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Newest Designs of latest Improvements at the Lowest Cash Prices. Sole Agent for H. Maile and Co's Pianos, Berlin, and the "Bell" American Organs. The largest stock of Music in the District.

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Estimates supplied for all classes of Work.

GRETA ERRINGTON,

WHERE to intimate to her Friends and the Public generally, that she is continuing the Confectionery, Tobacconist, and Stationery Business at 15, Victoria Street, Consett, where she trusts, by keeping an up-to-date Stock at Popular Prices, to receive their continued support. 9[illegible]

W. MORGAN

PAINTER AND DECORATOR,

8, HARVEY STREET, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY has pleasure to inform the Patronage accorded him in the past, and by strict attention to business trusts to receive a continuance of the same. 9[illegible]

MRS. PURVIS

FASHY COOK, CONFECTIONER,

6, HAVELOCK STREET, CONSETT.

(Late of Blackhill.)

Has made ample provision for Xmas and New Year Festivities, in the way of Cakes, and Fancy Pastry. Plain Cake and Bread Cake of unsurpassed quality.

Funerals and Parties Supplied. 973

WM. CONNOLLY,

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HAS laid in a Good Stock of Sparkling Ales and STOUT for the Festive Season, when he will be glad to see as many of his friends as possible.

Choice TOBACCO and CIGARS.

MADGE HARRIS,

CONFECTIONER,

8, HAVELOCK STREET, CONSETT,

BEGS to thank her Customers and the Public for their past favours, and hopes to receive a continuance of their support. She has a good assortment of confectionery, tobacco, and cigars of the best quality, at reasonable prices. Mineral Waters and light refreshments. Pouches and Cigarette Cases; fancy goods, and Christmas cards for seasonable presents.

F. A. COLTMAN,

WHEAT SHEAF INN, CONSETT.

BEGS to announce that he has just withdrawn from bond Spirits, Brandies, and Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies, Liquors, Rum, Gin, &c., for the Festive Season, and is now in a position to supply the most fastidious connoisseur. All old Noted Blends still kept in Stock. Bottles of Port, Sherry, and Guinness's Stout, Special Bears supplied in 9, 18, and 36 gallon casks. Orders by letter, or left at the above address and have prompt and careful attention. 962[illegible]

FOR RIGHT GOOD SUPPLY OF CHRISTMAS BEEF, MUTTON, OR PORK, GO TO

T. G. MILBURN,

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

Who has purchased from the Blackhill Farmers' Mart Company, Ltd., First Prize Cattle fed by R. Murray, Esq., Rose Park; First Prize Sheep fed by J. Angus, Esq., Healeyfield; also cattle and sheep from Wark, Northumberland, and Gateshead Christmas Shows. Pigs from various feeds.

Come and Judge for Yourselves.

JOHN CRAWFORD,

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BEGS to thank his many Customers for their Patronage during the last 3 years. He will have, during Christmas Week, a large Stock of Grand BEEF and MUTTON, THREE-PED PORK, Fine Young GEESE, and DUCKS, at prices to suit the times.

A large Consignment of Turkeys, Geese, and Ducks will be shown FOR SALE in the Victoria Street Sale Rooms, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NIGHTS, at Reasonable Prices.

Orders Promptly Attended to.

Established 27 Years.

MRS. ROGERS,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

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DESIRES to return her very sincere Thanks for the generous Patronage bestowed upon her since the death of her late Husband, and begs to intimate that Material and Workmanship, and Guaranteed Style and Fit, will be maintained by her Business and Support of the public of Consett and District.

Established 27 Years.

SCOTCH, IRISH, AND WEST OF MOUNTAIN WHISKIES.

LARGE ASSORTMENT TO CHOOSE FROM.

FOUNTAIN HOTEL, CONSETT.

ELIZABETH JANE BROWN

TWO, THANKS for numerous Friends and Customers in Consett and District, for the Liberal Patronage bestowed on her since the death of her late husband, and begs to intimate that she is still carrying on the Business at 5, Victoria Street, where she trusts, by keeping an up-to-date Stock at Popular Prices, to receive their continued support. 9[illegible]

J. G. BRADLEY,

SURGEON, DENTIST, AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR, CONSETT.

BEGS to thank his numerous Patrons, who during the year have entrusted him with the Building of Valuable Properties and Surgical Operations, and hopes by prompt attention to orders, whether of new Buildings or any kind of Repairs, to merit a share of the continuance of their patronage.

N.B.—SANITARY GOODS and BUILDING MATERIALS of all descriptions kept in Stock for Sale.

Estimates given for all classes of work.

J. E. G. ATTCHISON,

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TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, CONSETT.

THANKS his numerous Friends and Customers for their favours in the past and trusts to receive a continuance of the same during the ensuing year. Stock of the Best Quality. Prices Moderate.

FLOWERS, FRUITS, & VEGETABLES.

Wreaths and Crosses made to order on the premises for Funerals at Short Notice. 972

Noted Shop for Good Potatoes.

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Wreaths and Crosses made to Order

All Orders Promptly Attended to.

Christmas Fruits and Nuts.

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44, MERRYLEE ROAD, CONSETT.

BEST Home Coal, 15s per ton, delivered. 5s to any part of Consett. Cash per ton. All Orders left at above address or at Mr. Pounds, Mount Pleasant, will receive prompt attention. 976

ROYAL OAK HOTEL,

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

JOSEPH DUFFY

HAS made preparations for the Xmas and New Year Festivities with a Stock of Prime Ales, Wines, and Stout of known quality. Don't forget to give him a look up this Xmas.

Note the Address:

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

F. SWAINSTON,

FAMILY BUTCHER,

CHURCH STREET, CONSETT.

WISHES to Thanks his Customers for their past favours, and to state that he has secured for Xmas the following Special Prices:—Heifers from Manor Grange, Westonhall Hall Farm; 1 Heifer from J. Armstrong, Hall Farm; 1 Heifer from E. Gladson; Heifer from Lawson, Newcastle; Hogs and Wethers from T. A. Stephenson, Newlands Park from Newcastle.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

BUTCHERING DEPARTMENT.

In returning Thanks to our many Customers, we beg to state for Christmas consumption we have secured the fat Cows and Heifers from Prize Herds at Blackhill Farmers' Mart, fed by Mr. Armstrong, Field Head; 2 Blue Polled Heifers from the well-known Herd of Messrs Graham, of Whitehead; and Cattle from some of the noted feeders in the district, Black-faced Wether Mutton, fed by Mr Shortock; also, a pen of Prize Sheep from Blackhill Mart. A good supply of Dairy-fed Pork. 976

MRS. MORALEE,

BUTCHER,

DIXON STREET, BLACKHILL.

WOULD again thank the Public of Blackhill and District for their continued patronage, for Christmas and New Year she has secured Second Prize beast from Burnhalls, Auction Mart, bred and fed by Mr. Cowan, Lindisfarne. A splendid Black Polled Angus heifer from Messrs Rowe and Dotchin. Newcastle, 1st prize sheep Mrs Hunter, Medomsley, pen of sheep Hogs from Mr. Atkinson, Field Head, Shotley Bridge, pen of hoggs from Mr. Gailey, Woodburn. Butter also a grand cut of DAIRY-FED PORK. 976

WILLIAM HARRISON,

BUTCHER,

HIGHGATE, BLACKHILL,

TAKES this opportunity of thanking his Friends and Customers for their large and increasing patronage since taking over the above business. For Christmas he has secured Prime Beef from Mr Anderson, Hall Farm, Hedley; Prime Heifers and Dairy-fed Pork from the most noted feeders in the District.

A TRIAL SOLICITED.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Best Quality Hand Finished

BEEF, MUTTON, AND PORK, 7d.

THOMAS H. LOVAT,

BUTCHER,

DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL.

BEG to thank his Customers and the general Public for their liberal patronage during the past year, and beg to inform them that he will this year have a supply of

BEEF, MUTTON, AND PORK

from the best Breeders and Feeders in the District. While the quality is Good the price will be Low.

CHOICE DAIRY-FED PORK.

Place your orders early. 932[illegible]

A. H. MORALEE,

FAMILY BUTCHER,

107, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

BEGS to return thanks to his numerous Customers and Friends for their past support and announces that he has bought Prime Beef from noted feeders, 1st prize Mule Shearlings from Benfieldside Auction Mart; 1st prize Hoggs from Mr. Lowery, White House, etc., etc. Butter from our own Dairy-farm. Quality here the true test of cheapness. 9[illegible]

EARL GREY INN, KYO.

THOS. GATISS

BEGS to Thank the Gentlemen of Kyo and District for their liberal Support, and would like to see his many Friends gather together once again at the Festive Season.

ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS of the Finest Quality.

TRY OUR NORTH'S OLD WHISKEY.

SWINBOURNE HOUSE, HIGH SPEN.

BLACKHALL MILL LIVERY STABLES.

NIXON & SONS,

WISH to Thank their numerous Patrons for their kind support in the past, and hope still to continue to merit them in the future.

Cabs, Brakes, Waggonettes, Traps, &c. Wedding Breakfasts, Dinners, Suppers, &c., at most reasonable terms. All Orders attended to with the utmost care promptness.

NIXON AND SONS

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON to all.

ROBERT LEE

CASTLE END PUBLIC HOUSE,

IN Thanking his numerous Patrons for their generous support during the past year, would remind them that he has secured for the Festive Season, Prime Beef from Newcastle Auction Mart; Welsh Sheep from Mr E. Johnson, Derwent Grange; Best Dairy-fed Pork from Mr T. Milburn, Magnefield.

The right Shop for a Good Joint.

G. E. & M. T. MILBURN,

BUTCHERS,

MEDOMSLEY.

DESIRE to Thank the inhabitant of Medomsley and District for their past Patronage. They beg to intimate that they have secured a supply of Prime Beef for the Christmas Season. Second Prize Heifer from Fence Houses; 1st Prize Heifer from Harbour House; Second Prize Heifer from Newcastle Auction Mart; 1st Prize Heifer from Newcastle Auction Mart; Prize Heifer from Blackhill Auction Mart fed by Mr Wilson; Prize Sheep from Mr Cheviot Wethers from the Earl of Durham.

Dairy-fed Pork from M. Brown, Esq., Newcastle.

C. P. PARKER,

15, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT.

RETURNS Thanks for past Patronage, and respectfully announces that after Mature and extensive Preparation, he now has a much more varied stock of

FAT STOCK, STOCKINGS, PINAFORES, WOOLS, WORSTEDS, CHILDREN'S DRESSES, FANCY APRONS, GLOVES, BABY LINNEN, &c., &c.

Materials for Ladies' Fancy Work kept in Stock.

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DEAFNEY CLOTH CONDUCTED.

A TRIAL SOLICITED.

J. H. BROWN,

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, HIGHGATE.

WISHES all his Customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

He thanks them most cordially for their support, and assures them that he has left no stone unturned to have his stock of SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKEY, RUM, And other SPIRITS, WINES, and MILD AND BITTER ALES,

In the Finest Condition.

CIGARS, TOBACCOS, BILLIARDS

WALTER ROCHE,

WHEAT SHEAF INN

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

WISHES all his Friends and Customers the Compliments of the Season. He has laid in a Good Stock of Ales, Stout, Wines, and Spirits.

TRY THE SPIRIT OF HIS NOTED WHISKEY

FINEST ALES AND STOUT.

GUARANTEED PURE.

Choice Selected Brands of Cigars. 977

WHEATLEY DOWNS,

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

HAS close on hand a consignment of Well-fed BEEF, MUTTON, and PORK.

Also a few Lots of Sheep of the Celebrated Selected Wether Lamb Breeding Stock Mart; Pen of splendid hoggs from Mr. Armstrong, Field Head; also Prize Wethers, Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester. Butter, Eggs, Poultry, and best quality sausage. Quality unsurpassed. 9[illegible]

ALFRED REES

DESIRES to Thank his Friends and the Public generally, that he has recently obtained the Agency for

THE BRANDY INN,

BLACKHILL.

Nothing but Pure Ales, the best quality kept. Made from Malt and Hops, and absolutely free from arsenic and other deleterious ingredients. 929[illegible]

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, STANLEY.

GEORGE WARKMAN

BEGS to return his sincere Thanks for the liberal patronage accorded to this, the oldest and best known hotel in West Stanley, he wishes his Customers the compliments of the season, he is in a position to assure them that he has some of the

FIRREST BLENDS OF WHISKIES, AND PUREST MILD AND BITTER

ALES

Choice Wines, Cigars, and Tobacco.

Don't Forget "THE MIDDLE HOUSE."

Contracts.

COMPETITION

URBAN DISTRICT OF TANFIELD.

THE Urban District Council of Tanfield are desirous of receiving Plans, Designs, and Estimates for the Erection of Twenty-four Improved and Four roomed Cottages, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, Part III.

Particulars and Conditions may be obtained from Mr. R. Blackburn, Surveyor, Stanley, on payment of Ten Shillings, or some at 10s each, Deposit, which will be returned on the receipt of a bona fide Plan and Specification, or by appointment at any other time.

Competitors must state in their Plans and the Plans adjudged to be let and bind, which Elevation, Specification, Estimate, Ground Plans, Designs, and Estimates to be sent to the undersigned, Stanley, not on or before Monday, the 28th of January, 1901.

T. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

Council Office, Tanfield, Stanley.

JOHN DOVE & CO. (LTD.), Builders Merchants and Contractors, Offer to tender for the new Portland Cement, Plaster, Lime, Slate, Tarred Felt, Sand, Gravel, Fireclay, Tiles, Sanitary Pipes, Protectolin, Pitch, Tar, &c. Offers, Sewing Machinery, Brushes, &c. Telephone, P.O. 416; National, 1,138. Telegrams, "Screwstone," Newcastle. 9[illegible]

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, AND OTHERS.

QUOTATIONS given for Dressed Stone and rough Stone for Quarries, Seeds, Bills, Sills, Coping, Fireplaces and Mantels, &c. Estimates given for Stone Work complete for a number of Houses; also Cement Steps, Cement Floors, and Cement Work in Stone. Apply, BEWLEY, Dunston-on-Tyne, Nat. Tel. 1,138. 9[illegible]

CHOICE HALL SLAG CRUSHING WORKS NEAR CONSETT.

I AM now in a position to supply promptly and at reasonable prices, the following Materials for Building Purposes, For Christmas and New Year, Confectionery, &c. Machine Broken Slag, Hand Broken Slag, Hand Picked Slag, Hand Picked Slag, Crushed Slag for Concrete Purposes (each 1 ton).

TRADE SUPPLIED.

The Slag is of most excellent Quality, it is of great value for Road Making, it is much more strong and durable stone for Road Making, than Limestone. Also Concrete Slag for Footpaths Public Bodies, Contractors, &c.

Estimates and Quotations Free. I am getting Quarry Stone Slag, Hand Picked, Specimens of Artificial Stone, Flags, Kerbs, Pills, &c., and Slag Asphalting, Specimens and Prices on application.

Postal Address—

JOHN HEWTISON, Blackhill.

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Estimates for Slating Grats.

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Head Office: LEADER HAIGH, Agent, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

National Telephone, No. 1348 967

Lost and Found.

LOST, on Thursday night, in Victoria Street, Consett, a Gold Watch and Chain. Finder rewarded on returning it to Mr. John Crawford, Consett. 9[illegible]

Wanted

WANTED, a GIRL, about 20.—Apply, Queen's Head, Burnopfield. 9[illegible]

WANTED, smart RERAND LAD.—Apply Mr. Hall, Consett. 25k

WANTED, REMAND BOYS, age, 13 years.—Apply J. Cockburn, Middle Street, Consett. 25k

WANTED, an intelligent BOY to the Printing Business.—Apply Office, Consett. 29[illegible]

TEA OR ANY KIND OF OLD LEAD IS WANTED in any quantity; at the "Guardian" Office. 9[illegible]

THE CONSETT REGISTRY OFFICE for Domestic Servants.—Apply at Mrs. Cooper's, Station Road, Blackhill. 9[illegible]

WANTED.—ALL CLASSES of People to send their Photographs to Mr. Gill, 9[illegible]

WANTED, Apprentice WANTED, able to do wash and bake.—Apply 32, Medomsley, Consett. 9[illegible]

WANTED, a CARTPLAKER for Consett and District. For particulars apply to A. S. Coates, Printer, Middle Street, Consett. 9[illegible]

WANTED, PICTURES TO FRAME, in Oak, Gilt, or various kinds of Moulding, from 1s. upwards. Also Cheap Mirrors.—Terrace, Consett. 79[illegible]

WANTED, Boy of Cyclists and Homesteads to know that R.-QUINN'S Establishment is Now Open in Middle Street, Consett. Cycles overhauled and repaired, Pennyholders and Tuppenny Bicycles, Homesteads Boots repaired. Sciscors ground. 903[illegible]

WANTED, a SERVANT, a DISTRICT Public to know that J. Williamson, Taylor Street, Consett, has a Splendid Assortment of Clarets, Cigarettes, and Fancy Chocolates for Sale for Xmas Presents, Box of 25 (50) Cigars for 4/6, &c., &c. 971[illegible]

WANTED, Apprentice Hairdresser, Shop to know that W. CLEMENTSON, Hairdresser, Opposite Post Office, Consett, Set Goods, Tailor, Barber, Hosier, Gent's Outfitter, Boots and Shoes, Ironmonger, Coal Dealer, Agent for Incandescent Gas Lights. Cash Boots, Middle Street, Consett. 9[illegible]

WANTED known that STORAR'S IMPROVED PATENTED HEALING SALVE Cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Sore Throat, Chest Pains. 9[illegible]

WANTED, Apprentice WANTED.—Best to say address for Shoes Repairs, Cycles, Homesteads, Boots, Shoes, Clogs, 9[illegible]

WANTED, Apprentice Hairdresser, Shop Boy, Handsby Terrace, Weston, South Shields, formerly of New Shildon, Bishopwearmouth. 9[illegible]

CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

WANTED, an Ex. P.T., (Female), for Infants' Department, Chopwell Board School.—Forms of application will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope, by H. Otto, Solicitor, Swinburne Street, Gateshead, Clerk to the Board. 9[illegible]

TO COMMITTEES OF SOCIALS &c.

ENGAGEMENTS WANTED for PHONOGRAPH RECITALS.—For Terms apply, Mr. J. Lloyd, 15, George Street, Tanfield, R.S.O. 9[illegible]

To Let.

FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE TO LET at Blackhill.—Apply 8, St. George's Place. 9[illegible]

COTTAGE HOUSE TO LET at Castleside, pleasantly situated.—Apply Joseph Chessman, Ivanhoe. 9[illegible]

TO LET, MASONIC HALL, Front Street, Consett, containing large Hall, Anteroom, Ladies' with use of Gas Cooking Apparatus, Lavatory, Cloakroom, Kitchen, suitable for Meetings, Receptions, Auctions, Concerts, Balls, Parties, &c.—Terms apply to Secretary, Masonic Club, Consett. 9[illegible]

For Sale.

