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November 25th, 1896. 657v

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LOST, from Old Hamsteels, Four Black-faced EWES, marked "W.O." on horn, tar mark "V" on off side.—T. VEITCH. 687v

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FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Blackhill Rovers Juniors beat Elm Park School by two goals to one.

South Moor Albions defeated Ushaw Moor by three goals to one, at Ushaw Moor.

Kyo United Juniors beat Consett Athletic, on the latter's ground, by five goals to four.

Tanfield Lea Caesars beat Blackhill Celtic Reserve, at Tanfield Lea, after a pleasant game, by four goals to nil.

BLACKHILL CELTIC v. EAST STANLEY SWIFTS.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a draw, neither team scoring.

BURNOPFIELD ATHLETIC RESERVE v. BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE.—Played on the Athletic ground, when the home team won by four goals to one.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. STANLEY RANGERS.—Played at Blackfine. Neither team scored during the first half, but the homesters succeeded in notching three goals during the second half. Final—Rovers, three goals; Stanley, nil.

BURNHOPE YOUNG ROVERS v. LANGLEY PARK.—On the former's ground, and after a well-contested game ended in a win for the Rovers by two goals to nil. Rovers' team—Goal, C. Watchman; backs, J. Lenining and J. Smith; half-backs, J. Peverlier, E. Heslop, and J. Pigford; forwards, J. Wallace, T. Little, J. Little, J. Heslop, and W. Lowergon.

WEST PELTON YOUNG VIOLETS v. SOUTH MOOR.—Played at West Pelton, and resulted a win for the homesters, T. Riddle scoring five goals and Scott one, making the score six to nil. The following played for the Violets—Goal, R. Whitfield; backs, T. Mallams and T. Cherry; half-backs, Barrass, Kerr, and M. Avery; forwards, Riddle, R. Lumley, Scott, E. Lennox, and W. Southern.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S 2ND v. HOBSON JUNIORS.—Played on the former's ground. The Juniors won the toss, and the "Saints" started. Play became very rough, the visitors making rushes to score, but they found too strong a defence. Half-time—Marley Hill, one goal; Hobson, nil. In the second half the home team showed up splendidly, notching other three, of which only one was allowed. The whistle sounded time with the score—Marley Hill, two goals; Hobson, nil.

STANLEY ATHLETIC v. IVESTON VILLA.—These teams played their return fixture at Iveston on Saturday. The first game at Stanley ended in a draw, and a large number of spectators turned up to witness a good game, which was rather exciting. The Athletic played with grand combination, and ran out winners by two goals to one.

LEADGATE CELTIC v. BRADLEY WHITE STARS.—These teams met for the first time on the latter's ground. The weather was favourable, but the ground was wet and slippery. Owing to the ball bursting just after the start the game was delayed. The game started again, and both teams were well matched. At half-time the Celtic were leading by two goals to one. After the interval the ball was kicked off again by the Stars. The Celtic played well against the wind, and scored nine goals in the second half. Final—Celtic, eleven goals; Stars, one goal. The following represented the Celtic:—Goal, J. T. Stuart; backs, G. Shield and W. Tate; half-backs, J. Webb, J. Robson, and R. Westhorpe; forwards, E. Webb, T. Walker, T. Lowrey, C. Miller, and E. Maughan.

TANFIELD UNITED v. BURNOPFIELD ROVERS.—Played on the ground of the former. In the first half the game was fairly good, and the two teams seemed to be pretty well matched, and when half-time was sounded the homesters was two goals to the visitors one. On resuming play, the visitors began as if expecting to break down the home guard by sheer force, but the Tanfielders proved equal to the occasion, and stuck to their work with a quiet determination that merited, and was honoured with success, for when the whistle sounded time the score was—Tanfield, four goals; Burnopfield, one goal. Tanfield team:—Goal, N. Hennessy; backs, J. Smailes and W. Harvey; half-backs, J. Warwick, J. Pattinson, and W. Air; forwards, J. Frame, J. Hennessy, D. Frame, J. Clough, and T. Armstrong.

DERWENT EXCELSIORS v. BLACKHILL 2ND.—Played at Blackhall Mill before a good muster of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and Richardson started for the home team, who soon made off to the Rovers' quarters, and Postle had a warm time, shot after shot being sent in. A goal kick enabled the visitors to get away, and the right wingers gave Greener a warm shot, which he only saved at the expense of a corner. A good run by the home forwards gave the visitors' defence some work, and from a nice pass by Tinnion Craig scored, but the point was not allowed for off-side. From the free kick the Rovers tried hard to get away, but could not break through the home defence. The Excelsiors forced a corner, and Little banged it through, Postle having no chance. Half-time—Excelsiors, one goal; Rovers, nil. On resuming, the home team still held the upper hand, but could not add to their score, Postle being in good form, and a pleasant game ended—Excelsiors, one goal; Rovers, nil. Referee, Mr L. Bell.

