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ELSIOR v. CONSETT EXCELSIOR
Saturday and ended in a win
Score—Excelsior, 124; Tulips,

CELSIOR v. STEEL STREET.—
round of the latter, and ended
the visitors.
M.'S v. LEADGATE SCRATCH.
nsett and resulted in a win for
Scores as follows:—Consett
nings, 21 runs; second innings,
gate Scratch, first innings 18;
22. Consett P.M.'s winning by

TE v. MEDOMSLEY 2ND.
domsley, and ended in a win for
Score:—
MEDOMSLEY.
mpson b Crowther...... 10
b Snaith.............. 35
r b Crowther.......... 0
Snaith b Crowther.... 6
not out................ 55
not out................ 50
b bat
b bat
ing to bat
to bat
o bat
Extras.................. 9
Total (for 4 wickets)..135
(Declared closed.)
LEADGATE.
Hedley................ 13
b Thompson........... 2
a b Thompson.......... 0
b Thompson............ 2
Thompson.............. 0
r b Thompson.......... 12
Thompson.............. 5
Hedley................ 0
b Parker.............. 3
Extras................ 16
Total.................. 53

for Saturday, July 29th.
OMSLEY v. LUMLEY.
d at Medomsley.
(chosen from)—W. Cant, R.
rlton, M. Hedley, Geo. Walton,
Lovat, A. T. A. Whiteley, R.
v. A. C. Blunt, W. Hunter, J.
d A. Hurst.

T v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.
will represent Chester-le-Street:
J. K. Bewick, Jas. Bewick, G.
A. Smith, E. F. Hutchinson, R.
iddleton, F. Taylor, and G. Halli-

FOOTBALL.

TH MOOR UNITED A.F.C.
l meeting of the members of this
d at the Oxley Hotel, South Moor.
n was elected corresponding secre-
easurer; Mr. G. Armin, financial
Mr. E. Lambert was appointed cap-
. I. Boggan, vice-captain. Subject
val Dr. Johnson was elected presi-
club will open next season against
ed, and will then have twenty-two
hoose from.

STANHOPE.
PROSECUTION.—At Stanhope on
ph Wearmouth, landlord of the
Hotel, and Elizabeth Wearmouth,
the same hotel, were charged
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sed premises on the 5th inst.,
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Marriages.
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to Miss Atkinson, Ridden House
anhope.
GEY—LONGSTAFF.—At St. Ive's
Leadgate, on the 26th inst., by the Rev.
y, John Henry Rosemergey, Catch-
Elizabeth Sarah, only daughter of
Smith Longstaff, Leadgate.
KELL.—Pelton Church, July 22nd,
lliam Hall, youngest son of Joseph
Wiserley Hall, Wolsingham, to
eldest daughter of Joseph Kell,
House, Wolsingham Park. Golden

Deaths.
Birtley, Durham Road, on 24th inst.,
Elizabeth Bolam.
ton, Simpson Street, Crookhill, on
aged 61, Jane Bell.
—Blackhill, Durham Road, on 20th
d 24, George Albert Barrass.
ackhill, No. 11, Bessemer Street, on
in his 83rd year, William Bell
—Ryton-on-Tyne, at the house of his
(Mr. Jas. Wood, East End), on 22nd
d 75, John Bowman.
—Durham Road, Annfield Plain, on
aged 61 years, Ellen, wife of the
Bidgood, of West Kyo. Interred at
on Wednesday.
ED.—At Stanhope, on 21st inst., aged
nia Coulthard, daughter of Chris-
oulthard.
—Lumley, on 19th inst., aged 51,
lliott.
—Prudhoe, on 23rd inst., aged 53,
nson.
Oxhill, on 19th inst., aged 74 years,
umley.
—Pelton Fell, 12, Lonsdale Street,
ence of his son, aged 76, Robert
—Blackhill, West View, on 23rd
s 66th year, Chrisopher Jno. Milburn.
Tow Law, on 22nd inst., aged 40,
n Ridley.
angley Moor, on 21st inst., aged 68,
Shaw.
Pelton, on 16th inst., aged 60 years,
Smart.
South Moor, 24, Pine Street, on the
aged 68, George Swailes.
Smith's Cottages, Plantation Street,
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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A large number of spectators assembled on the Blackfine enclosure on Saturday to witness the above teams play off their return fixture in the Durham Senior League. Winning the toss the Consett captain decided to take first innings on a capital wicket. T. Lambert and F. Richardson were the first pair of batsmen, and opposed the deliveries of J. Bewick and Coyle. From the commencement runs came freely, and when 16 had been registered Robson took the ball from Coyle, but the batsmen still maintained the upper-hand, and the left-hander met with severe punishment. Another change in the attack saw Coyle trundling at the other end in place of Bewick, but this had no effect, and the batsmen continued to score, but when 45 runs were registered Richardson was sent back by J. Bewick, who bowled him, when he had notched 25. With J. Siddell and T. Lambert at the wicket another capital stand was made, and J. Bewick began trundling in place of Coyle. The Consett captain opened his account with a brace, and immediately after Lambert gave a hard chance at leg, which was not accepted. Cautious play was now indulged in by both batsmen, and the attack underwent several changes, but it was not until after Clifford had began trundling that a separation was effected, Lambert falling a victim to the new bowler, the retiring batsman being credited with 24. H. Simpson arrived and again the score was increased by eight, whereupon Siddell fell to a delivery of Smith's, the out-going batsman having compiled 15. Three for 78. E. Carlill came next, and hit the first ball he received for four, and then Coyle recommenced bowling at the pavilion end. The batsmen seemed well set when Carlill had the misfortune to be stumped, his only score being the four boundary. Four for 91. A. D. Wood joined Simpson, and three runs later Simpson fell to a smart catch by J. Bewick. Five for 95. T. Lindsay filled the vacancy, and the new-arrival got a brace, while Wood, who had not yet troubled the scorers, got a single. L. Gray took up the attack, and Lindsay snicked him for a trio, Wood following with a four—a capital hit. Immediately after, however, Gray had his revenge by bowling T. Lindsay, the score standing at 105. W. Walton came next, and when three had been added, Walton, before he had scored, was caught by Robson from a delivery of Coyle's. With E. Pratt and Wood at the wicket a capital stand was made, Wood doing most of the scoring, and despite the fact that several changes in the attack was witnessed it was not until Robson had again taken the ball that Wood had his wicket upset, the retiring batsman having compiled 22. Eight for 141. T. T. Gray joined Pratt, but ere another run was registered the latter was caught by Taylor from a delivery of Walker's. T. Lynn was the last man, and after Gray had got Robson away for three he was bowled by Walker, the score being 144. No less than eight of the visitors were giving a trial with the ball, and their fielding was much below the average. After a short rest the game was resumed. G. Halliday and E. Hutchinson appearing at the wicket, the attack being taken up by Richardson and Simpson. Runs came slowly at the outset, and when seven were registered Richardson caused the retirement of Halliday who was bowled, and then J. K. Bewick appeared. Owing to the splendid bowling runs were difficult to obtain, and upon J. K. Bewick facing Simpson he had his middle stump laid low, a performance which was greeted with loud cheering. Two for 20. G. Robson joined Hutchinson, and for a short time the batsmen were seen to advantage, scoring pretty freely. Richardson, however, put a stop to this by clean bowling Hutchinson, and with his succeeding delivery Frank sent back Jas. Bewick. Four for 36. L. Smith came next, and together with Robson, increased the score by ten before the latter batsman had his wicket disturbed by Simpson. Coyle made his appearance, and a piece of splendid fielding by the Consett pro. resulted in Smith being run out, the score still standing at 46. L. Gray filled the vacancy, and before any further scoring took place Coyle was caught at the wicket by Lambert. The next man to arrive was Walker, who snicked Simpson for a trio, following with a like number off Richardson, but at this juncture the same batsman was bowled by Simpson. Eight for 52. J. Clifford joined Gray, and the score was carried to 62 before the latter was caught by Lambert. F. Taylor was the last man, and when the score had been increased by three Clifford was caught and bowled by Richardson. Thus the game ended in an easy victory for Consett, whose fielding was excellent, Simpson playing a prominent part in this respect. Score:—

CONSETT.

F. Richardson b J. Bewick	25
T. Lambert b Clifford	24
J. Siddell b Smith	15
H. Simpson c J. Bewick b Coyle	18
A. D. Wood b Robson	22
E. Carlill st Taylor b Smith	4
T. Lindsay b Gray	5
W. Walton c Robson b Coyle	0
E. Pratt c Taylor b Walker	16
T. T. Gray b Walker	3
T. Lynn not out	0
Extras	12
Total	144

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

G. Halliday b Richardson	1
E. Hutchinson b Richardson	10
J. K. Bewick b Simpson	8
G. Robson b Simpson	9
J. Bewick b Richardson	0
L. Smith run out	5
Coyle c Lambert b Simpson	0
L. Gray c Lambert b Richardson	7
R. Walker b Simpson	6
J. Clifford c and b Richardson	3
F. Taylor not out	3
Extras	13
Total	65

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET 2nd v. CONSETT 2nd.

These teams met at Chester-le-Street in a Junior League game, and the visitors gained a comfortable victory by 107 to 65. Score:—

CONSETT.

G. Hamilton lbw b Elliott	12
W. Richards b Grieveson	2
R. Watson b Grieveson	0
J. Eltringham b Grieveson	1
W. Leybourne lbw b Grieveson	3
G. Turner b Grieveson	1
W. Brodie not out	40
J. Hall c W. S. Bell b Slack	29
T. Robinson b Slack	10
I. Richards lbw b Elliott	3
Atkinson b Elliott	0
Extras	6
Total	107

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

J Grieveson b Leybourne	6
W. S. Bell c and b Leybourne	3
J. G. Bell b Leybourne	8
J. Hand b Leybourne	2
W. Cowings c Watson b Leybourne	22
J. Elliott b Hamilton	4
S. Slack b Hamilton	6
J. Cowings b Leybourne	0
C. Nicholson b Leybourne	4
T. Lodge run out	1
J. Hand not out	1
Extras	9
Total	65

STANLEY v. CROOK.

These teams met at Stanley on Saturday in the presence of a fair number of spectators. A perfect wicket had been prepared, and, but for a time limit, an interesting finish would have been witnessed. Crook ran up 111, and Stanley responded with 84 for six wickets, when the match was left drawn. Score:—

CROOK.

R. Thompson b Smith	5
G. E. Dowson st Bennett b T Shield	9
W. A. Burnip b Jewitt	16
C. P. Stewart b T Shield	11
W. White b Smith	30
R. Turner run out	6
T. Scarr b Tapper	7
J. Dewell b Tapper	0
S. Smith b Smith	0
A. Burnip b T. Shield	15
E. Milburn not out	8
Extras	8
Total	111

STANLEY.

R. Rankin c Milburn b Smith	32
T. Shield c Thompson b White	2
T. Jewitt c A. Burnip b White	28
G. Stewart b Milburn	7
J. Dixon c Thompson b Smith	4
W. Tapper b Milburn	4
G. Shield not out	1
R. Knox not out	2
R. Gibson did not bat	
J. Bennett did not bat	
M. Smith did not bat	
Extras	4
Total	84

CUP COMPETITION.

MEDOMSLEY v. LUMLEY WARRIORS.

Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a win for the home men. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.

R. Charlton b Howe	3
M. Hedley b Howe	12
R. Cant c Taylor b Howe	8
T. Walton c Forster b Bowman	12
W. Hunter c Marsh b Bowman	1
G. Walton b Ramshaw	30
R. Campbell b Ramshaw	15
R. J. Robinson run out	14
W. Cant c Marsh b Forster	9
A. T. A. Whiteley not out	16
W. Lovat c Ramshaw b Ward	3
Extras	9
Total	132

LUMLEY.

R. Marsh b Hunter	20
J. W. Ramshaw c Whiteley b Lovat	10
Rev L. Knight b Whiteley	1
J. W. Ward b Whiteley	0
M. Taylor b Lovat	6
J. Howe c Hedley b Hunter	10
T. Scorer not out	10
R. Charlton c Walton b Hunter	2
W. Forster lbw b Hunter	7
J. Bowman b Hunter	0
Extras	2
Total	73

BEAMISH v. RAVENSWORTH CASTLE.

Played on the ground of the former, in fine weather, and ended in an easy win for the home team, the bowling of Brayson for the winners proving very disastrous. Scores:—

Beamish.

R. Dorling c Tindale b Bewicke	22
G. Laverick c Emmerson b Hetherington	4
M. Ledger b Bewicke	5
D. Laverick b Hetherington	2
A. Kerr b Bewicke	3
A. Barras b Hetherington	3
J. Brayson c Chilton b Hetherington	10
R. Turnbull c Bewicke b Hetherington	3
A. Martin not out	8
W. Hemson b Hetherington	0
J. Wrangham c Chilton b Hetherington	3
Extras	0
Total	63

Ravensworth Castle.

F. Bewicke c Brayson b Ledger	2
J. Chilton b Brayson	0
J. Clues c Kerr b Brayson	4
T. Hetherington b Brayson	3
W. Wallace b Brayson	3
G. Jeffrey b Brayson	5
G. Tindale b Ledger	0
C. Ferry c Dorling b Brayson	0
J. Jeffrey b Brayson	0
W. Tindale not out	0
S. Emmerson c Kerr b Brayson	0
Extras	2
Total	19

CONSETT P.M. v. CROOKHALL FOUNDRY.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the P.M. Scores:—

P.M.

E. Smith b	6
J. Hull b	0
J. Minto b	13
T. Elliot b	0
T. Robson b	0
J. Bowen b	3
H. Smith run out	0
J. Winter b	7
T. Minto c	0
A. Bell c	0
G. Dodds not out	0
Extras	3
Total	32

Crookhall.

J. Turner run out	1
R. Winter b	5
T. Bullock run out	6
G. Foster b	0
T. Browell run out	1
W. Hedley b	4
J. Walton c	2
J. Foster b	0
E. Scott b	1
W. Usher not out	0
E. Graham b	0
Extras	1
Total	21

ANNFIELD PLAIN WEDNESDAY v. OXHILL.

Played at Annfield Plain on Wednesday, July 26th. Scores:—

OXHILL.

Jas. Ledger c and b Vickers	14
M. Walker b W. Wilson	2
Hindmarch b Vickers	2
T. Shield b Vickers	0
J. Paxton b Wilson	0
J. Middlemast b Vickers	12
M. Ledger b Wilson	4
J. Rix c Coyle b Wilson	0
R. Henderson b Wilson	0
R. Simpson b Wilson	1
D. Eastwood not out	0
Extras	5
Total	40

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A. Thompson c and b Walker	6
J. Coyle b Ledger	3
J. Martin lbw b Ledger	2
W. Wilson b Walker	0
T. Simpson c Eastwood b Walker	0
J. Vickers b Walker	1
W. J. Buckton b Middlemast	5
T. Holland b Ledger	6
J. Wilson c Hindmarch b Ledger	0
W. Herdman not out	14
R. Carr st. Ledger b Middlemast	0
Extras	2
Total	39

BURNHOPE v. WHICKHAM.

Played at Burnhope. Scores:—

BURNHOPE.

T. Dyson c Burn b G. Cheesman	5
J. Newton b W. Cook	7
J. Dyson c Cheesman b T. Mowbray	34
J. Robinson b W. Cook	21
A. Heckels b W. Cook	3
J. W. Moffitt b Mowbray	15
W. Liddle b Mowbray	10
H. Knowles b Mowbray	15
W. Summerbell b Mowbray	0
R. Wallace run out	0
M. Heslop not out	2
Extras	4
Total	116

WHICKHAM.

T. R. Mowbray lbw J. Newton	7
J. Mowbray b J. Robinson	0
W. Cook lbw b J. Newton	3
T. M. Burn b J. Robinson	0
A. Willis b J. Newton	8
G. Cheesman c Liddle b J. Robinson	14
T. Cheesman c Robinson b J. Newton	10
W. Cheesman b J. Robinson	0
H. Cook not out	9
R. Mordue b J. Robinson	2
R. Cook b J. Robinson	0
Extras	1
Total	54

WHICKHAM II. v. BURNHOPE II.

Played at Whickham and resulted in a win for the homesters, for whom W. Mowbray bowled exceedingly well, his analysis read as follows:—overs 11.2, maiden overs 2, runs 15, wickets 6. Scores:—

WHICKHAM.

T. Thynn b Cassidy	4
F. Mowbray c and b Wallace	13
F. Faldon run out	1
J. Goodfellow b Cassidy	16
J. Craig c Ridley b Smith	0
S. Ismay b Ridley	11
S. Burn b Ridley	0
W. Mowbray did not bat	
Jos. Burn b Cassidy	2
J. Bruce not out	9
A. Henderson b Ridley	2
Extras	8
Total	66

BURNHOPE.

P. Cassidy b W. Mowbray	6
T. Smith b F. Mowbray	4
R. Wallace b W. Mowbray	0
A. Flynn run out	3
F. Ridley not out	10
G. Elliott b W. Mowbray	3
J. Heslop b W. Mowbray	0
R. Heslop c Thynn b F. Mowbray	5
J. Wallace b W. Mowbray	0
G. Wallace b W. Mowbray	1
Extras	2
Total	32

SOUTH MOOR v. SOUTH TANFIELD.

Played at South Tanfield, July 29th. Scores:—

SOUTH MOOR.

T. Welsh c Middlemiss b Irwin	54
W. Copeland c Robinson b Middlemiss	3
T. Tindall c Middlemiss b Kent	28
W. Robinson b Kent	16
G. Purdy b Collins	2
A. Botton b Kent	5
J. Vivian not out	2
E. Beckwith b Kent	0
J. E. W. Fairley b Collins	7
J. Morton b Collins	5
E. Smith b Collins	0
Extras	7
Total	129

SOUTH TANFIELD.

M. Walker b Copeland	5
J. Benfold b Copeland	6
J. Middlemiss b Copeland	0
J. Robson b Purdy	0
H. Middlemiss b Purdy	0
J. Robinson b Welsh b Copeland	22
G. Collins run out	4
T. Irwin c Beckwith b Copeland	2
J. Ledger c Copeland b Botton	13
J. Kent not out	6
R. Palmer b Purdy	5
Extras	7
Total	70

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the former. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A. J. Smail b Morris	40
E. Hall b Morris	4
J. Postle b Bell	0
S. Leadbitter run out	1
M. Hunter c Wilkinson b Reay	3
J. Seed b Wilkinson	3
L. Urwin b Wilkinson	2
J. W. Forster b Brewis	5
W. Robb not out	0
S. Knott c Wilkinson b Brewis	0
W. R. Town b Brewis	0
Extras	5
Total	64

BURNOPFIELD.

W. Reay c Forster b Smail	0
Jas. Potts b Smail	0
T. Robson c Hunter b Smail	0
G. Bell c Seed b Smail	0
G. Weedy b Smail	13
R. Brewis b Seed	0
G. Morris run out	1
J. Cuthbertson b Seed	5
H. Lowe b Smail	8
W. Liddle not out	9
G. Wilkinson c sub b Hunter	5
Extras	6
Total	47

STANHOPE v. RABY.

Played at Stanhope, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

STANHOPE.

J. C. Orr b Thompson	2
T. Moore b Batty	3
H. Green b Thompson	5
G. Waller b Batty	4
G. Thompson b Thompson	0
J. A. Hildyard b Tullet	34
G. Robson b Batty	1
G. Pallister b Thompson	1
G. Roddam not out	8
J. Rowe b Mordue	1
J. Roddam b Hall	4
Extras	8
Total	71

RABY.

J. Rayson b Orr	13
J. Mordue b Orr	3
G. Copeland b Hildyard	8
J. Thompson lbw b Roddam	0
H. Hall b Roddam	14
G. Dowling b Orr	0
J. Tullet b Roddam	2
A. Young b Orr	1
P. Brock run out	1
T. Batty not out	0
J. Bradley b Roddam	3
Extras	2
Total	49

SWALWELL UNITED WEDNESDAY v. HALTWHISTLE.

Played at Swalwell on Wednesday week, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

HALTWHISTLE.

E. H. Leake c Lee b Berry	7
J. Railton b Bruce	0
Rev J. E. Hull b Berry	2
A. B. Tallintyre b Robson	8
H. Drummond b Robson	6
F. A. Leake b Berry	0
T. Thirlwell c Robson b Berry	0
W. Milligan b Berry	2
J. G. Wood b Robson	0
S. Proudfoot c Bruce b Berry	0
J. Birkett not out	0
Extras	6
Total	31

SWALWELL UNITED.

T. Berry lbw b F. A. Leake	1
J. Coulson c Thirlwell b F. A. Leake	0
G. Lee b F. A. Leake	2
A. A. Fletcher c F. Leake b E. Leake	0
J. Bruce b F. A. Leake	2
T. M. Burn c Thirlwell b Milligan	23
J. Spencer c Thirlwell b F. Leake	6
V. Mothersill b Milligan	1
J. Goodfellow not out	1
E. Slater b Thirlwell	0
J. Robson b Thirlwell	0
Extras	4
Total	41

DILSTON v. SWALWELL UNITED II.

Played at Dilston, the home team winning easily. Score:—

SWALWELL UNITED.

G. Lee b Curley	2
H. Ryding c Raine b Curley	0
J. Elliott c Crow b Curley	0
R. Heslop b Raine	1
G. Booth run out	3
W. Errington c and b Raine	0
E. Slater c Raine b Curley	2
J. Grieves b Curley	1
T. Sharp c Nelson b Curley	2
F. Leck run out	0
F. Barron not out	0
Extars	1
Total	12

DILSTON.

G. Nelson b Booth	0
T. Courtney b Ryding	0
A. Ross b Ryding	1
R. W. Crow b Booth	0
F. Radcliffe b Booth	5
R. Chambers b Ryding	1
S. Hand b Ryding	4
J. Curley b Booth	0
H. A. Raine not out	13
L. Jones b Booth	18
C. Rowe b Ryding	2
Extras	13
Total	57

MALTON COLLIERY v. MR. J. ROSS'S TEAM.

Played at Malton on Saturday, and ended in a win for the home men. Score:—

MR. ROSS'S TEAM.

M. Walton b Ramsay	0
A. Burnhope c Hall b Ramsay	0
C. T. Foreman b Hall	5
S. Wheatley c Shipley b Ramsay	2
J. M. Nicholson c Parker b Hall	0
A. Little b E. Shipley	26
W. G. F. Thompson b E. Shipley	2
J. Kershaw b Ramsay	6
J. Ross not out	8
E. Wilson b E. Shipley	1
W. Thompson st Billing b E. Shipley	0
J. Ward run out	0
Extras	4
Total	54

MALTON.

J. Kirtley b Walton	11
F. Parker b Walton	8
J. Graham c Wilson b Walton	0
E. Shipley b Wilson	11
J. McHatton b Wilson	29
R. Hall b Wilson	4
W. Ramsay b Walton	6
Liddle b Walton	3
Billing b Wilson	2
G. W. Shipley c and b Wilson	8
Williamson c Wilson b Walton	0
Walker not out	6
Extras	12
Total	92

CRICKET NOTES.

By "L.B.W"

ANOTHER WIN FOR CONSETT 2ND.

On Saturday last the Consett second string added another win to their already long list of victories, by defeating Chester-le-Street 2nd at Chester-le-Street. Going in first, the visitors commenced tamely enough, six wickets being down for 25, but the seventh wicket added no less than 45, bringing the total up to 70. The two batsmen who brought about this state of things were Brodie (40 not out) and J. Hall (29). When this pair were separated, the wickets fell quickly, and the whole side were out for 107. The home bowling panned out as follows:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Elliot	10	1	18	3
Grieveson	16	7	22	5
J. G. Bell	3	0	9	0
W. Cowings	4	0	9	0
S. Slack	10	5	18	2
W. S. Bell	2	0	15	0

Against the bowling of Leybourne and Hamilton, the home batsmen could do very little, only one being able to get into double figures, but that one batsman (W. Cowings) got 22, and saved his side from a very heavy defeat. Cowings not only batted well, but his fielding was exceedingly smart. Consett only tried two bowlers, who came out with the following figures:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Leybourne	15	5	34	7
Hamilton	15.1	6	22	2

A GOOD GAME AT STANLEY.

By agreeing, after a somewhat late start, to draw stumps at a quarter to seven, Stanley were probably deprived of a creditable victory over Crook. The groundsmen had the pitch in splendid condition, and but for a strong breeze, the weather was favourable. The visitors secured first right to bat, and Thompson and Dowson were sent in to face the bowling of Smith and Jewitt. The latter began by bowling three successive maiden overs, and with six on the board, Thompson fell a victim to Smith. The second wicket added 17 runs, when Burnip's stumps were disturbed by a good delivery from Jewitt. Dowson had a lucky snick to the boundary and Stewart followed by a drive out of the field for six. The third wicket fell at 46, and at 54, T. Shield went on for Smith. Off his first ball Dowson was missed by Dixon, but soon after he dismissed Stewart, and Dowson was cleverly stumped by Bennett off the same bowler. Half the wickets were down for 62, and then some weak fielding gave the batsmen chances. Turner had two lives in quick succession, but G. Shield made amends by smartly fielding a ball from leg, and enabling Bennett to beat Turner. In the meantime, White, though lamed, was very busy, but with the score at 81, Tapper dismissed both Scarr and Dewell. At 86 S. Smith was bowled by his namesake for a "duck," and with 93 on, Mat terminated White's innings. The Crook captain's score of 30 included two four's and eight two's. Before the century was reached Milburn should have been run out, but Gibson let the chance go by, and before T. Shield effected the separation, the score had been raised to 111. As will be seen from the following analysis, T. Shield took the bowling honours:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Smith	14	3	40	3
Jewitt	7	3	17	1
T. Shield	5.2	1	12	3
Tapper	11	2	30	2

Rankin and T. Shield opened the home defence, to the bowling of White and Stewart. Only seven had been reached when Shield was smartly caught at the wickets by Thompson, off White. Then came a long stand by Rankin and Jewitt. White's breaking deliveries were patiently dealt with, and both he and Stewart were fairly well punished, until at 43, Jewitt was taken at mid-wicket, off White. George Stewart joined Rankin, and Smith took up the attack, in place of C. P. Stewart. Rankin continued to score freely, and Milburn was put on for White. An underhand bowler, he rolled his first delivery on to Stewart's stumps, the third wicket having carried the total up to 66. Dixon was caught at the wickets for four, and with a similar number to his credit, Tapper fell a victim to one of Milburn's "curlers." The fourth wicket took the score to 72, and the next two to 79. Rankin had put 32 on when he was well caught in the slips by Milburn, off Smith. G. Shield and Knox were together, and had taken the total to 84, when punctually at a quarter to seven, White called his men in, and the game was thus left drawn, at an interesting stage. In view of the capabilities of the men still to bat, it is probable, as already stated, that Stanley would have topped the Crook score. The bowling came out as follows:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
White	11	1	17	2
Stewart	9	1	19	0
Smith	5	1	14	2
Milburn	5	1	12	2

A SURPRISE AT CONSETT.

The Chester-le-Street men are great favourites in this district, therefore it was not surprising to find a good crowd on the Blackfine enclosure last Saturday to welcome them. The game was put down as a real good thing for the visitors, as the form of Consett during the past few weeks has been anything but reassuring, whilst Chester, on the other hand, have been scoring victory after victory. We have been told many times that cricket is an uncertain game, and never was it better exemplified than on Saturday. The home men, to the surprise of even their most ardent supporters, rose to the occasion in fine style, and gained a handsome win. It would be hard to say whether victors or vanquished were most astonished at the result. Chester probably never dreamt of defeat, and I know that they were particularly anxious to book the double event against their old rivals. But they were disappointed. The success that attended their efforts on Saturday should give the Consettonians encouragement for their future engagements. They have yet time to improve their position in the Senior League, although there seems but little chance of them occupying a prominent position.

What makes the win of Consett all the more creditable is the fact that they were represented by anything but a strong team. Siddell won the toss, and deputed Richardson and Lambert to open the innings to the bowling of Coyle and Jim Bewick. The two men did fairly well, although Richardson had a slice of luck in being missed by the pro. The Chester captain did not hesitate to change his bowling, but the score was taken to 45 before the first wicket fell, Richardson being then dismissed by Jim Bewick for 25. Siddell came next, and 17 were added, when the stumper retired for a useful 24. Simpson joined his captain, who was eventually sent back for 15, the total being 78 for three wickets—a capital start, by the way. Carlill hit a ball finely to the four boundary, and was then stumped, whilst the pro gave an unaccepted chance to Jack Bewick, but shortly after a good catch at point by Jim Bewick caused Simpson's retirement, he having hit up 18. Lindsay did not stay long, and Walton failed to profit by a let-off, Robson taking him from a second chance before he had scored. All this time Wood was batting finely, making several big hits, and he ultimately totalled 22. Pratt, although he had a slice of luck in being missed by Jim Bewick, yet displayed promising form for his 16, and when all was over Consett had 144 to their credit. The visitors tried no fewer than eight bowlers, and what they did the following figures will clearly show:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Coyle	21	9	24	2
Jas. Bewick	15	4	27	1
J. K. Bewick	8	2	15	0
G. Robson	7	2	25	1
L. Gray	4	2	13	1
J. Clifford	6	1	8	1
Smith	6	1	15	2
Walker	3	2	5	2

With the strong batting team they possess it was fully expected that Chester would rub off the runs, more especially as the home team were not particularly well off for bowlers. But a surprise was in store for all concerned. Halliday and Hutchinson commenced the visitors' reply to the bowling of Richardson and Simpson, but the partnership was but short-lived, Halliday being clean bowled in Frank's second over. That fine and consistent batsman, Jack Bewick, followed in, but he had only registered eight when Simpson got through his defence and bowled him, to the undisguised delight of the home men. Hutchinson was similarly dealt with by Richardson for a carefully compiled 10, and three men were out for 36, whilst at the same total Jim Bewick was clean bowled first ball by Frank. The downfall of the crack Chester batsmen was greatly appreciated by the crowd, who now came to entertain hopes of ultimate success. Ten runs later the pro. dismissed Robson, and fine fielding by Simpson resulted in Smith being run out. Lambert accepted a chance from Coyle before that player had scored, and with seven men out for 46 Consett had the game in their hands. The remaining batsmen were soon disposed of, the Chester total only amounting to 65, so that the home men gained an easy and unexpected victory. Richardson and Simpson bowled splendidly, and they were backed up by some grand fielding, the work in this department being in strong contrast to that of the visitors. I append the analyses:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Simpson	19	7	23	4
F. Richardson	18.4	9	29	5

MEDOMSLEY HAVE THEIR REVENGE.

When Medomsley visited Lumley early in the season to play the Warriors—by the way, why don't they change their name—they had only a poor team, having to pick up two or three substitutes, and in consequence they were well beaten. They had been waiting patiently for the opportunity of demonstrating that this was not their true form, and this came on Saturday last, when Lumley visited Medomsley. The Warriors have evidently a number of supporters, as they were accompanied by a good following of enthusiasts. The home club were very anxious to win, and as they had got a good team together they were pretty confident. A capital game ensued, but in the end Medomsley turned the tables on their previous conquerors in decisive fashion. The homesters took first innings, but soon lost Bob Charlton. However, Morton Hedley (12), Thompson Walton (12), and Bob Cant contributed useful scores, but the best batting was shown by George Walton, whom everybody was pleased to see coming out in his old form. His 30 was a capital effort, and he was warmly applauded on retiring. Campbell—who has been doing only moderately this season—put on a welcome 15, whilst the "tail" showed up in rare fashion, Robinson making 14, W. Cant nine, and Whiteley 16 (not out), the full total amounting to 132.

It was generally thought that the task set Lumley would be more than they could accomplish, but the Warriors set about their work in a manner worthy of their name. Marsh and J. Ramshaw were the first pair of batsmen, whilst the attack was entrusted to Lovat and Whiteley. The first pair made such an excellent commencement that it seemed possible that the visitors might after all repeat their previous win. Marsh put on 20 and his partner just half that number, and it was perhaps well for Medomsley that a certain young man named Hunter was playing for them. The latter was home from college for his holidays, and he signalised his re-appearance in the Medomsley ranks by a fine bowling feat, and one which went far towards winning the game for his side. He first disposed of Marsh, who, perhaps, played the best cricket for the visitors, and he followed this up by dismissing other four victims, the five wickets thus obtained only costing a dozen runs. Besides the batsmen mentioned, Howe (10), Scorer (10 not out), and Forster showed decent form, the aggregate finally stopping short at 73, or 59 behind. Whiteley had two wickets for 18, Lovat the same number for 28, and Hedley one for 13.

A GOOD WIN FOR SHOTLEY.

Shotley Bridge have not been too often on the winning side this season, therefore their success at Burnopfield on Saturday would probably be very welcome. At the same time the Shotley men are such good sportsmen that a few defeats more or less does not lessen their love for the game in the slightest, nor yet cause them to be downhearted. They made the journey on Saturday without their captain and principal bowler, Robson, who was unable to accompany the team, he being away on his honeymoon. However, as matters turned out, they managed pretty well without him. It has been the pleasure of Shotley Bridge to have had fixtures with Burnopfield for a number of years, and the games have always been most pleasantly fought out, the teams being on the best of terms with one another. The match on Saturday was no exception. The weather was delightful, and from a Shotley Bridge point of view the result was extremely satisfactory. As the first game in the Spa grounds had ended in a win for Burnopfield, the teams can now cry quits.

On Saturday the home captain won the toss, but decided to take the field and let the visitors bat. A. J. Smail and E. Hall went in first, to the bowling of Bell and Morris. The pitch was rather bumpy, and the fast deliveries of Bell were sometimes dangerous. However, I am afraid this fact told against his success, and accounted for him not being able to get the wickets he usually does. Smail proved to be in his best form, and had forty on before being out. His batting on the off was very fine, and he had very hard lines in not carrying his bat through. A ball got up awkwardly, and struck him on the thumb, and dropped on to his wicket. None of the rest of the team did much, and the innings realised 64. Smail followed up his good score with the bat by doing equally well with the ball. He took the first four of the Burnopfield wickets before a run had been scored from the bat—a bye only had been obtained. J. Weedy, however, came in and stopped the rot, and the score ultimately reached the total of 47, leaving the visitors victorious by 17 runs. After the match the visitors were very kindly treated to a most substantial meat tea, by the Rev. Ed. Campbell, who is at present stationed at Burnopfield, and who is a great supporter of the Burnopfield club. The Shotley Bridge team enjoyed the outing so much that they are wishing that another fixture had been arranged. The Shotley bowlers cam out with the following figures:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
J. Seed	11	4	19	2
A. J. Smail	12	4	21	6
M. Hunter	2	0	2	1

A VICTORY FOR MALTON.

Every year Mr. J. Ross takes down a team to play Malton Colliery, and these games have come to be looked forward to by the players on both sides. The three matches previous to Saturday had all resulted in victories for the scratch eleven, but Malton turned the tables on this occasion, and gained an easy success. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat, but they made a poor show at the start, several batsmen being cheaply disposed of. Mat Walton was bowled first ball by Ramsay, whilst Anty Burnhope had hard luck in being caught in the slips off his glove. Five men were out for about ten runs when Little (the old Medomsley player) went in, and he soon showed that he retains plenty of his old skill. It is probably six or seven seasons since he took an active part in cricket, but he hit away in fine style on Saturday. His 26 included no less than five fours, and he made some tremendous hits. Kershaw was batting nicely when he had the misfortune to play a ball off his pads on to the wicket, and Wilson did the same. Eventually the innings closed for 54—Shipley, Ramsay, and Hall all doing good work with the ball, as the subjoined figures testify:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
R. Hall	5	1	5	2
W. Ramsay	10	1	26	4
E. Shipley	8	4	12	4
J. Graham	2	0	7	0

Like the visitors, Malton only made a moderate beginning. With two byes scored Parker was bowled by a fine ball from Walton, and off the succeeding delivery Wilson effected a capital catch, which sent back Graham. Then Kirtley and E. Shipley became associated, and made a good stand, although the former did not bat in his usual style, and put up several balls which just fell out of harm's way. They advanced the total to 22, when Kirtley was bowled for 11. McHatton came next, and at once began to hit out, but Shipley played a purely defensive game. Despite all the visitors could do the pair rubbed off the runs, Shipley leaving at 56, for a carefully compiled 11. McHatton had the satisfaction of making the top score of the day (29), ere young Wilson bowled him, and he hit four fours. Most of the later batsmen added something to the total to 22, when Kirtley was bowled for side being played. The score was 92, or 38 to the good. Mat Walton bowled exceedingly well, and so did Wilson (who also brought off three good catches), but W. G. F. Thompson, who has usually been so destructive at Malton, was uneffective, the strong wind against him evidently telling a tale. The bowling analyses will be found below:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
W. G. F. Thompson	11	3	30	0
M. Walton	16.1	3	20	6
E. Wilson	7	1	30	5

MEMS.

Consett surprised themselves, the visitors, and everybody else by beating Chester-le-Street.

It is hard to reconcile their performances on two successive Saturdays.

There is no match Consett would sooner win than that against Chester.

The bowling of Richardson and Simpson did the mischief primarily.

Both of them also batted creditably.

The Consett fielding was splendid.

That of Chester, on the other hand, was wretched.

Numerous chances were missed.

Come, Chester, this form will not get you to the top of the league.

For once in a way the brothers Bewick failed to come off.

Davie Chrichton was an absentee.

Consett gave a level batting display.

But their total would have been much smaller had the visitors fielded decently.

It was a welcome win for Consett and their supporters.

Especially as they were anticipating defeat.

Shotley Bridge accomplished a fine performance in beating Burnopfield away.

A. J. Smail brought off a fine all-round feat for the winners.

He first knocked up 40, and then captured six wickets for 21 runs.

This was a splendid afternoon's work.

Smail is a capital all-round man.

I was pleased to see that that enthusiast, J. W. Forster, was assisting the visitors.

I trust that he is going to play regularly.

The popular Shotley captain, Rob Robson, could not make the journey.

For the reason that he was away honeymooning.

Good luck to you, sir.

Medomsley badly wanted to beat Lumley Warriors.

And they succeeded.

So that they have now a rosy chance of topping their division of the Cup Competition.

They mean to make a bold bid for the trophy.

George Walton played a capital innings on Saturday.

To the great delight of his club mates.

Several other batsmen also did well.

Willie Hunter carried off the honours in the bowling line.

He is now home from college for his holidays.

Hunter is located at Borough Road College, London.

And has played cricket and football against some of the most noted players in the south.

He took half the Lumley wickets for a dozen runs.

And helped materially towards winning the game for Medomsley.

Speaking of Medomsley reminds me that their once best all-round man, Ally Little, was playing on Saturday for the first time for many years.

He was assisting Mr. Ross's team at Malton Colliery, and showed a lot of his old form in hitting up 26.

Twenty of these came from boundary hits.

Were he to practise regularly he would be a valuable man for any team.

Malton gained their first victory over Mr. Ross's team on Saturday.

E. Shipley and Ramsay bowled exceedingly well.

The former and McHatton were also to the fore in the batting line.

Kirtley got into double figures, but I have seen him shape better.

I understand that he has been badly knocked about this season.

Mat Wilson and Eddie Wilson bowled capitally for the scratch team.

Wilson is a youngster of much promise.

He should develope into a good bowler.

For a wonder, W. G. F. Thompson failed to come off.

On every previous occasion that he has visited Malton he has always claimed several victims.

Bowling against a strong wind seemed to upset him.

Joe Nicholson failed to repeat his noteworthy performances of last season.

He only got partially hold of a full pitch from Hall, and was caught at cover-point.

The visitors were hospitably entertained as usual, and spent a very enjoyable day.

The Consett fielding on Saturday was something to be remembered.

Simpson at point did some grand work.

Chester tried no fewer than eight bowlers.

Leadgate Temperance were beaten at Swalwell on Saturday.

But were scarcely satisfied with the decisions of the home umpire.

Stanley were quite a match for Crook.

Another half hour's play would have given a definite shape to the game.

The Crook skipper was, however, punctual to a second.

At the finish—not at the beginning.

Milburn's out-of-date underhands were not attractive.

And White's "breakers" were not as profitable as he wished.

The Stanley fielding was frequently at fault.

T. Shield bowled well, and Rankin batted patiently.

The wicket was in splendid trim, and was a credit to the groundsmen.

On Saturday the joint Cricket and Football Clubs' sports will be held.

As a first venture, it is to be hoped the weather will be favourable.

And that the finances of the two clubs will be materially aided.

Stanley 2nd had a cup-tie engagement with Browney.

But Browney declared off.

Consett 2nd had no trouble in beating Chester-le-Street 2nd.

Hamilton and Leybourne bowled splendidly.

Especially Leybourne—who got seven wickets for thirty-four runs.

MATCHES WANTED

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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

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Meat soon loses its freshness, and may then be dangerous. Cover for a few hours with powdered charcoal, or boil, and put a few pieces of charcoal into the water.

Butter soon becomes rancid and unfit for table. Remove the rancidity by washing it first with limewater and then with filtered. There is a method of kneading the butter with fresh milk, and then with filtered water. Those using it say that the butyric acid, to which the rancid taste and odour are owing, is readily soluble in fresh milk, and is then removed by the water.

Leaks are prevalent.—A composition of 4lb. of resin, one pint of linseed-oil, and 1oz. of red lead, applied hot with a brush, will be found very useful in stopping leaks in cisterns, &c.

Feet Grow Hot and Tired.—A change of stockings will relieve them; a bath with Condy's Fluid or chloride of lime will freshen them; alum water will harden them; linseed-oil will soothe them; and soda will draw out inflammation from the skin irritated by an uncomfortable boot.

Flies become Numerous.—Infusion of quassia one pint, brown sugar 4oz., ground pepper 2oz. Mix well together and leave about in saucers.

Milk will not Keep.—Put in a pinch of borax, or heat to the boiling-point, but do not boil. Bottled, corked, and wired before heating, it will keep twelve months if you wish.

Faces become Sunburnt.—Have you tried "milk of almonds"? It is as soothing as it sounds. Beat ½lb. of blanched bitter almonds in half a pint of distilled water. Strain through a muslin cloth and bottle. This is very simple.

TO BOTTLE STRAWBERRIES.

To bottle strawberries in syrup, be careful to use fruit which has been gathered in dry, bright weather, and when removing the stalks, handle the fruit as little as possible. Place the strawberries in little wide-mouthed jars or bottles, and make a syrup with half a pint of cold water and one pound of good cane sugar, and boil it for five minutes. When cold, strain it into the bottles containing the fruit, and fasten them firmly with corks; then place them in a pan containing enough cold water to come up to the necks of the bottles, and bring the water to the boil, then remove the pan from the fire, and let the bottles remain in water until cold. Cover the corks with bladder that has been dipped into brandy, and if placed in a dry, cool place, the fruit will keep for some time.

BEDROOM TREASURES.

An admirable wardrobe is just a framework of wood placed in a recess. The top and sides are formed of tightly-stretched glazed holland, which resists dirt and damp. The front is also of holland, fitted to a blind-roller, which works easily up and down on the cord and button principle. The "blind," when down, is made secure at the bottom with rings and hooks, and so excludes all dust. The whole is hidden by Indian-reed curtains, dependent from the framework. Double brass hooks are placed along the inside of the frame, and the wall behind is covered with cheap calico. Another "treasure" is a table cupboard, originally a plain deal box, three feet high and quite square. This is aspinalled to match the rest of the room; tiny hinges of brass and a handle of the same adorn the door, which is decorated with Japanese leather paper to simulate panels. This cupboard holds a quantity of things, and obviates any necessity for the unsightly appearance of boots and shoes and other paraphernalia lying about the floor. The top has a linen table-cover, and is used for books and photographs, just as one would use a table.

ECONOMY IN PURCHASING MEAT.

To the amateur in housekeeping must be pointed out the relative economy of the various joints into which meat is subdivided. The round of beef is almost free from bone, and is therefore very economical for use in large families, as the weight purchased is almost solid flesh, and thus eatable to the last portion. The ribs, one of the best joints sold, is made more economical if the bones are removed before the beef is roasted, in which case they can be used for soup. The meat should be rolled and roasted in this shape, and the joint is carved then in dainty slices, in which fat and lean are almost equally distributed. The brisket is best for boiling, and, if simmered gently at the beginning, is tender and digestible.

It will afford sweeter happiness in the hour of death to have wiped one tear from the cheek of sorrow than to have ruled an empire, to have conquered millions, or to have enslaved the world.

When the ship shakes do not throw yourself into the sea. When storms of doubt assault spiritual truth do not abandon yourself to the wild evil of the world "that cannot rest." The ship rolls in the wind, but the wind advances.

If we keep ourselves quite where our lot has been cast, and do the duties appointed us, we shall find that things seek us in a wonderful manner. It is when we go out of our way to seek them that we miss what we most desire to find, or, finding the letter of our hopes, we miss the spirit.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.