PIANOS FOR SALE at 30 to 40 guineas, 30 to 35, delivered, free 3 years, Warranted. 9[illegible]

FOR SALE, a Good Brown POST TRAP, quiet to ride or drive.—Apply, 9, Charlotte Street, Consett. 9[illegible]

FOR SALE, Almost new, a small PLEASURE TRAP, suitable for Market Gardener, and bottom hinge door complete, for Sashing Shop.—Apply, Sanitary Office, Consett. 9[illegible]

SAFES FOR SALE, Fire and Thief-resisting, Tradesmen's Strong Boxes, Iron Chests, Iron Doors, Safe Depot, West Hartlepool Street, Hartlepool. 7[illegible]

FOR SALE, 2 Horse, 10s.; Harness, 10s.; Fat Cart, Flat Sheet, 1 Paint Brush, 1 Ladder, 1 Ladder, 1 Pair Scales, 1 Pump. Apply 9, English, Castleside. 9[illegible]

FOR SALE, Cabinet, Gramophone, and 40 Records, Cost £40, the lot, 10 guineas. Also Cabinet Gramophone, Cost £20, 10 Records, Cost £10, 10 guineas.—Apply Mr. Wade, Stationer, 9, Middle Street, Consett. 9[illegible]

FOR SALE, Fine Young Cockerels, 2s. each, 20 for 35s. Large 10s. Special Prize Cockerels, 10s. each. Fine Large Pullets, 2s. each.—Apply Secretary—Send for List, WARBLOW & CO., Grain Merchants, Wakefield. 9[illegible]

TWO BE SOLD OR LET, with immediate possession, TWO DWELLING-HOUSES, in Southwick Road, Shotley Bridge, on the Estate of Messrs. Lucas, containing 2 rooms and water, brimstone, and garden.—Apply to Mr. Lucas, Jun., Shotley Bridge. 9[illegible]

MONEY LENT on Gold and Silver Watches Jewellery, Diamonds, Pictures, Plate, and Women's Clothes, Bed and Table Linen.—Money lent on Household Furniture, Bicycles, Hand Quilted Quilts.—M. Harvey, Pawnbroker, Consett. 9[illegible]

GALVANISED CORRUGATED IRON, 7ft. Sheets, Galvanised Corrugated Iron, for Roofing Hay Sheds, and Outbuildings of every description. Large Stock of Corrugated Iron and particulars apply J. Jackson, 30, West Blandford Street, Newcastle. 9[illegible]

NEW DWELLING-HOUSE, Stanley, Front Street, Stanley, Opposite Fire Brigade and Sanitary—Estimates apply to J. S. Hall, Esq., Avenue, Durham, or to T. Bradley, Stanley. 9[illegible]

3 WHITEHAPELS, to suit 1 PORT WINE, 1 GIN, and 1 DOUBLE GIN CAR, to suit Public Houses, Hotels, and Shops, Guaranteed new Stock of Lamps at all prices, Waterproof Aprons, Harness, Horse Clothes, for either for Cash or on easy payment Terms.—Cowper's Lamp and Saddlery Works, Taylor Street, Consett. 9[illegible]

Excursions

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

EXCURSION TRAIN FROM CONSETT

SATURDAY, Jan. 5th, at 12.50 p.m. for YORK, LEEDS, &c.

For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,

General Manager.

York, Dec., 1900.

Public Notices.

12 is the Winning Number for the "ATCH." 12 Drawn for at Estimory. 961

12 is the Winning Number of the 3 TIMES TWENTY SHILLINGS Sweepstake. 9[illegible]

NUMBERS 16, 186, 82, are the Winning A. Numbers of Hose drawn for at Leadgate Sweepstake. 9[illegible]

WINNING NUMBERS of Annfield Plain Little Prize Drawing 249, 818, 840, 942, 1398, 1458, 1462, 1492, 822, 1606, 243, 1895.

WINNING NUMBERS of Prize Drawing Hoop on behalf of R. Maitby, are as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 780.

WINNING NUMBERS HARLEY HILL BAND LOTTERY: 2044, 2920, 1439, 1077, 1111, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1506, 2158, 286, 2884, 2418, 1542, 2135, 2329, 2134, 47, 1340, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 1338, 1951, 2107, 2020.

WINNING NUMBERS Prize Drawing.

WINNING NUMBERS: 01126, 8521, 1646, 1647, 1361, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 1426, 1715, 697, 1256, 1264, 946, 1345, 651, 1313, 802, 1362, 1363.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be required to be emptied, they must be reported to the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,

THOS. G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

CHESHIRE, LANCHESTER, STANLEY, & DISTRICT PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL COMPETITION will be held at TWIZEL HALL FARM, Lanchester, on the Premises of Mr. Southern, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1901.

PRIZE LIST may be obtained from the Secretary. Last day of entry Tuesday, Dec. 25th; Entry Money payable post in time.

JOSEPH INNES, Secretary.

Hall Green, Lanchester. 7[illegible]

Remember the

ANNUAL SOCIAL

To be held in the Wesleyan Sunday School-room, on XMAS DAY. Chief Speaker, Mr. Samuel Hodgson, M.P. Supper at 6.30; p.m. Admission, 6d. 975

GREENSIDE, BYTON, WINLAND, AND BARLOW DISTRICTS PLOUGHING AND HEDGE-CUTTING ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT: THOMAS SPENCER, Esq., Byton-on-Tyne.

THE TENTH ANNUAL COMPETITION, will be held on the Premises of Mr. Ord, 1901, (weather permitting), on Land near Trimdon Station, kindly granted by Mr. Isaac Johnson, Castle Byron Farm. Entries close on Monday, Dec. 24th, 1900, at the Secretary, Edward Forrest, West Kyo Farm, Byton-on-Tyne. Prize List on application. 961

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

FUND in aid of the Wives and Families of Soldiers and Sailors serving with the Colours

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HON. SECRETARY—Mr. T. W. DIXON, CLERK, CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

	£ s. d.
Amount acknowledged	1,[illegible]
Consett Iron Co's. Workmen's 24th Contribution	16 19 11
	£1575 7 5

NOTICE.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE UNITED DIPTON OF TANFIELD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in reference to the Elementary Education Act, 1870.

1.—The above School Board have (subject to certain Bye Laws in pursuance of the powers given to the School Board by s. 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, as amended by the Elementary Education Acts of 1876, 1880, 1893, and 1899)

2.—A printed copy of the proposed Bye Laws will continue deposited for inspection by any Ratepayer, at the Board Boundary, the Office of the School Board, for one calendar month from the date of the publication of this Notice.

3.—At the expiration of the said calendar month, the said proposed Bye Laws will be submitted to the Board of Education for their approval.

4.—The School Board will supply a printed copy of the said proposed Bye Laws gratis to any Ratepayer.

WM. H. RITSON, Clerk.

Dec. 20th, 1900. 7k

VICTORIA THEATRE, STANLEY.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. HARRY R. LINDON.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22nd, and during the following Week, Christmas Day excepted, Gigantic Production of the Celebrated Xmas Pantomime—

DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT.

Grand Illuminated Day Performance on Saturday at Eight o'clock. Two o'clock. Children admitted at reduced prices.

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Greatest Possible Success of F. BURNAND'S Great Play—

PROOF,

Thursday and Saturday, "Proof."

Friday, "The Lady of Lyons."

On Thursday, by particular desire "Proof" will be followed by the Screen Scene from the "School for Scandal."

The New Year's Holidays, Monday, Dec. 31st, welcome return visit of MR. GODFREY LAMPLOUGH, Co., in the

PRODIGAL PARSON.

"Dr. Bill" is Coming. 11k

Public Notice.

SEKNHOUSE ST. AIDAN'S

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CONSETT AMATEUR ORCHESTRA

Beg to announce that their Annual

POPULAR PROMENADE CONCERT

Will be held in the TOWN HALL, CONSETT, ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1st, 1901.

Doors open at 8 o'clock. Commence at 8.30 p.m. Tickets—Reserve Seats—may be had from any member of the Orchestra, or at Archibald Robertson's, Front Street, Consett.

WHICKHAM CRICKET CLUB.

A Grand

BAZAAR AND SALE OF WORK.

Will be held in the SCHOOL ROOM, WHICKHAM, ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JAN. 17th and 18th, 1901.

Plain and Fancy Needlework, Fruit and Flowers, Confectionery, and Entertainments. Refreshments.

The Bazaar will be Opened on the Thursday at 2 p.m. by

Mr. J. TAYLOR, of Dunkendale Hall.

And on Friday at 2.30 p.m., by

DR. SMITH, of Whickham.

The President of the Club, the Rev. A. Atkinson, M.A., in the Chair.

ADMISSION SIXPENCE EACH.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Treasure to measure.

10s 6d., 15s. 15s. 6d.

W. FITZPATRICK'S,

TAILOR,

5, DURHAM ROAD,

ANFIELD PLAIN.

MEMORIAL

TO THE LATE

MR. GEO. RIDLEY,

OF STANLEY

A Meeting of St. Andrew's Church Council, held in the Church Institute, Stanley, on Tuesday Evening, Dec. 11th, it was decided to place

A STAINED WINDOW

in St. Andrew's Church (West Window if possible), as a Memorial to the late Mr. George Ridley, for many years Churchwarden of St. Andrew's. SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Church will be thankfully received by the joint Treasurers—

T. C. FRASER,

Havanna House

CHARLES ROBINSON,

The Fair.

or by the Secretary,

D. GRUNDY,

Front Street, Stanley.

Church Notices.

CHOPWELL P.M. CHAPEL.

SALE OF WORK, on New Year's Day, 1901, in the Co-operative Hall. To be opened at 2 p.m. Special attractions Entrance and Tea 6d. 922[illegible]

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30th, 1900.

Morning, 10.30 } REV. J. TAYLOR.
Evening, 6 }

ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DEC. 30th, 1900.

Morning 10.30 } MR. R. C. FOSTER.
Evening 6 }

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A SHORT TIME OF

SPEECHES AND MUSIC, princt

CHRYSTMASSE CAROLLES

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REV. A. L. PILLINGHAM,

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On ye First Day of ye New Countyne,

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A WELL KNOWN DIRGE WILL SERVE AND

Sing ye Carolles.

In ye same place, a Grand ABC SALLE: PHANTASMAGORIA,

AND YE FAMOUS ORIGINAL (HOLLOW) DOLLEMAN!!

Opened at 6 o'ye clock, by ye Reverend G. E. Ashby, Esq., of Newcastle.

Admission (also Refreshments), Nine Pennies

Ye Ladies Committee will be ye Receivers, ye Buildings Fine, ye Good.

Principal Vocalists: Mr. Chapell, Dipton.

GRAND BAZAAR, on New Year's Day, in the Lecture Hall, opened at 2 p.m. by W. JOHNSON, Esq. Hour Tea at 4 o'clock. Entertainment including Magic Lantern, Photograph, Shooting Gallery, Gaiyastic Battery, &c. ORAGEST in the Evening. Pianist, Soloist: MADAME BELLAS-DRYDEN, of Consett. Admission to Bazaar only 6d. Tickets for New Building Fund. 9[illegible]

CHURCH OF WESLEYAN CHURCH

ON SUNDAY, Dec. 30th, Rev E. CHARLES WOODWARD, at 6 p.m. ON MONDAY, Dec. 31st, 7 p.m. Miscellaneous Entertainment, Dancing, Fancy Dress, Conjuring, &c. Knife and Fork Supper afterwards. Tickets, 1s. Refreshments, 6d. Supper only, 9d. Watch Night Service at the close.

Sales by Auction

By Mr. Jackson Groom.

BACKHILL FARMERS MART CO., LTD.

Monday First, December 31st, 1900.

JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.

25 Fat Cattle.

24 Fat Heifers.

2 S.H. Cows, newly calved, heavy milkers.

Calves, Pigs, Poultry.

Ballot at 12 noon. Sale at 12-30 p.m. prompt.

JOHN FAIL, Secretary.

Blackhill, Consett. 26k

MR. JACKSON GREEN

AUCTIONEER, VALUER, & COMMISSION AGENT,

Begs to announce that on Thursday evening, Jan. 17th, 1901, these Two New Well-built Five-roomed Houses, with usual conveniences, situate at Shotbrook Terrace, Consett. Anyone having property or shares to sell can have them sold at this sale by applying to J. Crawford, Auctioneer, Front Street, Consett.

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION AGENT, AND BAILIFF.

Sales undertaken on Commission according to arrangement.

Valuations of Furniture or property purchased outright for cash. 9[illegible]

Christmas & New Year's PRESENTS.

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

E. and I. (Consett) Companion.—Capt. Perfecto has passed an order to the E. and I. (Consett) Companion of the 2nd V.B.D.L.I. that drill will be resumed on January 4th, at 8 o'clock as usual.

Pigeon Concert.—It will have been observed that the Consett Amateur Orchestral Society are giving a pigeonette concert in the Town Hall on New Year's night. For the small charge of sixpence or exceptionally good programme attending over the lengthy period of four hours will be quite enough and in the instance there also will be quality. It is an opportunity of a rare kind and it goes without saying the house will be crowded.

New Theatrical.—A splendid attraction is promised for Consett next week in Mr. F. W. Bernard's drama, "Pearl," which is considered one of the most meritorious plays of the century. A true man's love for an only daughter, who, in her ignorance, has unknowingly condemned him to a living death—such is the theme of Mr. Bernard's skilful play. Messrs Maclaren and Farrell's company is a most powerful one, including such noted names as Miss Lily C. Bandmann, Mr. W. J. Butler, Mr. Harry Poppin, Mr. Arthur Wilmington, &c. The scenery is fine, the drama being beautifully staged. We also should mention that "Pearl" is a Lock Round the Snare.—It is generally admitted that the shops in Consett this Christmastide have presented a very artistic as well as thoroughly business appearance. Many of them have given unmistakable evidence of window-dressing skill, and the enterprise of the proprietors has been manifest. A word should also be addressed to Messrs. Mary Ann Williams, Taylor Street, Consett, whose display of cigars, cigarettes, and fancy chocolate has attracted the attention of many, and induced not a few to call and purchase. Those who have done so have been well satisfied with their investment. The Singer Manufacturing Company, too, have a very attractive display of their well-known and well-tried sewing machines. The company have been a veritable benediction to thousands, upon thousands of poor homes, who have been placed on an equal footing with the wealthy classes in having within their doors a valuable article of great utility and household adornament. Mr. J. G. Bradley, Consett, the well-known general contractor Consett, should also have been mentioned. The extensive patronage bestowed upon him in the past has been well deserved, he having ever shown a prompt desire to order whether in reference to new property or to repairing work. He has always on hand stocks of sanitary goods and building materials of all descriptions, from sale a good stock should be better in mind. He also gives estimates for all classes of work.

BURNOPFIELD.

Fife Concert.—The members of the Burnopfield Fife Church held their annual coffee party and entertainment on Christmas Eve, and as on former occasions, the affair was highly successful.—At the supper a large number sat down at the tables, while the meeting was equally well attended. A capital miscellaneous programme was gone through and was heartily appreciated by the large audience. A good time was enjoyed.

School Concert.—A very successful and interesting entertainment was given by the scholars of Burnopfield National School on Friday, Dec. 21st. The performance, from beginning to end, were applauded by the audience to the echo on occasions, the piece being highly successful.—At the supper a large number sat down at the tables, while the meeting was equally well attended. A capital miscellaneous programme was gone through and was heartily appreciated by the large audience. A good time was enjoyed.

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Christmas Announcements

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Special--We beg to thank our many Customers for the kindly interest and patronage accorded to us during the year, and to say that we now hold one of the finest Stocks in the District of **Dining, Drawing and Bedroom Suites,** and all other **House Furnishing necessaries** to make **Comfortable Homes.**

We ask you to favour us with a visit, there is no obligation to purchase, we only ask you to allow us to show you what we have, and we are sure you will be interested.

Front Street, Consett. AND **London House, Stanley.**

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CAKES AND BISCUITS.

In Cakes and Biscuits I have a very choice selection. The quality will be found to be all that can be desired and the prices moderate.

Currant, Rice, Cherry, Lunch, Rich Fruit Cakes	Sultana, Eclipse, Seed, Genoa, 1/3 per lb.	In Slabs from 4d to 1/3 per lb.	Huntley and Palmer's Fancy Iced Bread and Shortbread. Jacob and Co.'s Fancy Cakes, Fancy Tins of Biscuits, and Biscuits in variety. Latham and Co.'s Fruit Cakes.

I have made arrangements to receive Fresh Supplies of Horner's Special Thick Cream in Jars at 5d and Bottles at 12d.

Barcelona's, Walnuts, Mixnuts, Figs, Prunes, Dates, Dried Apricots, Glace Cherries, Dried Peaches, Angelica, Pistachio Nuts.	Almonds, Grenadines, Apples, Oranges, Dried Pears.	Candied Peels, Icing, Castor, and Pink Sugars, Mixed Spices, Whole and Ground Cinnamon, Cassia, Mace, Nutmegs, Flavouring Essences, Cochineal, Lemon, Orange and Citron Peels.	Twin's Leaf Sugar, Fussel Currants in Packets, Valencia, Seedless, and Sultana Raisins.

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Mince Meat of perfect quality 11b Jars 7d. 2lb Jars 1/-. Samples of this bread have kept in perfect condition for over 12 months.

A splendid Assortment of Chocolates from the leading makers, consisting of Fancy Packages at all prices. 1 lb., ½ lb., and 1 lb. Boxes of Splendid Mixed Chocolates. A large variety to choose from.

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I have for your inspection this Christmas some very Fine Quality of CHEESE, consisting of Wensleydale, Cotheratons, Stilton, Gorgonzola, Cheshire, Derby, Canadian, Gouda, Edam, and "Little Gloucester," weighing 2 lbs.

A splendid lot of well-favoured Hams, Sides, and Shoulders, Cumberland, Irish Roll, and Smoked Yorkshire Bacon and Hams.

Fresh Country and Finest Danish and other BUTTERS. Palethorpe's Noted Pork Sausages, 8d per lb. Smoked Bath Chaps, 7d per lb. whole. Pinnbrook's Best Potted Meats in white jars, 6d each. See the Windows for Prices and Cots. Pure Lard & Fresh Margarine.

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Good Sound Tea, 1/8 and 1/6 per lb.	"Ship" Brand Tea, 1/8 per lb.
Our Own Blend, 2/- per lb.	Our Own Blend, 2/6 per lb.
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Our Presentation Tea at 1/4 per lb. and the Presents shown without doubt the best value in Presentation Teas ever offered by us, and I would ask you to test the quality, and see the Presents, which are free time to time shown in the windows.

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Quality is the true test of cheapness, and the knowledge that our sales of Flour this last year have so considerably increased warrant me in saying that a trial will insure your appreciation.

Bran, Boxings, and all Feeding Stuffs at Lowest Prices on Application.

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In view of the increasing sale of Confectionery, we have, to meet the requirements of our Patrons at a distance, started and stocked with a Choice Selection of Sweets, Chocolates, Biscuits, &c., a Confectionery Van under competent management.

WINES. WINES.

Port Wines, 1/4, 1/6, 1/8, 2/-, & 2/6 per Bottle. Sherry, 1/4, 1/6, 2/1, 2/6, & 3/- per Bottle. Claret, 1/4, 1/6, and 2/6 per Bottle.

AUSTRALIAN BURGUNDY.
"Osmond" Brands, 2/- per Flagon.
"Orion," Quart, 1/-, and 2/- per Flagon.
Vintage, Wine, 4/ per Flagon.
(Flagon, 1/6 each Dispensable.)

Glendinning's Cow Wine, 10/ per Bottle.
Glendinning's Reef and Malt Wine, 2/- and 3/6 per Bottle.
Glendinning's Extra Port Wine, 3/-

BRITISH WINES.
Port Sherry, Ginger, Raro, Tent, Orange, Raisin, Elder, Fruit Wine, 2/ per Bottle.

FLOUR—Finest Hungarian, Extra White, Family Pride, Sir Superfine, Wheat Meal, Whole Meal, Indian Meal, Pea Meal, Bran, Boxings, &c.

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First Prize Cheshire	10d per lb.	
" " Wensleydale	10d	"
" " Stilton Shape	10d	"
Finest Gorgonzola	10d	"
Choicest Canadian	7d & 8d	"
Dairy Goudas	6d	"
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Huntley and Palmers,—Almond, Genoa, Sultana, Chatsworth, Valencia, Harrow, Empress, Novelty Half-Pound, 1/6 per lb.
Splendid Assortment of Iced Cakes.
Robertson's and Hill and Sons,—Slice, Road, Fruit, Cherry, Iced Cake—lb cut, from 4d per lb.
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Tarts, Muffins, Scones, Crumpets, Iced Cakes, Tea Cakes, Malt Bread, Havis Bread, &c.

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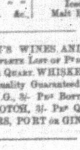

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CHRISTMAS 1900.

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TINTARA WINE:—3/- per flagon.
Also the following WINES in Wood in Stock:—Champagne, Hocks, Sparkling Hocks, Moselles, Sparkling Moselles, Marsalas, Benedictine, Madeira, Chartreuse, Cherry Brandy, &c., at lowest prices.