KYO UNITED v. CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.—These teams met at Kyo before a moderate "gate." Consett winning the toss elected to play with the slope in their favour. Kyo kicked off and soon began to press, but the visitors' backs kept them at bay. Each end was visited in turn, and after a lot of midfield play R. Dawson scored for Kyo at the end of 20 minutes' play. This seemed to wake up Consett, who, from the kick-off, went away with a rush and nearly scored, Turnbull having to concede a corner, and Nichol taking the kick sent by. From the goal-kick Kyo went away to the visitors' goal, and J. Gallagher shot, one of the Consett backs heading through in trying to save. Half-time arrived shortly after with the score—Kyo, two goals; Swifts, nil. Changing ends the game became fast and exciting. The visitors strove hard to score, but could not break through the defence of Shield and Williams. Play ruled in mid-field for a while, and then Kyo broke away, and the visitors custodian had a busy time of it. At last, from a pass by Gallagher, G. Parlett scored the third point. The Swifts tried hard to reduce their score, but found the defence too strong for them. Final—Kyo, three goals; Swifts Reserve, nil. The following did duty for Kyo—Goal, M. Turnbull; backs, T. Williams and P. Shield; half-backs, J. Stephens, S. Parlett, and R. Dawson; forwards, G. Ridley, A. N. Other, G. Parlett, Ned McClenning, and J. Gallagher.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS RESERVE v. CONSETT TOWN.

These teams opposed each other on the Tantobie enclosure, but owing to the late arrival of the visitors only two "25's" were played. The home team won the toss, and elected to kick down hill against a slight breeze. The visitors went up, but were soon stopped by the home backs, and mid-field play followed for a time until the home forwards rushed down and Agar scored a beauty. Play became rather tame, and nothing of importance being done half-time arrived with the score standing—

Tantobie Reserve .... One goal
Consett .... Nil

On changing ends the home team had all the best of the play, but could only score once, the home custodian never getting a kick. The "Co-ops." pressed hard up to the finish, but never did any more scoring, and ran out winners as under—

Tantobie Reserve .... Two goals
Consett Town .... Nil

The home team was represented by—R. Ferguson, E. S. Dawson, M. Bell, J. Hunter, J. Bell, A. Holmes, H. Green, A. Hayes, G. Agar, T. Worley, and T. Robson. Referee, Mr Robt. Atthey.

LEADGATE EXILES v. DIPTON WANDERERS.

This match was played on the ground of the first-named club at Leadgate. The ground was very soft, especially in front of the goals. It was fully half-an-hour after the advertised time that the referee got the teams to face each other, owing to the late arrival of the visitors. There was only a moderate attendance. Teams:—

Leadgate Exiles—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, J. Haggan and W. McGee; half-backs, J. Hill, T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, B Rogers and J. McGee, left wing; M. Doyle, centre; P. Haley and J. Brannen, left wing.

Dipton Wanderers—Goal, R. Palmer; backs, W. Thompson and R. Coates; half-backs, M. Cunningham, J. Adams, and J. T. Willey; forwards, M. Evans and W Robson, right wing; M. Temple, centre; J. Brown and T. Walker, left wing.

Referee, Mr R. Glass, Heaton.

The homesters won the toss, and Temple starting, the visitors clervely rushed up and were awarded a free kick, but the leather sailed harmlessly over the top. Leadgate now carried play to the other end by means of a foul, and before Brannen could reach the ball it rolled over the line. McGee now showed up prominently, after which the Wanderers' left dashed off at a tremendous pace, and Walker compelled Callaghan to kick out, and a foul was given against Dipton when circumstances looked most favourable. McGee changed the venue with a big kick, and it was quickly collared by M. Evans, who ran smartly up, but after a hot tussle in front of the home goal the ball went by. Thompson placed well from a free kick, and immediately after another infringement of the rules gave Dipton a splendid chance, which was spoiled by one of the forwards interfering with the Exiles' custodian too previously. Still the visitors continued to be aggressive, and after a brief excursion to the other end by the homesters, Walker sent the ball over the cross-bar. A moment later the "greens" were awarded a free kick. The relief, however, was short-lived, and the Wanderers were immediately again pressing, and Walker sent wide. Excitement ran high as Doyle indulged in a single-handed sprint and eluded the Dipton back division, and with only the goalkeeper in front of him he sent wide of his aim, much to the annoyance of his admirers. An attack, commenced by Temple, gave Evans an opening, but he drove the ball wide. A corner followed, and the Exiles' goal had a wonderfully narrow escape. By the instrumentality of Monaghan, Haley indulged in a tricky run, and troubled Coates to no little extent. Still the latter got the better of him in the end, and play took place on the centre line. Getting possession of the ball, the home forwards dashed off at a good speed, and forced a corner, but nothing came of it. The home men still kept up the pressure, and were awarded a free kick close in, but the leather was sent past. Willey at this stage of the game put in some good work, and midfield play ensued until McGee gave to Doyle, and the "greens" at once forced their way down the field, where the last-named sent in a fine shot which just grazed the upright. During the succeeding few minutes the Wanderers' back were fully occupied, and they were fortunate in getting the ball away before their charge came to grief. When they did get away, however, they speedily reached the vicinity of the home goal, where they were conceded a free kick, and Willey, who was entrusted with the kick put the ball behind. The home goal was now subjected to a hot attack, and McGrachan and Monaghan put in some good work before their lines were cleared. The attack, however, was renewed, and Adams sent in a swift shot which Callaghan dealt with in a masterly manner. A futile attack on the part of the home forwards having followed, Temple, Walker, and Brown took the ball to the other end, and Callaghan was again called upon to save his charge, and the ball was eventually sent past. Immediately after the home front rank got away, but Thompson sent them back, and the Dipton quintette broke away, and transferred play well into the home half, where M. Evans tried hard to get in a shot, but was bothered too much by W. McGee and Monaghan, who between them sent the ball back to the home forwards. They, however, were unable to carry it beyond the half-way line, and a couple of moments later Temple sent by. The goal-kick was well followed up by the Exiles' forwards, but "hands" off Doyle brought them to a standstill, and the visitors again compelled the "greens" to defend their goal, Haggan and McGee putting in some good work. Eventually Walker sent in a [illegible] shot which McGrachan headed out, and [illegible] the ball hard over the top. Shortly after a [illegible] Dipton carried play into the visitors' quarters, and Haley getting possession made off at a good pace, but he was checked by Thompson, who transferred to midfield, where the game was raging when the whistle sounded for half-time:—