GRUMBLING.

Grumbling is the easiest thing in the world to learn, but it is one of the most unprofitable after it is learnt. It is useless to one who engages in it, for it never yet made a rough road smoother, a heavy burden lighter, or a long day shorter. It never mends ills; it always adds to them. And it is a useless business to other people, for it furnishes wares that nobody wants.

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CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Wheeler."]

I am pleased to hear that the Medomsley and District Club is now in a flourishing position. Mr. Joseph Walton (the genial and hard-working secretary) has had a hard struggle, but he has never given in, and now the club, with the addition of nearly twenty new members, should be stronger than ever. On Wednesday night week the members had an enjoyable run to Winlaton Mill, via Shotley Bridge and Ebchester. On Saturday last a good number turned out (in a hurricane of wind) for a circular run to Stocksfield, travelling by way of Blaydon and Prudhoe. After spending a couple of hours at the bicycle gymkhana at Stocksfield, the party rode on to Corbidge, and then made the return journey on the other side of the Tyne, passing through Throckley, Heddon-on-the-Wall, and Scotswood. This latter run was much enjoyed, as the roads are in splendid condition, and the scenery is beautiful. In the absence of the Medomsley captain, the members were under the charge of Mr. S. Brown, to whom every credit is due for the excellent manner in which he kept the party together. I congratulate Mr. Walton on the success of his efforts to resuscitate the club. He is the right man in the right place.

Last week-end a party consisting of Messrs G. Teasdale, S. Frieck, J. Teasdale, J. Black, Robinson, and Tweedy, had a most pleasant little trip, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Setting out on Sunday morning they travelled to Carlisle, where they made the Vanduck Hotel their headquarters, and were treated in right royal fashion. The following morning they journeyed to Penrith, and were provided with an excellent dinner by Host Armstrong, of the George Hotel. Afterwards they proceeded through Brough to Barnard Castle, and arrived safely home on Tuesday morning. All the wheelers declared it to be one of the most pleasant outings they had ever taken part in. The roads were found to be in grand condition, and there were no mishaps, whilst in many parts the scenery was really lovely. That well-known rider, Mr. M. Black, had also intended to make one of the party, but his bike went wrong at the last moment, and he had perforce to forego the pleasure of taking part in the trip.

In conversation with a gentleman the other day, he remarked to me how few cyclists took the trouble to ring their bells or blow their whistles when approaching or overtaking traps or horsemen. As he said to me, anyone might be riding a spirited horse, and a wheeler suddenly overtaking and passing it without any previous warning, might bring about a serious accident. If cyclists would only give warning of their approach when within 30 or 40 yards, it enabled the horseman to pull himself together, so that he was not taken unawares. As my cycling friends will probably be aware, they are legally bound to do this, and I trust that they will bear it in mind. It is not a killing matter to either ring your bell or blow your whistle, and it might be the means of preventing a serious occurrence.

"Juggins," in "Cycling," who is usually pretty well up to date and well informed, says that he sees that a Brooklyn racer, paced by an express locomotive, has succeeded in riding a mile in 55 seconds, but he thought the American wheeler wouldn't succeed in beating the record of the two English cyclists, who, in the thick of a Sunday afternoon traffic, rode a straight-away mile on the upper Richmond Road in one minute. What "Juggins" doesn't like about this American record is the fact that nothing is stated in the reports as to who timed the Brooklyn flyer, whereas the two Englishmen were timed by two policemen.

Addressing a very large gathering of cyclists from various Kentish towns, at St. Mary's Church, Dover, on Sunday afternoon, the Bishop of Dover took a non-scriptural text: "This hill is dangerous." In every walk of life, said His Lordship, the value of the cycle was being more and more realised—in the Army, the Post-Office, the medical profession, and among the clergy. He knew many instances where the parish priest was able, in scattered districts, to double the number of his visitations by using the cycle. Thousands of employees cycled to their work, and to the strain of incessant work, which was the lot of many, the cycle afforded a wholesome alleviation. He warned his hearers, however, against neglect of Church services, against the hill that was dangerous—the neglect of religion. Among the many cyclists who flocked into Dover for the occasion and paraded the town before the service was a youth who, if certain police allegations are substantiated, sadly needed religious counsel. One of the paraders was arrested on the charge of having stolen the machine which he was riding from a Bridge near Canterbury, and he was not allowed an opportunity of hearing the Bishop's sermon.

At the Bicycle Gymkhana at Stocksfield on Saturday, Mr. R. M. Maude, of the Dipton and District C.C., was a very successful competitor. He secured first prizes for the quarter-of-a-mile obstacle race and most grotesque costume, and second in the 200 yards carpet bag race.

The Blackhill racing cyclist, Tom Childs, cannot be paid a too flattering tribute for his riding at Gosforth last Saturday. He dispossessed E. F. Smith of the title of mile centre champion by a piece of remarkable sprinting in the final straight. At the last corner Childs was badly placed, but came outside his men, gained a length in the last forty yards, and won by eight inches. Afterwards he mowed down a field in the five miles handicap, overtook all opponents in the last mile, and was always a winner. "The fastest amateur in England," remarked Mr. G. M. Todd to a friend as Childs dismounted—an opinion which will be shared throughout the country if Childs finds his opportunity to meet more of the class riders outside this district.

Referring to Childs' riding at the Derwent Club sports a Newcastle contemporary says:—The tit-bit of the Derwent Sports at North Durham on Monday week was the romping home of Ernie Smith in front of the invincible Childs, who has come to think that he has the only right to be termed the "Cock of the North," but Smith did jolly well to take a feather out of Childs' cap. The victory was a brilliant one, and the people did not forget to recognise Smith's pedalling propensities, for this rider came in for a right-down hearty ovation, and poor Childs' drooping spirit was on the farcical side, for he took his defeat with bad grace indeed.

JOTTINGS FROM THE CITY.

(By "The Impressionist.")

It is probable that of all the days of the summer, so far, Sunday was the hottest, and Monday certainly ran a good second. On the first-named day the open spaces and the various parks, of which Newcastle can boast a goodly number, were fsequented in large numbers, and it was a splendid opportunity for the display of the latest things in the way of feminine attire. White and cream are seen most of, and seem indeed by far the most suitable for the hot time we are going through. I often think the ladies are best provided for in these times, and that while the "mere male" swathes in perspiration our fair sisters in their flimsy and airy frocks glide along lightly, feeling not the least discomfort, and look with pity on the suffering helpless, hopeless Mr Man.

The SEASIDE is much visited these fine hot sunny Sundays, and the one just passed saw thousands at Tynemouth, Cullercoats, and neighbouring resorts. A sniff of the briny on such days is very grateful, and always appreciated by those townsfolk who the week through are shut up in offices or workshops, perpetually at the grindstone. It was indeed a scene on the Whitley Links on Sunday—a show of beauty and fashion, of gaiety and bright spirits altogether delightful to witness. The heat was, of course, of the scorching sort, but there came now and again genial, kindly breezes from the west that made it a pleasure to inflate one's lungs and sigh again in relief and satisfaction. This breeze tempered things nicely, and while the heat was, perhaps, too great for much exertion, it was a charming dream to loll upon the grassy banks or take shelter about the rocks and watch the expanse of blue, quiet sea, studded with its tiny white skiffs, that reflected again the light of the brilliant sun. The traffic on the Tynemouth line was simply enormous, and, happily, the Company are now succeeding better than formerly in meeting the public demands. Recently a quarter-hour service of trains has been started from the Central to Tynemouth, and the liberal way in which the service is supported only goes to prove how inadequate the antiquated service in operation last year was to meet the public requirements. Of course there is still much to be improved upon yet. For these we must wait and watch.

BLAYDON.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, Andrew Carroll and William Morris were charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Blaydon, on the 22nd inst.—P.C. Turley attested that he saw the two defendants fighting in Church Street, Blaydon, at 12.30 a.m. on the 22nd inst.—The defendant Carroll went into the box and denied the offence. He said that Morris struck him and he was compelled to act in self-defence.—The Bench considered that a doubt existed in the case, and dismissed Carroll, whilst Morris was bound over in the sum of £5, and ordered to pay the costs.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Tuesday night Mr James Turnbull offered for sale by public auction at the Lambton Arms Hotel, Chester-le-Street, several lots of copyhold and leasehold property. There was a large company present when the first lot, consisting of two copyhold houses in Villiers Place, Chester-le-Street, was put up. The bidding commenced at £220 and was carried to £272, at which price Mr Stainbank, of Chester-le-Street, was declared the purchaser. A copyhold dwelling-house in Lambton Terrace was started at £130 and carried to £190, at which price it was withdrawn. A copyhold house in Adelaide Terrace was also withdrawn when the bidding had reached £200. For a copyhold house in Poplar Street bidding was started at £80 and taken up to £120, when the auctioneer indicated that the reserve had not been reached. For a leasehold property in Front Street, Pelton Village, Mr J. W. Bolam started the bidding at £500, and by bids of £10 the price was carried to £570, at which the lot was withdrawn. Mr F. Harle and Mr John Turnbull were solicitors to the vendors.

DEATH OF MR. R. WILSON.—At the early age of 45, and after a short but severe illness, Mr. Robert Wilson, proprietor of the Queen's Head Inn, Chester-le-Street, died on Saturday last. After being for some time in the Durham County Constabulary, Mr. Wilson became an innkeeper, and a few years ago he purchased the Queen's Head, a large and commodious building in Front Street, from the late Mr Henry T. Morton. Being an ardent supporter of all forms of athletics he was a vice-president of the cricket, tennis, bowling, and rowing clubs. He was also a member of the Earl of Durham Lodge of Freemasons, and was held in great respect by his fellow-townsmen. The interment took place on Tuesday afternoon at the new Cemetery, when there was a very large attendance of mourners and friends. The former included Mrs Wilson (widow), the Misses Wilson (2) daughters, Messrs Wilson (2) sons, Mr James Wilson (father), and Mrs Bell (sister). The pall bearers were Messrs W. Clarke, W. Hall, Supt. Burrell, and W. Hunter. Amongst those present were Messrs F. Harle, J. Turnbull, J. Robson, W. Curry, Supt. Rutherford, Inspector McDoughal, E. Taylor, R. Cowe, J. Coxon, etc. The members of the Earl of Durham and other lodges of the Masonic Order attended in large numbers, each, in accordance with custom, carrying a sprig of acacia which they subsequently dropped into the grave, and at the graveside they sang a Masonic hymn to the memory of their departed brother. The first portion of the service was held in the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Cuthbert, and the rites throughout performed by the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns, M.A., Rector, and the Rev. A. Dunn, M.A., Curate. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Coun. W. Norman.

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LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Rural District Council was held on Thursday last in the Board Room, Lanchester. The Rev. P. C. Fortin presided in the absence of the chairman (Mr W. Logan), and there were also present, Messrs W. Gray, J. Oliver, R. Mitchison, T. Lowdon, U. A. Ritson, jun., P. Kirkup, J. Pumphrey, J. Hunter, G. Ritchie, W. H. Telford, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson)

COMPLAINT FROM LEADGATE.

The Clerk read a letter from the Leadgate Urban District Council respecting sewage or surface water flowing into their sewers. They requested the Lanchester Council to provide some means of taking away the water from the Bunker Hill estate instead of allowing it to run into the sewer. The sewer was sufficient for the Council's need, but with the additional water it was often over-flowing.

Mr Lupton questioned whether it was really from their sewers. There were a few houses being built there. There was also a complaint from Bradley Cottages, and he recommended that a committee be appointed. There would have to be some sewers for these houses at no distant date.

The Chairman said the best way would be for the Inspector to examine and report.

Mr Gray asked if there were no sewers?

Mr Lupton said there were drains and they emptied on the roadside.

A committee was appointed to go into the complaint with the Inspector.

NAMING THE STREETS.

An application was read from the Esh and Healeyfield Parish Councils respecting the naming of streets and the numbering of houses.

The Clerk said that since the passing of the Vaccination Act the numbering of houses had become very necessary.

Mr Oliver said that he had had complaints from medical gentlemen in the Knitsley district. The numbering of houses would be a very great assistance to them.

The Chairman said complaints had also been made in his district.

Mr Gray thought it would not be a very great expense.

The Chairman said he did not think so. It was very necessary because in some instances where there were numbers they found No. 1 in the middle of the street. (Laughter.)

Mr. Kirkup asked if they should not call upon the owners of the property to attend to the numbering of the houses.

The Chairman thought not The District Council was the authority.

The Clerk said they had powers in Esh parish.

It was resolved for the present to name the streets and number the houses in Esh parish, and on the suggestion of Mr. Kirkup it was agreed to consult the colliery owners before naming the streets.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board respecting the model series of bye-laws for daries and cowsheds, and suggested that they should be re-considered by the Council.

Mr Kirkup said the Building Committee had gone into the question and recommended that the bye-laws, with certain trivial amendments, be adopted. One amendment referred more particularly to the capacity, and instead of 800 cubic feet they proposed 500 feet. One or two rather restrictive points they had amended in favour of the cow-keepers.

On the motion of Mr Gray the report submitted by the committee was agreed to.

POLLUTION OF THE DERWENT.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Sirey, Clerk to the County Council, enclosing a report from Mr James Robinson, county inspector, respecting the pollution of the river Derwent. The report was as follows: "I inspected this river on the 6th and 7th inst., from where the Pont Burn joins it (about 300 yards west of Lintz Paper Mill) to Rowland's Gill. I found it quite clear above the junction, but below that point it was in a more or less turbid condition owing chiefly to a large influx of colliery water and sewage through the Pont Burn, which receives the sewage of about 2,000 persons in Leadgate Urban District and of 200 to 300 persons at Bradley Cottages in the Lanchester Rural District, and through the Dipton Burn a large flow of sewage from Dipton, and iron water from the Pontop Collieries (J. Bowes and Partners) in the Annfield Plain Urban District. Ironwater is also discharged direct into the Derwent from the Victoria Garesfield Colliery (Consett Iron Co.) There was little or no pollution to be seen coming from the paper mill (Messrs Annandale's) perhaps owing to the fact that some alterations were being made in the machinery, and very little work going on, but some refuse, which the manager promised to have removed, was lying on the foreshore. The condition of the river varies very much, and is generally much worse after prolonged pumping at the collieries, and in wet weather."

The Chairman thought they might take up the consideration of Bradley Cottages, but the rest they had nothing to do with.

This suggestion was agreed to.

MORE POLLUTION.

The Chairman said he should like to draw the attention of the manager at Cornsay (Mr. Kirkup), and to ask if he could not prevent filthy water coming down the stream? It was an old complaint. They used to put the ballast so near the stream that the stuff came down. For some years it had been all right, but now it was as bad as ever.

Mr. Kirkup asked if it was sewage matter?

The Chairman: No, it is black ballast.

Mr. Kirkup said they were not tipping any ballast near the edge of the stream, and certainly not into it.

The Chairman said it wanted looking into.

Mr. Oliver moved that the manager be written to. (Laughter.)

Mr. Kirkup said it was quite unnecessary.

Medical Officers' Reprts.

Dr. Wilson reported as follows:—The following are the new cases of epidemic diseases in this district since my last report:—two cases of erysipelas and five of diarrhœa at Langley Park; one case of scarlet fever, four of diarrhœa, and three of influenza at Esh Winning; two cases of influenza at Durham Road, Esh Winning; one case of erysipelas, and seven of diarrhœa at Quebec; six cases of diarrhœa at Cornsay Colliery; two cases of measles, 12 of whooping cough, 38 of diarrhœa, and 20 of influenza at East Hedleyhope and district; one case of scarlet fever at Browney Bank Cottages; and one of diarrhœa at Hollyside Cottages; one case of typhoid fever, 12 of scarlet fever, nine of diarrhœa, and three of influenza at Craghead; two cases of scarlet fever, 142 of measles, one of whooping cough, and 33 of diarrhœa at Burnhope; one case of diarrhœa at Low Town, and one of erysipelas, and one of diarrhœa at Lanchester. The typhoid fever case was removed to Langley Park Hospital. Since the appearance of the first three cases of scarlet fever at Craghead, on the 16th of June last, there have been 20 cases in all, and one only has accepted the benefits of the Infectious Hospital at Langley Park. It is unfortunate that this should be so. From the smallness of the houses in colliery villages when there is a family of children it is quite impossible, as every pitman at this time of day must know, to separate and keep apart the inflicted from the healthy, and prevent the spreading of catching diseases, especially small-pox typhoid and scarlet fever, not only in their own families, but also in that of their neighbours. In order to carry this out I would suggest to parents, and persons in charge of children, so soon as their medical attendant pronounce them suffering from either of those diseases, to consider it their imperative duty to allow the patients to be removed to an Isolation Hospital.

The Chairman said Burnhope seemed to be in a bad way.

Mr. Gray said in reference to the fever cases at Craghead, he would rather object to have to go so great a distance as to Langley Park. That would be one means of keeping them away from the hospital.

Mr. Oliver said they were doing all they could to relieve that by erecting a hospital at Tanfield.

Mr. Gray said that was further off still.

Mr. Kirkup said it was a long way round about to get to Langley Park.

The Chairman said he was afraid they could not make any better of it.

Mr. Ritchie said two cases died as soon as they got to the hospital.

Mr. Kirkup said that what Mr. Ritchie had stated showed the imperative necessity of the medical officer seeing each patient before removal. In both the cases named the patients were in a moribund condition, and unfit to be removed. He believed Dr. Wilson was with him in that.

The Clerk said the matter was in the doctor's own hands. No one could give an order for admission into the hospital except Dr. Wilson.

The Chairman said it certainly would be much better if the doctor could see every case. It gave the place a bad name.

Mr. Kirkup thought it was more a matter for the Joint Hospital Board

Dr. Bolton reported that the following cases of infectious diseases had come under his notice since his last monthly report:—One case of erysipelas at Derwent Cottages; one case at Allendale Cottages, and one at Low Westwood; one case of scarlatina at Hamsterley Colliery; and one case of typhoid fever at Milkwell Burn. The Ebchester district was free from zymotic disease.

Mr. U. A. Ritson asked if Dr. Bolton had sent in a report for two months ago?

The Clerk said he did not think so, but they had not lost anything. (Laughter.)

The Chairman said Dr. Wilson spoke about the smallness of the houses in colliery districts. There was a case at Marley's Houses, which was in a very disgraceful condition. There were three houses consisting of one room each only.

Mr. Lupton said he had been there with the Medical Officer, and they had dealt with the case.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. J. R. Lupton, Inspector of Nuisances, and Surveyor, reported that he had received a complaint from Mr. Aynsley, of Consett, in regard to the sewage from houses at Maudville, polluting a watercourse. Mr. Aynsley asked for a trough, to be supplied with Consett water, to be fixed in the field, the cost to be borne by the Council, and the Council to pay a rent of 1/- per year for each house, the sewage from which emptied upon Mr. Aynsley's land. There were about 50 houses at present, and other sites were being taken up. There were seven houses at Hill Top, and Esh, which were without a sufficient supply of water within a reasonable distance. The Weardale and Shildon Water Co.'s mains were within 300 feet from No. 3, 930 from Nos. 4 and 5, and 1,130 from Nos. 6 and 7. The water supply at present was from a well, at a distance of 550 feet from houses Nos. 6 and 7; 800 from Nos. 4 and 5; 830 from No. 3; 950 from No. 2; and 1,370 from No. 1. He understood the owners were willing to lay the water on if the mains were within a reasonable distance. There were 16 houses at Maiden Law, for which there were no sewers. Some of the drains emptied upon the roadside, while in several cases there were no drains whatever, the waste water being thrown upon the highway or into the roadside channel. The stench in dry weather was very bad and a serious nuisance. Nothing further had been done to the houses at The Square, Esh Village, although Mr. Cave had had several notices. The houses were in a dilapidated condition, and the tenants complained bitterly in wet weather. The sludge pit at the Croniwell sewage disposal works was full, and the caretaker informed him that he had tried all the farmers in the neighbourhood, but none of them seemed to care to cart it away. It would be necessary to have it removed, and he suggested that tenders be invited for the removal of the sludge now in the pit, and that which would be gathered during the next twelve months. As near as he could judge, there would be from 120 to 130 loads yearly.

The Inspector was instructed to make plans, and report on the Maiden Law sewers. As to the Hill Top houses he was instructed to inquire as to the cost, and see whether the owners would contribute.

The Chairman said he had had a complaint that morning, respecting Mr. Cave's houses at Esh Village.

Mr. Lupton said the houses should be closed if Mr. Cave was not going to repair them. They were not fit to live in.

The Chairman thought they ought to get a closing order.

Mr. Kirkup said it was all right dealing with the nuisance, but what about the poor tenants? He supposed they were content to live in them.

The Chairman: Not content; they cannot help themselves. It has gone on since January, and there were complaints before that time.

Mr. Kirkup said Mr. Cave would probably attend to them if he got an order.

Mr. Lupton suggested that an order be got to have them repaired in so many days.

This suggestion was agreed to, and the matter of the sludge pits was left in the Surveyor's hands.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee recommended that the following plans be approved:—Three houses at Esh Winning for Mr. Geo. French; one house at Maudville, Castleside, for Mr. A. Milner; cow shed at Esh Winning for Mr. Wayper; portico and pallisade at Stag's Head Inn, Esh Winning, for Mr. G. French; block plan of conveniences for club at Newhouse, near Waterhouses.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Cumming's Salary.

Mr. Wm. Cumming, surveyor of highways, having at the previous meeting made applicaion for an increase of salary,

Mr. Kirkup said he believed he suggested that the matter should come up for discussion that day. He would like to further adjourn it in order to get information from other districts as to salaries paid to Surveyors.

Mr. Gray said that according to paper reports Esh was likely to become an Urban district.

Mr. Kirkup expected that was far off. He moved that the matter be adjourned. He was not biassed in any way.

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

Eddis Bridge.

The Clerk submitted a draft agreement with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for working the stone for Eddis bridge. The agreement gave permission to work the stone for the bridge. They were not to sell the stone, but what they required for the bridge they could have.

Defective Footbridge.

A letter was read from the Healeyfield Parish Council respecting a defective footbridge in their parish, and asking the Rural Council to give attention to the matter.

The question was referred back to the Parish Council.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Cumming reported that he had met the Consett Water Company's Engineer at Quebec, respecting the pipe laid across the culvert, and found when the place was properly cleaned out that the pipe had been laid below the level of the bottom of the culvert. As there was so little level for the water he recommended that the pipe be laid across the road, and along the side parallel to the houses, and connected with the present drain, the cost of which would be about £20. This, he thought, would do away with the nuisance near Mr. Harrison's shop. On account of the heavy rains during the month several of the houses at New House Terrace, Esh Winning, had been flooded, owing to the incapacity of the drain for carrying off the surface waer. He had had the pipes and catchpits cleaned out without any better result, and he was of opinion that the present 6-inch pipe was too small for conveying the surface water from so large a gathering ground. The pipe was put in by Sir F. Smythe, before the Council took over the road, with a very small gradient. He suggested that the present 6-inch pipe be taken up, and replaced by 9-inch pipes, and the 6-inch pipes laid further along the Terrace, at a cost of about £46. The cost of asphalting and draining the "Garths" footpath at Lanchester would be £36 for asphalting, and £10 for draining. The cost of kerbing the footpath from the railway bridge to the chapel at Craghead would be about £40.

The Chairman said the work suggested at New House Terrace was very necessary. The flooding was so periodical that the people had boards with clay ready to stop the front doors. With reference to the footpath at Craghead, he thought they had spent a lot of money over that bridge.

The Clerk: Not so much as at Esh Winning.

The Chairman said there was nothing done at Esh Winning for 20 years.

The Clerk said they would get dissatisfied at Craghead, and apply for an Urban Council.

Mr. Kirkup asked if Mr. Cumming recommended it?

Mr. Cummings said he did.

Mr. Kirkup moved that it be done, and the motion was agreed to.

The report was then adopted, and the wages of the enginemen of the road rollers having been fixed at 35/- per week, the meeting terminated.

The Making of Armour Plates.

The process of making armour-plates for battleships is described in detail in a well-illustrated article appearing in the August number of the "Windsor Magazine." The making of armour is a very important industry, and, so far as the heavier plates are concerned, is a monopoly of Sheffield, where the three great firms of Messrs Cammel, Messrs Vickers, and Messrs Brown are engaged in it. At the present moment Messrs Cammell and Company have either just finished or are working on armour for some of the biggest ships ever built. Among them are the "Hatsuse," for the Japanese Government, a battleship of 15,240 tons, which, when completed will be the largest in the world; and for our own Navy the "Formidable," the "Implacable," and the "Irresistible," all great battleships of 15,000 tons each. These vessels will each have about 3,000 tons of armour, and the plates for belt, casemates, barbettes, conning-towers, etc., will cost upwards of £300,000 in each case. This firm has the largest output of armour in the world, and employs in one way or another an army of 12,000 men—enought to 'furnish forth' a considerable town did they live in one place. But only a portion of the workmen are in the armour-making departments, the rest being occupied in making steel mils, locomotive and other heavy tyres, marine shafting, and so on. Messrs Cammell have also their own coal and iron mines. A gigantic, truly imperial, enterprise this, conducted, if large and increasing dividends be a test, with conspicuous success. A still better criterion may be found in the fact that over two hundred ships of war of all kinds afloat to-day have been armoured from these works."

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed bugs, fleas, ants, moles, shipmunks, gophers. 6d and 1s. boxes at Chemists.

DURHAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Exhibition.

The 55th annual show in connection with the Durham County Agricultural Society was held in Dryburn Park, Durham, and proved from every point of view highly successful. The entries, compared with last year, were exceedingly larger, and the quality of the exhibits in every breed was also above this show's average. The day was delightfully fine, and coming as it did after a long spell of wet or doubtful weather, it was the more highly appreciated, and consequently the attendance was up to the mark, no fewer than 5,000 people passing the turnstiles, and the money taken at the gate amounting to over £330. The entries, compared with last year's show at Stanhope, were some sixty or seventy in advance, notwithstanding that on the present occasion there were no dogs, and last year the entry under that head numbered 118. The sections principally due for this year's increase were horses and poultry, cattle also partly accounting for the increase. Compared with the last show at Durham in 1893 there were also to be notified a decrease, but again it must be mentioned that on that occasion there were 165 dogs, as against none this year. Shorthorn cattle as usual occupied the first section of the catalogue, and proved an excellent show, the various classes being well filled, and the competitors including many winners at the Royal and Highland, and other principal shows of the kingdom. The struggle for the champion cup, value 50gs., for the best animal of any breed or sex was a long one. It did not take the judges long to turn all competitors out of the ring except Mr. Stephenson's polled Angus Best Man of Benton, and Mr. Harrison's shorthorn Count Beauty. Other judges were called in, they separated and consulted, and even then could not agree as to the superiority of the respective animals. It may be mentioned that to begin with there was no special judge of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, Mr. Charles Marshall having been called in at the last moment to perform that duty. At first three of the judges pronounced in favour of the Aberdeen-Angus and two in favour of the shorthorn. The latter contended that that was not a clear majority, and so another gentleman, Mr. John Kerr, of Red Hall, Wigton, who had been judging agricultural horses, but who, it may be remarked, is himself a fairly cosmopolitan breeder of cattle, was called in as umpire, and after another long and minute examination, the championship was conferred upon Count Beauty. The horses were a very numerous show, and, the respective classes being well filled, there was great competition.

THE PRIZE LIST.

CATTLE.

Champion chalenge cup, value 50gs, for the best breeding animal in the cattle classes, Geo. Harrison—Count Beauty.

Special district prize of £10, the gift of the Shorthorn Society in Great Britain and Ireland, George H. Procter—Fairy Beau.

SHORTHORNS.

Bull, about two years old, 1st and championship, George Harrison—Count Beauty; 2nd, W. Bell, Ratcleugh—Baron Alnwick; 3rd, George Harrison—Lieutenant; 4th, Sir Jacob Wilson, Belford—Sir Lawrence Riby.

Bull, under two years, 1st, George H. Procter, Fairy Beau; 2nd, George Harrison—Favourite of Sanquhar; 3rd, William Ramsay, Stockton—Prince of Stanhope; 4th, Sir Jacob Wilson—Lord Lionel.

Bull, under one year old, 1st George Harrison—Golden Morning; 2nd, George Harrison—Carr House Chief; 3rd, George H Procter—Royal Beau; h.c., the Marquis of Londonderry.

Cow or heifer in calf, or which has produced a matured calf within the last twelve months, 1st, George Harrison—Welcome; 2nd, W. Bell, Alnwick—Lady Clara; 3rd, William Heaton, Lostock Junction—Daisy 4th; 4th and 3rd special, George H. Procter—Bella; h.c., Lord Barnard—Bella 2nd; r., George Harrison—Rose of Earn.

Heifer, not exceeding two years, 1st George Harrison—Sweet Adelaide; 2nd and 1st special, G. Harrison—Rose Morn; 3rd, Joseph Fryer, Howdon-le-Wear—Lady Clorinder; 4th, George H. Procter—Gay Belle; r, Marquis of Londonderry—Wynyard Rose.

Heifer, not exceeding one year old, 1st and 2nd special, George Harrison—Wisdom; 2nd, George H. Procter—Fairy Ring; 3rd, George H. Procter—Gay Beauty; 4th, Joseph Fryer—Marcella.

POLLED ANGUS.

Bull, over two years old, 1st, Clement Stephenson—Best man of Benton; 2nd, R. H. Cleasby, Durham.

Bull, under to years 1st, Seaton Deleval Coal Company, Limited—Golden Bar; 2nd and special, John R. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street—Raven of Benton 2nd.

Cow or heifer in calf, or which has produced a matured calf within the last 12 months, 1st, Clement Stephenson—Marian of Benton; 2nd, 2nd, Clement Stephenson—Elite of Benton.

Heifer, under two years and over one year, 1st, Clement Stephenson—Marian of Benton; 2nd, Seaton Delaval Coal Company—Banana of Delaval; 1st special, John B. Turnbull—Beauty of Pelton.

DAIRY.

Special prize (confined to tenant farmers and dairymen in the county of Durham), silver cup, value £10 10s, or money, for the best cow in class 11 and 12, the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Durham—won by G. H. Procter.

Cow, any age or breed, in milk, best for dairy purposes, 1st, W. A. Weightman, jun., Seaton—Rosey; 2nd, the Committee of Earl's House—Ro- 3rd, Birtley Co-operative Society.

Dairy cow in calf, 1st, George H. Procter; 2nd, Robert Shepherd, Durham—London Pride; 3rd, Thomas Harper, Kepier Farm.

Special prize, for non-pedigree cow or heifer, 1st, W. A. Weightman, jun, Seaton—Rosey; 2nd, R. T. Tiplady, Staindrop; 3rd, Robert Shepherd, Sniperly—Chance.

MILKING DEMONSTRATION (Open.)

1st, Miss L. D. Dobson, Felton; 2nd, Miss E. Brimskill, Ludwell; 3rd, Miss Armstrong, Sacriston; 4th, Miss Hilda Ramsay, Embleton.

GRAZING CATTLE.

Pair of bullocks, 1st, J. E. Nicholson, Lanchester; 2nd, William Smith, Durham.

Pair of heifers, 1st, Pease and Partners, Limited; 2nd, William Smith.

SHEEP—BORDER LEICESTERS.

Ram, any age, 1st and special, J. E. Nicholson; 2nd, George Beveridge, Consett.

Ram, shearling, 1st, John Annandale and Sons, Limited, Lintz Green; 2nd and r., J. E. Nicholson.

Ram, lamb, 1st and special and 2nd, J. E. Nicholson; r., T. M. Reed, Pringle House, Brandon.

Two ewes, 1st and special and 2nd, J. E. Nicholson; r., John Annandale and Sons; h.c., George Beveridge.

Two gimmers, 1st and special, J. E. Nicholson; 2nd, John Annandale and Sons; r., the Earl of Durham.

Two gimmer lambs, 1st and r., J. E. Nicholson; 2nd, the Earl of Durham.

CHEVIOT AND LEICESTER.

Two ewes, 1st, P. Oswald and Sons, Harraton Hall.

BLACK-FACED.

Ram, any age, 1st and special, Joseph Vickers—Goldsmith; 2nd, Crawford Bros., Rothsay—President; h.c., Crawford Bros.—Deemster

Ram shearling, 1st and special, T. Rawlinson, Kirby Lonsdale; 2nd and h.c., Crawford Bros.

Ram lamb, 1st and 2nd, Joseph Vickers, Tow Law.

Two ewes, 1st and special, Jos. Vickers; 2nd, T. Rawlinson.

Two gimmers, 1st, special, and 2nd, Joseph Vickers.

Two gimmer lambs, 1st and 2nd, Jos. Vickers.

MULE.

Two ewes, 1st and 2nd, William Hutchinson, Ferryhill.

Two gimmers, 1st and 2nd, William Hutchinson.

Two gimmer lambs, 1st, Robert Crowe, Cornsay; 2nd, F. Thornton, Chester-le-Street; h.c., T. M. Reed, Brandon.

HORSES.

AGRICULTURAL CLASSES.

Challenge cup, value 25gs, for the best breeding animal in the agricultural horse classes, the Marquis of Londonderry—Essence.

Challenge cup, value 25gs., for the best breeding animal in the agricultural horse classes belonging to a tenant farmer in the county of Durham, John T. Peacock—Queen of Gretna.

Bronze medal for the best Clydesdale yearling or two year old filly or colt, Thomas Smith and Sons, Low Fell—Lady Scott.

Brood mare with foal at foot, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry—Essence; 2nd and 1st special, r and 2nd special, William Liddle Walker, Silksworth—Princess May and Lady Jane II; h.c., J. T. Peacock—Rush.

Draught mare in foal, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry—Kite, and r—Lady Fair; 2nd, the Earl of Durham—Nelly Bly; 1st, special, U. A. Ritson, jun., Lanchester—Lupine; 2nd special, Thomas Smith and Sons—Empress.

Three year old filly, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry—Geranium; 2nd and 1st special, J. T. Peacock—Queen Mary; r and 2nd special, Turnbull Bros.—Bonnie Meg; h.c., Thomas Smith and Sons—Countess.

Two year old filly, 1st and 1st special, Thomas Smith and Sons—Lady Scott; 2nd and 2nd special, Thomas Seymour, Sunderland—Nancy Gartly; h.c., the Duke of Leeds—Treat.

Yearling filly, 1st and 1st special, Turnbull Bros.; 2nd, the Marquis of Londonderry; r and special, Thomas Smith and Sons.

Three year old gelding, 1st, John Reay, Gosforth; 2nd and 1st special, John B. Turnbull.

Two year old colt, 1st and 1st special, William Liddle Walker—Holyrood's Heir; 2nd and 2nd special, W. G. Raine, Ferryhil—Stainton Combination.

Two year old gelding, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry; 2nd and 1st special, Turnbull Bros.; r and 2nd special, P. Oswald and Son—Knight of Harraton Hall; h.c., F. Thompson, Swalwell.

Yearling colt or gelding, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry; 2nd and h.c., the Earl of Durham; r and 1st special, P. Oswald and Son—Royal Knight.

Gelding or mare, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry—Necklet; 2nd and 1st special and r and 2nd special, John T. Peacock—Queen of Gretna and Queen Fortune; h.c., Thomas Nesbitt Macneil, Witton-le-Wear.

Pair of horses or mares, not under three years old, 1st and 2nd, the Marquis of Londonderry; r and 1st special, John T. Peacock—Queen of Gretna and Queen Mary; h.c., and 2nd special, William Liddle Walker.

Colt foal, 1st, the Marquis of Londonderry; 2nd and 1st special, William Liddle Walker; r and 2nd special, J. G. Turnbull; h.c., John T. Peacock.

Filly foal, 1st and r, the Marquis of Londonderry; 2nd and 1st special, Robert Shepherd, Durham—Lady Annie; h.c., and 2nd special, William Liddle Walker—Jane Everard.

Colt or fily foal, 1st and 1st special, William Liddle Walker; 2nd and 2nd special, M. Clark; r, A. Welsh, Fence Houses.

Yearling colt or filly, 1st and 1st special, John R. Turnbull; 2nd and 2nd special, Robert Shepherd, Durham—Royal.

HUNTING CLASSES.

Cup, value 25gs., for the best animal in the hunting classes, Joseph Hugill, Darlington—Sockburn.

The Hunter's Improvement Society's two silver medals, Joseph Hugill—Sockburn, and John Beach, West Hartlepool—Queen Diamond.

Brood mare, 1st, A. E. Pease, M.P.; 2nd, J. Sanderson, Hexham—Fairy Queen; r., Thomas Swailes, Yarm-on-Tees; h.c., Joseph Cook, Washington—Gipsy.

Three-year-old gelding, 1st, Joseph Hugill; 2nd, George E. Gibson, Sedgefield.

Two year old gelding, 1st John Sanderson—Jubilee Monarch; 2nd, John Bradley, West Hartlepool; r, John Vasey, Perryhill—Sultan.

Two year old filly, 1st, John Beach—Queen Diamond; 2nd, William Dent, Darlington.

Yearling colt or gelding, 1st, John Sanderson—Hexham; 2nd, Norman Robinson, Houghton-le-Spring; r, John Vasey.

Yearling filly, 1st, J. R. Hague, Stockton; 2nd, John Sanderson; r, Thomas Swailes.

Colt or filly foal, 1st, John Sanderson—Rosa Bonheur; 2nd, Robert Thompson—Dare Devil; r, A. E. Pease, M.P.

Gelding or mare, 4 years old, 1st, David Smallwood, Whitby—John Peel; 2nd, T. Walton Smith, Yarm; 3rd, Wm. Hart, Buterwick—Blueback.

Gelding or mare, any age, 1st, Wm. Armstrong, Gosforth—Gaspard; 2nd, Capt. Cameron West Hartlepool—Common; 3rd, David Smallwood; r, Henry H Cochrane, Durham—Wherry; h.c., Thomas A. Easy, Whickham—Florence.

HACKNEYS.

Cup, value 25gs., presented by the High Sheriff of the county (Ald. U. A. Ritson) for the best animal in the hackney class won by J. Robinson, Hull, with Mornington Cannon.

Silver medal by the Hackney Horse Society for the best hackney or pony mare, filly, or filly foal that is registered, or eligible for registration, in the Hackney Stud Book, won by Mrs Frank Robson, of Sunderland, with Bouquet.

Brood mare, 1st, Eustace Smith, Newcastle—Dewdrop; 2nd, Mrs Frnk Robson—Sweet Lavender; r, Frank Robson—Lady Reality.

Colt or filly foal, 1st, Frank Robson; 2nd, G. Mowbray, Gateshead; r, H. A. Keeley, Durham—Vilage Hero.

Gelding or filly, 3 years old, 1st, John Burton and Sons, Ripon—Garton Performer; 2nd, E. Clayton, Felling—Lightheart; h.c., W. B. Minto, Hetton-le-Hole; r, E. J. Weightman.

Gelding or filly, 2 years old, 1st, John Burton and Sons—Derwent Squire; 2nd, John Tully, Fencehouses—Florrie; h.c., Mrs E. Brownless, Winston—Moonstone; r, W. A. Weightman, jun., Seaton—Kate.

Colt, gelding or filly, one year old, 1st, Mrs Frank Robson—Bouquet; 2nd, John Tully—Royal Connaught; r, John Tully—Lady Jane.

Gelding or mare, exceeding 15 hands in saddle, 1st, J. Robinson—Mornington Cannon; 2nd, Frank Robson; r, A. Deuchar, Tynemouth—Merrymaid.

Gelding or mare, not exceeding 15 hands in saddle, 1st, Eustace Smith—Wild Lucy; 2nd, Mrs L. Murgatroyd, Bradford—Floreta; r, J. G. and W. T. Mitchell, Morpeth—Fairy Queen.

LADIES' HACK.

Gelding or mare, any age, 1st, C. W. Dixon Johnson, Croft.

PONIES.

Brood mare, not exceeding 14 hands, 1st, E. Smith—Lady Middleton; 2nd, Mrs Frank Robson—Beauty; r, J. J. Candlish, Castle Eden—Elegant.

Gelding or mare, not exceeding 14 hands, 1st, J. G. and W. T. Mitchell—Lady Like; 2nd, G. W. B. Walby, Fencehouses—Niger Girl; r, A. Phillipson, Dipton.

Gelding or mare, not exceeding 12.2 hands, 1st, T. Cabry, Coldstream—Linnet; 2nd, T. Raine, Bishop Auckland; r, W. B. Forster, Durham City.

Pony foal, 1st, E. Smith; 2nd, Mrs Frank Robson; h.c., the Marquis of Londonderry; r, J. J. Candlish.

SHETLAND PONIES.

Brood mare, 1st, Mrs Wentworth, Edenbridge—Hildigrenna; 2nd, South Garesfield Colliery Company—Shelty; r, Usher and Richardson, South Shields—Minx.

DALES PONIES.

Gelding or mare, 1st, John Hutchinson, Witton Park; 2nd, A. Phillipson, Dipton; r, W. B. Forster, Springwell.

HARNESS HORSES.

Horse or mare, 15.2 hands high and over, 1st, John Robinson—Mornington Cannon; 2nd, J. B. Hodgkin, Darlington—Carlton; r, G. Liddle, Durham.

Horse or mare, under 15.2 hands high, 1st, Frank Robson; 2nd, A. Deuchar; r, J. Robinson.

Horse or mare, not exceeding 14.2 hands high, 1st, E. Smith—Wild Lucy; 2nd, W. Armstrong, Gosforth—Perfection; r, H. Callender, Ferryhill—Lady Garton.

Horse or mare, not exceeding 13 hands, 1st, T. Cabry—Linnet; 2nd, T. Raine; r, Simon Rowe, Consett.

Tradesmen or tenant farmers' class, 15 hands and over, 1st, Frank Robson; 2nd, A. Deuchar; r, Wm. Carter, Blaydon—Lady Connaught.

Tradesmen or tenant farmers' class, under 15 hands, 1st, J. Henderson, Sunderland—Daisy Belle; 2nd, Henry Callender—Lady Garton; r, W. B. Minto, Hetton—Nina.

LEAPING COMPETITION.

Horse or mare, any age, 1st, W. Cussons, Chester-le-Street—Sir Roger; 2nd, T. E. Lavin, Ripon—Colonel; 3rd, R. Freeman, Viewly Grange.

HORSE-SHOING COMPETITION.

1st, Herbert Raine, Spennymoor; 2nd, John Chapman Smith, Ebchester; 3rd, Wm. Wardle, Beamish Burn, Pit Hill; 4th, Jos. Corner, Spennymoor.

IMPLEMENTS.

Stand or collection of agricultural implements and machinery, 1st and medal, Ord and Maddison, Limited, Newcastle.

Collection of dairy utensils, 1st, W. B. Forster, ironmonger, etc, Durham.

BUTTER.

Principal prize winners: Miss E. Burn, Mrs Herdman, Miss Eva Convers, Miss Dora H. Pattison, Mrs Nightingale, Mrs Pickering, and Miss Atkinson.

CHEESE.

Principal winners: Miss E. Burn, Mrs Lowe, Mrs Tiplady, Miss Minnie Shaw, Mrs J. J. Lockey, Miss Dora Pattison, and Miss Marion Reynolds.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Principal winners: Mrs J. J. Lockey, Miss Clark, Mrs Crawford, and Miss Wearmouth.

POULTRY.

The chief winners in the poultry class were: G. H. Procter (Durham), Messrs Shield and Son (Swalwell), Messrs Currah (Frosterley), Miss Hinde (Hetton-le-hole), Robert Wharlton (Sleekburn), William Ellis (North Shields), John Ayston (Brighouse), J. Winton (North Biddick), W. Gowling (Middleton), G. Springent (Dalton-le-dale), A. P. Stoker (Birtley), Messrs Robson (Frosterley), G. W. Young (New Shildon), R. Gray (Blaydon Burn), J. Reader (Escrick), Newark Robson (Easington Lane), Mr Rich (Redcar), Messrs Kidson (Middlesbrough), Mr Cleasby (Bewicke Main), P. Widdas (Howden), R. D. Marshall (Houghton), R. Nelson (Hexham), W. F. Mannear, R. Nelson (Easington), Norman Robinson (Houghton), Joseph Howard (Hetton), Miss A. A. Chapman, S. Burton (Stockton), R. Brewis (Weetslade North), Kenneth Hutchinson (Darlington), J. W. Binns (Skipton), Ralph Bird (Penshaw), P. Proud (Silverdale), B. Walker (Sunnybrow), Messrs Kidson (Thirsk), Thomas Davison (Annfield Plain), F. O. Kirkup (Langley Park), R. Preston (Redcar), J. McRoy (Murton), and G. Davison.

PIGEONS.