ALES AND STOUT.

Agents for VAUX'S PALE ALES and Highly Nourishing STOUT. Pints at 3s 3d per dozen; Gills, 1s 8d per dozen. ALLSOPP'S ALES and STOUT 3s 6d per dozen pints.

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PROVISIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Prime Cheshire Cheese from the Prize Dairy	Splendid Small Hams, 9 to 12 lb each.
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FRUITS of the best quality, cleaned by Faizel Machinery, comprising Muscatels, Valencia Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Sultanas, Currants, Prunes, Figs, &c.

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ARE showing their New Stock of Goods for the Season, including a Fine Range of Dress Materials, in Serges, Tweeds, Cheviots, Plain and Fancy Goods.
DRESS-MAKING on the Premises. SPECIAL, OR MOURNING ORDERS executed with Dispatch.
OUR STOCK OF MILLINERY, HOSIERY, GLOVES, AND LACES WILL BE FOUND WELL ASSORTED WITH LATEST FASHIONS.
BLANKETS, SHEETINGS AND FLANNELS, THE LOWEST PRICES.
A SELECT STOCK OF TWEED SUITINGS, BLACK & BLUE SERGES.
SUITS MADE TO MEASURE.
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All Orders promptly attended to.

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FRONT STREET,
CONSETT.

Consett.

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BEGS to return his sincere Thanks to the Public generally for their esteemed support, and he hopes, by the careful management of the house, and by supplying the Best Liquors, to merit a continuance of Public Patronage. He wishes his Friends and Customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and invites a trial of his well-selected Stock of Wines, Whiskies, and Ales for the Festive Season.

THE RETURN OF THE FESTIVE SEASON GIVES

JOHN PESCOD,

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THE opportunity as well as the pleasure of wishing his Friends and Patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and sincerely Thanking them for their support during the year he has occupied the above Hotel. By keeping only the BEST MILD AND BITTER ALES, STOUT, WINES, SPIRITS, &c.,

He hopes to merit a continuance of their favours.

FIRST-CLASS ORDINARY DAILY.
COMFORTABLE BEDS, GOOD STABLING

I like a drop of good Beer,
I'm fond of a drop of good Beer,
Let gentlemen live drinkin' wine,
But I will stick to my Beer.

JOHN McKIE,

BURTON HOTEL,
CHURCH STREET, CONSETT.

BEGS to return Thanks to his Friends and Customers for their liberal Patronage, and to wishing them the Compliments of the Festive Season, he begs to express the hope that by providing articles of the very best description for their comfort and enjoyment, he may deserve and receive a continuance of that support which has been accorded him in the past.

BASS'S, BURTON, AND OTHER MILD AND BITTER ALES.
STOUT OF PERFECTION.
SPARKLING WINES, CHOICE TOBACCOS AND CIGARS.

Christmas Announcements.

Consett.

JOSEPH HALL,

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RETURNS Thanks for the patronage accorded to him hitherto, and respectfully solicits a continuance of their favours.

G. J. BROWN,

HAIRDRESSER AND PERFUMER,
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RETURNS Thanks to his Customers for their favours in the past, and hopes by personal attention and Courteous Conduct to merit a continuance of their favours. Hairdressing by machinery. Shaving Soaps, and Shaving Requisites a Speciality.

JOHN ASKEW,

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RETURNS Thanks for his many Customers for past favours and trusts to receive a continuance of their orders. He continues to supply Prince Beef, Mutton, and Pork at prices to suit the people.

THOS. BRIDGEWATER,

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RETURNS his Thanks for past favours and intends to Continue Friends, and the Public that he still keeps the

PRIZE FIRE & POTATO CHIP SALOON

next door to the Bank, Front Street, Consett, and at Stanley Bankhill. All orders punctually attended to. Time for Fitting Prizes, Friday, Saturday, 12 to 11.30. Supper orders each evening. Note the address.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

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BEGS Respectfully to Thank the Inhabitants of Consett and District for their past Support, and intimates that he has a Choice Selection of Meerschaum Pipes, Briars, Tobacco Pouches, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, and Holders, Walking-sticks, &c., suitable for Christmas and New Year Presents.

A Splendid Selection of British and Foreign Cigars.

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BEGS to return Thanks for the support that has been accorded to him during the many years that he has been in business. It has always been his endeavour to turn out good substantial work; and he hopes, by strict attention to business and carrying out his contracts in a workmanlike manner, to merit a continuance of public favour and support. Repairs done on reasonable terms.

The Queen some day may pass this way
To have a chat with RafferTy;
Here she'll stop and have a drop
To make her subjects happy.

D. RAFFERTY,

QUEEN'S HOTEL,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

TENDERS his Thanks to his Friends and Customers for the liberal Support he has received from them in the past, and desires to state that he has prepared for them Blends of the Finest

IRISH AND SCOTCH WHISKIES.
And WINES of the Choicest Vintages.
MILD AND BITTER ALES
That cannot be Equalled.
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Agent for J. Barnard and Son, Artists Colourmen.

A large Assortment of Gyrandoms, Oils, Glasses, etc.

CONSETT.

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HOME CURED BACON.
INSPECTION INVITED.
All orders promptly attended to.

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TRY
R. C. FOSTER'S
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WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL SELECTION OF USEFUL AND FANCY LINEN GOODS JUST RECEIVED FOR THE XMAS TRADE.
THE IRISH LINENS
WE SELL HAVE TAKEN
THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE AWARD AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION, 1900.

The Prices are exceedingly moderate. Fancy boxes of Handkerchiefs from 1/- upwards. 831j

Christmas Announcements.

Consett.

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VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT,
Specialities in
GEESE, TURKEYS, DUCKS, & FOWL.
Together with
PRIZE BEEF AND MUTTON
For the Xmas Season.
VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

WILLIAM MILBURN,

RAVENLOCK STREET, CONSETT.

THANKS for the patronage of the Inhabitants of Consett and surrounding District, and will not fail to do everything in his power to merit a share of the Public Patronage. Fine Cut Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, Pouches, Fancy Goods, Toys, Fancy Boxes, Fancy Cards, Dolls, Dutch Fire Pots, Fired Rockets, Chinese Lanterns, Fancy Lamps, and Trade twice a week. A trial solicited.

E. TAYLOR, Shoemaker, Shotleybridge, Consett, Thanks his Customers for their liberal patronage during the last 12 months, and hopes to merit a continuance of their favours during the next 12 months. Boots made to measure, and Repairs done on the premises, and Prices to suit the times. A large and well-selected Stock of Boots and Shoes for Winter Wear. Boots made to measure, and Repairs done on the premises, and Prices to suit the times. A large and well-selected Stock of Boots and Shoes for Winter Wear. Boots made to measure, and Repairs done on the premises, and Prices to suit the times. A large and well-selected Stock of Boots and Shoes for Winter Wear. A large and well-selected Stock of Boots and Shoes for Winter Wear. Boots made to measure, and Repairs done on the premises, and Prices to suit the times

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Christmas Announcements.

Consett

F. ROBINSON,
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RETURNS Thanks for the patronage accorded her during the two years she has been in business, and trusts to receive a continuance of their valued support.

Always in hand a good stock of Homespuns, Tweeds, Serges, Ladies' Underclothing, Hosiery, Men's Mercery, &c.

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FRESH FISH DAILY. Finest and Freshest in the Market. All at Popular Prices.

CALL HERE TO GET SATISFACTION.

To arrive—A large quantity of Geese, Ducks, Rabbits, and Poultry of all Descriptions.

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Fresh Fish Daily. Finest and Freshest in the Market. All at Popular Prices.

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WILLIAM MADDISON,
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BEG to inform the Inhabitants of Annfield Plain and District that they can now obtain Coal of the Best Quality and Lowest Prices, delivered at their houses over the business from Mr Walton, and to remind them that his specialities are—

SEEDS, MANURE, AND SPORT.

Also that he has Fowl for Sale for the residents of the district.

Learn your wants, and see the bargains.

CARDS!!! CARDS!!! CARDS!!!

For Xmas and New Year.

JOHN HUMBLE,
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HAS in stock a large assortment of Toys, Toy Books, Picture Books, Christmas Cards, etc., suitable for presentation at this season. A large stock of Fall Paper—New designs. 775

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MANGLE ROLLERS RE-FITTED, or in the rough, ready based.

Guns cut to order, any size.

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FRONT STREET, ANNFIELD PLAIN.

BEG to announce that he has taken over the business lately carried on by MRS. W. F. TAIT

and trusts by strict attention and a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed on the late proprietor, to merit a share of the public patronage.

LARGE ASSORTMENT of New and Second-Hand Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, Ladies' Gold and Silver Watches and Albertas. All kinds of Silver and Electro-Plated Goods for Presents.

All Repairs done on the premises by Experienced Workmen. 760

THE RAILWAY INN,
ANNFIELD PLAIN.

JOHN LUMLEY

DESIRES to Thank the Inhabitants for the very encouraging support that he has received since taking the above hotel; and he hopes by assiduous attention and strict attention to merit a continuance of public favour and patronage. He wishes his Friends and Neighbours the Compliments of the Season, and begs to intimate that he has provided for their Refreshment and Entertainment during the Festive Season.

SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKIES

Of the most noted Blends.

SPARKLING BITTER AND BOTTLED ALES.

Choice Wines, Cigars, and Tobacco.

GOOD STABLING. 764

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THOMAS LATHAM'S
CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE.

Will commence on

FRIDAY FIRST,

And Continue for 14 DAYS.

When he will offer an immense Stock of all the latest NOVELTIES, suitable for

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Comprising:—Toys, Games, Photo Frames, Albums, Purses, Ornaments, Fancy Bags, Boxes, Purses, Xmas and New Year's Cards, Inkstands, Writing Cases &c.

DOLLS! DOLLS!! DOLLS.!

Hundreds of Dolls, from 1d. to 2s 6d.

A GRAND DISPLAY

Will be made in the

NEW SHOW ROOM.

Everybody should inspect these Goods before Purchasing.

T. L. also begs to call attention to the

ENORMOUS STOCK,

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Owing to the extra Room his Department has been greatly enlarged, and Ladies will be able to inspect the Goods under equal both in

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to anything that can be bought in the Large Towns. Special and much lower in Price, Children's Pinafores, Ladies' and Gents' Underclothing, Ladies' Fancy Blouses, Ladies' Divided Skirts, Aprons, Caps, Fur Boas, Wool Shawls, &c., all at

SPECIAL PRICES.

Also,

SPECIAL BARGAINS

In Blankets, Sheets, Bed Rugs, Oilcloth, Dress Goods, Corsetcover, Corsets, Lace, Shades, Flannelettes, Men's, Youths', and Boys' Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Ties, Shirts, &c.

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THOMAS LATHAM'S

THE NOTED CASH DRAPER,
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USHER'S SUPPLY STORES,
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Best Stock of Groceries, Draperies, and Hardware in the District.

Large and Special purchases of Fancy Goods and draperies for Christmas trade. Groceries of Finest Quality, at Lowest possible prices 749

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THE Committee of the above Society beg to announce that they have secured for Christmas and New Year's trade

Six Kyloes from Mr J. Allison, Hamsterley Mills.

Eight Kyloes from Lord Minto; and

20 Prime Fat Hogs from Newlands Farm, Rochester.

BEST DAIRY-FED PORK.

FOR THE BEST VALUE IN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS, TOY BOOKS, AND FANCY GOODS.

Try the Shop Next Door to

JAMES COOPER,

At the Tobacco Emporium,
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A Large Assortment of SWEETS of Good QUALITY is always on hand. 7,21

THOS. DAVISON,
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THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED BUTCHERING BUSINESS.

J. ADAMSON

WISHES his Friends and Customers the Compliments of the Season, and desires to state that his Christmas and New Year's supply of BEEF, MUTTON, and PORK, will be of the Best Kind.

Prime Ham and Bacon always in Stock.

NOTE THE ADDRESS,

THE OLD FIRM.

Burnopfield

BLACK HORSE INN, BURNOPFIELD.

J. WELCH

RETURNS Sincere Thanks to his many Friends and the Public generally for their kind patronage during the year, and Compliments of the Season. He can still Recommend his Famous Ales and Brands of Wines, Brandies, &c.

SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKIES

From the Leading Distilleries.

ALES and Stout on Draught and in Bottles.

Tobacco and Cigars of the Finest Quality.

BUNTY BANK, BURNOPFIELD.

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STATIONERY AND CONFECTIONERY
TOYS! DOLLS! TOYS!

IN THANKING his many Friends for their kind patronage during the past, and appreciation of the genuine facilities he possesses in his new premises, he begs to intimate that he is now increasing stock Christmas Cards, Lamps, Glassware, Crockery, Toys, Fancy Presents, Presents, Presents, Presents and Novelties, Mechanical Toys, Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, and Monthly Periodicals supplied. Note the address.

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MRS. E. WILSON,

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BEG to announce to the Public that she has FIRST-CLASS CONFECTIONERY.

Extra Large Stock of

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS

Madeira, Rich, Fruit, Seed, Coconnut, Ginger Bread, Cakes, Cakes of all Descriptions.

Trewellin's Supplied.

Refreshments at Moderate Charges.

HOME-MADE BREAD

FRESH PORK AND PORK SAUSAGE

EVERY FRIDAY.

PATENT MEDICINES,

Supplied from leading firms.

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WHO shall Decide: Why of Course the Public

HAVE YOU TRIED—

NEVIN'S ALES AND SPIRITS!

If not, by all means do so. The Best and Purest Stock in the Trade.

HIGHLY MATURED SCOTCH & IRISH WHISKIES, at 3s. 4d., 3s. 6d. & 4s. per Quart.

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RUM, at 2s. 3d., 4s., & 4s. per Quart.

RUM, at 2s. 3d. & 4s. per Bottle.

BOOT'S LONDON GIN, at 2s. and 2s. per Bottle.

BRANDIES, at 4s. & 5s. per Bottle.

ALES & STOUTS, at 1d. per Dozen Half Pints. Nine Gallon Casks, 8/- and 10/-

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Contracts Taken for all Kinds of Drainage and Leading.

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RETURNS Thanks for Past Patronage. For the Festive Season he has secured a splendid Stock of Beef and Mutton, Nice Dairy-fed Porkers from Derwentcote. The Finest of Beef and Mutton from prize-winning cattle from the Bondaleeds Mart and Newcastle Market. 676

MRS. THOS. ARMSTRONG,
FANCY GOODS DEALER,
MILLINER, DRESSMAKER, AND
FANCY GOODS DEALER,
BLACKHALL MILL.

IN Thanking her Customers for their fair large and increasing patronage in the past, takes the opportunity of informing them that she is declining the Drapery and Dressmaking Department, and will be the public of Blackhall Mill and surrounding Ironed Business, Fancy Goods.

Buy now and save 20 per cent. 678

BLACKHALL MILL.

JOSEPH RENNISON,
SHIP INN, BLACKHALL MILL.

BEG to Wish the Public Thanks to his Friends and Customers for their kind and liberal support, which he will endeavour to merit in the future as in the past. He wishes them a Merry Christmas, and trusts that the incoming year will bring increased prosperity to the Industrial Classes.

SPARKLING MILD & BITTER ALES

OLD SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKIES

of the Finest Blends.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG,
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ÆRATED WATER MANUFACTURER,
BLACKHALL MILL.

TENDERS his very best thanks to his Customers for their most generous support during the past year, and he has full confidence that by selecting the CHOICEST BRANDS, he will be able to merit a larger share of Public Patronage than ever to his Customers and Friends.

Very Very Superior Stock of his Stock of IRISH and SCOTCH WHISKIES, RUMS, &c., is noted throughout the entire District.

Blackhill

HENRY RULE,
DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

BEGS most Sincerely to Thank his numerous Customers and Friends for the support they have been pleased to give him during a number of years. He heartily wishes them a Merry Christmas, and begs to return his continuance of their support—securing them at the same time, that everything in his power is determined to supply them with Goods of the Finest Quality, and at the Lowest Possible Rate, with the most careful attention and prompt delivery. 792

HENRY RULE,
DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

ISAAC DAVIES,
STATION HOTEL, BLACKHILL.

BEGS to Thank his many friends and the Public for their continued patronage, and wishes them

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

He has pleasure in inviting a trial of his Wines, Spirits, Ales, &c., which will be found of First-rate Quality.

BEST BRANDIES OF IRISH AND SCOTCH WHISKIES.

MILD AND BITTER ALES

On Draught and in Bottles.

FINEST WINES, SPIRITS, AND TOBACCOS, &c.

Read this my boys and then walk in.
For here is Brandy, Whisky, Rum, and Gin!
Come, taste and try, and do not be hurry
To leave behind your old friend Murray.

RICHARD MURRAY,
ROYAL HOTEL, BLACKHILL.

TENDERS THANKS to his Customers and Friends of Consett, Blackhill, Shotley Bridge, Lanchester, and the Surrounding District, for the Liberal Support that has been accorded to him during the past year, and he has full confidence that by selecting the CHOICEST BRANDS, he will be able to merit a larger share of Public Patronage than ever to his Customers and Friends.

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GOOD AND CHEAP GOODS AND
REPUTABLE PRICE BLACKHILL
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WISHES all his Customers the Compliments of the Season, and begs to thank them for their valued Support. Finest Quality Goods at Lowest Prices.

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Intends to lead all comers in CHRISTMAS GOODS, CHRISTMAS CHEAPNESS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS

ESTABLISHED 1876.

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BLACKHILL.

BEGS to Wish his Friends and Customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and begs to intimate that he has secured a Large Stock of the Finest Quality Goods for their generous support. Don't forget to obtain a bottle of our Prime Whiskey.

CHOICE CIGARS. 746

GEORGE YOUNG,
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NEWSAGENT, STATIONER,
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X MAS TOYS IN GREAT VARIETY

DOLLS, AND CHOICE CONFECTIONS, LARGE AND CHOICE SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS.

Ask to see our Private Christmas Card Book.

NOTE THE ADDRESS. 747

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Particulars of the seventh week's play:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. LEADGATE LEAGUE.

561	472

True to expectation the above meeting left the relative positions of the two teams on the table just as before, consequently the interest was only of average keenness, although Shotley Bridge had a hankering after the full 600 points (much as this would bring them right on to the heels of Consett). Their desire was gratified up to the close of play on night one, but a backwash from the second night's players leaves the cellar age some leeway to make up ere they can again dangerously challenge the runners-up.

J. Bell v.	P. Matthews.
100	100

Although Bell has once been accounted for by a Leadgate man and at home too, Matthews had not much hope of repeating the dose, knowing that his opponent was not to be taken caught napping, however, he fared not *so* badly considering, for Bell was in good form and 56 takes some getting against that.

W. J. Spence v.	P. Daily.
100	100

There was every indication of another collapse on Spence's part, as "nine outs" and other misfortunes predominated in his early attempts, while Daily made few mistakes, and he consequently was an uphill task for Spence. He got over the difficulty very well indeed, after once settling down to that steady game, which we have before observed him carry through so successfully. With such a substantial lead, Daily had a golden opportunity of recording a win which would have been very acceptable to his side, but he failed to stay the distance.

F. Cole v.	R. Chesmond.
100	64

Cole got on his fourth consecutive win, in doing which he again gave example of more than average knowledge of the game's intricacies. Chesmond followed up gamely, but we scarcely a match for last year's Iron Valley leader.

J. Henry	F. McDonald.
100	66

For about ten minutes McDonald was wondering what it would feel like to get something half decent left on. With rapid movements Henry had been travelling round the board collecting almost everything possible and leaving nothing but that which might be spared and for himself again. It was a matter of 50 points soon divided the scores. However, McDonald eventually forced himself into prominence, and had the better of subsequent exchanges as his total will show. Henry ran up a 25 break in fine fashion, but its close was a little tainted. After being so far behind to start with, McDonald did a secret thing to reach 66 against such takes!