Leadgate .... Nil
Dipton .... Nil

Upon re-commencing, Doyle rushed off from the centre kick, and, eluding the Wanderers' defence, gave Palmer a "grounder" to deal with, and it was only by conceding a corner that he saved his charge. The ball was well placed, and Walker and Willey were conspicuous in clearing, but again the Exiles returned, and after Rogers had sent the ball over the cross-bar another corner fell to their lot. The ball was placed right in the front of goal, and the homesters chance of scoring was lost by the referee awarding a foul to Dipton, and midfield play ensued. A neat dribble by the Exiles' front rank was now witnessed. As they approached the goal Brannen passed over to J. McGee, but the latter handled, and the free kick which followed regained the visitors their lost ground. An attack was instituted by the Wanderers, who failed to get past W. McGee. Some exciting play took place in the home territory, and a free kick was sent past. From the goal kick Haley got the ball and lost no time in transferring to Brannen, who, in attempting to pass to Doyle, was robbed by Coates, and the leather was seen hovering about the centre line, where Walker got possession, and along with Brown forced their way down the field, and the inside left sent in a shot which just missed by inches. Brannen now succeeded in beating Cunningham, but upon reaching Thompson was compelled to return, and the ball immediately reached the vicinity of the home goal. Here Dipton were awarded a free kick for a breach of the rules, but the leather was driven hard into the net without it having touched any one of the players in its transit. After this Dipton swarmed round the home goal, and succeeded in forcing a corner, which was well placed, and "hands" against the "greens" resulted in Willey placing the leather into the goal-mouth, and the downfall of the home citadel was brought about by one of the visitors heading the ball past Callaghan into the net. After the ball had been set in motion from the centre Haley rushed up, but the Wanderers were on the alert, and Willey passed to Brown, who in company with Walker ran into the home half, and a moment after Temple shot high over the bar. The kick by W. McGee did not improve the Exiles' position, as Dipton assumed the aggressive, and it was not until the ball had been sent past that relief came to their aid. From the ensuing goal kick, Brannen was instrumental in causing the "greens" to get into their opponents' half, where Doyle gave Palmer a handful, but the latter was equal to the occasion and threw away, and then Rogers sent the leather over the top. M. Evans was next conspicuous with a nice pass across, which Walker accepted, and another onslaught on the Leadgate goal was made, but the home defence could not be broken through, and then the ball was quickly taken to the other end, Willey putting into touch. From the throw-in the leather travelled down the field, and it hovered round the home goal for a minute or two until W. McGee cleared. Rogers was now seen to advantage, racing away up the wing, but Willey returned with a fine kick, and the Dipton front rank again took up the attack, but the whistle sounded for off-side, and thus what appeared to be a good chance of scoring was nullified. W. Evans next put in a shot which Callaghan threw away, and the home right wing accepting the ball transferred the venue to the home quarters, where "hands" further improved their position, and after a hot scrimmage in front of goal Coates succeeded in getting the ball away. W. McGee returned, and an abortive corner followed. A free kick was granted the home men from the goal kick, and Doyle was in the act of shooting when Thompson dashed up and dispossessed him, and play took place in the home territory. The Exiles then pressed severely, but could not score, and an exciting game ended as under:—

Dipton Wanderers .... One goal
Leadgate Exiles .... Nil

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE V. CONSETT PARK.

The Consett Park team paid a visit to the Leadgate enclosure, to encounter the Leadgate Park second string, on Saturday. It was generally expected that the Leadgate men would not have much difficulty in getting the better of the new club. The ground was in a very sloppy condition, when the teams lined up as follows:—

Leadgate Park Reserve: Goal, J. Calvert; backs, D. Cartmell and A. Aikken; half-backs, T. Smith, R. Gledaw, and C. Dawson; forwards, W. Robson, R. Graham, M. Willis, Forster, and Turnbull.

Consett Park: Goal, J. Burnett; backs, A. Atkinson and H. Symington; half-backs, J. Dawson, C. Cooke, and T. Carr; forwards, J. Morton, J. Barrow, Wilkinson, Tyndall, and Jones.

Referee, Mr. J. Wray, Blackhill.

The Leadgate team won the toss, and elected to play down the hill. The visitors at once came away, and endangered the home citadel, but Cartmell and Aitken were all there, the latter punting up to the forwards, Willis shooting bye. Some even play followed, till Jones gained possession on the wing, and sent in a beautiful centre, but the rest of the Consett forwards were too far behind to take any advantage of it, and the ball went over the line. Some hard work by the Leadgate forwards gave the visitors defence a busy time, and had it not been for inaccurate shooting on the part of the home forwards a score might easily have been recorded. Two corners soon after fell to the Consett team, in quick succession, at different sides, but after sharp scrimmages the ball was got away without any score resulting. The visitors were working very hard, and at last their efforts were rewarded, Wilkinson beating Calvert when close in. On resuming, the Leadgate team pressed, and Willis forced Burnett to save twice. Atkinson and Symington then cleared several times in nice fashion, from hot rushes by the visitors. Gledaw had several long shots at goal, but these were neutralised by the visitors backs. A sudden excursion, by the Park forwards, left the goal entirely at their mercy, but Barrow shot wide, in attempting to place the ball just inside the post. Several spasmodic attempts to score by the Park forwards met with a like result. Towards the close of the half the homesters had considerably the best of matters, but met with a sterling defence and half time found the visitors still "one up," the interval score standing—

Consett Park .... One goal.
Leadgate Park .... Nil.

