize given by Mr W. A. Whale, Tantobie; Jos. Robson, 2, bag of potatoes, given by Mr W. Smith, Burnopfield; H. Scott, 3, bag of turnips, given by Mr W. Smith.
Loaf of white bread—E. Lynch, 1, tablecloth, given by Mr Hyslop, Newcastle; Miss Appleby, 2, 2s 6d.
Loaf of brown bread—E. Lynch, 1, stool given by Mr M. Irwin, Tanfield; J. Vasey, 2, 2s 6d, given by Mr. J. W. Irwin, Tanfield.

SCHOOL COMPETITION.

Writing for Standard I—Thos. Trewick, 1; Thos. Stoker, 2.
Writing for Standard II—Jno. Harrison, 1; H. Nicholson, 2; R. Dixon, 3.
Writing for Standard III—J. G. Harrison, 1; A. Stephenson, 2; R. Jeffrey, 3.
Writing for Standard IV—Thos. Robson, 1; R. Ratcliffe, 2.

DRAWING.

For Standard IV scholars—E. Rockett, 1; G. Dixon, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; S. Gibson, 4.
Standard VI—J. Stephenson, 1; I. Bulmer, 2; P. Thompson, 3; J. Irwin, 4.

SEWING.

Standard I—D. Tyson, 1; A. Sanders, 2; M. Stoker, 2.
Standard II—J. Sanders, 1; I. Newton, 2; S. Jeffray, 3; K. Pringle, 4.
Standard III—H. Wilson, 1; N. Whitfield, 2; H. Rowe, 3.
Standard IV—Isabella Green, 1; B. Armstrong, 2.
Standard V—E. Lynch, 1; I. Pringle, 2.
Standard VI and VII—P. Nicholson, 1; M. Sanders, 2.
Infants—A. Hall, 1; P. Punton, 2.
Sewing confined to the Tanfield School (Standard I)—E. Irwin, 1; M. A. Burdon, 2.
Standard II—A. McNeil, 1.
Standard III—M. Moody, 1.
Writing, Standard I—Edwin Gibbon.
Standard II—Martin Pattinson, 1.
Standard III—Richardson Green, 1.

The chief sports were a £10 foot handicap. The judge was Mr G. Watson, Hobson, who officiated in the absence of the advertised judge, Mr J. Charlton, of Victoria Garesfield. The pistol-firer was Mr Wm. Robson, Spen. The following are the results:—Heat 1—E. Johnson, Burnopfield, 28, 1. Heat 2—J. Walker, Kyo 25, 1. Heat 3—T. Thirlway, Dipton, 26, 1. Heat 4—W. Hanson, Annfield Plain, 24, 1. Heat 5—C. Curry, Stanley, 24, 1. Heat 6—Void. Heat 7—L. Smith, Stanley, 23, 1. Heat 8—Void. Heat 9—R. Owen, Newcastle, 18½, 1. Heat 10—J. Maughan, Beamish, 24½, 1. Heat 11—W. Hutton, Pelton Fell, 22½, 1. Heat 12—J. Forsyth, 26, 1. Heat 13—E. Prest, Annfield Plain, 26, 1. Heat 14—J. Grey, Stanley, 23½, 1. Heat 15—W. Roe, Elswick, 26, 1. Heat 16—E. Moffitt, Heaton, 21½, 1. Heat 17—T. Sweeney, South Moor 25, 1. Second round—Heat 1—Hanson, 1. Heat 2—Smith, 1. Heat 3—Hutton, 1. Heat 4—Rowe, 1. Final—Rowe, 1; Smith, 2; Hutton, 3; Hanson, 4. First prize, £7; second, £2; third, 15s; fourth, 5s.

Trotting handicap—Mr. G. Watson, Hobson, was judge, and Mr T. H. Smith, Tanfield, handicapper. There were only six entries, but some good sport was witnessed. The first heat was composed of Mr Freick's (Hill Top) "Commercial Lass," off 50, Mr Armstrong's (Eighton Banks) "Rough and Ready," off 150; and Mr Thos. Pearson's (Catchgate), "Bitter Beer," off scratch. "Rough and Ready" had an easy win. Heat 2—Messrs Turnbull's (Leases, Burnopfield), "Old Slave," 50, 1; Mr Short's "Polly," Tantobie, 200, 2; and Mr J. Rowe's (Durham), "Bob on the bridge," 3. "Old Slave" won by about four lengths. Final—"Rough and Ready," 1, £3 10s; "Old Slave," 2, £1. Won by 1½ lengths. The distance run was about 1½ miles.

Quoiting (50)—Mr T. Green, Tanfield, judge. W. Embleton, Kyo; J. Davison, Twizell; and M. Pharaoh, Cansey, divided.

Bowling at the wicket was not decided owing to darkness.

CONSETT.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A MARTINGALE.—At Consett Police Court on Monday, before Mr. W. Aynsley, a farm labourer named Wm. Dunn was charged with having stolen a martingale from the Consett Fell Farm. Formal evidence was given by Robinson Martin and Sergt. Dryden, and the accused was remanded until Monday next.

BURIAL BOARD CHARGES.—On Thursday night last a vestry meeting was held in the Town Hall, Consett, for the purpose of sanctioning the proposed alterations in the list of charges to be taken by the Joint Burial Committee of Benfieldside, Consett, and Knitsley. Mr. T. D. Dryden presided. Mr. Hamilton explained that the alterations would put a stop to the practice of reserving grave spaces over a period of 14 years.—On the motion of Mr. W. Eales, seconded by Mr. C. Alkend, the necessary sanction was given.—A similar meeting for the Knitsley parish was also held.

MESSRS LAMBTON'S NEW BANK.—On Saturday evening Messrs Lambton and Co. entertained to dinner in the Masonic Rooms, Consett, the officials and workmen who were engaged in the erection and completion of their new Bank in Consett. Mr. J. G. Turner, Newcastle, representing the firm, presided, and was supported by Mr. C. Stephenson, manager; Mr. R. Jamieson, of the Newcastle Office; Mr. J. W. Dyson, architect, Newcastle; Mr. C. Groves, contractor, Chester-le-Street; Mr. G. H. Erskine, designer and contractor, Newcastle; Mr. Nathan Elsdon, Consett; Messrs Siddle, Consett, and others. A capital dinner was provided by Mrs. M. J. Chorley, Park Road, Consett, to which ample justice was done. Among the toasts which were submitted and honoured were "Messrs Lambton and Co." proposed by Mr. Elsdon, and responded to by the Chairman; the architect and contractors, proposed by Mr. Stephenson, and acknowledged by Mr. Dyson, Mr. Groves, and Mr. Siddle; the press, proposed by Mr. Stephenson, and replied to by the "Guardian" representative; the foreman, acknowledged by Mr. Milburn, and the purveyor, responded to by Mrs. Chorley. Songs were rendered by Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Siddle, Mr. Elsdon, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DUNSTON.

DRINKING FACILITIES.—Meetings have been held at Dunston to protest against the granting of extra drinking facilities for the village.

POOR PEOPLE'S EXCURSION.—On Friday last, 24th inst., a splendid outing was afforded to about 150 old people and children, and something like 100 others, who paid for their own tickets, joined the excursionists, and although the weather in the morning was anything but promising, on arrival at Tynemouth the sun was shining brightly, which seemed to cheer the drooping spirits of all present. Headed by the Dunston Temperance Band the party made their way to Mr. Thomason's, of Rock Cottage, Tynemouth, and sat down to an excellent dinner, well served, consisting of roast beef, green peas, potatoes, rice pudding, and plum tarts. They also enjoyed a splendid tea. The manner in which the dining arrangements were carried out reflects the greatest credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Thomason and their worthy staff, who spared no effort to make everyone comfortable, and whose chief anxiety was that all should be satisfied. At 5.30 p.m., accompanied by the Band the party left Rock Cottage for the boat landing on the north pier, and, all safely on board, not a wanderer left, commenced the journey home, the band playing lively and familiar airs. The old folks (and some of the young ones too) danced and sang to their heart's content. Arriving at Dunston about 8.30 the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and after a most enjoyable day the company dispersed. The whole thing was a great success, and must be a source of pleasure to all who have in any way contributed towards the entertainment.

WHICKHAM CHURCH.

The following interesting paper by Mr. Wm. Bourn, of Whickham, was read on Saturday, at a meeting of the Newcastle and District Rambling Club, held at Swalwell:—

"In the year 1069, William the Conqueror entered Durham to avenge the attack made on Robert Gomyn, a Norman noble, who, with 700 veteran troops, had perished in the burning of the Bishop's Castle, which had been fired by the people of the city.

William at the head of his troops advanced in person to chastise the rebels, and from York to Durham the march of the Normans was traced in characters of blood. The inhabitants were devoted to indiscriminate slaughter, and even the convents and monasteries, the homes of piety and learning, were burned, and the cattle and the corn in the barns carried off by the conquerors. Probably it was on account of the desolation produced by William's army that the County of Durham does not find a place in the Doomsday Book, compiled by order of the Conqueror in 1086, and it was to supply this omission that Hugh Pudsey, the Bishop of Durham, caused a survey of the diocese to be made in the year 1183, now known as the Boldon Book.

From this survey we find that Quickham, or Whickham, was one of the manors of the See of Durham, and contained thirty-five villain-tenants, each of whom held an ox-gang of land, consisting of fifteen acres, at sixteenpence rents, exclusive of services, which were severe. Each villain wrought for the lord three days each week in the year, besides the labour of harvest and ploughing; they were bound to erect a cottage; and carry and fetch from Bedlington the Bishop's baggage, etc., when required. They also paid 9s cornage rent, and provided a milch cow for the lord, and for every ox-gang of land they found a hen and ten eggs, and served in the lord's fishery in the Tyne. The head borough man had twenty-four acres of land allotted to him in recompense for the duties of his office. The punder had land assigned him, besides an acknowledgement from every tiller farm by the threave; and he provided the Bishop with 40 hens and 300 eggs.

Altogether there were five hundred and forty-nine acres of land under cultivation, exclusive of the meadow and pasture land in the hands of the Bishop. Such was Whickham in the year 1183.

The church was evidently founded about the time that Hugh Pudsey became Bishop of Durham. He was a great builder of churches, but whether he had anything to do with the foundation of Whickham Church is unknown. We have already seen that when the Boldon Book was compiled by his orders, about five hundred and fifty acres of land were under cultivation, besides the meadow land which belonged to the Bishop, and it is reasonable to think that he would provide a church for his tenants. But there is no data from which we can affirm with any certainty in the matter. Surtees, in his "History of Durham," records the first rector (Hugo), under date 1287. But there is mention of both parsons and a churchyard at Whickham at the beginning of the 13th century. About the year 1220, one Baldwin gave to Gerard, son of Geve, steward of the Hospital of the Holy Trinity in Gateshead, seventeen acres in the south part of his field called Alvisburne. This gift was confirmed by Alice de Quickham, and Alianer, widow of Simon de Lamford, daughters of Baldwin, reserving one toft near the churchyard of Quickham (Whickham), out of which Alice and Alianor undertook to satisfy the See of Durham for one pound of pepper out of the whole tenure. One of the witnesses to the confirmation of the gift was Reginald, vicar de Quickham.

In the calender of Papal Register ("Papal Letters," 1, 1198-1394, page 573) headed 3, Boniface VIII., year 1297, there is an account of a dispensation to Master Adam de Duffield, parson of Ponteland, in the diocese of Durham, who has held also the Church of Quickham, and on resigning this that of Whiteberne, without papal dispensation, to retain the same, the care of souls not being neglected. It is almost certain that Adam de Duffield preceded Hugo at Whickham; and that it was in the year 1287, when the living became a rectory, and Hugo the first rector.

Concerning Gerard mentioned in the gift of land by Baldwin to Holy Trinity Hospital in Gateshead, he is sometimes named Gerado de Quickham, from which we may infer that he either lived there or his ancestors had. We know little more of Baldwin than that he was at the head of the Hospital, and the father of Alice de Quickham and Alianor widow of Simon de Lamford, and that he possessed lands at Whickham. Baldwin died about the year 1226 after bequeathing land in Kyo to the Hospital. Alice de Quickham seems as her name implies, to have been the wife of a gentleman of that name who lived at Whickham, and is along with her sister Alianor, described as "ancient benefactors" of the Hospital at Gateshead. In the year 1294, Thomas de Whickham was one of the bailiffs of Newcastle.

Evidently the de Quickham family was one of wealth, and of social importance. Several members of the family were connected with the village of Whickham at the end of the 12th and the beginning of the 13th centuries, and for anything that we know even earlier, and may have been the founders of the church.

Whickham Church, dedicated to St. Mary, still retains many evidences of its antiquity, but possesses few pretensions to architectural elegance. As far as we know there is no mention of an Anglo-Saxon Church at Whickham, though the late Mr. Ralph Carr-Ellison, a well-known antiquarian, thought he found traces of Saxon work in the north wall of the old Church when taken down in 1862. That gentleman secured a number of ornamental stones which had been built into the walls of the north aisle, and had them conveyed to some place where they might be preserved, but I have been unable to find their destination.

The first Church appears to have been built during the Norman period, about 1150, but nothing is known about its foundation. It originally consisted of a nave and chancel without aisles. The north and south aisles which were of transitional date, about 1190 were afterwards added to the original structure. The Tower, which is of early English date, was built about 1250, and the parapet added about the 15th century. The only portion of the original Norman building now remaining in its proper position is the chancel arch.

Probably the ornamental stones secured by Mr. Carr-Ellison would be portions of the original nave taken down during the last years of the 12th century and built into the walls of the aisles which were then erected. The present church comprises a nave with one aisle on the south and two on the north side, a chancel, tower, and porch.

The nave, which is forty-nine feet long, and 17 feet wide, is lighted on each side by four upper windows of two lights each, and round headed. In the nave almost the only original feature is the south arcade (1190.) It consists of four bays. The arches are round, and are of one square order with a slight chamfer on the edge. The pillars are round, and have circular capitals; one or two are carved in a rather singular way. The walls of the nave were originally about two feet lower than they are now. The aisles are about the same length as the nave; the north and south aisles are fifteen feet nine inches wide, and the aisle between the north and the nave fourteen feet eight inches. The north aisle, which was removed in 1862, had only small double square-headed but shouldered windows, without any decoration, and were probably of 14th century date. The present north aisle is lighted by lancets with double lights. The south aisle, which was not taken down at the restoration of the church (1862) possesses few of its original features. It is lighted by five windows, three in the front, and one at each end, all of which are modern. Perhaps the old doorway, which is nine feet high, and four feet six inches wide, may belong to the south aisle of the 12th century. It is quite plain in design and construction. It still possesses the dripstone, but the corbels have been destroyed. The chancel is thirty-three feet long by thirteen feet eight inches at the east end and thirteen feet at the west. The chancel instead of running in a line with the nave inclines, considerably to the south. This peculiar feature of the building can best be seen from the top of the tower. This singular formation, which is, I believe, uncommon in the churches of this country, has been supposed to have a mystical meaning, and to signify the inclination of our Blessed Lord's head while he was hanging on the cross. The chancel arch which is semi-circular, and plain in design, is fifteen feet five inches high, and eleven feet six inches wide. It is of two square orders, both slightly chamfered, and rests on cushioned capitals enriched with a flower ornament.

I have been told by John Stark, who was sexton of the church for 50 years, that his father, who was also sexton, had seen the chancel filled with folding doors, and which were removed about the beginning of the present century. We have no record of any wood-screen separating the chancel from the nave; if there was one, which is extremely probable, it would, no doubt, be removed at the Reformation. There is no doubt the chancel-screens had in all ages a practical purpose—the protection of the chancel from thoughtless intrusion. This, too, was the purpose of the introduction, under Archbishop Laud, of altar-rails and gates. These were ordered to be sufficiently close to prevent the entrance into the sanctuary of dogs, which, if we may judge from pictures, were as frequently to be seen in English Churches as they still are in some Highland Kirks. Before the restoration of the church (1862) the chancel was lighted by two square-headed windows on the south side, and one at the east end glazed and sashed, all modern insertions. The square windows and the east window were removed, and replaced by three lights, round-headed, on the south side, and a handsome east window of three lights, round-headed, and divided by mullions; the latter may be considered a copy of the window which lighted the chancel at the foundation of the church. Nearer the roof is an ornamental wheel window. The north wall of the chancel, and the old vestry were taken down to make room for the organ chamber, which is separated from the chancel by two round arches resting on round pillars. The chancel is entered by an old door—though not the original—on the south side, six feet high, and three feet wide, and round-headed. At the outside of the south wall of the chancel, at the west end, there are traces of a low side window, one of those peculiar openings lower than the other windows, as to the purpose of which nothing is definitely known. Those windows are evidently alluded to by Thomas Bedyll, Clerk of the Council in the reign of Henry VIII., and one of the Commissioners at the visitation made on the suppression of religious houses and chantries, who, in a letter to Cromwell, says:—'We think it best the place wher thes frires have been wont to hire outtward confessions of al commers at certen tymes of the yere be walled up and that used to be for-doen for ever.' The windows have by some been called 'leper' windows, believing they were used for administering the sacrament to lepers outside of the building.

The altar is above the level of the chapel and is entered by two marble steps in which are fixed brass rails. Fixed against the east wall, above the altar, there is a handsome reredos, erected in 1865 by Mr. Westmacott, of London, the gift of Mr. Ralph Brown, of Benwell, and formerly of Whickham. On the reredos is represented the placing of our Lord in the sepulchre by Joseph of Arimithea and the Centurion. At the side of the tomb three women are standing, and an angel at each end. In the north wall, within the altar rails, there is a square aumbry, in which the chalice, paten, and other vessels pertaining to the altar were kept when not in use. The tower—which is castellated—with the parapet is fifty feet high, and twenty feet square. It is of early English date, and erected probably about the year 1220. The parapet, six feet high, was added in the 15th century. The tower is a rather heavy-looking structure, and is supported and strengthened by buttresses at the north-west and south-west corners, and on the north and south sides. In appearance it strongly resembles a Border tower; and many have been built as much for the protection of life, as for ornament to the church. Formerly the only entrance to the tower was a door inside the church, twenty feet from the floor; so that the rooms in the tower would be impregnable. The neighbouring village of Ryton was burnt by the Scots in 1297; and the Moss troopers of Tyne and Redesdale made perpetual raids into the Bishopric on the south side of the Tyne, sparing the lives of neither friend nor foe, and causing bloodshed and misery wherever they went, so that we need not be surprised at the formidable strength of the tower, nor the poverty of design and execution which characterises the architecture of the Church. The lowest stage of the tower is a pointed vault, fifteen feet eight inches long by twelve feet three inches wide, and 16 feet high; the body of the church measuring about 100 feet. A modern doorway on the north side of the tower leads up a winding staircase to the clock-room and belfry and bell-loft. The clock-room measures fifteen feet by twelve feet. A flat-headed and shouldered doorway opens to the nave, which was formerly the only entrance to the tower. On the west side there is a small single light. When the masons were repairing the tower in 1862 they found a recess in the north wall of the clock-room three feet long by two feet wide, and two feet high, which had been built up and closed from view. For what it had been it is uncertain. At what time the tower was first ornamented with a clock we have no means of knowing. According to the churchwardens books, as soon as Dr. Thomlinson came to Whickham in 1714 the churchwardens paid to Geo. Wheatley the sum of £19 5s for a clock for the tower, which may have been the first. In 1715, Peter Shield received the sum of 2s 6d "for building up ye window under ye clock." The clock fixed in the tower in 1714 remained till 1862, when it was replaced by one of modern construction. The highest stage of the tower, or the belfry, is lighted on every side by a window of two lights, flat headed and shouldered. In an inventory of church goods made in 1553 there were "three bells in the stepell and iij lyttel bells." None of the bells in the tower in 1553 are there now. The church at present possesses a peal of six bells all of which are modern. One of them bears the inscription, cast A.D. 1657; re-cast 1854; another bears the date 1775, other three were placed in the tower in 1888 as a memorial to the late Ralph Carr Ellison, Esq. From the belfry a ladder leads to the top of the tower, from which there is a commanding view of the vale of Derwent. The principal entrance to the church is by a porch on the south side. An old porch erected in 1700 was taken down about 50 years ago, when the present porch was built. Fixed in the wall above the door is a sun-dial bearing the date 1652. Originally the nave of the church possessed a high-pitched roof covered with grey slates. When this roof was taken down is uncertain, for as far as the churchwarden's books take us back the church was covered with lead. In the year 1649 the roof seems to have been almost entirely destroyed, for at a meeting of the four-and-twenty held on 15th November in that year, it was resolved, "that Ambrose Minde, plummer, shall be employed for fastening all the leaks about the church of Whickham, to find all new leads that shall be wanting for the body of the church, and for which he is to receive twenty pounds within twenty days time, and four-score pounds more when the work is finished." The question arises, what had become of the lead? Is it not almost certain that the church had been stripped of its roof by the Scotch soldiers during the Siege of Newcastle in 1644, the lead converted into bullets, and used against the people imprisoned within the strong walls of our neighbouring town. That the Scotch were at Whickham is certain from the entries in the parish register. The following appears on its pages:—"A man that was shote by the Scotish centries in the meadows as he was coming up the water in a boate 3rd Sept., 1644." "Captain John Cunningham, a Scot, buried 22nd Oct., 1644." Taking everything into consideration I think we may conclude that the church had been robbed of its roof by the Scots and used against the English at Newcastle. The roof was repaired in 1649, and continued in that form till 1862, when the lead was taken off and the roof restored to its original pitch, as it is seen to-day. The font is a round basin of Stanhope marble, and is probably as old as the foundation of the church. In the seventh year of Bishop Hatfield, 1352, Ralph Clark held "in capite" of the church of the Blessed Mary, Quickham, an acre of meadow in Quickham, for finding a lamp to burn daily in the church. In 1499, John Saunders, of Ryton, granted a cottage, and three acres and a plot of ground to William Clark, chaplain of St. Mary's altar, for performing a similar duty in Ryton Church. The custom of burning lights in churches was a common one before the Reformation. The chancel and south aisle of the church contain vaults of the families of Marley, Blakiston, Bowes, of Gibside Harding, of Hollingside, Grainger of Sunniside, and Clavering, of Axwell. Before the church was re-built the hatchments of Blakiston, Bowes, and Clavering were fixed against the walls of the nave, but they were in too dilapidated a condition to be restored. The register commences in 1575, and contains within its pages the names of nine centenarians, who are buried in the churchyard.

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STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

LOCKED IN.

The other night, the Burial Committee in conclave assembled to discuss the alleged irregularities about cemetery matters, had a somewhat funny experience. One of the allegations, that of the closing of the cemetery gates to the general public before the stated time, was discussed to such length that when this august body rose to depart in peace they found that the cemetery gate was closed and securely fastened upon them. But for the fact that the road from the cemetery through the churchyard was still open, the gentlemen referred to would have had their dwellings for the night amongst the tombs. Such are the joyous experiences of public men. Who would not be one?

PRICE OF LAND.

On Thursday evening the site upon which the old Wesleyan Chapel stood was offered for sale by public auction, and judging from the number of capitalists who assembled at the Royal Hotel, Stanley, one would have thought that Mr. Ornsby, the solicitor for the vendor, would have been kept busy in taking down the bids. To my great surprise, however, this was not the case, and debarring one or two gentlemen, the company seemed to treat the matter as a small thing. At the outset of the sale Mr. Turnbull, the auctioneer, said they had gone there with the intention of selling the land, and although it was not disposed of by auction, the highest bidder was treated with privately, with the result that the auctioneer was in a position to verify his opening statement when he told those who remained behind that Mr. Bloom, the well-known auctioneer, of South Shields, had, through the agency of Mr. J. W. Chatt, from the office of Messrs Chartres and Youll, Newcastle, become the purchaser at £1,250, or a fraction over £1 3s 8d per square yard. Not a bad price, either, when it is remembered that the land is on Lanchester Common.

HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

All over the country the question of the housing of the working-classes has formed the subject for much discussion in the chambers of Local Boards and District Councils. So urgent has the necessity become that the Local Government Board are now urging upon our local magnates to give this matter their special and immediate attention. And when one looks here and there the necessity for improvement in the housing accommodation of the poorer classes becomes daily more apparent. In our own district whole streets of houses, or, rather, apologies for such, might be classed under the category of "unclean." But when such a sweeping denunciation occurs to one's mind the question comes home with redoubled force, "Where can the people whose lot it is to habitate these piggeries be provided with a place worthy the name of house?" Speculation in house property, the good times notwithstanding, is almost nil. Still the demand far exceeds the supply, and the remedy for this burning question will before long have to be sought for in the application of that part of the Housing of the Working Classes Act which provides that power shall be given to local authorities to build houses and rent them to tenants at a reasonable rate. When that clause has been put into effect, it is hoped we shall see a drastic reform in house building, which is now so prominently conspicuous by its absence.

TREATS IN STORE.

The Stanley Wesleyan Choir intend to give their patrons and supporters a real treat at the Christmas time. As usual they purpose giving a concert, and have been fortunate to secure two of the leading vocalists of Leeds fame. The lady singer from whom great things are expected is none other than Miss Florry Roscoe, of Wilson House, New Wortley, Leeds, who has earned for herself a very enviable position for vocalism in the musical world. The press opinions passed upon her singing seem to be unanimously in favour of her, and hence we have them stating that "she has a splendid voice, high in its range, pure and bell-like in tone, and bearing classic marks of training and culture." The gentleman vocalist whose services have been obtained for that evening is Mr. Edwin Kellett, of West View, Beeston Hill, Leeds, who is accustomed to sing in standard, classical, and modern works, such as "Samson," "St. Paul," "The Messiah," "The Creation," "Elijah," and others. He possesses a fine tenor voice, pure in tone, and a cultured style. His enunciation is said to be nearly perfect, and recitatives he is said to perform with graphic, expressive, and dramatic effect. Such qualities will speak for themselves, and further comment at this stage will, on my part, be premature.

WEST STANLEY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

As was truly observed by the president on the opening of the new branch premises at South Moor, the Society has enjoyed phenomenal success since its formation in 1876, when it commenced with the modest capital of £2,004, together with a loan of £1,800 from its "mother," as Mr. T. W. W. Ritson remarked. Since then the society has, by judicious management, worked its way from insignificance to the front rank of popularity and influence in the co-operative world. And so long as such keen shrewd business men as Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, the secretary; Mr. W. Hewison, President; and a thoughtful committee of management hold reins of office, its future success is assured, coupled of course with the great possibilities of the development of the staple industry of the district.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

CHILD FOUND DEAD.—At about seven o'clock on Sunday morning Joseph Joyce, the six months old child of Edward Joyce, labourer at the Consett Works, and residing at No. 1, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, was found dead in bed by its mother. It was presumed that the child had either been accidentally overlaid, or died in a fit. An inquest was deemed necessary, and a verdict of death from convulsions was returned.

LEADGATE NOTES.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

INTERESTING TO CYCLISTS.

In these days when we hear so much of publicans licensed to supply cyclists and others with refreshments, it may perhaps be interesting to many lovers of the wheel to know that the hostelry of Mr. James Kelly, Queen's Head Hotel, Leadgate, has been placed upon the list of C.T.C. hotels, which means that every provision will be made to supply the wants of cyclists who desire anything in the shape of refreshment, and to those who happen to be members of the C.T.C. the usual deduction of twopence in the shilling will be made upon everything except wines, beer, spirits, and cigars. This is the only C.T.C. house between Durham and Shotley Bridge, and those wheelers who pay Mr. and Mrs. Kelly a visit may depend upon receiving the utmost satisfaction. During the course of my experience I have come across publicans who absolutely refuse to supply anything but beer, wines, or spirits, but they had better take to heart the remarks used by the magistrates at Lanchester the other week. However, the Queen's Head does not come under this category, as travellers are always provided with what they want, no matter at what inconvenience.

THE ASPHALTING.

A start has been made with the asphalting, but no sooner was this done than a dispute arose, and it was found necessary to call a special meeting of the Council last Friday night. It appears that the Surveyor insists upon the contractor excavating to a depth of six inches in all cases, and putting in three inches of foundation and three of asphalt. However, the Council had decided that where the existing foundations were good, the contractor did not require to interfere with them, but simply put on the asphalt. A visit was made to where the work was in progress in Church Square, and here all the the foundations had been taken out, and large stones put in. It reminded one more of preparations for cementing than asphalting. The Council inspected several of the footpaths, and came to the conclusion that the foundations were excellent, and could not be improved upon by the contractor. What had been done in Church Square seemed to be totally unnecessary. It was decided ultimately to write the contractor, stating that where the existing foundations were good he did not need to remove them, but where they were not satisfactory he had to act according to specification. This seemed a common-sense view to take of the matter.

FLOWER SERVICES.

The flower services "in commemoration of the blessed dead" drew very large congregations to St. Ives Church on Sunday, and the services were very impressive. The Saxhorn Band kindly assisted, and accompanied the hymns in the churchyard. The Vicar (the Rev. Thos. Varley) preached appropriate sermons, and special hymns were sung by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. G. W. Goulden, Mr. W. Brears presiding at the organ. Flowers brought by friends were afterwards placed upon the graves. By the way, reports reach me of thefts of flowers from off the graves. Of all the despicable forms of meanness, surely this is the worst—to rob the dead. I sincerely hope that some of these churchyard robbers may be discovered, and that if they are, the magistrates at Consett will inflict such a penalty upon them as will be the means of preventing others similarly inclined from indulging in these mean and petty thefts, which cannot be too strongly condemned. It is the duty of any person who happens to come across anyone robbing the graves to at once report the matter to the proper authorities. I cannot find words strong enough to express my abhorrence of such a practice.

THE LIGHTING SEASON.

That was a good suggestion put forward by Coun. Lane at the last meeting of the Council, viz., that the Council should try the experiment of having a few incandescent lights in Front Street. As was pointed out by two or three speakers, the incandescent lights have answered admirably in Consett, and have undoubtedly been an improvement on the old system of illuminating the streets. Besides, I understand that they do not consume so much gas as the ordinary burners. We want as good a light as we can possibly get during the dull, dark, winter nights, and I certainly think the incandescent would be infinitely better than the present system of lighting. A trial will probably be made with them shortly, and I shall be surprised if they are not voted much superior to the old lights. The introduction of incandescent lights is a step in the right direction.

HIGH JINKS.

I noticed in the "Guardian" the other week that the Wednesday footballers had been having a lively time, consequent upon the winning of medals as runners-up for the Walton Cup. Several budding orators distinguished themselves, whilst Mr. James Brown (the genial landlord of the Commercial Hotel), who acted as vice-chairman, delivered such an eloquent speech as to stir up the company to a high pitch of enthusiasm. I may remark "en passant" that several of the Wednesdayites are, I am told, contemplating matrimony. Genial Ben Sanderson duly entered the wedded state on Wednesday, whilst a prominent Wednesday left-winger will also take the plunge ere long. I trust that this will not prevent them from assisting their old club-mates in another attempt to lift the Walton Cup.

LANCHESTER.

WORKHOUSE BOYS' WARDEN.—Mr. Dobson, Boys' Warden at Lanchester Workhouse, not having received a satisfactory answer to an application for an increase of salary, tendered his resignation. It is now understood that Mr. Dobson will withdraw his resignation subject to an advance of £10 a year being granted, and the Committee, which met last Thursday, agreed to recommend the Board to grant the advance.

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CHAPTER III.

ETHERLEIGH PARSONAGE.

On came the gallant grey, a great, strong, raw-boned animal, the reins hanging loose, whilst his fair rider retained a precarious hold by clutching the mane. Seizing the loose rein with his left hand, Richard got one sharp wrench on the horse's mouth, before he was dragged off his feet, but clinging tightly to the stout bridle, though it brought him in dangerous proximity to the great hoofs, he at last checked the animal, and rose to his feet, unhurt, though roughly shaken and pulled about.

"Whoa, Sorrel, whoa!" he cried gently, soothing and patting the animal, which, seeming to recognise a friendly voice, soon became quiet and docile again. Leading the horse to a tree trunk, to which he firmly tied the bridle, Richard proceeded to help the lady to dismount. Mabel Etherleigh was a tall and well-grown girl of about Richard's own age. From her father she inherited an erect and noble carriage, which set off to perfection her well-developed and womanly figure. Her long, fair hair, disordered by her ride, hung partly over her eyes, and surrounded her face with a golden haze as she stood facing the rays of the level sun. A pure and perfect complexion and a long oval face lit up by frank, fearless blue eyes, which shone from beneath deeply arched and well-cut brows, completed the picture, which somehow from that day forward Richard could never wholly efface from his memory.

"Oh, Mr. Myerscough," she said, in a voice which showed very little disturbance after so trying an ordeal, "thank you very much. You have saved me from a very great danger. I had given up all hope of stopping Sorrel, and was only trusting that he would keep to the track. He would have taken me straight home, if he could have done so, but at the headlong speed he was going he might well have fallen into one of these hollows, had it not been for you. I am sure I thank you from my heart. It was very brave of you. You ran a great risk in what you did."

"Not at all, Ma'am, I only did my duty, I am sure," said Richard, bashful at hearing his own praises sounded. "If you will sit down here for a moment I will go and fetch your hat," he added, and suiting the action to the word Richard was off with a speed that showed that he was little the worse for his shaking.

On his returning with the hat Mabel Etherleigh endeavoured to arrange her tresses, and adjust her hat above them, an operation at which Richard could not refrain from casting a shy glance or two, although he pretended to be very busy in patting and soothing Sorrel.

"Would you not step into our house Miss Mabel?" he asked presently. "We have a steel glass. I am sure my father and sister will be very glad to see you and perhaps it will be safer to let Sorrel get quite cooled down, before you mount him again."

"Thank you, Richard, I will take your advice. Indeed it will be a pleasure to me to tell your father and sister how bravely you have acted to-day. I am not at all afraid of Sorrell now. I cannot think what put it into his head to run away. He is generally as quiet as a lamb; but it will do him no harm to take a rest." Accordingly Richard picked up his basket and stick, and leading Sorrel by the bridle, while Mabel Etherleigh walked by his side, they proceeded slowly in the direction of the Vicarage, which was only a few hundred yards away.

"And what possessed him to run away like that, Miss Mabel?" said Richard as they walked. "Had he any reason for doing it?"

"I cannot tell," said Mabel, "Indeed he may be possessed, as you say, and surely, now I think of it, I had just before passed Dame Ingleton's cottage. They do say that she's a witch. Do you think that she overlooked him? She cannot have overlooked me, because you see I stuck on, and really I was not at all afraid," and Miss Etherleigh laughed. "I should have enjoyed the gallop but for those treacherous hollows. Do you think that Sorrel was bewitched?"

"I spoke heedlessly, Miss Mabel," said Richard gravely. "I did not mean at all to say that Sorrel was bewitched. Was there nothing else, think you that frightened him?"

"Why yes, perhaps there was; we were just coming out of the wood, and something started up out of the bushes, some kind of a big ugly dog. Sorrel was off before I could really see what it was."

"Then, I'll warrant you, Miss Mabel, it was no witch that started Sorrel," said Richard, with a smile of relief. "It must have been Edmund Mallinson's dog—as ugly a mongrel he is, as you can see in a twelve-month. I had only just given him a thrashing myself," and Richard went on to relate his adventure of half-an-hour before.

In all honesty, though with a credulity not uncommon in those days, but none the less indefensible, Mabel Etherleigh had been on the point of laying the blame of her mishap at the door of Dame Ingleton, simply because she was old and ugly, and bore the name of a witch amongst some few of her evil-disposed neighbours. A very little more, and the story might have gone forth as a proof of witchcraft, and of harm and danger resulting. Many a less important and more improbable piece of evidence has again and again been sufficient to bring about the cruel death of some innocent old woman, burnt at the stake for being a witch.

Mabel Etherleigh was to learn by and by, the danger of paying with edged tools of this description.

"Now I think of it," she answered, "I believe you are right, Richard Myerscough. It must have been Ned Mallinson's dog. My father when he knows about it, will not allow him to have it any more, and then it will not attack either me, or you again."

"I am afraid I did wrong to old Dame Ingleton, without thinking," she added. "Do you think that she is a witch?"