J. Douglas	J. McGurk.
100	100

Without any pretentions to showmen, but with all the effectiveness of experienced players conspired to conclude the year's fixtures by a truly interesting game. Douglas led most of the way, though McGurk always managed to keep within measurable distance, so that when an opportunity more favourable than the common presented itself, he had not a gigantic undertaking in coming to the front. Which came to pass in the sequelae. Following this, the Leadgate youth ran up a setter in the shape of a 17 break, and Douglas had to rest satisfied with fourscore.

MATTHEW THRESHTILE	
W. Eggleston v.	J. Matthews.
100	100

When this draw was made some time it was freely admitted that Eggleston would have his hands full; should Matthews play up to form, but few were prepared to vote a 30 point start to the visitor; however, Eggleston sustained his first defeat by the said number, and it came about in this way. Matthews commenced right off by scoring from all positions, whether difficult of easy, and fine breaks close upon each other carried him into the lead ere Eggleston had a chance; then the latter gave a glimpse of old-time form, and gradually crept up, but Matthews was not quite idle, for when 60 he still held a lead of 30. Just when a hard fight appeared certain next calculations were upset by a magnificent effort on the Shotley Bridgeman's part, which made the game 97-57. Realizing that his chances had come Eggleston put in a finish, and had had succeeded in running a close break of 11, when he failed at an awkward red which left Matthews the necessary 1. To summarize the play the best man won, for accepting one or two lucky strokes he has broken he played perfect billiards. The innings of 31 was a lovely, only marred by a few flukes at his fin. Wednesday's form I know not, but Matthews is to be beaten during the second half of the fixtures.

STANLEY v. LEADGATE LEAGUE.

549	458

Even taking into account the Guild's lasting improvement it was not expected that they would hold their own on Victoria territory, and a good show might seem to be obtained in that creditable position on the table—fourth, and this was their aim in doing the journey. However, after a sensationally favourable start they dropped a lot of points on the way.

J. Makkinson	C. V. Todd.
100	100

Todd has wound up the year by capping all his previous performances, good as they have been, and from another aspect, he has made a neat big surprise with which we are all laughing this morning. He obtained a fine start and biggest, for many players of indisputably greater experience than he have been smarted to Makkinson. Our genius is all the more sincere, because he was no fluke, but simply a climax to phenomenal form which Todd has maintained since the commencement. When a man makes breaks of 30 or thereabouts every time he gets in, the bookmaker is quickly confused to an easily obtainable figure, and the man must be an exceptionally good one indeed to make a fight of it. Todd played a marvellous game and probably no other than Makkinson would have scored 100.

T. Hodgson	F. Lockey.
100	95

When these two names came out of the hats simultaneously we were prepared for prodigious breaks, and we were not disappointed. Hodgson's was no mushing the fact that both intended to take place which is the method too generally pinched by one only. After a struggle worthy the name Hodgson emerged the victor, winning with 14 points to his credit. Twas a fine game in every respect.

W. Long v.	J. E. Kinleside.
100	100

Kinleside utterly failed to emulate the good work of his two mates, who on total had eight to his lead at the argument; of course he had a powerful opponent in Long, whose processes would have been bad to stop, but a seasoned member like "J. E." ought to avoid lowering his team's success to such a tune as 67 points. We failed to see any of the "duck up" which the occasion demanded.

E. Murphy v.	L. Kelly.
100	100

For the second time Murphy was called upon to fill Smith's place, but he had shorter stuff to tackle this fortnight, and the 34 points short will not at all suit his team's book. Kelly played one of his best games, and now has a very good record for the season.

W. Clark v.	H. Makepeace.
100	60

Had Makepeace not been fortunate enough to get a big break when in dire straits we would have a humiliating story to tell of his sojourn in the seat. Clark's form was a revelation, and a little increase on his last accounts for only 35 being the final difference.

C. Pringle v.	J. B. Jopling.
100	100

As a set-off against his pronounced failure in negotiating the Leadgate youth, on Saturday, Pringle proved to Jopling that there are various ways of skin the game in the sensation. Following this, the Leadgate youth ran up a setter in the shape of a 17 break, and Dropping had to rest satisfied with fourscore.

MATTHEW THRESHTILE	
W. Eggleston v.	J. Matthews.
100	100

The home lot had not much to lose in this fixture, and they have characterized his recent undertakings, some fine cannons being noticeable, which, if he can only keep in the game, the first half is supposed to Amateurishness to the senses, and Eggleston unexpectedly put in an appearance. Matthews had rarely done worse yet scored 71, and he was above the form he usually can be defined therefrom. Askew brought off some superior strokes, but the intervals between them were so painfully long that little credit is due.

J. W. Sanderson v.	J. Barrow.
100	100

This was a much better exhibition on both sides, and it is a good white pennant that Barrow "carries" for then the ultimate score indicates, that Sanderson did not obtain his opportunities, distinctive effort, and, against this, Barrow can by more than one lesson, that he is not yet in a well-seasoned bag victory, he "found" the position time after time, and playing accuracy.

J. Barrow v.	G. Hamilton.
100	87

Very quite to the frequent I offered the opinion that Barrow would be the man expected from Derwent Cottages, and we now have proof of his ability a comparison put to proof for been forthcoming had another selected player to come up against Barrow, and that Barrow or choice to be an emergency man only. Coming to the game, Hamilton was fairly confident, and appeared to be in fine trim, but very shortly he was cast in the rear other aspects for as Barrow compiled a first-class 19 break, and nothing much to Hamilton left nothing, and continued another fashion-figure average, and did he stop there, for the with the end of proceedings of leaving safety he reached the fourscore mark. Hamilton showed a good improvement in the running reached the latter part of the game, and the whole he did so markably well to get within three of the half century. A closer one on other night would have enhanced his chances, but that is ignoring Barrow's display, which can be described by saying that it equalled anything we saw in the tournament. He simply played a packet tried for, and of lucky strokes had practically none.

A. Whitley v.	E. Tindale.
100	100

This transpired to be a game just such as we like to see, not slow, nor yet runaway in the fashion, but smart on both sides, and three parts of the time Whitley led the way through breaks of 15, 21, and 17, but in one instance Tindale promptly responded with breaks of 18 and 21, which made matters exciting enough. When nearing 80 Whitley was landed by the fine three and appeared to be beaten by about 20, but he added a nine and Tindale got fouled. Ere long the game lay claim to a distinctly good performance.

R. Ashby v.	J. Wilson.
100	100

Like the predecessor this game was replete with double-figure breaks equally divided—Ashby made over 20 in four visits, and Wilson nearly 50 in the same number of times. Thus Blackhill was assured himself in the tournament and was never afterwards in jeo from that the ambition was for by.

G. Walton v.	J. E. Thorpe.
100	100

At last Thorpe has been given a chance, and although his debut was made against the weakest team of the series, his success is due to the decisive victory than may appear on the surface, inasmuch as he had to tackle probably the very best man of the crowd. Neither the importance of the undertaking nor the critics of his opponents weighed heavily with him apparently, as Thorpe played up and he displayed the utmost confidence, which was well supported by bits of luck; a good 16 break to start with and another of 12 near the finish were a long way to account for the final difference of 45 points. Walton did not make as much of his chances as we might look from one so experienced.

TABLE No 1.

INSTITUTE.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.	Average For	Average Against	Average
Stanley	36	10	26	3990	2878	26·66
Consett	36	14	24	3911	2803	26·08
Shotley Bridge	36	16	18	3173	2966	20·97
Blackhill	36	17	19	3128	2966	20·67
Leadgate Park	36	19	17	3000	2966	19·81
Leadgate League	36	18	23	2796	3261	17·93
Derwent Cots.	36	23	13	2966	3261	16·32

With the exception of Blackhill displacing Leadgate Guild the positions are unaltered, but the average shows considerable variation from those of the week before. Even Stanley has come in for a share of the spoils, and the Guild good-bye, and of course the latter's forward move enhances otherwise the averages are on the upward grade.

RUMINATIONS

Firstly, the meritorious finish of the season to all, and a happy New Year to the Tournament; may it commence in the same entirely a fixed determination to behave no worse than Stanley. That is all we ask.

Stanley continue to lose cold games. The cup of success is not for them, and why it is we know not. At the start public opinion voted Consett "cracks" for the cup, but it was a new year brings forth.

We have that there would be several unbroken records if that odd bat game could be replayed; there is no doubt that Stanley would lose spoiling the uniformity of a complete set of centuries.

W. Collinson has been expected once or twice at Derwent Cottages, but Barrow's phenomenal exhibition showed the "staggering" proposition of "reserves." Barrow should have played all along, but perhaps he had sound reasons for not appearing. His wonderful success gives were submissively watched by George Hamilton.

Had Shotley Bridge won all their games against the Leagues the difference in aggregate between Consett and they would have been 1 point.

Blackhill people have taken the hint with regard to more light; it is brilliancy itself now and the walls too, have not on their Sunday best.

It has sufficiently occurred to us to count numerous and proper a complete set of figures, etc., showing each individual's performance in the tournament. This we are now busy with.

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

BYER MOOR v. HEMSTERLEY.

These teams met on a pleasant ground at Leadgate last Saturday, to decide last year's championship of the above league. The weather was fine, but there was only a moderate attendance. The Hemsterley men had a fairly strong wind at their backs to commence with, but play was pretty even for a time. Byer Moor defended stubbornly, and kept out their opponents for a long time. At length a run by the Hemsterley forwards resulted in a scrimmage, in which T. Smith (Byer Moor) was defeated Hodgson amid delighted cheers. The home team now rallied, and encouraged by this success the Stars pressed again, and Byer Moor conceded a corner. Hemsterley Corraffine scored a lovely goal, the centre-forward taking advantage of a scuffle. Byer Moor stuck up well, and made a great effort to equalize, but Hemsterley were too strong for them, and overcome the opposing defence. Half time.

Hemsterley ..... Two goals.
Byer Moor ..... Nil.

With the wind at their backs the Moorites commenced strong hopes of pulling the game out of the fire, and from the kick off they started off in great fashion, and not many minutes had gone when a free kick was given to Byer Moor, and it was looked on a great chance of equalizing the scores. However, Hemsterley were determined not to let their prize slip, and they made a great effort to prevent it, and the defenders showed rare grit and nerve, and they kept the Moorites at bay one several times, but for so they would then have a goal to their credit. Hemsterley reached the other end on not a few occasions, and the wind appeared to have gone to the wards the time Byer Moor got in all their best shots, but the defence was good, and Hemsterley ran out winners of a very hard game by two goals.

Hemsterley ..... Two goals.
Byer Moor ..... Nil.

Referee, Mr. J. Mitchinson, Dunhouse. Goals—Hemsterley, Corraffine (2).

SOUTH DURHAM ALLIANCE.

BEARPARK v. WATERHOUSES.

At Bearpark, in fine weather, the homesters turned out at full strength, and the visitors were missing the services of some of their best players.

Bearpark had the wind and hill in their favour. In defending, Lonsdale's goal was kept back, mainly on account of the home forwards within the penalty line. Hodgson and Ashby were prominent for the visitors, now had a look in, and eventually the Bearpark goal succumbed to a free kick for his team. Half-time—Bearpark, one goal; Waterhouses, nil. The second half also alternated between each goal. Bearpark attacked from the kick off, and Lonsdale had to handle the visitors' defence determinedly, ultimately forcing a corner, which did the final score—Waterhouses, 1 goal. Bearpark, nil.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

THORNABY v. STOCKTON.

The visit of Stanley on Saturday afternoon attracted a great deal of people to the Cricket Track, Thornaby. Stanley were short of three of their regular players, and were weighed down by their opponents until after half-time. Play was very fast and interesting, both ends being visited. Eventually Thornaby forced the play and scored, which was the signal for a long spell of play on the home side. This gave rise to a good deal of excitement, and the visitors were very much the pressure was relieved, and Stanley finally relieved. Thornaby had the wind behind them in the second half, but the referee disallowed the goal, claiming that the ball was not thrown in properly. On the resumption of play, Thornaby gained possession, and Stanley were hard pressed to retain, and still keeping up the pressure, they scored a goal, which caused considerable anxiety. The Stanley goalkeeper had a variety of shots to deal with, and he managed to keep them all out. After a break ... Stanley forwards, the Thornaby defence renewed the attack, forcing a couple of corners which they kept from the goalmouth by a clever play in which the defenders eventually came off. Stanley forwards responded with a brilliant reveal of several of the destinies of the referee, who disallowed Stanley a goal, which he unaccountably failed with the kick, much to the disgust of the home team, who, by the way, Up to the finish Thornaby had the bar of the wind, but failed to get through, and the final game with the score:—

Thornaby ..... Nil
Stanley ..... Nil

BUSTY BANK v. TANFIELD LEA.

(This game was played on the ground of Tanfield Lea, the Burnopfield team not kicked up the hill. At first the Cheers were the wind, and they made good use of it, the ball and running down the wing, but was soon in the middle of the field, and Tanfield Lea. The Bankers getting hold made a forward rush, and the homesters had to be satisfied on by the backs. Even exchanges followed for a time, when Busty Bank got through, and goalkeeper gained them a corner. A scrimmage took place in front of Tanfield goal, the homesters managed to get it through, but the Bankers broke away, and the ball were checked by the home halves. Another attempt was made by the Bankers, but it ended equalizing. By this time play was getting fast, the homesters again got in the visitors' quarters, and the left wing made a fine shot at the ball bounce off the bar, and went through. Half time.

Bankers ..... Two goals
Tanfield ..... One goal

On the restart the visitors kicked off with great spirit, and a fine shot, which was checked by the goalkeeper, Bell and Wilson with lightning speed and equalized. Tanfield breaking away, were upon Bank's goal, and Wilson got a free kick, which the latter made a fine run and passed to J. Keefe, who shot home, making the scores equal. The doubles break-away, and this time got in a shot which was fated not to go home, but Bell got it and W. Armstrong made a fine kick and T. Keefe made a fine shot, which the goalkeeper gave to the left. T. Taylor scored. Final:

Busty Bank Tanfield ..... Two goals.
Tanfield Lea Cheers ..... Two goals.

The following did duty for the Tanfield Lea: G. Bryar, backs, R. Spowling and R. Bell; halfbacks, J. Keefe, J. Wilson, J. Hall, forwards, H. Bell, W. Armstrong, J. Metcalf, T. Simpson, and T. Keefe.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

WILLINGTON ATHLETIC v. LEADGATE PARK.

The first meeting of the season between these clubs took place at the Willington enclosure, when the weather conditions were favourable to a large gathering, but the attendance was up to the average. After a succession of draws, Leadgate Park secured a win last Saturday against South Shields Athletic, in the latter's ground, after a keen game. There were one or two changes on the home side, the principal absentee being Hedley, who has been recently transferred to Derby County. His place was filled by Sturdy, who is a reliable forward, and possesses several qualities to justify the selection. Leadgate started off down hill, and were soon repulsed, the left home making a big appeal, Wilson and finally testing Hedley with a cross shot. He fisted out well, and then the Willington team and was visited, a long shot going over the bar. After quiet play Cassidy initiated a clever dribble, which was frustrated, and Wilson gave away with a fine run. Lost came to the rescue with a big lift, and Wilkinson and Cassidy were next in evidence, and were looking dangerous when Temple saved at a critical juncture. Cassidy, Gibbins, and Sturdy exchanged prettily, but the attack was not effectively sustained and Hedley came out several times and saved with ease. Although the game was fairly even Athletic did most of the pressing, and eventually Sturdy dribbled away prettily, and scored for Athletic, the effort being loudly applauded. Willington again attacked, Sturdy taking the ball up the field very coolly. He sent on to Gibbins, who made more ground, and in the end the leather bounced on to the top of the net. Under pressure Leadgate saved for the visitors, and the play was taken to mid-field. The visitors made repeated efforts to change the aspect of affairs, but the pick of Wilkinson and Walton were of great value in preventing incursions. Cassidy and Walton exchanged, and Hobson gaining a lift, got away with a well-timed left. Leadgate soon got out of danger, the ball, ultimately coming back to neutral ground. Athletic sent in several warm shots, Gilchrist putting past with a swift ball at the finish. Up to the interval Athletic had the best of the struggle, but were unable to increase their points. Half-time.—

Willington Athletic ..... One goal.
Leadgate Park ..... Nil.

The gradient favoured Athletic after the change of ends, and Gilchrist was the first to put in a telling stroke. Hope and Grant dribbled afterwards, and enabled the visitors to cross into the Willington half. The home men, however, were again too active for them, and Hedley had his work cut out to stop some of the shots that were raised in upon him. Up steadied well under the pressure, and after a lefty shot by Cassidy, who attack everyone from centre. A couple of corners to Willington got now and into play, and Hedley, nothing daunted, though, a swift low shot by Lawes nearly did the trick. Leadgate were now forfeitly tenacious in defence, so again and again Athletic were within inches of scoring. The homesters were playing a fine disciplined vigour, but the goal-keeping by Hedley was too good, and the ball in the home men to get the leather into the net. Final:—

Willington Athletic ..... One goal.
Leadgate Park ..... Nil.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

"OFF-SIDE."

Stanley did a great performance on Saturday in dividing the points away with the Northern Alliance leaders. Many times makes the feat of the visitors so very creditable is the fact that they were short of three good men. Stanley, however, did not turn up until half-time. In spite of these drawbacks Stanley played finely and although having a penalty given against them before the game, managed to keep their goal intact. Thornaby were unlucky in not having a goal, and they deserved a pretty easy win, seeing that they were playing strongly against the wind. It is a curious thing, which I have noticed frequently, that writers on football in the newspapers always seem to make a thing down by teams from this part worthy of a mention. I have read a lot of stuff from from two different papers, from which I gathered that the Northern Alliance team Stanley never had a look in. And yet they beat Stockton, and I inclined to ask what Thornaby were doing?

The first cutting is from a Darlington contemporary as follows:—"Thornaby again demonstrated their ability to play a good match with Stanley. They should have won by a good deal, and it seems to us that the result was a goalless draw. The first half was Thornaby's, and they had the wind favour, was pretty equal, yet the homesters were the first to score, and they had the further lead time. The feather was raced up the field and put through at close quarters by the referee (Mr. Mitchinson) on the ground that the Stanley custodian could not see the ball, and the fact that their players hemmed to be in front of him. The decision was not universally approved, and the referee was roundly hooted in the dressing room. The second half was entered into the Stanley footman, but the magnificent defence of the home team gave no chance of scoring. The homesters, however should have scored from a penalty, for the ball was kicked from the goal-line by—the identity of the player not being known—and it was thought it was in the Press box—making a very wild shot. On the day's play Thornaby should have four goals better than their opponents."

The next in a big fairey being from a Newcastle paper. It is not so one-sided as the above. Here it is:—"Thornaby had Stanley as visitors in their third match in the Northern Alliance competition, and after their capital displays against Jarrow and Stockton, they were the favourites, and were prepared for a win. In this they were disappointed, for Stanley came out with ten men, the missing man being their goalkeeper, but he came on in time. At the same time, under this disadvantage they played a remarkably good game during the first half, and had the wind, the deal of the play, aided by the wind. Both goals were scored in the first half, but a score was not allowed in either one for infringement of the rules. In the second Thornaby made more headway in the centre, and Stanley were hard pressed, and the most part to act upon the defence-to-the-wind tactics, and generally kept the ball round the goal, but by a splendid defence they kept the home team out. Even a penalty for hands in the goalmouth did not enable Thornaby to score, and, thanks to the wind, Stanley were able to make a rush the sticks, Stanley were able to make a rush the sticks, and they nearly scored, but resistably in the second half, and their engagements, and Stanley kept up the defence of the Stanley backs and goalkeeper gave rise to the opinion that it was good luck which has so far prevented the representatives of the juvenile borough from scoring a goal against their opponents."