On resuming the homesters commenced a hot attack, but Atkinson played a dashing game, and completely baffled the attack in the home quarters. From a long kick by him, Jones got possession, but was fouled by Cartmell. Symington took the kick, and Aitken cleared, Foster and Turnbull, making a smart run down the field, Davison checking them neatly, and returning to Morton, who transferred to Jones, the latter player shooting wide. The homesters then came on again, Willis being neatly dispossessed by Cooke in the midst of a smart run. Carr and Cooke were then kept busy, by the attention of Robson, Graham, and Willis, and at last a hot rally in the visitors goal resulted in the downfall of the Consett citadel a sharp shot from the Leadgate right wing finding a resting place in the corner of the net, Burnett having no chance to save. On the restart some excellent combined play again took the Leadgate forwards into the visitors goal, and Robson sent in a hot shot which Burnett neatly saved, and after some exciting play in the goal mouth the ball again returned to midfield. The Consett forwards made a sharp run, and Calvert who had wandered from his goal picked up and kicked away. Cooke returned into goal, and some vigorous play by Cartmell cleared the Leadgate lines. Leadgate worked desperately for a winning goal, but found a grand defence, and in spite of all their efforts could make no addition to the score. The Consett forwards at last got up again and a series of quick rushes imperilled the visitors goal, Calvert having to clear several times. At last Gledaw got a long kick in, and the Leadgate forwards rushed the ball into the Consett goal, and after some sharp work, right in front of goal, one of the Leadgate forwards popped the ball into the net for the second time. Some very even play ensued after this, both goals being alternately threatened, but neither side could make any addition to the score the game ending in a narrow victory for the Leadgate team. Final—

Leadgate Park Reserve ... Two goals.
Consett Park .... One goal.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS v. DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

These teams met in the Spa grounds to play off a fixture in the above league. Shotley had all their regulars on, minus Barrass. The teams lined up as follows:—

Shotley—Goal, Scott; backs, Oliver and Hobday; half-backs, Winter, Gray, and Robinson; forwards, R. Watson, Tindle, Smith, Joyce, and T. Watson.

Dipton—Goal, Allison; backs, C. and A. Thornton; half-backs, A. Shield, S. Evans, and Burton; forwards, J. Davies, J. Robson, Kelly, Temple, and Stokoe.

Referee, Mr G. Short, Spen.

Shotley won the toss, and elected to play towards the low goal. Dipton set the ball in motion, and were soon in the home quarters, where some exchanges took place, which ended in Winter and Gray taking the ball to the other end, the former having hardlines in not scoring. A series of raids on the Dipton goal was next witnessed, but Shotley could not break down the defence. Thornton placed to Robson from a free kick, and the latter put past. The Shotley forwards took up the running, and by some good passing were soon bombarding the Dipton goal, but for all their good shooting they could not beat Allison, who fisted out in a splendid manner when called upon. Afterwards play became more even, but Shotley still continued to hold the upper hand, and after parleying in mid-field for some time the home right broke away, and Watson easily notched the first goal for Shotley amidst tremendous cheering from the spectators. This seemed to put new life into the home team, for when the ball was set in motion again they raced off to the Diptonites' goal, and Gray just missed scoring, the ball hitting the uprights and re-bounding into play, when A. Thornton caught the ball on the re-bound and kicked out to save. From the throw-in some good headwork was done by Joyce and T. Watson, which enabled the former player to get nearly into the goal-mouth, but he was robbed by C. Thornton, who, with a huge kick, put the ball to Kelly, who sent past. Play now became very fast, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other, neither side being able to score, the defence being strong on both sides. For the next few minutes Shotley were bombarding the visitors' goal, but Allison could not be beaten. Half-time—

Shotley Rovers .... One goal
Dipton Reserve .... Nil

After partaking of [illegible] provided by the home club, the teams toed the line again. Kelly now played back, through an injury to [illegible] C. Thornton taking his place. After the ball had been in motion a few [illegible] Dipton pressed, and tried very hard to equalise, but could not pass the stubborn defence of the Shotley backs. The game was about ten minutes old in the second half when Smith scored No. 2 for Shotley with a high shot. This put the visitors on their mettle, as they were soon in the home territory and trying Scott's abilities, but he could not be beaten at any point. Dipton still kept the ball in the home goal, where a scrimmage took place, which ended in Thornton putting past. From the kick-off the home forwards broke away, and by a good pass from T. Watson to Joyce, the latter was enabled to score with a stinging shot, Allison not having the least chance with it, thus making No. 3 for Shotley. From the centre kick Dipton took up the running, and Burton with a high shot sent over the cross-bar. From the kick-off Thornton, with a beautiful shot, scored the first goal for the visitors. This made Dipton play with more vigour, and by some good passing they again reached the Shotley goal. Darkness was now falling fast, which made the game difficult to follow. Tindle scored No. 4 for the Rovers. No further scoring took place, and when the referee's whistle sounded for the game to cease the score was—

Shotley Rovers .... Four goals
Dipton Reserve .... One goal

STANLEY A v. REST OF LEAGUE.