In the pigeon classes the principal winners were:—William Thompson (Hetton), Messrs Blatchley (Ripon), H. M. Sawyers (Acklington), J. F. Loverridge (Newark), Thomas Dodd (Forest Hall), Thomas Potts (Redcar), D. Galloway (Cassop), Chas. Stackner (Holmes Chapel), W. Woodhouse (Scarborough), R. Sharpe-Magee (Hetton), G. Campling (Middlesbrough), G. W. Walt (Stockton), and George Cadwallador (Whickham).

WANTED TO FLY.

A Mill Girl's Queer Notion.

A GIRL who used to work as a "winder" at Eastfield Mills, near Halifax, has been the subject of one of the most remarkable delusions, if we may believe an article in the "Halifax Guardian" which gives an account of the affair with the girl's name and address—Edith Wilkinson, Mill View, Lumbrook, Shelf (a place near Halifax). Here is her account of herself:—

"My mother," she said, "used to get cross with me for my sick fancies, and then I would calm down. I always wanted to be flying away. I felt 'funny' in some way. My mother was always with me. I got up one night, and my sister said that I stood on the stair-rail. I don't know how I got there; but she pulled me off, and put me back to bed again. I had to sleep with my mother for twelve months, and I'd say to her, 'Oh, don't fall asleep and leave me mother.' I durn't trust myself with anyone but my mother.

"My trouble," she continued, "began with influenza, and I was left with erysipelas in my face. I got weaker and weaker, and I was taken to all sorts of doctors. They all said I was suffering from nervous debility from head to foot. I was at home for fifteen weeks, and I could do no work. I had to be taken about like a baby.

"At that time—four years ago now—one of the neighbours gave me a book about Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, and suggested that I should try them. I got one box every week for some time before I began to feel any better, but went on with them until I was cured. Now I am working again as a winder. I tell everyone that I should have been dead but for Dr. Williams' pink pills. I am twenty-one years of age.

"I got my brother, Joseph Bramwell Wilkinson, to take them. He felt the same as I did when I was ill, though he was quieter over it. He is taking them yet, and going on capitally. Then, there is my cousin, Alice Ann Wilkinson, who lives at Bailiffe Bridge, and my sister Annie, who lives here, they both take them. My mother suffered from palpitation of the heart, and she is quite free from it now."

In this one family, therefore, the same remedy proved a cure for several different ailments. But nothing is more common than this, for Dr. Williams' pink pills act in quite a different way to ordinary medicine. Ordinary medicine combats the signs and symptoms of disease. Dr. Williams' pink pills attack the foundations of disease, and eradicate them from the system, not, however, by he weakening process of purging or moving the bowels (as so-called blood-purifiers do), but by giving direct strength and nourishment to the blood and nerves. Thus it is that they are able to cure so many different disorders, among which may be named consumption, bronchitis, paralysis, rheumatism, St. Vitus' dance, nervous prostration, eczema and skin eruptions, and the characteristic ailments of ladies. Sold by all chemists, but if a substitute is offered (the genuine pills always bear the full name, Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people) it is better to send direct to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, enclosing the price (two and ninepence a box.)

ALLENDALE PARK A.F.C.

Presentations at Medomsley.

On Wednesday evening of last week a concert was held in the National Schools, Medomsley (kindly granted by the managers), in connection with the above club, for the purpose of making the presentation of the North-West Durham Alliance cup, and also the gold mdals to the members of the winning eam. There was likewise a presentation to the worthy trainer (Mr. J. Charlton.) It had been expected that Mr. R. Moffitt (the president of the club) would have occupied the chair, and that Mr. T. W. Vasey would have made the presentations, but these gentlemen, unfortunately, were unable to be present. In their absence Mr. Morton Hedley acted as chairman, and, at the outset, expressed his regret that Mr. Moffitt and Mr. Vasey were not able to be amongst them. He had been unexpectedly called upon to occupy that position, but would do his best to discharge the duties satisfactorily. (Applause.)

Songs were then rendered in excellent fashion by Mr. Brough, Mr. Fittock, and Mr. J. Robinson, all of whom were warmly received. Mr. Fittock's "patter" and byplay were exceedingly good, and caused roars of laughter. Mr. Brough created a most favourable impression, whilst Mr. Robinson was as good as ever, and that is saying a lot.

After the interval the Chairman rose to make the presentation to Mr. Charlton. He said that the handsome timepiece before him was to be handed over to Mr. Charlton for his services as trainer to the club during the past season. Mr. Charlton had done a great deal on behalf of the club, and was at all times willing to render every assistance he possibly could to the team. (Applause.) When it was decided to acknowledge Mr. Charlton's valuable services in some suitable way, the idea was warmly taken up, and they saw the result that evening. He (the Chairman) hoped that Mr. Charlton would long be spared to act as trainer to the club, and that his efforts in the future would be as successful as they had been in the past. (Loud applause.) When promoting the presentation to Mr. Charlton, Mrs. Charlton had not been forgotten, and a nice preserve jar had been purchased for that lady. (Applause.) He would now ask Mr. Charlton to accept the timepiece, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. J. Charlton by the members of the Allendale Park A.F.C. in recognition of his many valuable services toward that club winning the N.W.D.A. cup. 1898-9."

Mr. W. G. F. Thompson said, before Mr. Charlton responded, he would like, on behalf of the team, to thank their trainer for the great interest he had taken in the club during the time he had acted in that capacity. (Applause.) When they lost their late trainer it was the unanimous wish of the players that Mr. Charlton should be invited to fill the vacancy, and he willingly agreed. All the supporters and players were agreed that he had carried on his duties in admirable fashion. (Applause.) The fact that they had won two cups during the time that Mr. Charlton had acted as trainer showed what he had done in this direction. He had made himself not only useful, but was also very sociable, and had made himself a favourite with all the supporters and players of the club. (Applause.) When they had asked for subscriptions towards this estimonial he did not believe there had been a single refusal to contribute. They had felt that they must not overlook Mrs. Charlton, who, he believed, had been a great supporter of the club. (Applause.) He (Mr Thompson) was sure that the members hoped that he would long be trainer to the team, and that when he looked at the clock it would remind him of the many pleasant days he had spent with the Allendale Park club. (Applause.)

Mr. Charlton, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He said he could not make a speech. He would rather train two football teams. (Laughter and applause.) However, he wished to heartily thank all who had subscribed to the handsome presents he had received that evening. As long as he could wield a pair of gloves he would do his best on behalf of Allendale Park. (Applause.)

After further songs had been given by Messrs Brough, Fittock, and Robinson.

The Chairman said they had now come to the principal part of the evening's proceedings and that was the presentation of the cup and gold medals. Before this was done he would read the following letter from Mr Atherley-Jones:—

> 25, Pembroke Road,
> Kensington, W.,
> 15th July, 1899.
>
> Dear Mr Thompson,—I wish it was in my power to be with you on the 26th. I know you will spend a very pleasant evening, and I am sure I should thoroughly enjoy myself; but it cannot be. I am detained in town, and must put off my personal congratulations upon the excellent play of Allendale Park until I visit my constituency in September. I hope your club will enjoy continued success at football.
>
> Believe me,
> Yours very sincerely,
> L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES.

The Chairman also read an extract from a leter from Mr Jas. Joicey of Poulton Priory, Fairford, Gloucestershire, regetting his inability to be present to hand over the medals. Mr Hedley then called upon Mr John Ross (chairman of the North-West Durham Alliance) to make the presentation of the cup and medals.

Mr Ross, on rising, said an apology was due from him for the position he was placed in that evening. They had hoped to have Mr Vasey to perform this duty, and they all regretted the cause of his absence. In these circumstances Mr Thompson had asked him to make the presentation, and he hoped they would bear with him if he did not come up to expectations. He thought they would all agree that the handsome cup on the table before him was well worth winning, and their best thanks were due to Mr Atherley-Jones for his generosity in presenting it to the alliance. (Applause.) This was the second occasion upon which he (the speaker) had handed over the cup, as he did so at the annual meeting of the alliance at Annfield Plain, when it was received by their worthy president, Mr Moffitt. As he said then, Allendale Park had won the cup in an honourable manner. They had employed no questionable tactics in winning the championship, but had reached the top by merit alone. (Applause.) Allendale perhaps did not get too well off their mark, but they eventually got their nose in front, and coming with a rush at the finish carried all before them. (Applause.) When the competition started, they were, in sporting parlance, the outsiders of the party, but they had shown what could be accomplished by perseverance and energy, and it was extremely creditable that such a comparatively small place should have furnished the winners of the alliance. (Applause.) He attributed much of their success to the sterling play and brilliant example set the team by their worthy captain, Thompson Walton—(loud applause)—to the indefatigable efforts of their energetic secretary, Mr Thompson—(renewed applause)—and to the admirable manner in which the trainer, Mr. Charlton, had turned his men out for their several games. (Applause.) As he had said at Annfield Plain, he could not wish that Allendale Park would be successful in retaining the cup—although, no doubt, they would try hard to do so—because he believed in the honours going round. However, if Allendale could re-place the cup they now held with the Tyneside League trophy, probably they would be quite satisfied. (Applause.) A reproduction of the form they displayed towards the end of last season would go far towards accomplishing this. He had now great pleasure in handing over the cup to Mr Thompson Walton, and in doing so he felt sure this would be an incentive to the team to endeavour to accomplish still greater deeds in the future. (Loud applause.)

Mr T. Walton, in accepting the cup, said they would do their best to keep it next season, but if they lost it they would try and get another one in its place. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr Ross then presented handsome gold medals—containing the players' initials on one side and the name of the competition on the other—to the following players—Thompson Walton, J. Scott, M. Walton, T. Talbot, M. Hunter, H. Hobday, R. Cook, E. Morris, T. Brown, J. Robinson and J. Lynon. All the players were loudly cheered as they stepped up to the platform to receive their medals. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. Coun. T. Storey played the accompaniments in a very efficient fashion, and also gave a couple of nice solos.

SMOKING CONCERT.

Later on in the evening a large company assembled at the headquarters, Mr Jas. Kelly, on behalf of the North-Eastern where an enjoyable "smoker" was held. Mr Ross occupied the chair, and Mr M. Hedley filled the vice-chair. Several toasts were pledged. Dr Downs, in an excellent speech, gave "Success to the donors of the cup and medals," the Chairman responding. On the next toast, "The Team," being given from the chair, Mr Kelly, on behalf of the North-Eastern (just a gallon) with champagne, and this was handed round the room. Mr Thompson, in replying to the toast of the team, thanked the North-Eastern Breweries for their kindness in filling the cup, and appealed to the supporters of the club to rally round them next season. The other toasts included "The visitors," by the vice-chairman; "The Host and Hostess," Dr Downs; "The Press;" "The chairman and vice-chairman." During the evening some capital songs were sung by Messrs W. Hunter, F. Collingwood (Leadgate), J. Robinson, Fittock, Brough, J. Kelly, A. Burnhope (Leadgate), and others, Mr. Robinson presiding at the piano. A pleasant evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the "National Anthem."

WESLEYAN METHODISM AT LINTZ COLLIERY

The cause of Wesleyanism in this village has for the last 13 years been carried on in the buildings which served the purpose of the colliery schools prior to the formation of the Tanfield School Board. The building has been kindly lent by the owner, Mr. Shiel, of Sniperley Hall, Durham, who has in other ways rendered valuable assistance, and given every encouragement to the handful of workers to establish a strong and flourishing church in the place. Amongst the many substantial gifts may be mentioned a site on which the new church for which the members have been working so assiduously for the past four years will be erected. As the result of many efforts some £160 have been raised for that purpose, and to further augment their funds they opened a two days bazaar in the Leazes Board Schools on Saturday afternoon. The drapery stall was presided over by Mesdames Hogg, Coan, Goodfellow, and Creswell; the toy stall by Mrs. Bird, sen; the hardware stall by Mr. J. Bird and Miss Creswell; the industrial and art exhibition by Mr. A. Bird and Mr. A. Abbot; the curiosity room by Mr. J. R. Biggs; the phonograph and galvanic battery, by Mr. Ed. Parker, the tea room by Mrs. Randall, and Mrs. Westal; and the refreshments on the Lockhart system by Miss Horrill, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Robinson. It was announced on the posters that Mrs. Shiel, of Sniperley Hall, Durham, would open Saturday's proceedings, but the secretary had received an intimation from that lady to the affect that owing to ill-health she would be unable to fulfil the engagement, but sent a substantial donation. The vacancy was filled by Mrs. Moseley, the wife of the Rev. W. H. Moseley, the superintendent minister of the Gateshead (Bensham Road) circuit, who was introduced to the gathering by her husband.

After singing and prayer Mr. Moseley said he was very glad indeed to be there again. He was sorry his visits to the Lintz were so much like angels visits, few and far betwen, and he most sincerely regretted it. It had given him so much pleasure to come and see them that if he had any chance to come back he would do so. He was glad of the opportunity of standing by their side in the great effort they were making. Everybody present knew that the building committee had requested Mrs. Shiel to be kind enough to open the bazaar on that day, Mrs. Shiel was also kind enough to say that she would, but, unfortunately, the state of her health lately had been such that it would have been risky for her to have held to her promises. She had written to the effect that on account of the delicate state of her health she must be excused, but enclosed a note for the bazaar. (Applause.) They would all appreciate it and very shortly would tell her so. Then the question arose as to who should be asked to fulfil the duty in the place of Mrs. Shiel and to make a long story short he congratulated them on having a lady who was well fitted to discharge the duty in an able manner. While congratulating them on having Mrs. Moseley with them he could heartily commend the cause at heart to the public, and could say of his own knowledge and observation that the county of Durham could not furnish any patronage too high to be bestowed on the movement of theirs that afternoon. The public of the neighbourhood could not do a better or worthier thing than help forward the evangelization of the neighbourhood that all good people had at heart. They could not do better than patronage the bazaar which had been inaugurated by a company of self-denying, brave, devout men and women, who were working hard to build a house for the worship of God and the salvation of their fellow men. Methodism in the neighbourhood was about 13 years old. Services began to be held about that time in a cottage and about 10 years ago the colliery owners were kind enough to lend, rent free, the building where worship was now being held. They were greatly indebted to those gentlemen for that, and for the present of a piece of ground on which to build a chapel. Before going further, he would call upon Mr. R. Lowes, the local treasurer, to tell them how much money had been raised.

Mr. Lowes said in March, 1895, the first effort was made which realised 12/-. From that time to the New Year of 1898 nothing further was added, but that year £42 was raised. From that time to the present an additional £95 had been added, making a total of between £130 and £140. At the present time they had £152 in hand, and a building site which was worth £161. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Moseley, continuing, said the building would cost over £600 and the harder they worked the more rapidly the building would rise. He had already told the Gateshead people what wonderful things they had done and hoped they would come and help their friends at Lintz Colliery. If they could only keep up their present spirit of self-denial they would soon have the building paid for. In conclusion, he would call upon Mrs. Moseley to declare the bazaar open. (Applause.)

Mrs. Moseley, on rising, said it gave her great pleasure to be present that afternoon. She admired their zeal and courage very much, and hoped the bazaar which she had pleasure in declaring open, would be successful. (Applause.)

Mr. Geo. Biggs in moving a vote of thank to Mrs. Shiel, and Mrs. Moseley, said he was glad to be there under such favourable circumstances. He had ben associated with the movement since its commencement. He could remember very vividly meting together in a cottage, and sometimes when "Jacob" was not there they carried on the class meeting without any singing. But still, notwithstanding the absence of music the heart was in tune and many a good time they enjoyed. The work had gone on until it had reached its present advanced stage. It afforded him great pleasure to move that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mrs. Shiel and her husband for their kindness, and to Mrs. Moseley for favouring with her services in opening the bazaar.

Mr. Moseley then asked Mr. Jacob Myers, whom he introduced as the illustrious patriarch Jacob to second the motion.

Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

The bazaar was opened on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. T. Metcalfe, of Blaydon.

Masons on the Spree at Consett

On Friday morning, at the Consett Police Court, the time of Mr. J. T. Potts was engaged in investigating a number of charges preferred against several masons and labourers through being on the spree. The most serious was the charge against William Bailey, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and also for doing wilful damage to a large plate glass window, the property of Mr. William Cooper fruiterer, of Consett.—The evidence of Inspector Best was to the effect that prisoner, who stayed at Turnbull's lodging-house, was intoxicated, and creating a disturbance in Front Street, on the previous morning. Witness came on the scene, and he ordered him away home. Instead of obeying his orders, prisoner backed himself up against the shop of Mr. Cooper's in Front Street, and smashed a large plate glass window.—Mr. Cooper assesed the damage.—Prisoner, who had nothing to say, was fined 5/- the damage, 10/-, and costs.

James Ridley, Thomas Gibb, and Michael Campbell, who also stated that they were lodging at Turnbull's lodging-house in Harvey Street, Consett, were proceeded against on a charge of being drunk on licensed premises at Consett, on Thursday morning.—Inspector Best averred that at 9.30 on the morning in question he visited the house of Mr. Quinn, Mason's Arms Hotel, Middle Street, when he found the three prisoners in the bar, all under the influence of liquor. The men were ordered out, and afterwards locked up, owing to their drunken condition.—P.C. Waites tendered corroborative testimony.—Prisoners, who pleaded guilty, were each ordered to pay a fine of 2/6 and costs; in default seven days' imprisonment.

LOCAL PATENT APPLICATIONS.

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

14,859. July 19th, 1899. T. Stacey, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Automatic electric signalling apparatus for pneumatic despatch tubes.

14,915. July 19th, 1899. The Hon. G. A. Parsons and A. Q. Carnegie, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in and connected with ventilating apparatus.

14,923. July 20th, 1899. J. R. Brownlee, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Brownlee's improved carding machines for cleaning hare and rabbit skins.

15,017. July 21st, 1899. H. Weymersch, Stockton-on-Tees. Improvements in electric accumulators or secondary batteries.

15,018. July 21st, 1899. G. R. Stobart, South Shields. An improved salve.

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AMUSING CASE FROM SWALWELL.

Master and Servant.

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday week, Edward Tweddle, farmer, Whickham, was summoned, under the Employer and Workmen's Act, by Elizabeth Laidler, for breach of contract, in respect of which she claimed £7 10s for wages, alleged to be due to her.—Mr. Thos. Lambert appeared on behalf of the defendant.

The prosecutrix after she had taken her oath fainted, and had to be carried out of Court. The complainant afterwards gave her evidene, and stated that she was hired under a contract by the defendant, dating from July 1st, and extending over six months. The first week complainant got on all right, but the second week the defendant pulled her through the washhouse because she did not do plenty of work for him. The defendant took hold of her by the shoulder, and tore her dress. After that things went on all right until the next Monday, that day being washing day. The defendant came into the kitchen that day, and again started to complain about not plenty of work having being done. Complainant told the defendant to go to the d——(laughter)—out of the road. (Renewed laughter.) On the Tuesday morning Mrs. Tweddle started to complain about the milk cans not being properly cleansed out, and that the customers had been complaining. Complainant told her mistress that if the customers had been complaining it would be because the water in the milk had made it turn sour. (Laughter.)

The Clerk (Mr. Fred Harle): What comes the end of it?

Prosecutor, continuing, said that her mistress then made her scour the lids of the milk cans, and the defendant ordered her to clean the boots. Complainant started to clean the boots, and took them into the passage. The defendant got hold of her by the shoulders and pushed her into the washhouse. The defendant afterwards came back, in about ten minutes time, and asked her if she had not got the boots cleaned. Prosecutor replied, "No, sir, I have not." The defendant remarked that it was time she had. Complainant told her master that she could not clean them any faster, and if he wanted them done quicker he could go to the d——. (Laughter.) Prosecutor said she was doing her best, and could not do any more. Defendant then pulled her through the washhouse and into the yard, and told her to be off the place, and she fainted. When she recovered she told Mr. Tweddle that when she got her money she would go; but the defendant told her that she would not get a farthing. Complainant said that if the defendant would give her her train fare she would go. Mr. Tweddle then remarked that if she begged his pardon she could stay till November.

By Mr. Lambert: She did not tell the defendant to go to the residence of the l——, as well as to the d——. She had references from her last place. She did not first go into violent fits. Complainant did not quarrel with the other servants in the house. No complaint was made to her about using filthy language. She did not know that the other girls had threatened to leave the place unless she behaved herself. Complainant did not tell Mrs. Tweddle to go to h——, nor to go to the d——.

Mr. Lambert: You were more considerate to the mistress?—She was drunk.

Mr. Lambert: What have you got to do with that. Is it any business of yours?—It was business when she pulled me through the kitchen.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Lambert: Didn't Mr. Tweddle come upon the scene when you were using bad language to Mrs. Tweddle?—I never used bad language to Mrs. Tweddle.

You look upon it as a compliment to tell your mistress to go to the d——?—No, sir. The language used to me was fifty times worse than that.

Didn't Mr. Tweddle tell you that you would have to leave the place?—He didn't tell me in that manner.

Didn't you go upstairs and pack your box?—He turned me out. I told him I could not go away in this condition. I went into the room to dress myself, and when I came downstairs I said: "Do you intend to give me my money," and he replied, "Be out of this." I went upstairs to pack my clothes, but I didn't get them packed.

Didn't you get them stuffed into the box?—No, sir. I did not. I went upstairs, and the time I was up packing my clothes he came in and says "what do you want in here?" I said, "It's quite absurd for a gentleman to come into a servant girl's bed-room. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Lambert: He didn't come to see you; he wanted you out of it?—No answer.

Mr. Lambert: Are you finished?—No, I'm not. (Laughter.) He got hold of me by the neck.

He didn't get hold of you by the neck for any improper purpose?—I don't know about that, sir. I didn't give him time, because I was obliged to take my part.

What way did you do that?—I nailed him, and he shouted "murder," and the son came up, and he struck me, and tried to put me out of the kitchen.

And they put you out of the house at the finish?—Yes, sir.

I think you came back a little later with a police constable?—Yes.

When you came back with him did you continue your filthy language?—No, sir.

I suppose the policeman would be in a position to hear you?—He was.

Did you commence to curse and swear?—I did not.

Mr. Lambert, for the defence, said that this was one of the cases—unfortunate cases—which he regretted to say were becoming more numerous every day, in which they found servants—domestic servants—of that character, who thought that they were justified in slipping any sort of work offered to them, and refusing it, and telling the mistress to go to the d——. He did not want to say anything about the girl's health, which, he thought, in itself, would be quite sufficient to justify her dismissal from service. Her employer was a well-known and respectable farmer. On July 18th, Mrs. Tweddle, the wife of his client, who kept a large dairy farm, and one of the essential things in connection therewith was that the milk vessels should be scrupulously clean, complained to the prosecutor about the dirty condition of the vessels, and told her to clean them. The complainant thereupon turned round and said that Mrs. Tweddle was a liar, and told her to go to h——, and clean them out herself, and pushed her across the room. Well, that justified anybody in dismissing a servant. Mr. Tweddle heard what was going on, and interposed, and told the complainant that she would have to be off the premises. The complainant went upstairs and packed her box and said "that she would not leave the premises until Mr. Tweddle carried her box downstairs," which he refused to do.

Mr. Tweddle informed the Bench that he was prepared to pay complainant the amount of wages due to her up to the time of her dismissal, and the Bench agreed to this.

CONSETT AMATEUR ORCHESTRA.

Annual Pic-nic.

On Saturday, the members of the Consett Amateur Orchestra held their annual picnic. The destination was Blanchland, and the journey thereto being undertaken by brakes, supplied by Messrs T. C. Rawes and Company, Consett. There was a splendid "beat up," and the day's "outing" was thoroughly enjoyed. It was a glorious day. The drive across the moors was one of the many treats, and when the party arrived at Blanchland, they found awaiting them a splendid repast at the house of Mr. Scudamore, Commercial Hotel. It is needless to say the musicians did full justice to the good things provided. After having satisfied the "inner man," the party roamed for an hour or two on the fells, far above Blanchland, each seeking a posy of heather. The party went in for hunting the heather of the beautiful pink and white variety. From the shape of its very large flowers, it gets the familiar name of bell heather, but the so-called bells, being almost closed at the mouth, are more like balloons. It has a pale, downy appearance, and is not easily seen at a distance. People are accustomed to talk of the "purple heather," but this rose and white variety is much more beautiful, as it is certainly more delicate and waxen in appearance. Pale at first, the blossoms blush on the exposed side, where they are kissed by the sun into a blush-rose, but soon they fade into an unsightly brown mass. These three stages are very often present in one cluster, so that, if the blossoming season be at all advanced, one has often to look for a long time before meeting with a perfect sprig of rose and white. The deep purple heather—also with large bells—is out in bloom too on the Blanchland moors. When this is seen in full bloom, it imparts to the hillsides that rich hue which can be seen for miles. But this is not the commonest form of heather. It is the only variety of true purple heather found in this country, though people talk of purple heather as if all heather must be purple, and there was no other kind. The purple heather is longer lived than the rose and white. It lasts in bloom till the early autumn. Delightful it is to watch this heather darken under the passing cluod, and blush vividly again when the shadow has passed over. More striking still are the rich deep colours its assumes when the crimson light of evening falls obliquely across it. No wonder folks speak enthusiastically of the purple heather. The commonest heather is the last to bloom. It is more vigorous in its growth, and more of a shrub than either of the other two varieties. It is more prolific, and carries more flowers—pink and pretty, but much smaller than those of the bell heather. It trails on the ground, but, were its stems to grow stiff and upright, it would altogether hide the other heather which grows amongst it, for, when pulled out to its full length, its stature is some three feet. This is the ling through which the sportsmen trudge knee deep for miles, without feeling any fatigue, after the swift-winged grouse, except those lazy people who sit at ease while beaters drive the birds over their heads. Others besides sportsmen will walk for miles through the ling in search of that rarity white heather. There is one admirable thing common to all three heathers—the pure air of the bracing breeze that sweeps the heather-clad fell. The party having enjoyed themselves very well in this direction they returned to the woods, above Baybridge, where they held an "Al fiesco" concert, which was highly appreciated by a large company, many of whom were visitors to the picturesque village. In the evening the party gave a display of fireworks in the Square, and afterwards returned to the Commercial Hotel, where they gave another of their musical concerts in the Long-room, to a capital audience. The chairman was Mr. J. Gunn, who opened the proceedings by giving a capital rendition of "Old Brown's daughter," and afterwards favoured with a speech on "Current politics" to the delight of all present. Several of the other members contributed to the programme, and the conductor (Mr. Geo. A. Williams), was astonished to find that in his crew he had talent which had not up to that occasion been fully developed. Mr. J. Crick surprised the audience by coming out as a reciter, while Mr. J. Heslop proved himself no mean expert as a conjurer. The address by Mr. Nixon on "Down with the drink" created considerable merriment. Messrs Stephenson and Williams acted as accompanists. The piano for the occasion was lent by Mrs. Scudamore. The return journey homeward was made about nine p.m., and the party reached Consett shortly before midnight, all having enjoyed themselves immensely.

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Business Announcements.

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IN
FLOUR, PROVISIONS, &c.,
AT
W. WHITFIELD'S
FRONT STREET,
LEADGATE.

Church Notices.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH, PARK ROAD, BLACKHILL.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, AUGUST 6TH, 1899.
Morning, 10·30; Afternoon, 2; Evening, 6.
To be conducted by
REV. A. CRAGO.

DIPTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.
SPECIAL SERMONS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th.
10·30 a.m. } MR. D. W. RICHARDSON,
6 p.m. } of Newcastle.
GRAND SACRED CONCERT at 2 p.m. by Blackhill Wesleyan Choir. Violin and Vocal Solos. Organist, Mr Wm. Palliser.
Collections at each Service. 923e

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1899.
Morning, 10·30 } REV. B. DENNISON,
Evening, 6 } of Gateshead.
ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th.
Morning 10·30 } Student from Headingley
Evening 6 } College.
ALL SEATS FREE.

CASTLESIDE WESLEYAN CHURCH.
SPECIAL SERMONS will be Preached on SUNDAY Next, in the afternoon at Two by MR. J. W. MUSE, and in the Evening at Six o'clock by
REV. A. E. SALMON.
Collections in aid of Lighting and Cleaning Fund. 950e

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
On SUNDAY first, the REV. M. A. DRUMMOND and MR. CHAS. PUCKERING will Preach and Conduct Services in the above place at 10·30 and 6.
ALL KINDLY INVITED. 946e

Public Notices.

199 Is the WINNING NUMBER for the Clarionet drawn for at the house of J. LAMB, Consett. 949e

THE whole of the SHOPS will be CLOSED in Annfield Plain on BANK HOLIDAY, Monday August 7th, ALL DAY. 925e

DIPTON CYCLE COSTUME PARADE, GYMKHANA, and TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION, Wednesday, August 9th, at 5·30 p.m. Numerous Competitions. Entries (3d.) close Tuesday evening first.—F. HODGSON, Secretary. 922e

SERVANTS REGISTRY WEST STANLEY.

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

MR. LOUIS PRIESTMAN will be glad to see all Farmers and Puppy Walkers in the "Braes of Derwent" Hunt at DINNER at the Kennels, on Saturday, August 19th at One p.m., previous to the Puppy Show.
He will be obliged if any Farmer or Puppy Walker who can accept the invitation, will send him a Post Card. 919e

TYNEMOUTH PALACE BY THE SEA— The Fashionable and Beautiful Seaside Resort. Now in the height of success. The Giant Fairy Fountain; Deliciously cool; Supremely Beautiful; Entirely Novel. The Blue Hungarian Band Concerts; The Flying Wonders from Baden-Baden; Various Performances; David Clegg on the Great Organ, Afternoon and Evening. Prices 6d. and 1s.; Bank Holiday only is a Shilling Day; Two Bands. Special Excursions N.E.R. 957e

A SECRET.
BLOOM'S No. 3 ROYAL AUCTION MART Will OPEN in a few Weeks at CONSETT.
Watches, Clocks, Walnut Mirrors, Pianos, Drapery Goods, and thousands of other Articles at half usual prices.
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

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

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

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS,
BANK HOLIDAY, MONDAY, AUG. 7TH.
TWO MILES
BICYCLE HANDICAP.
Valuable PRIZES will be given!
First Heat to be run at 6 o'clock.
Haddicapper, MR. H. McNAIR.
Entries taken on the Ground.
A STRING BAND will be in attendance to play Dance Music.
Admission—Gentlemen, 2d; Ladies, 1d.
968e S. ROWE, Lessee.

REMEMBER CASTLESIDE CHURCH
BAZAAR,
ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, Aug. 9th,
Will be opened at 2·30 p.m. by
W. AYNSLEY, ESQ., J.P.
Trains will run from Blackhill to Rowley 12·15, 2·45, and 3·43, returning at 6·30.
Every accommodation for Visitors and Cycles.
See Bills for full particulars. 921e

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.
PRESIDENT:—GEO. AINSWORTH, Esq., J.P.
PROGRAMME FOR SEASON 1899–1900.
1ST SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT OCT. 17th, 1899.
Ballad Concert by
SIMS REEVES AND PARTY.
Eight First-Class London Artistes in all.
2ND SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT, DEC. 27th, 1899.
Oratorio, Spohr's "Last Judgment" with Miscellaneous 2nd Part.
3RD CONCERT. Oratorio at popular prices (not subscription.) GOOD FRIDAY, April 13th, 1900, Handel's "Messiah."
For further particulars see future announcements. 841e

NEW THEATRE,
CONSETT.
Lessee and Manager .. Mr. HUGH ROBERTSON. (Also of the Royal Theatre and Opera House, Barrow-in-Furness, and Theatre Royal, Jarrow-on-Tyne).
Resident Manager .. Mr. LLOYD CLARANCE.
GRAND RE-OPENING.
Important Engagement of
F. BROOKE WARREN'S powerful Dramatic Co. in the great coming Play—
HOW MONEY'S MADE.
Written by H. Brooke Warren, Author of the "Face at the Window," "Poisoner of Milan," &c.
MONDAY, AUGUST 14th,
Welcome Return of
JOE HASTINGS' KOH-I-NORS.
The best Variety Company that has ever appeared in Consett.
EDMUND TEARLE, the eminent Tragedian is coming. 941e

Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAINS will be run as under.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th.
From BLACKHILL at 8·13 p.m. (with bookings from Consett, Annfield Plain, &c.) to PETERBOROUGH and LONDON for 2, 5, or 8 days, with bookings to PARIS, ANTWERP, BRUSSELS, COLOGNE, &c. London passengers return from King's Cross Station on August 8th, 11th, and 14th respectively, Continental Passengers return within 16 days.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8th.
TYNEMOUTH PALACE CONCERTS. FLOWER SHOW AND BAND CONTEST AT WHITLEY.
From BLACKHILL at 2·25 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Lintz Green, &c.) to NEWCASTLE, TYNEMOUTH, and WHITLEY BAY, returning from Whitley Bay at 8·33, Tynemouth 8·40, and Newcastle at 9·10 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9th.
CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADESMEN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY.
From ANNFIELD PLAIN at 7·10 a.m. (with bookings from Leadgate, Consett, and Blackhill) to DARLINGTON, CROFT SPA, SCORTON, CATTERICK BRIDGE, and RICHMOND, returning from Richmond at 8 p.m., Catterick 8·10 p.m., Scorton 8·15 p.m., Croft 8·35 p.m., and Darlington at 8·50 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th.
From BLACKHILL at 9·5 a.m. (with bookings from Durham, &c.) to MASBOROUGH, SHEFFIELD, CHESTERFIELD, MATLOCK BATH, BUXTON, DERBY, NOTTINGHAM, BURTON, TAMWORTH, WALSALL, WOLVERHAMPTON, BIRMINGHAM, LEICESTER, WORCESTER, KETTERING and NORTHAMPTON, for 7 days, returning August 17th.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th.
WATERHOUSES AGRICULTURAL AND FLOWER SHOW.
From BLACKHILL at 2·5 p.m. (with bookings from Annfield Plain, Lanchester, &c.,) to WATERHOUSES, returning at 8·10.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th.
From BLACKHILL at 8·13 p.m. (with bookings from Consett, Annfield Plain, &c.) to PETERBOROUGH and LONDON for 2, 5, or 8 days with bookings to PARIS, ANTWERP, BRUSSELS, COLOGNE, &c. London passengers return from King's Cross Station, August 15th, 18th, and 21st respectively. Continental passengers return within 16 days.
MONDAY, AUGUST 14th.
From BLACKHILL at 12·48 p.m. (with bookings from Lintz Green, Durham, &c.) to BELFAST for 4, 8, and 16 days, and to NEWCASTLE, DOWNPATRICK, ARDGLASS, PORTRUSH, and LONDONDERRY, for 8 and 16 days. Four days' passengers return any day up to August 18th, Eight Days' up to August 22nd, and those holding 16 Days' Tickets any day up to August 29th.
For further particulars see bills.
York, GEORGE S. GIBB,
August, 1899. General Manager.

Public Notices.

BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW, AUGUST 12th, 1899.

TROTTING HANDICAP, (about One Mile,) radius Five Miles. Horses to have been in owner's possession at least two months previous to Show, 1st, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. Entrance 2s. 6d., to be sent with height of animal to the Secretary on or before August 7th.
763e J. L. WEEDY, Secretary.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of the above Society will be held in the picturesque grounds of LAMBTON PARK, on WEDNESDAY, August 23rd, 1899. Upwards of £300 will be offered in prizes for Horses, Leaping, Driving, Hurdle Race, Pony, and Steeplechase, Cattle, Butter and Eggs, Dogs, Sheep Dog Trial, &c. Prize Schedules on application to the Secretary, JOHN FAIL.
Entries close on Wednesday, August 9th.

WHICKHAM FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
ANNUAL SHOW,
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd.
Grand display of Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits, &c. Pony Hurdle Jumping, Foot Handicap, and other Sports. Wanted Tenders for Refreshments, Band, and Marquee, &c.
E. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.
961e The Durdans, Whickham.

KYO AND ANNFIELD PLAIN FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, September 2nd, 1899, held in a field adjoining Annfield Plain Railway Station.
Foot handicap, Quoiting, Kicking Football into net, Acrobatic Performance, Musical Performance on Piano, Boy's Race, Girl's Skipping, Wellesley Training Ship Band in attendance, which will give a military exhibition. See future advertisements.
Tenders for Field for Juvenile Amusements to be sent in not later than July 14th to
GEO. BULLERWELL, } Secretaries,
GEO. PACE, }
729e East Kyo, Annfield Plain.

MEDOMSLEY FLOWER AND DOG SHOW.

THE 25th ANNUAL SHOW will be held on SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1899. Prizes are being offered for the following:—
Best Mare or Gelding in Harness (that has never won a first prize.)
Football Competition; Best Comical Costume, on Cycle; Lady's neatest decorated Cycle; Bowling at Wicket; Place Kicking; Kicking through the Hoop; Quoiting, &c.
Further particulars on application.
R. Charlton, Secretary,
845e Medomsley, R.S.O.

DON'T FORGET! Leadgate Floral, Horticultural, Agricultural, and Industrial Society's SHOW, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 1899. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Dogs; Driving Classes; Bicycle Meet; Donkey Race, last animal to win. Prizes given for the best Cow, any breed, for Dairy purposes. Consett Iron Co.'s Workmen's Prize Band. Ball in the Evening. For Schedules apply
GEO. W. GOULDEN, Sec.,
West Parade, Leadgate, or
J. E. KINLESIDE,
766e Post Office, Leadgate.

CASTLESIDE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND LIVE STOCK SOCIETY.
AUGUST 12th, 1899.

LOOK OUT for the TENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Plants, Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, &c., also Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Dogs. A Grand Pony Race, for Ponies not exceeding 14½ hands. The Consett Iron Coy's. Workmen's Prize Brass Band will play a choice selection of Music during the day and at a Ball in the Marquee.
For Schedules &c., apply to the Secretaries, MESSRS J. PROUD & W. PATTINSON,
839e Consett Road, Castleside.

PELTON FELL FLORAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND LIVE STOCK SOCIETY.

A GRAND SHOW will be held in the INSTITUTE FIELD, adjoining Pelton Station, N.E.R., Annfield Plain Branch, on SATURDAY, August 5th, 1899. 100 Classes for Flowers and Vegetables. 34 Classes for Poultry, entrance is per pen. Prizes, 1st, 8s; 2nd, 4s; 3rd, 2s. 7 Classes for Rabbits, entrance 1s. Prizes 1st, 8s; 2nd, 4s; 3rd, 2s. 8 Classes for Cage Birds, entrance 1s. Prizes, 1st, 8s; 2nd, 4s; 3rd, 2s. Entries for the above Classes close July 31st, to the Secretary; also several Special Prizes. Foot Handicap, 120 yards, entrance 6d. Prizes, 1st, 70s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entries close August 1st. Quoit Handicap, entrance 6d. Prizes, 1st, 40s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 5s; 4th, 5s; and many other Sports. Tenders wanted for a Tea (tent provided.) For full particulars, Schedules, &c., apply to JNO. A. HUTCHINSON, Whitehill Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

REMEMBER
BIRTLEY SHOW
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2nd, 1899.
Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Industrial Work.
Splendid Classification!
£140 IN PRIZES & VALUABLE SPECIALS.
Special Performances by
"THE MARVELLS,"
The World's Champion Trick Cyclists.
Write for Schedule to Secretary,
JAS. H. RIPPON, The Bank, Birtley,
924e Co. Durham.

KYO AND ANNFIELD PLAIN FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL
SHOW,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1899.
FOOT HANDICAP.—£10. Mr. P. Small, Leadgate, Handicapper.
QUOITING.—£3 10s. Mr. Wm. Embleton, Handicapper.
KICKING FOOTBALL INTO NET.—30s.
PUNCH and JUDY and DOG TOBY.
Three Exhibitions of a most laughable character.
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE ON PIANO.
1st Stage: Any age up to 12 years.
2nd Stage: From 12 to 16 years.
All Musical Tests supplied by Mr. T. Simpson, Catchgate.
BOYS' RACE and GIRLS' SKIPPING.
The Members of the WELLESLEY TRAINING SHIP BAND will give a Military Exhibition.
BICYCLE MEET.—Bugle for Club having most Members in attendance.
Tenders for Refreshments, Non-Intoxicating Drinks, Sandwiches, &c., to be sent in not later than August 12th.
Schedules and any other information from Secretaries.
GEO. BULLERWELL, } Secretaries.
GEORGE PACE, }
930e East Kyo, Annfield Plain.

Public Notices.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
ANNUAL SHOW
AT STANLEY,
ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 1899.
LARGE Entries of CATTLE, SHEEP, HORSES, PONIES, DOGS, POULTRY, DAIRY PRODUCE, HORSE-SHOEING, and IMPLEMENTS.
TROTTING COMPETITION.
Judging to commence at Ten o'clock.
LUNCHEON in a Pavilion on the Show Ground at One o'clock.
HARNESS HORSES EXHIBITED AND DRIVEN AT TWO O'CLOCK.
PARADE OF PRIZE ANIMALS AT THREE O'CLOCK.
LEAPING AT FOUR O'CLOCK.
TROTTING COMPETITION AT 4·30 O'CLOCK.
BLOCK TEST COMPETITION.
WEST PELTON BAND will Play during the Show.
Gates Open at Ten o'clock.
Admission: One Shilling. Children Half-price.
For Special Trains see Railway Company's Bills.
ATKINSON and HODGSON, Secretaries,
974e Causey, Swalwell, R.S.O.

Licensing Announcements.

THE LICENSING ACTS 1872-74.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, JOHN NEVIN, now residing at Lintz Colliery, in the County of Durham, Ale and Spirit Merchant, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on Thursday, the Thirty-first day of August next, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold any of the Excise Licenses that may be held by a publican, for the sale, by retail, at a house situated at Lintz Colliery aforesaid, of intoxicating liquor, to be consumed either on or off the premises, of which said premises I am the owner, and which said premises are now occupied by me.
Given under my hand this 31st day of July, 1899.
917e JOHN NEVIN.

THE LICENSING ACTS 1872-74.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, ROBERT CRANSTON, now residing at No Place, in the County of Durham, Grocer, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on Thursday, the Thirty-first day of August next, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold any of the Excise Licenses that may be held by a Publican for the sale, by retail, at a house situated at No Place aforesaid, of intoxicating liquor, to be consumed either on or off the premises, of which said premises I am the owner, and which said premises are now occupied by me.
Given under my hand this 13th day of July, 1899.
915e ROBERT CRANSTON.

THE LICENSING ACTS 1872-74.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, ALBERT HOWARD HIGGINBOTTOM, now residing at the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Wine and Spirit Merchant, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on Thursday, the Thirty-first day of August next, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for a Provisional Grant of a License in respect of certain premises about to be constructed at Front Street, West Stanley, in the said Township of Stanley, in the said County, for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale by retail of all Intoxicating Liquors to be consumed either on or off the premises, of which said intended new premises, plans will be submitted to the Licensing Justices at the said Meeting, and I will be the owner.
Given under my hand this 27th day of July, 1899.
915e ALBERT HOWARD HIGGINBOTTOM.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, MICHAEL MACKENZIE, now residing at 35, Medomsley Road, Consett, in the County of Durham, grocer (trading as "M. Mackenzie and Sons"), DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting for the West Division of Chester Ward in the County of Durham to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, in the said County, on the Thirty-first day of August, 1899, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell Wine in pursuance of the Act 23 Vict., Cap. 27, Section 3, and Acts amending the same; an additional Excise License to sell Spirits in pursuance of the Act 24 and 25 Vict., Cap. 21, Section 2; an additional Excise License to sell Beer in pursuance of the Act 26 and 27 Vict. Cap. 33, Section 1. To be drunk or consumed off the premises at the house or shop situate and being No. 25, Newmarket Street, in the parish of Consett aforesaid, of which Messrs Michael Mackenzie and Sons of Townhead, Lockerbie, are the Owners, and which is now occupied by me.
Given under my hand this Twenty-sixth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.
934e MICHAEL MACKENZIE.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, WILLIAM JOHNSON, now residing at Hawthorn Terrace, White-le-Head, Tantobie, in the County of Durham, Builder and Contractor, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the Thirty-first day of August, next, at the hour of Eleven, in the Forenoon, for a Provisional Grant of a License in respect of certain premises about to be constructed in a certain field situated on the south side of the highway between Beamish and Stanley, and known as the High Street, at Stanley, in the Parish of Stanley, in the said County, for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale by Retail of all Intoxicating Liquors to be consumed either on or off the Premises, of which Premises plans will be submitted, and I will be the owner of the said intended new premises.
Given under my hand this Second day of August, 1899.
944e WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Sales by Auction

By Mr John Crawford

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove and SELL BY AUCTION at his Salerooms, Victoria Street, Consett, on Monday first, August 7th, the contents of a WELL-FURNISHED HOUSE, comprising—Iron Bedsteads, Feather and Rabbit Down Beds, Mahogany Drawers, &c.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Anyone wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it included in above Sale, or bought outright for Cash. 966e

Sale of Furniture, etc.
The Furnishing House, Station Road, Waterhouses.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by G. T. Storey, Esq., who has sold the above premises, will SELL BY AUCTION at an early date. Full particulars next edition. 901e

FOR SALE, Two Tons of STACK NETS all lengths. — Apply to J. CRAWFORD, Auctioneer. 967e

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 Messrs. R. March and Son

Urpeth Lodge, Chester-le-Street.
One Mile from Beamish and 2½ Miles from Birtley and Chester-le-Street Stations.
MESSRS R. MARCH and SON are honoured with instructions to SELL BY AUCTION without reserve, as above, on Friday, August 11th, 1899, at Two o'clock p.m. prompt, GREENHOUSE PLANTS and GARDEN EFFECTS, &c.
Particulars in Newcastle *Journal* and *Leader*.
Houghton-by-Wylam, July 28th, 1899.