It was hardly expected that Leadgate Park would have much chance at Willington on Saturday, but the visitors made a gaping very creditable account of themselves, and also will probably be in the hunt for honours. This must be considered a capital performance, considering that the Willington team are quite at full strength. The Leadgate defence was very good, and Hedley made a welcome re-appearance after a rather long absence. Sturdy, the new man, gave a magnificent display in goal. Ladler and Temple were admirable at back, and Hope and Grant were good enough for themselves. The forwards were hardly up to their best, and Cassidy failed to play a bad game. Thompson Walton and Lost were good, and Gibbins gave useful game. I hear that his brother Matt also will probably be in the Leadgate team. Matt must first get his transfer from Jarrow. The Park have only one game left now at present, but hope to add to them on Saturday first and New Year's day, when they entertain South Shields and Morpeth respectively.

A writer present at the game at Willington commenting upon it as follows:—A defeat by only one goal as a result of a meeting with Willington is not very creditable to Leadgate Park, and this result was only obtained by a wonderfully judicious play on behalf of the North-West Durham men. The Athletics started at top form, and though they made a good and particularly warm, they only managed to score once in the first half. On this form it was expected that the Moorites would win the cup and medals easily, but they did not accept defeat. The Hamsterley men had a pretty strong breeze at their back to start with, but for a time they were kept at bay, the Moor defence playing a good game. A well-placed shot by Tom Sturdy and a good shot from Johnson opened the scoring for Hamsterley. Playing with increased confidence the Stars came again, and Carraffine notched a lovely goal over the bar of the day. This was the state of the game at half-time. On coming out the Byer Moor supporters were pretty confident that there would be a rally, and the scores balance against them. They started well as Reid's shot was cleared for a restart. However, do as they would the Moorites could not get through a second time, and had to acknowledge defeat by the odd goal of three.

On the day's play the best team undoubtedly won. There was no doubt that the Hamsterley scored, but this seemed to put life into Byer Moor, and Wilson, the goalkeeper had a great deal of work, but they had no chance of getting the shots scored. Liddle and Bennett played a hard game for the Moor, but T. Sturdy the wives ever was the pick of the team. One played a stronger game forward than Sep Lamb, who put in fine service. The Hamsterley defence was excellent, Ferry, Anderson, and Dodds all doing their utmost. The Souths and Carraffine were conspicuous forward. The referee (Mr. Brodie) made a very able referee, and both teams played the game in a thorough sportsmanlike manner.

At the conclusion of the match the presentation of the cup took place at the house of Mr. Jas. Kelly, where the winners changed, Mr. J. Ross (the treasurer) of the club, who attended throughout, with Mr. Grey, Tantobie, in the vice-chair. The cup was handed over by the cup, one guaranteed Secretary Mr. Kelly, who thanked and referred to the gentlemanly manner in which both teams had conducted themselves. He could not say that he hoped Hamsterley would win the cup next year, as he believed in the honours going round. However, he wished every success to the Byer Moor club. Mr. Anderson (captain) and Mr. Thompson (secretary) responded in suitable terms, by members of the company and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

South Shields Rad would like to play Dwhall Villa Lilywhites or Consett during Saturday for a set of silver medals any time they like, on neutral ground, if preferred. Apply to A. O'Connor, 34, Prospect Terrace, Annfield Plain, R.S.O. The Stanleys are also open to play Blackhill New Ed a set of medals, or on stock money as they can find.

Tanfield Lea Cheers would like to play Consett Cheers for a set of medals, or £20, the same two teams to decide. Address, Mr. Ed. Spowling, 1, Bank Square, Tanfield Lea, Tanfield, R.S.O., will oblige.

I are told that Cox, the player Annfield Plain, will meet by seem figuring in the ranks of Sunderland's team. He is a good ... the making of a first-class player, and Annfield Plain will be lucky.

DERWENT VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Lintz Rovers	7	6	0	1	41	6	13
Byer Moor	7	5	1	1	31	10	11
Hamsterley	7	4	2	1	18	11	9
Tantobie	7	3	3	1	13	18	7
Consett	7	3	3	1	12	18	7
Leadgate	7	3	3	1	11	18	7
L. Park	6	2	3	1	9	11	5
Stanley	6	2	3	1	9	11	5
Blackhill	10	2	7	1	6	36	5
Malton	10	1	8	1	8	34	3

Wk. Pawn, Secretary.

VACANT DATES.

Birthday Affection 2nd (average age, 13-14). Have the following dates vacant:—Home, 22nd, April 6th, 20th; away, Jan 19th, February 2nd, March 2nd, 9th, 23rd, April 13th, 27th. Wm. Baddily, Bartley, Durham.

South Moor Settle II. have a few vacant dates, and would like to fill them up as soon as possible. Ages, 12 to 14. Apply to A. Ellison, 34, Prospect Terrace, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. HAMSTERLEY.

To be played at Blackhill on Saturday first.

Blackhill team—Goal, S. Johnson; backs, J. Blackhill (captain), J. Ellis; half-backs, Redshaw, Holiday, and Pinkney; forwards, Smith, Wilkinson, Cale, Bridgewater, and Mc. Cann.

Kick-off at 2.15.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. MALTON

At Leadgate on Saturday.

Leadgate Park team—Goal, Dowther; backs, W. Walton and J. Colvert; half-backs, T. Temple, D. Cowie, and J. Wood; Tanfield; forwards, J. Harper, R. Gloster, W. Ellis, J. Lowry, and Wm. Temple.

Brake leaves headquarters at 1-30.

Kick-off at 2-15. Referee Mr R. Glass

LEADGATE PARK v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

These teams meet at Leadgate on Saturday next, when the Park will be represented by Laidler and G. Temple, half-backs, T. Walton, J. Colvert, and J. Wood; forwards, J. Cook, J. Grant, G. Milburn, G. Hope, and J. Lowry.

Kick-off at 2-15. Referee Mr E. Glass

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. HARRIERS.

To be played at Leadgate on New Year's Day.

Leadgate Park team—Goal, J. Wilson; backs, J. Laidler and G. Temple; half-backs, T. Walton, J. Colvert, and J. Wood; forwards, J. Cook, J. Grant, G. Milburn, G. Hope and W. Temple.

Kick-off at 2-15. Referee Mr E. Glass

TOO MUCH XMAS.

Xmas fare like other good things, has been overdone. Nature has fixed the order of the digestive system which is frequently occasioned, by the feeling of dullness, the headache, and the trembling hand, all symptoms which require some stimulant after the late hours and the heavy eating and drinking. Nothing is better than Fordre's Bile Beans for Biliousness, purely vegetable and harmless, they quickly restore the tone and energy required. They do all this by their action on the liver, digestive organs, and kidneys, and by their tonic effect on the nervous system repair the damage, and make good the loss caused by Xmas indulgences. You may obtain them from all stores at the price from the Bile Bean Manufacturing Co., 115 Bunhill Row, E.C., and 2s. 9d. per box, and three bail-pence or two and nine, they are a boon to all who have had "too much Xmas."

DARING BURGLARY AT WHICKHAM.

PUBLIC HOUSE SAFE REMOVED AND EXPLODED.

On Saturday morning a daring burglary was discovered to have been perpetrated at the Three Tuns Inn, Whickham, in the occupation of Mrs Patterson. It appears that a burglary had been committed was noticed at about 6 o'clock, by some early downstairs into the lower portion of the premises work, and for many years a Sunday School worker, and in this hour of great trial, he will be comforted in knowing that so many friends have some fellowship with him in his sorrow.

A most interesting lecture was given in Lodge Inn last week, before the Royal Historical Society, by M. Ruffolovi on the subject of "Bear in popular Superstition, Ballads, and its influence on the prosperity of the population." Of course, I am referring to the Bear with a sense of 250, which proves to have seen, but rather those which are made of the Bear, and the British mind, of society. In 1890, in 35 provinces, the Bear Ballad Society, of the State had taken the matter in hand, with the result of reducing the number of retail drink shops from 71,773 to 40,106. The Russian peasant drank rarely, but when drunk pawn his clothes for more. The only person to profit was the publican, and the opening of Government shops for the sale of spirits had done away with the exploitation of the publican, and of half-drunken customer. M. Rafalovich went on to say that the Russian Minister of Finance had asserted that the loss of revenue from the taking away of the publicans' licenses would be fully compensated by the general improvement, and his predecessor had been fully defined. Financial results had been satisfactory. Drunkenness and crime had materially diminished, and the health and prosperity of the people had been most favourably affected. Consumption of tea and sugar had gone up, and taxes been paid promptly. Committees appointed by Special Temperance Committees subscribed to a copy and collected from the Government every province in the empire, for providing harmless pleasure for the people. Wherever the Bear Ballad, the State Serving publican, and temperance bar, were established, the Bear Society with all its dire results, disappeared. Intemperance was rife in Russia, especially when a drinking publican was in the village. The Bear Ballad will diminish drunkenness and crime, and increase the prosperity and happiness of every lover of his country.

WHICH IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE HEALTHIEST PLANTATIONS IN THE WORLD.

(From Tit-Bits, September 9th, 1900)

The Petroleum Plantations in the United States. The men there are a hardy lot, hardier from some thought, diphtheria, cramp or kindred ailments. The Petroleum Plantations are in the Pennsylvania Mountains, and that it is now generally admitted that sufferers from throat affections in the petroleum works have, in the course of years, gone to Bath and other places to drink the waters, or to celebrated Spas, and developed a throat weakness solely as an ordinary employee in one of the petroleum refining rooms, during the hot labouring of the fumes, and the drinking of gallons in physician's free and seven shillings in actual fees, to Bath and Spas.

The above paragraph shows the many advantages of the Pennsylvania Mountain Petroleum Plantation possessors can generally appreciate, and it is made with a special petroleum obtained from a well, and carefully refined by the Rock process. This oil is then combined with an extract of Pennsylvania pine, in the form of a perfect emulsion, which is very pleasant to the taste, and is quickly absorbed by the stomach. Angier's Petroleum Emulsion is absolutely without an equal for the relief and cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs and all throat and lung affections, sleeplessness, and wasting in children and adults. The best proof of its value is the fact that it is now prescribed extensively by the medical profession, and is used in the leading hospitals and public institutions. Send for a sample bottle sent free on receipt of 2d. stamps to cover cost of postage. Angier's, Ltd., 33, Snow Hill, London, E.C.

CONSETT STEELWORKERS' WAGES ADVANCE OF 1½ PER CENT.

On Monday a communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Conciliation, the general secretary of the Board of Conciliation, and Mr. Ernest Bevin, secretary of the Iron and Steel Trade of the North of England, stating that the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufacture of Iron and Steel Wrought Iron Works have intimated to the Consett Iron Company's works have intimated to the Consett Iron Company's works have intimated that a percentage of 1½ per cent. on the wages of the men, in the December quarter, 1900, and that the Board expected that the percentage the highest point had been attained. However, in the March quarter, 1901, the wages had been 2½ per cent. has caused a pleasant surprise, amongst the both of the workmen.

AGED AND DESTITUTE BRITISH SEAMEN.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian"

At this season of the year when I see fully give space to appeals, I beg a kind and for our aged and destitute British seamen.

The roving life of the sailor separates his home ties, and he spends the best of his days of sea and sky risking his life for his country and all the while he is contributing to the wealth of his country. Our mighty Empire has grown up by the enterprise and courage of the liberality of the public than any other that ever existed. Our Navy is a national institution and also spoke of the school. ... course I well-nigh broke, his once clerk and Miss Rathbone, and Mr. Rathbone and Mr. Mr. Rathbone, and Mr. Rathbone, and fully 30 years ago, a little ... "Adrift" the sailors hereafter, when the ... Indian last week, before the Royal Historical Society, by M. Ruffolovi on the subject of "Bear in popular Superstition, Ballads, and its influence on the prosperity of the population." Of course, I am referring to the Bear with a sense of 250, which proves to have seen, but rather those which are made of the Bear, and the British mind, of society. In 1890, in 35 provinces, the Bear Ballad Society, of the State had taken the matter in hand, with the result of reducing the number of retail drink shops from 71,773 to 40,106. The Russian peasant drank rarely, but when drunk pawn his clothes for more. The only person to profit was the publican, and the opening of Government shops for the sale of spirits had done away with the exploitation of the publican, and of half-drunken customer. M. Rafalovich went on to say that the Russian Minister of Finance had asserted that the loss of revenue from the taking away of the publicans' licenses would be fully compensated by the general improvement, and his predecessor had been fully defined. Financial results had been satisfactory. Drunkenness and crime had materially diminished, and the health and prosperity of the people had been most favourably affected. Consumption of tea and sugar

AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law, December 24th.—Mr. Thomas Forward 46 dairy cows and heifers, 14 ... and 20 fat sheep and pigs. Cows, Lot 1, £14 10s to £15; calved cows, £14 to £15 10s; heifers, £14 to £14 5s; 2 fat heifers, £14 to £17 5s; 2 fat heifers, £16 5s to £22 15s. Calves 10s to £1 10s. Fat sheep, 7s 6d to 8s; fat lambs, 7s to 12s each. Cows a worse trade, and fully 10s down on recent quotations.

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2s 3d	2s 9d	9s 0d	2s 3d	2s 9d	9s 0d
2s 3d	2s 9d	9s 0d	2s 3d	2s 9d	9s 0d
2s 3d	2s 9d	9s 0d	2s 3d	2s 9d	9s 0d

Bottle—In per Case 2s.

RUM.

| Per Bt. | Per Qrt. | Per Gal. | Per Bt. | Per Qrt. | Per Gal. |

A VIOLENT GALE.

On Thursday last the strong winds which have prevailed in the district for some days, first developed into hurricane force, and a very disagreeable one was experienced, accompanied by rain. Nor was it safe to clear of the storm, for it came in sudden gusts and did a lot of mischief in various directions. Fortunately no serious casualties were reported, but the chimney of Fielding's manufacturing frozed many of the streets, especially the Front, Sun, and other streets in the vicinity, and not otherwise have been found there. Many of the chimney pots were blown to pieces and carried away their shop front, and so presented damage to the extent of some shillings. Outside the tall chimney at the Smith Mill was slightly damaged, and in other directions the damage was more broken.

WEARDALE.

A terrible gale and rainfall, culminating in a fierce storm, raged during Thursday night and all night, doing much damage to property all over the district. Shortly after midnight the south-east roof of Middlethan House at Ironshopstone was blown off, and much damage done to the exterior from the torrents of rain. All daylight permitted temporary repairs to fill the gale subsided. In the rear of Mr. Middleton's premises also the roof came off, sidesome, carrying away a portion of the coach-house and stable. The whole still was blown down, with heavy damage to the stock of coal.

TOW LAW

It will need little if any explanation to the average reader to assure him that the storm on Thursday night and early on Friday morning the gale was of an exception violence. One or two of the oldest inhabitants, in fact, declared it with the historic "Wind Mill," of ever half a century ago. The results of Friday morning were plainly evident, for the cartloads almost of slates scattered about the streets. The Roman Catholic Church for a share of attention; roughly speaking, the roof seemed to be lifted off it. The Presbyterian Church suffered in a similar way (it perhaps not so severely). The Wesleyan Church palings were blown down, and were thrown across the road. The roof of the Station at the Railway Street was removed to other fields, and portions were "a house in fireworks." Mr. Dodd, the occupation of Mr. Parker had about 15 slates removed, while in certain instances outdoor window was brought the stress of the gale, and chimney pots were severely tested. The telegraph wires, Railway and Government, were blown down in many places.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT WESTWOOD COLLIERY.

On Wednesday evening of last week a fatal accident happened at the colliery of Messrs William McOlvin, whilst following his employment at Westwood Colliery. Deceased, who was 40 years of age, resided at Westwood.

On Friday an inquest was held by Mr. Coroner Graham, at the Station Hotel, Esq. Coroner, to inquire into the circumstances attending to the death of McOrvin, Mr. Walker, Mr. Jones, Inspector of Mines, was present.

Mr. Palmer, J.P., J. W. Jamieson, and W. H. Cooke represented the Lord Lieutenant. Mr. Edward Dixon was appointed foreman of the jury.

The first witness was Thomas Stephenson, a hewer, who said he was working with deceased on Friday, and McOrvin was employed as a stoker at the Westwood Colliery. At the time of the accident he was engaged working on the roller-way.

Thomas Charlton, of high Mikwell Burn, an ostler, deposed that he was present at the time of the accident at six o'clock, as well as usual. The roller-way was in good order. The rope came out with the last one he saw deceased alive. He was standing at the roller-way. He had the proper place for him to be. The rope which was on the left hand side broke out. Deceased's light was stuck up on the wall with a piece of clay. He was about ten minutes past eight in the morning. Witness went to his out on the shift, and he was brought off, and then after waiting for about 20 minutes the fitts set on, and he expired not long away by the engine. Witness went with it, and rode in the lamp. He was in the place where he had previously seen deceased. he fell the lifts give a bump. He thought at the time the set was running at the time of the accident. He had to stop to "hold on," and the set was brought to a stop. Deceased was about 12 years. He was seen forward about 12 yards, and found the body at Eccleston. The rope was broken the sheave post, and his feet lying on the south side of the rail. He was crushed and he was any worse, but received no reply. There was 30 tubs in the set.

In answer to a question asked by the Coroner, Mr. Palmer said that two of the tubs got of the way, and the other 28 caused over the sheave post. Witness thinks the fault of the tubs coming in contact with the sheave post would probably cause it to the last two tubs off the rails.

Thomas Gibson, a chargeman, living at Low Westwood, said he was present when the accident happened. He was previous witness, and on proceeding to the spot found McOrvin lying on the south side of the rail. He was dead when he was found. The under-manager was down in the accident by the

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All Orders will receive Prompt Attention.
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The smith a gentle man is he,
Who has a host of friends.

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FOR PRIMEST PIECE OF BEEF.
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Business Announcements.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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Late Manageress of the Shotley Bridge Co-operative Society's Dressmaking Department, begs to inform the Public that she has commenced BUSINESS on her own account at Flint Mill Cottage, Shotley Bridge, and hopes by giving strict attention to her Business to receive a share of their patronage.
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FLOUR MILL COTTAGE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 5(6)

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HAVING sold my house situated in 17, Eldon Square, I have removed to
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where I may be consulted on all cases appertaining to Dentistry every day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
J. M. VAN GELDEREN, Senr.,
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December 28th, 1900.

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2. That prior to the accident the persons name shall have been entered in the Registers in the spaces provided below.

3. That the fact of the accident be given to the Corporation guaranteeing this insurance within seven days of its occurrence.

4. That death result within one year from the date of the accident.

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Business Announcement.

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WILLIAM ATWELL, Esq., Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTIONS received and Loans Advanced at the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, every Tuesday and Friday evening, and Sunday.—The Monday after the Consett Fair Day. Money on DEPOSITS received at four per cent. Interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

TO OUR READERS.

Commencing in the "CONSETT GUARDIAN" for January, 1901, will be a series of articles, entitled "Annals of the Consett District 1800-1900," specially compiled by J. W. Fawcett, of Satley, containing, in chronological order, the chief events which have taken place in the Consett District during the past century.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, December 28th, 1900

Good Work. Although the passing of the District Parish Councils Act was heralded with a great flourish of trumpets, it is doubtful whether in the case of Parish Councils generally the results have come up to expectation. The answer is that, that an exception can be made in the case of the Medomsley Parish Council, who have accomplished a good deal of work since that body came into existence. But such members are an enterprising lot caused to be elected, and we have evidence of this in the fact that they have secured the electric light for their district, which is a step in the right direction. Then we were pleased to see the other day, in a talk around by Medomsley, that the very dangerous corner at the end of the footpath leading from Medomsley to Allensdale road has been considerably improved. For years this has been a corner of danger, and in spite of this much-frequented footpath, and we are surprised that a number of serious accidents have not occurred at this spot. In dark nights or in frosty weather, one ran considerable risk to life and limb at this particular part of the footpath. We are also pleased to see that the Council has gone to erect swing wickets in place of the old out-of-date stiles which now exist. The Medomsley Council have done valuable work on behalf of the public, and altogether they deserve well of their constituents, but they will come in for well-deserved praise if they can bring about the desired Council to take joint action with them in lighting up Number One road. This matter will come before the Consett Authority at their meeting next week, and we trust they will give it favourable consideration.