This district match, for the benefit of the funds of the Derwent Valley League, came off at Stanley on Saturday in the presence of only a moderate gathering. With one exception, the district team turned up as selected, but the Stanley team was scarcely so strong as expected, owing to Purvis, Dodds, and Joyce being called upon to assist the Alliance team at Swalwell. The ground was somewhat greasy, and in the middle of the field it was almost impossible to effect a foothold. When the referee (Mr Ross) whistled them together it was seen that the teams were as follows:—

Stanley—Goal, J. Brydon; backs, S. Chisholm and W. Pouton; half-backs, J. Knotts, E. Buck, and Joe Cullen; forwards, Whitfield, J. Cunningham, W. Brydon, J. Masterman, and Sutheran.

Rest of League—Goal, W. Biggers (Blaydon United); backs, J. Biggers (Blaydon United) and R. Charlton (Allendale Park); half-backs, T. Calvert (Leadgate Park), T. Walton (Allendale Park), and G. Temple (Leadgate); forwards, T. Ferry (Lintzford) and E. Cullen (Marley Hill), right wing; T. Houston (Allendale Park), centre; T. Seath (Lintzford) and J. Birtley (Leadgate Park), left wing.

The home team defended the entrance goal in the first half, and were soon called upon by the "Rest" forwards, who quickly dropped into each other's play. However, the defence of Pouton, Buck, and Chisholm was good, and no impression could be made upon them for some time. W. Brydon led two or three attacks to the other end, but here also the defence was too good to be broken through. At the end of about a quarter-of-an-hour's play Seath and Birtley made a nice run to the Stanley quarters, and the latter shot in for J. Brydon to clear. However, Birtley received the return and banged the ball into the net in good style, a claim for off-side being disallowed. This woke up the Stanley men, who pressed, and Biggers brought off two or three good saves in goal, and early on showed his ability. After Ferry had sent by at the opposite end, W. Brydon and Cunningham came back in fine style, but Walton proved too much for them, as did J. Biggers and Charlton during a succeeding attack by the Stanley forwards. Seath and Birtley contributed several nice runs, and the Leadgate man was very clever at centreing, but Houston could not keep his feet on the treacherous turf, and thus allowed many chances to slip. Towards the close of the first half Buck often placed his forwards in possession, but the defence of the "Rest" goalkeeper, backs, and halves was all that could be desired, and half-time came with the score reading—

Rest of League .... One goal
Stanley .... Nil

On resuming, Stanley pressed for a time, but Walton was playing a fine game at centre half, ably backed up by Calvert and Temple, and these three continually checked the rushes of the home forwards, who were now working very hard to equalise. Some good play by Ferry and Cullen transferred operations, and a scrimmage ensued in the goal-mouth, from which Calvert scored the second goal for the "Rest" with a fast shot with which J. Brydon had not the slightest chance. From this point the home men did the bulk of the pressing, and several times looked like scoring, but at the critical moment one or other of the defenders would bob up and send the ball out of danger. After all the Stanley forwards had had a try at goal Buck had a shot on his own account, and Biggers saved in splendid fashion at the expense of a useless corner. However, the homesters were determined to score, and from a fine centre by Whitfield a "tally" ensued almost on the goal-line, and Sutheran forced the ball through amid loud cheers. In response to the cries of their supporters Stanley did their level best to draw even, but they could not get through again, and had to retire defeated as under—

Rest of League .... Two goals
Stanley .... One goal

BYER MOOR v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

These teams met at Byer Moor on Saturday before 200 spectators, additional interest being centred in the game as Tantobie are the only team who can boast of having defeated Shotley Bridge. The ground was slippery and treacherous. Tom Leighton once more won the toss, and choose to play from the village goal, the teams lining up as follows:—

Byer Moor—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, G. Bennett and S. Lamb; half-backs, J. Brown, W. Brown, and P. Keefe; forwards, T. Layton, G. Weedy, J. Welch, E. Leighton, and H. Lowe.

Tantobie—Goal, J. Brown; backs, Hanover and McKeever; half-backs, J Ridley, J. Cochrane, and T. Atthey; forwards, Atkinson, Burns, Gladders, Burns, and Beck.

Referee, Mr W. Hogarth, Burnopfield.

The visitors started, but the home forwards at once began to press, sending past. The goal kick brought no relief, as the "Moorites" still kept the upper hand, Weedy drawing first blood after ten minutes' play. Tantobie tried to get away, but W. Brown sent well up, and Tom Leighton was not long in beating Brown again, Elijah of that ilk adding No 3 soon afterwards. The visitors woke up and made the game more even, but for a while could not get through. At last their efforts were rewarded with a goal. Byer Moor now took up the running, and scored again, but the point was disallowed. Half-time arrived with the score—

Byer Moor .... Three goals
Tantobie .... One goal

On a resumption, the "Co-ops" at once began to press, and despite the exertions of the home lads they were penned in their own quarters for a while. Encouraged by their supporters the "Moorites" rallied, and soon got the best of their visitors, Weedy sending through the fourth goal. From this point Tantobie were outclassed, and after a beautiful run by Leighton, Weedy, and Welch, Lowe banged through No 5, and nothing further being done the home team were hailed the easiest of winners with the score—

Byer Moor .... Five goals
Tantobie .... One goal

CHETER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. BRANDON ALBION.

At Chester-le-Street. The teams lined up in the following order:—

Chester-le-Street—Goal, Trainer; backs, Harle and Crichton; half-backs, Briggs, Gibson, and L Crichton; forwards, Tulip, Daly, Ritson, Waggot, and Price.