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

Public Notices.

PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW AT STANLEY,

...DAY, AUGUST 16TH, 1899.

...tries of CATTLE, SHEEP, ...ONIES, DOGS, POULTRY, ...DUCE, HORSE-SHOEING, and ...S.

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...o commence at Ten o'clock.

...in a Pavilion on the Show ...ound at One o'clock.

...HORSES EXHIBITED AND ...EN AT TWO O'CLOCK.

...PRIZE ANIMALS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

...NG AT FOUR O'CLOCK.

...G COMPETITION AT 4.30 O'CLOCK.

...TEST COMPETITION.

...TON BAND will Play during the Show.

...s Open at Ten o'clock. ...One Shilling. Children Half-...

...Trains see Railway Company's ...

...and HODGSON, Secretaries, Causey, Swalwell, R.S.O.

...ng Announcements.

...ICENSING ACTS 1872-74.

...INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ...TICES' CERTIFICATE.

...rs of the Poor of the Township of ...n the County of Durham, and ...rintendent of Police of the West Chester Ward, in the said County ...and to all whom it may concern. ...VIN, now residing at Lints ...in the County of Durham, Ale ...erchant, DO HEREBY GIVE ...it is my intention to apply at the ...l Licensing Meeting, to be holden ...Room, in Lanchester, on Thurs-...first day of August next, at the ...o'clock in the Forenoon, for a ...rising me to apply for and hold ...cise Licenses that may be held ...lican, for the sale, by ...ouse situated at Lints Colliery ...toxicating liquor, to be consumed ...off the premises, of which said ...the owner, and which said pre-...occupied by me. ...my hand this 31st day of July.

JOHN NEVIN.

...LICENSING ACTS 1872-74.

...INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ...STICES' CERTIFICATE.

...rs of the Poor of the Township of ...n the County of Durham, and ...erintendent of Police of the West Chester Ward, in the said County ...and to all whom it may concern. ...CRANSTON, now residing at Ne... the County of Durham, Grocer, ...GIVE NOTICE, that it is my inten-...at the General Annual Licensing ...holden at the Justice Room, in ...Thursday, the Thirty-first day of ...t the hour of Eleven o'clock in the ...a License authorising me to apply ...any of the Excise Licenses that ...by a Publican for the sale, by ...use situated at No Place aforesaid, ...liquor, to be consumed either on ...mises, of which said premises I am ...nd which said premises are now ...my hand this 13th day of July.

ROBERT CRANSTON.

...LICENSING ACTS 1872-74.

...F INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ...USTICES' CERTIFICATE.

...eers of the Poor of the Township of ...in the County of Durham, and ...perintendent of Police of the West ...f Chester Ward, in the said County ...and to all whom it may concern. ...T HOWARD HIGGINBOTTOM, now ...at the City of Newcastle-upon-...and Spirit Merchant, DO HEREBY ...E, that it is my intention to apply ...al Annual Licensing Meeting, to be ...e Justice Room, in Lanchester, on ...Thirty-first day of August next, at ...Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for ...Grant of a License in respect of ...nises about to be constructed at ...West Stanley, in the said Township ...in the said County, for the purpose ...as a house for the sale by retail ...icating Liquors, to be consumed ...off the premises, plans will be submitted ...ing Justices at the said Meeting, ...e the owner. ...er my hand this 27th day of July.

...BERT HOWARD HIGGINBOTTOM.

...LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74.

...F INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ...USTICES' CERTIFICATE.

...rseers of the Poor of the Parish of ...in the County of Durham, to the ...endent of Police of the West Division ...er Ward, in the County of Durham, ...ll whom it may concern. ...EL MACKENZIE, now residing at 33, ...sley Road, Consett, in the County ...grocer trading as "M. Mackenzie ...DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE, ...intention to apply at the General ...nsing Meeting for the West Division ...ard in the County of Durham to be ...e Justice Room, in Lanchester, in ...ounty, on the Thirty-first day of ...for a License authorising me to ...nd hold an Excise License to sell ...suance of the Act 23 Vict., Cap. 27, ...nd Acts amending the same; an ...Excise License to sell Spirits in ...f the Act 24 and 25 Vict., Cap. 21, ...n additional Excise License to sell ...suance of the Act 26 and 27 Vict. ...ion 1. To be drunk or consumed off ...at the house or shop situate and ...Newmarket Street, in the parish of ...oresaid, of which Messrs Michael ...nd Sons of Townhead, Lockerbie, are ...and which is now occupied by me. ...er my hand this Twenty-sixth day of ...housand Eight Hundred and Ninety-...

MICHAEL MACKENZIE.

...LICENSING ACTS, 1872-74.

...OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ...USTICES' CERTIFICATE.

...rseers of the Poor of the Parish ...y, in the County of Durham, and ...perintendent of Police of the West ...of Chester Ward, in the said County ...m, and to all whom it may concern. ...AM JOHNSON, now residing at Haw-...Terrace, White-le-Head, Tantobie, in ...of Durham, Builder and Contractor, ...GIVE NOTICE, that it is my inten-...y at the General Annual Licensing ...be holden at the Justice Room, in ...on the Thirty-first day of August, ...hour of Eleven, in the Forenoon, ...ional Grant of a License in respect ...premises about to be constructed in ...ld situated on the south side of the ...tween Beamish and Stanley, and ...he High Street, at Stanley, in the ...tanley, in the said County, for the ...eing used as a house for the sale by ...ll Intoxicating Liquors to be con-...r on or off the Premises, of which ...ans will be submitted, and I will be ...f the said intended new premises. ...der my hand this Second day of ...

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Sales by Auction

...y Mr John Crawford

...HN CRAWFORD is instructed to ...ve and SELL BY AUCTION at his ...Victoria Street, Consett, on Monday ...t 7th, the contents of a WELL-...ED HOUSE, comprising—Iron Bed-...ther and Rabbit Down Beds, ...Drawers, &c. ...to commence at One o'clock. ...ishing to dispose of their Furniture ...included in above Sale, or bought ...Cash. 966e

...Sale of Furniture, etc. ...ing House, Station Road, Water-...houses. ...N CRAWFORD, instructed by G. ...rey, Esq., who has sold the above ...l SELL BY AUCTION at an early ...articulars next edition. 901e

...E, Two Tons of STACK NETS ...ngths. — Apply to J. CRAWFORD, 967e

...RAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL ...ONEER, VALUER, EMIGRA-...OUSE AGENT. Also, appointed ...is Honour Judge MEYNELL, to ...s for Rent, under the Law of ...endment Act, 1888. Sale Office, ...Street Consett.

...ssrs. R. March and Son.

...h Lodge, Chester-le-Street. ...rom Beamish and 2½ Miles from ...nd Chester-le-Street Stations. ...R. MARCH and SON are honoured ...structions to SELL BY AUCTION ...rve, as above, on Friday, August ...at Two o'clock p.m. prompt, ...SE PLANTS and GARDEN ...c. ...in Newcastle *Journal* and *Leader*. ...by-Wylam, July 28th, 1899.

...HAN ELSDON. ...ONEER AND VALUER, ...AND SALE ROOMS, DELVES ...LANE, CONSETT.

...wishes his friends and customers ...t he has the LARGEST AND ...ROOMS in the district and that ...d to STORE FURNITURE and ...goods FREE OF CHARGE, and ...mission according to arrange-...

...of Furniture or Property pur-...ht for Cash, or sold by Auction.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

10, George Street, Consett.

Important Sale of Modern and Antique Furniture, Curios, Stuffed Birds, Monkey, and the Famous Boar Hound, "Great Dane."

MR. T. D. DRYDEN honoured with instructions from Thomas Beattie, Esq. who is leaving the District for the South of England, will SELL BY AUCTION the whole of his High-class FURNITURE and EFFECTS on Monday, August 7th, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m. Comprising: Splendid Drawing Room Suite, in Figured Velvet, 9 pieces; Black Ebonized Piano by Newmark, Berlin; 1 Antique Music Cabinet; Handsome large Black & Gold Mirror; large Rosewood Cabinet, with 4 ft Plate Glass Mirror; Chippendale Desk; Brass Curb Fender and Fire Brasses; Splendid Carpet; Hearth Rug; large Skin Rug; Walnut Octagonal Table; a lot of Splendid Pictures by Glucklube Stanton; a Rare Collection of Ornaments; 2 pair Splendid Bronzes, Ottoman, &c.

Dining Room.—Handsome 5 feet Walnut Sideboard, Plate Glass Back, latest style; 4 Chairs; Large Sofa; Table; Mantel Mirror; Splendid Clock, Vienna Regulator; Rosewood Gipsy Table; Cabinet Drawers; 2 Arm Chairs; Steel and Brass Fender and Fireirons; Mahogany Breakfast Table; Rosewood Cupboard; Pictures, Carpet, &c., Four-fold Screen.

No. 1 Bedroom.—Magnificent Heavy Brass Bedstead and Spring Mattress; Splendid Rosewood Pedestal; Dressing Drawers with 4ft. Swing Oblong Mirror, and Jewel Drawers; Splendid Rosewood Washstand, Marble Top, with Cupboard and Drawers to Match; Handsome Carved Wardrobe, Plate Glass Panel; Chamber Set; Toilet Set; Towel Rail, &c.

No. 2 Bedroom.—Iron and Brass Bed; Spring Mattresses; Feather Bed; Ash Bedroom Suite complete; Carpet; Vienna Clock; Cuckoo Clock; Chamber Set; Revolving Table; Pictures, &c.

No. 3 Bedroom.—Iron Tester Bed; Table; Swing Glass; Hall Stand; Antique Hall Stand, with Tapestry Back; Hall Mat.

Kitchen Table; Arm Chair; Corner Chair; Spring Bed Couch, Upholstered in Green Plush; Steel and Brass Fender; Large Oilcloth; Copper Kettle; Copper Jam Pan; Ornaments; Pots; Pans; Flour Bin; Brushes, &c.; 1 Case of Splendid Cutlery; Stuffed Birds; Stuffed Monkey; and all the appointments of a well-furnished establishment too numerous to mention. Wringing Machine and Washer, nearly new; Poss Tub and Staff; Clothes Horse; Quantity of Felting; First-class Hunting Saddle; Boar Hound.

Kitchen Furniture and appointment at 11 o'clock; Drawing Room and Piano at Two o'clock; the Dog at Four o'clock.

The Auctioneer wishes to call special attention to this Important Sale, as everything is in grand order and this class of Furniture is seldom offered to the Public.

T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer,

886e Consett.

P.S.—The Dog "Great Dane," has been sold privately.

Under Deed of Assignment.

Important Sale of Confectionery, Fixtures, Baker's Oven, Copper Urns, &c., with all the Household Furniture, re John Salisbury, Refreshment Rooms, Front Street, Consett.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at an early date, all the Confectionery, Fixtures, Urns, Cutlery, Ware, Show Cases, Glass Show Jars.

For particulars see bills. 890e

Preliminary Announcement.

East Castle Colliery.

Re Thomas Severs, Deceased.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, instructed by Mrs. Todd, Executrix, will SELL BY AUCTION at an early date, all the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Valuable STUD OF HORSES.

Anyone having Cattle or Horses can have them included in this Sale by applying to the Auctioneer.

T. D. Dryden, Auctioneer,

Front Street, Consett. 788e

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

T. D. DRYDEN,

AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

56, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, AUG. 7th, 1899.

10 to 15 Fat Cattle.

150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.

Calves and Pigs.

Dairy Cows and Heifers.

A Stylish Cream Coloured 7-year-old Pony, 12·2, perfect in Saddle and Harness.

Hawker's Waggon with Oil Tank.

Ladders, Ropes, Stack Nets, Poultry, &c.

Sale at One o'clock.

976e J. S. MURRAY.

IMPORTANT SALE OF FURNITURE. Thursday first, August 10th, at the Royal Auction Mart Saleroom, Benfieldside, removed from Leadgate for convenience of Sale, by order of the Executors of the late Mr John Parker, Leadgate, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen, and Scullery FURNISHINGS, Lady and Gentleman's Bicycles, Lady's Saddle, and a quantity of Popular BOOKS, including National Encyclopædia, Shakespeare, History of England, History of Durham, History of Indian Empire, History of Scotland, Novels, Illustrated Bible, &c.

For full particulars see Posters.

Sale at One o'clock Prompt.

977e J. S. MURRAY.

SALE of TIMBER on the Show Ground at Stanley, on Saturday, August 19th. The whole of the TIMBER used in the Erections for the Show of the Consett, Beamish, and Pontop Agricultural Society. Particulars next week and Posters.

978e J. S. MURRAY.

August 26th.—Special Sale of Keeping Lambs at the Mart. J. S. MURRAY.

September.—Farm Stock, Greenside.

980e J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.

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

By Mr John T. Weston, Junr.

Preliminary Notice.

MR. JOHN T. WESTON, Jun. will shortly offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION Valuable Freehold PROPERTY, situated in Stanley, R.S.O., and being No. 1, Clifford Road. (Stone Built, Eight Rooms, one of the best built houses in the district.

Sale Office—

Cornwall House, Annfield Plain. 818e

JOHN T. WESTON, JUN.,

AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION AGENT.

SALE OFFICE—

CORNWALL HOUSE, ANNFIELD PLACE, ANNFIELD PLAIN, R.S.O.

Sales conducted with care, efficiency, and on the most reasonable terms. Correspondence and inquiries invited. Prompt settlements.

WILLIAM ROBINSON,

AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT

NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.

Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

MR. JACKSON GREEN

AUCTIONEER, VALUER, & COMMISSION AGENT.

Agricultural and Probate Valuations carefully made.

All Classes of Sales conducted on Reasonable Terms.

SALE OFFICE—

SATLEY, TOW LAW, R.S.O. 807a

BEAMISH.

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS.—Miss Johnson, of Beamish, pupil of Miss Summerbell, of East Stanley, has successfully passed the Elementary Grade in Pianoforte Playing at the recent examination of the above Society, held in Newcastle-on-Tyne. 927e

LINTZ COLLIERY.

GENEROSITY OF WORKMEN.—During the last month the sum of £30 9s 6d has been subscribed by the workmen of the above Colliery for benevolent purposes as follows:—The sum of £16 16s 6d was handed over to the parents of the unfortunate young man John Kay, who was instantly killed at Friarside Colliery, on July 7th, and 13 guineas have been forwarded to the treasurer of the Homes for Aged Miners. It is generally recognised as a handsome sum for such a small Colliery.

Election Addresses.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF WHICKHAM.

At the request of the Whickham Ratepayers' Association, I submit myself to you as a Candidate for the vacancy in the Whickham Urban District Council.

My policy, if elected, will be to aid to my utmost in introducing proper business methods into the work of the Council, and on this ground I ask your support.

The printed circular which has been posted to each Ratepayer, conveys the line of action which I propose to take should you return me as a member of the Urban District Council.

Soliciting your esteemed support,

I remain, yours obediently,

EDWARD TAYLOR.

The Durdans, Whickham,

July 25th, 1899. 963e

WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL. AUGUST, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Owing to the lamented death of Mr Rotherford, a vacancy has been caused. At the request of a large number of inhabitants, I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate at the forthcoming Election, which has been fixed for Wednesday, August 9th.

I have resided in the parish for the past 15 years, during the greater part of which, I have carried on business as Builder and Contractor, and thereby have gained a practical knowledge of Building, Road, and Street making, also Sewer construction and Sanitary matters in general, which I consider to be of the first importance, especially in view of the developments of the district.

I make no rash promises, but in my opinion, whenever and wherever Estates are laid out for building purposes, the same should be properly surveyed, Streets formed, and Sewers put down before building operations are commenced, thus being a great convenience to all parties concerned.

I am not opposed to the present system of Team labour adopted by the Council, (and certainly prefer it to the old system of contracting), believing that with careful management it cannot be but a success in every respect, personally I am satisfied as to the greater efficiency under the present system, and shall advocate its extension on the lines of strict economy.

I have done work in all parts of the district, and claim to have a fair knowledge of its requirements.

Should I be honoured with your confidence on the day of Election, I will do my utmost to promote the interests of the district at large.

Hoping to have your sympathy and support,

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours truly,

ISAAC BEWLEY.

Dunston-on-Tyne, August 2nd, 1899. 971e

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 4th, 1899.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

THAT WAS A KINDLY and thoughtful action on the part of the pupils who last session attended the Continuation Class at the Leazes Board School to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott. The deputation that waited upon the worthy schoolmaster and his good lady were not only pupils at the evening class, but nearly all of them had also learnt all their education under Mr. Abbott, so that the gathering was a notable one. To Mr. T. Middleton was entrusted the task of making the presentation, and this gentleman proved fully equal to the confidence reposed in him. He referred to the esteem and regard in which Mr. Abbott was held by his former pupils, and said they were only too pleased to be able to show him by their little present how much they thought of him. Mr. Middleton further remarked that if they wanted a good turn done they had only to ask, and if it was possible, their old friend the schoolmaster would do it for them. All this must have been gratifying to Mr. Abbott, and demonstrates pretty plainly that his work on behalf of his pupils has been appreciated. Mr. Middleton's remarks were supplemented in an able speech by Mr. J. Riddle, who referred in grateful terms to the benefit that he had derived from the Continuation Class. He assured Mr. Abbott that his old pupils would stand by him through thick and thin. Mr. Abbott made a most appropriate response, pointing out that no one had so many people to please as a schoolmaster, but there was one object in his, and indeed in every schoolmaster's life, and that was to do their best for the children. He likewise stated that if one thing pleased him more than another it was the extremely friendly terms he was on with his old pupils. A schoolmaster's task is certainly not an enviable one, but such little incidents as the one under notice go far to compensate him for the many burdens he has to bear from time to time. As the outcome of this gathering Mr. Abbott will probably enter again upon his responsible duties with renewed zest.

THOSE PROPERTY-OWNERS who appealed to the Benfieldside District Council to endeavour to induce the new Steam Laundry Company to erect their premises elsewhere than at the back of Queen Street, Blackhill, on account of the depreciation it would cause to their property, have up to the present not gained much as the result of the application. However, this is not the fault of the Council, who have done their best in the matter, and the memorialists evidently recognise this, as at the last meeting of the Council a letter was read on behalf of the property-owners in Queen Street, thanking the members "for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our opposition to the Steam Laundry Company's proposal to erect their building on the site immediately adjoining our property." From what we can gather from the reply of Mr. J. M. Nicholson, the secretary, to the Council, the company have pushed their negotiations so far forward that they cannot now recede. Mr. Nicholson states that his directors desire as far as lies in their power to meet the wishes of the Council and the memorialists, but they regret that they cannot do so for reasons set forth. The principal of these are (1) that the company are under a written contract to purchase the land, and could not cancel that agreement without the consent of the vendor; and (2) that, having regard to the great weight of the machinery to be erected, and almost all the land in the district being under the Lanchester Common Act, the directors had great difficulty in obtaining land with the support of the minerals underneath, which is the case with the site purchased. Consequently no satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at, and judging from the tenour of Mr. Nicholson's letter, the hands of the company appear to be tied. It is certainly a pity that any friction should have arisen, as should the company proceed to build on the site referred to, we may expect the property-owners to take further action. What the result of this may be it is, of course, impossible to forecast, but it might easily be a costly matter. We trust that another endeavour will be made between the two parties before it is too late to arrive at an amicable understanding.

THE MEMBERS OF THE Whickham Floral and Horticultural Society have just had a somewhat unique experience. A preliminary exhibition was advertised to have been held on Saturday last in the Whickham Parochial Schools, and, in response to such notice, a good number of people paid a visit to the schools, but they were destined to meet with disappointment, for, on arriving at their destination, they were confronted by closed doors. There was not the slightest sign that any exhibition was going to take place, and consequently those intending to patronise the affair had to return home. Our representative chanced to come across the secretary (Mr. Edward Taylor), and was informed that owing to some misunderstanding the schools could not be obtained, and the members had perforce to abandon the show, as no other suitable place could be found.

AN OBJECTIONABLE PRACTICE that has on several occasions been referred to in condemnatory terms cropped up at the last meeting of the Benfieldside District Council. In his report, the Medical Officer (Dr. Allen) said:—"I would urge on the house-holders the necessity of burning all vegetable refuse on their kitchen fires and not throwing them into the middens to decompose, and probably serve as a nidus for the propagation of the germs of enteric fever during the coming month." This is an important matter, and it would be well if people would pay particular attention to what the Medical Officer has said. Coun. Eccles stated that the Sanitary Committee were of the same opinion as Dr. Allen, that a good deal could be accomplished in the way of preserving the health of the district if householders could be induced to burn all vegetable refuse. It is a very simple matter to throw the refuse on to the fire instead of conveying it to the midden, and we trust that people in their own interests—not to mention that of the community at large—will see the necessity of falling in with the Medical Officer's recommendation. By doing this a serious outbreak of fever might be averted.

A VERY INTERESTING GATHERING took place at Low Westwood on Monday night, when a number of the friends of Dr. Dodd—who for three years has acted as assistant to Dr. Marshall, of Hamsterley—met to present him with an illuminated address and purse of gold on the occasion of his removal from the district. By his earnest attention to his duties, and his pleasant and courteous demeanour to all classes, Dr. Dodd has won for himself many friends in the Hamsterley district, and great regret has been expressed on all sides at his departure. Much of the success of the testimonial has been due to the efforts of Mr. A. Welch (chairman), Mr. Russell (treasurer), and Mr. J. B. Taylor (secretary.) A report of the proceedings appears in full in another column, but we may say that the address was as follows:—"To John Dodd, Esq.,—We, the Committee representing the people of Blackhall Mill, Hamsterley, Westwood, Milkwell Burn, Spen, and district, beg to express our regret at your departure, and our admiration of your many sterling qualities, which you have displayed during your stay amongst us, as assistant to Dr. W. S. Marshall, and our hearty good wishes for your prosperity in the new field of labour, to which you have gone. We also ask you to accept, as a token of our esteem, a purse of gold, and we feel sure that those qualities that have attracted us will win you new friends in your new sphere." Dr. Dodd responded in feeling terms, and assured his friends that he should never forget the many happy days that he had spent in their midst.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

BY "ROSICRUCIAN."

A POSTAL ANOMALY.

Governments departments are very hard too move, and when they do move it is often in a perculiar, not to say eccentric way. In a somewhat tardy manner postal concessions are being made in the Stanley district—they are coming, so to speak, in driblets. An evening delivery was granted to East Stanley and the Mary Pit but not to Bank Head which, to those who know the geography of the district, was decidedly anomalous. There might be half-a-dozen letters for East Stanley and a dozen for the former place, which is the further distance, would be delivered in the evening, while those for the latter would be left at the office for delivery on the following morning. The case for Bank Head was so fairly stated by Mr John Curry (as a deputation) to the Stanley District Council that that body had no hesitation in agreeing to approach the authorities on the matter.

MULTIPLIED PROBLEMS.

The law in regard to betting is so downright complex that the genius who exclaimed "the law's a hass" had some justification, at any rate in a prospective sense, for his indignant, if not altogether euphonious outburst. The case heard at the last sitting of the Stanley Court was full of problems. Was the man betting on the footpath? If so was the footpath a public one? If a public one was it defined? If defined who repaired it? If not a public one what was it? Before that astute lawyer, Mr Edward Clark, appeared on the scene we all thought it was public, but, armed with a plan and a headful of legal knowledge, he dashed that fond hope to one side, gained the day for his client, and, a stranger within our very gates, taught us something about ourselves we did not know. Here we are face to face with the fact that a road is a private road, that a road which has become public under the statute of limitations is private under the betting laws. It is only one more proof that a place is not a place, and that the place wherein the word "place" was so badly defined would be better employed in concentrating the betting laws in plain and unvarnished language, than in spending long weary hours over abstract and abstruse questions, which may suit the faddists, but do not benefit the community at large.

OUR FOOTPATHS.

It seems to me that our local bookmakers would serve a very useful purpose if they would take each footpath in turn for betting purposes, and employ Mr. Clark to come and let us know where we may walk without risk of being charged with trespassing. Then again the District Councillors may have been spending the ratepayers money in repairing private footpaths, and if the auditor should prove as cute as Mr. Clark, he might come down upon them with a terrific surcharge. The outlook is a gloomy one, and our Councillors will do well to dive deep into the resting places of dust covered plans and legal deeds, in order to be prepared for any bomb the Betting Laws of the county may scatter among them.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

What has the Peace Congress to do with Stanley and District? A good deal. It may not be so much a matter as to whether the result of the Congress is productive or abortive, but peace, like charity, may possibly begin at home. In this light the subject was ably dealt with by the Rev. T. H. Archdall on Sunday last in the Tanfield Parish Church. After reading a newspaper article, which he substituted for the orthodox text, he dealt with peace as exercised, or not exercised, in our localities. It was an admirably practical way of dealing with the subject from the pulpit, and setting down, as it did, to the root of an evil, it ought to be pondered over and taken to heart. International peace is secured by nations; nations are made up of individuals. Local jealousies are sometimes too rampant, and have a tendency to disturb the peace of our home districts. There is a good deal in this view of the case, and arbitration could be brought home to our own immediate doors with very little cost, and with very great advantage.

LIBERAL EXCURSION TO NAWORTH CASTLE.

Under the auspices of the North-West Durham Liberal Association, a most enjoyable outing to Naworth Castle (the seat of Lord and Lady Carlisle) and Lanercost Abbey and Priory, took place on Wednesday. Fortunately for the success of the undertaking, the weather was gloriously fine, Old Sol shining out resplendently in an almost cloudless sky. Two heavily laden trains conveying excursionists travelled by the Annfield Plain branch, and another by the Derwent Valley route, it being estimated that something like 1,000 people patronised the trip. The party reached their destination safely and in good time, and had the pleasure of viewing the numerous places of interest under the most favourable conditions. Nearly all the leading Liberals in the district were present. The visitors had the privilege of going through the castle, the Hon. Geoffrey Howard and Lady Dorothy Howard (the son and daughter respectively of Lord and Lady Carlisle) acting as guides in the most charming manner. This was a treat highly enjoyed by the visitors, who were shown the internal beauties of the magnificent pile of buildings in batches of 30. The grounds, abbey, and priory were all deservedly much admired, and would have well repaid a more lengthy inspection than the time at the disposal of the excursionists allowed. Suffice to say that it was the unanimous opinion that a more lovely place than Naworth Castle and grounds it would be difficult to imagine. Many games—including cricket, racquets, tennis, &c.—were freely indulged in, whilst an ample stock of provisions was provided on the Lockhart system by Mr J. H. Courtney, of Consett. In the evening, an open-air meeting was held—Councillor J. W. Winter being in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Mr Lief Jones, the Hon. Geoffrey Howard, and Lady Dorothy Howard, the two latter giving the visitors a hearty welcome, and expressing the hope that they would come back again—an invitation which will most certainly be accepted. On the motion of Mr J. Palliser, Blackhill, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Lord and Lady Carlisle and family for their kindness. Everybody expressed themselves highly delighted with the day's outing. The return journey was commenced shortly before nine o'clock, and home safely reached soon after eleven. The arrangements, which were perfect, were admirably carried out by Coun J. W. Winter, the Liberal agent. Not a single hitch occurred to mar the day's pleasure, and there can be no doubt but what the excursion will become an annual one.

Local and District News.

Consett.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A DOOR-KNOCKER.—On Saturday at the Consett Police Court, a youth, named John Charlton, was brought up and remanded on a charge of stealing a door-knocker, the property of Mr E. J. Lamb, of Consett.—The evidence was to the effect that prisoner wrenched off the brass knocker from the door of a house in Wesley Terrace, Blackhill, and afterwards sold it to Mr Strachan, plumber, Blackhill, for the sum of 5d.

MUSIC IN THE PARK.—The Consett Amateur Orchestra (conductor, Mr. Geo. A. Williams) will—weather permitting—play the following programme of music, in the Consett Park to-night (Thursday), commencing at seven prompt. Two Step, "The Famous Cadet" (Schleifarth); waltz, "Sweet Eventide" (Felix Burne); overture, "Le Diadem" (Herman); vocal galop, "Haymarket" (by desire), (De Lacy); fantasia, "Descriptive of a voyage in a Troopship" (Miller); waltz, "Mimosa" (on melodies from "The Geisha"), (Sydney Jones); popular selection, "Metropolia" (Alfred Lee); march, "Under the Baner of Victory" (Von Blon); selection, "The Shop Girl" (Ivan Caryll); "God Save the Queen." The last programme which our local orchestra performed in the park a month ago was greatly appreciated by the large crowd who were present, and should the weather be favourable no doubt it will be the same on this occasion.

Chester-le-Street

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

LORD SCARBOROUGH'S RENT AUDIT.—The rent audit for Lord Scarborough's Great and Little Lumley, Harraton, and Chester-le-Street estates, was held on Tuesday at the Lambton Arms Hotel, Chester-le-Street. His lordship was represented by Mr. H. V. Tippett, chief agent, and Mr. T. Garnett, local agent, by whom the tenants were entertained to dinner.

A CURIOUS CASE.—Mr. W. Kerrich-Walker, J.P., had before him a curious case at Chester-le-Street last week. Elias Burnside, a well-known character, was brought up in custody on a charge of having stolen various things from his brother. Both are hawkers and rag gatherers. The prosecutor on Thursday told the magistrates that he saw his brother with the things on his cart, and concluding they were his, he gave his brother into custody. He had since found out they were not his property, and now wished the charge withdrawn. To this the magistrates assented.

THE LAMBTON PARK SHOW.—We are asked to remind exhibitors that the entries for the Chester-le-Street show in Lambton Park on the 23rd inst., will close on the 9th. Excellent arrangement are being made, and the whole of the classes promise to be more attractive than on any previous occasion. A number of entries have been received for the sheep dog trials, which cannot fail to be of interest to visitors. The introduction of new classes, previously referred to, has been highly appreciated, and fine weather only is required to assure a record success.

Castleside

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Special sermons will be preached in this church on Sunday—in the afternoon by Mr. J. W. Muse, and in the evening by Rev. A. E. Salmon, it being the last time the latter will preach in the district, as he shortly leaves for Cardiff.

BAZAAR.—On Wednesday next, Coun. Aynsley, J.P., of Consett, will open a bazaar at Castleside on behalf of the Church, at 2.30 p.m. Every accommodation will be provided for visitors and cycles, and it is to be hoped that the effort will be well patronised.

Dipton

A CORRECTION.—In our last report of the Consett Police we inadvertently stated that John Lakey, of Flint Hill, was fined for being drunk and disorderly. Such, we understand was not so.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Special sermons will be preached on Sunday by Mr. D. W. Richardson, of Newcastle. In the afternoon a grand sacred concert will be given by the Backhill Wesleyan Choir.

Stanley.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT SHOW.—On Wednesday night a meeting of the members of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society was held in the Royal Hotel (Mr. Joseph Watson's), West Stanley, when the stewards for the forthcoming show, to be held at Shield Row, on the 16th inst., were appointed, and various final arrangements completed. The show ground had been previously inspected by the Sites Committee, and we understand that the prospects for a successful exhibition are exceedingly bright. The show was last held in Stanley in 1894, shortly after the opening of the new line, and the total entries on that occasion numbered 696. Last year at Shotley Bridge a record was reached with 777, and if this total is not overtaken this year, there is every reason to believe that, with the development of the district, the attendance will break all previous records. Messrs Atkinson and Hodgson, the joint secretaries, Mr. Swinburn, the local secretary, and the committee have done, and are doing, all in their power to make the show attractive and successful.

Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2nd.—Before Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker (chairman) and Mr. H. Armstrong.

DRUNKENNESS.

There were nineteen charges of drunkenness and fines varying from 2/6 to 7/6 were imposed, with costs in each case.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Charles Weatherspoon, summoned for doing wilful damage to fences, the property of Mr. P. Oswald was fined 1/-, 6d damage, and costs.

John Burton and Frank Barnes were charged with doing wilful damage to trees &c., the property of Thomas Clark, to the value of 5/-. The defendants were each fined 10/-, 5/- damages, and costs.

Robert Trotter, Richard Dobson, James Dobson, John McQuillan, James Coulson, and Alex Green were summoned for wilfully damaging meadow-grass, the property of Joseph Thornton, Trilby Hall. The defendants were each fined 5/-, 1/- damage, and costs.

Thos. Milburn Young was charged with wilfully damaging a fence, the property of John Crawford. A fine of 1/-, 3d damage, and costs was imposed.

Edward Matthewson and Oscar Smith were summoned for wilfully damaging potatoes, the property of Thomas Beveridge, farmer, Chester-le-Street.—A fine of 1/-, 1/- damage, and costs was imposed.

TRESPASSING ON THE RAILWAY.

Robert Robinson was charged with trespassing upon the Tanfield Branch of the N.E. Railway on July 11th.—P.C. Smith said he saw the defendant trespassing on the railway, and he took his name and address and told him to leave the line at the next crossing.—A fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

ASSAULT CASES.

Ellen Swift and Catherine Cannon were charged with assaulting Lily Forster at Chester-le-Street on July 12th by striking her.—Mr. Turnbull appeared for the plaintiff and said that the complainant was walking down the street when the defendants went up to her and struck her.—The defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months and ordered to pay the costs.

Joseph Heslop was summoned for assaulting John Toddd, on July 22, at Tanfield, by throwing a glass at his head. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 7/6 and costs.

John Middleton was fined 2/6 and costs for throwing a pail of water over a little girl named Ann Stark at Chester-le-Street on July 12th.

ALLEGED WOUNDING WITH INTENT.

Robert Downey was brought up on remand charged with wounding Stephen Mullen at Birtley on June 24th.—Mr. Turnbull appeared for the defendant.

The complainant said that on Saturday, June 24th, he was in the Red Lion Hotel, Birtley, about eleven o'clock. After being in there a few minutes he left to go home. He saw the defendant come along the road in a trap an dhe askedfor a ride. The defendant told him to get in. When he got in the defendant struck at him and he struck back. They got out of the trap and they closed and he felt a knife go into his thigh. He (plaintiff) was the worse for drink. He was accompanied by some friends. They were also the worse for liquor.

John Render said he saw the prisoner and Mullen fighting beside the trap. They were staggering about the ground. He saw the knife (produced) in the defendant's hand. When they were fighting he heard complainant say "He's using the knife on me." He heard a little boy in the trap shouting "They're killing my da."

George Cook said he heard some shouting and ran along the road. He saw defendant and Mullen struggling on the ground. The complainant said he was stabbed.

Dr. Wilson, Birtley, said he examined the planitiff, and found a wound on the left thigh about two inches deep and two inches long. The wound was bleeding freely. The complainant was the worse for drink. There was another wound, within two inches of the spine. The knife produced would be likely to cause the wound.

Sergt. Grey said he heard a noise in the neighbourhood of the Red Lion Hotel, and on going he saw the complanint and several others, including prisoner. The complainant had then been stabbed, and he helped to take him to a doctor. He also arrested the defendant and discovered a cut on the back of his head and his eyes were discoloured. Mulln was a well-known pugilist.

Mr. Turnbull, for the defence said that the evidence had been very inconsistent. The defendant had been so badly used that he could not come to the court on two or three occasions to answer to his bail. A respectable tradesman could not go along the road at night for these ruffians. What the complainant got he brought upon himself, and deserved all he got.

The defendant then went into the box and said he was a pork butcher at Sheriff Hill. He had been doing some business at Birtley and was driving home when the complainant asked him for a ride. He refused, and the defendant tried to get into the trap. He had been cutting tobacco and had the knife in his hand. Mullen seized hold of his (defendant's) smock and tore it, and then threw it in his face. He was struck by Mullen and then fell to the ground. While he was on the ground he was kicked about the ribs and the body. He had been attended to by a doctor, and had never worked since.

Thomas Downey, son of the defendant, gave corroborative evidence.

John Wm. Chapman, labourer, Birtley, said the defendant refused to give Mullen and his companions a ride. The men were very quarrelsome, and followed the defendant along the road.

Mr. Turnbull said he had Dr. Taylor, who would be prepared to prove the injuries from which the defendant had suffered, but the Bench stated that the evidence for the defence had put a different complexion on the case. There was no case to send for trial, and defendant would be discharged.

STANLEY WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the members of the Stanley Wednesday Football Club was held in the Queen's Hotel (Mrs. Chaytor's) West Stanley, for the purpose of transacting business, presenting medals, and holding a smoking concert. Mr. Geo. Sanderson, jun., presided over a good attendance, and stated that they held their annual meeting in the Church Institute on the 17th of July. It was ten agreed that a deputation should wait upon the Alliance Committee with regard to terms between the Wednesday players and the Committe, as regarded subscriptions. He (the chairman) and Mr. Gibson attended, and they now recommended that a full meeting be called to consider the matter, as they did not think the terms were satisfactory.—Mr. B. Johnson said he quite agreed with the Chairman's remarks, and he moved that the matter lie over for consideration by a special meeting.—This motion was seconded, and agreed to.—Mr. Matthew Bell was elected captain, and Mr. G. Whaley, vice-captain, and Mr. B. Johnson was appointed secretary pro. tem. Mr. Johnson intimated that he had held the office for four years, but was now unable to devote the time necessary to the duties. He was, however, willing to temporarily take over the office.—A temporary Match Committee was also appointed.—It was resolved to enter for the second division of the League, the Sinclair and the Welton cups.—Subsequently a smoking concert was held, and during an interval Mr. Geo. Lee presented the cup and medals to the team, as winners of the second division League last season. The full record of the team was 23 matches played, 12 won, 5 drawn, and 6 lost. They were also semi-finalists for the Walton cup, which they lost to Blaydon, after a drawn game. The medals, which were considerably above the ordinary merit in regard to workmanship and intrinsic value, were presented to the following players:—H. Robbins, G. Whaley, John Tindale, J. Surtees, Joe Bell, Jack Cunningham, Matt. Bell, Bob. Whitfield, Geo. Whitfield, Wm. Gibson, Joe Tolson, Matt. Ridley, R. Henderson, and Dick Cunningham.—A very harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were rendered by Messrs J. Surtees, T. Leighton, W. Barrass, and M. Maughan, Mr. Wm. Rowell presiding at the piano. During the progress of the "smoker" the company increased to between 50 and 60, and Councillor Swinburn having had the cup filled, a few short complimentary speeches were made. Mr. and Mrs. Chaytor were heartily thanked for the use of the room, and Mrs. Chaytor kindly invited the company to another smoking concert to be held that night four weeks.

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the above authority was held in the Council Chamber on Monday. There were present:—Councillors Blenkiron, Brewer, Graham, and Robson; and Mr E. Milburn (Clerk.) In the absence of the Chairman, Coun. Graham presided.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

After considerable discussion on the various criticisms of the report, it was resolved that the Sanitary Committee be instructed to visit the property in Bridge Street and report as to the best means of dealing with the nuisance.

NUISANCE IN HOPE TERRACE.

Concerning the nuisance existing in Hope Terrace, the Clerk was directed to issue an order on the Weardale Iron and Coal Company to remove the same.

INSANITARY TRAPS.

The insanitary traps reported by the Nuisance Inspector, were then dealt with in detail.

Coun. Robson moved, and Coun. Blenkiron seconded, and it was resolved "That the owners of property in which defective traps existed be at once served with notice to replace the same with the regulation sanitary traps."

NEW TRAPS.

The Surveyor was instructed to order six new traps for the streets to replace some antiquated and defective forms that yet existed in some parts of the town.

REFUSE HEAPS.

The Surveyor's attention having been called to the criticism re long standing refuse heaps in the streets, he stated that he was frequently unable to get carts at this season of the year.

The Council thought that prior to sweeping the refuse heaps, an engagement should be made with cartmen so that it could be removed as soon as it was swept up.

MORE REFUSE.

Re accumulations of refuse in Back High Street, it was pointed out that in the opinion of residents in the vicinity the refuse came from the shop of Mr. Boal, and consisted of broken hampers, etc.

The Nuisance Inspector confirmed this opinion, and it was agreed that notice be served on Mr Boal to abate the nuisance.

DRAINAGE.

The Surveyor reported that the Sanitary Committee had not met to discuss Mr Harrison's suggested scheme as to the drainage of the north end of the town.

The Surveyor was asked to convene a meeting of the Sanitary Committee as early as possible, and to inspect with them both the drainage through Bounder House property, and also the drainage in front of the Offices and Tow Law House, recently condemned by the Medical Officer as insanitary, and report to the next meeting.

SCAVENGING.

Several complaints were made of the accumulations of water in ashpits, rendering it impossible for the scavengers to do their work satisfactory.

It was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Brewer, seconded by Coun. Blenkiron, that owners be required to raise the bottom of such pits to the level of the ground, and to cement them.

MR LEADBITTER-SMITH'S LETTER.

Re refuse tip for the scavengers, the following letter from Mr. Leadbitter-Smith was read in reply to the offer of the Council to pay £1 per annum for right to tip on one acre of common land:—

15a, Old Elvet, Durham,

July 17th, 1899.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. offering £1 per anum for an acre of the common on which to tip refuse, the commonholders cannot accept your Council's offer. I thereby withdraw the offer contained in my letter of the 10th inst., and request that your Council will at once remove the refuse which they have already placed on the common.—I am, &c.,

W. LEADBITTER-SMITH.

Some of the Councillors were of the opinion that in this matter Mr Smith was acting without the full knowledge and consent of all the commonholders whom he presumed to represent.

It was stated that refuse placed on the common by the district scavengers had been already "led" on to adjoining farms, and that the large heap on the fell at present had been placed there by others.

Coun. Graham thought that the Council might purchase a "tip" at the foot of the slag-heap to the left of the Wolsingham Road, if, as he believed, the Weardale Iron Company were disposed to sell.

After discussion, it was decided to allow Mr Smith's letter to lie on the table till next meeting.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The further consideration of Isolation Hospital report was deferred till next ordinary meeting.

THE CEMETERY.

The sexton, Young, having tendered his resignation, it was accepted; and on the motion of Coun. Brewer, seconded by Coun. Robson, it was resolved that the Council express their entire satisfaction at the way in which John Young had discharged his duties.

It was agreed to advertise for a successor, applications to be considered at the next meeting.

THE ROADS.

The Clerk reported that he had received precept for £160, being the amount contributed by the County Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads.

GASWORKS.

It was agreed to accept the £50 tender of Messrs Drake and Sons, Halifax, for setting the bed of five retorts, and the Surveyor was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the work forthwith.

BUILDINGS.

The plans for butcher's shop for the Co-operative Society were deemed satisfactory, and received the approval of the Council.

Mr Gilmour's plan for property proposed to be erected near the reservoir was deemed unsatisfactory, as house property must always be more or less inefficiently ventilated where tenements existed back to back, and it was not possible to have a current of air through the building.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was not deemed advisable to grant the use of the Council Chamber for the meetings of the Oddfellows' Club. That whereas the room might be suitable for payment or receipt of monies at stated intervals, yet they were deemed unfit for large gatherings of individuals.

REMOVAL OF COUNTY COURT SITTINGS.

In reply to a letter from the Council pointing out the inconvenience of the proposed arrangement, the following letter from the Lord Chancellor was read:—

2, Harcourt's Buildings, Temple, E.C.

July 21st, 1899.

Sir,—Referring to the County Court (Districts) Order in Council, 1899, by which the previous orders defining the districts of County Courts have been consolidated and amended, I am requested by the Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor to inform you that a vacancy in the registrarship at Wolsingham affords an opportunity of arranging the neighbouring districts in conformity with the principles of the order above referred to, and that accordingly the parishes of Tow Law and South Cornsay, now forming the Tow Law Urban District, will be transferred to the County Court distrnict of Consett, and the remainder of what at present forms the Wolsingham County Court District, viz., the parishes of Stanhope, Stanhope Urban, and Wolsingham, will be transferred to the Bishop Auckland County Court District, and County Court sittings will be held at Bishop Auckland and Consett accordingly. This change will not effect the County Court Office at Wolsingham, which will continue to be kept open for the convenience of local suitors.—I am, sir, yours, &c.,

ALEXANDER PULLING.

The Clerk of Tow Law U.D.C.