"Nay! Miss Mabel! I think she is a very cross and sour old woman, but I would not say more than that against her, and even for that there is some excuse when you remember all that she has gone through and how badly she has been treated," and Richard began to tell his companion Dame Ingleton's story, which she had not previously heard in full, and which greatly moved her pity. They were now almost at the gate of the Vicarage, much to Richard's regret, for he could have wished the distance twice as far as it had been, so as to prolong the pleasant chat with his fair companion The Vicar, who was at work among his plants in the garden, no sooner saw Miss Etherleigh's arrival, than he hastily relinquished his task and ran into the house, from whence he presently emerged again drawing on a long coat over his doublet. First greeting his visitor, as was customary in those days, by giving her a kiss upon the cheek, he then enquired after her health, and that of her parents, and cordially invited her into the house.

Twenty years before, John Myerscough had brought into that house, a helpmate just as fair and as lovable as she who now entered it. For fifteen happy years gentle Alice Myerscough had been the light and the joy of her husband's life, and then consumption had claimed her as the bride of death, and John Myerscough had been left with his two children, and he who had so often and so faithfully comforted others now needed to be comforted himself. Etherleigh folk had liberally responded to the call upon their love and gratitude, which the Vicar's sad bereavement made. Susan Myerscough, a girl of 14 at the time her mother died, had received help and counsel from every mother in the village in turn, and being robust, intelligent, and willing to learn, had so profited by their teaching that she was now, at the age of 19, the most accomplished housewife in the whole village.

In the same way Richard had served a highly favoured apprenticeship to all the most skilled farmers and gardeners in Etherleigh. Many an hour that would otherwise have been spent at the village ale house, was given by the rustics to digging, or hoeing, or otherwise tending the Vicar's land. The proper time of sowing, of thinning out, of reaping, and so on was a matter of weighty discussion in which the whole village took a part, and the results of which were awaited with the greatest interest. In consequence of the general sympathy, so roughly, but practically expressed, the Vicar's farm, garden, and poultry yard soon became a more flourishing and profitable concern than they had ever been before. Richard profiting by the multitude of counsellors, advanced to more than ordinary proficiency in agricultural knowledge. Indeed he was able to draw upon sources unattainable to his teachers, such books as "Virgil's Georgics," and "Tusser's Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry," supplementing local traditions. John Myerscough, when he first came to Etherleigh, had found the people somewhat slow and cold, and it was only by degrees that he had won their trust and reverence. But as years passed by his ministry had grown wholly acceptable to the people. No house in his wide parish was unvisited, and no member of his flock was uninfluenced. If any parishioner was wanting from his place in Etherleigh Church on the Sabbath day, it was at once conjectured that he must be ill, and Monday morning would invariably find the Vicar at the door with an inquiry after his health. No sick case was unknown to the Vicar, and no death-bed wanted his reverend presence and comforting ministrations. The inhabitants of Etherleigh were brought as infants to be received into the Vicar's arms and to be baptised. As children they came to his school to be instructed on the week-day, or to the church to be catechised on the Sunday. Once in seven years or so, a troop of them were presented to the Bishop for confirmation. The village church bells rang merrily for their wedding if they lived to venture on the holy estate of matrimony. The Vicar's ministrations and his daughter's healing recipes helped their sickness, or comforted their dying hours, and last of all the passing bell called every christian soul in the village to pray with them and for them as they passed death's gloomy portal, and the same bell summoned the villagers to gather to the last office wherein their bodies were committed to the ground "in sure and certain hope."

John Myerscough, though he had been in the ministry for something like twenty-five years, was still a young man. The grey hairs indeed were plentifully mingled with the brown about his brows, yet his complexion was firm and clear, and almost without a wrinkle, and his fine eyes looked out with all the keenness of twenty years before. His tall figure, though slightly bent at times, he was wont, when in motion, to carry erect and upright, and his long sweeping stride as he walked would often keep a companion on the trot beside him.

John Myerscough courteously conducted Mabel Etherleigh to the door of his house, where Susan stood to welcome her. Mabel Etherleigh accepted the invitation to come in for a time, but protested that she must not stop for long, because she knew her parents would be expecting her, and would be wonderful anxious by her continued absence.

"Oh, if that is all that you are afraid of," said the Vicar, "we will soon see about that. Run, Susan, to Mrs. Popham's and see if her son Christopher is at home, and bid him come here at once."

Susan obeyed, and presently returned with a little smock-frocked rustic of some eight or ten years old, who, being ushered into the sitting room, stood pulling his forelock, and alternately casting shy glances at the beautiful young lady from the Hall, and at his own rough clogs.

"Run up to the Hall, Christopher," said Susan, "leave your clogs outside there till you return, and give Mr. Myerscough's duty and respects to Sir William, and say that Miss Mabel has met with a little accident, and is staying at the Vicarage for a while. Now what have you to say?"

"One moment, Susan," said Mr. Myerscough interrupting, "it will be best for the lad to say nothing about an accident. It may give needless alarm to Mistress Etherleigh. Just tell her, my lad, that Miss Mabel is here at the Vicarage, and that she will be coming home presently. Cans't remember that, now?"

"Aye, sir," said little Christopher, repeating the words of his commission; and then, leaving his clogs at the door, he scampered off as fast as his little bare brown legs would carry him.

Meanwhile Richard had led Sorrel round to the back of the house, and put him into his father's stable. The good horse allowed himself to be turned about and rubbed down with the greatest quietness and patience, as though determined to retrieve his character as soon as possible after his recent escapade.

Returning to the house, Richard found that Miss Mabel had completed her toilet with the assistance of Sue and the little oak-mounted mirror, or steel glass, which as the special treasure and heir-loom of Etherleigh parsonage, had received from her its due meed of admiration. Susan Myerscough, bustling actively about, was engaged in setting out a little table in the best parlour, with the choicest samples of her own home-made cakes and wine, which meant, as Richard realised, not without an internal pang, for he was very hungry, that their own supper, which was set in the back room, or kitchen, would have to be deferred indefinitely. However, it was only right that due honour should be paid to their guest from the Hall, and both Richard and his father would have submitted to Susan's arrangement had it not been that Miss Mabel fortunately divined the true state of affairs.

"Now, Mr. Myerscough," she said, "I suspect that you have not had your supper, and I know that Richard has not. He certainly must be hungry after his long walk. I will not eat alone, and see you hunger."

Sister Sue, in whom the sense of propriety had for the time smothered all humane sentiments, protested that Richard could wait, and begged of Miss Etherleigh to remain where she was.

"Come Susan," said Mr. Myerscough, "as Miss Mabel is so considerate, I don't mind confessing that I am very hungry, and I am sure Richard is, and has good right to be. Let us have supper in the kitchen together, and I can assure you Miss Etherleigh, we will be able to offer you something better there than these 'cates and kickshaws.' Take them away, Susan, and lay the supper as quickly as you can in the back-room."

Susan obeyed, though somewhat unwillingly, and the party were soon comfortably seated around Mr. Myerscough's hospitable board, which though true to its name—only a plain deal board, on trestles—was beautified by a fine linen table-cloth, home-made and bleached, and covered with a very appetising and substantial repast.

Miss Susan Myerscough as she looked complacently around, might say with truth that everything upon that board was home-grown. The cold ham and chickens had been raised, according to good old George Herbert's advice*, from the crumbs, and broken meat, and from the refuse and waste of the household, which were always to be seen in an animated form inhabiting the poultry-yard and the pig-sty. The eggs which garnished the salad of home-grown herbs, came from the same source. The sweet butter, the plain dry cheese, and the rich milk and cream were all derived from the Vicar's cow. Even the wheaten and oaten cakes, and the rye bread had been made from corn grown in the Vicar's fields, though the local miller had indeed been requisitioned to turn it into flour or meal. Miss Myerscough might have to confess that the board itself, with the wooden bowls and platters, and the earthenware upon it were not home-made, yet she could at any rate say with confidence that they had never known the contact of any other than home-made, or home-grown soap, and equally home-grown energy in scrubbing them.

The soap monopoly by which King Charles had recently granted to the worshipful Company of Soap Makers, for a consideration, the exclusive right to manufacture soap, and to his long-suffering subjects the exclusive necessity to use that or none, without choice as to price or quality, was wholly inoperative in her case, for she knew by a cunning mixture of wood ashes and rain water and by the use of the soap-wort, which she cultivated abundantly in her garden, how to produce a lather sufficient to wash out any ordinary stains.

Susan was mightily pleased, when Miss Mabel condescended to admire the perfection of her domestic arrangements, and for a time the conversation turned on such matters; but presently Mr. Myerscough changed the subject by asking. "Well, Richard, what news from the town, and how have you sped to-day?" Miss Etherleigh, although simulating a great eagerness about some receipt which she had been asking Susan for, at once turned to Richard and became all attention.

"Indeed, father," he replied, "I have made a good market to-day, and as for the news, I found it was all over the town that the assessment of the new tax of ship-money was posted upon the church door. So, as soon as I had emptied my basket, I went there. There were many crowding round, and one was trying to read the names to them, but being a poor speller, and very slow at letters, he made but a poor shift at it. So one amongst them, old Jack Robson it was, bade me go up and read, for the people were eager to hear what the sess was for each village. Well, since they would take no denial, I did so, but indeed I got almost more than I bargained for. They were not content that I should read it out once plainly, but they would have me go back to tell them the sess for this village, and this hundred and the like. And one would say "Tell me that our village has no sessment and I'll give thee a groat." "Nay," another would say, "a tester for thee, good lad, if Oakenshaw's not in it," and others grumbling meanwhile and swearing that the sess should not be paid, as though I had laid the tax upon them, or could take it off for them. A good half-hour or more by the clock, I stood there answering them that they wished to know, and the crowd ever growing larger until I was fain to tell them that I could bide no longer."

"That was a strange job for thee, Richard," said Mr. Myerscough laughing heartily. "We shall have you town crier next. But come now, I am almost as eager as they were about it. I prithee what was the sess for Etherleigh village? I hope they have left us out."

"Nay, father," said Richard, "I took note that they have set down Sir William Etherleigh to pay £2, and Etherleigh village, ten shillings."

"Ten shillings," said the Vicar. "So! We are not heavily assessed. I think I will get my vestry to pay that, though there are those that swear they will not pay a groat, save with the parliament's ordinance. But your father is heavily dealt with, Miss Etherleigh! And now, Richard, what further news?"

"Nought much, father. I took a haporth of ale at the Blue Bell, and all the talk there was of this ship-money tax. I heard say that it was thought many of the gentry would refuse to pay it. There were some merchants, that had been at Nottingham Fair, said that Mr. John Hampden was still not condemned, though the judges had been trying his case for three months, and some said that he never would be condemned, for this taxing without Parliament was clean contrary to law. Aye, and there was one, a very treasonable fellow, as I fear, though well spoken, who would have it that the king must either govern through his Parliament, as was ever the wont in England, or else he should not govern at all. And then one cut in and said, as I had half a mind to say myself, "What, man, would you have us a republic?" And to that he said "No: he would have no republic, if we had but a king who would govern according to law, and do right between man and man."

"Indeed, Richard," said Mr Myerscough, "he was a treasonable fellow. I hope you spoke up against him."

"Nay, father, I held my tongue, and there was none that spake against him; but some said Aye! Aye, and some clapped their hands and cried 'Well said,' as though they were all of his opinion."

"Why, indeed, then son Richard, I fear thou hast been in bad company," said the Vicar. "If such talk is wont to be at the Blue Bell, thee had best wend thy way to the Crown and Mitre another time for thy drinking."

At this moment the conversation was interrupted by a knock at the door, which was immediately followed by the sound of a heavy footstep in the hall. Mabel Etherleigh at once cried:

"There is my father; he has come to seek me."

(To be continued.)

A LOCAL ITEM.

There are a great many of them,
Every paper has its share,
Statements hard to believe, harder to prove,
Statements from far away places,
What people say in Manchester,
May be good testimony there,
But of little service here in Consett,
Consett people want Consett proof,
The testimony of neighbours and friends is what counts.

Mr. Owen Mullen lives at 9, Constance Street, Consett. He says:—

"For the last six or seven years I have suffered on and off with pains in the small of my back and across my loins, which gave me a good deal of trouble.

"I am employed at the Iron and Steel Works here, and sometimes I get very wet and over-heated, and then I catch cold, which settled in my back.

"I have been off work through this for weeks at a time, but I never took anything for it, because I did not know there was any cure. I just suffered and let it wear itself out.

"Then I heard of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, and as they were well-spoken of I thought I would give them a trial to see if they would do me any good, so I got some at Milner's, the chemist's, in Shakespeare Street and took them. I am glad to say they entirely cured me. It is some months now since I took these pills, and there has been no return of the old trouble with my back." (Signed.) Owen Mullen.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all chemists and drug stores at 2s 9d per box (six boxes, 13s 9d), or sent direct, post free, on receipt of price, from the Proprietors, Foster-McClellan and Co., 57, Shoe Lane, London. If you are ill write and tell us your symptoms, we will be glad to reply.

Be sure you ask for the same pills that Mr. Mullen had.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. F. RAINE.

The Rev. F. Raine, who was some years ago connected with the Shotley Bridge circuit, has been presented with a purse of gold by the members and friends of his class at Birstall, Yorkshire. Mr. W. Illingworth, one of the oldest members of the class, made the presentation, and assured Mr. Raine of the high esteem in which he was held. Mr. Raine suitably responded. Alderman J. Wilson, Mr. Parratt (Batley) and Mr. E. Booth (White Lee), also sent suitable expressions of their appreciation of Mr. Raine's work. On the following day Mr. Raine preached his farewell sermon at White Lee. The congregations were large, the chapel being crowded in every part in the evening. The preacher's text was Phil. i., 27 and 28, from which he made a strong appeal for courage, loyalty, and unity in the service of Christ. Mr. Raine removes to Appleby.

A FREE EXCURSION TO THE COAST at this time of the year would be an acceptable boon to many a hard-working man, but as such an instance is hardly likely to occur in these dull times, the next best thing a poor man can do, instead of getting change of air and scene is to purify his blood and cleanse his system with a few doses of Holloway's Pills. This wonderful medicine for many years has been a blessing to the commercial world, it gives tone to the system and purifies the blood and rapidly increases the strength of the brain. It also cures indigestion in its most advanced form and in case of nervous debility it is without a rival.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Rural District Council was held in the Board Room, Lanchester, on Thursday last. Mr. T. J. Muse (vice-chairman) presided, and there were also present Councillors E. Sloane, U. A. Ritson, jun., W. H. Talford, W. Robinson, J. W. Jamieson, Geo. Ritchie, J. Pumphrey, T. Lowdon, J. Oliver, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

Mr. Muse said he wished to thank them for the great kindness and sympathy they had shown him during the last few months in his trouble and bereavement. He was glad to be with them again, and although he was not as strong as he would like to be still he could see his friends, and he hoped to be able to successfully get through the business. (Hear, hear.)

NEW MEMBER.

The Chairman said he was very sorry to hear of Mr. Hunter's death. Mr. Jamieson was with them that day in Mr. Hunter's stead, and he hoped he would enjoy the work and that it would be a pleasure to him to come to Lanchester. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Jamieson said he had to thank them for their welcome. He hoped so long as he was privileged to take part in the labours of the Council that their relations might be of the best kind. If not it would be for any want of effort on his part. (Hear, hear.)

BURNHOPE AND KNITSLEY LIGHTING.

The Clerk read a letter from the owners of Burnhope Colliery asking the Council to enter into a new agreement for the lighting of the village and for the provision of two more lamps at the new houses. He also read a letter from the Shotley Bridge Gas Company stating that their prices had been advanced, and offering to light Knitsley at the rate of £2 9s per lamp.

Both proposals were agreed to.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board approving of the re-appointment of Messrs Lupton and Westgarth as Inspectors of Nuisances.

INSANITARY QUEBEC.

The Clerk read the following extract from Dr. Hill's (County Medical Officer) report:—The sanitary condition of Quebec was very unsatisfactory. In the colliery streets there was a great want of proper surface drainage and paving in front of the houses, and much of the rain water found its way into the foundations causing dampness. The yards were generally small and confined, and the paving was very defective and uneven. The out-offices were of bad construction, offensive and badly scavenged, and in some cases contents of the ashpits leaked into the privies. The back streets were all unpaved and in many cases their level was a foot or more higher than the house yards and ground floors of the dwellings. At the Fold several houses were in a damp insanitary condition, and in their present condition were unfit for habitation. In the front street some of the houses were in want of spouting, and at Cook's property the yards and out-offices were very insanitary. There was a slaughter-house adjoining, which was very defective, and undoubtedly a great nuisance, and pigs were kept close to the dwelling. Generally speaking the sanitary surroundings of both colliery and private houses were very unsatisfactory, and for several years the district Medical Officer had commented in strong terms on the many defects in the village, but except that some of the ashpits had been slightly repaired, practically no sanitary improvements had been made. In his last report Dr. Wilson remarked as to this village "The badly constructed privies are getting worse. They are leaky, and the fluid from the ashpits penetrate through in front of the seats, making them unfit for use. The yards were very damp, and in wet weather they become waterlogged, and being surrounded by division walls which should be removed, the sun never reaches the yards to dry them, and a free circulation of air is impossible, subjecting the inhabitants to rheumatism, fevers, and bronchial affections. The floors of the kitchens and inside walls of some of the houses are damp, and I found overcrowding in two of them. The houses forming the colliery part of this village should be overhauled, and the insanitary ashpits and privies should be pulled down and new ones built." He entirely agreed with Dr. Wilson's remarks and recommendations, including the one made up and the yards repaved.

It was reported in reference to four houses at Quebec, which the County Medical Officer complained of in his report, that the Colliery Company had given instructions for the present roofs to be removed, and the wall raised another storey for bed rooms with windows and firegrates; also that the roofs should be slated, and that the rest of the streets be kerbed and channelled at the front of the houses. Plans for these improvements had been submitted and approved of.

The Chairman said Dr. Hill's report seemed to be a very bad one

Mr. Lowdon said the privies were put up according to plans submitted to that authority, and if they were badly constructed and they wanted new ones he did not see that the Colliery Company should be put to the expense.

Dr. Wilson said these ashpits and privies were built before there were any bye-laws, and they were built without the consent of that authority.

Mr. Lowdon thought the doctor was wrong. The plans were submitted to that authority before the houses were built.

The Clerk: When was that? The bye-laws came into operation in 1875, and the houses were built before them.

The Chairman hoped the Colliery Company would see that they were put right.

Mr. Lowdon said the masons were on with the places now and putting them right as fast as they could. The company had agreed to do the best they could to pave and channel the front.

The Clerk: And the yards?

Mr. Lowdon said they would apply to the Sanitary Authority respecting them. There had been several complaints of the sinks being stopped owing to bad connections.

Mr. Lupton said it was not the duty of the local authority to connect these drains, and the Colliery Company should have seen to the work themselves.

Mr. Lowdon said the Colliery Company paid part of the cost when they were put in.

Dr. Wilson said the dividing walls should be removed. No fresh air got into the places, and they were constantly damp.

Mr. Lowdon said as to the walls they had better write to the Company.

On the motion of Mr. Oliver, it as agreed to send a copy of Dr. Hill's report to the Colliery Company.

MEDICAL REPORTS.

Dr. Bolton reported that the following cases of infectious diseases had been registered during the month, namely, three cases of erysipelas in the Medomsley district, one case of scarlatina at Hamsterley Colliery, two cases of scarlatina at Low Westwood, and two at Allansford, and one case of erysipelas in the Ebchester district.

Dr. Wilson reported the following fresh cases of catching diseases had occurred:—five cases of diarrhœa at Langley Park, 14 cases of whooping cough and eight of diarrhœa at Esh Winning and 14 at Durham Road, Esh Winning; one case of erysipelas at Esh, one case of continued fever, one of erysipelas and six of diarrhœa at Cornsay Colliery; five cases of measles at Old Cornsay; one case of scarlet fever and 10 of influenza at East Hedleyhope; 30 cases of measles and 20 of diarrhœa at Hedley Fell; 10 cases of measles and six of diarrhœa at Cowsley Cottages; two cases of scarlet fever at Hollinside Cottages; five cases of measles, three of whooping cough, and 20 of diarrhœa at Craghead; 43 cases of whooping cough and 12 of diarrhœa at Burnhope; two cases of diarrhœa at Holmside, and two at Maiden Law; two cases of typhoid fever, one of whooping cough, and four of diarrhœa at Lanchester, and two cases of whooping cough in the Workhouse. All the scarlet fever cases were removed to Langley Park Hospital. The drain at Victoria Street, Lanchester, had been examined by Mr. Lupton and himself. It had very little fall and Mr. Lupton suggested that the lampholes in connection with the drain should be converted into man-holes. This would allow a workman to get down to the drain at any time to remove the thick residuum which prevented the free passage of its contents. The ashpits and privies at Dorman's Cottages, near Lanchester, were in a dilapidated and insanitary condition. They should be pulled down and others built of a modern type.

The recommendations in Dr. Wilson's report were agreed to and the reports were adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. J. R. Lupton reported that he had again inspected the Fold at Quebec with a view to having four of the houses closed. Subsequently, by arrangement, he met the manager of the Colliery and he informed him that plans were being prepared for rebuilding the houses. He had had a complaint in regard to the water supply of Esh Hall. He had made an inspection and from the appearance he should think it was of very doubtful quality. He had prepared a contract for the scavenging of Esh parish and the contractor had signed it and would provide the usual bond. The contract would take effect from September 1st. There were a number of cases at Langley Park for which notices were served in July, and nothing had been done to remedy defects. As they were of long standing he thought proceedings should be taken against the defaulters.

The Inspector's report was adopted.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Cumming reported that he had advertised for a driver for No. 1 roller, and it was recommended that Robert Hedley, Satley villa, be engaged at a wage of 5s per day for three months, and if found satisfactory his wage to be considered at the end of that time. Since his last report they had had some very heavy rains, which washed the roads in places, although very little damage was done. Culverts at Quebec, Cornsay Colliery, and Iveslev road end were in a very dilapidated condition, and insufficient to carry the surface water. He would recommend that they be taken up and replaced with sanitary pipes. In each case here was sufficient cover to protect the pipes. He would recommend that an 18-inch channel be laid by the side of the road at Bradley Cottages. A considerable quantity of water ran down this road which was on the slope, and the present channel was very often washed loose. The cost would be about £60.

The recommendations were agreed to, and the report adopted.

LANCHESTER LOW BRIDGE.

The Clerk read a letter from the County Council stating that they refused at present to widen the low bridge at Lanchester.

FOOTPATH AT BURNHOPE.

The Clerk read a letter from the Lanchester Parish Council asking that the footpath from the public-house to the railway crossing at Burnhope should be asphalted. The cost would be about £35.

Mr. Ritson moved that the work be done. It was a necessary improvement and worth the cost.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The meeting then terminated.

MILL GIRL'S PAINFUL STORY.

Covered with Shawls.

The following painful story of a mill-girl is told in the "South Manchester Chronicle," which vouches for facts undoubtedly but too true. The fortunate issue of the affair, and the kindness shown by the other Mill Hands to the sufferer, redeem the gloom of the incident.

"One half the world," says our Manchester contemporary, "does not know how the other half lives," a truism requiring no demonstration, and this was never more directly forced upon us than on the occasion of a recent visit of a "South Manchester Chronicle" reporter to a young lady aged twenty-two, living at No. 17, Oram-street, Queen's Road, Manchester. Her name is Mary Ann Shaw, and we did not require to be told that her life had been one continual struggle with disease, as her whole physical appearance, except her pleasant, genial smile, gave unmistakable indication of it. Her left lung had so shrunk that to an ordinary observer she appeared malformed, yet as a child there was no difference between her and her little playmates, and it was only when she attained her tenth year that her troubles commenced.

During her play one day she ran home, having apparently ruptured a blood vessel, the first indication that she was consumptive; and after several weeks' medical attendance, she was ordered to the Manchester Clinical Hospital. There she was most kindly and skilfully attended for six weeks, and afterwards removed to the Convalescent Home, but after three weeks residence there, was told nothing more could be done for her, though she might come again in about twelve months. At the end of that time there was no change, certainly none for the better, and occasionally she would have bleedings from the lungs, which induced great prostration.

This state of things continued until she was 14 years old, when owing to family exigencies she was compelled to go to a Mill and try to earn something towards the support of the household. Here she worked as well as her strength would permit her for several months, but gradually growing weaker, and the loss of blood becoming more frequent, her companions, in sympathy for her pitiful condition, used to make her lie down in a quiet corner of the mill and

COVER HER WITH THEIR SHAWLS,

until time to cease work, when they would accompany her and tenderly assist her home. The end of this soon came, and she was laid up utterly prostrate and daily becoming weaker, until by a doctor's orders she was removed to the Royal Infirmary. Here she was treated with every kindness, and was plentifully supplied with cod liver oil and quinine, but the pain in her left side and lung became so great that she could get no rest, being ever in fear of suffocation. After being here for some time she was sent home, with instructions to continue taking cod liver oil.

The neighbours, who took great interest in the poor suffering girl, advised her mother to call in some noted physician. The services of a specialist were therefore obtained, who, after a careful diagnosis, devoted the most disinterested pains to her case for some time, but with no apparent benefit. Ultimately another neighbour recommended that a trial should be given to Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, as some friends of hers had received great benefit from their use, after all other remedies had failed. A box was accordingly purchased. After a few days the pills gave the poor girl an appetite, and to the astonishment of her mother she wanted something to eat. With eating she gained strength; the tired, dragging weariness began to leave her, and in the course of three weeks she was able to dress herself: during the time she was taking the pills she had no return of blood-spitting. She continued them, and the neighbours, as well as her mother, were amazed at the change wrought in the condition of the girl in a couple of months.

In about six months from the time she began taking the pills she was able to resume work at the mill, where she now earns her own living. The cough, which formerly troubled her, has entirely disappeared, and in her own words, "If it had not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would have been dead and buried." Mrs. Dean, who lives next door, fully bore out every word of the girls statement, with this addition, that she and others in the street marvelled how Miss Shaw recovered from the utter prostration induced from the continual loss of blood.

Loss of blood and consequent wasting of the frame are the great sources of danger in the chest complaints, and the cause of death where consumption is allowed to go too far for successful treatment. Dr. Williams' pink pills not only directly bring new blood into the system and thus repair this dangerous loss, but by increasing appetite and improving digestion enable the sufferer to obtain benefit from the foods taken. They have cured numerous cases of anemia where all other treatment failed utterly; and they have likewise been employed with wonderful effect in rheumatism, sciatica, indigestion, St. Vitus' dance, paralysis and the ailments of girls and women of all ages. They are genuine only with the full name Dr. William's pink pills for pale people, and are sold by chemists, and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, at two shillings and ninepence a box, or six boxes for thirteen and nine. Worthless substitutes are numerous being intentionally made up to deceive unwary people: please look for the full name on the wrapper.

REMOVING RAILS AND FENCES.

Claim for Damages.

Last week, at the Newcastle County Court, before his Honour Judge Greenwell, Geo. Charlton, farmer, of Lintz Green, sued John Fewster, butcher, of Greenside, Ryton, for £50, alleging that the defendant, his subtenant of certain land, removed rails and fencing from the land. Mr. Dodds (Messrs W. J. S. and J. A. S. Scott) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Lister was for the defendant.

Mr. Dodds said the claim was for damages done by the defendant by the removal of certain rails and fences which were on the farm of the plaintiff, at Ricklees, Lintz Green. The defendant was the sub-tenant of three fields from the previous tenant, and by arrangement, continued sub-tenant under the plaintiff, who was the present tenant, paying a rent of £3 15s. The sub-tenancy was determined, the plaintiff saw the defendant pulling up the fences in some parts connect rails from the permanent posts, and carry away the whole of the fences. There was no doubt that the fences were attached to the freehold.

The plaintiff said he saw the defendant do the damage. He took away everything that was worth taking, and left him only the neckery of a fence

For the defence, the defendant denied the damage alleged. He admitted that he removed two gates, but said he was permitted to have these gates for the purposes of his trade as a butcher, on condition that he replaced the fencing, which he did. He took the land 26 years ago, and put up a wooden fence then, but found the posts rotted, and that the natural growth made the best fence. He brought the wood away gradually for firewood, and left the natural fence. The only stuff he carted away as alleged by the complainant, was the material of a pen which he had in the field for sheep. His fence originally cost a sovereign; and the fence that Mr. Charlton had put up, and claimed for, was an elaborate fence, costing £25.

His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff, thinking that the defendant, probably out of temper, did something to the fence, which was never a first-class fence. The plaintiff was not entitled to a better fence than that which was there. His Honour awarded the plaintiff £15, with costs.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Special Meeting: The Asphalting.

A special meeting of this body was held on Friday night, in the Board-room, the vice chairman (Coun. W. Robson) presiding. There were also present—Couns. G. Nicholson, W. J. Foreman, T. Keenleyside, J. W. Winter, W. F. Lane, and H. Cheesmond; and the Surveyor (Mr. T. S. Longstaff.)

The Chairman said that there seemed to be some dispute between the Surveyor and the manager for the contractor as to how the asphalt should be laid, and as to how much surface the contractor had to take out. Before the work was commenced they had a meeting to consider the question, and they agreed that it was not necessary to take out stuff where the foundations were good. Mr. Longstaff and the contractor, it appeared, could not agree.

Coun. Keenleyside: Is there any specified depth?

The Chairman said they specified a depth at the commencement, and then they considered it a pity to make the contractor take out material which was as good as any he could put in. In article 4 of the agreement the contractor had to excavate the footpaths to the depth of six inches.

Coun. Foreman said the question was—who judged the depth?

Coun. Keenleyside: It is specified for six inches.

The Chairman: We went into the question before the specifications were signed, and certain alterations were made.

Coun. Nicholson said the agreement was the agreement, and of course the work must be carried out according to agreement, which specified a certain depth of asphalt, but there had to be a depth of three inches of foundation where required. A lot of the streets were already hand-set, and the foundations were better than the contractor could put in. If he found them too high he could reduce them so as to get a proper depth of asphalt. If they were too low, he could, if he thought fit, put broken stones in, or lift the whole foundation.

Coun. Lane concurred.

Coun. Keenleyside understood that the contractor did not want to excavate at all.

The Surveyor said the difference between them was whether it should be three or six inches. They had signed away for the man to do as he liked.

Coun. Lane said if they had done this he believed they had been led away by the Surveyor, who told them that the contractor was a good man, that he had done a lot of work, and advised them not to hamper him.

The Surveyor denied this.

Coun. Keenleyside said it was a knotty point, and it was queer that the Clerk was not there.

It was pointed out that his duties as secretary to the Shotley Bridge Flower Show were the cause of Mr. Coupland's absence.

Coun. Lane: It is useless work to take out good stone.

The Chairman said the contractor refused to take out stone and put in stone.

The Surveyor: The other contractors contracted to do it at six inches. You are actually giving the man £125 for work not done, and it is not fair to the other contractors.

Coun. Winter: Why is it necessary for the man to take out the existing foundations when they are as good as can be put in?

The Surveyor: If we had advertised the work without having to take out the foundations, we would have got it done for £125 less.

Coun. Winter: Surely the Surveyor will not say that the man has to take out good hand-set foundations.

The Chairman: The question is—whether we allowed the man to do this?

Coun. Nicholson: In other words the Surveyor has just to carry out the specifications, but where the existing foundations are already good it is to the man's benefit to let them stop, but where there is no foundation he must put it in.

The Surveyor said the contractor was mixing his stuff at Crookhall, but they did not know what he was doing.

Coun. Winter: We have a clerk of works.

The Surveyor: He cannot be at both places.

Coun. Nicholson: The man is working to specification. We allowed him to find his own ballast.

Coun. Cheesmond: I understand the man is to find the material, but we have to say what it must be. Do I understand the Surveyor to say that the contractor refuses to take out soft material to the depth of three inches below the kerbstone?

The Surveyor: We have come to none yet.

Coun. Nicholson: We could put the man to the expense of getting Derbyshire slag. It would probably cost him 30/- or 40/- a ton delivered. He can get it at Crookhall equally as good. I believe the man is perfectly honest.

Coun. Cheesmond: I think we have no right to complain if the contractor carries out the specification, and takes out the surface we say he has to take out. I do not think we should cause the man unnecessary trouble by taking out good foundations.

The Chairman thought the contractor knew more about the business than themselves. Perhaps if they allowed him a little privilege he might allow them some later on.

The Chairman then read some correspondence, one being a communication from the contractor saying he would hold the Surveyor responsible for the men's wages during the stoppage.

Coun. Lane: Has there been any stoppage?

The Surveyor explained that on the Monday afternoon he stopped the workmen as they were using dirt.

Coun. Nicholson said the contractor had to fill up the foundations with stones if too low. He must keep clear of all dust and dirt.

Coun. Cheesmond said if there was any doubt as to the man not using proper material in mixing, it would be best to get it analysed.

The Surveyor said he would not be responsible if they allowed the man to go on as he liked

The Chairman: We must not be too hasty. The contractor is allowed to utilize the existing foundations.

Coun. Nicholson: We allowed the man to mix the material at his own works instead of in the street.

The Chairman: It is no use going against the contractor. I do not think the man will do anything contrary to a sound job.

The Surveyor: It is just like making the man a present of a hundred sovereigns.

Coun. Lane: The way in which the Surveyor has turned round respecting the contractor is perfectly astounding. We have heard the Surveyor say that the contractor was a good man, that he had done a lot of work, and that we should not hamper him. Now he seemed to have turned against the contractor. I would ask—is the question one of six inches depth?

The Chairman: That is the sole point.

Coun. Lane: As Coun. Nicholson has said, the contractor must go to a depth of six inches if he does not come to a foundation before.

The Chairman thought they were making a lot out of little. It was a pity that there had been a dispute with the contractor. The Surveyor was quite right in stopping them from putting dirt on. If they put stone on instead it was all they wanted.

Coun. Winter: There is another suggestion by the Surveyor. He seems to throw doubt on the genuineness of the stuff used. We have a Surveyor and a clerk of works, and they should look after it.

The Chairman: The Surveyor has the power to have it analysed if he has any doubt.

The Council then proceeded to view the work in progress in Church Square, and found what appeared to be good foundations had been taken up and broken stones put on, which seemed to be more suitable for cementing than asphalting. The Council unanimously came to the conclusion that the existing foundations in Church Square, the cross streets, etc., could not be improved.

On returning to the Board-room, the Chairman read a letter from the Clerk, saying he had received a telegram from Mr. Taylor that he wanted the work carried out according to contract.

Coun. Nicholson said they wanted to send a telegram saying that the Council had decided that the work had to be done according to contract.

Coun. Cheesmond: The contractor should be told that he must not put any dirt on.

The Chairman thought they were all agreed that the present foundations were as good as could be put in.

Coun. Lane said they had just seen some huge pieces of slag which had been taken out. Had the Surveyor compelled them to do this?

The Surveyor: Yes.

Coun. Lane: Is he going to persist in this?

The Chairman: No.

Coun. Foreman thought the stones seemed too large and too high where they had been put on.

Coun. Keenleyside: The pieces put in are too large.

Coun. Nicholson thought the existing foundations, even if levelled up with coke ashes or slag, far better. They wanted a soft, level foundation. Big stones would work through the asphalt.

It was decided to forward a letter to the contractor saying that the existing foundations were to remain, and to be covered with three inches of asphalt. Where there were no foundations, there had to be three inches of stone or slag foundation, and three inches of asphalt. No street dirt had to be used for the foundations.

Shortly afterwards the meeting terminated.

Immense bargains at THE CASTLE WATCH WORKS during the Removal Sale.

BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT.

Annual Puppy Walk.