Brandon—Goal, Robson; backs, Forster and Jameson; half-backs, Hepple, Harland, and Robson; forwards, Plant, Substitute, Wilson, Substitute, and Brewster.

The home team played up the hill with a slight wind in their faces, and from the very commencement did all the pressing. Immediately after the start, "hands" were given against Brandon, and Briggs taking the kick sent well into the goal-mouth, Daly catching it with his head just sent by. Price and Tulip had good chances soon after, but both shots were put over the bar. The goal kick being sent well down gave Brandon an opening, but Brewster failing to take it Waggot captured and made a fine run up the field. The shot was well put in, and Daly doing some fine head work gave to Ritson, who banged the leather into the net, thus making the first goal for the home team. From the kick off the homesters soon returned to the attack, and Ritson sending in a well-aimed shot added his second goal amidst much excitement. Price soon after sent into the net, but the goal was disallowed for off-side. The home team had all the play from the start, Brandon never having a look in. After a bit of fine play in midfield L. Crichton received from Harle, and running up sent in a long shot which just grazed the under-side of the bar, and passing into the net added the third goal. Tulip soon after sent into the net, but the visitors appealed for off-side and were awarded a free kick, but they failed to make any further progress. A "penalty" was given to the hometeam, and Crichton added his second goal. From a long kick by Harle Price secured and added the fifth goal, and a few minutes afterwards he sent in a well-placed corner, Daly heading through in capital style. Half-time—

Chester-le-Street .... Six goals
Brandon .... Nil

On resuming the play was a little more even, and Brandon getting into close quarters were awarded a free kick, but the ball passed clean through. The home custodian sent well down the field, and Waggot added the seventh goal. The home forwards soon returned, and gaining a corner Price placed beautifully for Tulip to head No 8. The game became very uninteresting after this, neither side playing with any dash, and the whistle sounded with the score as under—

Chester-le-Street .... Eight goals
Brandon .... Nil

PELTON FELL v. REST OF LEAGUE.

At Pelton Fell the ground was in excellent condition, and Pelton winning the toss elected to defend the south goal. Scaife (Newbottle) started the ball, and the visitors took well down and put in a shot which just scraped the post. From the goal-kick the homesters showed some fine passing, and Usher beating the backs put in a wide shot. Pelton again broke away, and Dodds put in an shot causing the custodian to handle, which he did in excellent fashion. Off-side spoiled a good chance for Lowery, who got past the backs nicely. Usher dribbled well up, passed the backs, and had a nice look in, but the visitors' backs managed to overhaul him and kicked out. The visitors attacked, and some smart play was seen among the forwards. The homesters broke away down the left wing, and Reynolds (Usworth Colliery) knocked Lowery off the ball just in time. They kept well in the visitors' quarters for a time, and many an unlucky shot was put in. The visitors broke through and raced down the field, where Gallager caused a foul well in the goal-mouth, but they made a shocking kick which went wide. From the goal-kick Dobson took possession and passed to Usher, who sent in a real clinking shot, but the custodian intercepted it, and kicking forward, Pattinson (Usworth Colliery) ran down at splendid speed, and at the right moment smartly transferred to Scaife, but the good defence of the homesters spoiled their chance. The visitors played a grand game on the defence, and sent well down the field, but only to be brought back by the home forwards, and a good shot was sent in for the custodian to save. Half-time—

Pelton Fell .... Nil
Rest of League .... Nil

Crossing over the visitors went away with rare dash, and bombarded the home goal for a time. Pelton here seemed as if they were sure to score, but Dodds was pulled up for off-side. Meakin put in a nice high shot, and Pelton had a good run again, and received a free kick, from which they scored a well deserved goal. Stirred up by this the visitors began to show a little better play, and ran well along the touch-line, but the leather went out. From the throw-in Usher [illegible] cleverly down the field, and the homesters had [illegible] in not scoring again. They had very [illegible] disappoint, and some thrilling shots were put in, but the visitors' defence was exceedingly good. Final—

Pelton Fell .... One goal
Rest of League .... Nil

ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP.

LEADGATE PARK v. SHILDON UNITED.

This match was played at Shildon before a good attendance. The visitors played down the incline in the first half, and Bennett started for Shildon. After 17 minutes' play Thompson scored the first goal for Leadgate, who were having much the best of the game. Milburn added a second for the Park, who led at the interval by two goals to nil. The United pressed strongly on resuming, but the Leadgate defence was magnificent, and over 20 minutes had elapsed before Trotter scored. The home team strove very hard to equalise, but they found a defence opposed to them such as they had not met for some time. Try as they might Shildon could not get another through, and the result was—

Leadgate Park .... Two goals
Shildon United .... One goal

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. SCIENCE AND ART.

This fixture in the above League took place at Heaton. Heaton own the toss and Hobson commenced, and were not long in getting to work, Newbiggen, who was playing centre forward, breaking the ice, and Hobson getting another one through led at the interval by two goals to none. The second half was very tame, neither side showing anything grand. The Hobson were not anxious to increase their score, and each side scored once, leaving the result—

Hobson .... Three goals
Heaton .... One goal

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. WALLSEND CELTIC.

This match, in which not so much interest was manifested by the Tynesiders as was expected, was played at Wallsend on Saturday before only a moderate but enthusiastic number of spectators. Both teams were representative of their full strength, and having a knowledge of the North-West Durham players' skill in the game, and also knowing that the Wallsend men were never able to place such a strong eleven on the field as they are this season, the spectators looked for a hard game and a regular trial of strength. Shortly after the advertised time the teams lined up as follows:—

Annfield Plain—Goal, E. Lynop; backs, A. Moore and J. McLatchie; half-backs, R. Bell, W. Parker, and W. Allison; forwards, A. Coyle, R. Foster, W. Ellis, J. Lynop, and R. Gillender.