After mature consideration it was decided to oppose the transfer as far as possible. The Clerk was deputed to represent the Council on the Joint Committee of the Weardale Rural and Stanhope Urban Councils to oppose the scheme of amalgamation with Consett and Bishop Auckland. It was felt that it would seriously inconvenience a large area (Weardale and Tow Law.) While the County Court business might be small, yet to remove the centre further than at present from the population would entail not only inconvenience, but in many cases the losing of more than one day's wages, and this was not to be lost sight of in an agricultural and mining centres such as theirs.

TOW LAW.

TOW LAW FLOWER SHOW is to be held on Saturday. There are numerous entries, and the show has now attained such a position as to be well worthy of a visit. The railway company are running special trains at exceptionally low rates, so that a large gathering may be expected.

BYER MOOR.

DRUNKENNESS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, James Clasper, of Byer Moor, was fined 1s and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

At the recent Examination held by the Incorporated Society of Musicians in Newcastle, Mr J. R. Young, Byer Moor, successfully passed in Pianoforte Playing, Intermediate (Grade 3), pupil of Mr J. H. Cockburn, 51, Park Road, Consett. The examiners were Dr. E. J. Crow, Mus. D., Cantab. F.R.C.O., of Ripon, and A. F. Smith, Esq., Mus. B., Cantab. A.R.C.O., of Derby.

LANCHESTER.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services were celebrated on Saturday and Sunday last. On the former day, Mr R. Bulmer, Sacriston, preached a very able sermon, after which there was a public tea provided, and a large number partook of the splendid repast. A public meeting was held in the evening. Addresses were delivered by Mr James Holmes and Mr R. Bulmer, both of Sacriston. Mr Cuthbert Green, Witton Gilbert, ably presided. A word of praise is due to Mr Holmes and Mr. Bulmer for their excellent addresses, which were very much applauded.—On Sunday, Mr R. C. Foster, Consett, preached morning and evening, and conducted a children's service in the afternoon. Portions of Scripture were recited, and a choice selection of hymns were rendered by the scholars at each service. Collections were taken at each service which were in excess of last year.

ELM PARK SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes.

On Wednesday afternoon the annual distribution of prizes to the boys of the school who had been able to satisfy the examiner of the various subjects which they had studied during the year took place at Elm Park, before a large company of parents and friends. The school, which is a high-class institution for boys, has been singularly successful during the year. Out of nine candidates for Cambridge Local Exams. sent up for examination seven were successful, while the son of Mr T. L. Gledstone, Consett, distinguished both himself and the school in obtaining the King's Scholarship of Durham. As we have previously remarked the school is worthy of the patronage and support of all right-thinking people, and we are glad to find that so many parents and local gentlemen interest themselves and show their interest in a practical way in contributing prizes for the best work, which serves to stimulate the scholars in their studies. The school is steadily growing, and will no doubt in the near future attain the popularity which it rightly deserves. Under the supervision of such able men as Mr M. V. Steggall and Mr Williams, we have no fear of its future success. Amongst those present were:—Canon Ross-Lewin, Shotley Bridge; the Rev. A. Baillie, Blackhill; Mr and Mrs L. Nicholson, Leadgate; Mr T. L. and Mrs Gledstone, Consett; Miss Palliser, Blackhill; Mr and Mrs C. D. Balleny, The Delves; Mrs Pumphrey, Derwent Hill; Miss Walton-Wilson, Shotley Hall; Mrs Oliver, Selby Lodge, Consett; Mr Proud, Castleside; Mrs Gardner, Seaham Harbour; Mr Smith, Chester-le-Street; Miss Ainsworth, Consett Hall; and others.

Canon Ross-Lewin occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks said Elm Park School had become quite an ancient institution, seeing that Mr Steggall had so frequently done him the honour of asking him to take the chair at its annual gatherings. Referring to the work of the school he said there were various kinds of success. Some of the very best successes were those which the world would not think very great successes at all, and sometimes the most influential were those who were almost utterly unknown. There was one instance of a man who was the leader writer of the "Times," whose articles influenced thousands of people, while he himself was practically unknown, and lived in a secluded part of Wiltshire. Some of the most successful men did not gain a great amount of credit to themselves. Looking at schoolboys in a crowd they should not think of those who had attained to notoriety or great wealth. Sometimes the empty vessels made the most noise, and as for wealth the highest possible authority had told them "that a man's life consisted not in the abundance of the things which he possessed." The greatest success they could attain to was to do their work honestly and well. Referring to General Gordon the Chairman said if that hero had not seemed to fail in his work in the Soudan they would not have had the wonderful blessings bestowed upon that unhappy country which he had given his life to deliver. The work which was now being done in that remote part of the world would be better done in the memory of the heroic sacrifice of him who planned it, and in that as in other cases the blood of the martyr would be the seed of the Church. There could be no real failure when there was interest of purpose and diligence of work. (Applause.)

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

The Rev. J. Short, B.A., B.D., B.C.L., of St. Mary's, Gateshead, read the report of the examination which was completed on Tuesday. It read as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I have the honour of presenting you with a report of the examination which was yesterday completed, of Elm Park School. The subjects of examination were as in previous years, excepting that we had in addition one boy examined in Greek. Generally speaking, the work was fairly well done. The language papers were as good as they have ever been. The English subjects, too, were good, some of the papers being excellent. The mathematical work was varied; some subjects being very good, while others were below the average. The sciences were not quite as well known as in previous years, but the boys are rather younger than their predecessors. On the whole the work was satisfactory; some of last year's faults were corrected, and the questions fairly attempted.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Scripture.—In this subject the school was divided into groups, senior and junior.

(a) Senior.—In the senior group, the work was fairly well known. Some of the boys sent in very good papers, but others were not so good as they should have been. The work was more carefully done than last year, but is still capable of improvement. Richardson (II.) was first, and led by a fair number of marks over Gledstone, who was second. Oliver was next and very near Gledstone.

(b) Junior.—This group was well below the seniors. Pollock's paper was best, and was neatly and carefully worked, but was too scanty. Balleny and Gledston were equal for second place, but too large a gap separated them from the first boy.

MATHEMATICS.

(1) Euclid.—In this subject were four groups. (a) The first group did not send in the best papers, and they failed to attack the deductions. They had a large amount of work to prepare (4 books), and probably the riders were rather stiff. Gledstone was best, and lost only three marks on the book work, but he made no attempt at any deduction. Eltringham (I.) was next. (b) Lower Seniors.—There were three boys in this group, but Richardson (II.) sent in the only good paper, for which he obtained a higher percentage of marks than Gledstone for the upper seniors. (c) Upper Juniors.—This class was altogether very much better than either of these. There was greater evenness, and the top boy, Palliser (II.) got a better percentage of marks. He was closely followed by Palliser (I.) and Pollock. (d) Lower Juniors.—This group which, of course, prepared much less work than the others, obtained the best marks for its top boy, Gledson losing only one mark of the total number, and sending in a very clean and careful paper. Harper was next and not far below him.

(2) Algebra.—Three groups. This subject was not so well done as last year. The upper class did best, but Eltringham (I.), Cameron, and Richardson (II.) were the only boys who sent in good papers. The lower group was moderate. It is very probable that the questions were not quite as straightforward as they might have been for young boys, but Harper and Williams were the only two who made a fair attempt.

(3) Arithmetic.—Two groups.—(a) Senior.—The senior arithmetic was on the whole well done, although not quite up to previous standards, when it was one of the very best subjects. Lumley was first, and Richardson (II.) and Palliser (I.) were close behind him, these papers all being very neat, methodical, and accurate. (b) Junior.—The junior arithmetic was not good. There was a want of accuracy which lost many marks. Stoker was first and Eltringham (II.) second, but much below.

(4) Book-keeping.—Two groups.—(a) Senior.—The senior book-keeping was better than ever before, Nicholson being first. (b) Junior.—This class has just commenced the subject, but, judging by the standard of work sent in, they are laying a good foundation. Eltringham (II.) did best, closely followed by Harper.

(5) Mensuration.—Good. Eltringham (I.) was first with 97 per cent marks.

ENGLISH.

(1) English Grammar.—Two groups.—(a) Senior.—The senior grammar was on the whole fairly well done. Gledstone was first, Eltringham (I.) and Oliver very near him. (b) Junior.—The juniors were very much alike, and very few marks separated the first half-dozen. Eltringham (II.) and Harper were equal with the best papers, but their percentage of marks should have been higher than it was.

(2) Geography.—Two groups.—In no subject was the work better than in the senior geography. The work was very well known indeed, and for the first time full marks in this subject were gained, still every boy showed fair acquaintance with the work. Gledstone was first with an excellent paper, and Rutherford (II.), Hetherington, and Palliser (I.) were all very good. (b) Junior.—In the junior class the same characteristics appeared, although not quite so prominently. Eltringham (I) was first, and Pollock immediately behind him. This was satisfactory, for last year geography was not well done.

(3) History.—Two groups.—(a) Senior.—The senior history was also well known, although as last year not so well as geography. Richardson (II.) was best, Oliver and Nicholson very good. (b) Junior.—The junior history was rather better than the senior, Pollock and Balleny doing very good papers indeed, of which Pollock's was slightly the better.

(4) Composition.—The composition of both senior and junior was very well done on the whole. For the seniors Gledstone, Richardson (II.) Oliver, Eltringham (I), Nicholson, and Palliser (II.), all sent in very good papers. Greater attention was shown this year to the grammar, spelling, and punctuation than in previous years. For the juniors Pollock, Wright, Eltringham (II.), and Christopher did well.

(5) Reading.—Two groups.—(a) The senior reading was good. Oliver was best, but Gledstone, Eltringham (I.), and Cameron were very good, and not far behind. (b) The junior reading was not on the whole quite so good. There is a lack of ease and of expression, but Pollock, Balleny, and Proud did very well.

(6) Writing.—(a) Senior.—The senior writing is good. Pallisers (I and II) were best, but generally there is not a great deal of difference, but had not, this year, as last, the neatness and rather clerly writing in the answers. (b) Junior.—Junior writing fairly good, Pollock and Green being best and equal.

(7) Dictation.—The dictation of both groups was well done. In the senior class, Gledstone, Lumley, Palliser (II.), and Telford were equal. Among the juniors first place was taken by Harper, the second being claimed by Christopher, Pollock, and Stoker.

LANGUAGES.

(1) Latin.—Three divisions.—(a) Senior.—The Latin was done very well indeed this year. The grammar was well known. The translations from English into Latin was not good. Had that been better the work would have been most satisfactory. Richardson (II.) was first with a very good paper indeed, and Eltringham (I.) next. (b) Upper Junior.—The work of this form was very good, Palliser (I & II) doing the best papers. (c) Junior.—Very good work was sent in, and, especially by Eltringham (II.) and Wright. Gledstone had a special Latin paper, which was well done.

(2) Greek.—A paper in Greek was set for Gledstone, who showed a very fairly competent knowledge of the grammar.

(3) French.—Three groups.—(a) Senior.—Gledstone did a very creditable paper. The grammar questions were fairly well done throughout the class, while the rendering of set passages from the author was excellent, notably by Eltringham (I.), Oliver, and Nicholson. (b) Upper Junior.—This is still the most satisfactory of the French classes, and the work shown up by Lumley, Richardson (II.), Palliser (II), and Palliser (I) is deserving of high praise. The chief weakness lies in the rendering of English into French. (c) Lower Junior.—A very consistent class, all being pretty close, though Balleny's thoroughness places him at the head rather easily. The translation was particularly well done by all, Green being best.

SCIENCES.

Chemistry, Electricity, and Magnetism.—These are not up to standard of previous years, probably because the boys are younger. Cameron is the best.

DRAWING.

(1) Freehand.—Eltringham (I.) was best, Oliver second.

(2) Mechanical.—Eltringham (II.), and Todd equal.

(3) Landscape.—Nicholson.

Shorthand.—Gledstone is easily first. The rest are better than last year.

THE MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. M. V. Steggall then addressed the meeting. He said it is very gratifying to me and to those who have worked so well with me during the past year to see so many here, showing by their presence that an interest is taken in the work and welfare of Elm Park School. The report you have just heard has told you something of the work we attempt here, and how the boys have acquitted themselves in the various subjects taught. This past year has been the most successful of any so far, and though the work done in the School can never be really fairly judged by results of examinations that pupils have passed, it is very pleasing to be able to report seven successes at the last Cambridge University local, and the gaining of a King's Scholarship at the Durham School. These is yet another cause for congratulation and thankfulness, inasmuch as we have not had during the past year a single case of what I may call illness in the house, and throughout the school too I think the health of the boys has been satisfactory. It is not right, and I trust it will never be done here, to sacrifice the ordinary work of a school for the sake of getting a few boys through some particular examination. So long as the work approaches or exceeds the standard of some recognised public examining body, so far it is right to enter boys for that examination, and the successes we have had during the past year represent the standard of work in our higher classes. I believe that the whole management of a school should be based on the conviction that what we have to look for is not performance but promise. The very freedom and independence of a boy's school life should be made the best preparation for Christian manhood. We must not press on the conscience of boys rules of action that they may not yet be able to bear. Our work here would be absolutely unendurable if we did not bear in mind that we should look forward as well as backward, that the victory of fallen man lies not in innocence but in tried virtue. Nothing can be so bad as to see a boy come to school innocent and promising, and then to be able to trace the corruption of his character from the influence of the temptations around him, in the very place which ought to have strengthened and improved it. But I am glad to say that in most cases those who come with a character of positive good are benefited; it is the neutral and indecisive characters that are apt to be decided for evil by schools, as they would be in fact by any other temptation. This time of trial of a boy's character can, I think, be passed sooner at school than under other circumstances. We must desire to cultivate in them true manliness, the only step to something higher; earnest principle and moral thoughtfulness is the distinguishing mark between good and evil. As much as possible should be done by the boys, and nothing for them. We must treat boys as gentlemen and reasonable beings; we must make them respect themselves by shewing respect to them, and appealing and trusting to their own commonsense and conscience. I want the boys to look on me not as the head-master, but as the representative of the school. They should be members together with me of the same institution whose character and reputation they have to maintain as well as myself. But time is limited, and I feel I have spoken too long already, and my last remarks must be for those who are in the senior class. You have risen to the highest form in the school, you are probably the oldest, strongest, and cleverest, and if the school be well ordered the most respectable in application and general character, and to you we look for (1st) religious and moral principles; (2nd) gentlemanly conduct; (3rd) intellectual ability. If these be shewn by the elder boys, and practised by them, the whole tone of the school will be raised, our work will prosper, and each year will show a steady advancement, and a nearer approach to the attainment of the highest and best education. I must not sit down without publicly thanking those gentlemen who so kindly offered prizes:—The Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, M.A., Sir David Dale, Bart., Mr James Annandale, J.P., Mr Frank Priestman, J.P., Mr Walton-Wilson, J.P., Mr George Ainsworth, J.P., Mr J. Eltringham, J.P., Mr H. Palmer, J.P., Mr J. T. Potts, J.P., Mr T. L. Gledstone, Mr J. Petherick, Mr W. Annandale, Mr H. Holliday, Mr J. V. Faber, Mr C. P. Douglas, and Mr J. G. Murray. The headmaster then called on Mr E. M. Williams to read the prize-list, and the following boys received books from the hands of the Chairman:—

PRIZE LIST.

Senior.—Scripture, Richardson (II); Latin, Eltringham (I); Arithmetic, Lumley; Mathematics, 1st, Eltringham (I); Mathematics, 2nd, Palliser (I); French, Eltringham (I); Book-keeping, Nicholson; Drawing, Nicholson; English, Gledstone; General Progress, Palliser (II).

Junior.—Scripture, Pollock; French, upper junior, Richardson (II); French, lower junior, Balleny; Latin, Richardson (II); Mathematics, Harper; English, Eltringham (II); Geography and History, Pollock; General Progress, Eltringham; Writing, Green; General Progress, little boys, Elwin.

Special.—Shorthand, Gledstone; Good Conduct, Gledson; Scholarship, Gledstone.

Cricket.—Batting, Lumley, and Nicholson; bowling, Telford.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Mr. T. L. Gledstone, in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kindness in presiding over the meeting, said they should not only thank him for his ability in performing the duties of chairman, but also for his very beautiful address. He thought he would be right in saying—and all friends would agree in thinking that it was the address of a Christian gentleman and scholar. He had great pleasure in making the proposition. (Applause.)

Rev. A. Baillie, in seconding the motion, said Mr. Ross-Lewin had discharged the duties of chairman very admirably, and with Mr. Gledstone, he was very much delighted with the address. Mr. Ross-Lewin took a very deep interest in educational matters, and particularly in the education of the young people of that neighbourhood, and he was sure that everyone who had heard his address would agree with him that the Chairman had spoken admirably. He (the speaker) took a very great interest in educational matters himself—most scotchmen did—but he took an interest in that examination, and the report of it, partly owing to his respect for Mr. Steggal. He knew his father, because he was the first clergyman who called upon him when he came a stranger to that neighbourhood. He had great respect for the late Mr. Steggall, and knew him up to the time of his death. He was very pleased the school was started some years ago. There was great need for such a school as that. They had the Board Schools, but it was an immense advantage to have such a school as Elm Park, where boys who wished to prosecute their studies, could do so near home. Mr. Steggall could train them the universities. He was pleased to hear mention made of the classics of Greek and Latin. He did not think that so much stress was laid as in former times upon the classics, as lads could now get their degrees without studying classics at all. He was one of the old school in that respect, and believed in classic study. They could not know their own language properly without a knowledge of Latin, which was the foundation of many languages. The English language was a mixed language, and no person could have a thorough education without a certain knowledge of the classics. In conclusion, he expressed great pleasure at being present and witnessing for himself as far as could be done the work that had been going on in that institution during the past year, and he wished Mr. Steggall all success in the future. (Applause.)

The Chairman, after referring to his friendship with Mr. Baillie, said he ought to have mentioned his great joy in Mr. Gledstone's son winning the Durham University Scholarship, and hoped he would go on and prosper. It was a great honour, as few boys could win it. Then he ought to mention their indebtedness to Mr. Steggall for gathering together their friends and neighbours. Socially it must be of great advantage to have the annual meetings, which they owed to the Elm Park School, and to the zeal and enterprise of those who worked with Mr. Steggall in the school. (Applause.)

The company then adjourned to the school and garden to partake of tea, on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Steggall.

BLACKHILL.

LAWN TENNIS.—Benfieldside v. Mr J. E. Thorpe's Team.—The above match was played on the courts of the Benfieldside Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the club. Scores:—T. Green and H. H. Wattsford beat E. G. Kirkhouse and R. Heymer, 6-1, 6-5; beat J. Petherick and E. Askwith, 6-1, 6-1; beat J. E. Thorpe and P. Ainsworth, 6-3 6-3. G. G. Richardson and M. V. Steggall beat J. Petherick and E. Askwith, 6-2, 6-2; beat E. G. Kirkhouse and R. Heymer, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; beat J. E. Thorpe and P. Ainsworth, 6-3, 6-2. W. Spence and N. Richley beat J. E. Thorpe and P. Ainsworth, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; beat E. G. Kirkhouse and R. Heymer, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3. In the mixed doubles Miss E. Foreman and J. E. Thorpe beat Miss A. Richley and W. Spence, 6-5, 6-1; Miss C. Hodgson and G. G. Richardson beat Miss E. Foreman and E. Askwith, 6-1, 6-0; Miss C. Hodgson and G. G. Richardson lost to Miss E. Foreman and J. E. Thorpe, 6-3, 5-6, 3-6. Total—Benfieldside, 137 games; Mr. Thorpe's team, 27 games; or 19 sets to 7 sets.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

ACCIDENT AT TANFIELD MOOR COLLIERY.—Early on Friday morning as two shifters named Wm. Gilbert, of Dipton, and Wm. Richardson, of Bute Street, White-le-Head, were following their employment at the above colliery, a fall of coal took place which injured both men. Richardson by the fall was knocked a considerable distance from the place in which they were working, while Gilbert, who in reply to a shout from Richardson to get out of the way, was proceeding to follow his mate's advice, was injured on the foot. Richardson's injuries were located in the back. Both men were conveyed to their respective homes and received medical attention.

TANTOBIE.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Tuesday, a married woman, named Jane Herron, wife of John Herron, of Tantobie, died very suddenly. The deceased sent a little girl out of the house on an errand, and when the girl returned she found Mrs. Herron lying on the bed, with her head hanging over the side, quite dead. Deceased, who was fifty years of age, leaves a grown-up family.

PELTON FELL.

FLORAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND LIVE STOCK SOCIETY.—We beg to remind our readers of the grand show in connection with this Society, which is to be held near Pelton Station, on Saturday. There are many entries, and the show promises to be exceptionally good.

LEADGATE.

FLOWER SHOW.—This annual exhibition will be held on the Football Field on Saturday first, and promises to be a big success. We understand that the entries are numerous, and the exhibits will be well worth seeing. The Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Prize Band will be in attendance, and play a fine selection of music. The driving classes, dogs, poultry, and industrial section are sure to prove attractive.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

P.M. CHURCH.—On Sunday first the Rev. M. A. Drummond and Mr. C. Puckering will preach and conduct services in the above place of worship, at 10.30 and 6.

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BLACKHILL VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

TRIP TO BLANCHLAND.

A Pleasant Excursion.

[By "A Visitor."]

On the special invitation of the secretary of the Blackhill Vale of Derwent Naturalist Field Club, Mr. S. Leybourne, I journeyed with a party of naturalists on Wednesday afternoon of last week to that village in the west, about which I have heard and read so many interesting things. Amongst those present were—Mr. E. Wardhaugh, Shotley Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Blackhill, Mr. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Blackhill; Mrs. Remnant, New Zealand; Mr. Redshaw, Miss Trotter, Mrs. Vickers, Miss Vickers, Miss Little, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Jas Palliser, and Mr. W. Palliser, Blackhill; Rev. J. Smallwood, Rev. J. C. Dunne, vicar of Blanchland, Rev. W. Featherstonehaugh, of Edmonbyers; Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, Miss Palliser, Mr. Lowden, Mr. and Mrs. Collison, and others, who were met by Mrs. Brown, Mr. Stephenson, Miss Stephenson, Miss Waggott, Mis E. Waggott, Miss Hewitson, Miss Milne, and Mrs. Imison, at Blanchland. Starting from the Library gates at Blackhill, we soon, by the aid of Mr. Telford's brake, found ourselves scaling the hill on the west side of the river Derwent. Once on top of that elevation, we inhaled the fresh and pure air, unadulterated with the smoke from collieries, the Consett works, or coke ovens, which in that locality are an unknown quantity. Pursuing our journey with light hearts and voice, the picturesque and historic little Snod's Church came into view, while close by the schools were passed on our right. It is a typical place for a public institution of that kind, and I think with care the children trained within those walls have exceptional facilities for pursuing the study of natural history from a botanical point of view, which in later years, they might give our club the benefit of. That by the way. Continuing, the lovely journey, for it was truely a sight not easily to be forgotten, we neared the river Derwent, which, in its flow, has taken the liberty to divert its course, where we had a full view of the country for miles around. The chimney tops of the Consett works could be seen in the distance, while nestling among the trees on the left, the little hamlet of Greenhead could be espied. In a south-easterly direction two or three buildings were pointed out as the village of Muggleswick. Having descended a steep hill we crossed the river Derwent at Eddisbridge and over the fells we sped, banishing all thoughts of care and sadness. Hereabout, we had to encounter the frown of Jupiter Pluvius, who seemed rather dubious about allowing us to enjoy the outing. But somehow or other he changed his mind, and instead of lavishing "showers" of blessing, withheld his benefactions, for which we were all devoutly thankful. Over the moors we went, light-hearted and gay, to Edmondbyers, where the Rev. Wm. Featherstonhaugh, a true naturalist, and a sincere friend to our organisation, joined us. While watering the horses near the Punch Bowl Inn, Mr. Featherstonhaugh told of a fire which had broken out a short time ago in the barn adjoining that building, in which some quantity of hay had been stored. From a look at the slates of the building it was evident that considerable damage had been sustained before the flames had been subdued. Having again mounted the "dickey" the driver urged on his noble steeds, and we reached a place named after that which so many weary travellers of earth have longed to find, known as "Paradise." The query about it was, why it should have received such a designation, when one of the company explained that a man and woman called Adam and Eve—whether they were the original pair I know not—had once lived in the cottage. On the way we were pointed out the old burial place of the "Quakers" when those saintly people lived in that part of our island, by Mr. Featherstonhaugh, and after seeing many more beautiful scenes, amongst which was the avenue of trees and other beautiful spots of nature, which, as the auctioneers say, were "too numerous to mention" we arrived at the Lord Crewe Arms, Blanchland, the terminus of our journey, by vehicle. Led by Mr. Featherstonhaugh, we proceeded to the Church, where we were met by the Rev. J. C. Dunn, the vicar of the ancient and historic western village, who kindly explained a part of the history of the church. The arch, which was only found some years ago in excavating, was a fine piece of architecture, and was the object of admiration of visiting architects and builders. The nave of the church, which had originally extended to the Lord Crewe Arms, a part of the monastic building, has entirely disappeared. The tower at the end of the north transept, is a peculiar feature of the building, and this is rendered more so by the fact that there are only one or two instances of it in the whole kingdom, arranged, no doubt, for defensive purposes, for in those days they had to "watch as well as pray" in more than one sense of the term. The west window is a peculiar shape. The abbot's tomb had been removed. By the work of excavation and restoration, a good deal of which was done by a Mr. Thorpe, a former vicar, they had come across two graves, one under the altar, being possibly the grave of one of the abbots buried there, and the other under the window, on the north, beyond the organ. By the west door there was a peculiar little cupboard which had had its use when the cottages stood there. The viscina below the old window of the nave, which may still be seen, is of perfect form, and rudely cut. It it was in its proper place, Mr. Dunn remarked there must have been a side altar there. After we had inspected the building and graveyard, we returned to our headquarters, where Mrs. Imison, our hostess, had provided us a substantial tea, to which I think, we all did full justice. After the "inner man" had been replenished we journeyed on foot, under the guidance of Mr. Stephenson, the steward of the Newbiggen Estate, up past Baybridge, where Methodism has prospered for many long years, along to the side of the river Derwent. After a walk of about a couple of miles we reached the "Gibraltar Rock" the point at which the Beldon Burn, which separates Northumberland and Durham, and Nooktown Burn join, and form the river Derwent. In this vicinity were several fine specimens of the orchids of the Derwent Valley, about which Mr. Blythe Hurst, of Rowland's Gill has kindly contributed a paper, which will be found in another column of this report. I may say that it was through the kindness of Ed. Joicey, Esq., of Blenkinsopp, Haltwhistle, that we were permitted to roam at will through the Newbiggen Hall grounds and woods, to whom, as a visitor, I am very grateful. A field length from the top of the Rock stands Gibraltar House, the birthplace of the father of the wife of our respected member of Parliament, Mrs. Atherley-Jones, who afterwards became a singer in Durham Cathedral. From the corner of the field in which the house is situated, is a fine view up the valley, which visitors should on no account neglect to see. Here is a picture of nature, seldom met with, but as it baffles description, it is, to say the least, a grand sight. We returned to Blanchland by way of the hall, which was another picture in itself. I omitted to mention that on our way to Blanchland by brake we passed a quarry from which some of the finest stone in all England has been won. If I mistake not it is known as the Berry Bank Quarry, and Mr. Featherstonhaugh told us that some of the principle buildings in the city of Durham had been built with stones from it.

THE LONG-EARED BAT.

Mr. S. Leybourne, secretary or the Blackhill Vale of Derwent Naturalists Club, also prepared a short note on the long-eared bat. It read as follows:—

THE BAT.

In the calm hour of sun-down, when the hollows of the earth deepen with the shadows of night, then is the voice of the night-bird,—the "bat"—the busy little messenger of gladness to man, heard, issuing from its dark habitations, giving voice to the silent woods and fields, and adding its notes to the soft murmurs of running waters.

Or, some might say:—

"Like the ghosts of the dread dead,
Rising from their darksome bed;
The bat weirdly wings his flight
Through the solemn hours of night."

The naturalist who has a hobby for ascertaining the characteristic habits of any particular mammal, will not be deterred from making the most searching enquiry, though such entail upon him much time and labour.

Bats are the most difficult creatures to capture, taking great care to keep out of harm's way, by shunning the haunts of man. To search for them we must prepare ourselves for many difficulties, such as wading through water, sometimes of uncertain depth, against which we will have to exercise great caution lest we make an unpremeditated bath; or, of plunging through greasy, slimy clay, which seems to invite you at every step to leave your boots behind; or, knocking your head against some sharp angle of the rocks that seem to rise up, or jut out, with strange abruptness to meet you.

By exercising the patience and ingenuity of a Newstead, we will not mind the bumps or the dirt our persons or dress may show, when after all our toil we return to the even tenor of our way, with our little friend, the bat, in our possession.

Mr. T. A. Coward, to whom I am greatly indebted for his interesting article entitled "In the Bat-Caves with a Camera," in company with Mr. Newstead, of Chester, visited one of the huge limestone caverns, interesting alike to geologist and zoologist, where they captured a number of Lesser Horse-Shoe Bats. "This cave," says Mr. Coward, "had yielded many a valuable 'find' of bones of long-since extinct animals, and where the bats were hanging we saw the remains of the huge rhinoceros, that used to roam about in prehistoric England. In the inner recesses the little creatures seek shelter during the winter; for unlike birds that cannot stand the rigours of our climate, and which repair to the sunny South when the parental duties are over, the bat retires into some warm hole, and hanging itself up, goes to sleep until the spring.

We all have, no doubt, at some period of our lives, associated with the bat a feeling of repugnance as well as a certain degree of awe, born no doubt by its weird, and seemingly ungainly, erratic flight, and its by no means prepossessing facial expression, some appearing diabolical.

We can readily imagine, when the life of Blanchland was young, how at nightfall, the superstitious minds of the natives would be largely, or at least, to some extent, influenced by the strange flitting shapes, and highly pitched peculiar cries of these nocturnal visitants.

The special modification of the bones of the fore-limb for the purpose of flight, coupled with the presence of a leathery flying-membrane, extending from the front of the fore-limb, connecting together the toes or fingers of the same, then joining the hind-limbs, and likewise connecting together the two latter, with or without the intervention of the tail, at once serves to distinguish sharply the bats from all other members of the Mammalian class. They are likewise the only mammals endowed with power of true flight, like birds; the long flying leaps of the flying squirrels and the flying phalangers being nothing more than a prolongation of an ordinary leap by the aid of a parachute-like expansion of the skin of the flanks, without an special modification or elongation of the bones of the fore-limbs.

Referring in some detail to the structure of the fore-limb, which in this group it will be convenient to designate as the arm, and its extremities as fingers, it will be seen from the specimen brought before your notice, that all the bones are characterised by their slenderness and elongation.

The first finger, or thumb, remain, however, comparatively short, and is furnished with a well-developed claw; but the remaining four fingers are greatly elongated, so that the third, fourth, and fifth which are devoid of any trace of a claw, are absolutely longer than the fore-arm; the elongation attaining its maximum in the third or middle finger. Between these long spider-like fingers the wing-membrane is tightly stretched when the limb is expanded; while when at rest the whole structure can be compactly folded along the sides of the body. Apart from the total absence of feathers, those who have even the most elementary acquaintance with anatomy will not fai to see how totally different is the structure of a bat's wing from that of a bird.

Another peculiarity connected with these animals is that the knee is directed backwards instead of forwards in the ordinary manner. Moreover, in the great majority of the members of the Order, a cartilaginous process or spur extends from the inner side of the ankle to aid, after the manner of a yard-arm, in supporting the membrane connecting the two hind-legs.

In all bats the cheek-teeth are furnished with sharp cusps, admirably adapted to seize and pierce the insect-prey on which these little animals principally exist, except in warmer regions of the Globe, where they exist in great numbers, and are very destructive to the fruits. The purely insectivorous species render great service to mankind by the destruction of vast numbers of insects, which they pursue with great eagerness in the morning and evening twilight.

During the day-time they remain suspended by their hooked hinder claws in the lofts of barns, in hollow or thickly leaved trees, &c. As winter approaches, in cold climates, they seek shelter in caverns, vaults, ruinous and deserted buildings and similar retreats, where they cling together in large clusters and remain in a torpid condition until late on in spring. We may here observe the admirable arrangement of the great Author of nature, who has rendered it necessary that these animals, in a climate such as ours, should become torpid during the time that their appropriate food is not to be obtained. In warm climes, however, where a constant succession of insects occurs, they continue active throughout the year.

Bats enjoy the senses of sight and hearing to a considerable degree of perfection, but the acuteness of their sense of touch is perhaps unequalled throughout the whole extent of animal organisation. In consequence of the great expansion of integument forming an exceedingly delicate membrane of the wings, ears, and nasal appendage, bats are able, even when deprived of their eyes, to fly in such a manner as to avoid every obstacle. Every inequality in the passages of their dark retreats is avoided with surprising dexterity. The re-action of the air against the membranes is sufficient to warn them of every obstacle, however slight, and enables them to turn, lower themselves, or draw in their wings, so as to clear the body without the least appearance of effort. These soft velvet-like wings also enable them to fly without noise, and although their motion is unsteady and wavering, they advance with exceeding swiftness.

The number of British bats is small in comparison to the great groups found in the old-world countries, where the lavish fecundity of nature is helpful to the propagation of the species. Only 12 species of the bat family can be regarded as truly British, and as their reproduction is very slow, the female producing, at most, two young at a birth, we are not likely to be overstocked with them, especially when we remember, they are the prey of the owl and crow.

The parent shows a strong attachment for her young, and will suffer herself to be captured rather than forsake them. The young tightly cling to the fur of the breast or the teats of the mother until they are strong enough to search for their own food.

The very fine specimen we have before us, and which has been kindly sent for our inspection by Mr. Hurst of Rowlands Gill, belongs, to, perhaps, the quaintest of our commoner species, the Long-eared bat. When this interesting little creature is at rest, we should be inclined to think its title a misnomer, as only two small spikes appear instead of ears. If disturbed, however, we shall at once perceive, neatly folded under the wing, the huge auditory organs, the spikes being only the inner folds or tragus. When preparing to fly it unfurls the ears proper, which when fully extended are as long as its head and body, and are beautiful oblong organs, semi-transparent and highly vascular, capable of being moved rapidly in all directions, the inner margins joining the base, above which is a prominent rounded lobe. Its wings rise from the base of the toes; feet slender; tail as long as the head and body, with its tip just projecting beyond the margin of the membrane; fur soft, general colour brown; length of head and body about 1½ inches, tail nearly the same.

The distribution of this species has a very wide geographical range, extending from Ireland, through Europe, and northern Africa to the Himalaya mountains of India, and probably inhabiting the greater portion of temperate Asia.

It is a very pleasing sight to watch the long-eared bats upon the wing, as they possess surprising agility, their movements being rapid, swinging and twisting in every direction with perfect ease; and when they alight, they bring their bodies round into position, furling their great ears and tucking them away under the wings.

This bat does not resort to the neighbourhood of trees or plantations, but is, essentially an inhabitant of the open country. Macgillivray says:—"It rises with facility from the ground. When it alights, it clings by the hooks of its fore-limbs and by its hind-claws. In climbing, it moves its fore-feet alternately, advancing slowly, and in awkward manner. It adheres to the slightest asperities, and retires to the corners of the deserted apartments of old buildings, steeples, and the crevices of rocks, where it suspends itself by the hind-feet, which are, as in other bats eminently adapted for the purpose, the claws being very acute, etc. When springing off from a wall, it raises its fore-legs first, stretches its head, and erects its ears, which remain erect when flying."

Its long winter sleep seems to be continuous and unbroken, and is only seen abroad from the late spring to the early Autumn.

In connection with the shrill cry of this species, it may be mentioned that many persons, whose ears are not attuned to receive such high-pitched sounds as those of others, are totally unable to hear them. It may, therefore, be that when a number of bats are on the wing, while the air will be rent with their piercing cries to one person, to another absolute silence will reign.

THE ORCHIDS OF THE DERWENT VALLEY.

Such was the title of the following interesting paper written by Mr. Blythe Hurst, of Rowland's Gill, for the benefit of the Club. It was as follows:—

THE ORCHIDS OF THE DERWENT VALLEY.

Blanchland is pre-eminently the centre of the orchid producing district of the Derwent Valley. Our native orchids, it is well known, possess an unusual interest for the naturalist. Some of them rival, nay, eclipse, many of our cultivated flowers in beauty; all far transcend them in curiosity of structure. Unfortunately this very curiosity of structure obliges the naturalist to use many technical terms in describing the flower, such as are not used when the flower is of the ordinary form. An orchid, it may not be out of place to remind my hearers, is a member of the monocotyledonous class of plants; that is, its leaves are parallel-veined, it has no separable bark, the floral organs are in three's and the seed has only one seed leaf of cotyledon. But although it thus belongs to an inferior, because less evolved, class, it is a highly distinguished members of it, seeing that it comes under the heading Petaloidæ, that is, it has a coloured perianth, and a highly specialized floral structure, which I will develope later on. Its close affinity with the lilies, daffodils, and irises, all promise it beauty of form, colouring, and scent. Let us examine it in detail. On taking up a typical orchis, say the common Orchis Maculata, two tubers will be found side by side at the base of the stalk. If the plant has done blooming one of these tubers wil be withered and flaccid, the other plump and ready to spring up again when the long winter shall have passed away. These tubers are in reality storehouses of starch, and while the withered one has exhausted its store in the effort of flowering, the plump one has laid up from the leaves such a stock as will enable it to produce its flowers and seed the ensuing year.

Incidentally I may mention that the possession of the starch is the only claim to economic consideration which the British members of the Genus Orchideæ possess. Orchis mascula is the plant from which it is principally obtained, the root being washed and dried and powdered, and the resulting starch (called Salep) used as an article of diet for invalids. A full account of its properties may be seen in Rhind's "Vegetable Kingdom," but it is in the flower that the chief interest lies. In the lilies the flower is regular, the coloured perianth segments (or as they are sometimes erroneously termed, petals), are equal in size; there are three outer segments, three inner, six stamens, and an ovary of three cells. In the Orchis so many transformations take place that it is sometimes difficult to find the original function of some of the parts. The six coloured perianth-segments are there it is true, but the labellum, as the lowermost one is called, owes its larger size to the fact that it is combined with two abortive stamens, as its trifid appearance often indicates. The other stamens, excepting one, are represented by two incomplete structures termed staminodes. The remaining stamen, however, sufficiently makes up for the insignificance and deficiency of its fellows. It is placed at the summit of a modified style, which is termed a "gyandrous" column. By a further modification the anther lobes of the stamen are often separate from each other by an expansion of the filament, as in the butterfly orchis. The lobes are filled by a waxy mass (the pollinium) which is simply the fertalising pollen, coherent and provided with a viscid stalk at its lower extremity. The stalks of the two pollinia project into the rostellum, which is a membraneous pouch, thought to be derived from a modification of one of the three original stigmas. Below the rostellum is the viscid surface of the style, and below the style an opening which communicates with the interior of the spur, and allows insects to extract honey therefrom. After this refreshing description of the orchis flower, we may trace out the utility of this arrangement. On inserting a pencil point into the centre of the flower, the pouch of the rostellum is ruptured, and the viscid discs on the ends of the pollinia stalks attach themselves to the point. The pollinia are then withdrawn from the anther lobes in which they lay, and stand upright like two clubbed horns on the pencil end. In about 30 seconds, however, they bend over so as almost to be in line with the pencil, and point directly forward. Now this is a wise provision against self fertilization.

Self fertilization, as I have pointed out in one of my former papers, is highly detrimental to the strength and welfare of any species of plant, and in this respect it is akin to the "breeding in and in" of the cattle raiser. When a bee enters the orchid flower in search of the honey in the spur, the pollinia attach themselves to the insect's head in the same manner as we have seen in the case of the pencil point. As the insect spends only about three seconds in each flower, the chances are that it will have reached another plant before the pollinia take the horizontal position already mentioned. Then they point forward in such a way that the insect drives them directly upon the viscid surface of the stigma, and so effects fertilization. This is the general way in which the process is effected, but many orchids have minor differences, such as adapt them to a particular class of insects. Thus, certain of the Orchideæ have long spurs with the honey near the bottom, and these entice long-trunked moths to assist in their fertilization. No naturalist should pass an orchid flower without first experimenting on it to find out the mode in which this is done.

In conclusion I present a list of orchids which I have found in the vicinity, together with a short description of each; if it be objected that the latter is too technical, it should be remembered that in a difficult family like the present, the novice can only be certain of his plant by a careful attention to structural detail.

Orchis maculata, Spotted Orchis. Flower, pale purple, in dense pyramidal spikes; streaked darkere; 3 sep. patent, bracts with 3 veins; 1 spotted purple, lower blunt, rarely acute, upper linear-lance, stem solid. Very common.

Orchis latifolia, Marsh Orchis. Flower, dull purple, darker spots in dense spike, lip obscurely 3-lobed, middle "sepals" converging, 2 lateral patent, spur shorter than ovary, 1. lin-lanc often unspotted, stem hollow. Near Chopwell Woods.

Orchis morio, Green-winged Meadow orchis, Flowers few in lax spike, dingy purple, lip spotted, 3-lobed, crenulate, sepals with green veins, blunt, converging into a hood, spur ascending, rather shorter than the ovary, fl. ⅓in. from sepals to tip of lip. Bracts 1-nerved, coloured, as long as the ovary. Leaves lanc., upper adpressed. Lawn at Hamsterley Hall.

Habenaria albida, Small white orchis, Flowers white in dense narrow spike, lip acutely 3-lobed, small, projecting, sweet-scented; bracts green, equalling the ovary. Knucton Burn.

Habenaria viridis, Frog Orchis. Flower in lax spike, green, sometimes streaked with red, lip paler, browner, linear-oblong, trifid, central lobe shorter, three tubercles at its base, spur very short, 2-lobed, inflated, sep. and pet. conniving, l. several, oblong, obtuse. Stem "3-12." Sneap district.

Habenaria bifolia, Lesser Butterfly Orch's. Flower in lax spike, white and green, lip linear-obtuse, entire; Pet. small conniving, Sep. dorsal broad, lat, large; spur very long, slender, spreading anther, cells parallel. Foot-lea 2, elliptic (rarely 3) 3-6in. Stem 6-18in. Sneap.

Habenaria Chlorantha, Greater Butterfly Orchis. Like H. bifolia, flower usually larger, lat. sepals broader, spur stouter, more clavate, anther-cells diverging, more distant, attached to orbicular gland; centre of gland a prominent ridge in front. From Gibside upwards.

Listera ovata, Tway-blade. Flowers in tall very lax raceme, green, small; lip bifid, linear; sep. deep green, pet. yellow-green all converging. Stem. 1-2ft. solitary, stout, pubescent above; bracts small. L. 3-8in., ovate, 2 only, opposite, ribbed. Sneap.

Listera cordata, Lesser Tway-blade. Small fl. in lax, few-flowered racemes, sepal and petals olive-brown, obtuse; lip dirty, yellow-green, lifid, and with two small basal linear lobes; stem 4 to 8 inches, brownish-green, leaves ½in. to 1in., membraneous, acute. Beldon and Muggleswick moors.

Neottia nidus-avis, Bird's-nest Orchis. Flower in raceme, dull grey-brown; sep. and pet. incurved, lip linear-oblong, with 2 spreading lobes, base saccate; column slender, free. L. none, stem, sheathed with brown scales. Root of succulent interlaced fibres. Allansford upwards.

Epipactic latifolia, Helleborine. Flower, green with lip purple, somet. all purple; basal lobe of lip with rounded margin and recurved small point; ovary straight, pedicel twisted; bracts lower, exceeding fl. 1 retundate-ovate exceeding joints. Stem 1-3ft Gibside, Shotley Bridge, and upwards.

On our return to the Lord Crewe Arms in the evening the Rev. J. C. Dunn read the following interesting paper, entitled:—

BLANCHLAND AND THE ABBEY OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

Blanchland, apart from the Church, would have no history; nothing, that is, of more interest than any other northern English hamlet. No doubt the valley was inhabited before the arrival of the monks, and as far as we know it had received its name Alba Landa, Blanche Landa, or Blanchland, the White Land previously. It was and is still a remote village, and as yet awaits the advent of motor cars or some still more efficacious conveyances to turn it into a suburb of Hexham, Consett, or even of Newcastle-on-Tyne. I can commend it as a residence not only for the beautiful and varied scenery which you have enjoyed to-day, but also for its health-giving and health-restoring air. Its altitude at this point is 750 above the sea-level, and should we desire a more bracing atmosphere, we have only to mount up the hill-sides in any direction and that desire is at once fulfilled.

I am not so sure but that some of us now alive, may live to see terraces of modern houses lining the northern bank of the Derwent, but for my own part, I do not altogether look forward to such an invasion.