On Saturday afternoon last a good company, numbering about 130, assembled at the Kennels, Tinkler Hill, Shotley Bridge, for the purpose of witnessing the annual puppy walk in connection with the Braes of Derwent Hunt, of which Mr. Louis Priestman is the worthy master and Mr. George Coxon, the popular kennel huntsman. Under the guidance of these gentlemen, and with the valuable assistance, as honorary secretary, of Mr J. E. Cowen, of Blaydon Burn, whose late father preceded Mr. Priestman in the mastership, the Braes of Derwent Hunt has taken high rank in sporting circles and year by year increases in popularity. Few Hunts have the advantage of so enthusiastic a master, or so genuine a sportsman as Mr. Priestman, and it is not of every Master of Hounds that it could be said that "from the top of his head to the sole of his foot he is one mass of sport." Such, however, was the characteristic description given of him by his kinsman, Mr. Charles Richardson, who claims the distinction of having been his cousin's sponsor and mentor in the hunting field. Mr. Priestman has the great advantage of having the confidence and support of the farmers in the district, and he is always sure of finding plenty not only willing to walk puppies but to endeavour to bring them forward in classy condition. On the present occasion there was an entry of fifteen as against fourteen last year and both dogs and bitches stood out well when before the judges, several of the candidates calling forth high praise from those present. The judges were Mr. W. Scarth Dixon, Mr. Freeman (North Durham Hunt), and Mr. Pacey (Kennel huntsman, Cleveland.) Judging the dogs first their decisions were as follows:—1, Mr. Foreman's Signal by Sultan out of Starlight, whelped May 9th; 2, Mr. Bean's Admiral, by Tynedale Albion out of Harmony, Feb 11; 3, Mr. Davidson's Ralleywood, by Montague out of Ruth, Feb. 25. In the bitch department the decisions were:—1, Mr. Stephenson's Guilty, by Montague out of Gratitude, April 27; 2, Mr. Bushby's Amorous, by Tynedale Albion out of Harmony, Feb 11; 3, Mr. Fewster's Gaudy, by Montague out of Gratitude, April 27. Prior to the judging the company assembled in a large marquee erected in an adjacent field, and partook of luncheon which was supplied by Mr. Jasinski, of the Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge. Mr. Priestman occupied the chair, and among those present were:—Mr. Chas. Richardson, Mr. W. Scarth-Dixon, Capt. E. Spencer, Mr. Jos. Pumphrey, Mr. John O. Scott, Mr. John E. Cowen, Mr. H. Walton-Wilson, Mr. Lawson Bell, Mr. W. S. Stobo, Mr. E W E Balleny, Mr. G R Aynsley, Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Mr. T. A. Easey, Mr. R. Green, Mr. R. Browell, Mr. Geo. Christopher, Mr. M. J. Rutter, Mr. Foster Pattinson, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. W. Bullerwell, Mr. Anderson, Mr W. Dixon, Mr. Bushby, Mr. W. Brannen, Mr John Allison, and others. The loyal toasts having been honoured

The Chairman proposed the health of the Tenant Farmers in the Braes of Derwent Hunt district. He said he and the members of the hunt were under a great obligation to the farmers and owed them a deep debt or gratitude for the kind way in which they had supported the Hunt. Ever since he took the hounds he had always found them exceedingly kind and cordial. (Applause.) It had grieved him very much during the last few weeks to see such horrid weather, and to think of the farmers who had their crops out. He hoped all the members of the Hunt bought what they required from the farmers in the district, and he trusted they would not take it amiss if he again advised them to do so. He was very much obliged to the farmers for so kindly backing him up, and if any farmer had any complaint to make he hoped he would come direct to himself. (Applause.)

Mr. R. Anderson (Mosswood) in replying said he hoped they would get a better hunt over their district next season than they had last. He thought the subscriptions to the Hunt were very low, although there were plenty of gentlemen in the district who were millionaires. He thought they put it on the worthy master too much.

Mr. Forster Pattinson also responded, and said since Mr. Priestman had taken charge of the Hunt he had treated the farmers as gentlemen. He never knew a pack of hounds that did as little harm as the Braes of Derwent did. Mr. Priestman always kept men to shut the gates, and rushed as few fences down as he possibly could.

Mr. Scarth Dixon proposed "the Puppy Walkers." He said if it were not for the way in which puppies were walked they would not have hounds worth looking at. They had reason to be obliged to these gentlemen and also to their ladies for the trouble they were put to. He had known where a weakly puppy after being taken care of by a farmer and his wife had turned out to be the best hound in the pack. He was perfectly sure Mr. Priestman would do the best he could to show them sport, and that the farmers would do all they could in the way of walking puppies.

Mr. Bushby in responding said he thought it was as little as a farmer could do to walk a puppy. Mr. Priestman was always generous when any damage was done.

Mr. C. Richardson proposed the "health of the gamekeepers of the district." He considered the present generation of gamekeepers a vast improvement on the last. He did not know the exact reason, but the fact remained that there seemed to be more foxes than formerly. Gamekeepers they knew were paid to look after game, but they were also supposed to look after foxes, and one fox gave more pleasure than 500 brace of pheasants.

Mr. Morrison acknowledged the toast, and mentioned the fact that poison had been laid down by mole catchers, which was very unfair to the gamekeepers. It was hard lines when a fox was found dead, and the gamekeeper got the blame for it.

Mr. Charlton also responded.

Mr. J. E. Cowen proposed the "health of the covert owners and the shooting tenants." The toast was very nearly associated with the preceding one, as the covert owners were the masters of the keepers, and if the owners were not favourable to the Hunt it would be useless going on. But in the Braes of Derwent Hunt not only the covert owners but all the tenants were very well disposed towards them, and were anxious that foxes should be found. It was a perfectly erroneous notion to say that going into the coverts in the early part of the season interfered with the sport of shooting. He thought it did the coverts good. He had a good deal of shooting, and he was always glad to see the hounds about. There were a few shooting tenants in the Braes of Derwent country, but they were always welcome in all the coverts, and he did not think they had any difficulty either when his father had the hounds, or since Mr. Priestman got them.

Mr. H. Walton-Wilson replied on behalf of the covert owners, and Mr. R. Brown on behalf of the shooting tenants.

Mr. John O. Scott proposed the "health of the judges," and in the course of his remarks said he would like to see a larger and better class of hunter in the field. They might have a good horse travelling the district, but unless they had a good stamp of mare it would be impossible to breed good horses. They were very much indebted to the judges, who had come a long way that day to judge the puppies.

Mr. Freeman, in responding, said he did not think he ever saw such a pack of hounds got together in so short a time. He did not think they could have a better master or better keepers to find foxes. He thought Mr. Priestman would soon get a pack to beat other all round. (Applause.)

Mr. Pacey and Mr. Scarth Dixon also responded, the former remarking that that had been the worst season known all over the country for breeding puppies.

Mr. J. M. Aynsley proposed the "health of the servants of the Hunt," and spoke in eulogistic terms of the way in which they performed their duties.

Mr. George Coxon briefly responded.

Mr. Richardson next proposed "Success to the Braes of Derwent Hunt," and gave an interesting sketch of Mr. Priestman's sporting career from the time of his taking him to hunt when he was a little boy. Mr. Priestman from the top of his head to the sole of his foot was one mass of sport. (Laughter and applause.) He congratulated them on having such a sportsman at the head of affairs.

Mr. Priestman, in responding, said many of his friends did not agree with him about hunting, and thought he was mad, but he was full of determination to get a good pack of hounds, and to show as much sport as he could to his neighbours. He was glad to say that he was well backed up by all associated with the Hunt. (Applause.)

The company then proceeded to the inspection of the hounds.

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A CONSETT DROWNING MYSTERY.

Found in the Tin Mill Pond.

On Friday morning last a boy named Scott, when passing the Consett Iron Company's Tin Mill pond on his way to school noticed the dead body of a young woman floating in the water. He immediately gave information to the police and on the body being brought out it was identified as that of Ellen Stanley, 20 years of age, who had been in service at the North-Eastern Hotel, Blackhill, which house she left on the previous Sunday and had not since been heard of. When recovered it was apparent the body had been in the water for some days. The body was removed to the mortuary at Consett, and on Saturday afternoon Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Police Station.

Mary Clark identified the body as that of her neice, Ellen Stanley, who was 20 years of age. She last saw her alive on the previous Sunday.

Mary Ellen Murray said she was a married woman and resided at Blackhill. Deceased, who was employed as a domestic servant at the North-Eastern Hotel, came to her house about 10 o'clock on the Sunday night. She was crying, but in reply to witness she said she had had no quarrel of any kind with her mistress. She said everybody was talking about her and saying something bad about her. Witness told her not to be so silly, and advised her to go back to her mistress. Deceased refused to do so and witness then asked her to stay all night. She declined to do so and soon after left the house, remarking as she went out that "the next time you see me I will be ready for the cemetery."

David Bertram Scott said he was 12 years of age, and lived at Mortimer Street, Blackhill. On Friday morning he was going to school about a quarter to nine o'clock when he saw a woman's head in the Tin Mill pond. He at once gave information to the police.

Wm. Robson, Buckham Street, Consett, said he assisted to get the body out of the water. It was about ten yards from the edge of the pond. The water at the point was about eight feet deep. In reply to the Coroner he said he considered the place properly fenced.

Mr Harkness (a juror) said he would like to know if it was a fact that deceased said she would commit suicide in the same pond as the other girl

Mrs. Clark said deceased never made such a remark to her.

Mr. Harkness: I understood that she did.

The Coroner: Can you prove that she said so?

Mr. Harkness: I only have it on hearsay.

The Coroner said that with the remark about the cemetery could have only one meaning. Mrs. Murray had been very kind to the girl in offering to take her in for the night.

Mrs. Clark in reply to Mr. Frosdick (foreman) said the girl was in her house on the Sunday afternoon about three o'clock. She was then in good spirits and in her usual state of mind.

Mrs. Christopher, the girl's mistress, said when she last saw deceased she was all right and cheerful.

Mrs. Murray mentioned that deceased borrowed an old hat from her on Sunday night.

The Coroner said the fact of the girl going out without a hat tended to show that a thought had suddenly flashed across her mind to take the course she had done. Her remark about the cemetery on leaving Mrs. Murray's was very significant. At the same time there was no evidence to show how she got into the water. It was a very suspicious case, but he thought a verdict of found drowned would meet it.

Sergt. Dryden, answering the Coroner said he had had some conversation with the young man deceased had been going with. There was no trouble between them and he was very much upset at what had occurred.

The Coroner said there was nothing in the evidence to reflect upon the young man.

The Jury then returned a verdict to the effect that deceased had been found drowned in the Tin Mill pond.

Several Jurymen expressed an opinion that a larger fence should be put round the pond.

The Coroner said it would be a very difficult thing to prevent a person from committing suicide if that person was bent on doing it.

It was mentioned that there might be a difficulty in holding the funeral at the time desired owing to shortness of notice.

The Coroner thought it was a case in which the Cemetery authorities would waive the question.

SCALDING FATALITY AT CASTLESIDE.

On Friday morning last Robert Martin Beavers, 21 months old, son of James Richard Beavers, signalman in the employ of the North Eastern Railway Company, and residing at Castleside, died from the effects of scalds received on the previous Wednesday by falling into a tub of boiling water. Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest on Saturday afternoon, when Isabella Beavers, mother of the child, stated that she was washing in a neighbour's house (Mrs. Sheldon's) and the child was playing in the kitchen with Mrs. Sheldon's boy. Suddenly she heard a scream, and on looking round she discovered that her child had fallen into a can of boiling water. The deceased was much scalded about the lower part of the body, and Dr. McIntyre was called in, but the child succumbed on Friday. The Jury found a verdict of "death from shock through having been accidentally scalded."

STANHOPE BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The annual licensing sessions for the Stanhope division were held on Friday at the Town Hall, Stanhope, before Chancellor Espin, D.D., D.C.L., and other magistrates. Supt Snowdon, in presenting his annual report, said there had been 38 convictions during the year for drunkenness. There had been three cases against publicans, and there had been seven transfers during the year. There were 28 publicans in the division, and two off licenses. The estimated population was 8,554.

A LICENSE CANCELLED.

The Stanhope temperance party, representing the Primitive and Wesleyan Methodist Bands of Hope, and the local Rechabite Lodge, appeared to protest against the renewal of licenses to Mr. Geo. Sanderson, of the George Inn, Crawleyside, Stanhope, and Mrs. Allison, of the Campbell Arms. Mr. J. T. Proud, of Bishop Auckland, appeared on behalf of the temperance party. Mr. Patrick, of Durham, appeared in the interests of Mrs. Allison, and Mr. Tomlinson, of Bishop Auckland, for Mr. Sanderson. It appears that both licenses were endorsed last year for permitting drunkenness on a Sunday during prohibited hours. Against the George Inn there had been three convictions, under, however, different landlords.—After the evidence had been tendered the Bench severely cautioned Mrs. Allison, and they declined to renew the license of the George Inn.

SALE OF A FARM.

On Friday afternoon last Mr. Joseph Vickers, auctioneer, Tow Law, offered for sale at the Railway Hotel, Consett, the freehold and copyhold farm, Mount Pleasant, Rowley, which is let at a rental of £60. The farm, which included a dwelling-house, stable, byre, and outbuildings, comprised 64 acres and 17 perches of land, of which one acre, two roods, and three perches were copyhold, the remainder being freehold, the present tenant of the farm being Mr. Fred Gascoigne. There was a large company present when Mr. McCartan, solicitor to the vendor, Mr. John Johnson, Springwell, read over the conditions of sale. Mr. Simon Rowe, of Consett, commenced the bidding at £800, being followed by Mr. R. Anderson, of Mosswood, with an offer of £850. Mr. White, Brooms, followed with £900, Mr. Geo. Carr, Durham, £1,000, Mr. Anderson, £1,020; Mr. Dunn, Annfield Plain, £1,040; and between Messrs Anderson, Carr, and Dunn the price was raised to £1,120. Mr. Cragge, Woodlands, then offered £1,140, upon which Mr. Carr advanced until £1,200 was reached. Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen offered £1,210, and the competition then lay between that gentleman and Mr. Carr, the latter ultimately becoming the purchaser at £1,330. There was no reserve on the property.

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BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

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579e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

CASTLESIDE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND LIVE STOCK SOCIETY.

NOTICE.

THE PRIZE MONEY in connection with Show, held August 11th, will be paid in the Board Schools, on Saturday, September 1st, 1900, between 5 and 7 p.m.
6241 J. PROUD, Secretary.

REMEMBER WHICKHAM FLOWER SHOW, SATURDAY FIRST, SEPT. 1st.
Entries close Friday, single fee for Leaping and Pony Racing. Post Entries extra fees. £20 for Sports.
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TENDERS invited for the privilege of supplying Refreshments in the Marquee.
GRAND BALL in the Evening.
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A FEAST OF FUN by MONS. DUCAREL, of Leeds.
THE WELLESLEY TRAINING SHIP BAND is engaged for the day, with Gun Drill Party, Hornpipe Dancer, Murphy's Roundabouts, &c.
Special Train from Newcastle via Blackhill. For time-table see Company's bills.
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The Thirty-Second Annual

EXHIBITION

OF
FLOWERS, FRUITS, PLANTS, & VEGETABLES, will be held in a field belonging to the Co-operative Society, Annfield Plain, on
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SPORTS.

£20 120 Yards Foot-race.—Mr. P. SMALL, Leadgate, Handicapper.
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CHILDRENS' GAMES.
A GRAND BALL will be held at night, M.C., MR. T. MAUDLIN.
Refreshments supplied on Ground.
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Edited and compiled by Robert Jackson, for upwards of thirty years Managing Clerk in the Copyhold Office, Durham, and late Bailiff of the Manor.
The whole of the remaining copies of this useful work, which was published at 3s. 6d., having been purchased by Robert Jackson, *Guardian* Office, Consett, he has determined to reduce the price to 3s. per copy, (post free 3s. 2d.), in order to effect a speedy clearance.
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Every Owner or Occupier of Property, within the boundary of Lanchester Common, should possess a copy of either of these editions.
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Public Notice.

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Lessee and Manager .. Mr. HUGH ROBERTSON.
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MONDAY, SEPT. 3rd, Return Visit of the Eminent Actor—Mr.

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In accordance with the result of the Ballot the following Plays will be performed during the week:

Monday —THREE MUSKETEERS.
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Wednesday—VIRGINIUS.
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Friday —OTHELLO.
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Church Notices.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONSETT.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES will be repeated Sunday First, September 2nd, Morning, 10-30; Afternoon, 2; Evening, 6; conducted by the Pastor. 6341

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, PARK ROAD, BLACKHILL.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1900.
Morning 10-45 } MR. J. RUTHERFORD,
Evening 6 } of Gateshead.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 2nd, 1900.
Morning 10-30 } MR. J. H. JOPLIN,
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ALL SEATS FREE.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 2nd, 1900.
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SUNDAY FIRST, SEPT. 2nd, 1900.
Morning 10-30 } Pastor M. FRANKLAND,
Evening 6 } of Burnopfield
Special Anthems by the Choir. Collection for Trust Funds. 688

ST. CUTHBERT'S BENFIELDSIDE.
ON SUNDAY MORNING FIRST, SEPT. 2nd.
The Collection will be given to the "National Society for the Education of the Poor."
PREACHER—
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Morning Prayer begins at a quarter before Eleven.

ANNFIELD PLAIN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.
A GRAND
ORGAN RECITAL
Will be given on
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIRST, SEPT. 5th,
BY
MR. J. M. PRESTON, of Gateshead.
Chair to be taken at 6-30 o'clock, by W. RUTHERFORD, Esq., Catchgate. 643

Legal Notice.

I, JOSEPH THOMAS ANDERSON, of Hamsterley Colliery, Ebchester, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be responsible for any debt or debts contracted by my wife, Edith Anderson, after publication of this notice. Dated this 25th day of August, 1900.
JOSEPH THOMAS ANDERSON,
6346 Hamsterley Colliery.

Election Thanks.

MEDOMSLEY PARISH.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank you for having returned me at the late Election, to represent you on the Lanchester Rural District Council.
Your Obedient Servant,
JNO. W. JAMIESON.
Medomsley,
August 28th, 1900. 636

Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAINS.
Wednesday, Sept. 5th, from CONSETT at 1-5 p.m., for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH.
Sunday, Sept. 9th, from CONSETT, at 8-28 p.m., for LONDON, 2, 4, 5, or 8 days, and the CONTINENT.
Monday, Sept. 10th, from BLACKHILL at 9-5 a.m., for SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL, BATH, &c., 5 days.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, August, 1900. General Manager.

Stud Notices.

THE CLEVELAND BAY STALLION,
"LUCKY PRINCE."
Will travel the Consett and Blackhill District and Stand at Surtees' Builders Yard, Benfieldside, Blackhill, this Season.
Tuesday Route:—Burnopfield, Blaydon, staying at Belsay over night, and return by Wylam to Blackhill every night. 684b

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs Iveson

Low Spen, 1 mile from Rowlands Gill.

MESSRS. IVESON, favoured with instructions from Mr. Albert Errington, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, on the spot at 4 o'clock p.m., AWAY-GOING CROP OF CORN, viz.:—
12 acres of Oats in 2 lots.
10 acres of Barley in 2 lots.
Credit Conditions.
Hexham, August 24th, 1900. 636

By Mr John Crawford

John Crawford's Salerooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

SALE OF FURNITURE and EFFECTS by AUCTION, on Monday first, September 3rd, removed to above Rooms from Blackhill. Splendid Sitting-Room Suite, in Leather; Brass-Mounted Bedsteads; Feather, Rabbit Down, and Flock Beds; Large Mirror, other lots too numerous to mention.
Sale at One o'clock.
6781 JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer.

Smailes Farm, near Rowlands Gill Station.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by W. Robinson, Esq., to SELL BY AUCTION, a large quantity of Potatoes. Date and particulars next week. 678

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

By Mr J. G. Usher

CONTINUATION of SALE of BICYCLES at Swinburne's, Chester-le-Street, on Saturday Evening, September 1st, 1900, at 6 p.m.
J. G. USHER, Auctioneer,
6771 Chester-le-Street.

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High Glebe Farm, Whickham.
20 Acres of Corn with Straw, for Unreserved Auction.
A prolific crop and ready to reap.

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VALUABLE CORN CROPS WITH STRAW.
Particulars.
10 Acres Barley.
7 Acres Short Oats.
3 Acres Wheat.
Credit Terms or Discount for Cash.
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Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

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ALL THAT DESIRABLE BLOCK OF PROPERTY, comprising nine one-storey two-roomed DWELLING-HOUSES, with Yards and all Conveniences, situate and being Nos. 76, and 77, Durham Road, 1, Buckham Street, and 1 to 6, (both inclusive) Armstrong Street, Blackfine. Gross Rental £87 15s 0d.

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Also nine two-roomed DWELLING-HOUSES and Conveniences, situate and being Nos. 1 to 9, (both inclusive) Silver Street, Blackhill, County of Durham, in the occupation of W. Bell and others. Gross Annual Rental £76 1s 0d.

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Important SALE at Annfield Plain shortly of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c., of the late Mr. Joseph Lumley.

Also on the same day as above, in the Evening, a SUPERIOR DWELLING-HOUSE in Providence Terrace. 666i

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25 Fat Cattle, 200 Sheep and Lambs, Cows, Calves, Pigs, Dog Cart, Set Coup Cart Harness, Shovels, Gripes, &c.

Ballot at 12-30: Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

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Sale of Valuable Property.

MR. NATHAN ELSDON, is instructed by Mr. Thomas Weston to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. Miles Handy, Catchgate, on Wednesday, the 12th September, 1900, at 7:30 p.m. prompt, all that Valuable Block of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, situated at Annfield Place, Annfield Plain, R.S.O., comprising a commodious Shop, fronting the main road, with Seven-roomed House attached; also two Cottages adjoining, and five Houses immediately behind the same, of which one contains three Rooms, and the remaining four contain two Rooms each. There is a large plot of ground in front of the latter Houses, containing about 608 square yards, with convenient Cart Shed, Four-stalled Stable, Six-stalled Byre, Hay-house, Piggery, Store-house, and other useful Sheds thereon. The estimated Rental is about £100 per annum.

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MISS JACKS, GIVES LESSONS on the PIANOFORTE and in THEORY of MUSIC. Terms on application, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—The disagreeable weather which prevailed all day on Wednesday week had a very serious effect on the Chester-le-Street Agricultural Society's show which was held in Lambton Park. The gate money received amounted to £74 [illegible], and the income from all sources totalled up to about £104, an amount which, needless to add, unfortunately represents a [illegible]

August 31st, 1900.

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Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Esq., Chairman.

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, August 31st, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Healthy Annfield Plain. There are probably but few persons who would be inclined to class Annfield Plain as a health resort, yet we find from figures submitted by Mr. Watchman at the last meeting of the Council, that only one district in the administrative County of Durham has a lower death-rate for the year than the area covered by the Annfield Plain District Council. Ryton claims this distinction, with a death-rate of 14.3 per thousand, whilst Annfield Plain's figures are 15—just the same as those of that noted health resort, Stanhope. This is very creditable to the local authority, and goes to prove that the many improvements they have carried out since the formation of the Council have borne good fruit. The Annfield Plain Council are distinctly a progressive body, and, although young compared with some similar authorities, they set a good example in many respects to some of these elder bodies. Especially is this the case at their monthly meetings, where the business is transacted in a manner worthy of emulation. Coun. J. W. Taylor makes an admirable chairman, and he is supported by a number of gentlemen who thoroughly understand their business. Although every latitude is allowed, it is but seldom that any frivolous or unnecessary discussion is indulged in. It would be well if we could say the same of all our Councils.

A Wolsingham Celebrity. The "Temple Magazine" publishes a portrait and life sketch of Mr. Joseph Collinson, of Wolsingham, along with other celebrated persons (including Prof. Flinders Petrie, Dr. George Macdonald, the Hon. John Collier, Mrs. Hugh Price Hughes, and Mr. Herbert Spencer), under the heading, "Men and women who are helping to make the world better and brighter." The following is an extract:—"Students of the newspapers often come across letters to the editors written by one Joseph Collinson, of the Humanitarian League. These letters, always written with spirit, and invariably on subjects such as the preservation of rare wild birds, the protection of animals from cruelty, vivisection, and other matters, must have created the impression that the writer was a man who had spent a long life in combatting with the unnecessary killing of members of the feathered tribe and animal kingdom. But Mr Collinson is not an old man with a curious kink in him; he is still a very young man, whose decided views on vaccination, vivisection, flogging, and kindred matters have brought him from the obscurity of a village in County Durham to London. When he was in his teens Mr. Collinson began to write letters to the editors of the local newspapers, the "Consett Guardian," "Auckland Chronicle," "Newcastle Chronicle," etc. He was a voracious reader, read all the books he could lay his hands on, and wrote upon what he read. He was a tailor by trade, but he left the tailor's board at Wolsingham in 1896, having been invited by Mr. H. S. Salt, M.A., of the Humanitarian League, to act as hon. secretary to the Criminal Law Department of that body. He has proved himself a very active secretary. To indicate some of his works, the Prisons' Act of 1898—an Act which has brought about the diminution of insanity in prisons and decreased the scale of prison punishments—was largely due to the activity of the Humanitarian League. The League claims to have brought about the rejection of Mr. Wharton's Flogging Bill, and probably the best tribute that could be paid to Mr. Collinson's labours was the attack which the member for the Ripon Division made upon him in the House of Commons."

A Sad Case. From time to time it falls to the lot of the members of our various School Boards to listen to some very sad cases. Such was the experience of the members of the Collierley School Board on Tuesday night. The Attendance Officer, in accordance with his duties, reported that two lads (brothers) were very irregular attenders. The elder of these, it appears, is twelve years of age, and yet he is only in the second or third standard, which goes to prove that his education has been sadly neglected. The youngest, aged seven, is in the infants' school. It came out during the discussion that the father is making good money, but he seems to take very little interest in his children's welfare, with the result that they are practically allowed to "run wild"—to use the expression of one of the members of the Board. The mother appeared before the Board, and gave one the impression of being a very decent body; but it was easy to perceive that her life—or, at least, the married portion of it—had been a continual struggle, which had left its impress upon her. She had evidently done her best in the matter, but the poor woman had probably plenty to think about and do without this added burden. The Board naturally looked upon the case as a serious one, and they decided that if the eldest lad did not attend school regularly, they would take steps to have him sent to an Industrial School. The Chairman also appropriately told the woman to inform her husband that if he did not behave better the consequences might be serious. It is to be hoped that the warning will have a salutary effect, and that the man will look after his children as it is the duty of a father to do. No blame attaches to the lads or mother, who are simply the victims of circumstances over which they have no control.

The Tow Law Show. A visitor to this show writes as follows:—"Notwithstanding the unfavourable atmospheric conditions a large crowd of visitors came by brake and by rail to see the hill-top exhibition. For forty-one years it has held its own, and on Saturday the exhibits were well up to previous years. If any criticism be offered, it is that the modern growth of poultry and industrial exhibits threatens to outstrip the parent tent of flowers, fruit, and vegetables. We are told, however, that the winds (and they do blow here) of the last few days, together with the rain, has ruined many a promising bloom intended to grace a show-stand. The vegetables were plentiful and of good size. As we passed around we could not help wishing that some of the fine specimens of berries could be transferred to the pocket, as in boyhood's days. Many a luscious berry has been for further discussion when the time for dessert was past. The industrial exhibits call for great praise. There is room perhaps for an extension of the photographic department. In the poultry tent the old favourites were again well in evidence. While it certainly encourages the large poultry farmer, improves the conditions of developments, and hence improves the varieties, because more capital is brought into the business, yet some inventive brain is wanted to show how all this may be done and yet some more encouragement given to smaller poultry farms. In the open section the majority of the prizes go to large poultry farmers. Although we came away with a wetting, we came away with the resolve to go again next year to the city on the hill."

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

TARDINESS.

Some months have now elapsed since the Boys' Warden at Lanchester Workhouse applied for an increase of salary, and for reasons best known to the Committee to whom the matter was relegated, the item has continued to figure on the agenda with no definite report forthcoming. Losing patience at last the warden tendered his resignation at the meeting of the Guardians three weeks ago, and a successor was advertised for. In the meantime, however, the Committee appear to have awakened to a sense of duty, and in all probability an increase of £10 will be granted at the next meeting of the Board. The extra amount asked for by the warden was so small as compared with the set-off he could admittedly show that one can only wonder the increase was not granted at once and without demur. Mr. Dobson has not only proved himself an efficient and a courteous officer, but whilst improving the administration of his department he has effected a saving in expenditure which entitled him to a greater increase than the one he asked for. As the Local Government Board would not permit an anti-dated increase, the delay is a distinct loss to Mr. Dobson, and almost resulted in a worse loss to the Board and to the ratepayers.

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DEPARTMENTAL OBSTINACY.

Putting party politics to one side, no Government Department is more ridiculed than that of the L.G.B., and perhaps no department is more deserving of it. Their methods of procedure are so extraordinary at times as to cause laughter and indignation to comingle in a manner which indicates more of the ridiculous than of the sublime. At the last meeting of the Benfieldside District Council, Mr. Lazenby, the Clerk, found it necessary to characterise the conduct of the Local Government Board as "stupid and idiotic," and so it was. About a year ago the Local Government Board undertook to arbitrate between the District Council and the County Council respecting the refusal of the latter body to pay part of a sum for repairs to certain highways. Out of £198 claimed the District Council were awarded £167, but as to how this amount was apportioned no information was forthcoming. Apparently it was too big a task for an overcrowded department to undertake. They had managed in the short space of twelve months to find an award, but to be called upon to particularise, to say how much of so vast a sum as £167 was for Durham Road, how much for Lobley Hill Road, and how much for Derwent Road, was altogether too huge a task to grapple with. Mr. Lazenby desired this information, as any Clerk knowing his duty would, but was informed in the "usual stupid and idiotic" style that the Board considered it undesirable to make any exception to the rule of "declining to do more than give their decision in all such cases." Mr. Lazenby called it "stupid and idiotic," and would have been fully justified in terming it contemptible laziness.

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OUR PASTIMES.

On Saturday first lovers of outdoor athletic sport will be crowding in thousands towards the various football enclosures throughout the length and breadth of England, and the first instalment towards a huge expenditure will have been left at numberless turnstiles and paygates by lovers of the two great football codes. There is no Act of Parliament now making football a crime, and there is no Member of Parliament—not even a Clark or a Labouchere—who would dare to introduce such a measure. If there were he would soon know something about scrimmages, tackling, heeling out, and offside. The game has taken a hold upon the public which is remarkable both for its strength and its stability, and has drawn within its fold old as well as young, female as well as male. Among indoor games billiards has taken up a strong position, and in this locality preparations are being made for a renewal of the North-West Durham Tournament, which has unearthed so many good players. If I am rightly informed the game of billiards has a most interesting origin and history. It was invented about the middle of the sixteenth century by a London pawnbroker named William Kew. In bad, stormy weather, when trade was slack, this pawnbroker was in the habit of taking down the three balls of his sign, and, with a yard measure, pushing them about the counter "billiard" fashion into boxes fixed at the sides. In time the idea of a fenced table with pockets suggested itself. A black-letter manuscript of 1570 contains the following reference to the game and its originator:—"Master Will Kew did make un (one) boarde wherebi a game was played with three balls; and all the younge men were greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the younge clergymen from St. Pawles; hence one of these strokes was named a 'cannon' having been by one of said clergymen invented. The game is now known by ye name of 'bill-yard,' because William or Bill Kew, did first play it with a yard-measure. The stick used is now called a 'keu,' or kew, in memory of Mr. Kew, who has been dead some time." It is easy to understand how "bill-yard" has been modernised into "billiard": and the transformation of "kew" into "cue" is equally apparent.

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ONE MORE VICTIM.

The Tin Mill Pond has claimed one more victim, and the question of better fencing has again been raised. Against accidents this would be well enough, but against the will of a person determined to die the removal of the pond itself would fail to have the desired effect. Other means or places would be found. More is the pity. What is required is something in the nature of prevention, and if a cat-o'-nine-tails were handy for use upon persons who talk darkly about committing suicide, and upon persons who "play" with revolvers, much good might be done. The application of a strong mind over the weak effects wonderful changes at times.

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THE FAMINE FUND.

It cannot be said that this district has been backward in its contributions towards the Indian Famine Fund for in addition to the "Guardian" list subscriptions have been sent to various other quarters all helping to swell the grand total. Messrs. F. Welch and L. Farthing, of Annfield Plain, are, in this issue, acknowledging a most creditable list "showing the practical sympathy existing among the people of Annfield Plain." How that sympathy would extend with leaps and bounds could we but get a glance of the terrible sufferings of our poor Indian brethren or could we see the immense relief a small subscription affords.

Local and District News.

Consett.

NEW THEATRE.—At this place of amusement this week, Mr. Fred Jarman and company are appearing in the new Anglo-Russian drama, "Under the Czar." The play has been performed in Consett before, and appears to be as popular as on the previous visit. It deals very effectively with life under the Czar, which, as most people know, is not exactly a bed of roses. As "Sonia Gregorovitch" Miss Cathleen Cavanagh gives an excellent performance, and Miss Aynsley does admirably as "Slomka." Mr. G. Symth is good as "Captain Johnson," and no fault can be found with either Mr. F. Stoner or Mr. C. P. Amalia, who appear respectively as "Nicholas Yerosiaff" and "Zakhar Granoviaki." Others seen to advantage are Mr. Hugh Romsay, Mr. Louis Weston, Mr. A. Hely, and Mr. W. Harrison, whilst the remaining parts are all capably filled.

Annfield Plain.

PRIMITIVE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.—On Saturday evening, in connection with the Annfield Plain Primitive Christian Endeavour, a lecture was delivered in the Primitive Church, Annfield Plain, by Mr. T. J. Harrison, of Carville, the subject being "Love, Courtship, and Marriage." The chair was taken by Mr. Geo. Dunn, of Kyo. On Sunday morning and evening sermons were preached by Mr. Harrison, while in the afternoon a miscellaneous entertainment was rendered by the members of the Christian Endeavour. There were crowded attendances. On Monday evening a public meeting was addressed by the Rev. J. W. Fawcett, of Birtley, and Mr. T. J. Harrison, the chairman being the Rev. J. A. West, of Stanley. The proceeds were in aid of the Christian Endeavour.

Blackhill.

DEATH OF AN OLD RAILWAY SERVANT.—The death took place on Saturday after a short illness, of Mr. John Charles Neesham, who for twenty-six years, was ticket collector at Jarrow railway station, and was previously employed at Blackhill Station. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, and resided in Leopold Street, was employed under the North-Eastern Railway Company for 38 years, and was generally respected. He leaves a widow and family.

ALLEGED THEFT BY A HAWKER.—On Tuesday, last a woman named Mary Fletcher, who said she was a hawker from Berwick, called upon Mrs. McGilligan at Benfieldside, ostensibly for the purpose of carrying on her calling. She, however, is alleged to have taken possession of a skirt valued at 5/-, which was hanging out on a line. Information was given to P.C. Johnson, who traced the woman to Carterway Heads, where he found the skirt in her possession. He brought her back to Consett Police Station, and on Wednesday she was remanded for eight days by Mr. W. Aynsley.

The Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music, and the Royal College of Music.—School Examination.—At the examination held by the above in July at Newcastle, the following candidates were awarded certificates in pianoforte playing.—Elementary Division—Miss Mary Robinson, Medomsley; Master Henry A. Henderson, Blackfine; Miss Eleanor Robinson, Medomsley; and Master John Muir, Blackhill. Examiner, Mr. C. Lee Williams, Mus. Bac., Oxon. Also at the examination by the Incorporated Society of Musicians Preparatory Grade—Miss Lizzie Russell, Woodlands House, Low Westwood; Miss Mary Littlefair (honours), Lanchester. Grade I.—Master W. Lockey, Blackfine. Grade II.—Miss M. Temperley, Delves Terrace, Consett. These are pupils of Mr. J. Surtees, Cemetery Road, Blackhill. Examiners for the I.S.M., Mr. A. F. Smith, Mus. Bac., Cantab, and Mr. J. W. Lawson, of Bristol.

Birtley

BIRTLEY SHOW.—The fifth annual exhibition of the Birtley and District Floral, Horticultural, Industrial, and Live Stock Society will be held on Saturday first, in a field near the station. £170 will be given in prizes for dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, flowers, industrial work, &c. There will also be a £10 120 yards handicap, and numerous other attractions.

Beamish

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Saturday last the teachers and scholars of the above Sunday School held their annual tea, given by their kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson and Miss Nicholson, of Osborne Villa, Beamish. Over 200 scholars and teachers partook of tea and cake, which was served out by the above friends, in Mr. Nicholson's field near the house. The children enjoyed themselves although the weather was damp. After tea the children were served with sweets. For many years past Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson and Miss E. Jane Nicholson have rendered valuable services to the above school and society, by whom they are held in great respect and esteem.

Chester-le-Street

SCAFFOLD ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday morning, as the workmen of Mr. John Kell, contractor, Chester-le-Street, were employed in the erection of the new Co-operative Stores at Chester-le-Street, one of the apprentice-joiners, named John Bell, fell from a scaffold the distance of some 17 feet, and fractured his skull. He was taken to Dr. Renton's surgery, where his injuries were attended to.