No Hope! It would appear as though those responsible for the agitation which has gone on for many years now, with a view to inducing the North-Eastern Railway Company to erect a passenger station at Westwood, has given up all hope of ever seeing what they so earnestly desire, carried out. The question was mentioned at the last meeting of the Medomsley Parish Council, in a discussion which took place respecting the erection of a suitable footpath from Allendale Cottages to Westwood Station. Comm. Crawford said on one time they had hoped to have a station, but they had now given up all hope. The likelihood of anything being done now, if it ever were right, there was good hope thrown out that, although the Company populous enough to make a station at Westwood, they would yet be willing to sit for the setting down and taking up of passengers when a train is stopping anyway, and it assumed shape, would have been appreciated on the principle, that half a loaf is better than no bread; but it would appear as though the Company are increasing population in this district are not seen going to be granted this concession, small boon. Surely the inhabitants of this populous locality are entitled to some consideration from the Railway Company, and it would not mean much to a wealthy body like the North-Eastern to put up a platform, as it was removed they were led to do, for the setting down and taking up of passengers on Wednesday and Saturdays. The increased income would well repay the granting of this concession would probably soon cover the expense involved.

Good Resolutions. It is wonderful the good resolutions that are made at our Police Court on Monday after the pay. One defendant informs the magistrates that he is going to sign the pledge; another appears for the first time, but declares that he will not come there again. These resolutions sound well at the time, but only look in their sobriety, in other words to persons seeing some of the ladies or gentlemen who were going to sign the pledge put in appearance at the court every alternate Monday, and ask for a drink outdoor. A police court has its humorous side, and its pathetic side. As the magistrate one man, who had drunk not wisely, but too well, on flooring his sentence pronounced, inquired if he could have the "Christmas Day" in which to pay the fine. The Magistrates were rather in a merciful mood, seeing that it was the season of good will on earth and peace to all men," and in consequence many delinquents had the "Christmas Day" which would have done under ordinary circumstances. Much of good may come from some of several men having to attend the court, and some of them appeared to entertain the earnestness idea that they could with impunity go into a private wood, break off holly branches, and carry away some as much holly as they thought fit. In one case the offender had admitted to with horses and carts, and carted away loads of holly from Hamsterley wood. It seems that Miss Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall has been subject to considerable annoyance and damage in this manner.

Master Builders. Although one does not hear much complaint from the Master Builders Association of North-West Durham, this society is nevertheless doing a good work in the interest of those whom it was intended to benefit by the formation. The Association held its annual dinner last week at Annfield Plain, when a very pleasant evening was spent under the genial presidency of Comm. Joseph Cook, who is the senior member of the society, who was faced by Mr. W. Johnson in the vice-chair. Comm. Crawford, one of the vice-presidents, was guests, and, in giving the toast of the evening, made very pleasant reminiscences with the word "Friendship" as his text. He thought the energetic secretary had made the arrangements in his usual able manner.

A New Bridge. The question of the construction of a new bridge over the river Wear at Edith Bridge, near Maggiswick and Hamsterley, has long been a matter of anxiety to the inhabitants of the local inhabitants now able to enjoy the advantages of the railway and county authorities interested in the matter, and their energetic efforts have resulted in the erection of a substantial two-span stone bridge which is a third of a mile, of road-diversion. The work was commenced in May last, and the bridge is now complete with the exception of the parapets and a few minor details. The bridge is of a very substantial character, supported on a bed of rock, and consists of two arches, each of 30ft. span, and carried upon two abutments and a central pier, the total length being about 100ft. The materials are rock-faced ashlar, and ensures the mortar bonds made of Portland cement. Some difficulty was experienced in laying the foundations, which are below the bed of the river, owing to the sudden and excessive floods, which during the winter months have sometimes risen higher than at any time during the last fifteen years; but, once the foundations get above high-water mark, the practical work of the job has been comparatively easy. It is expected that the bridge will be open for traffic early in the new year, and will complete the series of bridges over the river Derwent from the Tyne to beyond Blanchland.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

When the Consett District was combined on Monday night and the bells of the Parish Churches were rung, as the walking ring Thompson's nearly all the bells, a deeper, more significant meaning than ever attached to those bells. Ring out the old, ring in the new. It is not well to be sentimental at all times, but it is the experience of a century and the enjoyment of a new century. The events of the nineteenth century can never be adequately will in the history of a period of mighty progress in all the arts, in all the sciences, in all that tended towards the emancipation of mankind. The events of the twentieth century will sing and read of "silent heroes of the Queen Victoria will be the groundwork of many a valuable lesson in the schools of the future. We do not mourn the departure of the century; rather will we rejoice in that it has been "well lived" and hope confidently that its lesson may lead to a more perfect life in the new year and in the years to come. I wish my readers in all sincerity a glad and happy new year.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

How many can realise all that has happened in the Consett District during the past Year few, I venture to say. It is a question which I have been in the habit of asking myself in many a family circle just now and there I have found the most astonishing results of comparisons made, but they will not be given in succeeding notes. It is not even "the oldest inhabitant" who will be able to give a chronological sketch of all that happened during the year, and consequently the value of the "Consett Guardian" will be the medium through which the tale will be told.

LAST WEEK'S GALE.

It has been frequently remarked that if there is any one day of any description we are sure to get the full benefit of it in these parts, it is Christmas Day, and it would be as good for us last Thursday night we have to write about. There was hardly a house in the district in Consett than in a good many other places, but there was damage done, and damage done at all in a comparative sense, and we have to be thankful that it was not worse. Long ago people in other places were being flooded out of their homes and even drowned, and we have to be thankful that we escaped so lightly. It will be a long ago people in other places were being flooded out of their homes and even drowned, and we have to be thankful that we escaped so lightly. It will be a very trying one for any surveyor, and particularly for a Medomsley, who has a gigantic problem to solve, and did it so well. Mr. Ayrton, I understand, has on his salary alone the Council were £50 into pocket, and he has saved the ratepayers an increase of £30, and has two years to go before he will be in receipt of the full pro-decessor. No wonder the opposition promised shortly to withdraw.

THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

One of the earliest, if not one of the greatest events in Consett in the new century will be the opening of the new Technical Institute, which has been in course of erection in Park Road during the past two years. The increased income will be put on, and we may expect shortly to hear of the opening of the improvements of the opening ceremony. The Institute will be a great boon to Consett, and will continue to be, a source of admiration on the part of both residents and visitors, and it may be taken for granted the interior will be furnished in a manner which will ensure a suitable and comfortable home for the purpose for which the building has been erected. The youth of the district have a rare opportunity placed within their grasp, and those who have taken advantage of the evening classes will soon find out that the time devoted there has been well spent.

LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.—Before Mr. W. E. Hetch-Walker (Chairman), Mr. Ayrton, strong, and Colonel Cookson.

BAD TRADE.

Jane Dixon was summoned for treatment on the Lambton Estate, in search of gooseberries, on Nov. 19th. The gamekeeper, upon seeing defendant on the premises, called upon her to leave, and she refused. She replied that he did not know that she was doing, as he hadn't been in her direction. Then Scott stated that the field was close to the Lambton arms, and defendant and others much pressed over it.—Being defendant's first offence he was fined 5s. and costs.

VACCINATION CASES.

Joseph Cook, relieving officer for the Chester-le-Street, summoned William Hughes, John Wm. Stokoe, Jas. Thompson, and John Hall for failing to have their children vaccinated within the given time.—Defendants were all fined 10s. and costs.

JOHN McKAY, relieving officer for the Hamsterley District of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, summoned James Hogan, Ed. Hogan, Jas. Crawford, Thos. Crawford, Jas. Crawford, Jas. Wetherspoon, and Hedley Wetherspoon for failing to have their children vaccinated within the given time.—Defendants were all fined 10s. and costs.

John McKay, relieving officer for the Hamsterley District of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, summoned James Hogan, Ed. Hogan, Jas. Crawford, Thos. Crawford, Jas. Crawford, Jas. Wetherspoon, and Hedley Wetherspoon for failing to provide for the maintenance of their parents who had become chargeable to the Chester-le-Street District. An order was made for the Hogans to contribute 1s. 6d. a week, and the Wetherspoons were ordered to contribute 1s. 6d. a week each.

FITCH AND TIME.

Sergt. Harkness charged Thomas Stokoe, Jas. D. Dent, M. Hogan, Geo. Hogan, J. Ferrell with having played at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street on Sunday morning.—Mr. Stephenson were fined 1s. 6d. and the others 1s. 6d. each.

P.C. Hammond summoned Jas. Young, Jas. Young, Wm. Young, Geo. Young, Jas. Pearson, Jas. Gray, Thos. Maddison, John Hall, Jas. Hall, Geo. Hall, Jas. Hall, Geo. Clark, Jas. Morris, John Dobinson, John Wilson, Geo. Wilson, Geo. Wilson, Thos. Cunningham for having committed a nuisance on the Lambton Estate, on Sunday, ranging from 1s. 6d to 5s. were imposed.

John Byers and Partners summoned Jas. Dobinson, John Dobinson, and Geo. Dobinson for stealing 1½ cwt. of coals at Lamesley.—Defendants were fined 10s. each.

MISMANAGEMENT OF WIVES.

Thos. Pearson, of the Railway Railway mission, applied against an order made by the Chester-le-Street Magistrates, on Nov. 7th, towards the maintenance of his wife and four children.—Mr. Chester, on behalf of the Guardians, supported the application of Mr. Pearson's behalf.—Mr. Pearson, in reply, said he was a teetotaler.

Mr. Harle stated that on the 27th of Dec. last, Mr. Pearson was in Wood's Yard, and was not in his wife, who had the custody of the children, and he was in a state of drink. Now the order was made on the 7th of Nov. last, and he was a week out of his, out of which he had to pay 1s. 6d. a week for the support of his wife and six children. He asked for a reduction of 3s a week.

Mr Pearson opposed the application on the ground that he was only 18s 6d a week, and then he was twice upon his age. Although he was a teetotaler, he was not a teetotaler now.

The Magistrates thought the case would be met by a reduction of 1s a week.

Inspector Robinson summoned Wm. Kidd, Geo. Burdon, Geo. Burdon, Jun., Geo. Burdon, and Wm. Sutherford for having trespassed on the Hedley Estate, on Nov. 19th, and Dec. 18th.—Defendants, who pleaded guilty, were fined 1s. each and costs.

Inspector Robinson also summoned Chas. Gardner, Geo. Gardner, and Thos. Gardner, Applebe for having trespassed on the date of November 19th.—Mr. Gardner, in defence, thought they were doing no harm.—Sergt. Johnson said he was sorry to have to be cautioned for having refused to give their names when asked by the Inspector and Mr. Chase. You are charged with trespassing.—The Magistrates said they did not mean to be cautioned and must be put down. The defendants would be fined 1s. each and costs.

SPEED IN THE TOWN.

George Kirkup, of the Station Hotel, Stanley, summoned Wm. Armstrong, of Tow Law, for unlawfully and wilfully injuring a horse, and cart, and harness, valued at £ 5s, knowing that it had been stolen.—Mr. Chase said that on the 19th of November last, Mr. Kirkup had left his horse a little and had taken it into the hotel, and when he came out he was gone from the house, and found the boy produced under the cart with his legs in the shafts. He had taken it to be house a month ago, and that was the first time he had seen the boy.—Defendant was fined 10s, including the costs.

Robert Baxter was charged by Sergt. Harkness with having stolen a pair of boots, the property of Mr. Thos. Hodgson, of Chester-le-Street, on Dec. 7th.—Mr. Hodgson said on Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m., his attention was drawn to the fact that a pair of boots had been left in the house short for the defendant, and found him in the act very drunk. He was so drunk that it was impossible that he was obliged to lock him up, and he was fined altogether 20s. and costs, 10s and costs.

A YOUTHFUL THIEF.

Francis Brown, wife of Geo. Brown, of Bell's Buildings, Chester-le-Street, was charged with a lad, ten years of age, for having stolen, on Dec. 19th, a purse containing 1s. 6d. and other articles valued at 8s.

Mrs. Brown said, on Sunday afternoon she went out of her house by the back door and left her lad with a neighbour. From what her daughter Ada told her after she returned she understood that the lad had gone into the jewellery, and found that her watch and chain were missing. She had left the lad with her daughter and fetched him.

Ada Coulthard, daughter of the last witness, deposed to the charge.

Wm. Bagnall, music teacher, Walden Terrace, Stanley, deposed to missing a watch and wanted to sell the watch and chain (produced) to the witness, and he said he had got them he said he had had got them from his mother and he was going to give them to his and then for it. Prisoner Afterwards confessed that he had taken it from his mother without leave. Witness asked him to write to his mother, and prisoner said he was charge of the watch and chain, and sent for the prisoner.

Joseph Charlton, of East House Farm, Pelton, deposed to missing a watch and chain, and asked him where he got it. Defendant said he had found it, and he gave it to him, and ran away. He afterwards handed it to the Police.

P.C. Bowes said from information he received he went to Consett and got a piece of paper from Mr Bagnall, he proceeded to the prisoner's house at North Bitchburn, and he took defendant into custody, and charged him with the offence. Prisoner said "I stole it." He received the jubilee 6d from the prisoner.

Defendant was ordered to receive six strokes with the birch rod.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, December 20th.—Before Mr. W. Loens (presiding) Mr. W. Holmes (Chairman), Mr. J. Ayrton, Mr. T. Wardhead, Mr. T. Ayrton, and Mr. W. E. Bailey.

DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS.

John Humphrey, was charged with having driven without lights at Annfield Plain on the 19th of November, and ordered to pay a fine of one shilling and costs.

TRESPASSING ON THE RAILWAY.

Thomas Dixon and Geo. Dixon were convicted of trespassing on the North-Eastern Railway Company's branch at Tanfield, on December 5th, and were fined 5/- and costs each.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with:—John Golightly 5/-, Ellen Jordan 5/-, Thos. Hedley 5/-, Geo. Ord 5/-, Geo. Liddle 5/-, John Winter 5/-, Wm. Ward 7/6, Wm. Bedford 5/-, John Todd 5/-, Thomas Dean 5/-, Geo. Clark 5/-, Thos. Row 5/-, Thos. Mason 10/-, and Christopher Marr, 5/-, and in default 14 days.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Peter Wilkinson, Jas. Hewitt, and Thos. Elliott were charged with having committed a breach of the peace on the 19th of November last.—Mr. Chase, prosecuted.

John Gleddon and Daniel Pendleton, for similarly offending at Annfield Plain on the same date, were bound over.

FITCH AND TOSS.

John Robson, Richard Ellis, and Joseph Robson were charged with playing at pitch and toss at Burnhope on November 25th. After hearing the evidence of P.C. Hay, the Bench dismissed the case against Robson, and fined the others 2/6 and costs each.

Wm. Cook, John Morgan, Wm. Pearson, Alfred Lawson, Geo. Riley, Henry Lawson, Peter Dougherty, and Wm. Rooney were convicted on the evidence of P.C. Hildreth, of playing at pitch and toss at Castleside, and were each fined 2/6 and costs.

BOUND OVER TO BEHAVE PEACEABLY.

Thomas Cloughton and Thomas Johnson, miners, Shotley Bridge, were charged with the Vergeson Arms, Shotley Bridge, for assaulting each other.—Mr. Chase said they were just lawful purposes.—Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett, appeared.

P.C. Waterson said that on the 3rd of December, at about 10.15 at night, he was on duty in Shotley Bridge, and he saw the prisoners standing in Mr. Nicholson Walker's yard. He went to them and found Mr. Johnson standing against a cow house door, and Mr. Cloughton was in the middle of the yards off, and walked away. Witness then went to Johnson, and Johnson came out of the cow, a lot of game coming out of the cow house door. He (Johnson) said he was doing them, and told them that they were fairly caught. They said "We are only having a little fun." Then said that they would bear further about it. He had a good deal of trouble to get them out, and they got the goose back into the cow house. Mr. Walker came out, and they searched the buildings. They found the goose in the cow house, and it was in a surface hour, standing open. The defendants came out of the public house at ten minutes to ten, and they were then in a state of drink.—Mr. Aynsley said they had been drinking the greater part of the day. They had no intention to steal the goose, and shows were opened by the men. He did not think they had a case against them. They could not say whether they went to the yard for the purpose of getting a goose.

By the Chairman: They were very helpfully drunk. They knew perfectly well what they were doing.

Mrs Florence Walker said she found the goose in the yard. There were 12 geese, and there was none missing. She did not see the defendants in the yard, and they were not locked on that particular night.

Mr. Walker said he was called out of bed right on the premises. He knew Johnson well, but he did not know the other man.

Mr. Walker said he was at the meeting on Cloughton on the 12th, and read the minutes of the meeting. He signed.

Mr. Aynsley said he was caution him? Witness said he was cautious to do so. He read the summons over to him.

Mr. Aynsley: I submit he ought to have cautioned him.

The Magistrates Clerk said they would be bound by it.

Wilkinson said Cloughton replied, "I got the goose in the yard." He said he had no money to pay a fine with. It will most be a month.

Mr. Aynsley said he did not know whether the defendants would be able to say one case to most. The defendants were labourers living in a village, and absolutely known to everybody. They were in the habit of going to Consett and taking home they intended going on drinking the day after they got paid. They had no intention of stealing a sheep. They did not know what they were doing. They had no objection to the goose.

Cloughton was sworn, and here cut Mr. Aynsley's statement. He said they intended to stay in the village, and they went home next morning, and they were looking for a place to lie down in. They had no intention of stealing the goose. They had not taken a goose home he had a wife who was strong. Which she could not do if he had taken it.

Johnson gave similar evidence, and said he had gone through the yard many a time without being cautioned.

The Chairman said there was a large number of convictions against Cloughton. He would be fined 10s and costs, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. Johnson would be fined 20s. and costs, or, in default, fourteen days imprisonment.

ASSAULT IN THE MINE.

Geo. Burdon, aged 19, a boy, employed as a driver at Tanfield Moor Colliery, was charged with the assault of John Kirtley, onsetter, on the 22nd of November.—Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, said he appeared on behalf of the Mining Association to prosecute. Defendant was charged with striking Kirtley with his lamp when in the pit. It seemed that six boys were allowed to go into a stone drift, and defendant was wished to get into one which already contained two men. Kirtley was in the drift, and Burdon deliberately struck him with the lamp, and cut his face, causing him to lose two days work. From the medical evidence, Burdon admitted the assault, but said he was provoked to do it.—The Chairman said it was Burdon's duty to carry out the instructions of the Deputies must be maintained in the mine. Kirtley had never been to work by Burdon himself before they would merely fine him and bind him over.

MINES REGULATION CASES.

There were six cases of offence under the Mines Regulation Act, which, as the Legal did not adjudicate.

Thomas Hutchinson, of the Hedley Pit, South Moor, was charged that on the 5th of November, he contravened the 49th general rules, by stemming a shot with coal dust, and thus endangering the lives of others.—Defendant pleaded.

Mr. Oliver said he did not know he was doing wrong.—Evidence was given to show that Kay stemmed his shot with coal dust on the day named.—Mr. Oliver said they did not think defendant wilfully did; and he would only be fined 10s and costs.

William Cooper, employed at the Hedley Pit, South Moor, was charged with having on November 17th, contravened the general rules, by working a shot in a bank (inside some coal, to the extent of 2ft. and properly.—Mr. Oliver prosecuted, and said it was very dangerous for men to do, and said only recently at another place they had lost a life through a man in some coals The box got into the shot, and a workman's lamp, and an explosion damage was done.—Robert Hockels, charge-man, said he was working in the pit, and along the hole, and from its mouth; he was working in a place where the shot was. Cooper said defendant must have known he was doing drong. Defendant said he did not do it wilfully. He was working in the hole, and was drunk. He was not in his right mind, who was trying dangerously, if at the time he was drunk. It was a serious offence, and he must pay a fine of 10s. and costs.

Thomas Rhearty, was charged with stemming a shot in the Hedley Pit, on November 20th, with material other than clay.—Mr. Oliver said he prosecuted for the Mining Association, and said he had been 19½ years at the pit, and had never had a fine of 10s and costs, but on a representation from the men to them respecting defendant's drunkenness, they had to take the case.