Wallsend—Goal, T. Burns; backs, McGregor and Welch; half-backs, T. Bruce, J. Barker, and Cruickshanks; forwards, J. Harbet, P. Mackin, J. O'Rourke, Elder and P. Cruickshanks.

The spin of the coin resulted in favour of Annfield Plain, and Wallsend set the ball rolling down hill. It did not travel far on the right wing, until the visitors' left wing got possession. "Hands" on the mid-way line gave Wallsend a chance with a free kick. Parker intercepted and banged well up, out of the rush of players. Lynop and Gillender were immediately upon the ball, and carried play nicely up to the Wallsend goal entrance. A scrimmage resulted and matters looked like coming to a crisis, when Ellis sent over the goal line. From the goal-kick R. Cruickshanks gave to P. Cruickshanks and Elder, and the left wing forwards paid a visit to the bottom end, and Moor was called upon to exert himself with a special effort in order to save his goal. The Plain looked like getting away when the same player handled the ball, and this gave Wallsend another chance. R. Cruickshanks placed well, and some fast play in front of the visitors' goal resulted in McLatchie kicking high and Parker heading away to the front rank, who went down the field at a good rate. Before they got within thirty or forty yards of the Wallsend uprights, Annfield Plain were penalised, and the play for the next few minutes made it appear as though the remainder of the game would be very fast, as the ball went quickly from end to end. The visitors conceded a corner, and although P. Cruickshanks placed well, nothing came of it. Wallsend were again assisted by a free kick at mid-field, but on getting down, the Plain defence were too strong, and a similar penalty to the other side relieved the pressure. Wallsend were not long in returning, and Mackin tried a shot at goal which proved abortive. In rapid succession Moore made two clever saves, but Elder prevented the Plain from making any progress. They tried hard to break through the back lines, but without avail, and after defeating the forwards at various points Ellis attempted a long shot at goal, but there being none of the players to assist the ball in its course, it was sent quickly back to the halfway line. Not to be denied however, the visitors kept the home forwards very busy, and before many minutes had lapsed Ellis got in another long shot. On this occasion Foster was well up, but before he had time to charge the goalkeeper, the latter threw away. Before Wallsend were able to cross the centre line, Ellis had a third shot at goal, but McGregor had very little to do in sending down his wing. Harbet and Mackin took up the running with O'Rourke following closely at the side ready for a pass, but before they were able to take in this the situation changed. He found it very difficult to cope with two players, and on the spur of the moment he kicked into his own lines where Allison made good use of an open field. Shuffling away from Harbet and Mackin, Gillender took a long pass from Allison and sped away in capital style up the left wing. He got nicely past Bruce and Barker but he found a determined stand in Welch and McGregor, and from the corner he directed a shot to Burns who stood on the alert between the sticks. The ball went by on the outside, and the goal-kick again brought play into the open. Mid-field play followed, and both teams fought hard for supremacy. Wallsend came out victorious. They gradually worked their way downhill, and after a few brief exchanges in front of goal, Barker sent in a "daisy cutter" which witnessed Lynop's downfall for the first time. Play afterwards became very fast, and Wallsend were again about to take up a good position when they were drawn up for a foul charge. From the free kick O'Rourke received and gave to Elder, who put in a shot at goal, but this time Lynop had plenty of time to fist out. Matters were very evenly balanced up to half-time, which arrived with the score—

Wallsend Celtic .... One goal
Annfield Plain Celtic .... Nil

The Plain right wing pressed hard after the interval, and on their opponents retaliating the ball rolled from end to end. Mackin beat Lynop in a run, and sent over to the other side. The visitors appeared determined to break down the home citadel, and with this object before them they rushed matters, carrying everything before them. It was apparent however that these tactics would not last long, and after a strong defence by the Tynesiders, the Annfield Plain men had to resort to quieter play. During the following few minutes Wallsend visited the visitors' quarters twice or thrice, but the Annfield Plain halves defended well and prevented them from getting too near, and the shots that were directed to the visitors' goal were from a comparatively long distance, and E. Lynop had always time to avert defeat. After a short run up the middle of the field O'Rourke sent over the heads of Ellis and Gillender and got in by Mackin dribbling away and centering in front of goal, but the ball ultimately went over the goal line. A couple of minutes later P. Cruickshanks troubled E. Lynop but the latter threw out. From this point the Annfield Celts got possession, and up to the finish of the game the forwards kept the ball amongst them. Darkness was now setting in, and although it was almost impossible to follow the individual movements of the players, it was pretty evident that the visitors had the best of matters. Corner after corner came to their aid, but on every occasion the Wallsenders kept the leather out of the net. After some fast play from side to side, Annfield Plain were conceded another corner. It was placed well above the players who crowded the goal, and immediately the ball landed in amongst them a general scrimmage ensued, and the visitors took advantage of the moment by rushing through, and thus drawing the equalising point. There was now about five minutes to go, and although during the whole of this time Wallsend were hemmed in, the Plain could not improve their position and the game ended with the score—

Wallsend Celtic .... One goal
Annfield Plain Celtic .... One goal

CONSETT SWIFTS v. BILL QUAY ALBION.