Dunston

WESLEYANISM.—On Saturday afternoon the Wesleyan Methodists of Dunston held a largely-attended and successful garden party in Whickham Hill Park. Various forms of amusement were provided for the delectation of those present, and the gathering proved a most enjoyable one. The weather was somewhat cold.

Dipton

SUDDEN DEATH.—The death of Mrs. John Curtis took place after an illness of short duration. The deceased took suddenly ill on Sunday morning at three o'clock, and expired about 10 p.m the same day.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—On Monday afternoon, at a special meeting of the members of the Collierley School Board, Miss Amy Naylor, of Widnes, Birchfield, Lancashire, accepted the position of head-mistress in the girl's school in succession to Miss A. S. Dickinson, at a salary of £90 per annum.

Ebchester

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL-MISTRESS.—We understand that the School managers at Ebchester, the rector (Rev. J. G. Gibson), the curate, (Rev. R. Hodgson), Mr. G. W. Charlton, Mr. W. Charlton, and Mr. J. G. Brown, have appointed Miss Tait, as school-mistress, to succeed the late master, Mr. Middleton, who has gone to Burnopfield.

Kyo

FLOWER SHOW.—The Kyo and Annfield Plain Flower Show is fixed to take place on Saturday first, in a field belonging to the Co-operative Society, Annfield Plain. In addition to the display of flowers, fruits, plants, and vegetables, there is £20 offered for a 120 yards foot race, £3 10s for quoiting, and substantial prizes for largest attendance of club cyclists, comic costume for cyclists, high leap, &c. A ball will be held in the evening. The entries for foot-handicap have reached the grand total of 155, and includes some of the fastest sprinters in the North. In the show department the entries are exceedingly large.

Leadgate.

COMING DEPARTURE OF P. C. DIXON.—We understand that P.C. Dixon, of Leadgate, will shortly remove to Seaham Harbour. During his stay at Leadgate P.C. Dixon has made himself very popular with the inhabitants, and his departure will be much regretted. He is an able and energetic officer. Mrs. Dixon is also highly esteemed and respected, and has acted as captain of the Leadgate Ladies' Cycling Club since its formation.

THE WAR.—Some consternation was caused in Leadgate last Sunday, when, amongst the list of casualties published in a Surrey paper, appeared the name of "D. Steel (accidentally killed.)" Corporal David Steel, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, has several relatives and a number of friends in Leadgate, and these were naturally very anxious at the news. Communication was opened with the War Office, and the relatives were referred to the Colonel commanding the 65th Regimental District, who replied that it was Private D. Steel, of the 75th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, who had been killed, and not Corpl. D. Steel, of the "Fighting Fifth." This intelligence was, of course, very welcome to the gallant corporal's friends. Apropos of the war, we may mention that there is on view in the bar of Mr. Jas. Kelly, Queen's Head Hotel, Leadgate, a Boer hat belonging to one of the prisoners captured with Cronje, which was secured and sent to Mr. Kelly by a relative who is an engineer on board the transport that conveyed the prisoners to St. Helena. Mr. Kelly has also a piece of a flag taken at Pretoria, and forwarded to Leadgate by Private Matthew Mawson, of Leadgate.

Pelton Fell

DEATH OF THE REV. C. C. LEDGER.—The death occurred last week at Pelton Vicarage of the Rev Cecil Challoner Ledger, who since 1895 had held the living there. The reverend gentleman became a deacon in 1884 and a priest a year later. He undertook the post of curate at St. Mark's, Millfield, the same year, and held the appointment for ten years, removing to a curacy at Washington in 1894. During the following year he became incumbent at Pelton Fell. Mr. Ledger took an active interest in parochial work, and his death will be regretted by a large circle of friends. The remains of the late vicar were interred in Pelton Churchyard on Tuesday in the presence of a large assemblage. A considerable number of the neighbouring clergy were present. The members of the church choir, and of St. Andrew's Mission choir, attended the service in the church, which was fully choral. The lesson was read by the Rev. C. Barrett, and the service at the graveside by the Rey. Canon Body, who had been an intimate friend of the deceased. Many beautiful wreathes were sent.

Shotley Bridge

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.—The collection on Sunday first, September 2nd, at St. Cuthbert's Benfieldside, will be given to the "National Society for the Education of the Poor." A sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. H. Spurrell, M.A., Cambridge, Organizing Secretary for the north of England. The National Society, by its grants of one million and five hundred thousand pounds, in the last eighty years, has been instrumental in raising over forty-one millions for Church Schools, or ten thousand pounds a week, but like other societies it has suffered by the South African War Funds, and further help is much needed. The morning service begins at a quarter before eleven.

ANNA S. PROCTOR MEMORIAL HOME.—The annual meeting of the Anna S. Proctor Memorial Home and Invalid Loan Society was held on Saturday afternoon at Summerhill, near Shotley Bridge Railway Station. Mr. R. Foreman of Newcastle, presided.—Miss Proctor, the secretary, stated that last year they had about 70 people in the home. From January to the present time they had received between 130 and 140. It had been found necessary to extend the premises by renting the adjoining house, in order to meet the demands made upon the home. Although they had eight or ten beds now at their disposal they still had more applications than they could deal with, and had to find lodgings for patients elsewhere. They had also had a large number of daily guests at a payment of 1s each, and also week-end visitors, (Saturday to Monday), at a charge of 2s 6d. It was stated that the workmen of the Northern Marine and Engineering Works had recently become subscribers to the institution, and Mr. Thomas Pumphrey, Newcastle, strongly urged the desirability of the men at the other works on Tyneside identifying themselves with the work of the home. On the motion of Mr. Thomas Pumphrey, seconded by Mr. Eckford, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. treasurer, Dr. Thomas Hodgkin; hon. secretary, Mr. T. Pumphrey; and storekeeper, Miss Newton. The meeting closed with cordial thanks to Miss Proctor for her valuable services, and those present afterwards partook of tea, on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson.

A FAMILY'S ESCAPE FROM TIENTSIN.—Mr. John G. Muray, of Benfieldside, writing under Thursday's date to the "Newcastle Daily Journal," says he is pleased to say he has just received a letter from his sister-in-law dated 20th July, and addressed from Chefoo. Her husband, Mr. Algernon B. Hoyle, a son of the Newcastle City Coroner, held an appointment as engineer under Mr Kinder in the construction of the North Imperial Railways under the Chinese Government, and resided in the vicinity of Tientsin. "We have been," writes Mr. Murray, "extremely anxious recently regarding their safety, but the welcome news arrived this morning to the effect that Mr. Kinder, had aprised them of the danger, and within an hour they had collected what was portable, and with their two little children abandoned their house, furniture, and other belongings and set forth for Taku and thence to Chefoo, from which latter place they hoped to obtain a boat to Shanghai. They have practically lost all except the clothes they are wearing; and the little children, I understand, are ill and emaciated by reason of their constant travelling and the hardships they have undergone."

Stanley.

ACCIDENT TO SCULPTORS.—On Thursday, Messrs Geo. Hope, father and son, were removing some granite stone, a large block fell between them, inflicting an injury to the father's left leg, and a more serious one to the right leg of the son. It is fortunate that both their legs were not broken.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—On Monday night, a concert under the auspices of the Catholic Benefit Society (St. Joseph's Branch) was held in the Co-operative Hall, Stanley, on behalf of Mr. Patrick Carr, who has been unable for some time to follow his employment. Mr. James Kelly, of Leadgate (general treasurer of the Catholic Benefit Society) presided over a good company. The artistes included Mrs. Lindon, of the Victoria Theatre, Stanley; Mrs. McGoldrick, Miss Wheatley, Mr. T. Holland, Mr. H. Robinson and his troupe of international clog dancers, Mr. Chas. Daly, Mr. T. McCabe, Mr. J. Finneran, Mr. T. Gaffney, and Mr. J. McCabe. Mr. J. Moody acted as pianist, and a very enjoyable and successful evening was spent, the programme being an excellent one in all respects.

Westwood

DEATH OF MRS. PEARSON.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Pearson, the wife of Mr. John Pearson, of Westwood, which took place on Wednesday week, at the age of 56 years. Deceased had been ailing for some time. The funeral took place at Medomsley last Saturday, and was largely attended. The coffin was of pitch pine with brass mountings. The chief mourners were Mr. J. Pearson (husband), and two sons and two daughters of deceased. The underbearers were Messrs R. Stobbs, R. Weston, J. Urwin, and G. Liddle. Amongst others present were—Messrs G. Simpson, N. Houston, W. Tebb, G. Armstrong, J. Owen, C. Boyd, J. Marsh, J. Allison, J. McKinney, R. Forsyth, I. Brown, J. Ross, sen., M. McAnulty, and many others.

Weardale.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Mr. J. W. Roddam presided over Friday's meeting.—It was decided that the Master should be empowered to obtain the services of a domestic servant for the House.—It was reported that a sum of £12 2s had been forwarded by the Brothers Nattrass from South Africa to pay the Guardians for their help to their father some years past.—It was decided to make if possible separate accommodation for the aged deserving poor.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.—Mr. J. W. Roddam presided over Friday's meeting. A discussion took place on the County Medical Officer's report in regard to cowbyres and cowsheds in Weardale. It was resolved that the said report should be reprinted and circulated amongst the farmers of the dale. It was also understood that after these were circulated a few months the Inspector should report on those byres that were not put in a proper condition.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—With your permission we beg to acknowledge through the medium of your paper the following subscriptions, which have been kindly given to us for the benefit of those suffering from the terrible famine that has been raging for so many months and is still raging, in India. The sums mentioned below do not represent the full amount that has been given to this fund by these friends of India's suffering millions, many having subscribed through various other sources. We mention this as shewing the practical sympathy existing among the people of Annfield Plain, for, with one or two exceptions, none refused when the question was put to them. The following are the sums subscribed and were duly forwarded to Mrs. Booth, 101, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., which amount has helped in a small way to raise that lady's fund to £12,456 15s 6½d. Thanking you in anticipation,—We are, sir, yours &c.,

F. WELCH and L. FARTHING.

Mr. Adam rown, 10s; Mr. J. F. Smith, 5s; Mr. C. F. Cooke, 5s; Mr. John Storey, 5s; Mr. F. Welch, 5s; Mr. G. Hobson, 5s; Mr. G. Wailes, 3s; Mr. G. Cumberlege, 3s; Miss Welch, 3s; Miss Summerbell, 2s 6d; Mrs. Rutherford, 2s 6d; Miss Farthing, 2s 6d; Mrs. Thos. Smith, 2s 6d; Mrs. Mitchinson, 2s 6d; Mrs. J. F. Elliott, 2s 6d; Dr. Morrison, 2s 6d; Mr. J. Trowsdale, 2s; Mr. Wm. Pigg, 2s; Mrs. Thos. Walker, 2s; Mrs. J. Moore, 2s; Mrs. Geo. Stirling, 2s; Mrs. Lumley, 2s; Mrs. Larenby, 2s; Mrs. Jobes, 2s; Mr. J. Humble, 2s; Mrs. Aitchinson, 2s; Mrs. Tait, 2s; Mrs. J. Moor, 2s; Mr. Wm. Dawson, 2s; Mrs. McPherson, 2s; Miss Wake, 2s; A Friend, 1s; Miss Weston, 1s; A Friend, 1s; Mrs. Strawbridge, 1s; Mrs. Robinson, 1s; Mrs. Eltringham, 1s; Mr. Greener, 1s; Mrs. Cuthbert, 1s; Mr. R. Maddison, 1s; Mr. Herdman, 6d; Mr. Smith, 6d;—total, £3 1s.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

HONOURS.

We are at all times pleased to note the success of young men or maidens in the village. In the first place we wish to congratulate Mr. J. G. Raine and Mr. R. Davison, who have passed with honours in machine construction at the recent examination in connection with the Science and Art Classes held in Consett; and in the second place, we wish to congratulate Miss Gertrude Ramsay and Miss Lilly Dent—on their having passed with credit in their recent examination. Also Mr. H. Nicholson, of Consett Park, who deserves special mention, having taken honours in four different subjects in the science and art classes examinations. We wish the young men and maidens further success. As there is "no royal road to learning," the only course open to climb the ladder of fame is President Lincoln's motto, "keep pegging away." By so doing success is certain.

THE LATE MR. CARR.

The sudden and somewhat unexpected death of the late Mr. Thomas Carr, of Consett, cast quite a gloom over many a home in the village. He was better known as "Tommy" Carr by many parents whose boys and young men had for many years past found employment under him, and who in many cases had endeared himself to them by his honesty and manly treatment and care for the well-being of their boys. Having known our departed friend for many years, and admired his sterling character, his honesty and integrity in all his dealings in social, political, and religious matters, I am only voicing the mind and feelings of the villagers generally when I offer my sympathy and condolence with the widow and family in their hour of darkness and sorrow.

THE GRAVEYARD.

I have been requested by one who is very much interested in the graveyard to ask or request those who saunter forth to spend a quiet hour amongst the tombs of our departed friends, to cease from violence to the flowers and shrubs that have been planted to beautify and cheer those who may pass in an out of the sacred enclosure. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

THE SHOW.

The Flower Show was a success from the point of numbers who passed the turnstiles, but the exhibits were below those of other years.

VISITORS.

Visitors still continue to come along and spend a few days or weeks with us. We are favoured at present by a family of American cousins. Our Australian friends have gone back to their newly discovered gold-fields.

BRIEF ANNALS OF SOUTH AFRICA

1880. On the return of the Liberals to power in April, Lord Kimberley (the Colonial Secretary) found evidence at the Colonial Office which tended to show that the great body of the Boers were averse to losing their independence. This led to the re-consideration of the question by the Cabinet, who requested further information from Sir Owen Lanyon, the Administrator of the Transvaal. In a despatch from him on November 19th, the Colonial Office learnt that "Three-fourths of the population are secretly in favour of annexation. The action of a few agitators must not be taken as the opinion of the country."

1880. Sir John Brand, the President of the Orange Free State, on December 8th, opened negotiations through Sir George Strachan for a peaceable settlement, suggesting the appointment of a commissioner to inquire as to the real feeling of the Boers on the annexation.

1880. All over the Transvaal a simmer of violence broke out, and in the course of a month or two it manifested itself in a determination to refuse to pay taxes, and towards the end of the year this became an organized policy. The British authorities were obliged to enforce the law, and it led to the first occasion of open collision between the Boers and the British. A Boer farmer named Bezindenhout (a kinsman farmer of the same name who was shot during a similar enforcement in 1815) refused to pay his taxes, and his wagon and oxen were consequently seized in execution under the authority of the High Court, and put up to auction in Potchefstroom. The sale was stopped by a crowd of rebel Boers, who knocked the auctioneer off the waggon and took it away. In the scrimmage which took place shots were exchanged between the burghers and the British soldiers. Sir Owen Lanyon, the British administrator in Pretoria, fearing worse consequences, took immediate measures to concentrate the small British force then in the Transvaal.

1880. The seizure of Bezindenhout's goods rallied the Boers to a focus, and they rose in armed revolt. A mass meeting of malcontent Boers was held at Paardekraal, near Krugerdorp, which lasted from December 8th to December 13th, which resulted in a determination to rise in arms. A triumvirate, or Provisional Government, consisting of Messrs Joubert, Kruger, and Pretorious, was appointed to administer the affairs of the State; three commandoes were organised and despatched to take possession of various towns, and on December 16th—"Dingaan's Day"—they hoisted their flag at Heidelberg, their temporary capital, and proclaimed themselves an independent Republic.

1880. It has since been ascertained that one of the direct instigators of this Boer revolt was the infamous Aylward, an ex-Fenian, whom Sir E. Henderson described as "a born traitor, who would betray and conspire against anyone and anything," a man who had wormed himself into the confidence of Major-General Colley, and who, after the re-establishment of the Republic, acted as private secretary to General Joubert, the Commandant of the Boer forces, during the war which followed. We know now also that Fenian money helped to fill the Boer exchequer, for Le Caron, in his evidence before the Parnell Commission, stated that money was sent by the Irish rebel societies to stir up treason in the Transvaal. It was, and is, the general opinion in South Africa that without this outside interference, the Boers, notwithstanding their discontent, might not have risen in arms.

1880. The decision of the malcontent Boers to revolt and proclaim the re-establishment of the Republic was, in the opinion of Sir Owen Lanyon, the British Administrator at Pretoria, "an impulsive action, the result of momentary excitement." In using this language, Sir Owen, as he explains at length in his despatches, does not deny that a considerable number of Boers were bitterly hostile to British rule, but he affirms that the outbreak of hostilities was only brought about by wilful misrepresentation of British policy by the chief agitators, who took advantage of the extreme credulity of the average Boer farmer.

1880. In the proclamation of independence, which was issued in the name of the "South African Republic," and signed by the three leaders, the Boers demanded the recognition of the independence of their country as guaranteed by the British Government by the convention of 1852. The proclamation wound up with:—"All inhabitants of this country who will keep themselves quiet and obedient to the laws shall stand under the protection of the laws. The people desire to be forgiving to all burghers of the South African Republic who, by circumstances, have been brought to desist for the time being the part of the people, but it cannot promise to extend this forgiveness to those burghers of the South African Republic who assume the position of open enemies to the people, and continue to deceive the English Government by their untruthful representations. All officials who serve the Government now, and who are able and willing to serve under the altered circumstances of the country, shall have a claim to return their places and such advantages as their position now affords to them. To the English Government the right is reserved to maintain in our country a Consul or diplomatic agent, to represent the interests of British subjects. The difference about boundaries with natives shall be submitted to arbitration. For the native policy the Government is prepared to accept general principles, to be decided upon after deliberation with the Colonies and States of South Africa. The Republic is preparing to confederate with the Colonies and States of South Africa. Finally, we declare and make known to all and everybody that from this day the country is declared to be in a state of siege and under provisions of martial law." Letters, asking the intervention of the British Government, were sent by the Provisional Government to Mr. Brand (the President of the Orange Free State), to Mr. Gordon Sprigg (Prime Minister of Cape Colony), and to Sir George Pomeroy Colley (the Lieutenant-Governor of Natal.)

1880. The hoisting of the Republican flag took the British by surprise. They had been unable to believe that the Boers would venture upon open insurrection. At that date various towns in the Transvaal were garrisoned by a meagre force of British soldiers—Sir Owen Lanyon, the Administrator at Pretoria, Major Montague at Standerton, Colonel Winsloe at Potchefstroom, and others at Leydenburg and Wakkerstroom.

1880. To prevent the isolated British garrisons being reinforced, Commandant Joubert despatched a message to the British Administrator at Pretoria, warning him that a Republic had been announced, and that any movement of troops on the part of the British authorities would be regarded as a declaration of war against the Republic.

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THE WORTHIES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY.

(By J. W. Fawcett.)

I. Introduction.

"Wonders in Nature we see and scan,
But the chief of them all is man."
Sophocles.

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We must make our lives sublime.
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints in the sands of time."
Longfellow.

"Whoever amidst the sons
Of reason, valour, liberty, and virtue,
Displays distinguished merit, is a noble
Of Nature's own creating."

"Biography is by nature the most universally profitable, universally pleasant, of all things; especially biography of distinguished individuals."—Thomas Carlyle.

"Biographies of great, but especially of good, men, are nevertheless most instructive and useful, as helps, guides, incentives to others. Some of the best are almost equivalent to Gospels—teaching high living, high thinking, and energetic action for their own and the world's good. The valuable examples which they furnish of the power of self-help, of patient purpose, resolute working, and steadfast integrity issuing in the formation of truly noble and manly character, exhibit in language not to be misunderstood, what it is in the power of each to accomplish for himself; and eloquently illustrates the efficacy of respect and self reliance in enabling men of even the humblest rank to work out for themselves an honourable competency and a solid reputation."—Samuel Smiles.

"Next to history, in its larger sense, biography is the most valuable and interesting record, which literature can offer to mankind. If the one presents us with the great drama of humanity in its entire action and full development, the other furnishes us with the innumerable and subordinate dramas of all the prominent actors on the world's stage. It is often only in the lives of individuals that we discover the secret springs and hidden causes of those mighty events which advance or retard the progress of man—which influence his destiny and revolutionize the world; and thus the rays of light emitted from individual biography converge upon the page of history and enable us to read it more clearly."—John Francis Waller, L.L.D.

"There is no field of reading more intensely interesting than that of biography—a field in which we contemplate the struggles and successes of those who have played a leading part in the drama of life—but interest is not its only recommendation. Those who wish their reading to assist their improvement should study biography, for it is undoubtedly, one of the most valuable aids in the formation of character—ambition is roused by the contemplation of noble examples. From these we learn with what patience and perseverance we must adorn ourselves, and with what vigour and promptitude we must act if we would become in any way distinguished—we are comforted and encouraged, also, by observing how men, by the right use of their talents, have risen to positions of eminence and influence, and how the true charms to secure success are those which lie at everybody's hand—good character and conduct."

"In the whole range of Literature there is nothing more attractive than well written biography, and there is nothing more wholesome and instructive than biographies of the good and wise. Memoirs of men who have risen, who have done something to make the world better and wiser expand the intellect and stimulate the will."

Though biography is at all times an interesting study, it becomes especially so when the persons whose careers and characters therein recorded are associated or connected with our own native or adopted county, or our own immediate locality.

The whole of the counties forming the part designated the "North of England" is rich with the actions of great and good men, who by genuine integrity, persevering energy of a determined mind, patient purpose, the power of self-help, the spirit of self-reliance, and resolute labour, have made for themselves a mark and a name worthy of example, not only in the history of their native county, but of their country. Of the celebrities and worthies who have been, and are connected with the above district, a large number belong to the county of Durham. Small though it be in size, this little county of ours has given birth to men and women, some of whom may be ranked amongst the greatest, the noblest, the wisest, the most heroic, and the most learned that Britain, and in one or two instances, that the world has ever seen—sons and daughters who have left names behind them which are engraven in letters of gold on the world's roll of fame, and which shine like beacon lights on time's rolling waves a noble legacy for our example, our imitation and our pattern.

The Derwent Valley, besides being rich in antiquities, legends, and natural scenery, has been the birth-place of a number of persons, who have won for themselves a position in the niche of more than local fame. Under the title of "The Worthies of the Derwent Valley," it is my intention to give a concise account of the careers of these persons in the hope that they may prove both interesting and instructive to those who read them or take an interest in the men of note of their own immediate district.

CHURCHYARD POETRY.

(J.W.F.)

In Hurworth-on-Tees Churchyard:—

"Here innocence and beauty lies, whose breath
Was snatched by early, not untimely, death;
Hence did she go, just as she did begin,
Sorrow to know, before she knew to sin.
Death, that does sin and sorrow thus prevent,
Is the next blessing to a life well spent.

"When the Archangel's trump shall blow,
And souls to bodies join;
Millions shall wish their life below
Had been as short as thine."

"When from the dust of death I rise,
To claim my mansions in the skies,
Even then this shall be my plea,
Jesus had lived, hath died for me."

"Oft as the bell, with solemn toll,
Speaks of the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself "Am I
Prepared, should I be called to die?"

"Just like a flower, fresh and green,
I was cut down and no more seen."

"The humble name this stone records
Was to her family dear,
For well to them her worth was known,
She had a heart sincere.
For she possessed the magic spell,
The sorrowing heart to cheer;
She was to me the best of wives
As well as a mother dear."

"With lightning swiftness snatched from earth's low sphere,
Before a heavenly Master to appear.
No time allowed in life to bid farewell,
Our true regard let this memorial tell.
Sudden, yet not unprepared, we trust thy fate
Prepared for death, 'tis ne'er too soon or late.
When o'er thy tomb eternity shall break,
Be thou found worthy for thy Master's sake."

"My life thou knowest is but a span,
A cypher sums my years.
And everyone in best estate
But vanity appears."

"Short was his life, but longer is his rest
God call'd him home because he knew it best.
Great is the loss which we sustain,
In heaven we hope to meet again."

"Afflictions sore, long time she bore,
Physicians were in vain;
At length death seized her weary heart,
And eased her of her pain."

"Ah! cruel death; that would not be denied,
But broke the band of love so lately tied;
None must think they can repent too soon,
For night came on before I thought it noon."

"No sculptured marble here, no pompous pride,
Here lie the ashes of a humble and a virtuous maid;
Whose virtue far outshone the sphere in which she moved—
Esteemed, respected, and by all beloved."

"Praises on tombstones are but vainly lent,
A man's good name is the best monument."

"The flower that blooms to-day to-morrow dies."

"Rest happy child in Heaven above,
On earth short was your stay;
Because your soul the Lord did love,
He soon called you away."

Swalwell.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—The inhabitants of Swalwell and district are to be afforded the opportunity of hearing the Ven. Archdeacon Watkins, who is announced to preach at the opening of the new porch and entrance to the church, which will take place in October. The newly-appointed vicar of Blaydon (the Rev. Henry P. Napier) is also expected to take part in the proceedings.

THE FREE CHURCHES.

THE END OF THE "MAY" MEETINGS.

The "May" meetings go on from April to September. Among Nonconformists, the Wesleyan Methodist Conference is commonly regarded as the last of them. The Conference this year at Burslem was not in any way remarkable except for the profound, impressive discussion on the Twentieth Century Fund. On this occasion Mr. Price Hughes excelled himself, and the other orators deeply touched the fathers and brethren. In the course of a very short time promises of an additional £40,000 were made to the fund. We trust and believe that before the end of the year the million guineas will be raised. Dr. Allen, as was expected, was elected President, and acquitted himself admirably in the chair. Dr. Allen takes a keen interest in the Free Church Federation movement, and is an active member of the Birmingham Free Church Council. Next year he will be succeeded by Professor Davison, a former editor of the "Methodist Recorder."

A GREAT MISSION FOR ALL ENGLAND.

That is how the "Puritan" describes the simultaneous mission which is being organised by the National Free Church Council. Our contemporary had an interesting article on the mission, illustrated by photographs of the Rev. Thos. Law, the Organising Secretary of the National Council; Rev. Dr. Maclaren, of Manchester; Rev. J. H. Jowett, M.A., and others. "1901," says the writer "will be chiefly noticeable in the religious history of England for the most remarkable Evangelical crusade ever set on foot in this or any other country." Thousands of ministers and local preachers, including the most distinguished men in the Free Churches, will lead the way, and two million Church members are being asked to keep the dates free from all other engagements. So far, the proposal has been taken up with enthusiasm; and though he has communicated with all the leading ministers and missioners in the country, Mr. Law has received only one discouraging response. Mr. Law attaches the greatest importance to the village mission, which extends from March 2nd to 6th, inclusive. "Jealousies and prejudices," he says, "often exist in villages which are not known in the towns, and to bring all the Churches together in a mission will be the greatest possible blessing to them all."

SOUND DOCTRINE FROM A ROMANIST.

This headline will seem rather startling to our readers, but we can justify it. St. Alban's, Holborn, is one of the best known Highest of High Churches in England, and Father Stanton, one of the best known Highest of High Church clergymen. Yet, preaching in St. Alban's, Holborn, Father Stanton maintained that the true Church is to be found where two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ. We Free Churchmen have been proclaiming this for generations. But if it is true doctrine, as it is, what becomes of theories of apostolical succession, validity of orders, and the rest, by which High Anglicans and Roman Catholics have sought to exclude Nonconformists from the true Church of God? We hope Father Stanton will give himself heartily to the further study and exposition of Free Church principles.

MRS. W. P. HARTLEY.

The September "Free Churchman," of which we have seen an advanced copy, contains a very interesting sketch by the Rev. J. Day Thompson, of Mrs. Hartley, wife of Mr. W. P. Hartley, J.P., of Aintree, the great preserve manufacturer and Primitive Methodist. The article is illustrated by a photograph of the subject, and of Mr. Hartley's house at Aintree. The writer say that Mrs. Hartley has helped her husband in his great work most by managing his home with wonderful tact and skill, and by the careful training of their children. "I have it on the authority of one of her daughters that for over a space of twenty years, while her children were young, she never left them for a single night, and it is beautiful to hear the reverent manner in which they now now speak of her, and to observe the gentle but complete deference they pay to her."

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. CARVELL WILLIAMS.

Mr. Carvell Williams, M.P., who is himself practically the Liberation Society, has intimated that he does not intend to contest the Mansfield Division at the next election. This announcement will be received by Free Churchmen with great regret. Mr. Carvell Williams is such a vigorous, light-hearted man, that it is difficult to realise that he is in his eightieth year. His address last spring, as chairman of the Congregational Union, was a powerful pronouncement. He has been connected with the Liberation Society for over fifty years. He first entered Parliament as member for South Nottingham in 1885; but when Mr. Gladstone appealed to the country on Home Rule some months after the General Election, Mr. Williams was among those who lost their seats. He was elected for the Mansfield Division in 1892. His work has been rendered particularly difficult of late by increasing deafness.

THE BISHOP AND THE WESLEYANS.

The late Bishop Ryle, of Liverpool, was on very good terms with the Free Churchmen of the city, and was a close friend of Charles Garrett. The Liverpool Wesleyan Methodist Council has sent an address of welcome to Dr. Ryle's successor, Bishop Chavasse, also an Evangelical. Dr. Chavasse has sent a gracious reply to the address. "I know," he says, "the happy relations which existed between my predecessor, Bishop Ryle, and the Wesleyan Church, and trust the same sense of brotherhood in Christ will not be less strongly felt in the future. The Church of Christ must close its ranks, and be at peace within itself, if it is to make any impression on the apalling mass of sin and indifference by which it is surrounded."

FREE CHURCHMEN ON HOLIDAY.

Dr. R. F. Horton is holiday-making on the Welsh coast. Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, is spending some weeks as the guest of Mr. J. Compton Rickett, M.P., at his house on the Esplanade, Scarborough. Dr. Robertson Nicholl is at Lumaden, Scotland. Dr. Maclaren, of Manchester, is also in Scotland. Rev. Thomas Law, Organising Secretary of the National Council of the Free Churches, is in Scarborough with his family. Rev. Hugh Price Hughes has left England for Ober Ammergau. Dr. Fairbairn is spending his vacation at Portknockie. Dr. Guinness Rogers is holiday-making at Oban. Dr. Clifford has left for Paris. Rev. J. H. Shakespeare is at Bexhill. Rev. Thomas Spurgeon is in Switzerland.

REV. R. J. CAMPBELL, B.A.

Mr. Campbell is staying at Freshwater, Isle of Wight, and continues to gain strength, although his convalescence is somewhat slow and painful. He is now able to walk with the aid of a stick a few yards at a time. Mr. Campbell's return to active ministry at Brighton before October is quite improbable. His people will receive him again with joy and heartfelt gatitude.

THE CONTENTED SPRAT.

Once upon a time, a little sprat lived in the deep, deep sea, and all day long he swam, and dived, and wagged his little tail, as happy as happy can be.

He took tea with the oysters, and lunch with the shrimps—and often on a fine summer's day he would go cycling with the periwinkles, or play tennis with the mermaids; indeed, he was considered the very best tennis player that ever swam under the waves, and that is just where the trouble began.

You must know that the whale was particularly proud of his tennis, and was also very much in love with a blue-eyed mermaid with sea-green hair, and he was very jealous of that sprat.

You never saw such a fine fellow as he was in his striped tennis-jacket, tanned shoes, and soft white hat, but the mermaid would have nothing to say to him, for she had lost her heart to the little sprat.

That made the whale very cross, but when the sprat knocked a tennis ball bang into his eye, that made him more cross still—and he said things which no well-behaved whale, in tanned shoes and a tennis-jacket, ought to have said.

"You miserable little shrimp," he cried.

"I beg your pardon—I am a sprat," was the polite answer.

"And shrimps are not miserable," added one of the shrimps, turning quite red with indignation.

The whale snorted.

"You insignificant pigmies ought to be taught your proper places. I cannot think how a mere sprat can behave with such absurd airs."

Then the sprat waggled his little tail merrily.

"Don't you worry your wise head about me, whaley," he laughed, "I am all right. I really do not want to be anything better than a sprat."

"Mermaid, surely you are not content with him," pleaded the whale, but the mermaid blushed and murmured that "He played such a beautiful love game."

"Let me play a love game with you instead," whispered the whale. "Do not throw yourself away on a common sprat."

Now just at that moment, a sailor man, sailing along in his boat, caught sight of the whale, and stuck a great harp on right into him.

"Jow! wow!! ch!!! I'm dead," cried the whale, and so he was, sure enough.

Then the sprat rubbed his nose with the tip of his tail.

"After all, it's best being a sprat," he remarked, gravely. "Yes, I'd much rather be a sprat. Come along, mermaid, and let us have a fresh game of tennis."

Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, Q.C., M.P., for North-West Durham, has taken Derwent Dene, Shotley Bridge, the residence of Mr J. V. Faber, the Danish Vice-Consul at Newcastle, and will come down with his family on September 1st to sojourn for a few weeks amongst his constituents.

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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

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

COMFORTS FOR TROOPS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—May I request you to be so good as to publish for the information of all interested, the list as under, of articles of clothing, &c., received since the publication of the previous one, for despatch to the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham L.I. now serving in South Africa. Permit me on the part of the regiments to add my thanks to the kind givers.—I am, &c.,

W. S. BRIDGE, Lieut. for Col. Commanding 5/68 Regt. Dist.

Newcastle-on-Tyne Aug. 24th 1900.

1 pair socks, 1 helmet, The Misses Waddilove, Firmont, Tunbridge; 18 pairs socks, 11 mufflers, 3 pairs cuffs, The Misses Moses, 15, Osborne Avenue; 5 suits pyjamas, 1 vest, 3 pairs socks, 9 pairs drawers, 6 vests, 1 pair stockings, Mrs. Northwanger, Deneholme, Clayton Road; 9 helmets, 1 pair socks, Mrs. Ord, Sedgefield; 1 case warm clothing, &c., Mrs. Stephens, Corbridge-on-Tyne.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING FOR CONSETT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—The Consett U.D.C. have under consideration the question of electric lighting for their district. Not the least important part of their duty will be to decide whether or not they, as the public authority, can, in the interests of their constituents, lay down plant to generate the current in a more efficient and satisfactory way than it can be done by private enterprise. It may therefore not be out of place to criticise some of the conditions and terms offered to them by the representatives of an Electric Supply Co., at a recent meeting, and reported in your columns last week.

Electricity generated for any purpose is the resultant of energy spent and work done. It may be muscular energy, as of horses; mechanical energy, as of the steam engine; or chemical energy, as in the battery. The Board of Trade unit (so frequently referred to) is a quantity known as one Kilo-watt of current supplied for one hour, or two Kilo-watts supplied for half-an-hour, or half a Kilo-watt supplied for two hours. Each Kilo-watt is equivalent to about one-and-a-third horse-power of mechanical energy. For this amount of current, plus the labour and other costs attending its generation and distribution, the representatives of the company ask fourpence when used for public purposes, and sixpence to private consumers, in addition to reserving to themselves the right to increase (I take it) either of these prices to sevenpence. Whether this is or is not 20 per cent. below the present price of gas, locally, it is certainly a very stiff price. If it actually is that much below the price of gas, then the sooner the latter is abandoned the better for the pockets of the ratepayers.

Everyone knows that the muscular energy of horses is very much dearer than the mechanical energy of steam, or of gas, or oil engines. It seems to me that the price asked could not be much more if the first of these were to be used. Assume the cost of keep of a horse to be 7/6 per week, that of 1⅓ horses will be 10/-. Suppose these to be worked 60 hours per week, and the wages of the driver to be 25/—25/- plus 10/- equals 35/-. Now 35/- divided by 60 would run the cost out to sevenpence per hour, or just the reserve maximum price retained by the company. No doubt the officers in charge of the old Roman stations in this district kept their chariots and charioteers quite as cheaply as this 17 or 18 hundred years ago. This is the eve of the 20th century, and we are practically asked to go back to a labour cost as available 2,000 years ago as it is to-day—that of horseflesh. Surely we have intelligence enough not to do that. For some years now gas and oil engines capable of doing work at a cost of a half-penny per horse-power per hour have been on the market.