I will begin with the history of the Abbey Church. The monastery was founded in 1165 by Walter de Bolbeck, who appears to have been a considerable landowner in the district, and whose name the common of Acton Farm to the east of the village still bears. The Abbey was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and was intended for 12 Premonstratensian Canons with liberty to add to their number. We may presume that the buildings were completed a few years afterwards. From what remains of them they must have been on a large scale. Foundations extending to the east are to be traced in dry summers by the burnt condition of the grass, and if we were to let one's imagination have free play a very noble structure would present itself. I am longing for the time when some one will invent a cinematograph on the Rontgen ray principle, by which we shall be able to obtain views if Blanchland as it was with its living inhabitants on any particular day we chose to name, say some 650 years ago. Or even to photograph the shadowy monks who are still said to walk in procession at the witching hour of midnight. The buildings remaining are such as you have seen, my opinion is that all or nearly all were connected with the monastery. Before the Square was turned into dwelling houses the upper stories were long dormitories or store-rooms. I may here draw attention to the ancient mason marks on the Gate House, and on the Crewe Arms Hotel, sketches of which have been made by Mr Holliday. There are also many curious stones built into the present houses. You may also have noticed how a stone in the south-east side of the gateway is well worn with the rubbings of arrows and spears. Also how the gates when erected were found to refuse to be opened untill a considerable portion of the archway above had been cut out. The plan of the village suggests an ancient college of Cambridge or Oxford; and taking into consideration our nearness to the Scottish border and the thickness of the walls, we may be sure that Blanchland was a fortress more or less formidable to the gentlemen of those days who demanded hospitality without payment. I must add one more remark on the buildings. I have been here now for some time, and have attended many meetings of societies such as yours, and I have come to think that Blanchland affords a splendid field for the exercise of the antiquary's imagination. Guesses and conjections truly of a most interesting character concerning all the chief features we meet with, have been numerous, but not more numerous than contradictory. I have been forced to the conclusion that it is hazardous to make any definite statement.

Walter de Bolbeck in 1165 founded and endowed the Abbey with various appropriations and adowsons, and with the tithes of the village of Westwardhope, and 12 fishes out of his fishery at Styford in lieu of fish tithes. It had fish-ponds of its own, and they are still to e seen to the west of the village, but the water and the fish that filled them are no more. It had property also in other places, and received benefactions from the Nevilles. John de Torrington and Paganus de Caducis by deed of gift dated 1270, gave it 19 acres of arable land "on condition of prayers being offered at daily mass by the priest for the souls of his family deceased and living." King John in 1215 confirmed all previous benefactions. It is on record that the mitred Abbot was summoned, as all of that dignity were summoned to Parliament in the 23rd year of Edward I. 1295.

In 1322 we are told that Lewis Beaumont, Bishop of Durham, while staying at Nabson, near York, obtained permission from the Archbishop of York to bless the Abbot of Blanchland, showing how strict in some respects was diocesan order and etiquette.

In 1359 Bishop Hatfield, on the petition of the monks, appointed the Church of Bolam to the Abbey of Blanchland. The Vicar at the time was awarded a portion as the deed says to enable him to live respectably—to pay his part of the Episcopal rights, and to lodge and entertain way-faring people.

The plea urged by the Abbot and Monks was their situation in a lonely desert, the migration of the inhabitants in consequence of a recent plague, and their unwillingness to return to a country so unfertile; the falling of rents by hostile incursions, and incessant depredations—all of which rendered them "unequal to their own maintenance, the support of hospitality, and the discharge of other burdens with which they were encumbered." The income of the monastery was possibly never more than from £40 to £44 per year. Blanchland is credited with the usual story of, I believe, nearly all secluded monasteries. The raiders could not find it, and had given up the search, when the bells rang out for evensong and guided them to the place. I presume that in those days they had no compass or map, and we can imagine that previous to the making of the roads Blanchland was hard to find. I traversed the old road down the river one day and crossed it five times between Blanchland and Roughside, a distance of only two and a half miles. In 1776 the roads are described by Hutchinson as being very deplorable, and indeed his description of Blanchland depicts it as very far removed from "The Happy Village" one reads of. The result of the fray is not reported, but no doubt it was more or less awkward for the monks.

In 1536 the monastery was seized and robbed by Henry VIII., but it was restored in the same year and refounded. The character of the monks was the King's excuse. But I am inclined to think that his motive was rather "ad faciendum populum," in other words "to do the people." My own impression of the condition of the monasteries is that it was similar to that of the Church in Wales, which lately suffered so resolute an attack. The destruction was decreed, and Henry VIII as his present-day followers adjudged their character by all the black sheep of the preceding centuries, and by that testimony condemned them; and with a fine sense of justice and in accordance with his own very delicate conscience used the immense spoils for his own purposes, only in some few cases as in that of Blanchland, with unconscious hypocrisy and humour, posing as a righteous and just robber. It may be said in his excuse that as a lay man he but carried out logically the idea of supremacy imbibed from his clerical predecessors. The finances of the Church in another case suffered disastrously. A copy of the deed of restoration is existent and bears the date of January 30th, 1536.

At the final dissolution in 1539 no excellence saved the monastery or its property from the cupidity of rapacious Reformers, and it ceased to exist. William Sprayen was the last Abbot.

The property was first in June 7th, 1595, granted to John Bellow and John Broxholm, one-twentieth of a Knights fee being the yearly payment. Among those who have held the property are Oswald Mitford, Henry and Edward Widderington, the Bakers of Elemore Hall, Durham, from whom it passed to George Silvertop, of Minsteracres. It was afterwards sold to the Forsters. After its confiscation in consequence of Thos. Forster's share in the rebellion of 1715 it was bought by Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, who had married Dorothy Forster the elder, aunt of the general, and of the better known Dorothy Forster, the younger. It is said that the Bishop, being suspected of Jacobite tendencies, was made to pay a high figure for the estates. Dying childless in 1721, he devised all his property to the Church, and Lord's Crewe's Charity continues to this day.

You will notice that this property has been twice devoted to the Church of God; it has once been robbed, if we include its restoration in 1536 it has been twice robbed, and has been three times solemnly set apart and yet there exists a strong desire to rob it again; perhaps when it has been again bought back and devoted to God, the Church will be allowed to call it her own.

The buildings after the dissolution appear to have sunk to ruin. I may remark that decay is very rapid in this district, you have only to look at the old mining village of Shildon and its delapidated condition to be convinced of this. Houses that were inhabited within ten years are now hopelessly perished. In 1735 Lord Crewe's trustees rebuilt the Church and we can see that their work with the exception of the north side and tower, must have commenced at the foundations.

Blanchland was formerly part of the old parish of Bywell St. Andrew's. When Shotley was formed into a separate parish in 1724, Blanchland was included, and so remained until 1752 when the estate of Lord Crewe on this side of the Derwent was in its turn formed into a separate parish. It has recently had its borders extended.

I was asked the other day if Blanchland was not connected with Hexham, and the reply was that it was not connected with it, further than that at the Dissolution the Hexham people appropriated or otherwise became possessed of the bells of the Abbey. It is possible that they were made to pay for them as they have not returned them. The present bell was re-cast a few years ago, and weighs 6 cwts.

You may have heard the tradition of an underground passage reaching from the tower steps to the mound on the banks of the Derwent. It has not yet been discovered. I dug for it in the very place where two inhabitants of the village told me it commenced. I thought I had only to dig and find it. Both of them said they had been right down it in the days of their youth. Alas! for tradition, they must have penetrated the foundation of the tower for there was nothing else to be met with. I had to console myself with the discovery of a perfect system of drainage which runs under the Abbey. The drains on the north side are 7 feet below the floor of the Church, and still most effective.

THE MONKS OF BLANCHLAND.

If I have not trespassed too long on your time. I have something to say about the inhabitants of the Abbey.

They were Premonstratensians, or white monks—the latter name being given because of their dress—an order that has been described as modified Augustenians. The points of their discipline were poverty and community of goods. The order was founded by Norbert, Archbishop of Magdeberg, in 1120, who in his earlier years was a courtier of Henry V. After receiving the authority, considered necessary at that time for founding his order, he was in some doubt as to where he should build his house; and it is said that an angel appeared to him and pointed out a meadow, near Laon, a lonely spot in the forrest of Coney. Hence the name given to the place was Premonstre, or in Latin, Premonstratus, the foreshewn spot, and the monks were called Premonstratensians. Archbishop Norbert died in 1134.

The Premonstratensians first came to England in 1146 and founded an Abbey at Newhouse in Lincolnshire. In 1150 they established another foundation at Alnwick. Dryburgh in Scotland was founded in 1152, and Blanchland was already visited in 1165.

There were seven services held in the Abbey Church every day. The dress of the Canons was a white cassock with a rocket over it, a long white cloak, and a white cap. I sometimes think of adopting a white cassock to keep up the traditions of the Abbey. You have a very fair representation of their costume in the piece of old glass preserved in the left hand window of the east end of the Church. Another very excellent representation is seen occasionally. When the moon from a certain position shines through the west window of the tower, it forms to the left side of the east door as perfect a life-sized portrait of the Premonstratensian kneeling in prayer as could well be imagined.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have said nothing about our interesting Abbey. There is little known, and that little has been told again and again in various publications, to which I am indebted. Possibly M.S.S. may yet be discovered which will tell us wondrous tales of brave and noble deeds, that will but serve to emphasise the quiet beneficence and holy devotion persistently and steadily followed by a well-ordered monastery of the middle ages, which I am told to assert were not by any means so dark as people who confine their reading to the political newspapers and fanatical religious literature of the present day are led to believe. Superstition has various forms, and if I may venture to give my opinion or rather to make a suggestion, it is, that the superstition of the middle ages, however deplorable, was neither so dark nor so dangerous as that of our town times with which the Church has to contend.

Blanchland, July 25th, 1899. J. C. DUNN.

ADDRESS BY REV. W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH.

After Mr. Dunne had finished reading his paper the Rev. W. Featherstonhaugh addressed the gathering, which was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Smallwood.

He said the fact of the matter was that after they had heard the vicar of Blanchland's paper there was little left to say about Blanchland, because Mr. Dunn had given them almost the whole history. The church buildings were old monastic institutions and were of very early date, no doubt dating from the early times of the Christian Church, after it was rescued from heathenism by the Roman Emperors. When it developed into that form, they had several orders of monks, after which they had the Benedictine Order from which the Franciscans and Augustinians, which had filled up all the duties of religious sects in the Christian countries were offshoots. But it would appear that about the time when Saint Norbert set to work to found a new order that monastic institutions had become a little lax in their duties and rather given to luxury more than they ought to have been, or intended by their founders to be When St. Norbert saw all that, it appeared to him that the time had arisen when an order should be established to carry out a less elaborate form of the institution than was existing, and a simpler kind, who would work and not give way to indulgence. Then he founded the Premonstratensian named from the place, as it was said miraculously found. Amongst the early foundations of the order was that of Blanchland. Carrying out the idea of simplicity the Premonstratensian Abbeys, he believed, were specially distinguished for their simplicity, and they might take an example of it from Blanchland, and which would give St Norbert an opportunity to make a firm foundation there. Blanchland was an extremely interesting place, not only to visit as a beautiful place, but a most interesting place on account of its having so thorough the remains of the ground plan of the monastic institutions. In the first place it had the Church which occupied the northern part of the site. Then in order to serve the church the order as instituted comprehended a prior and twelve monks, who required lodging which were found for the prior, a place for the monks, and a place where the retainers or those who were not regular monks, could pursue their studies. As those places were the usual things in monastic institutions so they found them in Blanchland, only it had one peculiarity, and that was a southern transept. The Church before them comprehending as at present only a northern transept and a tower on the northern side of late date. The great monastic foundings had a tower on the north side of the whole place, the nave extended to the building in which they were sitting, and the only remains of it was a small portion of the wall of the window on the eastern part of the nave abutting against the corner of the Inn. There was no south transept to the building at all. The church was singularly simple, and had very little or no ornament about it at all, carrying out the principles St. Norbert instituted to serve the purpose of religion in a very rude and rough country. As Mr. Dunne had pointed out to them there was a door in the south wall shewing that there was no south transept. A good many years ago when the archeological Society of Durham met there it was an exceedingly hot summer, and the grass in the cloisters being burnt up showed the foundations of the cloisters. In the first place the passage into which the door way from the Church opened on the southern side of it was the Chapter House, and further south on the ground floor very likely would be the stranger's house, above which as far as he could suppose was the dormitory of the monks. On the west side was the prior's lodgings, which opened by a doorway in the walls into the Church, so that he was not under the necessity of going into the cloister garth when he wanted to go into the church. On the south side of the existing building was the very shell of the old refectory, which consisted of a long range of rooms all opening into a long gallery the whole length of the buildings. Below them would be the cells of the monks which they occupied for retirement and study. By the refectory opening into the kitchen which for convenience served the prior's lodgings, they had the scheme of the church and monastic buildings perfect. More than that it was interesting because it not only had the church and monastic buildings but surrounding it out side were all the buildings of the retainers of the abbey. All the buildings in the square were occupied by the retainers, and then the whole thing was closed in by the splendid gateway so that the monks were entirely confined to their own buildings against the intrusion of any one not connected with them. The meaning for leaving the church outside the monastic buildings was that in a very great number of monastic institutions of England the monks kept their own buildings entirely to themselves, but having the duty imposed upon them of affording religious opportunities to the surrounding inhabitants they had a chapel outside their precints. At Blanchland they had a church which served that purpose. Therefore they had the whole monastic buildings within their own walls and the church with access for the inhabitants outside. That was the simple scheme of the Abbey of Blanchland, and a very interesting thing it was. Even the fish ponds remained, so perfect was the scheme. The fish ponds were supplied with water from a beautiful stream of water from just outside the village of Baybridge. When they went up towards Gibraltar they crossed a road at Baybridge to the right hand which was a very ancient road. Indeed it came from Corbridge and was called in ancient documents the Corbridge road. It was the ancient Roman road from Corbridge, and was the road by which their troublesome neighbours the Picts and Scots came into England when they met with their misfortunes at the Neville's Cross. Blanchland was visited by the Scots. The common tradition says that they passed Blanchland and would never have seen anything of it but the monks began to ring the bells for joy that their invaders had passed by them. But the monks of the dark ages, as they were called, were no such great fools as that, but as Mr. Dunne had rightly informed them the Scotsmen after they had passed Blanchland and began to rise the opposite hills, heard the sound of bells ringing the vespers; then they knew there was something there, and the natural consequence was that they returned and ruined the abbey altogether. They came by that road which was the old road to Scotland. They missed Blanchland first, and hearing the vesper bells ringing they turned back and Blanchland met with its ruin. The reason for there being no south transept was because the monks, as a matter of caution, thought it advisable to get their buildings out of the reach of the river, which had washed part of the buildings away. It was a most interesting place, and if more people knew of it more would go to see it. The place they were sitting in was in existence in the same form, and the same situation as when it was first instituted in 1165. (Applause.)

VOTES OF THANKS.

Rev. R. H. Smallwood thought the addresses had been exceedingly interesting, and moved that votes of thanks be accorded to the Revs. W. Featherstonhaugh and J. C. Dunn for the addresses and to Ed. Joicey Esq., and Mr. Stephenson for the kindness they had shown in granting permission to the party to go over the Newbiggen Hall grounds and woods.

Mr. G. J. Robinson moved, and Mr. W. Palliser seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. B. Hurst and Mr. S. Leybourne, for their most interesting papers.

Mr. Wardhaug seconded the motion, which after Messrs Wm. Palliser and G. Robinson had briefly supported, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Featherstonhaugh, in responding, said there was something he had omitted. There was a very wide arch through which the kitchen ran. They were in doubt for a long time as to what that arch was, because it appeared to be a strange arch in the building. They had come to the conclusion that it was for the very necessary purpose of washing, it was the lavatory of the abbey. When they went to Stanhope on the succeeding month they should get someone to tell them something about the Roman occupation in Weardale because there was a good deal to be said about it; not only of the Roman Roads but of the industries they pursued in Weardale such as leadmining. They must also observe trees of terraces of the cultivation which were very conspicuous in different parts.

The party shortly afterwards took their seats in the brake and reached home about 11.30 p.m., after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

The following were elected as new members:—Mr. James Palliser, Blackhill; Mr. John Leybourne, 4 Avondale Terrace, Sunderland; Mr. Thos. W. Leybourne, 14, Logan Terrace, South Shields; Mr. Wm. Dickinson, Summerhill, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Thos. Liddell Gledstone, North Eastern Bank, Consett; Robert Dixon, Waskerley, Lodge, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Chas. Herbert, Wesley Terrace, Blackhill Mr. R. G. Barclay, The Bank, Shotley Bridge; John Joseph Richardson, West View House, Shotley Bridge; John Blythe Richardson, West View House, Shotley Bridge; Mr. John Dixon, 9, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill; Mr. H. H. Wattsford, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill; Mr. Thos. Green, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill; Mrs. Imison, Lord Crewe Hotel, Blanchland.

SPEN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Gulliver."]

THE HOLIDAYS.

Are now in full swing. The Victoria Garesfield Schools were closed on Friday, and will not be opened again for five weeks for educational purposes. Whatever school managers may think to the contrary, I for one must say that such long periods of recreation and play do more harm than good to the children. Five weeks may suit the teachers, and perhaps they would not object to ten weeks, so long as pay-day came round at the specified time, but the children are not in receipt of any learning or good manners, but the reverse is the case. With long periods of holiday their manners become rude, and the knowledge they have obtained on the many subjects they are taught during the year becomes impaired, and in many instances forgotten. I make mention of this, because it is time something was done by school managers and School Boards to regulate the holidays in a manner as would be productive of good to the children, the teacher, the parents, and the national farce of education too. That good can be brought out of evil I know, but not in all cases, and I state here that long periods of holiday time are an evil to everyone concerned, but the teachers, and it may be a debatable subject that too, because teachers have to assume an autocratic method before they can subdue the playful child and make him attentive to his lessons, and withal they find his manners greatly at fault, and the cane must be applied because he has forgotten to behave himself. It won't do.

THE TWO-AND-A-HALF PER CENT.

that the coal owners have granted the Durham Miners has been the topic of discussion in the mine, on the road, and at the brick kilns at Victoria Garesfield. However, the owners have nothing to fear so long as the men don't attend the Union meetings in large numbers, but I am of the same opinion as "Geordie," that the men were entitled to at least 10 per cent., and why more than 2½ was not given I don't know; but one thing is quite clear, and it is the fact that so long as the miners are not united all their efforts will prove futile and undignified. I advise them to send in a claim now for 7½. Make hay while the sun shines.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

In connection with the Primitive Methodist Chapel was held on Sunday, and was conducted by Mr J. Gilliland, of Lintz Colliery. I am sorry to state that the children do not take the interest in the Sunday school anniversary they used to do. Very few would take part this year. Something must be at fault—either with the children or the teachers, because great interest used to be taken in the anniversary by both children, parents, and teachers. Are we lapsing into a luke-warm state? I hope not.

CONSETT.

Bank Holiday.—Next Monday being bank Holiday the banks of Consett and district will be closed all day.

An Ex-Policeman's Death.—On Sunday morning, the body of a man named Thomas Smith, of Sleetburn, was found in a shallow pool of water near Brandon Village. The body had apparently been in the water all night. The deceased, who is about 52 years of age, has for a long time been employed in the coke-yard at New Brancepeth Colliery, and for a number of years was a member of the Durham County Constabulary, and acted as groom to Superintendent Oliver in the Consett district.

Deserting his Wife and Family.—On Wednesday week, at the Consett Police Court before Mr. J. T. Potts, Patrick Smith, labourer, was proceeded agaist on a charge, preferred by Mr. William Ward, Consett, one of the relieving officers to the Lanchester Union, with deserting his wife, Mary Smith, and five children at Blackhill, on the 20th June, leaving them chargeable to the Lanchester Union.—Inspector Best explained that the prisoner was apprehended at Spennymoor having been working at the Tudhoe Ironworks.—Defendant had nothing to say, and was accordingly remanded.

The College of Violinists, London.—This college held their first examination at Consett, on Wednesday, July 19th. The examination, which must be pronounced a great success, was under the able management of Professor Herr Klee. The following were the most successful candidates that satisfied the requirements of the examiner, whose great courtesy and ease of manner did much to re-assure each candidate:—Graduates: J. W. Waggott, honours, 94 marks; Master J. W. Lee, pass, 78 marks. Juniors: T. H. Askew, honours, with full marks, 100; J. T. Thompson, honours, with full marks, 100; H. Waggott, honours, with full marks, 100; W. E. Massey, honours, 91 marks; Miss Mary O'Kane, honours, 92 marks; Miss J. McCann, honours, 94 marks; Master Robert Chilton, pass, 87 marks; Mr Patrick O'Kane, pass, 80 marks. The next examination will be held in December; the date will be announced in the official paper when definitely fixed. Professor Herr Klee has been appointed by the Council of the College of Violinists to represent the College in Newcastle, Durham, and Consett, and candidates wishing to enter for the examination should apply to him for all information respecting such examination. Herr Polmaski was the examiner.

A Maintenance Case.—On Monday, at the Consett Police Court, before Mr J. T. Potts and Mr Wm. Aynsley Patrick Smith, ironworker, of George Street, Spennymor, was brought up on remand on a charge of deserting his wife and children, and allowing them to become chargeable to the Lanchester Union.—Supt. Bensies said the charge was preferred by Mr W. Ward, one of the relieving officers, and he understood the prisoner was prepared to take his wife and children and maintain them.—Mr Potts: Is it true you are prepared to support your wife and family?—Prisoner: Yes. I will provide them with a home at Spennymoor.—Mr Potts: You are prepared to take them to Spennymoor?—Prisoner: Yes.—Mr Potts: Are you working at Spennymoor?—Prisoner: Yes.—Mr Potts: Then we will let you out on bail in your own surety of £5 to appear at Lanchester Sessions to answer the charge, and make the necessary arrangements. We cannot deal with the case to-day, as Mr Ward is not present. We do not want to keep you locked up seeing you are prepared to do what is right towards your wife and children.—Prisoner: If I get a letter signed by Mr Black, manager, and forward it to the Lanchester Magistrates will that meet the case. I want to get back to my work.—Mr Potts: You will have to appear personally, and make the arrangements.—Supt. Benzies: You had better let the prisoner appear at this Court on Monday next. He will be on the right shift, and it will give him a chance of getting back to his work.—Mr Potts: Very well, we will do that. You will be let out on bail on the understanding that you appear at this Court on Monday next to make the arrangements.—Prisoner: I will do that.—Prisoner afterwards left the Court delighted with the fact that he had been released from incarceration.

BURNOPFIELD.

Trip to Whitley.—On Saturday the members of the Burnopfield Wesleyan Sunday School and choir held their annual trip to Whitley. About 100 availed themselves of the treat and enjoyed the day at the seaside.

BLACKHILL.

Delaying the Railway Traffic.—On Friday afternoon, passenger and goods traffic was delayed on the Carlisle and Blackhill branches of the North-Eastern Railway. Shortly after twelve o'clock, an engine, which was proceeding out of the carriage sidings near the Scotswood Bridge Junction, somehow left the rails, not only blocking the main down line, but also the Derwent Valley connection. The 12.25 train from the Central had to be shunted back into the Delaval sidings, and did not get away till a quarter past two o'clock. Even then it had to proceed down the single line that was being worked, and then over again from Blaydon to the Blackhill main line via the Redheugh Branch. Other passenger trains, including the 12.45, 1.15, and 1.20 for Hexham, and the 1.0 for North Wylam, were also delayed, and part of the remainder of the west service would be affected. The railroad was not cleared until about 2.30.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

Presentation.—On Friday last, Miss Isabella Bessford, who served her apprenticeship in the Victoria Garesfield Schools, and who gained a Queen's Scholarship last Christmas, was presented by the scholars and teachers with a handsome Morocco leather writing-case as a slight acknowledgment of the kindly feeling which has always existed between Miss Bessford and her pupils and fellow-teachers. Miss Bessford leaves the Schools with the best wishes of all for her future success in life.

LANCHESTER.

A Burglary.—Between Saturday night and Sunday morning the dwelling-house of Mr Wm. Innes, of Lanchester, was broken into, and the burglar or burglars abstracted the sum of 34s, two purses, and a small cash-box, and decamped. It is rather remarkable that a much larger sum of money was left untouched. The thieves effected an entrance to the house by one of the windows after the occupants had retired to rest. The police have now the matter in hand.

DIPTON.

Trespassing upon the Railway.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, Joseph McShane, who lodges at Curry's Square, Dipton, was charged with trespassing upon the North-Eastern Railway.—Evidence was tendered to show that defendant was caught riding upon some waggons on the Tanfield Branch of the North-Eastern Railway, on July 6th.—The accused was fined 1s and costs.

A Dipton Man Injured at Gateshead.—On Wednesday, Mr Robt. Southern, N.E.R. Company joiner, happened with a rather serious accident. It seems that he was chocking a truck back, which was unfortunately struck by another truck, with the result that he received a compound fracture to his right arm and injuries to his back. He was conveyed to the Newcastle Infirmary, where his injuries were promptly attended to.

Accident at South Medomsley.—On Friday morning about ten o'clock a driver lad named Thos. Moore, 15 years of age, who was working in the South Medomsley Drift had his left thigh broken and head severely cut. It appears that the lad had been on the end of a full set of tubs, waiting of the empty set going into the drift which missed the points and struck the full set with the result described above. The cut in the head would be some six inches in length. He was conveyed home, and Dr. Fraser, of Dipton, was immediately sent for, who together with P. C. Curtis and Mr J. E. Davis set the fractured limb and put six stitches in the head. At the time of writing he was conscious, but was suffering from the severe shock to the nervous system.

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PRESENTATION TO DR. J. DODD, HAMSTERLEY.

Interesting Presentation.

On Monday evening, a most interesting gathering took place in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, in connection with a presentation that was made to Dr. J. Dodd, in recognition of his services during the three years that he resided in the district. Mr. Dodd was an assistant for Dr. Marshall, of Hamsterley, and by his affable disposition, and his willingness to render assistance at all times, he very soon won the esteem of the people of the district. On the fact becoming known that Dr. Dodd was leaving the neighbourhood to take up another important appointment at Consett, the greatest regret was expressed by the villagers, and no one felt it more to part with a faithful assistant than Dr. Marshall himself. However, a feeling sprang up in the district, that the services of Dr. Dodd should be recognised in some tangible form. An energetic committee was appointed, with Mr. A. Welch, as chairman, Mr. J. E. Taylor, secretary, and Mr. W. Russell, treasurer. This commitee set to work in promoting the testimonial, and the ready response to the appeal by the inhabitants, proved beyond a doubt the popularity of Dr. Dodd. Subscriptions poured in from all quarters, and the result far exceeded the expectations of the committee, who at once resolved that Dr. Dood should be the recipient of an illuminated address, and a purse of gold. The arrangements for the presentation were of a complete character, and were carried out by the energetic secretary (Mr. Taylor). The meeting was open to the committee and subscribers, and there was a good attendance. There was only one thing that rather marred the pleasure of the gathering, and that was the serious illness of Dr. Marshall. The committee had decided that Dr. Marshall should make the presentation, and under the circumstances fresh arrangements had to be made at the last moment. The illuminated address, which was not on view at the meeting, owing to not being completed, was being executed by the North of England School Furnishing Company, Newcastle; but it was explained it would be to hand in the course of a day or two, and would then be exhibited in one of the windows of the Co-operative Stores for inspection by the subscribers. Amongst those present at the meeting were:—Dr. Dodd, Mr. A. Welch, Mr. W. Russell, Mr. R. J. Chaytor, Mr. I. Clark, Mr. W. Mason, Mr. T. Storey, Mr. R. Hunter, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. Lee, and Mr. J. E. Taylor. Mr. Welch was unanimously voted to the chair.

The Chairman said he considered his duties on that occasion would be very light. They were met for the purpose of shewing in a tangible form their appreciation of Dr. Dodd's services during the time that he resided in their midst. When it became known that Dr. Dodd was leaving the district the inhabitants at once expressed themselves to the effect that his services should not go unrecognised. He was pleased to say that the people had a warm side for Dr. Dodd. He would have been surprised if it had been otherwise. No one worked harder in cases of sickness than Dr. Dodd, and he had no hesitation in saying that it would be a long time before they got another gentleman who would sacrifice himself in the same way as Dr. Dodd had done for the benefit of those whom he was called to labour amongst. (Applause.) He was glad with the way the inhabitants had responded to the appeal made by the committee, which had enabled them to get together such a handsome testimonial. It had been suggested by Mr. Chaytor that the illuminated address should be on exhibition for the benefit of the subscribers, before it was finally handed over to Dr. Dodd. It was only right to say that Dr. Dodd had willingly consented to this proposal. (Applause.) He was sorry that Dr. Marshall was detained from being present through illness. The news he (the chairman) had received was to the effect that Dr. Marshall was very ill; but he trusted that he would have a speedy recovery, and that the day was not far distant when they would see him again attending to his duties. It now gave him great pleasure to call on Mr. Chaytor to make the presentation. (Applause.)

Mr. Chaytor said he regretted with the Chairman the unfortunate illness of Dr. Marshall, which prevented that gentleman from being present to make the presentation. However, under the circumstances, he was gratified at being asked to perform the pleasing duty of making the presentation to Mr. Dodd, who was a gentleman whom he highly respected. He was sorry that the occasion had arisen for them to make the presentation. He for one would have preferred that Dr. Dodd could have remained amongst them. This was not only his feelings, but the feelings of nearly the whole of the inhabitants of the district. A more faithful worker in the medical profession they could not have wished for. (Applause.) Dr. Dodd was one of those men who seemed to be at it from early morn to late at night, and they never once heard him grumble about being over-worked. He was most faithful to Dr. Marshall's patients, and they all regretted that he had been compelled to leave them. The purse of gold and the illuminated address were given to Dr. Dodds as a token of their appreciation of the way in which he carried out his duties while residing in their midst. Dr. Dodd had proved himself a most valuable assistant to Dr. Marshall. They had all noticed the care and willingness displayed by Dr. Dodd in looking after the medical wants of the people. As a physician he considered him second to none. Nothing would have delighted him more than to have seen Dr. Marshall present, who could have referred more fully to the abilities of Dr. Dodd as a practitioner. They only hoped that when Dr. Dodd got settled down in his new district that he would remember the pleasant recollections of the happy times that he had amongst the villagers of Hamsterley. The committee were more than gratified with the result of their efforts. It was very pleasing to think that in the case of Dr. Marshall's illness Dr. Dodd had not withheld his services. (Applause.) As soon as it was known that Dr. Marshall was ill, and greatly handicapped through not being able to obtain another assistant, Dr. Dodd had willingly come forward and assisted in every possible way in seeing that the work of the practice was not neglected. (Applause.) He was sorry that the illuminated address had not been finished for that night, but it would be handed over to Dr. Dodd in the course of a few days. He had to point out that the purse of gold was not made up of large individual subscriptions. The greatest proportion of the amount was made up by small subscriptions received from the working-class. He considered this in itself spoke volumes for the popularity of Dr. Dodd. It now gave him great pleasure to ask Dr. Dodd to accept from him on behalf of a large body of subscribers, the purse of gold, and the illuminated address as a token of their appreciation of his services in the district. He trusted that when Dr. Dodd received the address it would remind him for many years of his pleasant associations at Hamsterley and neighbourhood.

Dr. Dodd, who was loudly applauded, on rising to acknowledge the gifts, said that he had had placed before him a most difficult task. He need hardly say that he could scarcely find words to express to them how grateful he felt for their kindness. During the three years that he resided in the district he found that the people were exceedingly kind, which encouraged him to do his level best in attending to their medical wants. (Applause.) He never regretted coming amongst them; but it did cause him no small amount of regret when the time arrived for him to have to say good-bye to a great many of his friends. It was very unfortunate that Dr. Marshall should have been overtaken with a serious illness, because that gentleman had been exceedingly kind to him. He had assisted him in more ways than one, and in fact he had been more to him than even a brother. As long as he lived he would never forget the kindness of Dr. Marshall. He trusted that with care and medical attention he would have a speedy recovery. Let him thank them most sincerely for their gifts. The very fact of him receiving a purse of gold made up of small subscriptions, showed that his services had been appreciated. He came amongst them a perfect stranger, but he found the people to be true friends. He must confess that he had a peculiar manner, but he carried with it no ill-feeling towards anyone. He took this opportunity of thanking them one and all for their kindness towards him. The people of Hamsterley and neighbourhood would ever remain dear to him for many reasons. They were a class of people whom any medical practitioner could get on with. He felt that he could not do sufficient for them whilst labouring in their midst. With regard to Dr. Marshall he could only say that he always found him to be a perfect gentleman, during the three years that he worked for him as an assistant. In Dr. Marshall they had a splendid physician, and he could only urge upon them whilst the agitation was going on in the County of Durham about the fee question, that whatever they did, let them stand by their present doctor. They had a surgery in their midst second to none in the county of Durham,—(applause)—and Dr. Marshall was one of those gentlemen who believed in securing for his patients the very best medicine. (Applause.) This was the third testimonial that he had received during his life-time, and he could assure them that it would be valued. The illuminated address would be handed down as a heirloom to his family. He must thank the committee for promoting the testimonial, and anything he could do for them in any way they had not to be afraid to speak. He was always willing and ready to lend a helping hand to any of his fellow-workmen. (Applause.) He would always be glad to render whatever assistance he could, and he need hardly tell them that it was his intention to assist in carrying out Dr. Marshall's work till that gentleman was fully restored to health again. (Applause.) He found through the presentation that he had the good-wishes of a great many friends, and he only hoped that he would do nothing to sever or even disgrace that friendship. Let him once more heartily thank them for their gifts. (Applause.)

Mr. Russell, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Storey also spoke.

Dr. Dodds, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, referred to the great kindness that he had recived from that gentleman.

This was seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried.

A similar compliment to the committee, secretary, and treasurer, concluded the gathering.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Mr. Whitaker, manager of the West Stanley Gas Works, is leaving the district to take up a responsible position in the Corporation Gas Works at Rotherham.

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Sam Wood's numerous friends in Stanley noted with pleasure a big batting performance of his on Saturday against Northumberland County at Jesmond.

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In a style described as "marvellous" and "faultless" he knocked up 62 not out and saved his side from defeat.

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The Pelton Fell Floral Society held their first show last year under most auspicious circumstances and their second effort on Saturday next promises to be even more successful. Their programme is both extensive and attractive.

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The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, who will probably visit Stanley next month, completed the fiftieth year of his priesthood on the 23rd of December last, having been ordained in 1843 by Bishop Hogarth.

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QUEENSLAND AND ITS RESOURCES.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. J. W. FAWCETT.

Seeing in the "Consett Guardian" a week ago that Mr. J. W. Fawcett, of Satley, had returned from Queensland, and wishing to learn something about that colony, I made up my mind to call upon that gentleman and obtain my information. I was saved the trouble of going to Satley on purpose, by accidentally meeting with him in the streets of Consett one day last week. When I stated my requirements he pleasingly intimated that he would gladly assist me all he could. As the result of my interview might be interesting to some of the readers of this paper I have much pleasure in giving you a brief resume of it:—

"I believe Queensland in a very large colony; is that so," I asked.

"Yes, it is a large country. You could put eleven England and Wales's into it and then have some space to spare. It would hold more than six hundred counties of Durham, set side by side, very comfortably. Comparing it with European nations I may say that it is five-and-a-half times larger than England, Scotland and Ireland put together, nearly four times the area of France, six times that of Italy, and nearly as large as Spain and Portugal, France and Austria joined together. To give you a more definite idea of the great size of the colony I may say that it is 1,300 miles in length by over 900 miles in breadth. I have ridden on horseback from the southern boundary of the colony to its northern extremity, and allowing one hundred miles per week—which is pretty fair travelling when long distances are to be gone over—it would take one thirteen weeks—over three months—to ride from one end of it to the other."

"It is a large country, right enough, and what population may it contain?" I further asked.

"The population of Queensland, as near as I can say, is a little over half-a-million—less than the population of some of the English third-class towns," replied Mr. Fawcett.

"And is that all?" I asked in astonishment.

"Yes, that is all, at present; but there's room for a good many more half-millions."

"And how is trade?"

"When I left trade and every kind of industry was very brisk. To give you a single instance of this, one iron-foundry had two years' work in hand, whilst everything in the colony was nothing but bustle and goaheadness."

"Weren't times bad in Queensland a year or two ago?"

"No! When the bank failures of 1892 took place she suffered in common with the other colonies, but times could not be said to be bad. All the effects of these have gone, and the colony is progressing steadily and distinctly; in fact, she has entered on era of sure and growing prosperity."

"Would you advise anyone to go out there?" I next inquired.

"If anyone is not satisfied with what he or she is doing in this country they could go to a great deal worse place than Queensland. The climate is good and there are dozens of openings."

"What kind of labour is most wanted at present, and what kind of persons would you recommend to go?"

"Farm labourers and those who understand the ins and outs of agriculture, and also domestic servants. The former, if good, steady, industrious men, who know their work, will never be idle, whilst the latter are always in demand."

"What might the wages of such persons be?"

"Farm labourers get from ten shillings to a pound a week, with board and lodgings, according to the districts they go to; whilst domestic servants range from eight to fifteen shillings per week and board and lodgings. Cooks and laundresses get more—up to twenty-two and sixpence and twenty-five shillings a week—but they must be good at their work."

"And what about tradespeople?"

"If they have work at home and are satisfied, let them stay, but if they are not content, and are willing to rough it a little, and, if not able to find work on arrival, at their own trade, are willing to take any other kind of labour until an opening comes, let them go—they will get on. None should go there, however, in the expectation of sitting down and waiting for work to come to them."

"Can a man take up farming land there from the Government?"

"Yes, every assistance is given by the Government to those persons who wish to take up farms, and the conditions are reasonable."

"Do they give implements, horses, and seed to farmers who may require them?"

"No—there is nothing of that."

"Then you would recommend it as a country for a young man to go who wishes to go somewhere and make a start for himself?"

"Yes, certainly—but he must be steady, sober, and industrious, neither afraid of hardships nor work, willing to do without comforts and luxuries for a time, and, above all things, keep away from intoxicating liquors. If he is this, he will get on, and if he goes in for agriculture (which is the backbone of every country) there is nothing to stop him from making a home for himself, and getting an independent living."

"Thank you, I am very much obliged to you for your kindness.—Good-day."

THOMAS JOHNSON, Tow Law.

MARLEY HILL BAND SPORTS.

The members of the Marley Hill Band are making efforts to build a room in which to hold their weekly practices and to this end instituted some sports, which were held in a field at Fellside, kindly lent by Mr. W. Noble, Fellside, for the occasion. The day was fine, notwithstanding a strong wind which had given the committee men some trouble during the morning, by blowing down the tent, which they afterwards were able to erect in a more sheltered place. Mr. J. Clark discharged the duties of secretary in his usually efficient way. The 120 yards foot handicap secured nine entries, which were divided into three heats, and which resulted as follows:—Heat 1—1, F. Wilkinson, Blaydon; 2, J. Layburn, Winlaton; 3 M. Larmer, Blaydon. Heat 2—1, J. Reay, Derwenthaugh; 2, T. White, Blaydon; 3 M. Ellison, Winlaton. Heat 3—1, N. Nicholson, Marley Hill; 2, C. Hudspith, Byer Moor; 3, J. Wood, Burnopfield. Final—1, J. Reay, 2, F. Wilkinson; 3, N. Nicholson. Mr. R. Dillon, of Sunniside was handicapper and pistol firer, while Mr. T. Collins, of Street Gate, was judge. For the tug of war four entries were received during the procedure of the competition; there was a considerable amount of excitement and interest shown. The following is the result:—First tie—Grant's team beat Colling's team; Dillon's team beat Gibson's team. Final—Dillon's team beat Grant's and won. The quoit handicap seemed to be the most popular event, for which there were 28 entries. After many exciting games were played L. McCannon, of Taufield Lea, was declared the winner of the three parts. The handicapper and judge were Messrs R. Meddick and T. Hinds.

Weardale Board of Guardians.

Mr J. W. Roddam, J.P., presided at Friday's ordinary meeting at Stanhope.—The removal of the County Court from Wolsingham to Bishop Auckland and Consett was keenly discussed from the standpoint of the extreme inconvenience to the general public it would cause, besides the increased expense of journeying from Weardale to Bishop Auckland, and from Tow Law to Consett.—On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Currey, a resolution was carried to the effect that an appeal be made to the Lord Chancellor. It was also decided to write and ask Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., to support their resolution.—Mr. Mainprize, according to notice of motion, moved the following resolution, which was carried:—"In the opinion of the Guardians for this union, it is desirable that Guardians should be invested with power to remove to the Workhouse aged paupers in receipt of outrelief who are in a dirty and helpless condition, with no one to take care of them, and unable to take care of themselves; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to other Boards of Guardians, with a view to their adopting a similar resolution."—Mr. Mainprize took exception to the cost of removing a person to Sedgefield Asylum, viz., £4 18s. He said it cost £1 more now than it did some time ago. He asked for particulars. He thought it very high.

EXHIBITION WEEK AT USHAW COLLEGE

Prize Distribution by Bishop Wilkinson.

Last week was "Exhibition" or "Grand Week," as it is more familiarly termed, and is always an important event in the annals of St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw. The week is one of special remembrance both to the present students, and to the old alumni of the College, who recall the incidents of former occasions with pleasing recollections. The list of visitors to the College was very large, embracing close upon one hundred priests. Amongst these were his Grace the Archbishop of Trebizond, the Lord Bishop of Middlesbrough, the Lord Bishop of Menevia, Mgr. Prior, Canon Carlile (Stockton), Canon Collingwood, Canon Gillow (Sacriston), Canon Jas. Gordon, Canon Hayes, Canon Kennedy, Canon Pyke, Canon Rooney, V.G. (Darlington), Canon Watson, Revs. Jos. Barker, E. Beech, A. Bennett, H. Berry (Walker), F. Blake, J. Bradley (S. Shields), R. Brown, L. Burke, E. Carr, J. Clavering, A. Collingwood, E. Costello, J. Croskell, C. Dunne (Amble), H. Dix, R. Gilmore, M. Gorse, F. Hall, R. Harris (Esh), L. Kehoe, E. Laing, J. Lawless, J. Lee, W. Leeming, A. Leonard, J. Little (Bishop Auckland), J. Locke, P. Lonsdale, E. Lupton, H. Mackin, H. Mann (Grammar School, Newcastle), P. Morgan, J. Myerscough, W. Newsham (Newcastle), A. Pippett (Crook), E. Pike, J. Rigby (Darlington), H. Roche, A. Saxton, D. Scott, F. Segesser, J. Shea, A. Simmons, F. Smith, W. Smith, J. Smith, R. Thornton (Durham), A. Walmsley, R. Whiteside, W. wickwar (W. Hartlepool), A. Wilkinson; Messrs Acton Vincent, F. Bentley, J. Broadhead, C. Brown, R. Corbishley, Bert Gibson, R. Gilmore, W. Leadbitter-Smith, Jas. Leeming, Jas. Lonsdale, J. P., Maxwell, R. Myerscough, Louis Norman, R. Preston, P. P. Pugin, J. M. Smith, Geo. Storey, Jas. Taylor-Smith, Wilf. Turnbull, M. Verdon, P. Verdon, J. F. Warrington, Jos. Wilson, and S. Young.

On Monday evening a most interesting performance of the drama, "The Silver King," in four acts, composed by H. A. Jones and H. Herman, was successfully given. The piece was admirably staged. The acting evoked the heartiest applause. On Tuesday morning the handsome cricket pavilion, which has been in course of erection for some time, was formally opened by the President, the Right Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, who delivered a short address. After the ceremony a cricket match, Past v. Present students, was played, resulting in a decisive victory for the latter.

On Tuesday evening the students gave an interesting performance of an opera, entitled "The Red Cap," arranged in four acts by the Very Rev. Canon Gillow. This proved to be as interesting a piece as was the performance of the previous evening. The scene is laid in Venice. The piece is an admirable production and arrangement, and to the author and the actors every credit is due. The principal parts were:—Cornario (a Venetian Noble, Chairman of the Council of Ten, and Procurator of the Secret Council of Three), R. Bilsborrow; Sassafrasso, W. Hodson; Leone, J. Tallon; Beppo, C. Kane; Officer of the Sbirri, R. Roche; Scriblino, W. C. Hudson.