Dumpstead Dunkin was charged with having, on the 20th November, at the Tanfield Pit, presented himself for work when in a state of drunkenness, and when he requested defendant to go away he did so, and gave no trouble.—He was fined 20s and costs.

Thos. Hedley was charged with damaging a safety lamp at Tanfield Moor Pit, on the 4th of December.—Mr. Oliver said the rule stated that no person should wilfully or carelessly injure, or damage, any safety lamp, or any other lamp, or any lamp in the possession.—Samuel Hedley said he had brought defendant a lamp (produced) in a damaged condition. He (Hedley) was in the habit of buying some sharp instrument.—Mr. Bell said he was sorry he was so done accidentally, and would impose a fine of 10s and costs.

Wm. James Barrett, putter, at Tanfield Colliery, was charged with taking gunpowder into the mine in a prohibited place.—Mr. H. E. Ferens, Durham, prosecuted, said he was a putter, and was fined and fended.—Mr. Ferens said under the general rules, no person underground, was allowed to be taken into the mine except in a proper box or container. Defendant was seen to take some gunpowder out of his inside pocket at the centre of the fist, and walk with it 100 yards in a place where he was working. The powder was placed in a tub, and taken along to the place where he was working. He put it down near the hole he had been cut, and he was seen to fill it and exploded it. Both defendant and a lad employed in the place were injured, and were laid off work. Evidence was given to the effect by the lad, and Mr. Wilkinson submitted that there was sufficient to answer. Defendant was charged with taking into the mine, and exploding, gunpowder in a secure case; but evidence had been given that he had taken gunpowder inside into the mine.—The Bench agreed that on the whole of the grounds they had been.

ARREARS OF MAINTENANCE.

Wm. Thompson, of Tanfield Lea, charged with being in arrears of maintenance on an order made in August 1898, for 10s a week.—Mr. Vickers said she had received 10s on the 15th of the month.—Defendant, asked by the Chairman if he had anything to say, said he was sorry he could not do anything. He had no money. He was sorry he was in arrears.—Defendant: A minor.—The Chairman: And you have no money. Why don't you go to Durham for it?—Defendant said he would make arrangements to pay.

FIGHT AT CONSETT.

Margaret O'Hanlon, married woman, and Jane Hanlon, spinster, living with Jeremy from the person of John William Smith, on Nov. 17th.—Prosecutor said he was Superintendent for Consett, and was in Consett on Nov. 17th, at about ten o'clock at night he was in the Robinson Inn, Front Street, in Consett, and there saw an agent named Gillespie. He saw the two defendants. He also saw Wood who was a spare time agent, and treated him to a drink. He left the inn with Wood at about o'clock. In going along the street Wish and Wood were walking in our house and prisoner thought he was taking him there and went out of the house. When he prosecutor got to the set down and fall asleep and when he awoke he was in a field outside the wall and was in a dazed condition. He had not too much drink. He could not see what made him fall asleep. When he came round a bit he felt his pockets and found his purse and watch had gone. He then began to remember something about the events of the evening and went back to the Britannia and asked if he had left any money there. They said he had not and he then put the matter into the hands of the Police. When he prosecutor left the Robinson Inn he had money. The purse contained 1s. 6d. and the watch was a silver one, and he determined to put it out of its misery. He thought it was about 18s. Prosecutor had not done so for many years. There was no intoxicating liquor in the Robinson Inn, and he was ashamed of the way in which he was treated by the prisoners.

The Chairman said this was a case of the worst description. It was bad that they could inflict was one of 21 days.—The penalty would have been greater yet for the fact that defendant was an old and poor man.

Indentured asked for time to pay, and was allowed a month.

BEGGING CASE.

George Winn was summoned for not having his children attended regularly to school.—Mr. Seymour Reddish, attendance officer to the Tanfield School Board, said on the 9th of November, and on the 23rd of November she was absent, and for six half days in the month of Dec. the attendances out 36. Since the 11th of June she had been absent 19 half days out of 36. Mrs Winn said the child was very dull of hearing, and was not able to go regularly to school, and was not fit to sit near other children. The attendance was good when she was fit.—The Chairman asked how far it was to the school.—Mrs Winn said it was about three-quarters of a mile.—The Chairman said it was half an hour's walk. He brought a doctor's certificate. She had been absent 19 half days out of 36 and costs.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1900. [GRATIS.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday evening in the Board-room, Medomsley, Mr. J. Daniels (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Mr. R. Ord, Mr. J. Stafford, Mr. W. Robinson, and the Clerk (Mr. T. Coupland).

THE CHAIRMAN'S REFORTER STRIKE.

After the reading of minutes the Chairman expressed thanks for his re-election as chairman of the Board. He was accordingly sorry that he could not be present at the first meeting of the Board, but it was absolutely necessary that he should be at Hunstan. However, he thanked the reporter for the confidence again accorded to him.

MINUTES—REPORTS—ROLL.

With respect to an application for the use of the school on a Sunday evening, it was stated that Mr. Cooke was present who would put his chairman's respects for any damage done.

The Chairman said a letter had been received admitting error same. The only thing that they could be thought it necessary was that the school should be examined after each monthly meeting, and if anything if any, amiss, so that the promoters might not be precluded for anything done in school hours.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Miss Wilson to take the school on Monday evening after each social, and report any damage to the Clerk.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The Attendance Officer (Mr. M. T. Milburn) reported that the attendance was somewhat low, owing to a great deal of sickness prevailing, the percentage for the month was 79.

HEAD-TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. J. W. Daniels reported—No. on books, 303; admitted 9; left 1; average attendance, 210.7, average percentage, 96. The work had been carried on in the short staff. Miss Brodie: I am sorry to say, has had to resign, owing to ill-health; so that has now been vacant since Oct. 29th. Miss Miller too, is ill, and has been so that she has been absent since Nov. 16th. Mrs. Daniels has taken her place as far as possible in the upper standards, in connection. I beg to endorse Mr. Francis Crawford's examination. The pupil teachers' quarterly examination was held on Dec. 20th at Consett. Francis Crawford's pupil teacher, Miss Ord, obtained 70 marks, which is, I think very satisfactory, especially when it is considered that the marks is rather severe. The cleaner, Mr. Robson, resigned his position on Saturday last, he had great difficulty with the boiler. He had been cleaner for 7 years, and had failed to get the pipes warm. The fire, he said was too far from the boiler. This, he said had the case for over a week, and he could not find a remedy. He also reported a number of defects of the boiler house.

Miss M. J. Watson reported—No. on books, 179; No. on roll, 170; average attendance, 125.4; average percentage, 70.

THE SCHOOL.

With respect to the matter mentioned by the head-master, Mr. Cooke promised to report the matter to Mr. Robson, with a view to having it remedied.

RESIGNATION.

Owing to ill-health, Miss Mabel Brodie resigned her position as a teacher.

The Chairman said they were very sorry to lose Miss Brodie, and regret that her ill-health contributed to health. She was an excellent teacher.

The resignation was accepted, and the Clerk was instructed to write Miss Brodie, expressing the regret that she had had to resign her position.

FILLING THE VACANCY.

The Chairman said that there was only one application for the vacancy, viz., from Miss Lily Chester, Consett, and stated that she was going to sit for the Queen's Scholarship examination that month, and if successful, would come under Article 50. The Chairman, Mr. Ord, and Mr. Stafford, Mr. Moffitt thoroughly, and he thought it unnecessary to go into examination, but he always borne the highest character.

In reply to Mr. Stafford, Mr. Moffitt said that his daughter had sat for her examination, but he would not learn the result for about three months.

Mr. Cooke said the matter came before the committee at the meeting of the school, and it was decided to recommend the Board to appoint Miss Chester.

A question was asked as to whether she would be appointed under Article 50 or Article 68.

Mr. Robinson said if she was not qualified under Article, 50 she would be qualified under Article 68.

The Clerk said Mr. Moffitt might be appointed under Article 50, and if she was not admitted to her examination, the salary might be arranged accordingly.

Mr. Robinson said that the recommendation of the committee be approved of and that Miss Chester be appointed under Article 50 subject to her passing her examination.

The Chairman seconding the motion, which was carried.

ADVANCED EDUCATION.

A circular was received from the Northumberland and Durham School Board Association, drawing attention to the following resolution:—"That the attention of this association be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Association of School Boards (England and Wales), on the subject of advanced education in the industrial classes, and that the members of Parliament for Northumberland and Durham be severally asked to support in Parliament such steps as may be taken by the various associations in relation thereto, and that copies of the resolution be also asked to obtain a personal interview with their representative Mr. J. Wilson, in advance of the resolution. 2. That the attention of M.P.'s for Northumberland and Durham be called to the very unsatisfactory condition of the law in relation to Science Schools and Science and Art classes and that they be asked to take the earliest opportunity of pressing upon Parliament the necessity of confirmed by statute (if necessary) the usage of the last 25 years of aiding from the School Fund such schools and classes as were set up in the School Boards. 3. That a similar course to that indicated in the first resolution be adopted in regard to the natural application of the new Minute by the Board of Education, and copies of the Minute of the regulations concerning age.

The Chairman said it was not a case of town and country? The tendency in the towns was to get out of the country possible for rather. There were plenty of people as after the Education Act, in the industrial districts situated, in Higher Grade schools, and they would be possible. Mr. Robinson thought they should reward their efforts. Mr. Stafford thought the matter did not concern them.

Mr. Cooke said the Act was at it in two ways—as members of the School Board, in relation and in the capacity of a Medomsley School Board. He suggested that the circular be a matter for the other per thoroughly acquainted with the matter. Mr. Stafford said if this was the course in the twant trial?

Mr. Robinson replied in the negative, and it was owing to the narrow interpretation of the Act by the Education Office. He thought it curious that the age limit should be 15 in Elementary Schools.

Mr. Cooke was personally in favour of giving the children of the working classes, the best a thoroughly good education. However, he thought there was a great deal that could avail to keep their children at school after they were 13 years of age.

Mr. Robinson noticed the case of a young man whose father was a miner, who was 1 round a month, and who was a scholarship in the age of 11, and afterwards gained a scholarship at Durham.

The Chairman thought that argument showed that there were already machinery in use to enable young men to get higher education, if they had the ability.

The matter was eventually left over for a month.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Hope, signing his position as a member of the Board, owing to his having removed to Leeds.

The resignation was accepted with regret, and it was decided that the vacancy should be filled up at the next meeting of the School Committee.

THE AT SCHOOL.

Several applications for the use of Watersed school were considered, and they were all granted on the usual terms.

Cheques were signed for some something to £135 18s 6d, after which the Board adjourned.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

On Thursday afternoon the monthly meeting of the Collierley School Board was held in the Board Room of the Collierley Board Schools, Dipton. Mr. J. Armstrong, (chairman) presiding. There were also present Messrs. Joseph Bewick, T. Clark, J. B. Armstrong, Mr. A. Philipson (clerk), and Mr. G. Dixon, sen., Attendance Officer.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. W. McQuillin, head-master of the boys' school, reported that the attendance had been well maintained, the average standing at 94 per cent. During the past quarter they had been fairly successful in the examinations for the year 1897. The average attendance for the month was 196.6. Mrs. Bell, head-mistress of the infant school, reported that the attendance was very satisfactory for the present time of the year. Mr. H. J. M. Jennings reported that on Monday the 19th of December and found everything in order and a good attendance. He thought that the teachers were doing the one of the Board-room is a stock-room instead of sitting the pupils in it. Miss Mary Naylor, head-mistress, of the girls' school, reported that in some cases there had been the cause of the number of absentees, but there were a few of the children who stayed away without reason. The amount of work continued to be good, and took a child of ordinary ability to make regular attendance in order to pass credit. The Her Majesty's Inspector had by the school a short time ago and expressed his approval of the change made since previous visit.

The reports were adopted.

REMITTING.

The question of remitting was again brought under discussion by the application of John Bortley Hill for exemption for his son.

Mr. Young, in a wrathful mood, and the matter should be left to the Board, and he complained of the Board having granted exemptions and by so doing were giving people. The inspector seemed very, if not, if he would like to have spoke had told the inspector as he thought they had granted the privilege to anybody, and they had no right to say so. He arranged and told him that the Board had no right to grant exemptions unless the children had make a certain number of attendances.

The Chairman: If you remember then and the people gained poverty the Bench had upheld their case.

Mr. Clark: The inspector is not infallible. We have an adjournment to go by.

Mr. Swalwell: Mr Young Read the rules.

Mr. Young: I have read it.

Mr. Swalwell: Then you should have read something you have not read.

Mr. Young: I have read the Code and I intend to read it and you are going to back up the masters and mistresses in getting rid of the inspector against the Board. I will have nothing to do with it, and I will not have it.

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. G. Dryden reported that he had paid 205 visits to absentees during the month. There seemed to be many cases of skin disease and sickness, but the attendance was exceptionally good. The total number on the books was 641, average attendance, 5.9, 199.3, 199.7, infants 160. A. Mr. Dryden reported that during the last meeting he had called on a young citizen into working order, but the girls' trap was completed Saturday. He had to get the mission to take part of the wall down, but everything was arranged so that in future the matter could be more readily attended to. He had cleaned the pipes required attention. He had already overhauling some which he was very effective. He had cleared all the spouting round the school.

The reports were adopted.

MR. YOUNG'S MOTION.

In accordance with notice of motion Mr. Young moved that a piano be purchased for the girls' school. He had spoken about it the last meeting of the Board a thing a new piano and he had understood that it came under the same category as a blackboard and could be done so, and along with the other requisitions. He gave to understand that that was not so. Mr. Ord seconded the motion, which drew and gave notice, seeing that both the inspector and the head mistress were for a piano in the girls' school, and that they had a piano in the infants' school, and drill in the boys' schools and seeing that he had been and that he had not seen an inspector, he thought it advisable that they should have a piano in the girls school.

Mr. Swalwell: I would like to ask Mr. Young through the Chairman, if the Inspector say anything to you about the piano?

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The Chairman: It will be brought on again by Mr. Clark's amendment.

Mr. Young seconded that—viz.—Messrs Robinson, Clark, and Swalwell, for the motion—Messrs Young and Armstrong, against—carried by the casting vote of the chairman.

Mr. Young: I contend that the inspector is entitled to a piano in a school, and I intend to have one.

Mr. Swalwell: The inspector is only a mere like ordinary.

THE COMMITTEE.

The appointments for the appointments of teachers, the appointment of the girls' first assistantship, and the resignation of Mrs. Wesley, infant mistress, was the next matter for consideration.

The Chairman, addressing the Board, said Mr. Gill had been appointed to the committee.

Mr. Swalwell: We will have a good deal to say about the appointments that should not be made.

Mr. Young: If you say what a time you should have said it at the last meeting. I think it is an act necessary for the Press to be in existence. The reporter will not put all of what we say into the Press.

The feeling of the meeting however, was against Mr. Young's "Pressman." A representative withdrew.

Cheques to the amount of £135 18s 6d were signed, and the business was concluded.

MEDOMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Board-room on Wednesday evening last, Mr. J. Stafford, J.P., in the chair presiding. There were also present—Count Crown, Mr. Ord, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Clark, John Anderson, G. Clark, W. H. Milburn, J. Milburn, and the Clerk (Mr. T. Milburn).

IMPROVEMENTS.

In reporting upon the footpath from Medomsley to Allendale road, the Chairman said the committee approved of a swing wicket should be placed at the beginning of the footpath leading from the yard, and that the stile should be removed and the gate placed in the place of the stile on the footpath leading to Blackhall—when the stile had entirely disappeared.

Count Crown, seconded the recommendation of the committee, he seized and, and the motion was carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

It was reported that the chairman, Mr. Armstrong, of Chester-le-Street, had written to the Clerk.

A FOOTPATH WANTED.

In accordance with notice of motion Count Crawford said it was the Clerk he instructed to write the District Council, asking them to make a footpath from Allendale Cottages, to Blackhall Station, by way of the Mill. Crawford said he had put his motion in the Council, and he was in doubt as to whether the Parish Council possessed the power to compel the District Council to do so drew up his motion asking the District Council to do the work. A footpath of the kind was very much needed. He was not an assessed footpath, but it was in a bad condition. It was the duty of the Chester Parish Council. The people are bound to get a long way to get to the station. The people, some time since, will be assessed on the line Mr. John Ord had their best to get a new footpath. Mr. Ord said that the Consett Iron Co. would be prepared to pay rates on house, the land, but the Shotdown Hospital Committee had not. Mr. Ord said in any price. They had been in hopes of a new footpath, but it was a pity that it now seemed so far off as ever.

The Chairman seconded the motion.

The Chairman believed that Coun. Crawford had taken the matter to heart and through we become the Sherburn Hospital. He was objected to any footpath there. So far as he could see, it was a pity.

The motion was carried.

ANOTHER FOOTPATH.

Coun. Armstrong said that the Clerk be instructed to ask the Consett Iron Co. to make a footpath from the Cottage to Langlitte into decent order.

The Chairman said he doubt that as part from the Consett would pay.

Coun. Milligan seconded the motion, which was adopted.

THE OIL LAMPS.

In the absence of Coun. Cooke, Coun. Crawford said he had a letter to read.

"That the whole of the oil lamps which are to be replaced by electricity be put out for the remainder of the season."

Crawford said the motion was the result of a conversation. There was a very big lighting expenditure, amounting to £7?9, which would mean a expenditure rate-house, and twopence on land. Then they would only have a surplus of £27, which was considered too small. He thought it would not matter much if the lamps were extinguished. It would be a considerable saving if they did this. He now might be paid 14 days' wages in lieu of notice.

Coun. Milligan thought it best to let them go for a week. They had to have to give the men 14 days' notice.

Coun. Armstrong thought it best to let them go over the festive season.

The Chairman: Some people go to find their way home. (Laughter.) He thought it would be a good idea if the lamps the public had been exceedingly badly served. The lamps are meeting but satisfactory at present. Some that are so dirty, you might as well be out for all the light they gave.

Coun. Crawford said with only a margin of £26 it was not worth while. The men would give them a little more money That was the opinion of the committee.

After some further discussion, Coun. Crawford said he would alter to read "14 days' notice be given to the lamplight. Yes, where everything lights are to be used to terminate their engagements, and to be instructed that the lamps were only to be turned out when the men they were to be taken down and stored.

The motion was carried.

FINANCE.

Cheques were signed for the sums amounting to £15 14s.

THE CONSETTERSIDE COTTAGES.

Coun Milligan drew attention to the state of the road at the Cottages.

The Chairman said he was glad that Coun. Milligan had mentioned this matter. He promised a long time ago he would go down and inspect the road. However, he intended on coming down and have to go over see what was required, and he would see if it was not done.

The Council then adjourned.

BURNOPFIELD.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.—The Friday evening, the Burnopfield National Schools were filled with a large and appreciative audience to witness the annual entertainment by the children. The programme was a very long one, and it was pleasing to see that in the course of his remarks, expressed regret that so many had to be left out, and hoped to be present, which he very much regretted, but he was sure the good work would be present at the function, as she was unwell. Mr. Dent, in a few remarks, spoke in great deal, but, unfortunately, a sore throat prevented him from being in attendance at the entertainment. The programme was then proceeded with, the children being very skilled to the infants, and was of a miscellaneous character. The boys sang a very attractive and amusing kindergarten by the senior girls, which were at once encored. The children had undergone a thorough training, and the boys and girls acquitted themselves which met their efforts was well merited. The copy of the children's performance, was Mr. and Mrs. Dent, Mr. Dent, Mr. Dent, Mr

BISHOPWEARMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

A special meeting of the members of the Bishopwearmouth Urban District Council was held on Thursday afternoon last at Chester-le-Street Station, Bishop Bridge, Geo. J. Ingram, J.P. (chairman) presided. Amongst others present were Messrs. Ashby, Bennett, J. P. Bell, W. M. Alexander, R. Bell, J. Bell, Cockburn, Dixon, Dodds, Fallon, Fitzpatrick, T. S. Carr, R. Gibson, Gillespie, Gray, J. S. Lancaster, and the Surveyor (Mr. J. Dixon).