Further, it is generally considered that neither of these classes of engines can do the work so cheaply as a steam-engine of good make and fairly large horse-power. Therefore, making full allowance for all losses in the power house, we may safely say that a Board of Trade unit of electrical energy can be generated at a cost of one penny. No doubt the cost of attendant labour, cables, lamps, leakages, maintenence, etc., makes up the heaviest part of the bill, but when we consider the enormous horse-power concentrated in modern power plants, and te few men necessary to attend the same, thus reducing the labour cost to a mere decimal point per unit of energy, I think we cannot but conclude that the prices asked from the Council are exceedingly stiff. I can see nothing to prevent the Council generating and utilising their own energy at a cost not exceeding threepence per unit, and I should say it will be a little gold-mine at that.

There is another feature in the company's offer to which I would like to direct attention. They desire to lay down plant and to operate same in their own interests for a period of ten years, at the end of which the Council may, if they choose, purchase the same at a valuation. In my opinion it would be unwise on the Council's part to do so. Even the best of machinery, after ten years' continuous and hard use such as lighting plant is put to, will be ready for a complete and costly overhaul. Commutators, bearings, etc., will be worn out; furnace tubes "pitted"—in fact, every part so much deteriorated that the Council in taking over the same would be making a pretty large investment in old metal, while the company would swoop away to some other embryo township, there to lay down all the latest improved machinery with the money turned over to them by the Consett U.D.C. That would be a very ingenious plan for the company, no doubt.

With your permission, sir, I will revert to this subject in a future communication, and make special reference to a cheap method of electrical generation for Consett and district.—Yours, etc.,

THOMAS TROTTER.

Blackhill, 27th August, 1900.

SATLEY.

Mr. J. W. Fawcett the popular writer on local history and other matter is preparing for the press a small volume entitled, "Historic Places in the Derwent Valley." It is a collection of a series of articles written for the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club and the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club, between 1890 and the present year, and among the places ably described therein are Blanchland Abbey, Muggleswick Monastic Grange, Ebchester Roman Camp, Friarside Chapel, Gibside Hall, Hollinside Old Manor House, etc., etc. It is intended to illustrate the volume. A series of articles from the pen of the same author, dealing with the life histories of the men of mark who have been born in the Derwent Valley, will be commenced in the pages of this journal under the title of "The Worthies of the Derwent Valley," shortly. On their completion they will be reprinted in volume form. These volumes, the first of a series dealing with local history, biography, etc., will be issued under the auspices of the Vale of Derwent and Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Clubs.

GREENHEAD.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE PARISH CHURCH.—The foundation stone of the enlargement of Greenhead Parish Church was laid, in the presence of a large company, on Saturday afternoon. The work comprises a chancel and organ chamber, at a cost of £1,800, which Mr. Edward Joicey, Blenkinsopp Hall, has undertaken to erect in memory of his father. There will also be a new roof, wood block paving, wooden spire and archway over the west tower, and window, costing £1,000, which will be defrayed by the parishioners. The ceremony, which took place under favourable auspices, was performed by Mrs. Edward Joicey, and an address was given by the Archdeacon of Northumberland (the Rev. Geo Hans Hamilton, D.D.). The Rev. J. T. Anderton, on behalf of the members of the congregation, presented Mrs. Joicey with a handsome silver trowel, suitably inscribed. A collection was taken at the close of the service. Tea was afterwards served in the schools, the tables being presided over by the ladies of the congregation.

AUCTION MARTS

THE BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART CO. LTD.—Monday's supply consisted of 16 fat cattle, 205 fat shep and lambs, 4 calves, 1 fat pig, 2 horses, 2 traps, 100 hens, 20 cockerels, 10 ducks, etc. The number were shorter than usual. There was a large company of buyers, and Mr. J. Green, auctioneer, speedily got through his work. Prices:—Fat cattle up to £16 10s, top Mr P. Brown, Medomsley Edge; also, £15 12s 6d, from Kipper Lynn. Young sheep up to 44s 6d, top Wittonstall Hall; also, Mosswood, 44s; Fotheriey, 44s 6d; black-faced wethers to 35s, top Mr J. Angus, Healeyfield; lambs, Highfield, 34s, and Kipper Lynn, 30s. Calves to 30s. Pork pigs to 45s. Horses to £8. Young ducks to 2s 6d, and hens, 1s 2d each.

TOW LAW.—Mr. Vickers ad forward on Monday 46 dairy cows and heifers, 6 fat cattle, 30 calves, 100 fat sheep and lambs. Calved heifers, £13 to £14 17s 6d; calved cows £15 15s to £22; incalving heifers £12 10s to £15 10s; incalving cows £14 to £21 10s; fat cattle to £15 10s; calves to 35s each. Fat sheep, 35s 3d from Mr J. Miller, Witton Park; 29s, from Mr M. Button, Wooley Farm; 32s, from Mr C. Proud, Shipley; 36s, from Mr J. Stephenson, Bedburn; 29s 6d, from Mr G. Raine, Golden Land; 30s, from Mr T. Greenwell, Bishopby; 30s, from Mr W. Angus, Burnley Row; fat lambs, 32s, from Mr W. Vickers, Eastgate; 27s 3d, from Mr T. Greenwell; 25s, from Mr T. Morrell, Standalone; 27s 6d from Mr M. Button; 23s 3d, from Mr W. Angus; 22s, from Mr J. Stephenson. A good demand for all classes, and a complete clearance effected.

CHESTER-LE-STREET. — At his usual fortnightly sale on Monday at Mr James Turnbull had forward 30 fat cattle, 90 fat sheep, 40 fat lambs, 1 veal calf, 15 new calved cows, 40 young pigs, etc. Trade was good throughout, and a total clerance was erected. Cows were fully £1 per head above last fortnight's prices, and both cattle and sheep met a good trade at market prices. Milk cows made up to £22, for a grand cow from Mr Harrison, of Ponteland; others brought fom £17 15s to £21. Heifers from Salvin, Burn Hall, £17 7s 6d to £15 17s 6d; from Ravensworth £14 17s 6d to £15 12s 6d. Bullocks from £10 15s to £15, from Hopper Langley Moor; Shepperd, Arbour House, £10 15s. Heifers, £10 5s to £11 10s, Upper Houses. Cows, Hudson, Langley, £17 19s; Lawson, Low Cocken, £17 2s 6d. Sheep: From Sir Lindsay Wood, The Hermitage, shearlings, from 42s 6d to 50s 6d; Brewis, Waldrige, 4s 6d to 50s 6d; Earl's House Industrial School, 33s; ewes from the Earl of Durham, 34s 6d to 38s; Liddell, Urpeth, 35s to 38s; Brewis, 50s 6d; Birtley Iron Company, 37s 6d to 47s. Lambs: Salvin, Burn Hall, 25s 6d to 25s 6d; Earl of Durham, 28s 6d; Thornton Tribley, 29s; Turnbull, Hedley West House, 31s 6d to 35s 6d. Calf, 50s. Pigs, 13s 6d to 28s. Next sale Sept. 10th.

WEARDALE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The annual show of the Weardale Agricultural Society was held on Saturday at St. John's Chapel. The entry of stock, etc., was a record one, and the quality all round excellent. Sir Joseph Pease, Bart., M.P., occupied the chair at the luncheon. There were also present Miss Pease, Miss Pease (Pendower), Rev. R. Shepherd, Mr. R. Watson, Mr. H. Featherstone, Mr. Vickers (Tow Law), Mr. W. Cochrane, Mr. J. Spark, Mr. Pentland, and Mr. John Watson (secretary). The Chairman, in submitting the toast of the Queen and other members of the Royal family, referred to the loyalty of England. England had always been loyal, and never more loyal than at the present moment. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Vickers, Tow Law, gave the "Army and Navy," paying a glowing tribute to the deeds of our soldiers and sailors.—Mr. J. T. Carr responded.—Mr. H. Featherstone gave the "House of Commons," to which Sir Joseph Pease briefly responded. He did not think farmers could benefit much by legislation. If a man was farming land and it did not pay the best thing was to give it up. A friend of his had been giving some advice to some young men, telling them that football was all very well, but threshing a stack was splendid exercise. (Laughter.)—Mr. R. Watson gave "Success to the Weardale Show," and "The Judges."—Mr. Ridley responded.

PRIZE LIST.

CATTLE.

Shorthorned: Bull, above 2 years—1, T. Robinson, Stanhope; 2, J. Fryer; Howden-le-Wear. Bull, above 1 year—1, G. H. Proctor, Durham; 2, J. Fryer. Bull calf, under 12 months—1, W. Vickers, Eastgate; 2, J. Fryer. Cow, above 3 years, in milk or calf—1, G. H. Proctor; 2, J. Fryer. Dairy cow, in milk or calf—1, J. Waugh, Weardale; 2, T. Lowes, Weardale. Two-year-old heifer—1, J. Fryer; 2, G. H. Proctor. One-year-old heifer—1, G. H. Proctor; 2, J. Fryer. Heifer calf, under 12 months—1, J. Fryer; 2, G. H. Proctor.

DALES PONIES.

For agricultural purposes: Pony, not exceeding 15 hands—1, J. Roddam, Rookhope; 2, J. Gargett, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Pony, not exceeding 14½ hands—1, J. J. Dent, Eastgate; 2, J. L. Forster, West Allen. Pony, not exceeding 14 hands—1, J. Forster, Whitfield; 2, J. J. Dent, Eastgate. Brood mare, with foal at foot at the time of show—1, T. W. Beadle, Mickleton; 2, J. J. Jackson, Alston. Gelding or filly, 2 years old—1, N. Roddam, Eastgate; 2, J. W. Peart, Cowshill. Gelding or filly, 1 year old—1, J. J. Dent; 2, J. Peart, Burnhope. Foal, colt or filly—1, J. Glendenning, Allendale; 2, T. W. Beadle; 3, Messrs. Deighton, Westgate.

DRIVING.

Horse or mare, 15 hands, suitable for agricultural purposes—1, G. Dowson, Woodland; 2, J. Wilson, Sunderland. Cob, not exceeding 14½ hands—1, J. Askwith, Crook; 2, J. Humble, Burtreeford, Weardale. Pony, horse, or mare, 4 years old—1, J. Askwith; 2, J. Humble.

SHEEP.

Leicester: Tup lamb—1, W. Featherstone, Whitestones, Ireshopeburn; 2, J. Coulthard, Daddyshield. Pen of 2 gimmer lambs—1, J. Coulthard; 2, W. Rippon, Eastgate. Black-faced or moor: Tup, above 2 years—1, J. Vickers, Tow Law; 2, E. Peart, Benthead. Shearling tup—1, Messrs J. and J. Lowdon, Whitelee, Blanchland; 2, J. Emerson, Hasgate, Eastgate. Pen of 2 ewes, having reared lambs this season—1 and 2, J. Vickers. Tup lamb—1, J. W. Stephenson, Nookton, Blanchland; 2, J. Vickers. Pen of 2, shearling gimmers—1 and 2, J. Vickers. Pen of 2 gimmer lambs—1, J. W. Stephenson; 2, T. Stephenson, Ambling Gate, Eastgate.

DISTRICT CLASSES.

Cattle, short-horned: Bull, above 1 year old—1, J. Nattrass, Fieldhead, Westgate; 2, T. Walton, Wearhead. Bull calf—1, F. Peart, Wearhead; 2, W. Emmerson, Brotherlee, Westgate. Dairy cow, in milk or calf—1 J. Waugh, Allerclough; 2, T. Lowes, Daddryshield. Cow, in milk or calf—1, F. Peart; 2, J. F. Featherstone, Burnhope. Heifer, 2 years old—1, J. Allinson, Middlerigg, Wearhead; 2, J. Coulthard. Heifer, 1 year old—1, T. Rutherford, Burnhope; 2, J. Coulthard; 3, W. Emmerson. Heifer calf, under 12 months—1, F. Peart; 2, T. Featherstone, East Blackdene, St. John's Chapel. Heifer calf, under 6 months—1, J. F. Featherstone; 2, J. Maddison, Sidehead, Daddryshield. Sheep, black-faced or moor: Tup, above 2 years old—1, E. Peart, Benthead; 2, R. Rowel, Burnhope. Shearling tup—1, J. Peart; 2, T. Milburn, Cleugh House, Weardale. Pen of 3 shearling gimmers—1, S. Maddison, Chapel Pasture, St. John's Chapel; 2, T. Walton, Wearhead. Pen of 3 gimmer lambs—1, S. Maddison. Best family of blackfaced-sheep, dipped with Bainbridge's dip—1 and 2, S. Maddison. Polled cow, in milk or calf—1, F. Peart; 2, J. Graham, Sedling, Wearhead. Bull calf, under 6 months—1, J. Raine, Crook's Altar, Westgate.

The chief prize winners in the butter, eggs, etc., classes were Miss Lowton, Blanchland; Miss Urwin, Wolsingham; M. [illegible], Allenheads; Mrs T. Emmerson Daddryshields. In the poultry and rabbit classes the premier awards were obtained by R. Chapman, Frosterley; J. Bell, Alston; J. Glendinning, Allendale; T. Reed, Rookhope; Coulthard and Watson, Daddryshields; A. E. Herman, Alston; G. H. Proctor, Durham; J. and T. Currah; H. Crooks, Eggleston; J. Dobson, East Blackdene; J. Bird, J. W. Egglestone, Huntshieldford; T. Emmerson, Daddryshields; B. Sparke, Frosterley; G. and W. Lowes, St. John's Chapel; T. Proud, Frosterley; J. A. Hewson, York; J. J. Bright, Stanhope; J. Thompson, St. John's Chapel; Walton and Waller, Shildon; W. Featherstone, Whitestones.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A TRADESMAN.—Mr. Geo. Smith, tailor, a well-known and highly respected Chester-le-Street tradesman, died there on Sunday forenoon with appalling suddenness. Deceased was never a strong man, nor of robust health, although his state was not such as to cause any alarm to his family and friends. At his own house in West Lane he became suddenly ill, and died in a few minutes. Mr. Smith was a native of Chester-le-Street, and succeeded to his father's business, which he conducted with success. He was an able and acceptable preacher and lecturer in the Wesleyan community, and was generally held in high esteem for his genial nature and Christian qualities. He was 52 years of age, and leaves a widow and upgrown family.

Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club.

Visit to Ushaw College.

Wednesday, the 15th day of August last, was a memorable day in the history of the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society. By the gracious permission of His Lordship the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, arrangements were made by the Society to visit th celebrated College of St. Cuthbert's, of Ushaw. On its becoming known to the district that the doors of this northern seat of learning would be thrown open to the Society, the liveliest interst was manifested, both by members and friends, to participate in the privilege of inspecting its many interesting features. This zest for visiting Ushaw was considerably sharpened by the fact that the Society had secured the invaluable services of the Rev. Father Magill, the esteemed and scholarly pastor of the Brooms, and of his able co-adjutor, the Rev. Father Rickaby, to act as cicerones to the party, and to whom the brilliant success of the day is principally due. Blackhill Station presented a very animated and holiday-like appearance as the members and friends of the Society trooped on to the platform—indeed, a stranger might well have been excused for thinking the North-Eastern Railway were running a popular excursion to some fashionable sea-side resort. Much regret was expressed by the party on learning that their secretary, owing to business pressure, would not arrive until a late hour. The following list comprises the ladies and gentlemen who journeyed to Ushaw:—Rev. Father Magill, Brooms; Rev. Father Rickaby, Brooms; Coun. E. Sloane, Blackhill; Dr. Sloane, Blackhill; Mr. James Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Annfield Plain; Mr. and Mrs. John McCann, Blackhill; Mrs. E. A. Mitchell, Blackhill; Mrs. E. Twivey, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Ed. Wardhaugh, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Thos. Lovatt, Blackhill; Mrs. T. Gaughan (and friend), Blackhill; Mrs. James Inglis, Blackhill; Mrs. John Marshall, Blackhill; Mrs. Eliz. Reed, Backworth, Northumberland; Miss Ada Ayton, Blackhill; Miss Annie Ayton, Blackhill; Mrs. F. Armstrong, Blackhill; Mrs. Best (and friend), Consett; Mr. and Mrs. S. Leybourne, Blackhill; Miss Leybourne, Blackhill; Master Sydney Leybourne, Blackhill; Miss P. Craighill, Keswick; Mr. M. Lowdon, Consett; Mr. R. Frankland, Consett; Mr. Ed. Huntley, Consett; Mrs. W. Crowe, Grangetown; Mrs. Douglas, Normanby; Miss Phillipson (and friend), Blackhill; Miss Annie Dixon, Broad Oak; Miss Hannah Dixon, The Hollings; Mrs. Cockburn, Southport; Mr. Stephen Haggard, Consett; Mr. W. T. Eltringham Blackhill; Mr. James Ward, Blackhill; Miss Trotter, Blackhill; Miss Heymer, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Heymer, Blackhill; Mr. James Forkin, Consett; Miss E. Lee, Leadgate; Mr. G. T. Wilson, Blackhill; Miss Swainston, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. John Osman, Dipton; Mr. and Mrs. McCabe, Leadgate; Mrs. J. McGucken, Consett; Mr. Jabez Swindale, Blackhill; Mrs. Donaghy, Leadgate; Miss A. Donaghy, Leadgate; Miss L. Donaghy, Leadgate; Miss M. S. Stoner, Leadgate; Mr. Thos Linskey, Consett; Miss Healey, Leadgate; Mr. Whitehead, Blackhill; Mrs. Hewston, Greencroft; Miss Hewston, Greencroft; Mr. J. Matthews, Leadgate; Mr. P. Matthews, Leadgate; Miss Hughes, Leadgate; Mr. W. McGuinness, Blackhill; Mrs. A. Nichol, Blackhill; Miss M. A. Cassidy, Blackhill; Miss A. Dobson, Blackhill; Miss W. Dobson, Blackhill; Miss E. Dobson, Blackhill; Mr. M. Donohoe, Consett; Mr. B. Young, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Clayton, Consett; Mr. James Brown, Leadgate; Mr. Stoner, Leadgate; Miss Slane, Leadgate; Mr. T. Reddington, Blackhill; Mr. T. Campbell, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. J. McNally, Blackhill; Mr. P. Walls, Blackhill; Mrs. Muldoon, Blackhill; Miss Errington, Blackhill; Miss M. McCurley, Leadgate; Mrs. Hughes, Leadgate; Mr. J. O'Connor, Consett; and Mr. H. Goudie, Consett.

Again favoured by fine weather, the party on its arrival at Witton Gilbert Station, walked at an easy pace up the hill, and through the woods and fields to the point of its destination. These woods, it may be mentioned, up to recent years were visited by many birds now rarely seen in these parts. On entering the grounds of the College by the main front entrance, the members and friends were greatly impressed and delighted on beholding the imposing magnificence of the pile of buildings before them. Here they were met by the Rev. Father Magill and the Rev. Father Rickaby, who heartily welcomed the large concourse of friends to their beloved Ushaw. After a few remarks from Father Magill the company were led into the spacious and handsomely decorated Exhibition Hall, from the platform of which, the aforesaid reverend gentleman, delivered a most brilliant and historical paper on the College of St. Cuthbert, and which was listened to with breathless interest and attention. Just prior to the delivery of his paper, Father Magill told his pleased hearers that no controversial questions would be entered upon, as they were met on a broad platform, and were there that day, with the intention of spending a happy hour or two for mutual improvement and pleasure. The lecture, which we print below, was dealt with in a most exhaustive and masterly manner, and evoked many rounds of applause from a delighted audience. A pleasing and interesting feature in the course of the lecture was the reference to the fact that the genial secretary of the Society was a connection of the celebrated Bishop Leybourne, outburst of enthusiasm.

INTERESTING PAPER BY THE REV. FATHER MAGILL, OF THE BROOMS.

Ladies and gentlemen,—Before we begin our tour of the College of St. Cuthbert's, Ushaw, it will add interest to our visit to recall the origin and history of this great institution. When Elizabeth came to the throne of these realms in 1558 she found the Church re-united to Rome. The acts of the Royal Supremacy and Uniformity of Worship in the following year, however, closed the Universities to Catholics—and time soon did its work in thinning out the old Marian clergy, who refused to conform. Then it was that a Lancashire man—William Allen, afterwards Cardinal Allen—arose to provide education for the Recusants. Born in 1532 in the Fylde district of Lancashire, at 15 years of age he entered Oriel College, Oxford. In 1556 he was appointed principal of St. Mary's Hall, and a Proctor of the University. When Elizabeth succeeded to the throne and the religious tests came in, he retired to Louvain, and 1565 was ordained priest at Mechlin, and two years afterwards visited Rome. In 1585, in conjunction with Dr. Vendeville, professor of the University of Douay, and Morgan Phillips, formerly his tutor at Oxford, he founded a college at Douay, a town in the Flemish province of Artois, connected with the local university, for the training of priests for the English Mission, and the education of young Catholic Englishmen. Doctors, graduates, and students from Oxford and Cambridge soon flocked in, and were joined by refugees from abroad. The English house of studies was soon approved of by the Pope as an ecclesiastical seminary, and constituted as a pontifical college.

DOUAY.

In the first twelve years of its existence more than one hundred priests were sent forth from its walls into England. Douay was in the Spanish Netherlands, and the people were hostile to Philip II. on account of the tyrannical government of the Duke of Alva. The English students were looked upon as partisans of Spain, and after many petty annoyances for about two years, the order was at last given in 1578 for the English to leave the town. Accordingly the college removed to Rheims, and attached itself to the University there. For fifteen years the college flourished at Rheims, protected and aided by the Pope and by Philip.

A few months after the removal to Rheims, there died on the scaffold in England the Blessed Cuthbert Mayne, the first of the Douay martyrs. From Blessed Cuthbert Mayne, who suffered in 1577, to Thomas Thring, executed at York in 1680, one hundred and sixty children of the glorious old College are known to have suffered martyrdom for the Catholic Faith.

You may ask how and why did this come to pass. The historian Green shall tell you: "The few priests who landed from Douay were multiplied into an army of Papal emissaries, despatched to sow treason and revolt throughout the land. The Parliament, which had now, through the working of the Test Act become a wholly Protestant body, save for the presence of a few Catholics among the Peers, was summoned to meet the new danger, and declared the landing of the priests and the harbouring of them to be treason." ("Short History of the English People," p. 401.)

The Douay Bible, the standard English version, recognised by Catholics, owes its origin to the College at this period. The translation from the Latin Vulgate—compared with the Greek and Hebrew texts—was made chiefly by Gregory Martin, the rest of the work being undertaken by Allen, Bristow, Reynolds, and Worthington. In 1582 the New Testament was published at Rheims; the Old Testament at Douay twenty-seven years later. In 1585 Dr. Allen was created Cardinal Priest with the title of S. Martinus in Montibus. He never returned to the College, but died in Rome at the age of 62—in the year 1594. In 1593 a return was made to Douay, and here the College remained fruitful in religion and learning for two centuries.

Among her presidents were Dr. Leybourne and his nephew, John Leybourne, the latter one of the most accomplished scholars that Douay ever produced, and a man of great virtue and administrative ability, so much so that after his presidency (he resigned in 1617), whilst visiting Rome in company with his friend Cardinal Howard, Innocent XI. made him Bishop, giving him jurisdiction over all England. When he reached London he was received most cordially by James II., appartments were assigned to him in the royal palace of Whitehall, and a pension of £1000 settled on him. "He vainly endeavoured to modearte the indiscreet zeal by which James II. tried to advance the Catholic cause. When the revolution broke out Leybourne was sent to the Tower, where he suffered two years' imprisonment, but his blameless life secured him release and permission to live in England." (Maziere Brady—"The Episcopal Succession.") These Leybournes belonged to a good Northern family whose ancestral home was situated about two miles west of Kendal at the Manor of Cunswick, and it will be of interest to you to know that your good and active secretary claims kinship with them.

In 1710 the fortress-town of Douay was captured by Marlborough from the French, who had held it since 1677. The English general gave the students a free pass out of the town, to save them from injury at the hands of their own countrymen. Again, after the battle of Fontenoy, in 1745 a number of English prisoners were lodged in Douay, where the priests of the College won the gratitude even of the ruthless Duke of Cumberland by their kind services to the captive soldiers, whom they visited in order primarily to minister to the spiritual needs of the Catholics among them.

In 1790 the Rev. Thomas Eyre refused to accept the presidency, and the Rev. John Daniel was chosen in his stead. He was the last of the line of Douay presidents. To mention all the children who brought glory to their Alma Mater would be beyond my scope. Prominent among her thirty-three Bishops and Prelates are the great Cardinal Allen and Stapleton, Chaloner and Miller, dauntless champions. Men of learning and talent made her name famous throughout the lands—Robert Southwell, the martyr-poet; Alban Butler, the hagiologist; and Hawarden, great teacher. In later times the learned Chas. Butler, and Daniel O'Connell, Ireland's greatest patriot; and, almost in our own days, the immortal Lingard.

On the outbreak of the French Revolution and the declaration of war against Great Britain, the students were turned out of the town and the college dissolved (1793), but not before some ingenious youths had found means to conceal much of the College plate. In 1863 Mgr. Searle was allowed by Napoleon III. to make excavations for the treasure, which had been lying buried for seventy years in the class-room of Low Figures, with the result that a quantity of silver was discovered, which was divided between Ushaw, Old Hall, and Oscott.

About a hundred students had already made their escape; those that remained, the president and forty of his subjects, were marched off to prison. Some 15 more escaped from the citadel of Doulens in the night time by means of ropes; the rest were kept prisoners until February 25th, 1795, when they obtained permission to return to England. Amongst these were the Procurator, the Rev. Thos. Smith, afterwards Bishop of the Northern district, who was born at Brooms, 1763, and lies buried at Ushaw. The old English College, formerly the finest building in the town, was bought by the French Government in 1834, to serve as a military barracks. To this use it is now turned, still retaining the name of the "Grands Anglais," by which it was known among the townsfolk before its dissolution.

Mr. Daniel, as President of the suppressed College of Douay, in 1814-15, claimed compensation from the French exchequer for the property wrongfully confiscated in 1793, and an indemnity was placed in the hands of the English Government to be paid to him. The sum, however, on the plea that it was to be devoted to "superstitious uses," was appropriated to pay the debts of royal extravagance. As Father John Morris, S.J., very rightly observes, "It is hard to see how our Government could justify its acceptance of money that belonged to its Catholic subjects, if it had conscientious scruples in giving the money to its owners."

PONTOP HALL.

Those who escaped at the capture and suppression of the college at Douay made their way as speedily as possible to England, and such as felt themselves called to become priests applied for help to Bishop Douglass, of the London District and Bishop Gibson, of the Northern. The first-comers were kindly received by the former, who accommodated as many as he could at Old Hall Green, a lay school under the management of a Douay priest, Mr. Potier. But when more presented themselves he was unable to assist them. Accordingly the Northern students among them turned to their own Bishop, and were by him lodged at Tudhoe, near Durham, with the Rev. Mr. Storey, who then conducted an academy similar to that at Old Hall. These young aspirants, five in number, were shortly joined by a sixth, and the Rev. John Lingard (the historian) was set in authority over them. Six months later the little company of ecclesiastical students under Lingard received orders to leave Mr Storey and his boys at Tudhoe, and repair to Pontop Hall, where the Rev. Thos. Eyre was the priest in charge. At Pontop Hall Father Lickonby, S.J., was chaplain to the Swinburnes as early as 1748, and there an old-fashioned congregation of Catholics met for fifty years and more in an "upper room," where the altar rails may be seen to this day. The suppression of the Jesuits in 1773 had placed the mission in the hands of seculars. (Restored in 1814 by Pius VII.)

CROOK HALL.

But this was only intended to be a halting-place, for in a few weeks Mr. Eyre, appointed their temporary president, led them to Crook Hall, where they formally established their college on October 15th, 1794. Here they were to remain fourteen years, until a new and more lasting home could be provided for them. The Hall which was probably built in 1716, had been procured only a few weeks previously from Mr. Geo. Baker, of Elemore, near Durham, the possession of whose family the estate had been since 1640. The building was a plain rectangular block, built of stone in somewhat severe style, consisting of two stories and attic above, and with a small garden round two of its sides. The life at Crook Hall was as far as possible conformed to that of Douay, and the course of studies similar. John Lingard acted as Vice-President, Prefect of Studies, Professor of Rhetoric, and Poetry, as well as Procurator. Father Eyre and Lingard seem also to have divided between them the spiritual care of the old mission at Pontop, for in the copy I possess of the baptismal registry, their names appear during the period from 1796 to 1803. Thos. Lingard baptised Dorothy Liddell, of Greencroft, in 1797; Mary Munson, of Brooms, in 1798; James Rippon, of Low Brooms in 1800; William Pearson, at Long Burn, in 1803; and others. Father Eyre would seem to have been made Vicar-General in 1801, since he signs himself Vic. Gen. for the first time at the baptism of Mary Smith, of Bushblades, in that year. The French Emigres priests seem also to have lent some help, for in 1797 there is an entry of the baptism of Joseph Robson, of Shield Row, signed Durand, doubtless one of the sixteen who found refuge at Brooms from 1794—1802. Lingard's first historical efforts at this time are thus referred to by Tierney in his memoir:—"In the evenings, when each according to his ability was ready to bring his contribution of amusement, they (the students and professors of Crook Hall) not unfrequently assembled for the reading of some original paper, produced by the industry of one or other of their body. For the amusement of his companions, he (Dr. Lingard) embodied his thoughts on the subject of the ecclesiastical history of his country in a series of detached papers which were read by him to his friends at the evening fireside. As the reader advanced, the interest of his audience grew more intense. The extent of his reading, and the depth of his research struck them at once with surprise and admiration; and when at length the series drew to a close they united with one accord in urging him to mould the detached parts into a regular form, and publish them as a connected history." This is how we come to be possessed of his valuable work, the "Antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon Church." Lancashire the Catholic county, showed its prowess by meeting all comers in the games, especially at "Cat," then as now the characteristic game of the College. The playing-ground attached to the Hall was not extensive and so we find the authorities renting a small field adjoining from William Parker, the occupying farmer, to enable them to play at "cat" and football. Skating was obtained on the Derwent at Ebchester. A curious transaction connecting Crook Hall by legitimate succession with the past took place in June, 1795 (You will remember that the Douay prisoners were only released in February.) Mr. Daniel, the last rector of Douay, arrived at Crook Hall, as Dr. Lingard states, in company with Bishop Gibson. "The next day Mr. Eyre resigned, and Mr. Daniel was installed President and Mr. Eyre Vice-president. Before the end of the Octave, Dr. Stapleton, then President of Old Hall, arrived. He was closeted with Mr. Daniel for hours and the next day Mr. Daniel resigned the Presidentship." The incident supplies the link which connects the lines of rulers of Douay and Ushaw into one unbroken line from Wm. Allen to His Lordship, the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, now happily guiding the destinies of the college.

USHAW.

The idea of one college to take the place of Douay exercised the minds of the clergy and gentry. Projects were discussed and sites examined, but the southern Vicariate practically settled the matter by laying the foundation stone of a college for the south at Old Hall in 1795. The northern students were fast outgrowing their accommodation at Crook Hall, when at length the Ushaw estate, near Esh, was secured from the Smythes, through their agent, Mr. Holdforth, in 1799. Mr. Taylor, a London architect, was entrusted with furnishing designs for the new college, and the first stone of the central block, 180 feet by 230, enclosing a large open court surrounded by corridors, was laid in 1805. There is no record of large bequests, and the cost of the buildings had to be met chiefly by collections from the various missions in the six northern counties. The work went on, however, and was so far advanced in 1808 that on July the 9th the President sent the first body of students to take possession of their new Alma Mater. The carved head of St. Vincent de Paul—whose feast falls on this date—supporting the label on the inside of the west window of the new church, reminds the students of this event in the history of their college.

Even in its unfinished state the new College was capable of containing a hundred students. The west wing was only completed in 1819, giving accommodation to forty more students. Meanwhile the Rev. Thos Eyre died in 1810, and was succeeded by Dr. John Gillow. Lingard had left Ushaw for Hornby, there to complete his monumental work, "The History of England." Dr. Gillow dying in 1828 was succeeded as president by Dr. Youens. Then came Dr. John Briggs—soon made Bishop—and finally Rev. Charles Newsham, the second founder of Ushaw, on May 24th, 1837. It was soon evident that a new era had commenced. The teaching staff was largely increased, and the college affiliated to the London University in 1840. Contributions were raised for improving the college and new buildings commenced to spring up on all sides. Dr. Newsham encouraged the practice of public speaking and the study of music, and in order to cultivate in others a correct taste he wrote Masses and Benediction pieces, which Gounod, it is said, declared to be among the best examples of modern ecclesiastical music.

These were stirring times for Catholics. O'Connell in 1829 had forced Catholic emancipation from an unwilling Parliament, and the life-blood began again to circulate in the church in this land. The late Cardinal Newman has given us, from an outside point of view, a touching and graphic picture of English Catholics as they appeared in the early years of the century "to a boy's curious eyes." "No longer the Catholic Church in the country; nay, no longer a Catholic community, but a few adherents of the old religion moving silently and sorrowfully about as memorials of what had been. The Roman Catholics— not a sect, not even an interest, as men conceived of it—not a body, however small, representative of the great communion abroad, but a mere handful of individuals, who might be counted like the pebbles and detritus of the great deluge; and who forsooth, merely happened to retain a creed, which in its day, indeed was the creed of the Church." (Occasional Sermons, p. 172.) But those times were past. Irish and English Catholics were seated in Parliament and were making their claims and rights known to the Government and the people of the land. An active and intelligent Catholic press had come into existence. The "Dublin Review" was founded by Dr. Wiseman and O'Connell in 1836; the "London and Dublin Weekly Orthodox Journal" in 1837; the "Catholic Magazine" the same year. In 1840 Frederick Lucas, brother-in-law to John Bright, established the "Tablet" newspaper. All these upheld the Catholic cause, brought a knowledge of Catholic teaching to the minds of Englishmen, and dispelled prejudice. The prime mover of the new movement was Dr. Wiseman, himself an Ushaw man. Born in Spain of a Waterford family, he came to Ushaw when very young, and remained there until he proceeded to the English College in Rome. As Rector of the English College he threw himself with energy into the work of raising the Church of England. He was not only a learned theologian, but was everywhere recognised as one of the foremost Oriental scholars of the day. Concurrently with writing thoughtful and acute criticisms on the Oxford monument, which he watched and followed with keen interest, Dr. Wiseman delivered in 1835 a series of controversial lectures at the Church of St. Mary's Moorfields, in which he expounded the doctrines of the Catholic Faith, causing no small sensation throughout the country. Wiseman's article in the "Dublin Review" on the Donatists first disclosed to Newman the weak point in the theory set forth in the Via Media. This was in 1838, and in 1845 Newman made his submission to the Church. The Catholic Hierarchy was re-established by Pius IX. in 1850, and Wiseman created a Cardinal. Another strongly marked individual has stamped his mark on the period, and on Ushaw. Welby Pugin, the famous reviver in England of Christian Art and of Gothic architecture, if not a Catholic born, did not belong to the Tractarian School, but was drawn to the Catholic Church by a profound and loving study of the noble Cathedrals and abbeys built by our Catholic forefathers. Ushaw received him with enthusiasm, and from his designs was erected the beautiful church that once stood on the site of the present church, and is now largely incorporated with it. This was in 1844. In 1846 he raised and improved the refectory. The chapels of St. Joseph and the Holy Family were built in 1852; while to his son Edward W. Pugin, we owe the laundry and laboratory in 1854, the professor's dining-room in 1855; the infirmary and museum in 1856; the Junior College in 1857; St. Charles's Chapel and St. Michael's in 1858; as well as the new kitchens, the exhibition hall, the library and study place in 1849. The lavatories (1854) were the work of Messrs. Joseph and Chas. Hansome. All these additions in the best style of Gothic architecture, were effected during the glorious presidency of Dr. Newsham who after celebrating the jubilee of his own entrance into college in 1853 and the jubilee of Ushaw in 1858, passed quietly away in 1863 in the 26th year of his rule. He lies buried in St. Michael's chapel at the feet of Dr Gibson. In connection with the College Jubilee it may be mentioned that a yew-tree was planted by Dr. Newsham in the west avenue to commemorate the event. It was a cherished tradition among the Ushaw students that the name of their college was connected with the yew and that Ushaw was a corruption of the yew-shaw or hill. In confirmation of this they pointed conclusively to an aged yew that stood until a few years ago in the bounds of the Junior House. Though antiquarian research has demonstrated to its own satisfaction that Ulf-shaw—Wolf's Hill—is the real origin of the name, we old boys cling to the tradition of our youth. With the exception of the present Church (1882-4), the swimming-bath (1893), the enlargement of the refectory (1872), and of the Exhibition Hall (1893), and the raising of the west side of the quadrangle, no new work has been undertaken since the death of Dr. Newsham. Much has been done of late for the comfort and amusement of the students, but Dr. Newsham left behind him all the essentials for a great college. Dr. Robt. Tate, a fine scholar, succeeded to the presidency, and dying in 1876, Dr. Francis Wilkinson took his place. The great hopes centred in him were doomed to disappointment for he died in London the following year from an attack of typhoid. Dr. Chadwick, the dearly-beloved Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, and himself a devoted son of Ushaw, then took up his residence at the college as president, but finding the double work too much for him, he retired the following year (1878), and Dr. Wrennall succeeded as eighth president. With untiring energy he pushed forward the building of the new church. Dr. Wrennall resigned in 1885, and after a few months of the Presidency of Canon Dunderdale, who also resigned, Dr. Lennon took up the office for four-and-a-half years. On his resignation in 1890, the Right Rev. Thomas W. Wilkinson, Bishop of the diocese, took over the government of the college. Under his wise guidance the old college has advanced in prosperity with every succeeding year. Among her sons Ushaw counts six Archbishops—including two Cardinals—twenty-four bishops, a host of priests and loyal Catholic laymen, who have taken no unworthy part in building up the Church of God in this kingdom.