On Wednesday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, Bishop of Hexham. After Mass the prizes were distributed in the large hall by the President, who was supported by the Bishops of Trebizond, Middlesbrough, and Menevia, and Fathers Brown and Thornton. The twenty pounds were awarded by St. Cuthbert's Society out of the Jubilee prize fund for the Latin essay was won by Mr Wm. Dunne. English essay prize, on "The Influence of the Catholic Church on Civilization"—First prize, £10, Mr Joseph Fitzpatrick; second prize, £7, Mr Peter Higgins; third prize, £5, Mr Joseph Fitzsimmons. Dogmatic and Moral Theology—First prize, £10, Mr Wm. Dunne; second prize, £6, Mr John Lynch; third prize, £4, Mr Patrick Lynn. Sermon Writing—First prize, £7, Mr Harold Burton; second prize, £5, Mr Peter Higgins; third prize, £3, Mr Joseph Fitzsimmons. Philosophy—First prize, £15, Mr Richard Bilsbarrow; second prize, £10, Mr Wm. Clarkson; third prize, £7, Mr Leopold Maguire; fourth prize, £5, Mr Daniel Fogarty; fifth prize, £3, Mr Joseph Tallon. Honours Examination — Humanities — First Class:—First prize and silver medal, Mr Thos. Dunne; second prize and bronze medal, Mr Augustine Forkin; highest merit, Messrs Leo. Prescott, Edward Stephens, and Francis Wilkinson. Second Class:—First prize and silver medal, Mr Edward Towers; second prize and bronze medal, Mr George McNamee; highest merit, Messrs Alex Johnstone and Edward Howard. Third Class:—First prize and silver medal, Mr Chas. Tindall; second prize and bronze medal, Mr Thos. Warrington. Fourth Class:—First prize and silver medal, Mr Edward Tuskey; second prize and bronze medal, Mr Francis McCabe; highest merit, Mr Alphonsus Harker. First Class Rudiments:—First prize, Mr Maximilianus D. Andria; highest merit, Messrs McDonnell, Whiteside, Mulcahy, Norman, O'Connor, Manby, and Meagher. Prize for Highest Marks—Languages—First prize, Mr Edward Stephens; second prize, Mr Thomas Dunne. Mathematics—First prize, Mr Thos. Dunne; second prize, Mr Augustine Forkin. Second Class—Languages—First prize, Mr Edward Towers; second prize, Mr George McNamee. Third Class—Languages—First prize, Mr Joseph Meagher; second prize, Mr Chas. Tindall. Mathematics—First prize, Mr Chas. Tindall; second prize, Mr Francis Ferrers. English History—First prize, Mr Joseph Meagher; Fourth Class—Languages—First prize, Mr Edward Tuskey; second prize, Mr Francis McCabe. Mathematics—First prize, Mr Edward Tuskey, second prize, Mr Francis McCabe. Roman History—First prize, Mr Charles Sidney. Rudimentary Languages—First prize, Mr Leo. Widdop; second prize, Mr Maximilianus D. Andria. Mathematics—First prize, Maximilianus D. Andria; second prize, Leo. Widdop. Greek History—First prize, Maximilianus D. Andria. Second Class—Rudimentary Languages—First prize, William Lamb; second prize, Joseph Dunne. Writing—Advocias Coopmans. English History—William Lamb. Third Class—Languages—First prize, David Harcus; second prize, Joseph Saunders. Mathematics—First prize, Leo Tuohey; second prize, Jacob Dent. Writing—Thos. Meagher. Fourth Class—Languages—First prize, Carolus Taylor; second prize, Geo. Holliday. Arithmetic—First prize, Cornelius Ness; second prize, William Knowles. Writing—George Sargent. Fifth Class—Languages—Geoffrey Byrne. Arithmetic—Geoffrey Byrne. Writing—Edward Fitzgerald. Sacred History—Robert Worsley. Christian Doctrine—First Class—First prize, John Bull; second prize, Jacob Bonney. Second Class—First prize, Edward Towers; second prize, Alex. Johnston. Third Class—First prize, Thomas Warrington; second prize, Joseph Meagher. Fourth Class—First prize, Augustine Pickering; second prize, Edward Tuohey. First Class—Rudiments—First prize, Thos. Whiteside; second prize, Leo. Widdop. Second Class—First prize, Joseph Dunne; second prize, Leolinus Jones. Third Class—First prize, Joseph Fremer; second prize, G. Dickinson. Fourth Class—First prize, M. Namee; second prize, Sargent. Fifth Class—Mr Grugeen.

After the prize distribution Bishop Wilkinson congratulated the students on the close of another well-spent year—those who had so deservedly won prizes, and those who, though probably as deserving, were not victorious. As in games, so in prizes; the excellence was won by happy chance. He trusted they would spend the vacation as well as they had spent the school year. (Applause.) He wished to extend a hearty welcome to their visitors, who were present in such large numbers this year.

His Grace the Archbishop of Trebizond referred to the progress of the College in its buildings, and also to the high standard of the education given there.

Bishop Mostyn spoke of the pleasure of being present under the roof of Alma Mater. He referred to the splendid cricket pavilion, and went on to dwell in glowing terms on the positions secured by Ushaw students at the various public examinations.

This concluded the prize distribution.

A meeting of St. Cuthbert's Society was held during the afternoon, and was largely attended.

WEARDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday, Mr. J. W. Roddam presiding.—The Clerk reported that the crop of hay at Westgate sewerage field had been let for £6 to Mr. J. Kidd.—A letter was read from the Wolsingham Parish Council, containing a copy of a resolution which had been passed by a large majority, condemning the action of the District Council in respect to Mr. Fenwick's offer to Wolsingham Park Road. The Parish Council asked that the matter be considered, adding that the Parish Council represented the ratepayers.—Mr. Snowdon thought the Parish Council were hardly elected for this sort of thing.—The Chairman thought the Parish Council could not interfere in the matter, which had received the most careful consideration.—Mr. Mainprize said he told the Parish Council that they were riding for a fall.—In reply to a question, Mr. Mainprize said that six out of 11 members voted for the resolution. He thought it best to take no further notice of it. It was decided, however, to write the Parish Council, and again point out that the question had been fully considered.—The Clerk read several letters in respect to the removal of Wolsingham County Court to Bishop Auckland and Consett, from Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., the Lord Chancellor, and Mr. Milburn, Clerk to the Tow Law Urban Council. The letter from the Lord Chancellor's secretary pointed out that the Wolsingham County Court office would still be kept open for the convenience of local suitors. Considerable discussion took place over the question. The District Council were unanimous in opposing the removal, and passed a resolution which is to be sent to the Lord Chancellor, against the proposed removal. A committee was further appointed, which included the Chairman, Dr. Gray, and Mr. Snowdon, to consider what further steps could be taken in the matter, with a view to keeping the court at Wolsingham. The change seems very unpopular with the public.—The Pitts well at Wolsingham is to be closed, as unfit for use. The water has been analysed by the public analyist, and condemned as quite unfit for use.—Mr. Muschamp proposed, and Dr. Grey seconded, a resolution to close it.—It was decided to put a ford in the river near St. John's Chapel, for the convenience of the public at Huntshield Ford and Sidehead.—The Surveyor reported encroachments on the road side at St. John's, Wolsingham, by Mr. Backhouse's coachman, who had taken a garden plot in. Notice is to be given for the removal of the obstruction.—A similar case occurring at Crawleyside, Stanhope, is to be dealt with.—The County Council is to be notified respecting it.

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THE STEEL TRADE.

Meeting of Conciliation Board.

The half-yearly meeting of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the manufactured iron and steel trade of the North of England was held at the Station Hotel, Newcastle, on Friday afternoon, Ald. William Whitewell, J.P., Thornaby, presiding. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr James Cox, and representatives of employers and operatives were present from the following works:—Thornaby, Malleable, Malleable Steel Department, Moor, Rise Carr, Consett, Park (Gateshead), Newburn, Jarrow, Monkwearmouth, Tudhoe, Spennymoor, and West ...l.

THE HALF-YEARLY REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr J. B. Winpenny) read the half-yearly report of the Standing Committee, which stated that there was an increase of three in number of works in membership with the Board, the Moor and West Hartlepool Works, the South Durham Steel and Iron Company, Ltd., and the Spennymoor Works of Sir Theodore Fry and Company. The total number of works now in membership was 13. The average number of operative subscribing members was 4,666, against 4,081, an increase of 595 during the six months. The statement of receipts and expenditure for that time showed the income to have been £830, made up of £375 balance in hand and £455 receipts, and the expenditure £459, leaving a balance of £371 in hand. The committee presented a list of the cases, to the number of four, which had been considered by them, two of which were still under consideration. With regard to the general wages, the committee reported that three ascertainments of the net selling price of finished iron had been received since the last report. The price of those and the effect of the same upon the wages under the sliding scale were shown in the following table:—

Period.	Tons.	Average Net Selling Price. £ s. d.	Effect upon wages under sliding scale
2 months ending Feb. 28, 1899 ...	25,382	5 13 2.86	2½ p.c. advance
2 months ending April 30, 1899 ...	27,307	5 17 2.17	no change.
2 months ending June 30, 1899 ...	27,092	6 0 6.25	2½ p.c. advance

The following cases had come before the Standing Committee:—Consett Works—Claim of the shearmen's helpers in the light plate mills to be paid the same rates as are paid in the heavy plate mills.

Newburn works—Claim of shearmen, markers, holders-up, and forkers for increase of rates.

Jarrow works—Claim of sheet mill men for compensation for heats lost.

Consett works—Claim of slingers in the angle mill for an advance.

West Hartlepool works—Claim of rollers in Nos. 1, 2 and 3 mills for alteration of rates.

The two last-named cases were still under the consideration of the Standing Committee. With regard to the Consett light plate mill (shearmen's helpers) the Standing Committee, after a prolonged and careful consideration, were unable to agree upon a decision, and the case, in accordance with the ruling, had to go to the referee. Sir David Dale had written that he thought it would be inexpedient for him to undertake the decision of the matter, and asking the Board to relieve him of the duty. If, however, the Board found itself unable to agree upon an arbitrator, he should be willing to nominate one if so desired. The Standing Comittee had unanimously agreed to ask Dr. Spence Watson to undertake the position of arbitrator in the case.

Steelworkers' wages.—There had been two advances in the wages of steel millmen at the works affected by the scale that applied to them, namely 2½ per cent. from the beginning of April, and 2½ per cent. from the beginning of the current month.

The Committee felt they could not close the present report without alluding to the great loss the Board and the cause of industrial conciliation and arbitrtion generally had sustained by the death of Mr Edward Trow, the Operatives' Secretary. The Board had already placed on record their appreciation of his services, but they took the present opportunity of recognising in a more public manner the value of the services rendered by him, and the consistent and courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of Operatives' Secretary to the Board during the long term of years he held that office. The Board had also sustained a loss during the year by the death of Mr Jeremiah Head, who filled the office of treasurer on the employers' side.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said during the past year they had carried on their Board of Arbitration and Conciliation in the usual manner, and, he thought, quite as effectively and quite as usefully as in previous years. They had, however, had a deep sorrow during the past year in the loss of one who had been very much appreciated by the people of the North of England, one whose memory was respected and honoured, and whose character and the working of whose life would never be forgotten—their dear old friend Edward Trow. He thought the usefulness of the Board was still eminently appreciated by every one of its members, and by those kindred trades in the North of England which were brought so intimately into contact with it in connection with their ordinary business. They had very little need for a referee, arbitrator, or anybody else in connection with their work. They had got on very satisfactorily together. On behalf of the employers he might say it had been a continued pleasure to work with the operatives. Their old character of fairness one towards another had not been forgotten. He congratulated them on the continued success of the Board and on the increased usefulness of the work it was now doing.

Mr James Cox seconded. Referring to a speech delivered by Sir David Dale at Leeds, he hoped the younger generation would take advantage of the advice he had given. It was a matter for congratulation that the spirit of arbitration and conciliation seemed to be in the air, and that all trades were adopting that method of settling disputes, instead of the older and more brutal method of strike and lock-out.

The report was then adopted.

On the proposition of Mr Higgins, of Thornaby, Mr James Cox was unanimously elected to fill the post rendered vacant by the death of Mr Trow.

On the motion of Mr Cox, Mr Welsh, of Jarrow, was elected with unanimity to the post of vice-president of the Board.

The Chairman paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late Mr Jeremiah Head. Mr Cox, on behalf of the operatives, also adding his tribute of praise.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Mr Thackeray, of Monkwearmouth, was elected treasurer in the place of Mr Head.

The meeting then ended.

MR WATERHOUSE'S RETURN.

Mr Waterhouse's return has been made to the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trade of the North of England, for May and June, being received at Darlington. Messrs Winpenny and Cox, the secretaries of the Board, declare that in accordance with the sliding scale arrangement there will be an advance of 2½ per cent. in wages for the months of August and September. Mr Waterhouse's declaration is as follows:—Having collected from the firms and companies belonging to or associated for this purpose with your Board, the returns of their sales of manufactured iron for the two months ending 30th June last, and having verified the same by an examination of their books, I certify the average net selling price per ton to have been £6 0s. 6.25d. Beneath is a statement of the different classes of iron sold, and the average net selling price of each:—

Sales during the two months ending 30th June, 1899.

Description.	Weight invoiced. T.	C.	Q.	L.	Percentage of total.	Average net selling price per ton.
Rails	652	13	3	21	2.41	6 7 11.19
Plates	10,135	0	2	0	37.41	6 1 5.66
Bars	12,925	4	2	8	47.71	6 0 9.23
Angles	3,379	12	1	23	12.47	5 19 1.84
Total	27,092	11	1	24	100.00	6 0 6.25

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) EDWIN WATERHOUSE.
3, Fredericks Place, Old Jewry, E.C.,
24th July, 1899.

The previous return for the months of March and April gave the average net selling price per ton of rails, plates, bars, and angles at £5 17s 2.17d, and the production of the four classes of iron at 27,307 tons.

This return must be regarded as very encouraging whether as respects production or prices. In the matter of outputs seeing that the Easter and Whitsun holidays caused interruptions to work and that it is difficult to maintain an average output in hot weather as workmen absent themselves, the results are much more satisfactory than could be expected. The production is only 200 tons less than in March and April—27,092 tons as compared with 27,307 tons, whilst there was a considerable less quantity turned out in January and February, 25,382 tons. Taking the first half of the year the production of manufactured iron in rails, plates, bars and angles was 79,782 tons; in 1897, 81,255 tons, and in the first half of 1896 69,400 tons. As compared with May and June last year the production now given is in round figures 3,000 tons more. It is interesting to compare the results now with those in the last great improvement in trade. In May and June, 1889, 10 years since the production was 55,284 tons, or more than double that now presented. The descrepancy is due to the advances made by steel in superseding iron. As regards prices the results are more noticeable than in the matter of production. There has been an advance for May and June in the net average price, of 3s 4d; for the two months ending April the increase was 4s, and in the first two months of the year 3s 3d—making a total increase in the six months of 10s 7d. As the higher priced contracts come on the books we may expect still more marked advances in the latter half of the year. The £6 0s 6d given by the present return by no means comes up to the rates in the last boom of trade when £6 16s 6d was touched in the early part of 1890. The return of prices regulates wages by the sliding scale and ironworkers gain 2½ per cent. upon the rise now presented. The ironworkers have with two previous advances this year had a rise in wages of 7½ per cent.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW, Monday.—Mr. Vickers had forward 34 dairy cows and heifers, 9 fat cattle, 5 store cattle, 7 calves, and 47 fat sheep and lambs. Dairy cows made up to £20 10s; fat kyloes to £13 2s 6d; store cattle to £7 7s 6d; calves to 36s. Fat sheep to 35s 6d, from Mr W. Walburn, Witton-le-Wear; fat lambs to 28s 9d, from Mr T. Morrell, Stand Alone; 26s 3d, from Mr T. Robinson, Sunniside; 26s, from Mr G. Tomlinson, Park Wall. Small show on account of farmers being hay-making. Cows a dear trade. Beef to 8s per stone, mutton to 8d per lb.

HENNIELDSIDE, Monday.—In consequence of the fine weather and the fact that most of the farmers are busy with their hay, the supplies at this mart were much smaller than usual. The number forward were:—150 fat sheep and lambs, 7 fat beasts, 1 milk cow, 2 calves, and 4 horses. The attendance was also moderate. Trade was rather slow and prices ruled low. Lambs made up to 35s 6d; sheep to 47s a piece; fat beasts from £12 10s to £15 5s; cow, £12; calves up to 66s; and horses, £5 5s. A quantity of harness, whips, ropes, and other farming accessories were sold.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr. James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 12 fat cattle, 140 fat sheep and lambs, 1 fat bull, 14 SH incalving and newly-calved cows, calves, young pigs, Whitechapel trap, sundries, &c. There was a fair attendance of butchers, considering the weather we are now having for hay-making. Lambs were not quite so much money, but mutton and beef realised good prices. The supply of beef was the smallest this season, and quite unequal to the demand. Prices as follows:—SH incalving and newly-calved cows to £21, for a very grand cow from Mr F. Harrison, Stret House, Ponteland. Fat cattle: Bullocks to £17, top Mr E. J. Weightman, 'Middle Herrington; heifers, top Mr G. Thompson, Upper Houses, Lanchester; fat cows to £20, top Mr E. J. Weightman; fat bulls, top Mr J. D. Taylor, Chester Moor; calves to £3 2s 6d. Fat lambs to 40s 6d, top Mr J. R. Turnbull, Pelton Grange; fat shearlings to 56s, from the south; fat ewes to 45s 6d, the Birtley Iron Company. Young pigs to 22s 6d.

Darlington Horse and Dog Show.

Local Prize Winners.

On Friday, at the 40th annual exhibition of the South Durham and Yorkshire Horse and Dog Show Society, held in the Park at Darlington, the following were the local prize-winners—In the tenant farmers' class for yearly geldings or fillies, the second prize was won by Mr U. A. Ritson, jun., White House, Burnhope. In the class for St. Bernards (rough or smooth), Mr F. R. Fenwick, Ryton, gained the third ticket, and also a first for the dogs and bitches (novice) in the same class. Miss Grace A. Kerrich-Walker, Chester-le-Street, was awarded the second prize in the class for dogs and bitches (novice), St. Bernards. In the class for collies (rough coated), Mr H. Armstrong, Lumley Grange, gained a second. Mr John Best, Stanhope, won a second in the class for greyhounds. In the class for Irish terriers (dogs), limit, Mr Stephen Wilkinson, Chester-le-Street, was awarded a second prize. In the class for non-sporting puppies, the second prize was won by Miss Grace A. Kerrich-Walker, Chester-le-Street.

Lintz Rovers A.F.C.

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the above club was held in the Black Horse Inn, Burnopfield, Mr. A. Mason presiding. The treasurer's report was very satisfactory, showing a good balance in hand after all expenses had been met. The following officers were duly elected for the incoming season:—Chairman, Mr A. Mason; corresponding secretary, Mr J. Irving; financial secretary, Mr J. Gannon; treasurer, Mr J. Sinclair; captain, Mr R. Ryle; vice-captain, Mr J. Sinclair; lineman and trainer, Mr J. Lee; committee, Messrs T. Harrison, F. Hughes, W. Harrison, J. Cairns, and J. Connelly.

Presentation to Mr. R. Pyle.

After the annual meeting the Rovers presented Mr R. Pyle with a handsome china tea service of elegant design and finish. Mr Gannon, who made the presentation, said that all the members of the club knew that "Bobby" had been a sound trier for the Lintz team, and he was worthy of the present they were giving him that night. He was a credit to the team. He was very popular, and always turned out fit to play, so he had been elected captain for the incoming season. (Applause.) In handing over the present on behalf of the club, he hoped Mr and Mrs Pyle would live for years to use it, and he could point to it and say, "I got that from the Lintz Rovers."—Mr Pyle, in thanking the club for its kindness towards him, said it made him very happy to receive such a nice present, and he thanked them one and all. He would always keep a warm corner in his heart for the Lintz Rovers. (Applause.)—The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

BLAYDON.

ASSAULTS ON THE POLICE.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday Wm. Morris, a middle-aged man, who resides at Bank Foot, Blaydon, was charged with assaulting P.C. Turley whilst in the execution of his duty at Blaydon on the 22nd July. The accused pleaded not guilty. —P.C. Turley attested that on July 22nd, at 12.30 a.m., he was on duty in Church Street, Blaydon, when he saw the accused, who was fighting with another man. Whilst witness was conveying the defendant to the police-station he lay down upon the road and refused to walk. Witness struggled with Morris, who lay upon his back and kicked witness upon the arms and chest, and also upon his legs, from which he had suffered very much in consequence. Witness blew his whistle, and Sergeant Riddle came to his assistance.—Sergt Riddle said that on the date in question he was in the police office when he heard the sound of a policeman's whistle Witness went outside, and found the officer struggling with the defendant who was lying upon the ground and kicking the officer.—The accused was fined 10/- and costs:—Patrick Morris and Margaret Morris were next placed in the dock charged with obstructing P.C. Turley whilst in the execution of his duty.—P.C. Turley stated at 12.30 a.m. on July 22nd, whilst he was taking the prisoner, Wm. Morris, into custody, the two defendants attempted to rescue the prisoner from witness.—Sergt. Riddle stated that he went to the assistance of witness, whom he found struggling with Morris. When he got upon the scene Patrick Morris had hold of the constable by the arm, whilst Margaret Morris had hold of the prisoner by the shoulder. When they got the prisoner further along the road the female defendant again got hold of the prisoner, and had to be pushed away. In reply to Supt. Rutherford, witness said that he believed the man would have gone quietly had he not had several friends to back him up.—The female defendant in her defence said that she told the prisoner to "go with him when you have to go or else he will batter you." The prisoner then replied, "I'm half dead now. —The defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs.

WOLSINGHAM.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding took place at the Parish Church on Saturday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Gale, daughter of Mr T. Gale, and Mr John Urwin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Urwin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev F. H. Eales, M.A. The bride, who was giving away by her father, had two bridesmaids, Miss Pickering, of Durham, and Miss Robson. Mr Holmes, of Newcastle, acted as best man. The happy couple left by the 9 a.m. train for Scarborough (where the honeymoon will be spent) amidst showers of confetti and good wishes. We wish the young couple every success and happiness in their married life.

SWALWELL.

SAD DROWNING FATALITY.—On Sunday night a sad drowning fatality occurred at Derwenthaugh, the victim being a youth named William Forster, nine years of age, who lived with his parents at Brewery Bank, Swalwell. It is stated that the youth was attempting to pass from a ship lying at Derwenthaugh Staiths to the landing, when he fell into the river. An alarm was immediately raised, but when assistance arrived, the youth had sunk from view. Dragging operations were commenced, but up to the time of writing the body had not been recovered.

WHICKHAM.

HOMING SOCIETY.—On Saturday, the members of the Whickham Society held a successful pigeon sweep, in which a goodly number of competitors took part. The birds were liberated on Lobley Hill, and flew to their respective dove-cote at Whickham, a distance of about two miles, with the following results:—George Wake, 1st; T. Hickson and T. Johnson (equal second); H. Harm, 4th. The bird, which flew against a strong head wind, accomplished the distance in good time, the time occupied by the winner being 2 minutes 58 3-5 seconds. Messrs T. Gardner and J. Crass officiated as time-keepers, whilst Mr G. Cadwallader discharged the duties of handicapper.

NOMINATIONS.—Saturday was the last day for nominations for the vacancy in Whickham Urban District Council, caused by the death of Mr Robert Rotherford, of Ravensworth, and the following have been received by Mr Thomas Lambert, clerk to the Council:—Isaac Bewley, Ellison Road, Dunston, builder; Charles McIntyre, School House, Dunston, schoolmaster; George Noble, Orchard Place, Dunston, grocer; Edward Taylor, The Durdans, Whickham, manufacturer; Septimus Wright, Ravensworth election, if one is held, will be Wednesday, the Road, Dunston, engineer. The day for the 9th prox.—On Tuesday evening three of the Dunston candidates, namely:—Messrs Charles McIntyre, George Noble, and Septimus Wright, who have been nominated, agreed to withdraw in favour of Mr Isaac Bewley, and, therefore, only two candidates will contest the vacancy, namely:—Mr Edward Taylor, manufacturer, The Durdans, Whickham; and Mr Isaac Bewley, builder, Ellison Road, Dunston.

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The Half-Yearly Meeting.

Presentation to Mr. T. D. Dryden.

On Thursday evening of last week, the half-yearly meeting of the members of this institution was held in the Small Hall, of the New Town Hall, Consett. There was a capital attendance, presided over by Mr. James Oliver, of Victoria House. The Delves. Amongst those present were:—Messrs T. L. Gledstone, R. Park, E. J. Kirkhouse, T. Heslop, E. J. Colmar, W. Harrison, W. Redshaw, J. Pescod, T. Milner, J. R. Brodie, P. Surtees, T. D. Dryden, T. D. Robinson, and the Secretary (Mr W. Eales.)

Report and Financial Statement.

The Chairman stated that they would commence the business of the meeting by the Secretary reading the half-yearly report and financial statement, which was as follows:—

To the members.—In submitting their 30th half-yearly report for the period ending 30th June, your committee have again the pleasure of recording another successful six months' operations. There is practically no increase in the membership of the institution. Commencing the new year with a credit balance of £64 7s 6d, the income during the period under review amounted to £94 19s, making a total of £159 6s 6d.

The receipts from the billiard table realised £42 6s, as against £39 17s 9d in the previous half-year, and £39 10s in the corresponding period of last year. The amount paid as members' subscriptions reached £45 17s 6d, as compared with £38 14s 2d in the preceding six months ending Dec. 31st, 1898, and £45 13s 2d in the corresponding part of last year. The working and other expenses represent £84 12s 6d, leaving a balance of £74 14s in your treasurer's hands on June 30th, 1899.

The Reading and Recreation Rooms—especially the former—continues to be very liberally patronised. The demand for books continues to be as large as ever; there being an increase of about 100 volumes issued from the library within the last six months, bringing the total number of books lent out to 2,100. A new catalogue was issued at the beginning of the year.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and financial statement, said he could only say that it was a very satisfactory one, and that the institution was in a flourishing condition. As each meeting came round they found it was still improving, and this in itself reflected a considerable amount of credit on the committee and officers for the way they managed the whole concern.

Mr. Kirkhouse seconded, and expressed his pleasure at the condition of the institution.

The adoption of the report was unanimously agreed to.

Election of a Committee-man.

The Chairman said they required a gentleman to act on the committee in the place of Mr Edward Surtees, resigned.

It was resolved, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gledstone, that Mr R. W. Shaw, of Villa Real, should fill the vacancy.

The other business transacted was of a formal character.

THE PRESENTATION.

After the whole of the business had been transacted, the Chairman presented Mr T. D. Dryden with a handsome silver-mounted white ebony auctioneer's hammer, in recognition of the services which he had given most gratuitously by officiating as an auctioneer at the half-yearly sales of newspapers and magazines in connection with the institution. Mr Dryden has now done this work for some years, and the committee took into consideration the advisability of presenting him with some slight token as a recompense for his services. The hammer, which was of splendid design, was made specially to the order of the committee, by Messrs Walker and Hall, of Newcastle and Sheffield. The hammer had engraved upon it the following inscription: "Presented to T. D. Dryden, Esq., by the members of the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms. July 27th, 1899."

The Chairman, in making the presentation, said the duty he had to perform was a very pleasing one. He believed in recognising services rendered, and especially when such was given gratuitously in connection with public institutions. For several years past Mr Dryden had been at the service of the committee in officiating as their auctioneer at the half-yearly sales of the newspapers and magazines. He need not tell them how efficiently he had performed his duties. It was satisfactory to know that he had always been willing to officiate, and sometimes at great inconvenience to himself. The prices realised at the sales were good and had been kept up to the average. Now, he always contended that a great deal depended on an auctioneer whether a sale was a success or otherwise, and in Mr. Dryden he considered they had a model auctioneer. He was one of those gentlemen who had any amount of language at his disposal, and he could set off articles that were placed before him for sale to the best advantage. This induced people to speculate, and when Mr Dryden secured competition he was the very gentleman to keep it going. He (the chairman) knew this was his experience of Mr Dryden, inasmuch as he had drawn from his pocket many a shilling which he never intended spending on first patronising the sales. (Laughter.) In presenting the hammer to Mr Dryden he mentioned they were doing honour to whom honour was due. (Applause.) He would not like to use too many words of flattery, and at the same time it was not his intention to bring the blush to Mr. Dryden's cheek, but he would just like to congratulate Mr. Dryden on his success as an auctioneer, and he trusted that he would b long spared to carry on the business. Mr Dryden was a gentleman that was most courteous, and ever wishful to render assistance to all good objects. (Applause.) He (the chairman) was proud of the success of the institute, which he considered was the best in the district. The founding of the institution was one of the best acts ever carried out by the late Mr William Jenkins. He was aware that Mr Jenkins accomplished a great deal during his life-time, but he had no hesitation in saying that the establishing of the Reading and Recreation Rooms had proved a boon and a blessing to many people in their town. Had it not been for the influence of Mr Jenkins over the directors of the Conset Iron Company they might have been deprived of the benefits from the institution during the past 15 years. Ever since the institution was founded it had prospered. He, (the chairman) had been a member since the first meeting, and he had watched its career very closely. They could congratulate themselves on its present prosperous state, thanks being due to the committee and officers for the interest they took in the management of it. (Applause.) He would now ask Mr Dryden to accept of the beautiful gift, not for its intrinsic value, but for the spirit in which it was given. He trusted that he would be long spared to use it, and that his business as an auctioneer would continue to grow and that each year would bring to him increased prosperity. (Applause.)

Mr Park endorsed the chairman's remarks, and said undoubtedly Mr Dryden was the coming auctioneer in the district. He was gratified that the committee had thought wise to recognise Mr Dryden's services in such a tangible form. He well deserved the gift, and he hoped that Mr Dryden's success as an auctioneer would continue.

Mr. Dryden, who was loudly applauded, said he felt very gratified to be the recipient of such a useful and handsome article. As he had said on former occasions, he would say again that night, that what he had done had been a labour of love, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to conduct the sales. It had always been his endeavour ever since he was asked to carry out the work, to do the best for the committee. He was pleased to think that his services had given satisfaction. He never anticipated anything in the shape of the beautiful gift for what he had done. There would be nothing he would value more than the present, and he thanked them for their kindness. He trusted that he would never disgrace the honour they had conferred upon him, and he hoped that he would continue to gain the confidence of the public, as without confidence there was no work, and no pay. He trusted that by upright intentions he would be able to increase his business in the auctioneering line. Let him, in conclusion, heartily thank them for the gift, and he hoped the Institution would continue to prosper.

The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Scavenging Question: The Old, Old Story!

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Council Chambers, Parliament Street, under the presidency of Coun. William Aynsley, J.P. (chairman). The other members present were:—Councillors George Ainsworth, J.P., W. Rippon, J. Lowes, James Daly, N. Elsdon, Thos. Dunne, Edwin Holliday, together with the Clerk (Mr. T. W. Welford), the Deputy-Clerk (Mr. Hy. R. Foggan), and the Surveyor (Mr. W. S. Shell.)

THE GAS COMMITTEE'S REPORT: THE INCANDESCENT LIGHT.

This report was read as follows:—The Committee recommend that the thirty incandescent lamps, as arranged for with the Gas Company, be placed as follows:—Seven in Berry Edge Road, two in Aynsley Terrace, five in Sherburn Terrace, one in Middle Street, two in Medomsley Road, one in Delves Lane, and three in Harvey Street. Also that the proposed double incandescent (Bray) lamp be that at the south west corner of the church. The Committee further recommend that the lamps on Tinmill Road be kept burning the whole of the lighting season, and the lamp in front of the old post office in Church Street be done away with, and a lamp fixed at the junction of Wesley and Ark Streets. The Committee further recommend that several new streets be named. The Committee further recommend that the lamp leading from the Consett Iron Company's Works be lit first and extinguished last during the lighting season.

Coun. Dunne asked the reason why the Committee had not decided on having the new light tried in Front Street. He found they had not recommended it for a single lamp, and the street was one of the most important in the town.

Coun Elsdon said the Committee took into consideration the fact that Front Street was a very exposed street. It encountered the full force of all their rough weather, inasmuch as there was very little protection from the strong winds. Besides they took into account the number of Brays lamps there were in that street, and they considered it well-lighted. There was only one lamp on which they could have tried the new light, and that was opposite the alterations at present taking place for the new bank premises, and there was a possibility of it being removed.

The Chairman said he noticed that it had been decided to light the lamps on Berryedge Road with the incandescent light. For the information of the Council he might tell them that it cost the Gas Company more for the maintenance of the lamps on this road than it did for the lamps in any other portion of the district. It was quite a common thing to see bolts lying about, which had been brought out from the works by the youths, and used in causing destruction to the lamps. During the last lighting season the Gas Company had to use many hundreds of panes of glass in repairing the lamps caused by wilful destruction on the Consett Hall Road, Tinmill Place, and Berryedge Road. The new lamps would be more costly, and it would be serious if they were broken in the same fashion as the old ones. He only hoped that the boys would desist causing such destruction.

Coun. Elsdon: The lamps are erected for their benefit, and it will be the special interest of the workpeople to see that the lamps are kept in order. If they did not do so they would have to make an example of some of the youths caught doing the destruction.

The Chairman: I may say the police have instructions.

Coun. Lowes suggested that a reward say of £2 should be offered for the detection of the offenders.

The Chairman: It might do good. I may say the Company are prepared to give 10/- for each conviction.

Coun. Elsdon: If it goes through the Press that the new light is for the benefit of the workmen it may have a tendency for an improvement in the future.

The Chairman: I hope so.

Coun. Dunne concurred, and said he would go a step further by instructing the poice to take proceedings against all persons caught throwing stones in their public streets. This was a most dangerous practice.

Coun. Rippon asked if it was the intention of the Council to burn the lamps all night on the Tinmill Road.

The Chairman: Yes.

Coun. Lowes said the reason for that was owing to the reflection from the electric lamps being very misleading.

Coun. Rippon: You will not require the lamps during the moonlight nights.

The Chairman: That is understood.

On the proposition of Coun. Daly, seconded by Coun. Lowes, the report was adopted.

BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEES' REPORT.

This Committee reported as follows:—In accordance with the instructions of the Council the committee visited the new buildings recently erected in Harrington Street, Consett, and have pleasure in reporting that they found everything in order. It was resolved that Mr Joseph Dodds, the Council's foreman, be offered the occupancy of the new house. The plan from the Rev J. Foran for out-buildings, &c., was passed, subject to water-closets being substituted for privies and duplicate being produced.

Plans—Consett Industrial and Provident Society, Limited's, plan for caretaker's house, &c., in Gibson Street, Consett. Recommended to be passed and stamped. Robert Robson's plan for four houses in Medomsley Road, Consett, is recommended to be passed, subject to duplicate being produced.

Letter from Mr J. Whitehead, dated the 18th inst., was read as to drain in Thomas Street, and the committee referred the matter to the Surveyor, and instructed him to see Mr Whitehead with reference thereto. Letter from Messrs Booth and Lazenby, dated the 21st inst., was read objecting on behalf of Messrs Robson Bell to a wooden erection recently put up by Messrs J. W. Davison and Sons in the rear of their premises in Front Street, Consett, and the committee recommended that the Clerk be instructed to acknowledge receipt of same. Letter from Mr D. Williams was read calling attention to water draining into his property in Park Road, Consett, and the Surveyor was instructed to give the matter his attention.

The report was adopted.

CEMENTING IN ALBERT ROW.

In his monthly statement the Surveyor reported as follows:—

Relative to the cementing of footpath in Albert Road I saw three of the owners, and wrote one owner of the property abutting this footpath as to paying half of the cost to which they agreed. I have had an agreement duly signed and stamped. The road foreman has removed into the house in connection with the Council's new buildings, having agreed to the conditions of tenancy as laid down by your committee. The streets have been watered when required, and the quantity of water used for the purpose is 61,200 gallons.

On the motion of Coun. Elsdon, seconded by Coun. Daly, the report was adopted, and the Surveyor was instructed to have the necessary cementing carried out.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

The Chairman moved the re-appointment of Mr. Shell as Inspector of Nuisances, and Inspector under the Dairies and Cowsheds Act at a salary of £100 per annum.

THE LOCAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Lanchester School Attendance Committee confirming the appointment of a local committee to deal with the absentee cases for the Consett district.

The Chairman said the Committee would get to work shortly.

FINANCE.

Cheques amounting to £370 were ordered to be signed.

THE GAS AGREEMENT.

Coun. Dunne proposed that the agreement with the Gas Company for the ensuing Lighting season be signed.

This was seconded by Coun. Daly, and agreed to.

WORK FROM THE STONE-BREAKERS.

Coun. Dunne said that three months ago the Surveyor was instructed to procure a certain quantity of limestone and have it broken during the fine weather, with a view of providing employment for the old men who were engaged as stone-breakers. This had not been done, and when the time arrived for requiring the stone they would find there was not sufficient broken, and young men would have to be employed who would not think of tackling the work during the fine weather.

The Surveyor said he was instructed by the Roads Committee not to order any limestone till the stoneyard was ready.

Coun. Dunne said that what the Surveyor received was only an instruction from the Committee, and it had no right to set aside a minute of the Council.

Coun. Lowes stated that the reason why the stones were not ordered was because they had no place to put it, and the Committee decided that it would be better to wait until they got the stoneyard, and have the greatest portion of the stones broken there.

Coun. Dunne: That objection was overruled at the time. It was pointed out that there were plenty of places where a on or two of stones could be tipped and broken. If this had been done the old men would have been employed during the fine weather.

Coun. Ainsworth said there would be no harm in having the minute carried out now.

The Chairman: Has the whole of the stones to be broken in the stoneyard?

Coun. Rippon: Before such can be done the yard will have to be paved. In wet weather you will never be able to get the stones out of the yard. The stones should be broken at convenient places by the roadsides, and they will be ready for the roads when required.

Coun. Dunne said his reason for raising the question was a twofold one. He had a desire to see the old men employed during the fine weather in breaking the stones, and he wished to show that no Committee had the power to set aside any motion passed by the Council.

Coun. Ainsworth moved that 500 tons of limestone be ordered at once.

Coun. Elsdon seconded, and remarked that there were a great many complaints about the stone-breaking on the land opposite East Parade, and that had something to do with the limestone not being ordered.

Coun. Dunne: That question was not raised at the time.

The motion was agreed to.

THE TINMILL WORKS.

The Finance Committee recommended that seeing no re-assessment had been made by the Assessment Committee with regard to the Tinmill, the collector be instructed to collect the balance of the rate due from the Consett Iron Company in respect of same. The Clerk was instructed to complete the necessary forms from the Local Government Board respecting the borrowing of £2,000 for the Joint Burial Board.

The report was approved of.

THE SCAVENGING QUESTION.

With respect to the scavenging work the Inspector reported as follows:—The contractor for the removal of house refuse has not done his work at all satisfactory during the month. I have had repeatedly to complain to him, and I have been urging him to carry out the work as contracted for. He called upon me on Friday last, and asked me to relieve him of the contract, as he considered he was doing the work well enough without attending to the ashpits fortnightly. The number of houses attended to during the month are as follows:—1,067 once; 317 twice; 67 three times; 32 four times; and 165 five times. During the last fortnight I have had to engage other horses and carts, and have attended to 92 houses.

Coun. Powell said it was the old question over again. They found that the contractor was only getting round the district once a month. He thought a great amount of delay was caused through the men having to get inside the ashpits to throw out the refuse, and he was of opinion some other system should be adopted.

The Chairman: The other contractor had the same places to clean out.

Coun. Elsdon stated that the contractor came to him and said that he had been busy with the hay; but he told the contractor that was no reason why the ash pits should be neglected.

Coun. Powell: We do not want to bind the contractor down by any red-tapeism if he does anything like what the contract stipulates.

Coun. Elsdon said that in connection with all new ashpits they should insist on having a door which could be opened from the street, and the scavengers would have no difficulty in taking away the refuse.

Coun. Holliday said Coun. Elsdon had made a very good suggestion, and one which should be carried out. It was the old old story about the scavenging, and he anticipated that the Sanitary Committee would be having a meeting shortly to consider the question.

Coun. Rippon: Does the contractor wish to be relieved of the contract?

The Chairman: So it was reported.

Coun. Rippon: For what reason?

The Surveyor: Because I am too firm with him in keeping him to the terms of the contract.

Coun. Elsdon: The contractor made the same complaint to me.

After further discussion, the Surveyor was instructed to see that this work had his close attention during the hot weather.

This was all the business.

STANHOPE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Coun. T. D. Collingwood presided at the monthly meeting.—The removal of the Wolsingham County Court to Bishop Auckland and Consett was discussed, and a resolution condemning the change was carried unanimously, and is to forwarded to the Lord Chancellor. Mr Roddam proposed the resolution, and Mr Crawhall seconded.—The shot-firing danger at the Ashes Quarry of Messrs Ord and Maddison was discussed. It was stated that one day last week a stone from a shot went through the Parrington School, and had the children been in the consequences might have been serious. A letter was read from Messrs Ord and Maddison stating that they would do their best to safeguard the public.—It was decided to ask the company to meet representatives of the Council and arrange between them how best to safeguard the public.—It was decided that the Clerk should represent the Council at the enquiry meeting respecting charities on the 17th of August.—The flagged footpaths in the streets are to have immediate attention in the shape of repair.—The Clerk (Mr Thompson) applied for an increase of salary, also for remuneration for extra work during the County Council inquiry. The Finance Committee recommended raising Mr Thompson's salary from £20 to £25, also remunerating him for extra work during the County Council inquiry to the extent of £15.—The Council agreed.—Mr Parker, late Surveyor, also asked for remuneration for the waterworks on the moor over and above his salary.—The Council voted him £5.—Mr Ayton, late road surveyor, was also presented with £2 12s for work at the County Council inquiry meeting.—He was presented with two days—a guinea per day and 10s travelling expenses.

Death of Mr. John Lovat, of Blackhill.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John Lovat, butcher, which took place on Saturday night at his residence in Derwent Street, Blackhill. During the past five weeks Mr. Lovat had been in ill-health, but it was not till within the last week that serious symptoms developed which eventually proved fatal. Deceased, who was 42 years of age, was well known in the district, and held in the highest esteem by all classes. Mr. Lovat had carried on a butchery business at Blackhill for the past 21 years. In fact the Lovat family have been connected with the butching trade for a long period. Deceased was the youngest son of the late Mr. Wm. Lovat, and on the death of an elder brother, named Mr. George Lovat, he succeeded to the business, which he has carried on successfully. In his younger days he had a strong desire for a military life, and served two years in the Royal Artillery. On the death of his brother George, deceased had to abandon the idea of remaining in the army, and had to return home to carry on the business which had been for so long a time held by the family. It is rather strange to have to relate that Mr. Lovat died in the house in which he was born. He leaves a widow and a family of two sons to mourn his loss.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at Benfieldside Cemetery, and was largely attended by the tradespeople and the leading residents of the district. There were the usual signs of mourning, the blinds of the principal shops and residences being drawn as a token of respect for the deceased. The line of route to the cemetery was crowded with onlookers. Fully 200 people walked in the procession. The coffin was of pitch pine with brass mountings. The underbearers were:—Messrs Rutter, Osborne, J. Dowson, and Walton. The burial service was impressively performed by the Rev. A. Baillie (Presbyterian). The remains were consigned to their last resting place in the old cemetery beside the graves of his respected parents. The principal mourners were:—Mrs. Lovat (widow) and family; Mr. Wm. Lovat (brother), Blackhill; Mrs. Gaughan (sister), Blackhill; Mr. Gaughan (brother-in-law), Blackhill; Mr. Wm. Lovat (nephew), Blackhill; Mr. Thos. Lovat (nephew), Blackhill; Mr. James Aitken, Mr. George Aitken, Mr. Duncan Aitken, Mr. A. Aitken, Mr. Thomas Gaughan (nephews), all of Blackhill; Mr. A. Geo. Richardson (nephew), Hexham; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Unthank Farm; Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Blackhill; Miss Johnson Unthank Farm; Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie, Newhouse; Miss Errington, Haydon Bridge; Mrs. Thompson, Seaton Delaval; Mrs. Hudson, Consett; and Miss Ritson, Consett. Amongst others present we noticed:—Mr. Wm. Freek, Mr. J. Walton, Mr. George Newmarch, Mr. William Palliser, Mr. J. Osborne, Mr. James Eltringham, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Lovett, Mr. H. Amos, Mr. Strachan, Mr. W. Sawyers, Mr. R. Rutter, Mr. C. Steward, Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. George Harrison, Mr. R. Hand (Consett), Mr. J. D. Wray, Mrs. Green, Mr. A. Dowson, Mr. Walter Low Max, Mr. Thos. Mackay, Mr. R. Charlton (Benfieldside), Mr. A. Rutter, Mr. T. Kirkup, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, Mr. Manneylaws, Mr. Richardson (Shotley Bridge), Mr. J. Gambles, Mr. W. Cheeseman, Mr. A. Stephenson, Mr. Robson, Mr. Summerville, Mr. J. Sommerville, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Coates (Consett), Mr. George J. Christopher, Mr. Edward Wylam, Mr. R. Walker (Consett), Mr. W. D. Foggan, Mr. Dr Gradon, Mr. J. Whitehead (Consett), Mr. Lynn, Mr. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Murrey, Mr. R. J. Brodie, Mr. White, Mr. Morallee, Mr. R. Kirsopp, Mr. H. Harvey, Mr. W. Ramsay, Mrs. J. Eltringham, Mr. I. Davies (Castleside), and others. The undertaker was Mr. T. Eltringham, Blackhill, and the mourning coaches were supplied by Mr. J. G. Christopher, Blackhill.