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, claims were passed for the usual weekly payments amounting to £1,054 19s. 10d.

A NEWS ITEM.

The Surveyor reported a case of scarlet fever at Sheffield Terrace. He had not seen the house, a footsteps ago, but had received no medical attendant.

Mr. Fitzpatrick thought it was the duty of the medical attendant to notify the inspector.

The Clerk said whenever had the case occurred ought to have reached at once to Dr. Allen.

The Surveyor said he would see as to whether the case was medically attended or not.

Dr. J. Annandale said if there was no medical attendant then the parents were liable.

The Surveyor was instructed to inquire into the matter, and inform the Board at the one, but been in Dr. Allen's hands, but in his absence Dr. Annandale had done but been in attendance.

It was agreed to refer to Dr. Allen on the subject.

FIRE GAS SUPPLY.

The Surveyor reported that he and Mr. Stradhan, the gas inspector, had made a tour of inspection of the district, and Mr. Stradhan had drawn up a report stating that the supply of the gas was better by their measurements, was deficient.

Mr. J. Annandale moved that the attention of the Gas Company be drawn to the insufficient and inferior gas supply throughout the district, as detected by Mr. Stradhan and the Surveyor, and that they be requested to have the matter remedied without delay.

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

THE STRANGER BEGGER AGAIN.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. J. Murray, of the day's Board of Guardians, referring to the question before the last meeting as to the Finance Committee, Mr. Rose's Green road to be used for locomotive traffic, and stating that on Christmas day (Tuesday last) in consequence of an engine starting on the road, eight cows of Mr. Rose's had miscarried, and they were delayed for the purpose of enquiry. He was asking as to what was done in the matter.

The Clerk said the Finance Committee had decided to refer the whole subject to the Highway Committee and instructed the Surveyor to report at the next meeting.

Other business having been transacted the meeting terminated.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of the Tanfield School Board was held in the Tanfield Temporary Chamber on the Tanfield, H. C. Wood presiding. There were also present Messrs. T. H. Bowes, Thompson, Messrs. W. Bell, Mundell, W. Bevan, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Bulmer) the Attendance Officer (Mr. J. Mallinson) and the Assistant Clerk (Mr. J. Jackson).

Mr. Simpson Maddick reported that he had visited 15 schools, and found the children well served 15 hours attendance, and all other offices. The attendance had been fairly good, 91 per cent. and 1 per cent. from the children out of school, and those who were kept out of school by infectious diseases.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES TO CONTINUE.

Wm. Hutchinson, the clerk of Sunday of a petition of East Stanley School, a small committee, consisting of Mr. Wm. Bell, Messrs. Anderson Rowe, and Green, was appointed to wait on the Rev. Mr. Ward, representative of the East Stanley Primitive Methodist Church.

ASSISTANT CLERK TO WITHDRAW.

The resignation of Mr. J. Wilson, assistant clerk to Messrs. Daniel Robson, was tendered and accepted the Clerk being instructed to advertise for a fully certificated assistant.

TO IMPROVE INSTRUCTION.

Mr. Leighton, assistant master of West Stanley Board School, applied for an increase of salary for that school had charge of the Junior School.

On motion of the motion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Bulmer seconded by Mr. Thompson—"That Mr. Leighton receive £2 for his services.

PAY OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

Mr. Wm. Metcalfe, caretaker of the Pont Stanley Board School, made application for an increase of salary.

The Board agreed that the application be not granted.

The Board shortly afterwards rose.

CAPTAIN LAMPTON AND THE VOLUNTEERS

Captain Hedworth Lambton on Saturday, distributing the prizes to the Tyne-to-Street Volunteers (Captain Hickey presiding), said he was pleased to be present among such a magnificent body of men. He was reminded that the last time his father, General Lambton, was the regimental in front of the Volunteers, which was known as the 68th. The men of the regiment were serving in South Africa, upheld the honour of the county. (Hear, hear). The two great necessities of a soldier were courage and patience under fire, and, while all Englishmen claimed to have the former, the second was a less common quality. He mentioned an incident at Ladysmith where a trooper was right into the arms of the enemy, and yet retreated without a scratch, as showing an instance of that patience. Pray, in England we had difficulties in getting a man to take a Volunteer who could hit a barn door at 400 yards, shoot at 300 and age at 100 was a good thing to take into account. He hoped that one of the first War Office reforms would be to give North Regiments and Volunteers more ammunition. They often found it not the fault of the men of the Rows were. No doubt they would be able to do just as well as those The tenants he recently saw at Lambton Castle could compete in a war on with our Guards and Rifles. Their physique was as good as that of the Rows, and their intelligence ten times as great. (Applause.)

SWALWELL

SWALWELL CHRISTMAS ANNUAL DINNER.

—On Saturday night, at the Hotel of Swalwell, the workmen employed at Axwell Park Colliery had their annual dinner.

BURNOPFIELD

DANGER AT WORK.—During Thursday night and the early hours of Friday morning, a strong south-westerly gale blew over Burnopfield and district, doing damage in numerous directions, including pedestrian and vehicular traffic most dangerous. The greatest amount of damage done by the storm appears to have been at Burnopfield, where a large tree in the occupied by Mr. Owen Kennan and his wife was uprooted, and fell across the road, the branches with much damage to the property in the vicinity. The roof of the Burnopfield Brewery belonging to Messrs. Vaux and Sons, was unroofed, and the chimney at the Burnopfield Colliery was blown down, the debris falling into a few of the stabbings in the vicinity. Damage to property was done in other parts of the district, but not to the extent of the above.

Blackhall and District Naturalists' Field Club.

Report of their Visit to Blackwater on Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1900.

It must be readily granted that our friends the Blackhill Naturalists are awakening in the public mind an interest quite beyond the meeting of the week. By their open-air meetings the society was founded, they have created the attention of the whole district, accompanied by their praiseworthy efforts, towards important information bearing upon the locality in which they live.

In Sedgefield, Hartlepool, Durham, and other neighbouring towns, the character of the society has been established for the good work performed in the past, each year, and, in the instance of Sedgefield, the society has been in existence for the past, each year, and, in the instance of Sedgefield, the society has been in existence for the past, each year, and, in the instance of Sedgefield, the society has been in existence for

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(5) Robert Johnson; born 1699. — Ann; died 1738.

(5) Cuthbert Johnson; died 1739. — Dorothy Johnson, Spinster. — Margaret Johnson, Lapiterne, Widow.

(5) Robert Johnson; born 1704. — Isabel, daughter and heir of John Pewter.

(5) Mary Ann Johnson; born 1734. — Robert Johnson of Elchester bill, born 1736; succeeded his bro ther, died 1790.

Pewter Pedigree.

(5) John Pewter, churchwardens of Elchester in 1561.

(5) Pewter of Elchester.

(5) Anthony Pewter; churchwardens of Elchester in 1608.

(5) Ralph Pewter, of Elchester, died 1666. — Magdalen, daughter of Cuthbert Surtees.

(5) Rowland Pewter of Elchester. — Ralph Pewter, died 1662.

(5) Ralph Pewter born 1626.

(5) Ralph Pewter, born about 1668; died 1738. — Jane (or wife Elizabeth) died 1690. — Elizabeth and wife, died 1690.

(6) Anne Pewter, daughter Margaret Pewter, died 1744, married Rev. Robert Wilkinson, Rector of Hetton-le-Hole. — Mary Pewter, wife of Matthew Wilkinson of Ketton, Leadhitter, of Winchester. — Elizabeth Pewter, daughter and heir of Matthew Wilkinson, wife of Richard Leadhitter of Ketton and Matthew Leadhitter (or Leadhitter Pewter).

The John Pewter, whose daughter and heiress married Cuthbert Johnson, above, and seems to be the ancestor of the apparent brother of Ralph Pewter (no 5) as the genealogical information in the Registers is very meagre in places, upon the death of his wife Margaret (see the dotted lines.)

A junior branch of the Pewter re-resided in Elchester in humble circumstances after the extinction of the main stem. Some branches of the family, and several of their descendants are to be seen in the churchyard.

In the 14th and 15th Centuries, Elchester was a place of popular pilgrimage. In 1345 Bishop Bury and Dispensator, A.D., Pope Clement granted an indulgence of a year and forty days to all who, on the vigils or feast days, visited the chapel of Saint Ethelwin in the Bishop of Durham, on the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin (the 15th of August) on that of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist, on the octave or weeks following those days, and also on the anniversary of the dedication of the church. These indulgences were not, as is sometimes erroneously supposed, a pardon for sin, or a permission to commit sin; but were a remission of the temporal punishment still due to it, after the forgiveness of its guilt. They were such a remission as would have been gained in the early ages of the Church by a year and forty days of the severe old Canonical penances then in practice. Days such as these, especially the feast of the patron saint of the church, were the occasions of temporal festivities, of which there is, to this day a survival in our village feast, which, in the Catholic crowds of people, within many miles, no doubt flocked to Elchester at those periods of the year.

We have seen Roman heads and even the bones of Roman men found here. Again over the graves of a host Italians and Gaels the Monastery of St Ethelwin has been erected, the land bounded under cultivation and the ancient Church of Saint Ethelwin Daniel, rangers. Again the curtain is removed and we see a little Church of the very Moore Saint, the chanted Evening one more rises to the ancient cathedral air with rest and hope as the tired worshipper returns to his nightly rest. There stands a well-built Church before us; a Church always with centre and tradition, stain already the "old church" the village worshipers every since he saw remembrance nothing at all.

At once there is commotion. The people ran to the bell before a storm. An avalanche of around men rolls rapidly down the land of an abbey. Bing! bang! the bell sounds the Church are locked in covert, while everywhere tired horse and footman warrior street the plain.

Yet is not all Saint Ethelwin are the invaders are Christians. In a day perhaps the serfs of Saint Ethelwin and the invaders are the same powerful thought in Normandy, Angle and Saxon.

In 1916 occurred the great battle of Neville's Cross, when at Neville's Pass, near Pont, on the Red Hills outside Durham, Ralph, second Baron of Neville, defeated the army of David II., or David the Bruce, of Scotland. The enemy, lost—of the prisoners taken, the superior numbers, were comparatively routed, and the king and the flower of Scottish Knights are written prisoners to a woman, and 15,000 out of a Scotch army of 30,000 in state spoil to a field of Northumbrian victory. The victorious army then followed them through Elchester, and over the old bridge over the Pewter, driving them back into their own country. The tents of the Scottish English general is on the south side of the Pewter, and Durham Cathedral, as a memorial a magnificent piece of sculpture, but it is lamentably fact that it is mutilated and very mutilated state, the head of the figure has completely disappeared, and it is to hope that this fine monument will not long be left in this state, but that it should be restored in a suitable manner. And then the war is ended and the Scots return to a centre of peace and light.

It was not during this event that the village gave birth to one of the most notable worthies who became spiritually great and celebrated. Ralph Pewter, the circumcisor of his age. William of Elchester, who was born in 1365. The exact date is unknown, for like many other monks, he was designated merely by the name of the native place. In the Church he lived, and here he received those impressions which led to his open profession as a novice in 1406. He entered the Benedictine monastery at Durham, and soon this able and earnest student became the most English himself by his virtue, power of preaching, and great eminence quality, making an indelible mark upon his age. In 1437 he was made Prior, and in 1417 he became Confessor to Durham College; and for many years he was chosen to represent the monastery in the synods of the Order (the Benedictine Order) at Chapter at Bologna, and in 1457 he was Prior at Holy Island. In 1437 we find him again Confessor and Prior, and in 1446 he was sent with one of his brethren of the Chapter of Durham to King Henry VI. to petition for a license to elect a successor to Bishop Langley, who died December. This being granted, he took part on January 7th, 1447, in the election of Bishop Neville. In 1442 he was procurator-general of the Benedictines, and continued until in 1446 he was chosen Prior of his monastery, an office which he discharged with much strength of character, and proved always with courage and tenderness and benevolence until the resignation of his post in favor of John Burnham, which was in 1456, which was followed by his death in the succeeding year. He was buried in the Chapter House, on the east of the middle transept of the Cathedral, under a flat stone carved with a rhyming epitaph. With his successor he commenced the great work of the most illuminated chimney roll of the benefactors of the Church, and of the Bishops and monks with richly coloured initials and full page illustrations, finished with great delicacy, recently published by the Surtees Society. The Chapter Library of the Durham library and in a most valuable work of the art of illumination.

There does not appear to have been any antiquarian research made in Elchester until 1001. Doubtless during the terrible war of 1745 the Roman Wall was frequently difficult to maintain regular service. It is to be hoped that, on the conclusion of this horrible struggle, the Church is soon provided with the best service possible.

Dr. Surtees' Inventory of the Chapels of the Diocese of Durham 1575, A.D. Time of Queen Elizabeth, says, "Elchester has no tenements, being served only by stipendiary persons." Considering the disturbed state of the country, and the Rebellion of the Northern Monasteries, this is not much to be wondered at. In 1567, however, a person was appointed in the person of Thomas Lawson. In the same year, Robert Sutton, or Sutton, is entered as parson with John Pewter as Churchwarden.

Thomas Lawson of Gosforth	1567
Gilbert Wilkinson	
(Was lower Vicar of Bishopton, 1579, will dated 21st July, 1611.)	
George Wilkinson	1c. or adm. 8th Aug., 1586
Matthew Wanderson (succeeded G. Wrightson),	1c. or adm. 1626
Reginald Stradham	1c. or adm. 9th May, 1633
(Married Margaret Smith, 30th July, 1634.)	
Christopher Dodsworth	1c. or adm. 1640
Jonathan Jefferson	ob. in 1784, 1c. or adm. 1671
John Chapman	1c. or adm. 1787
Thomas Sisk	1c. or adm. 1747
William Ellison, LL.B.	1c. or adm. 1748
Robert Clark	ind. 29th Jan. 1830

George Stubbs	ind. 23rd, and 23rd Feb., 1838 to 1871
Henry Lightwater, A.M.	ind. 1st Sept., 1871 to 1895
Peter Carbrey	ind. 1st Sept., 1895 to 1906
John George Gibbon, B.D., F.R.G.S., Oxt.,	1906
	ind. Jan. 23rd, 1906, ind. 5th Mar., 1906

SUB-CURATES.

Jonathan Kable, (Officiating Curate)	1760
William Ellison, Minister	1763
Joseph Thompson, Assistant-Curate	1768
R. Atkinson, Sub-Curate	1810
Thomas Hodgson, Sub-Curate	1818
Robert Brown	1820
Samuel R. Wood, Sub-Curate	1824
Thomas Watt, Sub-Curate	1828
Jas. John Clark, Sub-Curate	1830
Robert G. Hudson, Assist-Curate	1838

CHURCHWARDENS.

John Spencer and John Pewter	1561
John Atkinson and Anthony Pewter	1608
Ralph Parkella	1738

Two of the incumbents—the Revs. R. Clarke and Henry Lightwater, A.M.—were served as sub-curates *before* their institution.

The above list looks simple, and suggests nothing but commonplace. How many years, for instance, the Rev. Robert Clark, instance, who is described as a "stipendiary person," or parson, and as being paid every in person but not licensed! And we read of Parson Jonathan Kable, who is a general chapter at Durham the same year.

At the time the Rev. Ralph Pewter VIII. had destroyed himself and of the Church in consequence of his mental disorder, suppressed all the monasteries, appropriating to himself the Church and part of their revenues, in order to satisfy his lust for gold, he also commenced a full inventory to be taken of all the church plate and ornaments, in the Church, and that, leaving to every church the have persecuted in this celebration of the mass might enrich himself by the confiscation of the rest. Probably some of the plate was found in the Church at Elchester as it was at Durham, and was strictly essential. It consisted of two chalices, one of silver weighing 7 ounces, two bells (hanging in the belfry) one hand-bell, and one sacring-bell, for ringing at the elevation of the consecrated and the sacred elements during Mass. These bells were, and are, still, the chief ones in the bell gable. Either these were removed by Sir Ralph Pewter, or they were cut or broken. Certain it is that in 1553 a Sacred Bell was lost.

In no part of the country were the miseries of Ralph Pewter VIII. felt more than change under his successor, Elizabeth, so presented as in the North of England. Consequently, though we have no special record of the Church, there can be no doubt that many of the natives of Elchester must have joined in the twelve insurrection by Roger Aske, and called "the Pilgrimage of Grace," in 1536, under the former sovereign. When, in 1569, the earls of Northumberland and Westmorland rose on a social Wrekend, there can be little doubt that for a year at least, the ancient property having become lost at that period, the one idea then prevalent, in the case of the Church, would be to make those comfortable, and free from the Papistical Idolatry, was the attempt to disfigure by a plaster ceiling, most of the magnificent Roman arch, and, with it, with unless its walls whitewashed, and the Roman inscriptions, which, in a comfortable condition it was to remain till it was discovered by Dr. Hunter, in 1761, while from an architectural and history point of view, it was, in fact, the most formal three was developing among the people and others responsible a great sense of duty, so later events will show us. In 1572, Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, and Bacon, in a very short time within the new churches. But in that year, the Lord Parliament, in a fit of zeal, passed the Chester Residence Act, by which, whoever was absent from Church, should receive an allotment of land in lieu of tithes. A copy of land was called the "Chapel Allotment," and as such it is frequently mentioned in the registers.

A few years after that, in 1780, a notice of Elchester, Rector Anthony Bertram, was an officer in the Northumberland Militia, then quartered in the county of Durham, to distinguish himself in suppressing what are known as the "Gordon Riots." Lord Gordon had organized and half-insane Lord George Gordon had worked on the Anti-Papist prejudices of the mob to such an extent as to cause a fearful popular outbreak in the City of London was, as it well known, agree stop for several days to every sort of violence and plunder. Leaders of rioters taking advantage of the confusion to rob gentlemen, and bringing themselves to a state of mad intoxication committed every kind of excess. It was then, when the Civil Authorities were panic stricken, that the vigorous action of Colonel Gordon, in calling out the Northumberland Militia, under Major Surtees, Rector of Elchester, the rioters were dispersed, and in a short time, order was restored. Elchester, however, the rioters was deservedly offered the honour of knighthood, which he declined in the 1780 "Gentleman's Magazine and Register" of 1780, is a note in which the Rector of Elchester is spoken of in the time of "Bogus Water."

"Full fifty thousand street and held Wary, assembled in this rich,
Five hundred of the Protestant body
Made all those thousands quiet.

Major Surtees, who had property in Northumberland, was the ancestor of Surtees, Esq., of Mill-well Burn, the head of the family.

A third worthy of Elchester was John Bertram, Rector, who was one of the Founders of the Berwick Club

In January 1, 1780, a violent gale passed over the parish, causing great damage to the Church, the roofing, spire and ing and even uprooting the old parsonage. Through repairs of the building, the parsonage was rendered fit for use, the Church was raised by subscription. Of the whole expense of the Church, amounting to £1,000, the parish, the ingenious Mr. Stubbs contributed £ 100 pounds.

On Good Friday 1844, the church was consecrated by the Bishop of Durham, Mr. Salvin, Mrs Carr and Mrs Fenwick, and Mr. Mr. Mr.

UNITED PROVIDENT ASSURANCE COMPANY.

CONSETT BRANCH SOCIAL.

On Monday night last the officials and agents of the United Provident Assurance Company, who are connected with the Consett Branch, were held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, to a social given by Mr. Thomas Hutton, the district manager, to his present staff. Mr. J. J. Eyre, District Superintendent of the Company, who occupied the chair, said he was delighted to see the officials of the Company, Consett, Committee of Management, Stanley, Chopwell, Crook, Tow Law, Esh Winning, Cockfield, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Darlington, Stockton, Hartlepool, Sunderland, Seaham, Newcastle, Gateshead, Blaydon, Hexham, Newcastle, Wallsend, Tynemouth, Shiremoor, Newcastle, Wallsend, Tynemouth, Shiremoor, Newcastle, Wallsend, Tynemouth, Shiremoor