"Not words, but deeds mark Ushaw's sons."

Let me explain in conclusion that this paper claims no originality. It is but a compilation from the Rev. Robt. Laing's "Centenary Memorial," Canon Gillow's "Chapels of Ushaw"—worked up with a few notes from Maziere Brady's "Episcopal Succession," and Purcell's "Life of Manning."

TOUR ROUND COLLEGE AND GROUNDS.

At the close of this intensely interesting lecture Father Magill received a perfect ovation from a delighted audience. The company were now divided into two groups, and were taken in charge by Father Magill and Father Rickaby. Want of space will not allow of our describing in detail the many handsome rooms visited, the noble works of art, and magnificent statuary, all of which were fully described and explained by Father Magill and Father Rickaby, while on the other hand the perfect statuary, the artistic carvings and the wealth of paintings commanded the great interest and highest admiration from the visitors. In the reception room, which adjoins the entrance hall, was seen under a glass case, the Cardinal's hat of the well-beloved Cardinial Wiseman, and amongst the many beautiful paintings which adorn this room were two exquisite portraits by one of the old masters. On their way to the library Father Magill pointed out the portrait of the celebrated Dr. Lingard, the writer of "The History and Antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon Church," which was written during his stay at Crook Hall, and a portrait of Father Wilkinson, the founder of Ushaw Library, and who died at the college on December 30th, 1857, at the great age of 95. We were informed that Father Wilkinson was priest at Kendal for over 60 years, and retired to Ushaw in 1853. His sucessor, Father Thomas Gibson, died in 1825, so that those two priests ministered to the spiritual welfare of the good people of Kendal for upwards of one hundred years. The library contains over fifty thousand books, and is a magnificent room, 120 feet long and 30 feet wide. In the centre of the beautiful stained-glass window is the figure of St. Thomas, of Canterbury, and below is a representation of the armorial bearings of Father Wilkinson, together with portraits of the heads of twelve patron saints of learning. The eye is bewildered with the vast collection of books arranged in handsome oak and cedar cases down each side of the room. All viewed with much appreciation the case in the centre of the room, in which are exhibited some very old and interesting manuscripts, one of especial interest being the old manuscript missal that was used in olden times in Esh Church, and which was presented to the authorities of that church in the 15th century. There are also to be seen in this case two manuscript Vulgate Bibles, and some beautiful specimens of manuscript work. In the library there are books dealing with many and diverse subjects, ecclesiastical history occupying, as is to be expected, a most prominent place. The system of cataloguing in use is most elaborate and comprehensive, yet the number and place of a book can readiliy be found. A visit was paid to one of the rooms where the students prepare their lessons, and which bears the suggestive name of the "study place." It is a well-lighted, lofty, oak panelled room, 70 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 18 feet high. Father Magill ascended the Prefect's desk and informed the company that from this point of vantage the Prefect kept a watchful eye on what was passing, and woe betide the unfortunate student whose mind was otherwise engaged than on his studies. The museum attracted a great amount of attention, and is a magnificent room, 174 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 18 feet high. Here are to be found a most valuable collection of shells, rare coins, and medals of various dates, a very fine collection of birds, a model of the college, together with many rare and curious articles which, when discovered, invariably find their way to some public or private museum. A stone altar on which the old Roman conquerors of this country offered up sacrifice to their gods was pointed out, and Father Magill deciphered and translated the Latin inscription, and informed the company that it had been discovered by some of the students at the old Roman camp of Ebchester. There is a large and valuable collection of shells, part of which were presented to the college by one of the priests, and the students very facetiously, in recognition of his kindness, bestowed on the reverend Father a new name which was intimately connected with the collection. Visits were paid to the College Church, dedicated to Saint Cuthbert, and the many beautiful chapels with their handsome stained-glass windows, exquisite carvings, both in wood and stone, and life-like statuary excited admiration and a spirit of devotion from all present. The College Church is a most magnificent building, and occupies the site of the old Church, which was replaced by the present handsome structure, the opening ceremony being performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Bewick, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, in October, 1884. Great care was exercised in the pulling down of the old building, the stone and woodwork, which were handsomely carved, being used as far as possible in the building of the new Church. The Church is of noble dimensions: the interior length is 156 feet, with a width of 56 feet, and being a College Church the seats are arranged as in the old collegiate Churches of Oxford and Cambridge. The carvings in wood of birds and foliage are beautiful, and running round the Church is a scroll of carved wood-work, on which the whole of the "Magnificat" is carved in Gothic characters. The windows of stained-glass contain figures of four former Archbishops of York, namely, St. Chad, St. Wilfred, St. John of Beverley, and St. William, and were erected by St. Cuthbert's Society in 1885, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of Ushaw College. Another beautiful window is one erected to the memory of Bishop Chadwick, at the expense of the students who were attending College during the building of the new Church. In addition to portraits of four Bishops of Hexham and Lindisfarne—St. Eata, St. Eadbert, St. Acca, and St. Alcmund—it depicts incidents in the lives of those saints. The attention of the company was drawn to the stately lectern made of solid brass. This magnificent work of art was presented to the College by George Joseph Caley, an old student, and the metal used in its construction was given by Francis Joseph Sloane, another old student, who owned copper-mines in Monte Catini. The high altar, an imposing and wonderful work of architecture, which is approached by three broad steps of red Belgian marble, excited the admiration of all. It was designed by Mr. P. P. Pugin, and was presented to the college by a former student, Canon William Taylor-Smith, in loving memory of his "Alma Mater." The beautiful carvings both in wood and stone in the sanctuary are magnificent examples of art, and were much appreciated by the visitors, as were also the stained windows depicting incidents in the lives of saints, the greater number of whom were connected with our own islands. There were to be seen windows dedicated to Saint Cuthbert, the patron saint of the College, Saint Paulinus, Saint Aidan, and Saint George, Saint Patrick, Saint Andrew, the patron Saints of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Many of the visitors were greatly attracted by the chaste and beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin, which is a perfect work of art by an eminent Italian sculptor. The attention of the party was drawn to the excellent effect produced on viewing the stained-glass windows from a distance. The College Church possesses a very large and handsome organ, containing 1,717 pipes with 34 stops, but unfortunately the organ was undergoing repairs, and the visitors were deprived of a great treat, as the company had with them our talented musician, Dr. Sloane, organist of St. Mary's Church, Blackhill, and the Brooms Church, Leadgate, and who would no doubt have favoured the company with a selection on that noble instrument. The company, through the kindness of Father Magill and Father Rickaby, were enabled to visit the Sacristy, and view and have described to them the rich and beautiful collection of Church plate and vestments used in the services of the Church. The monstrances and chalices, which are magnificent examples of British, French, and Spanish workmanship, were all fully described. The chalice known as the "Sloane chalice" received particular attention from the visitors, as our esteemed townsman, Councillor E. Sloane, was one of the party, and many inquiries were made as to the relationship between the generous donor of the chalice and Councillor Sloane. This beautiful chalice, which is of solid silver, was presented to the college in 1840 by Frances Joseph Sloane, who was a large copper mine proprietor in Italy. Much interest was excited by a very handsome silver monstrance which has quite a history, having been found in an old curio shop in use as a watch-stand, from whence it was rescued by an old Ushaw student, and is now of course much better cared for. A magnificent work of art is the Paschal candlestick, standing fully eight feet high, and composed of solid brass. This candlestick was designed by A. W. Pugin, and presented to the College by Father Wilkinson. As a work of art it has been exhibited at the Dublin Exhibition, and at the great London Exhibition of 1851. The refectory, which was visited in the course of the afternoon, is a large handsome lofty room over 100 feet long, and 37 feet wide. Light is admitted by beautiful stained-glass windows, representing figures of several saints, while the floor is laid with flawless and well-arranged slabs of marble. The walls of the room are covered with handsome paintings, one in particular receiving great attention. It is a large and massive painting and represents one of the Kings of Arragon paying homage to Pope Innocent the Third. In this transient world of ours all are prone to disease, but the healthy and lofty position Ushaw occupies will greatly tend to minimise this danger. However, the authorities have provided a handsome, properly ventilated and welll-furnished infirmary, where the sick can be well cared for and receive every attention that medical skill and loving forethought can suggest. Space, however, will not permit of our lingering over a description of the infirmary, sufficient to say that every care is exercised in this very important department. One of the most important visits was that paid to the Oratory of the Holy Family and Chapel of the Relics, where are preserved and carefully guarded some of the most sacred relics the Church possesses. Here were seen the ring once worn by Saint Cuthbert, and which was taken from his finger when the tomb was opened in 1537. A number of relics of the apostles and saints were seen, as well as a large piece of the true cross, three thorns from the crown placed in derision on Our Lord's head. Sad as it may be to contemplate we all know that sooner or later we must join the great majority, who, ill or well, have performed the work designed by an all-wise Creator, and to the thougtful student the visit to Ushaw must have forced into the mind the knowledge of the mutability of all earthly things, aned none, more so than the visit paid to the hallowed piece of ground consecrated for the reception of the corruptible mortal remains of those who have been called to meet their Lord and Master whom they have endeavoured to serve with all their might and strength during their brief sojourn on this earth. The first visit was paid to the tomb of Bishop Chadwick, and we were told that during Bishop Chadwick's visit to Jerusalem, while looking at Godfrey de Bouillon's tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Bishop Chadwick remarked to his companion, Mr. Dunn, that at his death he would like a similar tomb erected over his body. Mr. Dunn, a celebrated architect, made a sketch of the tomb during their stay, and at the decease of the Bishop the present tomb, which is a representation of the tomb visited in far-off Jerusalem, was erected in 1884 to mark the last earthly resting place of the Bishop. Close to is the Cemetery Cross the iron work of which was fashioned into the beautiful design it now bears by the college blacksmith. In the cemetery cloister lie buried the great Dr. Lingard, and next to him his great friend and benefactor to the college, the Rev. Father Bradley, together with several Bishops, Presidents, professors, and students. The visit to the kitchens and store-rooms was greatly enjoyed, and more especially by the ladies of the party. The huge ovens and cooking-ranges, the numberless sides of bacon and hams, and sacks of flour, were a source of wonder, but it was partly allayed when we were informed that something like twelve hundred loaves of bread are required each week to build up and keep in strength the "inner man" of the students attending the college. Many other rooms of equal interest were visited and much appreciated by the members of the Society, but pressure of space compels us to draw our description of Ushaw College to a close. All who were favoured with an invitation to visit this historic and celebrated college were loud in their praises of the architectural beauties of its buildings and the wealth of sculpture, painting, and carvings contained in its many churches and rooms. The visit of the Blackhill and District Naturalists Field Society to Ushaw will live long in the memories of those who took part in it and for the benefit of the many who unfortunately from business and other reasons were unable to be present, it is to be sincerely hoped that the authorities of the College will permit another visit to be made at some future time.

After leaving the College, the friends slowly wended their way to the picturesque village on the summit of the hill which bears the somewhat appropriate designation of Hill Top. Here, on the lawn overlooking the charming and historic valley of the Browney—whose pastoral peacefulness has been rudely broken in former days by the wild pibroch strains of an invading Scottish army; and its energies kindled, at another time, at the sight of the English hosts marching on to war—were placed several tables full of appetizing comestibles, supplied by the courteous hostess, Mrs. Jones. Needless to say, with appetites sharpened by the pure and bracing air, ample justice was done to the many good things provided.

After the short meeting, under the chairmanship of Father Magill, was held on the lawn, where the members and supporters of the Society assembled.

Mr. Wilson Clayton, the Chairman of the Council of the Society, in introducing Father Magill, the chairman of the meeting said there could be no two opinions but that they had all spent a very pleasant and instructive afternoon. To most of them it had been a day of experience, for some of them had been waiting for 20 years to have a look through Ushaw College. Their visit to Ushaw would not have been so interesting had it not been that they were under the able guidance of Father Magill and Father Rickaby. Ever since the Society had been formed they had always had every courtesy shown them, and that day had been no exception, and it was with very great pleasure that he introduced to the company Father Magill, a gentleman who was well known to them all, and calling upon him to take the chair.

On taking the chair Father Magill received the hearty applause of the meeting, and in his introductory remarks referred to the pleasure and success which had characterized the Society's visit to Ushaw College. After relating a few highly interesting remarks concerning the afternoon's proceedings he concluded by calling upon Mr. Samuel Leybourne, the esteemed secretary of the Naturalists' Field Society, to propose a vote of thanks to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

In moving a vote of thanks, Mr. S. Leybourne said:—Rev. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen,—I am sure all will agree with me, that to-day's excursion will ever remain and be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of our Society. The privilege accorded to us by the gracious favour of the Principal of this College, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, to visit and inspect such a noble institution as the St. Cuthbert's College of Ushaw, has been interesting, gratifying, and most acceptable. It is another proof to us that the aims and objects of our society are fully reciprocated by the highest and most intellectual in the land. It is most encouraging, young as our society is, and, as yet, scarcely known beyond the borders of our district at home, to have the hearty welcome and countenance from gentlemen so accomplished in the world of letters, such as we find extending their goodwill to us this day. St. Cuthbert's College is well worthy our visit. To study its history we study the progress of the arts and sciences—the highest attainments of life. Wrapped round it the history of England and the Continent is found. St. Cuthbert's College possesses in its archives memories the most hallowed, and which are to-day most sacredly cherished. In the splendour of its early associations at Douay in French Flanders, Englishmen were tutored, who have by their labours, given a delighted world the rich product of their learning. Step by step, stone by stone, the growth of this elaborate scholastic system, and the slowly-rising fabric within whose walls we have this day stood, is a monument of those early monastic days, when the monk was the chief, if not the only instrument in God's hand for the diffusion of knowledge. To penetrate the shadows that cling round the early history of this noble institution; to enquire into its origin and the growing demand for the establishment of a House of Learning, will be a source of delight to the student of history who may diligently peruse its pages. Inpoverty and sore distress the remnant from Douay found temporary shelter at Crookhall, now their feet rest upon a sure footing at Ushaw amongst a people that are honourable. The dimensions and magnitude of the present College, if I mistake not, is equal, if not superior, to far-famed Douay; coupled therewith, are the names of many famous men from the days of Doctor Lingard to the present day, a portrayal of whom and a description of the College, has been so ably given by the Rev. Father Magill. It now devolves upon me to humbly express our heartfelt thanks to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, the venerable and esteemed President of St. Cuthbert's College, for His Lordship's most gracious permission given to us to visit Ushaw. We have all fully appreciated the beautiful proportions of the noble pile of buildings, and profited by the story of its all-engrossing history. I also beg to move that there be put on record the very best thanks of this meeting to Monsignor the Reverend Father Corbishley, the Vice-President of this College, for his kind efforts on behalf of our visit to Ushaw.

This proposition was ably seconded by Dr. Sloane, who, on rising, said:—Rev. Chairman, Father Rickaby, ladies and gentlemen, in rising to second this vote of thanks, I feel that our Secretary, Mr. Leybourne, has left me nothing to say in support of the motion he has proposed. I am, however, very pleased indeed, as a member of the Council of the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society, to see such a large and representative gathering of members and friends here to-day. It needs no words of mine to prove that the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society has progressed by leaps and bounds ever since its formation, and that it has proved itself to be one of the most interesting, and beneficial, and popular societies we have in North-West Durham. (Applause.) To prove this, I must refer you to the ever-increasing number of members and friends who regularly attend our various interesting field meetings throughout the summer months. These pleasant gatherings have, for long, been a prominent and enjoyable feature in connection with our society, and although our previous meetings have undoubtedly been of the most pleasing and beneficial character, to-day's visit to the renowned College of Ushaw has been unanimously considered one of the most brilliant and successful gatherings ever held under the auspices of the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society. (Applause.) I consider, therefore, that we owe His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Wilkinson, our deepest gratitude for having so kindly permitted our Society to visit this College to-day, and beg to endorse all that Mr. Leybourne has expressed, and to heartily second the vote of thanks to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. (Applause.)

Needless to say this vote was enthusiastically carried with acclamation, after which Councillor E. Sloane rose to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Father Magill and Father Rickaby for the services they had so capably rendered to the Society that day, and in doing so said:—Rev. Chairman, Father Rickaby, ladies and gentlemen, I can assure you it affords me very great pleasure to be here today to join you on such a pleasant interesting and important occasion. I hope that we have all learned something, if not spiritual, at least intellectual. Since it was announced that the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society had made arrangements to visit Ushaw College to-day, it at once became a matter of great interest to many people throughout our district, and that pleasure was greatly enhanced when it became known that the Rev. Father Magill had kindly consented to act as our guide. (Applause.) Ushaw College, as everybody knows, is a great seat of learning, with a world-wide reputation, and the light that shines in Ushaw College reflects itself all over the world. It has been intensely interesting and gratifying to us all to have heard the history of Ushaw so beautifully and eloquently described by our esteemed and scholarly chairman, Father Magill. (Applause.) His description was most interesting, and I hope that when we all return home we will have much food for reflection when we recall the many facts contained in the historical and brilliant paper which it has been our privilege and pleasure to hear, and also the many interesting sights so clearly pointed out to us by Father Magill. (Applause.) Father Magill stands in the front rank, and is a man of great research and erudition, and besides possessing many social qualities, his scholarly and brilliant attainments are well-known throughout the North of England. (Applause.) I must not forget to mention that Father Magill had an able assistant in the Rev. Father Rickaby this afternoon, whose efforts have been highly appreciated. I therefore have great pleasure in proposing that the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. Father Magill and the Rev. Father Rickaby for the splendid service they have rendered our Society to-day. (Applause.)

Mr. James Eltringham, on rising to second the vote of thanks, said they all had good reason to be deeply grateful to the Rev. Father Magill and the Rev. Father Rickaby for the kindness they had shown to the members and friends of their Society that day. Under their able guidance they had been able to enjoy and thoroughly appreciate their visit to the historic college of Ushaw. To all of them the many interesting sights they had seen, the priceless works of art and the beautiful statuary they had inspected, would not readily be forgotten by that party. They as a Society owed a deep debt of gratitude to Father Magill for the courteous manner in which he received the deputation who waited upon him, and for the hearty way in which he acceded to their request to act as guide on the occasion of the visit of the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society to the celebrated college of Ushaw. It was therefore a source of gratification to him to have the privilege of seconding the motion that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Rev. Father Magill and the Rev. Father Rickaby for the great services they had so willingly rendered to their Society. (Applause.)

Mr. Geo. T. Wilson, in supporting the remarks of the previous speakers, said it gave him great pleasure to endorse all that the proposer and seconder had said. He was sure everybody had thoroughly appreciated the splendid services which had been so cheerfully rendered by Father Magill and Father Rickaby. In Father Magill they had a gentleman who was widely known and highly esteemed throughout North-West Durham, and it therefore gave him great pleasure to support the vote of thanks to Father Magill and Father Rickaby, which was carried amidst loud applause.

On rising to reply to the vote of thanks, Father Magill was loudly applauded. He cordially thanked the previous speakers for the very flattering remarks they had made, and for the enthusiastic manner in which the audience had received that vote. It gave him great pleasure to spend an afternoon such as they had experienced that day with the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society. Ushaw, the Rev. Father said, held a very dear place in the hearts of all her sons, and anything they could do would be a source of pleasure. Father Magill concluded an able and eloquent speech by expressing his pleasure at seeing such a large number of members and friends present that day, and assured all present that if at any time his services were required he would be very happy indeed to place them at their disposal. (Applause.)

Father Rickaby, in the course of a highly interesting speech, spoke of the advantages they had received from their Alma Mater, Ushaw College, and said those advantages they were now using for the benefit of the people. It gave him great pleasure to accompany visitors round his old college and explain to them the wonderful works of architecture they had seen that day. In concluding a very able speech Father Rickaby thanked the company for the many kind remarks they had made, and assured the audience that if in any way he could be of service to the Naturalists' Field Society he would be happy to second Father Magill's efforts. (Applause.)

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A TRIVIAL CASE.

Thomas Gowland, a boy of 12 years, summoned John Robinson, farmer, for assault at Stanhope. A cross-summons was also put in against Gowland and another boy named Nelson Collingwood for wilful damage and trespass.—Mr. T. Dowling appeared for Robinson, and Mr. J. T. Proud on behalf of the two boys.—The evidence showed that the boys were in the habit of playing and allowing their ball to go into Mr. Robinson's field. The latter had frequently complained of the boys coming about his field, and eventually catching Gowland had given him a sound thrashing; hence the summons.—Mr. Proud contended that the damage was not appreciable, and the claim was not made out.—There was a considerable amount of feeling exhibited in the case amongst the audience gathered in court.—The Chairman said they thought the case of assault was made out. But the Bench could not help thinking that Mr. Robinson had had great provocation. The [illegible] master did not do what he might have done to check the annoyance. The case ought to have been settled outside. Robinson would have to pay 1s and costs. The boys would have to pay 3d damage and 3d for trespass each, and the costs.

The following other cases were dealt with:—Alex. Burrows, 7/-; Walton Watson, 7s 6d; and John Middleton, 25s, all for drunkenness; Geo. Glendinning was fined 1s and costs for riding a bicycle without a light; and Robert Ross and J. Forrest were fined 5s and costs for driving without lights.

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CRICKET MATCHES.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. HEATON DISTRICT.

At Shotley Bridge on the occasion of the flower show. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

M. Williamson b Burdon	5
J. W. Lodge c Latham b Burdon	2
T. Lynn c Latham b Foreman	0
T. H. Bramby run out	24
S. Barrass c Livingstone b Foreman	5
B. T. Bart b Foreman	0
J. K. Annandale b Burdon	1
J. E. Surtees b Burdon	4
J. Robson b Burdon	3
F. Cole not out	5
J. Seed b Burdon	1
Extras	2
Total	52

HEATON

J. Hedley b Robson	8
C. Blow run out	5
G. G. Hall run out	2
S. Latham b Seed	8
A. E. Bentley b Robson	5
A. Livingstone b Seed	0
A. McBride lbw b Robson	0
W. Molineaux b Robson	2
W. Burdon not out	1
S. Foreman b Robson	0
W. Thompson run out	0
Extras	2
Total	33

SOUTH MOOR v. WHICKHAM.

Played at South Moor, and resulted in an easy win for Whickham. Score:—

WHICKHAM

T. Cheesman b Copeland	13
E. Cook b Puddy	9
T. B. Mowbray not out	69
G. Cheesman c Welsh b Copeland	4
W. Cook lbw b Raine	0
W. Thynn run out	6
T. M. Burn b Copeland	0
R. Cook b Copeland	1
T. Thynn c and b Copeland	2
E. Taylor b Copeland	0
A. Henderson b Copeland	0
Extras	10
Total	104

SOUTH MOOR

J. E. W. Fairley b W. Cook	1
A. W. Gowland b Cheesman	10
T. Welsh b G. Cheesman	27
W. Raine b W. Cook	13
W. Copeland c Mowbray b W. Cook	0
W. Robinson b W. Cook	2
W. Bailes b W. Cook	0
J. Kent not out	0
G. Purdy b G. Cheesman	2
M. Siddle b W. Cook	4
W. Wilkinson b W. Cook	0
Extras	1
Total	61

WHICKHAM II v. SOUTH MOOR II.

Played at Whickham, and resulted, after an even game, in a victory for Whickham. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.

J. Morton b Booth	12
T. Brass run out	1
A. Hodgson b S. Burn	0
M. Bruce b S. Burn	1
J. Low b Booth	0
W. Brass b Booth	15
T. Wilson b Booth	6
E. Courtley b Booth	1
M. Baker c and b J. Burn	6
T. Smith b Booth	0
W. Forster not out	0
Extras	4
Total	46

WHICKHAM.

T. Archer b Wilson	14
J. Dinsdale b Wilson	0
A. Willis b T. Brass	4
A. Fletcher run out	4
J. Burn b Wilson	0
S. Burn b T. Brass	2
G. Lee c Low b T. Brass	1
A. Smith not out	9
J. Craig c Bruce b T. Brass	5
G. Booth b T. Brass	10
J. Handy b T. Brass	1
Extras	2
Total	51

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

Signs are not wanting that the cricket season has almost run its course, as but little interest is now being taken in the game, and most people are eagerly looking forward to the opening of the football season this week-end. There are a few finals yet to be played off in connection with various competitions, but with these disposed of the campaign will practically be at an end. And none too soon, if the weather continues as it is at present—cold and raw, and altogether unsuitable for cricket. The Medomsley first team have concluded their engagements for the season, and there will be very few games after the end of next week. I may say that the present contribution will be my last until May comes round again. I beg to thank those who have assisted me in any way during the past season, and trust to be favoured in the same way when the cricket campaign is entered upon next year.

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A VICTORY FOR MALTON.

The Malton Colliery club received a visit from Leadgate Park on Saturday in a return game. Neither team was at full strength, and only played ten a-side. The ground was soft, and in favour of the bowlers. Winning the toss the home captain decided to bat, but, with the exception of Ernest Shipley (who contributed a somewhat lucky 16) the Malton men did not give a great deal of trouble. Cook and Kershaw bowled effectively, and were bad to get away. In the end the home men totalled 43, but this score would have been considerably less had two or three easy chances of running men out not been missed. W. Crowther and Bage made a capital start for the Park, but when the latter was run out things went in favour of Malton. Crowther was out to a smart catch at slip, after displaying capital defence, whilst Cook pulled the first ball he received into his wicket. Laidler (the well-known Park back) played very good cricket, and was out unluckily, as in endeavouring to get out of the way of a ball pitched well to leg, he just touched it and guided it into his wicket. The visitors were eventually sent back for 31, and so lost by a dozen. Mace and Shipley bowled exceedingly well for the winners. The game was a very pleasant one, and was much enjoyed by both sides.

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WHICKHAM WIN.

Whickham accomplished a very creditable feat on Saturday, when they went to South Moor and defeated the home men fairly ... of the visitors' innings was undoubtedly the fine display of T. B. Mowbray, who was in rare form, and, going in first wicket down, carried his bat right through for a splendid 59—one of the best performances ever recorded to this sterling bat. T. Cheesman (13) was the only other double-figurist on the side, but R. Cook was only a run off. The last few wickets gave but very little trouble, the total reaching 104. On South Moor appearing on the defensive, Fairley was soon sent back, but Welsh (27), Raine (13), and Gowland (10) played up well, and the home men seemed to have a good chance of pulling through. However, from this point there was a complete breakdown before the bowling of W. Cook, and the venture, which had opened so promisingly, closed for 61 only. As mentioned above, W. Cook was the chief cause of the Moorites' collapse, and he captured seven wickets (six clean bowled) very cheaply. Copeland also took seven wickets on the other side, but they were more expensive.

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WHICKHAM 2ND ALSO WIN.

Whilst the senior teams of South Moor and Whickham were trying conclusions on the former's ground, the second teams were engaged at Whickham, where a very close struggle ensued. Thanks chiefly to W. Brass (15) and Morton (12) the visitors totalled 46, the bowling of Brown being very destructive. Although the score against them was not very large, the Whickhamites had to have all on to get home. T. Brass and Wilson trundled capitally, and Archer (14) was the only one at the wicket who could do anything with the attack. Later on Smith defended well, and finding a useful partner in Booth (10), the home men just managed to top their opponents' aggregate by five runs. Smith took out his bat for an invaluable nine. T. Brass had a capital analysis, his six wickets not costing many runs, and Wilson also sent down some good balls. Thus, Whickham pulled off the double event.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE SUCCESSFUL.

On the occasion of the annual Flower Show in the Shotley Spa grounds, the home club met a pretty strong team playing under the title of Heaton District. Shotley had also somewhat strengthened their ranks for the occasion. Owing to the recent wet weather the wicket was very sodden, and all in favour of the bowlers, consequently there was no phenomenal scoring. The best display of the match was that of T. H. Barmby on behalf of Shotley Bridge, this player showing excellent form for 24 ere he had the misfortune to be run out. No one else did anything of note, the attack of Burdon and Foreman being bad to get away, and the venture closed for 52. Moderate though this total was it proved beyond the capabilities of the visitors, who could not withstand the bowling of Robson and Seed, this pair tumbling out Heaton for 33 only. Hedley and Latham were chief scorers with eight apiece, but they received little or no support. S. Barrass assisted Shotley, but did not do anything out of the common.

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MEMS.

T. D. Dales' services are in great request. The popular Medomsley player has received an invitation to play for Eachwick Hall against Benwell on Sept. 8th.

It will be remembered that Hartley and Robinson, on behalf of Benwell, accomplished perhaps the most sensational feat of the local cricket season by dismissing Mr. Hunting's team for under double figures.

Dales has accepted the invitation, and will thus renew acquaintance with his old club-mate, Tom Jameson (the Benwell captain.)

Medomsley intended to visit Whitley Bay last Saturday, but on the morning of the match they received word that the ground was not fit for play.

Whickham surprised South Moor last week-end.

As the Moorites hardly expected defeat on their own ground.

T. B. Mowbray and W. Cook were the chief performers in bringing about South Moor's discomfiture.

Mowbray carried out his bat for a grand 59.

His innings was all the more meritorious considering that his colleagues could do but very little.

W. Cook completed the business by taking seven wickets at a low cost.

Copeland captured seven wickets on behalf of the home team.

And was particularly deadly in the latter part of the innings.

Welsh batted capitally for South Moor.

At the Shotley Bridge Flower Show the home club entertained a strong team from the Heaton district.

Shotley had the assistance of two or three outsiders.

One of these, T. H. Barmby, who if I mistake not, hails from Durham City, played the best wicket of the match.

His 24 on the unfavourable pitch was as good as many a 50 or 60.

Robson and Seed dismissed Heaton for 33.

Shotley Bridge, I believe, have only one more game to play.

They have had a very successful and enjoyable season.

I take this opportunity of congratulating them upon their consistently good form.

They play the game purely for love of it.

Leadgate Temperance meet Felling Temperance 2nd on Saturday for the championship of the Junior Division of the North Durham League.

On recent form Leadgate should win pretty comfortably.

They will be strongly represented.

Joe Wilson and Joe Crowther are foregoing football in order to assist.

Leadgate Park had a very pleasant outing at Malton Colliery on Saturday.

The home men had the best of a low-scoring game.

Ernest Shipley batted and bowled well for the winners.

Ben Cook bowled admirably for the Park

Another footballer (Laidler) batted in good style.

Billy Crowther showed capital defensive powers.

Mace trundled finely for the Colliery.

He was but seldom off the wicket.

Neither team was at anything like full strength

I notice that C. Raisbeck, of Greenside, has been awarded by the "Sunday Chronicle" proprietors a handsome book on cricket—"Seventy-one not out"—for his exceptionally fine bowling against Close House.

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BICYCLE GYMKHANA AT DIPTON.

The first day's programme of the gymkhana of the Dipton and District Cycling Club, which was arranged to take place on Aug. 22nd, in the Football Field, Dipton, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. G. Brown, of the Bute Arms, had, owing to the heavy thunderstorm which swept over the district, to be postponed until Aug. 29th. Fortunately the Saturday programme was not interfered with by the clerk of the weather, who appeared to look more graciously on the event than has been the case with most out-door functions lately. The committee, consisting of Messrs T. Clark, Woof, W. McQuillen, and in the indefatigable secretary, Mr. Fred Hodgson, deserve a word of praise for the way in which they discharged their responsibilities. The programme was an excellent one, and deserved a much larger share of patronage than was given, although it was by no means badly patronised. The handicapper was Mr. G. Simpson, of Gateshead, a well-known northern cyclist, who discharged his duties in an able manner. The best race of the day was undoubtedly the one mile novice handicap, in which, the handicapping being distinctly good, naturally produced a splendid tussle amongst the young and ardent competitors, each of whom were anxious to run off with the carved oak clock. The final produced a great amount of excitement, and the winner had nothing to spare, as it was won by a very close finish. The judges, Messrs M. Errington, and Woof, discharged their liabilities most impartially, and their decisions were accepted as fair. Considering the coldness of the weather, and the counter-attractions around the neighbourhood, there was a good company present to witness the competitions, the following being the results:—

Hand-in-hand race—Heat 1—A. Murray and Miss E. Coulthard, 1; R. Aitken and Miss D. Aitkin, 2. Heat 2—R. Murray and Miss A. Coulthard, 1; T. E. Rutherford and Miss C. Coulthard, 2. Heat 3—J. E. Davis and Mrs. Davis 1; J. Hardy and Miss M. Gladders, 2. Semi-final—J. E. Davis and Mrs. Davis, 1; R Murray and Miss A. Coulthard, 2. A. Murray and Miss E. Coulthard, a bye. Final—J. E. Davis and Mrs. Davis, 1; A. Murray, and Miss E. Coulthard, 2. Prizes withheld.

One mile novice handicap. Heat 1—R. A. Aitken, 1. Heat 2—J. Bowes, 1. Heat 3—T. E. Rutherford, 1; M. Moore, 2. Heat 4—F. Moore, 1. Heat 5—R. Thornton, 1. Heat 6—A. Jewitt, 1. Semi-finals—Heat 1—T. E. Rutherford, 1; J. Bowes, 2; R. Aitken, 3. Heat 2—R. Thornton, 1; A. Jewitt, 2. Final—T. E. Rutherford, 1; R. Thornton, 2; J. Bowes 3. First prize, carved oak case clock; second prize, copper kettle, given by the club

One leg bicycle race—Heat 1—R. Aitken, 1. Heat 2—J. Bowes, 1. Heat 3—W. Gilliard. 1. Heat 4—T. E. Rutherford. 1. Heat 5—J. Hardy 1. Semi-finals—Heat 1—J. Hardy, 1. Heat 2—J. Bowes, 1; R. Aitken, fastest loser. Final—J. Hardy, 1; R. Aitken, 2; J. Bowes, 3. First prize, set of silver cuff links and studs, given by Mr. R. M. Rutherford, Dipton.

Gents' obstacle race—Heat 1—R. Maude, 1. Heat 2—T. E. Rutherford, 1. Heat 3—J. Bowes, 1. Heat 4—J. Hardy, 1. Heat 5—J. Thompson, 1. Semi-finals—Heat 1—R. Maude, 1; T. E. Rutherford 2. Heat 2—J. Bowes, 1; J. Hardy 2. Final—R. Maude, 1; J. Bowes, 2; T. E. Rutherford, 3. First prize, club group photo. handsomely framed, given by Mr W. Alderson, Dipton.

Ladies' obstacle race—Miss C. Coulthard, 1; Miss E. Coulthard, 2; Miss D. Aitken, 3. First prize, pair of vases, given by the club.

The thread-needle race was held over till Wednesday's competition.

WATERHOUSES.

NEW CURATE.—The Rev. F. W. Baldwin has been appointed to the curacy of Waterhouses. The rev. gentleman comes from the parish of St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, London, where he held a similar position.

CHOPWELL.

A DESERTER.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, John Fox, labourer, Chopwell, was charged with being a deserter from the Durham Militia.—P.C. Forster deposed to arresting the prisoner on the previous Tuesday at Chopwell.—Prisoner was remanded to await an escort.

ROWLAND'S GILL.