How good tempered and rosy your baby is, Mrs Jones! Whatever do you give it? Oh, just one or two of Pattrick's Cooling & Teething Powders every week. They are the cheapest and best in the district—only 8d per dozen, from Pattrick, Chemist, 5, Front Street, Consett. 359a.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2nd, 1899.—Before His Honour, Judge E. J. Meynell.

A CLAIM FOR WAGES.

Joseph Gibson, putter, of Crook, sued the Hamsterley Coal Company for payment of 8 days' wages, at 2/4 per day, due to him. Mr. Heath, from the office of Mr. Isaacs, solicitor for the Durham Miners' Association, appeared for the planitiff, while Mr. Ornsby, of Durham, defended. Plaintiff, in answer to Mr. Heath, stated that in April last he worked for the Hamsterley Coal Company, first as a putter and afterwards as a pumper. The water which accumulated in the "board," which dipped, in which he worked was pumped in the night-shift by him. At first he managed to keep the water down. On April 15th he gave fourteen days' notice to the under-manager, but was stopped by the manager on April 19th for some unknown reason. He had since heard that the cause of his being stopped before the expiration of his notice had been his neglect of duty. About the time he was stopped the water got so high that he could not manage to pump it out, as water had broken through from the adjoining place, and a feeder ran into his. He did his best to keep it down. The manager sent his daughter to tell him that he had not to go to work any more, when he went and saw the manager.—By Mr. Ornsby: Witness said the agreement was not read over to him, but he signed it as an off-hand worker. He was told to stop at the pump for ten hours, but refused, as it was not a county rule, when the manager told him he was not to go by the county rule. He complained to the under-manager that the work was too heavy for him before he gave his notice. He never left the pump before he was relieved. He was absent from his work without leave on April 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, but was at work on April 16th and 17th. The manager did not find fault with him about his absence.—Peter Clark, hewer, Dene Row, Hamsterley Colliery, said he worked in the same "board" as plaintiff. Witness had been stopped by the water getting into his place. Some days the water was higher than at others. It got worse as the "board" went in. The water was kept down by the day-shift pumper when it was down for him to start.—John Jos. Johnson, of Jubilee Terrace, Hamsterley, said he was the day-shift pumper. The work was rather heavy for one, but he got help from the deputy. The water was right up when plaintiff left. After complainant's dismissal two lads had done the work, but in spite of all that the men could not always get into their own places. Witness did not always find Gibson at the pump when he went in to relieve him.—Mr. Ornsby said the defence was neglect of duty, and he scarcely thought he was entitled to call his witnesses seeing that no case had been established against his client.—His Honour concurred, and gave judgment for the defendant company.

A FINE PHOTO.

James Smith, photographer, Annfield Plain, sued William Elliott, of Dipton, for £3 10s., for photos and block supplied.—Plaintiff said defendant ordered all the goods which he received on October 6th, 1898. Plaintiff did not tell defendant the price of them, as they were hung up in the shop. Defendant did not ask the price of any article. The photo block was got from a separate sitting to put on papers for betting purposes.—His Honour: Oh, I see, to induce people to bet with him on account of his good looks. (Laughter.)—After the sale the defendant said it was overcharged. The charges were the usual ones—in fact, they were seven or eight shillings below.—Defendant said he got the photos from Mr. Smith, but he did not order the frame or the block. Defendant produced these in court, and the judge on looking at the photo remarked that it was a very fine thing, and turning to defendant said, 'You ought not to begrudge paying for such a fine thing as that."—Defendant said he was willing to pay a fair price for it. He objected to the price. It was framed in a common oak frame. When talking about the block plaintiff said he would write to a firm and get their prices for him. In the meantime plainitiff had ordered a block which had been sent without being ordered. —Robert Henderson, Dipton, having corroborated defendant's statement, His Honour found for plaintiff for £3 8s.

CLAIM FOR BOARD AND LODGINGS.

Margaret Connolly, of South Moor, sued William Daly for 26/-, due to her for board and lodgings.—Plaintiff said that defendant lodged with her three months, and agreed to pay 26/- a fotrnight. He left on the 21st April, two years since, and owed her 26/-. He did not pay her for the last fortnight.—Defendant said that the plaintiff had got property belonging to him. She had got clothes, a gold ring value 12/6, and other articles.—Plaintiff declared that she had not a stitch of defendant's.—His Honour found for plaintiff for £1 6s, and if plaintiff had anything belonging to defendant, he could summon her in the County Court. The money to be paid at 4/- per month.

A RENT CASE.

John Turnbull, of Clark's Yard, Dipton, sued Philip McGuire, of Dipton, for £6/-, rent due in lieu of notice. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett), appeared for plaintiff.—Plaintiff said that defendant was a tenant of his at 4/- per week. He let him the house, and he had to give 14 days' clear notice when he intended to leave. Defendant paid him up to the 11th of February, and went away without notice.—Defendant stated that he gave plaintiff notice on the 28th January. Plaintiff told him that the houses were condemned, and he gave the notice to the daughter in her own house (plaintiff's daughter). He was sure it was in writing. He had no copy of the notice.—Defendant's wife was called, and said the notice was written in Sanderson's (the incoming tenant) house, by a traveller. She saw the notice given to Turnbull's daughter. She gave it herself on the 29th January.—By Mr. Welford: She was not there when the key was given up. She gave the written notice to the daughter in her own house on the 28th January. Plaintiff was not there. —Defendant (in answer to Mr. Welford) said he gave the key up to plaintiff—By His Honour: Plaintiff said the defendant would leave about the 9th February. He let the house on the 13th February. Sanderson went in about the 17th or 18th. The house was empty from the 11th to the 17th. —His Honour found for the defendant.

NON-SUITED.

John T. Potts, draper, &c., Consett, sued Thomas Siddle for £1, the value of a suit of clothes supplied. Mr. Welford appeared for plaintiff.—Mr. Sample appeared on behalf of Mr. Potts, and said defendant owed £1 for a suit of clothes. The traveller got the order, and he signed it, but the former was not there.—Mr. Welford explained that witness saw the defendant and his wife, and they acknowledged the debt.—His Honour non-suited plaintiff, and allowed costs.

THE SHOOTING OF A CAT AT EDMUNDBYERS.

THE VALUE OF PERSIAN CATS.

Annie Carr, a widow, of Birdge End House, Edmundbyers, claimed £5 damages from William Charlton, of Edmundbyers, for unlawfully shooting the plaintiff's cat at Edmundbyers, on the 26th May. Defendant paid 5/- into court in satisfaction of the claim, and 1/- costs. Mr. J. M. Aynsley (Consett) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Wallace (from the office of Messrs Botterill and Roche, Sunderland) for defendant.

Mr. Aynsley, in his opening remarks, said the case was one of shooting a cat. He understood that the defendant admitted the shooting of the cat, and had paid 5/- into court, but denied liability.

Cecilia Annie Carr, daughter of the plaintiff (examined by Mr. Aynsley) said that from inquiries made she went and saw defendant about shooting the cat, which was her mother's. He said that he had shot a yellow and white cat. He did not say why he had shot the cat. Her mother's was a yellow and white cat.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: She saw defendant about shooting the cat on the next day. He did not say that he thought it was a stray poaching cat, and that when he shot it had one of his chickens in its mouth. They had had the cat about four months. It was about 11 months old when they got it. Her mother purchased it at Blackhill. Witness did not know what she paid for it. It was about 100 yards from defendant's house to where the cat was shot. It would be about ¼ mile from their house to Charlton's. She had not heard complaints before of the cat killing chickens or breaking eggs. She had not heard before that the cat was a pigeon killer.

His Honour: Had you heard that the cat killed anything but mice? (Laughter.)

Thomas Dodd Nixon said he lived at Edmundbyers, and was a mason. He remembered one afternoon in May last hearing a shot fired. He went to Charlton's and asked him if he had shot a rat. The defendant replied in the negative, and, swearing, said he had shot a great cat. Witness told him if it was his he would get it to pay for. Defendant told him that he had buried the cat. He asked the colour, and Charlton said it was a yellow and white one. This was on the 26th May. He asked defendant why he had shot the cat, and he said that he had had two chickens worried the week before. Witness asked if he had seen that cat worry them, and he said that he had not. Defendant said that he was getting his tea when the "old woman" went out said that there was a yellow and white cat going into the stable. He (Charlton) said he took the gun down, put a couple of cartridges into it, and when he came out the cat was going away to an old house, and he followed and shot her. The distance from defendant's house to where he shot her was 130 yards the way he went. If he had went straight it would be 50 or 60 yards. Witness knew the place was infested by rats.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: Defendant did not say that when he shot the cat it had a chicken in its mouth. Charlton said it was shot on the house top. It was not much more than 44 yards from defendant's house. Witness knew nothing about the cat.

By His Honour: He did not know Mrs. Carr's cat.

P.C. Bowe, stationed at Edmundbyers, saw the defendant on the 28th May. He said he received a complaint and went and asked Charlton if he had shot Mrs. Carr's cat, and he replied, "You will have to prove it if I did." Then he said, "Yes, I shot the cat." Witness asked him what he had done with it, and he said, "You will have to find out where it is." Defendant said nothing about the cat having killed his chickens. Witness found a cat buried in a manure heap later on the same day. It was a great big long-haired yellow and white cat. He examined the cat, and found it was shot in the hind quarters. He gave it to Mrs. Carr's son. He had been at Edmundbyers two years and nine months, and had never received any complaints of chickens being killed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: He had frequently seen cats on his beat. He did not remember seeing this cat before. He asked defendant if he had killed a cat. From what Charlton said witness did not know whether defendant was aware that it was Mrs. Carr's cat that he had shot. The residence of Mrs. Carr would be about ¼ mile from Charlton's house.

Robert Stokoe, living in Medomsley Road, Consett, said he was a traveling draper, and had been in the habit of visiting Mrs. Carr's house frequently. He had seen the yellow and white Persian cat, and thought it would be about 18 months old. He offered to purchase the cat for £3, but Miss Carr refused it, and said she had been offered £5 for it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: It was about a week before the cat was shot that he made the offer. He knew of his own knowledge that it was a Persian cat.

By His Honour: It had a bushy tail.

Annie Carr (Plaintiff) said the cat was a yellow and white Persian one. She had never received complaints from defendant or anybody else about it killing chickens. She had been offered by a gentleman going to Stanhope on a bicycle £5 for the cat. She produced part of its skin.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: She got the cat from Blackhill. It was sent as a present to her. Mrs. McWilliams gave her the cat. She gave her the cat through respect. Witness did not know that the cat was given to her because it killed pet pigeons. She saw defendant on the 29th May, and asked him why he had shot the cat. He replied, "How do you know I shot it?" He did not say, "I shot the cat because she killed my chickens, and I did not know who she belonged to." The cat went away in the morning. They searched for the cat both on Friday and Saturday. The cat was a home cat, and went away for the first time on this day.

Mr. Aynsley intimated that that was his case.

Mr. Wallace, in defence, said he was going to call evidence both of the defendant himself as to the circumstances under which he shot the cat, and also witnesses to show the character and depredations of the cat. He intended to show that the cat was killed with the fourth chicken in its mouth. He submitted that they were justified in killing it under the circumstances. The cat was a stray one, and no one knew its ownership, and therefore they were justified in killing it, and even if they were not justified, he submitted that the cat with the character it possessed was only worth killing.

William Charlton, of Edmundbyers (the defendant) said he was an agricultural labourer. On the 26th May he shot a cat about four o'clock. Before he did this he had a conversation with his wife. He saw the dead body of a chicken lying on the table when he came in to his tea. It was one of his chickens. He afterwards got ready his gun, and shortly after his attention was attracted by hearing the hens making a noise. He ran out and saw the cat with another chicken in its mouth. The cat carried the chicken away, and ran to the old thatched house, where he shot it with the chicken in its mouth. The first chicken he saw was freshly killed. From his premises to the old thatched house was 44 yards as measured. There was no concealment on his part of the fact that he shot the cat. He did not know the cat. He thought it was a stray one. He did not shoot it out of revenge. When Mrs. Carr saw him he told her he had shot it because it had killed two of his chickens.

Allie Todd (who gave her evidence in a very forcible manner) said that she lived at Bank Head, Edmundbyers, and was a great cat fancier, and had kept prize Persian cats. She had taken prizes at several places with a blue Persian cat. She lived about ¼ a mile from defendant. Prior to this day she had missed four Langshan chickens, about a fortnight before the cat was shot. On the day that Mrs. Carr's cat was shot she saw a large Persian cat near her chicken coop. It rushed out from the side of one of the coops and seized one of her chickens. She ran after it, and in jumping the garden wicket it dropped the chicken. The latter was alive then, but it died that night. Since the day of the shooting she had never seen the cat. She never saw it before. The value of a good, full-bred Persian cat was a guinea. A half-bred one would be worth 5/-.

Cross-examined by Mr. Aynsley: She saw the cat sufficiently near to form an estimate of its value. She was not more than four yards from it.

By His Honour: Some pure Persian cats were yellow and white. They were what was called misbred.

Elizabeth Dodds said that she resided at Edmundbyers not far from the residence of defendant. Before the shooting she saw three and four o'clock. The hens making a noise in the yard drew her attention to a yellow and white cat. It would be between the cat. She went out, and saw the cat with a chicken in its mouth. It was her chicken, which the cat worried to death. She had never seen it before, and did not know who it belonged to. When it ran away it went in the direction of Charlton's house.

George Surtees, farm labourer at Edmundbyers, said he remembered the day of the cat benig shot. He saw it chasing Miss Dodds' chickens round the yard. It would be between three and four o'clock.

John Waites, a hawker, said he lodged with Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams at Blackhill. He knew that Mrs. McWilliams had been subpœnaed to give evidence. (Mr. Wallace here produced a medical certificate stating that she was unable to attend). Witness, continuing, said he lodged with the McWilliams when they had the cat. He remembered the time when the cat was given to Mrs. Carr. They kept two pet pigeons. One got worried one Sunday morning by the cat. They were talking about parting with it at the same time, as the houses were cemented and there were no mice, and there was no work for the cat. (Laughter.)

By His Honour: He did not see the cat kill the pigeon. The landlady told him that the cat had killed it.

His Honour said that defendant had done exactly what he would have done under the circumstances. Verdict for defendant with costs.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

CHRISIAN ENDEAVOUR CONVENTION.—On Saturday evening a convention of the Consett and District Christian Endeavour Societies was held in the Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Church. The Rev. A. Crago, Free Church minister, of Blackhill, occupied the chair, and delivered an instructive address on "Ideals." The speakers were Mr R. W. Davies, President of the Cleveland and South Durham Christian Endeavour Union, and the Rev. J. S. Nightingale, of Consett. There was a splendid company present. The subject of Mr Davies' address was the best system of carrying out the Christian Endeavour work in the different societies, while the Rev. J. S. Nightingale's topic was "Hope." At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. D. Kyles, of Annfield Plain, conducted the roll-call. On Sunday, Mr Williamson, of Brandon, preached two special sermons, morning and evening, in the Primitive Methodist Church, Annfield Plain, to large congregations. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the trust fund.

BURNOPFIELD.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MAGGIE BELL.—On Monday afternoon of last week, the marriage of Mr. Joseph Maddison, eldest son of Mr George Maddison, to Miss Maggie Bell, only daughter of Mr John W. Bell, of Mason's Terrace, Hobson, was celebrated in the Shotley P.M. Chapel, the Rev. Ed. Campbell officiating. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Nicholas Bell, was neatly attired in a grey costume with white hat ornamented with cream silk. She wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Maggie Marshall (cousin of the bride), and Miss Polly Maddison (sister of the bridegroom.) The bridesmaids also wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by Mr Thomas Maddison, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr Edward Bell, brother of the bride. After the ceremony the happy couple journeyed to Scarborough, where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents, which were both numerous and costly, included many substantial articles given by friends.

DIPTON.

MARRIAGE OF A DIPTON MAN.—On Monday of last week Mr John George Oates, son of Mr Jno. Oates, late of Hill Top, Dipton, was married to Miss Annie Brown, of the Teams, at Gateshead. After the ceremony the happy couple journeyed to Mr S. Ledger's Bird Inn, Hill Top, where the wedding dinner was provided. Amongst those present were:—Mr John Oates, father; Mr Thos. Oates, brother; Mr J. Brown, Mrs Brown, Mr Jas. and Mrs Hills, Mrs Farns, Mr J. Brown, Mr Thos. Hills, and others. After a jolly day had been spent the bridal party returned to their home at the Teams.

LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL.

Alleged Disgraceful Condition of the Churchyard.

On Tuesday evening, the monthly meeting of the Lanchester Parish Council was held in the National Schools, Lanchester, under the presidency of Coun. J. B. Ritson (chairman.) The other Councillors present were:—Messrs A. Hartley (vice-chairman), George Neasham, Geo. W. Wilson, W. Payne, G. Thornton, J. Chapman, U. A. Ritson, jun., W. C. Bowman, D. Champney, and the Clerk (Mr H. Knowles.)

THE COUNTY RATE.

A letter was read from Mr R. Simey, Clerk to the County Council, to the effect that in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the County Rates Act, 1852, he forwarded a new basis for county rates which had been prepared by the County Rate Committee, and he had to give notice that any objections thereto must be forwarded to him before August 12th.

The Chairman said he had not had a great deal of time to go into the figures, but he noticed that £25,395 was the actual total for the Lanchester Parish for couny rate basis. The figures were as follows:—Land, £5,666; buildings, £22,562; total, £28,228; amount for rateable basis, £25,396. He was sorry that he had not been able to compare the figures with the last returns.

The Clerk: This is the first time that we have received the returns.

Coun. Neasham: I take it there is no material alterations in our parish?

The Chairman: No.

Coun. Chapman: The returns are forwarded for the information of the assistant overseer, and to save him a great deal of work.

THE QUESTION OF A FOOTPATH.

A letter was read from the Witton Gilbert Parish Council calling attention to the bad state of the footpath crossing the fields at Kaisburn, and asked the Council to have it repaired.

The Chairman: I am informed the footpath is not in our parish.

The Clerk: It is a footpath that leads from Witton Gilbert Station to Witton Gilbert.

Coun. Neasham: Are you certain it is not in our parish?

The Chairman: My authority is the clerk, who has made enquiries.

Coun. Neasham: I have an impression that it is in our parish.

The Chairman: Before we can do anything in the matter we will have to find out by the award if the footpath is an awarded one, and whether it is in our parish or not.

Coun. Neasham said that the footpath in question was in their parish inasmuch as Kaisburn was on the register for the parish of Lanchester.

The Clerk: The nearest place to it is Blackburn.

The Chairman said he would move that the Clerk look into the matter, and if it was found that the footpath was in their parish the Lanchester committee have power to inspect the same and report. If on the other hand it is found that they have nothing to do with the footpath the Clerk notify the Witton Gilbert Parish Council to that effect.

This was seconded by Coun. Neasham, and agreed to.

THE LEASE FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN.

The Chairman reported that the lease for the village green had come to hand duly sealed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCHYARD.

The Chairman said the next question on the agenda was a notice of motion in the name of Coun. Hartley respecting a new graveyard or cemetery for Lanchester.

When Coun. Hartley was about to bring forward his notice he noticed the Chairman turning over the pages of the Parish Council's Act, and he said, "Are you going to have the book out." (Laughter.)

The Chairman: Yes, certainly.

Coun. Hartley said he had not placed the motion on the agenda with a view of having a Burial Board formed for the parish, although his own opinion was that it was time they had something done in this direction. He considered he had sufficient grounds for tackling the question. During the last few years the churchyard had been in a disgraceful condition. It had not been kept like a place for the burial of the dead, but more like a wilderness. The burial ground was practically filled up, and when they had been making graves for new interments it was not surprising to see bones and other remains turned out to the surface and left there for anyone to gaze upon. It was only last week a coffin, only partly decayed, was turned out wholesale, besides a skull and a number of bones. These were left lying on the surface, and he saw them for himself. This sort of thing should not be allowed to exist, which he considered was disgraceful. He was prepared to move that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the churchwardens and the vicar with a view of having these conditions rectified. The graveyard must be certainly too small, or they would never interfere with remains when preparing new graves in the fashion they were doing at the present time. He would very much like to see the graveyard extended, and kept in a condition that would be a credit to those that had charge of it, and also to the village itself.

Coun. Champney said he agreed with the remarks made by Coun. Hartley, and he considered he had taken a wise step in calling the Council's attention to the disgraceful condition of affairs. He would like to have the matter again brought before the Guardians, and let them along with the vicar and churchwardens be a committee to consider some scheme for the further enlargement of the churchyard. It was high time something was done. It was a disgrace to see the skulls and bones turned out at times. These things were not always buried again; but very often lying about on the surface. He said again it was a disgrace for such conditions to exist. A disgrace to the community at large, and also to those who had charge of the churchyard. He would second the motion that the attention of the vicar, churchwardens, and Board of Guardians be called to the existing state of affairs in the churchyard.

The Chairman pointed out that Coun. Hartley's motion was only for the attention of the vicar and churchwardens to be called to the matter.

Coun. Chapman said he would propose an amendment that the attention of the vicar, churchwardens, and Board of Guardians be drawn to the state of the churchyard. He did this because he believed it was only right that the Board of Guardians should do something in the matter. The largest proportions of the interments were from the Workhouse, and he maintained that they contributed their portion towards the maintenance of the paupers, and he failed to see why the parish of Lanchester should be burdened with the cost of providing ground for the interments that came from the Workhouse. If Coun. Hartley objected to include the Board of Guardians in his motion he would press his amendment.

Coun. Hartley: I have no objection if it will help forward the matter.

Coun. Neasham said the disgraceful state of affairs was well-known to the villagers, although perhaps it was not known to those that lived outside of their parish. He had seen human remains exposed, and he considered this was anything but pleasant to have existing in any churchyard. They could not bury in the churchyard without interfering with human remains. As stated by Coun. Chapman it was only right that the Board of Guardians should be approached on this question. He believed at one time a feeling did exist that something should be done, and a committee from the Guardians was appointed, but he was sorry to say that such a feeling did not now exist. If they failed by private subscriptions for the enlargement of the churchyard they would have no alternative but make provision out of the rates. This would mean a Burial Board. Now a great many people objected to a Burial Board on the ground of expenditure. He was not one of those that believed in paying heavy rates, but he would not demur to pay a rate towards having a burial ground kept in a proper manner, and under their own control. (Hear, hear.) If they had a Burial Board each one would have to contribute their equal proportion towards its maintenance. Would this not be better than the present state of affairs. The churchyard was certainly a disgrace, and a clergyman remarked to him the other day that he was surprised to see such a churchyard in the ancient village of Lanchester. He was surprised to see the grass growing over the graves in the manner in which it was at the present time. This was certain to give pain to those who had relatives buried in the churchyard. He was fortunate to have had no friends buried in the place, but for all that his heart had ached many a time when he looked upon the churchyard and saw the way it was kept. He could only say if the present state of affairs was made known to the Local Government Board there would be no more burials in the churchyard.

Coun. Bowman said he was not aware that the state of affairs was so disgraceful as they had been described that night. He was certainly aware that the churchyard was well on for being filled up, but he never for one moment anticipated that the remains of the dead were being disturbed for to make room for fresh burials. The churchyard was a consecrated place for the reception of the dead, and it ought to be kept in order. He was very pleased that the matter had been brought before the Council, because action would be taken to have the present state of affairs remedied. He failed to see why they should not have a voice in the management of the churchyard.

Coun. Wilson said he understood the difficulty in the way of the enlargement of the churchyard was that of land, which could not be obtained at a reasonable price. There was some talk a short time ago about the enlargement of the churchyard, but people would not give up possession of land unless a very high price was paid for it.

Coun. Champney said it was not a question of price, but one of land, which could not be obtained for the enlargement of the churchyard. For some years now skulls and bones had been taken up, and deposited amongst the clay while new graves were being prepared. He thought that for human remains to be disturbed in this fashion was disgraceful. The churchyard was not kept in a proper manner. If the proper parties were approached in a right spirit something might be done to put an end to the present state of things.

The Chairman said there was no doubt what Coun. Hartley and the other members had said was true. He knew that it was very unpleasant to have to bring forward such a matter, but he considered Coun. Hartley had done quite right in raising the question.

The motion was carried.

THE QUESTION OF AWARDED FOOTPATHS: A BREEZE.

Coun. Hartley brought forward the question of the Council having an awarded plan, shewing the ancient footpaths in the district. At the present time there was no small amount of trouble regarding these footpaths. They had instances where attempts had been made to stop people using these footpaths. There were notice boards put up with the words—"No road this way." When people saw these notices it often led them astray. If they had the award shewing the footpaths the Council could take action, and look after the people's rights.

The Chairman said that the notices that Coun. Hartley referred to were placed by the side of the footpaths. If they had been placed on the awarded footpaths they would have taken them down. There were certainly several green tracks in the district which were not awarded footpaths. He might point out that he got a plan, and had placed upon it the awarded footpaths set out in the Lanchester Common Award, and any member could inspect the same.

Coun. Chapman said it was no use taking any notice of land owners and farmers with respect to the ancient footpaths. If it was possible for them preventing people trespassing through their estates they were going to do so. This was policy on their part.

The Chairman explained that on the Ordnance Plan every footpath was shown, but it was distinctly stated at the bottom that all the footpaths did not carry with them a public right of way.

Coun. Hartley referred to an attempt being made to stop people using a footpath at the Ford, which was a very convenient one for the workpeople living at Bargate, and working at Malton Colliery. On more occasions than one the men had been stopped using the footpath, and had been compelled to travel right round by Lanchester. It was a shame if people could not use this footpath if it was an awarded one.

The Chairman: I am afraid the footpath you refer to is not on the awarded plan.

Coun. Chapman said that land owners and farmers were a party for themselves, and if it was possible to stop a footpath they were going to do so. The people should continue to use all awarded footpaths till they were summoned to the Court, and the right of way tested. He was confident the footpath referred to was an awarded one, and had been for the past 80 years to the knowledge of one old resident in the village.

Coun. Champney complained that it was not right for men who did the work for the Ordnance Plan to shew every footpath which did not carry with it a right of way. This sort of thing led people astray. If the footpath referred to was an awarded footpath let the Council take it over.

Coun. Chapman said the footpath was not stopped till some one was proceeded against for using it, and the right of way was tested.

Coun. Neasham said he would make a suggestion. He understood that the Rural District Council had plans shewing all the awarded roads in the district, and as a Council he thought it would be better for to relegate this question to them. It would be preposterous for them to go to any expense in this direction when the District Council had already an awarded plan of the parish.

Eventually, Coun. Neasham's suggestion was agreed to.

Coun. Bowman raised a heated discussion respecting the footpath at Hollybush. He said that the field through which this footpath ran had been ploughed for the past 30 years. The people themselves had diverted the footpath, and not the land owners. Instead of going right through the ploughed field the people had diverted the footpath in order to make use of a green award which was for their own convenience. The owner or tenant had not done this, nor had they asked for it to be done. The people themselves had done it, and seeing such was the case he was in favour of allowing the footpath to remain in its present position.

Coun. Champney (hotly): I take exception to Coun. Bowman's remarks. I have known the place for the past 30 years, and it is only within the last few years that the field has been ploughed. I don't want to swear—in fact, I don't make a practice of it—(laughter)—but at the same time I am annoyed at Coun. Bowman's statement. The very idea of a Councillor coming here and telling us that the field has been ploughed for the past 30 years. I know different, and for 20 years it was a grass plot. (Laughter.)——

Coun. Chapman (interrupting): I rise to a point of order. I move that the Committee's report on this footpath be read.

Coun. Payne: We have got a long way astray. We have jumped from the Ford footpath to that of the Hollybush.

The Chairman: The discussion is in order. It all arises from Coun. Hartley's motion, and that is the reason why I have allowed it to proceed.

Coun. Chapman: It is not in order. A committee was appointed to investigate this question, and we have a right to have their report first, and the discussion afterwards.

The Chairman: I see, it is my mistake. I was not aware the question was relegated to a committee.

Coun. Chapman: Have I to understand that the motion already carried disposes of the committee's report.

The Chairman: We will have the report for our own edification.

Coun. Neasham explained to the Chairman what transpired at the last meeting, and which resulted in the Committee being appointed to make investigations.

The Chairman: I was not aware the question had been discussed before.

Coun. Chapman submitted the Committee's report. He said they found that the people had diverted the footpath; but the question arose who had removed the stile from between twelve and fourteen yards from its original position. They found now that people had to travel 87 yards across the top of the field, and 627 yards down the side, instead of between 300 and 400 yards if the footpath had been in its original position.

Coun. Wilson also supplemented Coun. Chapman's remarks, and said he had known the field for the past 30 years, and it was only within the last few years that it had been ploughed. Before this was done there was a straight footpath through the field. It was now a market garden. He might say at first the committee got lost, and it took them some time before they could discover a footpath of any kind. (Laughter.)

Coun. Chapman said with regard to the application of the Esh Parish Council for a footbridge near to Mr Love's house the committee found that where the footbridge was required there was no awarded footpath. What did exist was an accommodation road which was used by Mr Love. The committee suggested that the awarded plan should be inspected, and find out the exact position of the original footpath. He would move that the Esh Parish Council be written to informing them that where they wanted the footbridge there was no footpath. Also, if the Esh Parish Council wished the awarded footpath opened out the Council's advice was that they should open out their end first, and the Lanchester Council would then take up the question of the portion in their parish.

This was seconded by Coun. Wilson, and carried.

Coun. Champney rose to his feet and expressed his determination to use the original footpath at all cost. No person, he said, had a right to block up an awarded footpath.

The Chairman: We will not be responsible for your action.

Coun. Champney said with respect to the stile at Hollybush it had been removed, and he wanted to know who had done this without the sanction of the Council.

Coun. Bowman said that the trespass referred to by Coun. Champney would only be caused perhaps by one or two who happened to be sweethearting. (Laughter.)

Coun. Champney said he was not going to be sat on by Coun. Bowman. He was——

The Chairman: Order, order.

Coun. Champney: I have a right to state my views.

The Chairman: You have already done so. I cannot allow you to speak.

Coun. Champney: Let me just say——

The Chairman: Order, order.

Coun. Champney: I am going to have my say.

Several voices: Chair, chair.

The Chairman: It is no use, you have already spoken twice on the question. I request you to sit down.

After order had been restored, Coun. Chapman pointed out that no one had a right to remove the stile. When Mr Buckham desired to divert a footpath he approached the Council in a proper way, but the people would not allow him to do so. In this case they found a stile had been removed without permission being asked for. They had the Act on the point, and he thought they should look after their rights.

Further discussion ensued, and Coun. Champney created another "breese" by desiring to speak, but he was prevented by the Chairman.

It was agreed that the Clerk should inspect the award plan, and if it was found that the stile had been removed the Council would ask the owner to restore it back to its original position.

After further discussion on footpaths in general, and the waste land between the bridge and the blacksmith's shop at Lanchester, both of which were deferred till next meeting, the Council rose after a long sitting.

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Wednesday night, a monthly meting of the members of the Tanfield Urban District Council was held in the Council Chambers, Tanfield—Coun. W. Holmes, J.P. (chairman), presiding. There were also present:—Couns. the Rev T. H. Archdall, M.A., W. G. Turnbull, A. Davis, R. Mason, W. Braidford, sen., W. Braidford, jun. T. Pringle, J. Gilliland, J. Rodham; the Clerk (Mr T. Armstrong), and the Surveyor (Mr R. Heslop.)

PLANS AND SEWERAGE.

The Plans and Sewerage Committee recommended that a plan of a cottage at Busty Bank for Mrs Prevell, and a plan of a cottage at High Friarside for Mr Allison, be rejected. It was resolved that the landlord and tenant of Steel Close Mill Cottage be served with notice to abate the overcrowding, and that the necessary steps be taken to close the cottage as being unfit for human habitation. It was resolved that an offer by Mr Aynsley to provide a deposit at the Lints for the sum of £6 10s be accepted. The Clerk was instructed to inform the County Council that the sewage disposal at Tantobie was being attended to. It was resolved that Councillors Davis, Gilliland, Wood, and the Chairman be a committee to examine the specifications of the new offices, and report to the Council.

On the motion of Coun. Turnbull, the report was adopted.

HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Highways and Lighting Committee reported that they had resolved that Mr Clavering's agent be written to with respect to the repairs of the Andrew's House footpath, and that the landlord be called upon to put up a gate in the fence abutting the main road, and that a notice be put up informing the public that there was a public road. In reference to the bridle road at Lintz Dene it was resolved that the land agent be written to respecting the repairs of the road. It was resolved that extra seats be placed by the side of the road at Tanfield, Tanfield Lea, East Tanfield, Tantobie, Lintz, and Burnopfield. The Surveyor was instructed to examine the roads at White-le-Head and report. It was resolved that Mr Clark be written to with respect to the footpath from Blackbank to Tanfield Leith Farm. The special Lighting Committee recommended that information required by the Board of Trade re the electric wires be supplied. They resolved that there be four lamps at Park View instead of five as previously arranged. They recommended that the tender of the Wholesale Co-operative Society for electric light extensions at Burnopfield, at £4 14s per lamp, be accepted. They also recommended that the tender of the Corlett Co. to put in extra lamps in Chapel Street at Tantobie, for £4 10s per lamp, as per rate, be accepted. Respecting the lighting of Crookgate ...ham District) it was resolved that the Whickham Council be referred to the Burnopfield Co-operative Society. It was resolved that arrangements be entered into with the Annfield Plain Urban District Council respecting the lighting of two gas lamps at White-le-Head.

The Rev T. H. Archdall moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Coun. Pringle, and agreed to.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr Benson reported that the condition of the district as regarded notifiable diseases had, during the month, been very satisfactory. Only two cases of erysipelas and two of scarlatina were reported to him in that period. The subjects of the latter disease resided in Burnopfield and Leazes respectively, but nothing was in evidence that would account for the origin of either case. The former were practically of little importance infectively. Measles invaded the district almost simultaneously at three different points, and although a number of cases followed still it never reached the proportions of a real epidemic before declining. Probably the closure of the schools for the holidays might have been the means of arresting its progress. The number of deaths returned for the month of July was 12, giving a death-rate equal to 16 per 1,000 per annum. Excepting a sudden death from cholernic diarrhœa none were due to infectious disease.

Coun. Turnbull moved, and Coun. Gilliland seconded, the adoption of the report, which was carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Heslop reported that the roadway from the top of Friarside Bank to the cemetery had been drained by about 3 feet, and new kerbstone laid from the top of the bank to the church. Application would be made to the County Council for the part of £168 already sanctioned. The footpath from Causey to Andrew's House was in a very bad state of repair. From information he had gathered it had never been repaired by local authorities. He recommended that the Council repair it.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Heslop, as Inspector, reported that he had completed the inspection of the district. He submitted a report showing every house, together with the place, owner, and occupiers' name, rent paid per week, number of rooms in each house, number of living and sleeping rooms, number for occupiers, adults, males, females, children, and lodgers if more than one family in one house, area of living and sleeping rooms, drainage, w.c. accommodation, water supply, together with remarks and overcrowding. There were 151 houses with 5 and more rooms, 184 with 4 only, 443 with 3 only, 721 with 2 only, and 72 with one only. There were 182 lodgers in the district, 62 houses with two or more families, and which were mostly in two and three-roomed houses. There were 189 houses overcrowded. Basing his figures on the minimum air space allowed under the Common Lodging House Act (300 cubic feet) he had no hesitation in saying that one-third of the houses in the district were overcrowded if the room only were allowed for sleeping rooms. During his inspection he had found a great number of houses quite unfit for habitation.

It was resolved to have the report printed and circulated among the members.

POLLUTION OF BEAMISH BURN.

The folowing letter, dated August 1st, was received from Messrs Wilson, Ornsby, and Cadle, solicitors, Durham:—You will remember that in July, 1894, we corresponded with you on behalf of the late Mr T. D. Eden, of Beamish Park, in reference to this matter, and you stated in your letter to us of the 25th July, 1894, that works were in progress which would keep the sewage of your Council's district entirely out of the Burn. Mr Eden died in June last. Our client, Mr Slingsby Duncombe Shafto, has succeeded to the ownership of the Beamish estate, and intends to reside at Beamish Hall. He has recently had the burn specially inspected by Mr Stock, the county analyst, with a view to his reporting upon its condition. The report, which is dated 15th ultimo, states that four samples of water taken at different points in the stream have been analysed, with the result that he (Mr Stock) has found the whole of them to be grossly polluted, and that the whole course of the stream is in a filthy and noxious state, and practically nothing better than an open sewer. He also says that comparing the present analysis with that which he made in 1894, there is no improvement in the conditions as then existing. In these circumstances our client has instructed us to bring the matter again under the notice of your Council, through you, and to ask what steps they are now taking and propose to take in order to remedy the nuisance. He is determined to purify the burn, and if some really effective action is not taken further on we shall have no alternative but to apply to the County Council and the Local Government Board, and take such other proceedings as he may be advised are necessary. We shall be obliged if you will be so good as to write to us at your earliest convenience. P.S.—We are writing a similar letter to the Clerks of the Stanley, Lanchester, and Annfield Plain District Councils.

The consideration of the letter was deferred.

LOCAL CHARITIES.

The Chairman and Mr H. C. Wood were appointed as trustees in connection with the local charities.

SUDDEN DEATH AT CONSETT.

On Tuesday morning, quite a sensation was caused amongst the residents of Delves Lane, on the fact becoming known that an old and esteemed neighbour in the person of Mrs. Isabella Tate had been found dead in bed. Deceased, who was in her 82nd year, caried on a small business as a general dealer, and was widely known. It appears that on Monday evening the old lady retired to rest about ten o'clock apparently in her usual health, and on the following morning, about nine o'clock, Elizabeth Lovat, a grand-daughter, went to call her up. Failing to get an answer she suspected that something was wrong, and immediately informed the neighbours. The door of the house was forced open, and the old lady was found lying in bed quite dead. The cause of death is attributed to heart disease. Deceased, who was recognised as a very old inhabitant of the district, possessed a remarkable good memory. Her recollections of a great many things in connection with the rise and progress of Consett, were interesting to listen to. Deceased was very shrewd, and believed in the old adage, "that God helped those that helped themselves."

STANLEY.

WESLEYAN CAMP MEETING.—On Sunday last the Wesleyans attending the Kip Hill Chapel held their annual camp meeting, that in the afternoon being held on the green near the chapel. Large congregations were addressed by Mr. S. Redhead, Mr. A. Saunders, and Mr. H. Brewn, of Newcastle; and Mr. J. Lowery, of Stanley. Several solos were sung by Mr. Redhead, and the hymns were led by Mr. Bozzer, on the cornet. Collections were taken to defray expenses.

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CRICKET.

ROWLAND'S GILL v. NEWCASTLE Y.M.C.A.

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Y.M.C.A.

F. W. Suisain b Sewell	2
R. Franke b Ford	3
F. S. Braithwaite b Sewell	7
G. B. Brown lbw b Sewell	6
F. S. Smith c Sewell b Ford	0
W. Metcalfe b Sewell	1
A. E. Lindsay b Ford	0
F. Hatchard b Ford	5
E. T. Richardson b Ford	1
W. Wilson b Ford	1
M. Brown not out	4
Extras	5
Total	35

ROWLANDS GILL.

J. Hetherington c Hatchard b Wilson	11
W. Robson b Wilson	12
J. Cosker run out	0
T. Ford c Brown b Richardson	8
J. Sewell b Wilson	0
S. Forster b Richardson	2
J. Stewart run out	0
R. Wilson lbw b Wilson	2
W. Goodfellow c Brown b Richardson	0
G. Forbes not out	0
E. Shotton to bat	
Extras	10
Total (for nine wickets)	45

Fixtures for Saturday, Aug. 5th.

MEDOMSLEY v. OVINGHAM.

At Ovingham. The Medomsley team will be selected from the following:—W. Cant, R. Cant, W. Lovat, A. T. A. Whitley, W. Hunter, T. Walton, G. Walton, M. Hedley, R. Campbell, J. Robinson, M. T. Milburn, and Rev A. C. Blunt.

Sad Death of a Swalwell Youth.

On Tuesday afternoon, Coroner John Graham held an inquest at the Highlander Hotel, Swalwell, touching the death of a nine-year-old boy named William Forster, who resided with his parents at Brewery Bank, Swalwell, and who was drowned at Derwenthaugh on Sunday, the 30th ult. —Samuel Veach, a young lad, stated that on Sunday night last, at about 6 p.m., he accompanied the deceased to Derwenthaugh where they went upon the staithes, and thence on board a ship which was lying alongside. Whilst on board the vessel someone raised an alarm that the sailors were coming, whereupon the deceased attempted to jump from the ship to the staithes, and in doing so he missed his footing and fell into the river.—A verdict of "Accidentally drowned" was returned.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

There ought to have been an ordinary monthly meeting of the Tanfield School Board on Tuesday evening, but the holiday fiend was about, and like the comic song it was postponed—rather.

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It may have been sultry weather during the past few days and may continue so throughout August, yet footballers are burnishing up their armour to be ready for the winter fray in four weeks time. Football players and followers are not particular to a bit of weather either way.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

HESLOP.—At 2, Belle Vue Terrace, Consett, on 1st inst., Mrs R. G. Heslop, of a daughter.

Marriages.

COCHRANE—DAY.—On 22nd ult., at St. James', Edgbaston, Birmingham, James Hubert Cochrane, of Lanchester, to Lily Margaret Day.

HALL—LOUDON.—At Jesmond Parish Church, on the 31st ult., by the Rev F. Clarke, B.A., Mary Caroline Loudon, daughter of J. A. Loudon, of Newcastle, to Frederic William Hall, son of Cuthbert Hall, of Tow Law.

HENRY — HALL. — At the Congregational Church, Chester-le-Street, on 31st ult., by the Rev R. Crookall, James, son of Robert Henry, of North Shields, to Elizabeth Emma, daughter of Jacob Hall, wachmaker, Chester-le-Street, and granddaughter of the late Capt. James Finlay, of Sunderland.

WELSH—CROFTON.—On 26th ult., at St Paul's Church, Waterhouses, by the Rev. G. W. Smith, M.A., assisted by the Rev. B. S. Spencer, M.A., of St. Paul's Church, Gateshead, brother-in-law of the bride, Edward A. F. Welsh, of Killamarsh, near Sheffield, son of Edward Welsh, Esq., of Broom House, Leamside, to Annie Buston Crofton, daughter of J. G. Crofton, Esq., mining engineer, Esh Villa, Waterhouses, Durham.

Deaths.

BELL.—Ryton, Simpson Street, Crookhill, on 24th ult., aged 61, Jane Bell.

BOLAM.—Birtley, Durham Road, on 24th ult., aged 66, Elizabeth Bolam.

FOSTER.—Swalwell on 30th ult., aged 9 years, William Foster.

HUDSON.—Medomsley, on 26th ult., aged 70, Robert Hudson.

HERDMAN.—Gateshead, Old Rectory, Sheriff Mount, the residence of her son, on 28th ult., in her 72nd year, the beloved wife of Thomas Herdman.

IRONSIDES.—Lady Park, Ravensworth, 2nd inst., in his 80th year, George Ironsides.

LITTLE.—Allendale Cottages, on the 1st inst., aged 53, Mrs Sarah Little, late of Dipton.

LOVAT.—Blackhill, Derwent Street, on 29th ult., aged 42, John Lovat, butcher.

MITCHISON.—Marley Hill, on 29th ult., aged 54, Annie Mitchison.

STOBART.—Ryton, 15, Dean Terrace, on 28th ult., aged 75, Susan Stobart.

SIDDLE.—At 37, Bradley Cottages, on the 2nd inst., in his 56th year, Thomas Siddle. To be interred at St. Ives on the 5th inst., at 3-30. Friends please accept this intimation.

TURNBULL.—Newcastle, High Street, Gosforth, on 29th ult., aged 39, Anthony Turnbull.

TAIT.—Delves Lane, Consett, on 1st inst., aged 82 years, Isabella, widow of the late John Tait. To be interred at Blackhill on 3rd inst., at Three o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

WILSON.—Chester-le-Street, Queen's Head Hotel, on 29th ult., aged 45, Robert Wilson.

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth (Bessie) Southern, the beloved wife of Wm. Southern, Delight Rows, Dipton, who died August 4th, 1896. Mrs Reynolds and family desire to thank their many friends and neighbours for their sympathy and kindness in their bereavement.

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