MISHAP ON THE RAILWAY.—On Thursday night last as the 6.55 p.m. passenger train from Blackhill was approaching Rowland's Gill station, the bogey-spring of the engine broke, disabling the engine. Another engine was quickly procured, and the passengers subsequently conveyed to their destination. Very little delay was occasioned by the mishap, as a goods' engine fortunately happened to be near at hand.

WHICKHAM.

WHICKHAM CHURCH.—The erection of new heating apparatus in Whickham Church has entailed an expenditure of about £100, of which more than half has already been raised. The work has proved a welcome addition to the sacred edifice, and we trust that a ready response will be made to the appeal for further financial assistance.

BAPTISMS, BURIALS, AND MARRIAGES.—The following baptisms, burials, and marriages, are recorded in the "Parish Magazine" for September: — Baptisms. — Stephen Stott, Swalwell; Robert Shield Wilson, Swalwell; Mary Hargraves Whitfield, Swalwell; Joseph Hands, Swalwell; Grace Sampson, Dunston Hill; Thomas Walters, Swalwell; Dorothy Milburn, Whickham; John William Murrell, Swalwell; Isabelia May Pretoria Ramsay, Whickham; Trotter Hector Macdonald Booth, Whickham; Alfred Farrer, Swalwell; Frederick Kirsopp, High House, Near Swalwell; John Bowman, Swalwell. Burials—Ethel Jackson, Whickham, aged 14 years; Michael Hepplewhite, Swalwell, aged 81 years; Annie Watson, Swalwell, aged five years; Robert Shield Wilson, Swalwell, aged nine weeks; Thomas Watson, Swalwell, aged 56 years; George Edward Gray, Swalwell, aged one month; William Clark Swalwell, aged 62 years; William Garbutt, Whickham, aged 61 years; Matthew Hails, Swalwell, aged 46 years. Marriage.—Benjamin Hickman and Edith Outram.

FLOWER SHOW.—What is regarded as one of the best local flower shows is the annual display held under the auspices of the Whickham Floral and Horticultural Society, and, as will be seen from an advertisement in another column, this annual event is announced to take place on Saturday first. Extra inducements are offered to competitors, both in the floral and poultry section, and visitors may rest assured of seeing a first-class display. An attractive programme of sport has been drawn up, the chief item of which is the pony racing, which is sure to receive a good number of entrants. Music loving patrons are being amply catered for, and when we mention that the members of the Whickham Choral Society have been engaged to render some of their famous vocal selections, and also that the renowned South Derwent Brass Band will be in attendance, some idea may be formed of the quality of music to be expected. Given favourable weather the show must assuredly be a success.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. GEO. PROUD.—It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. George Proud, of Woodside, Whickham, which sad event took place with tragic suddenness on Sunday night It seems that at about ten o'clock, whilst Mrs. Proud was preparing supper, she complained of a severe pain in her head. Immediately afterwards she fell to the floor and expired before medical aid could be procured. The deceased lady was most popular throughout the parish, and as accompanist to the Whickham Choral Society her name was well-known. The painful suddenness of her death came as a shock to a large circle of friends, whose expressions of heartfelt regret and sympathy went out towards Mr. Proud in his sudden and most sad bereavement. Her death comes as a severe blow to the members of the Whickham Choral Society, who have been robbed of the services of a skilled musician. In no quarter outside the family circle will her removal be more keenly felt. By her demise the society has sustained a distinct loss, and a void is created which it will be found difficult to fill. She was not only esteemed and loved by the members of the society, but by all whose privilege it was to claim her acquaintance. It could be said of her that she was the incarnation of all that was good, the embodiment of honour and uprightness, and one whose memory will ever be reverenced with the highest respect and affection.

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "ROWLEY."]

POSTAL WORK AT DUNSTON.

With an increased population there comes an extra demand upon the postal resources of the village of Dunston. Dunston post-office is not a pretentious building, and postal work is sometimes carried out under difficulties. However, I understand that the genial postmaster, Mr. Andrew Donnelly, has decided to extend the present building, so as to meet the postal requirements of this growing village. This will no doubt be most acceptable to the public.

BROWN RUIN!

"Drinking water neither makes a man sick, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow," said Spurgeon; yet it would seem as though the thirst of the nation required something stronger than water to appease it. Such is to be inferred from the large number of applicants that are to be found at every Brewster Sessions for facilities to sell drink. Locally, I believe, additional drinking facilities will be sought for Dunston; while Swalwell and Whickham remain as they are—the former with its ten public-houses, and the latter with three. There are those who know how to regulate the supply; but to many beer spells brown ruin, and all the temperance reformers in the land cannot prevent them from washing out what little sense they had.

MUSICAL DUNSTON.

Dunston can boast of its successful choral union, a "temperance" Brass Band, whose members wash their throats with nothing stronger than Heaven's liquid sunshine; and now the village has given birth to an Orchestral Society, whose incohation must assuredly complete the musical list. The people of Dunston are evidently a music-loving community, and they have no room for complaint as regards catering, for their wants, both vocal and musical, receive ample attention. As one who has been present at several of the entertainments given by the members of the Choral Society, I can testify to the marked ability of the members, whose vocal powers leave no room for adverse criticisms, and I trust that the latest arrival will soon leave its swaddling clothes, and develope into a creditable musical organisation. With Mr. A. W. Graham at the helm, he may be expected to pilot the society to the goal of success. It was Shelley who wrote:—

"Let me drink of the spirit of that sweet sound
More, O! more—I am thirsting yet;
It loosens the serpent which care has bound
Upon my heart to stifle it;
The dissolving strain through every vein,
Passes into my heart and brain."

ADVICE TO VOTERS.

Through the medium of the "Parish Magazine" the Rector (the Rev. Arthur Allwork) conveys some advice to his parishioners upon their duties and responsibilities as voters. For the benefit of those who do not secure this bright and interesting issue I give the letter "in toto." It reads as under:—"There are rumours that we shall shortly be in the midst of the excitement of a general election, though no one knows for certain the exact date at which it may be expected. Far be it from me to use my influence over you, if I have any, to induce you to vote for any particular candidate. A political minister, whether he belong to the Church of England, or to one of the numerous denominations, is in my opinion, an abomination. So strongly do I feel upon this point that I have never exercised the privilege I possess, in common with others, of voting at any parliamentary election. Some perhaps think that I am wrong; at all events, I feel that if I err, I am erring on the right side. A minister of the Gospel should do his utmost to unite all parties, and if he belong to none, and can say that he has not espoused the cause of any, he is much more likely to be able to accomplish this. The solitary vote of a minister cannot possibly affect any important issue, but his abstention from voting may enable him to kindle a feeling amongst those who hold opposite views. But although I consider that a minister should not engage in any electioneering campaign, I think he should endeavour to cultivate in the minds of his parishioners a conscientious sense of their duties and responsibilities as voters. Of these I would attempt to remind you. In the first place I would warn you against the danger of allowing party prejudice to blind your eyes to righteous issues. In the second place I would remind you that the choice of your representative should not only be governed by party considerations, but by his own character for rectitude and conscientiousness, and, lastly, do not allow personal interests to interfere in coming to a conclusion as to the disposal of your vote. Not what is best for the prosperity of the country, still less what is best for the worldly interests of a section of the community, but what is right and just as between man and man. This thought alone should control your vote. If you observe these rules, it is no concern of mine what your political views may be, nor do I care whether you vote for Tory or Whig, Conservative or Liberal, Radical or Unionist. Vote conscientiously. I have no right, nor do I wish to ask anything more."

PASSED AWAY.

Deeply do I regret that my notes should be closed with a reference to the death of Mrs. George Proud, of Whickham, which sad and regrettable event took place on Sunday night with painful suddenness, as recorded in another column. The tidings of her sudden demise came as a shock to the entire parish, which now mourns the loss of one whose many good qualities won her hosts of friends, and who will find it hard to realise that the familiar figure they loved so well has been removed from mortal gaze. The name of Mrs Proud was perhaps best known as accompanist to the Whickham Choral Society, a position she filled with conspicuous success, for it was her good fortune to be gifted with rare musical abilities Her death must come as a severe blow to the society. She was of a most loving and amiable disposition, and possessed a purity of heart and rectitude in life that commended itself to all Although she has passed from mortal gaze, her memory will for ever be enshrined in the hearts of all.

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DUNSTON.

THE COAL TRADE.—About 25,000 tons of coal is said to be shipped each week from Dunston staiths.

RE-OPENING OF NORWOOD COLLIERY.—Norwood Colliery has now been re-opened under the management of the Dunston and Swalwell Garesfield Colliery Company, after having been closed for about thirty years. Norwood Colliery was first opened in the year 1837.

FORMATION OF AN ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.—We understand that it has been decided to form an Orchestral Society for the village of Dunston. About a couple of dozen members have already joined. The society will be under the care of Mr. A. W. Graham, in whose hands the training of the members has been placed.

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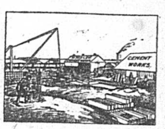
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Private 10,075 J. E. Wilkinson,
55 Compy., 14 Batt. Imperial Yeomanry
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South Africa.

Mr. Parsons,

Dear sir,—I received the cough medicine all right, and it just came in the nick of time, for I had an awful cold through the hardships out here, lying in the trenches on bitter cold nights with only one blanket to cover me. I do not know what might have been the consequences had I not got your "Phlegmo." I am convinced that it's worth the best name that can be given it, it's like the Union Jack, never to be beaten, I am sure. I gave my comrade four doses and it put him all right, and my comrades wish they could get some of the same out here to cure them. It acts like magic in these fever cases and cold. My comrade Coxan declares that it has done him a power of good, and he is writing to thank you. The whole world should know of this wonderful remedy of yours. I must now draw to a close, as we can hear the guns of the enemy roaring a few miles off every day, and we are going out to take the enemy's position to-morrow, so before you get this we expect to get a bat at them, and we can't tell what will be next. With kind regards from your well-wishing friend,

J. E. WILKINSON.

July 17th 1900.

Copy of letter from
Private 10,011 George Coxan,
55th Compy. Imperial Yeomany,
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Mr. Parsons,

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LANCHESTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.

To-day (Thursday) the annual Brewster Sessions for the West Division of Chester Ward were commenced in the Court House, Lanchester, before a full Bench of Magistrates. There was a large attendance of persons interested and of the general public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Supt. Benzies submitted his annual report as follows:—

Police Office, Consett, Aug. 30th, 1900.

To the Chairman and Magistrates of the West Division of Chester Ward in Brewster Sessions assembled. Gentlemen,—I beg to submit to you the following statement in connection with the Licensing Act during the last year. There are in your division the following licensed premises:—Full licensed houses 116, beer houses 32, off licensed houses 56, billiards 2; total 206. During the year seven innkeepers have been proceeded against and two convicted; three beerhouse keepers proceeded against and convicted; four off license holders proceeded against and convicted; 1,361 persons have been brought before the Magistrates for offences under the Licensing Act, 1312 being convicted, and 49 discharged. There were two full licenses granted last year, but one was not confirmed at Durham. The other one, granted to Mr. Cranston, at No Place, Stanley, has been conducted in a satisfactory manner. One of the new licenses granted some time ago at Stanley, viz., the Royal Hotel, under conditions that it remained a free house, I understand has lately been leased to Messrs. Davison and Wood, spirit merchants, Gateshead. I have notified the owner, Mr. Joseph Watson, and the new license holder, Mr. Mark Coates, that I would call the attention of the Licensing Bench to what had taken place. In accordance with a resolution passed by the Standing Joint Committee with respect to the sale of intoxicating liquors to children under the age of 13 years I beg to say that there are still a few license holders who continue to supply children under the age of 13 years. They have been cautioned, but I am unable to take proceedings.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

P. G. BENZIES,
Superintendent.

PERSONS PROCEEDED AGAINST.

The following is a return showing the number of persons proceeded against and discharged during the past six years:—In 1895, proceeded against 1,436, discharged 51; in 1896, 1,823 and 47; in 1897, 1,658, and 37; in 1898, 1,501, and 55; in 1899, 1,364 and 62; and in 1900, 1,361 and 49.

THE BLACK LIST.

The following is a list of innkeepers and beerhouse-keepers who have been convicted for offences against the tenour of their licenses during the year ending August 29th, 1900:—

John P. Paull, innkeeper, Langley Park, permitting drunkenness, April 26th, 1900, and fined 10s and costs.

James Mallett, innkeeper, Burnopfield, permitting drunkenness May 10th, fined £5 and costs.

John Ryan, beerhouse keeper, Consett, keeping open during prohibited hours, January 22nd, fined £1 and costs.

Joseph Wetherley Davison, beerhouse keeper, Shotley Bridge, permitting drunkenness, Feb. 5th, fined £1 and costs.

James Millhouse, beerhouse keeper, Blackhill, selling drink to a drunk person on July 23rd, fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Pearson, off license holder, East Castle, Licensing Act Section 5, March 29th, fined 10s and costs.

Edward Maddison, off license holder, Langley Park, allowing drink to be consumed on his premises on April 12th, fined £5 and costs.

Thomas Armstrong, off license holder, Blackhall Mill, illegal sale, July 19th, fined £1 and costs.

William Whitehead, off license holder, Blackhill, selling drink to a drunk person, August 6th, fined £1 and costs.

In the cases of Paull, Davison, Millhouse, and Maddison the licenses have since been transferred.

NEW APPLICATIONS.

There were 19 new applications, a list of which appeared in last week's "Guardian." Of these 15 were for full licenses, seven being from Stanley, two from South Moor, one from Tanfield, one from Consett, two from Esh, one from Benfieldside (Number One), and one from East Castle. The remaining applications were for beer off.

WEDDING IN CONSETT.

On Wednesday morning, an interesting wedding was celebrated in the Wesleyan Church, Consett, when Miss Mary Elizabeth Milburn, eldest daughter of Mr John Milburn, of Consett Junction, and Mr. Wm. Valentine, of Durham, were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony, the officiating minister being the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in grey beaver cloth, trimmed with white brocade and passementerie, her hat being of white chiffon with ostrich tips sent specially from South Africa. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Sarah Milburn (sister of the bride) and Miss Valentine (sister of the bridegroom.) They were dressed in heliotrope trimmed with grey silk and silver passementerie, and wore velvet picture hats with heliotrope silk crowns. They also wore gold and pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was accompanied by his brother as best man. There was a large company present to witness the ceremony, and included Mr. and Mrs. R. English (uncle and aunt of the bride), Mrs. Wm. Milburn (aunt), Mrs. Gill, Consett; the Misses Phillipson (2), Annfield Plain; the Misses English (3), Consett; and Miss Russell, Annfield Plain, (cousins of the bride); Mr. and the Misses Valentine, Durham; Mrs. Henry Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Blackhill; Miss Lizzie Davison, Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. L. Emmerson, Miss E. Dunn, Miss Lowes, Miss Stoker, Miss Coates, Mrs. Wm. Lowrie, Mrs. John Maddison, Miss Lloyd, and many others. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the house of the bride's parents, where a large number of costly presents were much admired. Later on Mr. and Mrs. Valentine left for Keswick and the Lake district, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

SWALWELL.

A Heavy Fine.—Upon the information of P.C. Kindred, the Gateshead Magistrates on Thursday last fined William Watson, Swalwell, 10/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly on the 10th inst., at Swalwell.

NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL AT CHOPWELL.

Opening Ceremony.

On Wednesday afternoon, the new Wesleyan Chapel erected at Chopwell, was formally opened for public worship in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering. The structure, which is of wood, is a bright and attractive building, and commands a most picturesque site at the fringe of the famous Chopwell Woods—noted near and far for their sylvan beauty and grandeur. The event was noteworthy in many respects, for it marked the opening of Chopwell's first chapel; and, furthermore, it established a record in chapel construction, inasmuch as the structure has been completed within six weeks from the date of laying the foundation-stone—a unique occurrence indeed. Previous to the erection of the present structure public worship had to be conducted in a cottage, but owing to the increased population it was found imperative to secure a more suitable building so as to meet the spiritual requirements of the village. The building which has just been erected at a cost of £250, upon a site generously given by the Consett Iron Co., is only a temporary one, for it is intended to erect a more substantial and commodious structure at an early date, which will be on a scale worthy of the cause and the district.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Waugh, Connexional Evangelist. The rev. gentleman spoke from the words to be found in the second Book of Kings, 7th chapter, 9th verse:—"We do not well this day, is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace." They were met, he said, that day under unique circumstances. He thought he knew a bit about Methodism, and as much as any man in the Connexion—he would be a blind man if he did not; he thought he knew a great deal about other "isms," but he had never known a case where sanction was given one quarter for the building of a place of worship—(laughter)—and the place was put up, finished, opened, and the people worshipping in before the next plan was made. (Laughter.) There had evidently not been much sleep for some people. (Laughter.) It was clearly demonstrated that there had been energy, push, and determination in the work, when they could assemble to worship in the chapel that afternoon. They had shown attack; and they had shown how to crowd the place to the door. It was well that they had shown such interest; it was well that they had shown their sympathy with the work; but it was important that they should remember that in the sight of God, the "inner" Church was the Church in which He was most deeply interested. The present work was not the completion of the scheme, but the beginning of a work—the true work that was to last for ever. The speaker afterwards touched upon sinful silence, and urged upon all Christians the necessity of becoming active workers in the church. It was wrong for them to keep a blessing to themselves, that God meant other people to have as well.

At the close of the service a largely-attended public tea was held, the tables being under the care of Mesdames J. Wills, T. Wilson, S. Hebbron, Gardner, Pearson, Howe, Stephenson, and Misses Parker, Steddart, and Know.

In the evening a crowded public meeting took place under the presidency of Mr. Thomas H. Bainbridge, Newcastle. An interesting lecture was given by the Rev. T. Waugh, entitled "The story of my Conversion," which was listened to with marked attention. Other gentlemen also spoke.

Votes of thanks terminated an interesting day's proceedings.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this body was held at the Dipton Schools on Tuesday last. Mr. J. T. Robinson (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Messrs T. Clark, S. Swalwell, W. Young, and J. B. Armstrong; the Clerk (Mr. A. Phillipson), and the Attendance Officer (Mr. H. Beatham.)

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. W. McQuillen (head-master) reported:—No. on books, 216; average attendance, 292; average for month, 199.6. I am pleased to say that Essex Allen, having won one of the Minor Scholarships offered by the Durham County Council, has begun his studies at the Rutherford College, Newcastle. The attendance for the past two weeks stands at 92 per cent.

Miss A. S. Dickinson reported:—Number on books, 231; average attendance, 201.1. We re-opened school on August 13th with 200 girls in attendance out of 231 on the registers. The attendance since the holidays has been rather low, and has been greatly reduced in wet weather.

Mrs. Weedy (Infant Department) reported:—Number on books, 296; average attendance, 146.3. I should like to call the attention of the Board to the condition of the wall and window facing westward; the rain has been coming in freely during the past week. The attendance has not been satisfactory for the month of August, probably owing to the inclemency of the weather. An open fire during this cold and wet weather would be acceptable in order to dry damp clothes from teachers and children.

THE COLD WEATHER.

Mr. Young thought as the weather was so cold they should give orders for the fires to be lit.

Mr. Armstrong: It is cold enough for snow.

It was decided that orders should be given for fires to be lit in any of the rooms when required.

NEEDS ATTENTION.

With respect to the complaint of Mrs. Weedy regarding the rain coming into the school, Mr. Young thought that it would be wise for someone to look at it.

Mr. Clark said they might get a mason to attend to it. He moved that the caretaker be instructed to get someone to look after the matter.

This was seconded by the Chairman, and adopted.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Mr. Swalwell said the attendance in the infants' school was rather low.

The Chairman said the percentage of attendance for the whole school was 85. Last month it was 86.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Mr. Clark moved that the evening schools should be continued as usual, and that the Clerk be instructed to apply for a form for the girls' school.

Mr. Young seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Board soon afterwards rose.

TOW LAW FLOWER SHOW.

The committee of the above show held their 41st annual exhibition on Saturday. The weather was anything but conducive to the enjoyment of those who patronised the show. The heavy rain of the past week, followed as it was by the showers on Saturday morning, made the field a veritable quagmire. Although the unfavourable climatic conditions somewhat affected the attendance it was surprising nevertheless to see the large attendance of visitors, more particularly with the excursions that were run from Newcastle, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, and Darlington. As regards the exhibits, the chief departments were the poultry, floral, and horticultural classes. The former perhaps was the heaviest department in the exhibition, the pigeons and poultry alike being of good quality. The floral and horticultural section was the more noticeable for its open section, in which there was fairly good competition, and some really capital exhibits. One of the most noticed, and perhaps most admired, were the splendid potatoes shown by Mr. F. Raw, certainly giants in size and capital in quality. The cottagers' department was hardly up to the usual standard, although the quality could be considered fairly good, the entry being slightly less. Amongst the chief prize takers in the open section for flowers and vegetables were: Messrs Trennery, Crook; W. H. Telford, Tow Law; R. McLane, Waterhouses; J. B. Robinson, Tow Law; A. Curry, North Bitchburn; T. Crowther, Waterhouses; and Mrs. Bond, of Tow Law; whilst Messrs J. G. Bainbridge, Stanhope; G. Spedding, Thornley; J. Graham and W. Glenton were very successful. In the cottagers' classes R. French, T. Dowson, W. Glenton, J. Graham, W. Heseltine, and Messrs Moses were perhaps the the most prominent. The industrial section was as interesting as ever. Its chief feature consisted in the paintings and the ornamental leather work. In the paintings, C. E. Hodgson, of Middlesbrough, obtained a prominent position with exhibits shown at Shildon, the work of this exhibitor being a good execution and finish. Miss Michael, of Tow Law, obtained a first for oil paintings in the local class, with a sea scene, whilst in the open industrial section Messrs B. B. Jamieson, of Darlington, and W. R. Turner, of Consett were pretty successful. In the ornamental leather work (lady amateurs) Miss M. H. Christian got a first with an exhibit noticeable for its choice design and neat finish, a good second in this class falling to Mrs. J. Dickenson, of Crook. The lady amateurs' class generally was especially praiseworthy for the excellence of the exhibits. Prize-takers centred for the most part in Mrs. Lear, of Shildon; Miss Waddell of Sunderland; Miss Pryce, Middlesbrough; Mrs. Kendal. Mention should also be made of a capital exhibit in the industrial section from W. Dent, of Crook, consisting of a capital model carved tower and clock. Turning to the poultry classes, quality and quantity, as previously hinted, were to be found in Messrs P. Widdas, Howden-le-Wear; F. Norton, Ossett; C. Preston, Dewsbury; J. Christison, Tow Law; and J. Entwistle, Wakefield. In the pigeon classes J. Boyd, Winlaton; A. Remner, Halifax; H. Gray, Tow Law; T. French, Tow Law; and T. Glendinning, Inkerman, were the most successful. Amongst exhibitors showing in the rabbit classes the most fortunate were:—Messrs W. Foster, Howden-le-Wear; C. Bemrose, Grimsby; E. Palmer, Bishop Auckland; F. Feetham, Bowden Close; Gilbank and Tweddle, Northallerton; T. F. Linley, West Hartlepool; J. T. Burn, Crook; Wm. Hall, Crook; J. Smith Crook; R. Robinson, West Hartlepool; and G. A. Dowson, Tow Law.

The horse leaping and driving classes as usual attracted much attention, there being some 18 entries in this section. The results were as follows:—Horse leaping—1, Thomas and Henry Ward, Pinchinthorpe; 2 and 3, W. Cousin, Framwellgate Moor. Driving (open)—1, A. Phillipson, Dipton; 2, George Wade, Consett; 3, J. Vickers, C.C., Tow Law. Driving (local)—A. Phillipson, Dipton; 2, John Wade, Consett.

During the afternoon the West Hartlepool Old Operatic Band, in their new uniforms, gave a splendid programme of music, which was appreciated by one and all. Sullivan's "Iolanthe," the solos by Mr. Power ("Cleopatra") and Mr. W. G. Hoare ("Alice where are thou") together with "Reminiscences by Sullivan," the test piece at the Crystal Palace, were much admired for their excellence of execution. Notwithstanding the great difficulty that was experienced in the evening in promenading the field owing to its completely sodden state, there was a large crowd of people patronising the various roundabouts, swings, etc., clearly demonstrating that the Tow Law Show still continues to hold as a popular event amongst the inhabitants of the surrounding district.

PRIZE LIST.

FLOWERS.

(OPEN SECTION.)

Stove and greenhouse plants.—1, T. Trennery, Wolley Terrace; 2, R. McLane; 3, W. H. Telford, Hedleyhope.

Foliage plants.—1, Mrs. Bond, Tow Law; 2, W. H. Telford; 3, T. Trennery.

Fuchsias (two varieties).—1, W. H. Telford; 2, R. McLane, Waterhouses.

Pot plants (three varieties).—1, R. McLane; 2, Mrs. Bond; 3, W. H. Telford.

Coleus (two varieties).—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, T. Trennery; 3, R. McLane.

Geraniums (two varieties).—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, R. McLane; 3, W. H. Telford.

Tricolour geraniums (two varieties).—1, W. Heseltine, Tow Law; 2, W. H. Telford; 3, T. Trennery.

Bi-colour geranium (two varieties).—1, T. Trennery; 2, W. H. Telford; 3, W. Heseltine.

Petunia (one variety).—1, W. H. Telford; 2, Mrs. Bond.

Ferns (three varieties)—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, W. H. Telford.

Two coxcombs.—1, B. McLane; 2, T. Trennery.

Balsams (two varieties).—1, W. H. Telford; 2, T. Trennery; 3, Mrs. Bond.

Four stocks (four varieties).—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, J. B. Robinson; 3, W. McGuine, Beechburn.

Phloxes, dissimilar (three varieties).—1, T. E. Crowther, Waterhouses; 2, R. McLane; 3, J. S. Moses, Tow Law.

Gladioli (four spikes dissimilar).—1, T. Trennery; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, J. G. Bainbridge, Stanhope.

Dahlias (six varieties).—1, J. T. Butterfield, Wolley Terrace; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, W. Ramsay, Roddy Moor.

Six cactus dahlias.—1, T. Trennery; 2, A. Curry, North Beechburn; 3, D. McLane.

Roses, dissimilar (six blooms).—1, W. H. Telford; 2, W. McGuine; 3, J. G. Bainbridge.

Cut geraniums (six varieties).—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, J. B. Robinson; 3, T. E. Crowther.

Show pansies (six varieties).—1, J. T. Butterfield; 2, J. S. Moses; 3, W. H. Telford.

Fancy pansies (six varieties).—1, J. T. Butterfield; 2, W. H. Telford; 3, J. Moses.

French marigolds (six blooms).—1, A. Curry; 2, J. Moses; 3, T. E. Crowther.

African marigolds (six blooms).—1, T. Trennery; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, J. T. Butterfield.

Asters (six varieties).—1, R. McLane; 2, J. Moses; 3, A. Curry.

Everlastings (six varieties, not more than six of each).—1, W. Heseltine; 2, J. Moses; 3, J. T. Butterfield.

Annual (six stands).—1, T. Trennery; 2, W. H. Telford; 3, T. E. Crowther.

Carnations (six blooms, three varieties).—1, J. T. Butterfield; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, A. Curry.

Cut flowers (six stands).—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, T. E. Crowther.

Hand bouquet.—1, J. Moses; 2, J. G. Bainbridge; 3, J. B. Robinson.

Lady's spray.—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, J. G. Bainbridge.

Basket of cut flowers (not to exceed 12 inches across, bough to be decorated).—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, J. B. Robinson.

Six spikes herbaceous blooms.—1, Mrs. Bond; 2, J. G. Bainbridge; 3, J. Moses.

VEGETABLES.

(OPEN.)

Three heads of celery.—1, James Graham, Tow Law; 3, T. E. Crowther; 3, W. Plumb, Tow Law.

Three Turnips.—1, G. Speddings, Thornley; 2, W. Craggs, Thornley; 3, R. French, Tow Law.

Four leeks—1, T. E. Crowther; 2, W. Plumb, 3, T. Smith, Tow Law.

Three parsnips.—1, James Graham; 2, R. French; 3, W. Heseltine.

Three roots of beet.—1, W. Glenton, Thornley; 2, G. Spedding; 3, J. B. Robinson.

Three carrots.—1, G. Speddings; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, J. Hindmoor, Tow Law.

Six onions.—1, W. Craggs, Thornley; G. Spedding; 3, W. Glenton.

Twelve pods of beans.—1, G. Spedding; 2, J. B. Robinson; 2, T. Brown, Waterhouses.

Twenty-four pods of peas.—1, W. Craggs; 2, J. B. Robinson; 3, Thos. Smith.

Tray of potatoes (four varieties of six each).—1, G. Spedding; 2, W. Craggs.

Tray of vegetables.—1, J. B. Robinson; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, Thos. Smith.

Two early cabbages.—1, A. Curry, Beechburn; 2, T. Smith; 3, J. B. Robinson.

Two red cabbages.—1, W. Glenton; 2, W. Craggs; 3, G. Spedding.

Two savoy cabbages.—1, W. Craggs; 2, T. Smith; 3, W. Heseltine.

Two cauliflowers.—1, A. Curry; 2, T. E. Crowther; 3, W. McQuine.

FRUIT.

Twelve best flavoured gooseberries.—1, G. Spedding; 2, W. Glenton; 3, W. S. Watson, Wolsingham.

Twelve heaviest gooseberries.—1, W. Craggs; 2, W. G. Glenton; 3, W. S. Watson.

Red currants (half-pint to be shown in the strop).—1, J. E. Bainbridge; 2, J. Graham; 3, W. Craggs.

Black currants (half-pint to be shown in the strop).—1, W. Craggs; 2, G. Spedding.

White currants (half-pint to be shown in the strop).—1, G. Spedding; 2, W. Glenton; 3, J. G. Bainbridge.

COTTAGERS' SECTION.

FLOWERS.

Stove and greenhouse plants.—1, R. French; 2, J. G. Graham, Hedleyhope; 3, W. Heseltine.

Two foliage plants.—1, J. G. Graham; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, R. French.

Fuchsia, light (one variety).—1, J. G. Graham; 2, W. Heseltine.

Fuchsia, dark (one variety).—1, J. G. Graham; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, R. French.

Pot plants (three varieties).—1, J. G. Graham; 2, R. French.

Two begonias.—1, R. French; 2, J. G. Graham.

Geraniums (two varieties).—1, J. G. Graham; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, R. French.

Geraniums, tri-colour (two varieties).—1, W. Heseltine.

Best petunia.—1, W. Heseltine; 2, J. G. Graham; 3, R. French.

Best plant.—1, W. Heseltine; 2, J. Graham.

Window plant.—1, W. Raper, Tow Law; 2, J. Rennick, Sunniside.

Ferns (two varieties).—1, J. Graham; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, R. French.

Balsams (two varieties).—1, J. G. Graham; 2, R. French; 3, W. French.

Gladioli (two varieties).—1, J. Moses; 2, W. French; 3, T. Dowson, Thornley.

Stocks (three varieties).—1, W. R. Moses, Sunniside; 2, R. French; 3, T. Dowson.

Dahlias (four varieties).—1, T. Dowson; 2, W. French; 3, Jas. Graham.

Six cactus dahlias (three varieties).—1, Thos. Dowson; 2, W. French.

Six roses (not less than three varieties).—1, Thos. Dowson; 2, J. S. Moses.

Asters (four varieties).—1, W. R. Moses; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, J. S. Moses.

French marigolds (six blooms).—1, Jas. Graham; 2, Jas. Hindmoor; 3, R. French.

African marigolds (six blooms).—1, W. R. Moses; 2, Jas. Graham; 3, R. French.

Show pansies (six varieties).—1, W. R. Moses; 2, J. G. Graham; 3, G. T. Madison, Tow Law.

Fancy pansies (six varieties).—1, W. R. Moses; 2, Jos. Moses; 3, J. G. Graham.

Everlastings (six varieties, not more than six of each).—1, Thos. Dowson; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, R. French.

Hardy annuals (six varieties).—1, R. French; 2, W. French; 3, W. Heseltine.

Antirrhinums (three varieties, three stems each).—1, W. Bates, Tow Law; 2, Jas. Graham; 3, R. French.

Cut flowers (four stands).—1, R. French; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, W. French.

Basket cut flowers (not more than 12 inches across, bough to be decorated).—1, W. French; 2, R. French; 3, W. Heseltine.

Hand bouquet of cut flowers.—1, R. French; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, W. French.

Four buttonholes.—1, W. Heseltine; 2, R. French; 3, W. French.

VEGETABLES.

Radishes.—1, W. Heseltine; 2, W. Glenton; 3, Thos. Smith.

Six eschalots.—1, W. Heseltine; 2, T. Dorlson; 3, W. Glenton.

Six onions.—1, W. Craggs; 2, W. Glenton; 3, G. Spedding.

Beans.—1, W. Craggs; 2, T. Dowson; 3, G. Spedding.

Peas.—1, W. Craggs; 2, T. Smith; 3, W. Bates.

Kidney potatoes.—1, W. Glenton; 2, F. Raw; 3, W. Craggs.

Round potatoes.—1, W. Craggs; 2, W. Glenton; 3, G. Spedding.

Tray of potatoes.—1, F. Raw; 2, W. Craggs; 3, T. Dowson.

Tray of vegetables.—1, W. Craggs; 2, T. Dowson; 3, W. Glenton.

Two cabbages, savoys.—1, W. Craggs; 2, W. Glenton; 3, W. Heseltine.

Two cauliflowers.—1, Thos. Dowson; 2, J. Hindmoor; 3, R. French.

Two heads of lettuce.—1, W. French; 2, T. French; 3, R. French.

Two sticks of celery.—1, J. Graham; 2, T. Dowson; 3, W. Heseltine.

Three turnips, yellow.—1, W. Craggs; 2, Thos. Smith; 3, J. Graham.

Three white turnips.—1, Thos. Dowson; 2, W. Heseltine; 3, W. Glenton.

Three carrots.—1, R. French; 2, G. Spedding; 3, W. Heseltine.

Three parsnips.—1, J. Graham; 2, W. Glenton; 3, R. French.

Two roots of beet.—1, W. Craggs; 2, W. Glenton; 3, T. Dowson.

Three leeks.—1, W. Craggs; 2, J. Moses; 3, J. Graham.

Twelve flavoured gooseberries.—1, W. Craggs; 2, R. French; 3, W. French.

Twelve best gooseberries.—1, W. Glenton; 2, W. Craggs; 3, T. Dowson.

Half-pint red currants, to be shown in the strop.—1, W. Glenton; 2, W. Craggs; 3, Thos. Dowson.

Half-pint black currants, to be shown in the strop.—1, W. Glenton; 2, T. Dowson; 3, G. Spedding.

Half-pint white currants, to be shown in the strop.—1, W. Glenton; 2, T. Dowson; 3, G. Spedding.

Two early cabbage.—1, T. Smith; 2, W. Craggs; 3, T. French.

Two red cabbage.—1, W. Glenton; 2, W. Craggs; 3, G. Spedding.

LADY AMATEUR WORK.

Quilt—1, Mrs. Pears, Sunniside; 2, Miss Christison, Tow Law; 3, Miss S. J. Scott.

Knitted stockings—2, Mrs Dent, Mickleton.

Ivory work—1, Miss M. H. Christison; 2, Miss Dent; Middlesbro'; 3, Mrs Lear, Shildon.

Crewel work—1, Miss Waddell, Sunderland; 2, Miss Radcliff, Middlesbro'; 3, Mrs Lear.

Hearthrug—1, Mrs Wall, Durham; 2, Mrs Fell, Tow Law; 3, Miss Shield, Hedleyhope.

Fancy work (unclassed)—1, Miss Pryce; 2, Miss Radcliff; 3, Miss E. Smith.

Tea cosy—1, Miss Waddell; 2, Mrs Lear; 3, Miss Smith, Tow Law.

Pin cushion—1, Mrs Lear; 2, Miss Smith.

Child's dress—1 and 2, Miss Hindmarsh, West Hartlepool; 3, Miss Smith.

Sofa cushion—Mrs Lear; 2, Miss Wall, Durham; 3, Miss Waddell.

Woollen shirt—1, Mrs Dent, Newton Lodge; 2, Mrs Lear.

Lady's flannel skirt, embroidered—1, Miss Colper, Middlesbro'; 2, Mrs Lear; 3, Miss Hindmarsh.

Night dress case—1 and 3, Miss Lear; 2, Miss Parkin, Northwich.

Laundry work—1, Mrs. Moon, Dan's Castle; 2, Mrs. Dent, Midleton; 3, Mrs. Lee, Leadgate.

Toilet mats—1, Miss Waddell; 2, Mrs Lear; 3, Miss Christison.

Antimicassar—1, Mrs. Lear; 2, Miss Dent; 3, Miss E. Smith.

Sofa rug—2, Mrs Lear.

Painting on material—1, Mrs Lear; 2, Miss Christison; 3, Miss Michael, Tow Law.

Hand painting on useful ornamental article—1, C. Hodgson, Middlesbro'; 2, Mrs Lear; 3, Mrs Kendall, Tow Law.

Leather work—1, Miss Christison; 2, Miss Dickinson, Crook; 3, Mrs Carter, Howden.

Set of d'oyleys—1, Mrs Lear; 2, Miss Parkin; 3, Miss Weddell.

INDUSTRIAL CLASS.

OPEN SECTION.

Useful or ornamental household article in steel, wrought iron, or brass, not classed—1, B. B. Jameson, Darlington; 2, B. B. Jameson; 3, H. Oliver, Darlington.

Model church castle, farmyard, &c.—1, E. Dent, Crook; 2, T. Bainbridge, Consett; 3, John Tallentyre, Gateshead.

Case of stuffed birds—1 and 2, W. R. Turner, 3, W. Davidson.

Case of stuffed animals—1, D. Lowe, Tow Law; 2 and 3, W. R. Turner.

Painting on china, glass, or terra cotta—1, Chas. E. Hodgson, Middlesbro'; 2, J. Dickinson, Crook; 3, Miss A. Rawes, Tow Law; v.h.c., Miss Michael, Tow Law.

Chrystoleum painting—1, Miss Michael; 2, Miss A. Smith, Crook; 3, Miss Ormiston.

Useful or ornamental articles, not classed—1, R. Wheatley, jun., Tow Law; 2, Jas. Pratt, Shildon; 3, Miss A. Davidson, Harrogate.

Mounted heads, horns or hoofs—1, W. R. Turner; 2, R. J. Wheatley, Tow Law.

Carving in wood or stone—1, W. R. Turner; 2, Miss Pattison, Middlesbro'; 3, Jas. Todd, Darlington.

FINE ARTS SECTION.

Mechanical drawing—1 and 2, E. Taylor, Shildon; 3, J. E. Brown, Darlington.

Oil painting, the work of the exhibitor—1, Chas. Hodgson, Middlesbro'; 2, Mrs Kendall, Sunderland; 3, Miss E. Eaton, Wolsingham.

Pen and ink sketch—1, D. Davidson, Hedleyhope.

Crayon drawing—1, Miss F. A. Rumney, Catchgate; 2, Chas. E. Hodgson, Tow Law; 3, J. R. Evans, Brancepeth.

Oil painting (local)—1, Miss Michael; 2, Miss M. H. Christison; 3, Mrs. Kendall.

Photograph of landscape, &c. (amateur)—1, T. Baker, Wolsingham; 2, W. Work, Bishop Auckland; 3, T. R. Atkinson, Tow Law.

Butter—1, Miss Urwin, Wolsingham; 2, Miss Atkinson, Wolsingham; 3, Miss Waugh, Thornley.

Eggs—1, Mr Brown, Tow Law; 2, Miss Atkinson.

White Bread—1, Miss Dowson, Tow Law; 2, Miss Brown, Vicarage; 3, Miss Atkinson; 4, Miss Gibson, Stanhope.

Brown Bread—1, Miss Gibson, Stanhope; 2, Miss Lishman, Blaydon; 3, Miss Rawes, Vicarage; 4, Miss Muse, Tow Law.

Honey—1 and 2, Miss Rippon, Butsfield; 3, Mr. W. S. Watson, Wolsingham.

RABBITS.

Silver grey—1, Hy. Little, Durham; 2, Wm. Foster, Howden-le-Wear; 3, H. J. Pilling, New Church.

Silver cream—1, E. Palmer, Gurney Villa; 2 and 3, Wm. Foster.

Silver (under 4 months)—1, C. Bemrose; 2, Ed. Palmer; 3, Frank Feetham.

Dutch—1, R. Brewster; 2, W. H. Starr; 3, W. Backhouse.

Dutch (under 4 months)—1, Gilbank and Tweddle; 2, Jno. Woods, Durham.

Belgian buck—2, W. Simpson, Crook; 3, T. E. Egglestone, Consett.

Belgian doe—1, C. E. Bonham, Banbury; 2, Jos. Redfern, Carlinghow; 3, W. Rose, South Bank.

Belgian (under 6 months)—1, F. Feetham, Bowden Close; 2, W. Dose, South Bank; 3, E. S. Keely, Durham.

English—1, T. F. Linley, West Hartlepool; 2, Elders and Young, Whitby; 3, J. T. Burn, Crook.

Doe and litter—1, W. Hall, Crook; 2, R. McDowell, Shildon; 3, Sharp and Brown, Low Fell.

Unclassed—Wardale Bros., Guisborough; 2, F. Feetham, Bowden Close; 3, R. Dawson, Cornsay Colliery.

Gift class—1, R. Robinson, West Hartlepool; 2, F. Feetham; 3, R. Dawson.

POULTRY.

Game cock or cockerel—1, Percy Widdas, Howden; 2, F. Norton, Ossett, Yorks; 3, Col. Staveley, Driffield.

Game Hen or pullett—1, Col. Staveley; 2, Percy Widdas; 3, F. Norton.

Wyandotte (1900)—1, G. W. Weighill, Northallerton; 2, Chas. Preston, Dewsbury; 3, J. Armstrong, Annfield Plain.

Drake or duck—1, Robt. Spark, Frosterley; 2, John Christen; 3, T. Stephenson, Dipton.

Game bantam cock—1, John Christison, Tow Law; 2, F. Pickering, Driffield; 3, J. F. Entwisle, Wakefield.

Game bantam hen—1, Jno. Christison; 2, J. F. Entwistle, Wakefield; 3, Percy Widdas.

Black or white rosecomb cock—1, and special, D. W. Purdon, Driffield; 2, R. W. Anderson, Huddersfield; 3, S. Kidson, Thirsk.

Black or white rosecomb hen—1, R. Preston, Redcar; 2, W. Longstaff, Tow Law; 3, S. W. Anderson.

Unclassed—1 and 2, J. F. Entwistle; 3, D. Preston.

Game cockerel—1, J. F. Entwistle; 2, Percy Widdas; 3, J. Christison.

Game pullet—1 and special—Jos. Jacques, Stanhope; 2, J. F. Entwistle; 3, Percy Widdas.

Bantam (not game)—cockerel or pullet—1, J. P. Entwistle; 2, G. H. Pickering, Driffield; 3, D. W. Purdon, Driffield.

Bantam, selling class 10s—1, J. Christison; 2, J. F. Entwistle; 3, G. H. Pickering.

Old English game, cock or cockerel—1, F. Norton; 2, J. Griffiths, Ebchester; 3, Armstrong and Paull, Leadgate.

Old English game hen or pullet—1, Col. Graveley; 2, J. Griffiths; 3, F. Norton.

Minirca hen or pullet—2, Wm. Sleep, Wingate.

Orpington cock or cockerel—1, W. Woods; 2, Thos. Lockwood, Pateley Bridge; 3, J. and M. Carr, Annfield Plain.

Orpington hen or pullet—1, J. and M. Carr; 2, H. E. Eltringham, Blackhill; 2, T. Lockwood.

Wyandotte cock—1, Chas. Preston, Dewsbury; 2, T. Lockwood.

Wyandotte hen—1, Chas. Preston; 2, T. Lockwood; 3, Miss Dawson, Cornsay Colliery.

Hamburgh cock or cockerel—1, Jas. Cleasby, Birtley; 2, Geo. Middlemast, South Moor; 3, J. Christison.

Hamburgh hen or pullet—1, Jas. Cleasby; 2, R. Preston, Redcar; 3, J. Christison.

Selling class, 10s, cock or cockerel—1, J. Christison; 2, Jno. Gill, Wolsingham.

Unclassed cock or cockerel—1, R. W. Milburn, Tow Law; 2, W. Wood, Newark.

Unclassed hen or pullet—1, H. Stacey; 2, Jno. Bonakill, Carnforth; 3, R. W. Milburn.

LOCAL MEMBERS' CLASSES.

Cock, any variety—1, J. Christison; 2, Jas. Lose.

Hen, any variety—1, J. Chrisison; 2, Jas. Lose.

Bantam cock—1, J. Christison.

Bantam hen—1, J. Christison.

Bantam chicken—1, J. Christison.

PIGEONS.

Homer—Wm. Woodhouse, Scarbro'; 2, Jas. Boyle, Blaydon; 2, Hy. Hay, Thornaby.

Homer, hen—1, J. Boyd; 2, Wm. Woodhouse; 3, J. F. Entwistle.

Homer, cock or hen, bred 1900—1, Alf. Remmer, Halifax; 2, W. Woodhouse; 3, Jas. Boyd.

Likeliest for flying, cock—1, Paxton and Taylor, West Hartlepool; 2, W. C. Moody, Ealing; 3, Wm. Elam, Huddersfield.

Likeliest for flying, hen—1, Payne and Osborne, Willington; 2, John Charlton, Tow Law; 3, Thos. Walton, Silsden.

Likeliest for flying cock or hen, bred 1900—1, A. Crisp, West Stanley; 2, T. Parkinson, Newcastle; 3, Wm. Elam.

Dragon, cock or hen—1, Jas. Boyd; 2, F. and J. Siddle, Consett; 3, Thos. Ridley, Crook.

English owl or turbit, cock or hen—1, T. Parkinson; 2, F. Jolly, jun., West Hartlepool; 3, J. W. Watson, Driffield.

Jacobin, cock or hen—1, Thos. Eccleston; 2, H. M. Sawyers, Felton; 3, J. Christison.

Pouter, carrier, or barb, cock or hen—1, J. T. Brown, Bedlington Colliery; 2, J. J. Bright, Stanhope; 3, J. Christison.

Any variety not mentioned above, cock or hen—1, Whitfield and Iley, Consett; 2, F. Jolly; 3, J. Christison.

Selling class, any variety, price 5/—1, Wm. Bell, Tanfield Lea; 2, Jas. Boyd; 3, W. G. Walker, Bishop Auckland.

LOCAL CLASSES TO MEMBERS OR RESIDENTS WITHIN TWO MILES OF TOW LAW.

For flying purposes, cock—1, Harry Groy, Tow Law; 2, James Brydon, Tow Law; 3, Jas. Hildreth, Tow Law.

For flying purposes, hen—1, T. French, Tow Law; 2, J. Charlton, Tow Law; 3, Thirlwell Glendenning, Inkerman.

SCHOOL SECTION.

Writing (under 14)—1, Dorothy Watson, Tow Law; 2, E. Russel, Shildon; 3, H. Ayton, Thornley.

Writing (under 13)—1, Geo. Hunter, Tow Law; 2, Bessie Godsland, Sunniside; 3, Willie Hall.

Writing (under 12)—1, Margt. Moses, Tow Law; 2, Thos. Marriott, Sunniside; 3, Jno. Thompson.

Writing (under 11)—1, Annie Greggs, Tow Law; 2nd, Francis Stephenson, Sunniside; 3, Jno. Charlton, Sunniside.

Writing (under 10)—1, Geo. Fullerton, Tow Law; 2, Dora Brewer, Tow Law; 3, Jno. Hutchinson, Thornley.

Writing (under 9)—1, Dobt. Charlton, Sunniside; 2, Celia Harrison, Sunniside; 3, Sarah Ruecroft, Sunniside.

Writing (under 8)—1, Eva Greggs, Tow Law; 2, Lydia Gase; 3, Arthur Hutchinson, Thornley.

Drawing (under 14)—1, Harry Dowson, Sunniside; 2, Maggie Charlton, Sunniside; 3, Bessie Godsland.

Drawing (under 13)—1, John Francis; 2, Llewellyn Martin, Sunniside; 3, Harry Dawson.

Drawing (under 12)—1, Emma Farrinan, Sunniside; 2, Francis Stephenson; 3, Wm. Francis, Sunniside.

Best set of worked sums—1, E. Russel, Shildon; 2, D. Watson, Tow Law; 3, S. Brewer, Tow Law.

Best figuring (under 9)—1, Sarah J. Ruecroft, Thornley; 2, Annie Dale, Thornley; 3, Gladys Dowson, Thornley.

Needlework (girls under 14)—1, Mary Teasdale, Tow Law; 2, Maggie Hodgson, Sunniside; 3, Evelyn Westgarth, Tow Law.

Needlework (girls under 13)—1, Bessie Godsland, Sunniside; 2, Maggie Charlton, Sunniside; 3, Edith Foal, Sunniside.

Needlework (girls under 12)—1, Martha Peart, Sunniside; 2, Annie Lee, Sunniside; 3, Ellen Sleightholm, Sunniside.

Needlework (girls under 11)—1, Florrie Parker, Tow Law; 2, Ella Hildreth, Tow Law; 3, M. Tweddle, Tow Law.

Needlework (girls under 10)—1, E. Farriman, Sunniside; 2, Francis Stephenson, Sunniside; 3, Nellie Blair, Sunniside.

Needlework (girls under 9)—1, Celia Farriman, Sunniside; 2, Bertha Calland, Sunniside; 3, Mary Irwin, Tow Law.

Needlework (girls under 8)—1, Mabel Allison, Sunniside; 2, Margt. Taylorson, Sunniside; 3, Maret. Hanson.

Child's petticoat—1, Maggie Charlton; 2, Dorothy Watson; 3, Evelyn Westgarth.

Darned stockings—1, E. Russel; 2, M. Elliott; 3, Dorothy Watson.

Knitted stockings—1, E. Russel; 2, Dorothy Watson.

A STRANGE STORY.

Personal experiences, when a yarn is spun, always count for more than hearsay. This fact applies strongly in the case of Mr. Jacob Whyman, when he made a statement a short time ago that Bile Beans for Biliousness cured him of indigestion, accompanied with colic and diarrhœa, after twenty years, and a mint of money had been spent in miserable failures with doctors and others remedies. Mr. Whyman, who lives at Stanghow-road, Skelton-in-Cleveland, told a reporter of the "North-Eastern Daily Gazette," who called upon him to get particulars of his case, a surprising story of recovery from chronic biliousness and indigestion of twenty years' standing. He said: "For the last forty years I have been employed about the Cleveland mines, and for over twenty years I have been troubled with indigestion and biliousness, so much that life was almost a burden. Sometimes when I have got my dinner my stomach has turned sour, and I have rifted and belched. This would produce a severe pain in my inside like an attack of colic. I have had to go to bed, and even then I could get no rest. For years I had a severe pain on the left side, with a sense of fulness, and could get no relief."

"Did you not try any remedy for it?" queried the reporter.

"Oh, yes," he replied. "I tried many remedies from time to time, but they never did me much good. I have had to stay at home from work, and be under the doctor, but though I have consulted several medical men they never gave me anything to do me any good."

"Then how did you come to get rid of your trouble?" was the next query.

"Well, about three months ago I saw an advertisement in the newspapers about Charles Forde's 'Bile Beans for Biliousness,' and the good they had done other people. I was off work at the time with sickness and diarrhœa, and at the end of a week I seemed to get no better. So I sent for a box, and I decided to try them. The first effect they had on me was to aggravate the diarrhœa. I persevered with them, however, and in a few days I felt a wonderful change. The pain in my stomach ceased and my food did me more good. I had less of the rifting, and the spasms went away. By the end of a week I was able to go back to work. I kept on taking the Beans."

"Did the improvement last?"

"Certainly," replied Mr. Whyman, "and I have never been off work for a day since. Formerly I was always having to be off for a day or two at a time."

"Can you eat your food well?"

"Yes. I was always fond of pastry, but before I got those Beans I could not touch it; I dared not because of the pains it brought on. But now I can eat any kind of food."

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MICKLEY.

Celebration Day.—The good people of Mickley had a grand gala day last Saturday in order to celebrate our victories in South Africa. They were rather late in the day, but they were evidently determined—if we may judge from their programme—to have a celebration which would put all neighbouring parishes into the shade. Subscriptions for the purpose were readily secured, the Mickley Coal Company heading the list with £10. The gala included a grand procession around the parish, and elaborate preparations were made to render this most attractive. Nearly all branches of the army, navy and volunteer forces were represented, including cavalry, infantry, and artillery. The uniforms were the best procurable. Old Kruger and his fellow Boers were also there (alas! not in reality), but were carefully guarded. The Prudhoe Volunteers paraded in full force, accompanied by their band, and the Mickley Temperance Band also lent their services. After the procession, an adjournment was made to the Mickley football ground (kindly granted by the club), when the aged people of the parish and the school children were entertained to tea. An excellent programme of sports was also gone through, the events being mainly of an amusing nature, and included the following:—Cleaving the Turk's head (for horsemen and cyclists), wrestling on horseback, costume race, obstacle race, donkey race, tilting the bucket, hat-trimming for men, Victoria Cross race, etc., etc. Over £15 was awarded in prizes. There was no charge for admission to the ground, but a collection was made, any surplus to be divided between the Reservists' and Indian Famine Funds. At night, there was a display of fireworks, and a huge bon-fire (lighted by Mr. S. Bates) It was a very successful day.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of this society was held on Tuesday evening in the Primitive Methodist Sunday school-room, Blackhill, Mr. J. Whitehead occupying the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. G. Ainsworth, J.P. Three were also present—Mr. C. Stephenson, Mr. G. P. Stephenson, Mr. R. Heymer, Mr. N. Bishop, Mr. J. Walton, Mr. J. T. Symington, Mr. E. J. Colmar, Mr. C. Herbert, and others.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman said that proceedings in that room were usually opened by the singing of a hymn. As they were a musical society he thought they should do the same, and sing the National Anthem. This advice having been followed, the Chairman proceeded to say that this was the society's third year, and they could congratulate themselves upon the musical performances of last year. The performance of the "Last Judgment" would have done credit to older organisations, while their performance of Handel's "Messiah" was not surpassed in the county. If they went on improving and stuck together there would not be the slightest doubt of the society prospering. They were better off financially, and they owed this, to a great extent, to the ladies. (Applause.)

The Secretary (Mr. W. E. Brown) then read the annual report as follows:—

In presenting my annual report of the third year's working of our Society, it gives me great pleasure, in being able to congratulate you on our further progress, both musically and also financially. As you are all aware, we commenced last season's work with a deficit of £17 6s 4d, which was the remains of our first season's working, and, although our programme was more ambitious than either previous ones, and necessarily our expenses were greater, yet our confidence in the public was not misplaced, as a reference to the balance-sheet, which you will all have received, will show, for, after giving the gross proceeds of our "Messiah" concert, amounting to £33 11s, to the Local Branch of the Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association, we still finish up with a profit on the season of £8 7s 6d, with outstanding subscriptions, all supposed to be good, of £3 15s 0d, reducing the deficit to £8 18s 10d, or, including the £3 15s 0d, to £5 3s 10d. This, I think, is an accomplishment to be proud of, and more than justifies the existence of our Society. To show that the object of the Society in endeavouring to create a real love for the best music amongst the people of the district is being appreciated by the public it is interesting to note the increase of patron's, etc.—subscriptions which were the first season £60 7s 6d, second season £68 15s 3d, and the past season £88 4s 0d. Our membership, I am pleased to report, is on the increase, whilst our practises have, on the whole, been very well attended, with the result that the consensus of public opinion, after the performance of the "Messiah," which, with the exception of two artistes, was local one, was that it was one of the best performances of this work ever given in the district. I am sorry o have again to call attention to the falling off in the sale of tickets by members for the second concert and would point out that whilst the committee can do a lot towards making the Society successful, yet their efforts are practically exhausted in obtaining patrons, etc., and they are bound to rely on the singing members for the filling of the 2s and 1s seats. To give an illustration, the receipts from the sale of 2s and 1s tickets for the second concert was £11 3s less than for the first concert. Before leaving last season's work I must publicly thank those ladies, who, headed by Mrs. Symington, got up and carried through, that most successful "Private Assembly," the proceeds from which amounting to £12 19s 8d, were handed over to the committee towards the expenses of the Reservist Concert, and hope that the ladies will see their way clear to make this an annual event, as it is such functions as these that cement friendships and tend largely to increase the popularity and the usefulness of the Society. Season 1900-1901.—The ballad concert given as first item last season having (notwithstanding the heavy outlay) proved an immense success, your committee have again decided to open with a similar concert and have engaged the Meister Glee Singers, with Mrs. Helen Trust (soprano) Madame Frickenhans (pianist), and Miss Nadia Sylva, who created such a favourable impression last season, as violinist, to give a concert on October 17th, the chorus singing three part songs, viz., "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" (Knyvet), "Stars of a Summer Night" (Berthold Tous), and "Trusted in Detah" (Henry Hiles), whilst on December 20th, we perform Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" as first part, with a miscellaneous second part. Madame Marie Goodall and Mr. Josh. Reed, both of whom are engaged in the "Messiah" at Newcastle on the night previous, being the artistes, the chorus also singing two part songs, viz., March and Chorus from "Tannhauser," "Hail Bright Abode" (by special request), and "Spanish Serenade" (Edwin Elgar) of "Carrachius" fame, whilst to finish the season we have decided to again give a Good Friday concert when Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" will be performed. For this concert no artistes have as yet been engaged, and it is quite probable that the net proceeds will be given to some charitable object. It is with regret that I inform you, that, for private reasons, I shall not offer myself for re-election as joint secretary, but I am pleased to announce that your committee have unanimously decided to recommend that Mr J. T. Symington be elected in my place, a position to which he is justly entitled, he having been of very great assistance to me during the past two seasons, and as a proof that I still intend, with your permission, to take an active interest in your society, of which I am proud to have been one of its originators, I shall offer myself as a candidate for your committee, and, if elected, will alway sdo my utmost to further the society's interests.

The financial statement, which was taken as read, showed hat the income from subscriptions, bookings, tickets, programmes, and music sold, amounted to £145 17s 2d. The expenditure, which included £78 13s 6d for artistes and band, £12 19s 8d for music, £10 donation to Blackhill Primitive Methodists, £13 2s 8d for printing and advertising, and other items, gave a total of £137 10s 3d, leaving a balance of £8 7s 6d, and reducing the previous debit balance of £17 6s 4d to £8 18s 10d, with £3 15s subscriptions outstanding. In connection with the "Messiah" concert, given on April 13th, the income from music sold was £3 2s 3d, proceeds of "Ladies' Assembly," to make up expenses £12 19s 8d, and tickets sold, £33 11s, giving a total of £49 12s 11d. The expenditure included £4 15s for music purchased and hire of band parts, £11 6s 11 artistes fees and rents of hall, leaving a balance of £33 11s, which was handed to the local fund of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

The Chairman said they were all delighted to hear the report of their secretary, but he was sure they were all very sorry to lose Mr Brown's services in that capacity. He was glad, however, they would be able to have his advice on the committee. They were also very much indebted to the ladies for their services.

On the motion of Mr Heymer, seconded by Mr G. Stephenson, the reports were adopted, and the thanks of the society given to Mr Brown for his services as secretary.

Mr Stephenson moved, and Mr C. Herbert seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies for their succesful efforts during the year.

The motion was carried, and acknowledged by Mr E. J. Colmar, on behalf of the ladies.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. For president, the Chairman said he thought they could not get a better gentleman than Mr Ainsworth.

Mr C. Stephenson, in moving the re-election of Mr Ainsworth, said that that gentleman was a musician himself and not a figure-head.

Mr Symington seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The other officers elected were:—Conductor, Mr G. P. Stephenson; leader of orchestra, Mr G. A. Williams; secretaries, Messrs J. T. Symington and J. H. Heslop; treasurer, Mr R. E. Kirsopp; registrar, Mr E. J. Colmar; committee, Messrs C. Lumley, J. Whitehead, E. J. Lamb, G. T. Hyden, J. T. Symington, R. Heymer, C. Stephenson, J. H. Heslop, J. R. Maxwell, C. Herbert, T. D. Dryden, H. Coates, J. Turner, and W. E. Brown; auditors, Messrs A. Robinson and F. W. Marshall.

Votes of thanks to the president and other officials, and to the chairman, terminated the proceedings.

DIPTON.

Church Services.—At the evening service, Miss Grainger, of Consett, sang the solo, "O'er Jesu's Grave," in an effective manner.

FOOTBALL.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

STANLEY v. ST. PETER'S ALBION.

At Stanley.

Stanley.—Goal, H. Robins; backs, Jno. Skanders and F. Devine; half-backs, J. Atkinson, W. Ellis, and E. Bell; forwards, Armstrong, J. Layton, J. Howe, Proudlock, and Morgan. Kick-off at 3.30.

LEADGATE PARK v. CONSETT SWIFTS.

These teams meet in a friendly at Leadgate on Saturday first, for the opening match of the season. Teams:—

Leadgate Park.—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, G. Temple and J. Laidler; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson, and C. McAloon; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, J. Bowes, W. Crowther, and G. Forster. Linesman, A. Graham.

Consett Swifts.—Goal, W. Graham; backs, R. Patterson and J. Dempsey; half-backs, P. McNally, R. Wake, and W. Atkinson; forwards, B. Rafferty, W. Pyle, Higgins, J. Turley, and T. Boyle. Reserves, G. Wood, M. Eustace. Linesman, J. McArdle.

Referee, Mr. A. H. White, Newcastle. Kick-off at 3.45.

BYER MOOR v. RUTHERFORD COLLEGE.

These old and friendly rivals open the season at Byer Moor on Saturday, when the "Moorites" will be represented as follows:—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, W. H. Liddle and S. Lamb; half-backs, J. Layton, T. Spoor, and M. Bell; forwards, E. Bell, G. E. Weedy, J. Welch, E. Leighton, and H. Lowe. Reserves, R. McDermott, J. Reed, T. Grant, G. Nicholls. Linesman, T. Leighton. Referee, G. Reed.

Kick-off at 3.30 by Miss V. Saunders.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S—STRIPES v. WHITES.

To be played at Blackhill. Teams:—

Whites—Goal, S. Johnson; backs, J. Wilkinson and J. G. Robinson; half-backs, T. Redshaw, Overall, and H. Rodgers; forwards, E. Watson, S. Barrass, W. Robson, R. Postle, G. Smith. Reserves, G. Kellett, W. Robb, G. Turnbull.

Stripes—Goal, F. Jackson; Backs, A. Aitken, and P. McCarty; half-backs, M. Robinson, J. Richards, and R. Richards; forwards, M. Higgins, McCone, M. Page, Bridgewater, and W. Turnbull. Reserves, Cain, D. Darwood, and M. Oliver.

Kick-off, 3.15 p.m.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK JUNIORS v. CEMENT ROVERS (ANNFIELD PLAIN.)

The following team will do duty for the Park—Goal, J. Johns; backs, J. Thompson and D. Overall; half-backs, J. Lumley; J. Emmerson; and W. Graham; forwards, C. Walton, J. Kelly, L. Davison, E. Birtley (Capt.), and T. Walker. Reserves—G. Black and A. Winter.

Referee Mr J. Clark, South Moor.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS v. LINTZ ROVERS.

The Co-operative team to oppose Lintz Rovers in a friendly at Tantobie, on Saturday first will be chosen from the following: Co-ops.—J. Lishman, J. Gibbons, J. Gladders, J. McKevor, J. and W. Adamson, W. Carr, B. Waterman, S. Evans, M. Burn, T. Burns, J. Gardner, R. Hindhaugh, R. Atkinson, Geo. Thompson, Thos. Middleton, E. Buglass and S. Thompson.

Kick-off at 3.30.

CONSETT CADETS v. CONSETT NATIONAL.

Played on the former's ground and ended in a win for the Cadets by three goals to nil. A good game was played by the goalkeeper and J. Hutchinson for the winners.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The next full meeting will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Stanley, on Thursday, Sept. 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Fixtures for Sept. 1st:—Cement Rovers v. Leadgate Park Juniors; Hobson United v. West Pelton; Tanfield Lea v. Catchgate Lilywhites; Craghead Juniors v. Leadgate United.

HAMSTERLEY A.F.C.

The above club held a most successful smoking concert last Monday night, at their headquarters, the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill. A large number of supporters of the winter pastime gathered round the tables, which were graced by the Derwent Valley Cup and a splendid silver teapot. After the chairman (Mr. J. E. Taylor) had submitted the usual loyal toasts, Mr. T. Storey proposed the toast of "The Hamsterley F.C." in felicitous terms. The Chairman replied, giving a resume of the season's doings. After the cup had been "charged" twice the following contributed to the proceedings in a very able manner:—Songs were sung by Messrs T. Embleton, Sullivan, Seymour, Ferry, Walton, and J. Charlton; Mears Storey and Winter ably presided at the piano, while Messrs. Milligan and Armstrong (Backworth) entertained the company with selections on the violin, these being much appreciated.—Previous to the "smoker" the annual meeting of the club was held when the following officers were chosen:—President, Mr A. T. Watson, Burnopfield House; captain, Mr A. Anderson; vice-captain, Mr J. Fenwick; secretary, Mr T. A. Richardson; treasurer, Mr. J. Connell; committee, Messrs. J. T. Little (chairman), E. Bell, F. Ferguson, J. E. Taylor, Dodds, and J. Rudd; trainer, Mr. J. Sullivan.

The Cement Rovers 2nd have vacant dates for all the season, and would like games with district teams; average age, 17.—R. Stockdale, secretary, 31, Pine Street, South Moor.

CRICKET

SOUTH TANFIELD v. DIPTON.

Played at Tanfield. Scores:—

SOUTH TANFIELD.

W. Willsin b Allan	3
R. Henderson b Bowes	0
R. Palmer b Bowes	0
D. Hindmarch b Bowes	0
C. Bessford b Bowes	2
M. Irwin b Allan	2
W. Hardy c Muse b Allan	0
J. G. Irwin b Allan	2
J. E. Robson b Allan	2
R. McVittie not out	3
W. Hunter run out	0
Extras	5
Total	17

DIPTON.

Simpson c Palmer b Willson	0
Allan b Willson	14
J. Bowes b J. G. Irwin	4
Muse b Willson	8
Blacklock b M. Irwin	11
R. Coates c Henderson b M. Irwin	11
J. Spink b R. Palmer	1
F. Allan b R. Palmer	2
J. Willson b M. Irwin	4
F. Willson b R. Palmer	0
J. Allan not out	0
Extras	12
Total	67

HEALEYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held on Tuesday night in the Board School, Castleside. Mr. T. J. Muse (chairman) presided, and there were also present:—Messrs. W. Pattinson, J. W. Golightly, and J. A. Lowdon. In the absence of the Clerk (Mr. J. Proud) on his holidays, Mr. Pattinson read the minutes, which were confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. Jos. W. Proud, on behalf of the Castleside Brass Band, asking for the use of the Board Schools for practising purposes and asking for the lowest terms.—The Chairman pointed out that the letter was vague, as it did not state how often weekly the schools would be required.—Mr. Golightly said if the request were granted they should have an understanding from the Band that only members of the Band should be allowed on the school premises. He moved that provisional use of the schools be granted for a month on the same terms as last year, pending a more definite arrangement.—Mr. Lowdon seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The School Attendance Officer (Mr. W. Walton) reported that for the two weeks ending August 24th the attendance was only moderate, but since then it had been fairly good.

Mr. Duckworth (headmaster) reported that the numbers on the roll were 115 boys and 115 girls, total 230. The average attendance was 186 and the percentage 81. In the Infants Department the average for the year was 57 and for the year 47.7. In connection with the school treat he had to report a balance left over amounting to £4 6s. At the outset they had in hand the sum of £9 2s 9d, and the expenditure amounted to £4 16s 9d. On Friday last, owing to the exceedingly stormy weather, he deemed it desirable to dismiss the children for the morning.—The report was adopted, and the meeting soon after terminated.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Visit of the Rev. J. T. Guttery.—On Saturday afternoon, the Rev. A. T. Guttery, of Newcastle, paid a visit to the White-le-Head Primitive Methodist Chapel, and preached an excellent and powerful sermon, while in the evening the rev. gentleman delivered one of his many popular lectures, entitled "The Century Clock." Mr. A. Davis, Burnopfield, presided over a fairly large audience. After the lecture a coffee supper provided in the school-room was well attended. The proceeds were in aid of the trust funds.

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THE ELEPHANT REMEMBERED.

The elephant belonged to a circus, and as the animals were marching through a small town in which they were to give a performance a kindly greengrocer came out and gave the elephant some potatoes, which he evidently very much appreciated.

Some months afterwards the circus came back to the same town. The animals were safely settled for the night, when it suddenly occurred to the elephant that he would go and look for his former friend.

He opened the door of his stable, started off on a voyage of discovery, and soon found the shop he wanted; but alas! the shutters were up, and the owner in bed and asleep.

Nothing daunted, the elephant lifted the door off the hinges and walked in. He enjoyed the treat immensely; but meanwhile his keeper had missed him, and soon Jumbo was disturbed and taught that his stable and not a fruiterer's shop is the proper place for an elephant.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births

DAVISON.—Castleside, Park Terrace, on the 24th inst. the wife of Mr. Wm. Davison, of a son.

ELLIOTT.—Stannifordham, Consett Park Terrace, on the 26th inst., the wife of Mr. A. Elliott, of a son.

Deaths.

CURTIS.—Dipton, 26th inst., aged 31, Susannah, beloved wife of John Curtis, and daughter of the late Edward and Mary Ann Slater, late of Marley Hill.

FINLAY.—Consett, 19, Bertha Street, 25th inst., Esther Lumley Finlay, daughter of Robson Evans and Elizabeth Finlay.

FADZEN.—Consett, 4, Spencer Street, 27th inst., aged 14 years, Annie Jane, daughter of Mary Ann and the late Robert Fadzen.

LEDGER.—Pelton Vicarage, on St. Bartholomew's Day, the Rev. C. C. Ledger.

LEIGHTON.—Stella Staith, on the 26th August, aged 75 years, Sarah, widow of the late John Leighton, late of Hindley.

LUMSDON.—Sacriston, Front Street, 28th inst., aged 47, Thomas, husband of Barbara Lumsdon.

NEESHAM.—Jarrow, 12, Leopold Street, on the 25th, aged 59, John Charles, husband of Hannah Neesham (son-in-law of the late Matthew Borradale), 38 years on the N.E.R.

PEARSON.—26, Westwood, 22nd inst., Sarah Ann, wife of John Pearson.

PROUD.—Woodside, Whickham, 26th, suddenly, Mary Jane, wife of George Proud, and only daughter of George and Sarah Dixon, Newcastle.

RICHARDSON.—Low Westwood, August 27th, aged 1 year and 9 months Frank, beloved son of Frank and Elizabeth Richardson.

RICHARDSON.—Pelton Fell, Newfield, 21, James Street, 25th inst., aged 65, William, husband of Dorothy Richardson.

SMITH.—4, Nelson Street, Chester-le-Street, August 26th, aged 52 years, George Smith, tailor, husband of Margaret Smith.

TURNER.—Consett, Barbara Ann Turner, wife of John Turner.

WILLIAMSON.—At Whitburn Hall, on 28th inst., in his 7th year, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Baronet.

YOUNG.—Pelton Fell, 22, William Street, 22nd inst., aged 13 years, Jane Belam, daughter of Morpeth and Emma Young.

In loving remembrance of our dear son, Robert Henry Telford, who died at 1, Evelyn Terrace, Stanley, August 27th, 1893.

Call be back the dear departed,
Anchored safe where storms are o'er;
On the borderland we left him,
Soon to meet and part no more.
Far beyond this world of changes,
Far beyond this world of care,
We shall find our missing loved one,
In the spirit realms so fair.

Ever remembered by father, mother, and sisters.

In loving memory of Dorothy, the beloved daughter of George and Dorothy Turnbull, of Edith Street, Consett, who departed this life August 31st, 1898, aged nine years.

Two years have passed, and friends around us
May think the wound is almost healed;
But they little know the sorrow,
Deep within our hearts concealed.

Ever remembered by father, mother, sisters, and brothers.

Mr. Geo. Brunskill, of South Pontop, begs to return his sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy in the sad loss he has sustained by the death of his son, and also his daughter, who died seven weeks ago.

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