These teams met for the first time in a match under the auspices of the above league on the Fell ground. The field was in poor condition, and when the referee sounded the whistle for the players to line up there was a good muster of spectators present. The teams took their places on the field as under:—

Consett Swifts—Goal, H. Highfield; backs, Geo. Eustace and J. McKie; half-backs, J. Allison (capt), J. Carruthers, and J. Rafferty; forwards, J. Little and R. Harkness, right wing; J. Dempsey, centre; J. Turley and M. Eustace, left wing. Linesman, Chas. Ternent.

Bill Quay—Goal, J. Fitzpatrick; backs, S. Bond and R. Thomas; half-backs, D. Dunnett, J. Sirram, and R. Burdiss; forwards, R. Rennison (capt) and W. Denham, right wing; J. Forrest, centre; D. Stewart and W. Innard, left wing. Linesman, J. Burdiss.

Referee, Mr J. Endean, Newcastle.

Rennison beat Allison in the spin of the coin, and he decided to play up the hill. Dempsey set the ball in motion, and after a short dribble the ball went over to the left wing. Eustace receiving gave to Little on the right, and that player with a lightning shot from off the line scored the first goal for the home team exactly one minute from the start. This reverse seemed to waken up the visitors, who came away with rare dash, but G. Eustace sent well down. The home team broke away and forced a corner, from which "Matty" tested the goalkeeper with a good shot, but he saved well. The home team still pressed, and Harkness shot in, but the leather went past. "Hands" for the Swifts did not prove of any advantage, as G. Eustace put the ball out. "Hands" was again given to the home team, and was well placed by McKie, but Bill Quay came away with a rush, Rennison putting the ball out. From the throw-in the home team pressed, but the leather was sent out by Allison. The visitors attacked, but McKie and G. Eustace nearly always cleared the situation without it being necessary for Highfield to be employed. Bill Quay still pressed, and Denham and Rennison came nicely away on the right, and beat McKie, but Allison at a critical moment rushed in and cleared the danger. The home team came away and attacked, but the slippery condition of the low goal spoiled all attempts to score. Dempsey got hold from a goal-kick and dribbled past two or three of his opponents, but Bond changed the venue with a good kick. Dempsey received a nice pass from Turley, and got well down, but the referee promptly pulled him up for off-side. A foul off Carruthers let in the visitors, and was well placed by Bond, but McKie sent the leather back again. "Hands" close in was awarded the Albion, and the free-kick was nicely taken but Rafferty headed out of the goal-mouth. Little received, and made a single-handed run the whole length of the field, but the ball eventually went out. The visitors were having as much of the game as the home team, but owing to the grand display of the backs they could not score. "Hands" was again given to the visitors but the ball was headed out by Turley. Not to be denied Bill Quay played up with great dash, and forced Highfield to clear, which he did by running out of his goal—a rather foolish action. The home team now had a look in and forced a corner, from which the leather went out. A series of throws-in were awarded the home team, but proved of no advantage. The Albion once more ran up, but were penalised for off-side. The home team were awarded a free kick which was well placed, Harkness just missing heading through. Dempsey now put in a good shot, but the Bill Quay custodian kicked away in good fashion. Some good play by Denham and Rennison took play into the home goal, and the visitors were awarded a corner, from which the ball [illegible]. The Albion attacked, but fouled Little, [illegible] from the free kick. Little received a severe [illegible] back of the head, but continued to play. A foul off Harkness let in Bill Quay, but McKie sent well down. From now until half-time the game was of a very even nature, both goals being attacked in turn. Half-time found the score standing—

Consett Swifts .... One goal
Bill Quay .... Nil

On resuming, it was anticipated that Bill Quay would try hard to win, but they had forced the game too much in the first "45." From the kick off the Swifts ran up and attacked in determined style, and when in a nice position Carruthers shot high over the bar with a well meant effort. The home team continued a hot attack on the visitors' goal, and Dempsey shot over the bar. A foul was given against Consett but proved of no advantage to Bill Quay, as Denham handled the ball shortly after. The Swifts now had all the play, and from a nice centre by Little, "Matty" scored the second goal for the home team. A foul was given to the Swifts, but Bond cleared his lines by kicking well down. Eustace and Turley came nicely away on the left, and the latter centred nicely for Harkness to score No. 3. Continuing the pressure Turley, when close in, headed over the bar. Bill Quay were now apparently a beaten team, as they very seldom crossed the centre line, the home team doing all the pressing. At this point of the game play became rather rough. The referee called both teams together, and cautioned Thomas, the Bill Quay left back, who seemed intent on bringing Dempsey to the ground on two or three occasions. The home team were given a corner, which was well taken, but Thomas headed over. A foul against Carruthers let in Bill Quay, and Highfield was called upon to save a hot shot from Innard, which he did in capital fashion. The home team raced up the field again and got close in, and Harkness banged through the fourth goal. A free kick was granted to Consett, from which Turley had hard lines in not scoring, the ball just grazing the post. Bill Quay never again became dangerous, the home team doing all the pressing. From a nice pass close in Dempsey put through the fifth goal of the match, and close upon time, from a nice pass by Little, Harkness scored No 6. Nothing more was done up to the finish, when the score stood—

Consett Swifts .... Six goals
Bill Quay Albion .... Nil

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S v. TOW LAW.

This match was played before a moderate gate, at Chestnut Grove ground, Darlington. The home team commenced, and Macintosh obtaining took operations to the home territory. Here play raged for some time, but the venue was soon changed. This went on for a considerable period, and neither side scored. Half-time arrived without a change. As soon as the ball was restarted, the Saints broke away, and Wilson had the goal at his mercy. He was just about a yard from Allison, the goalkeeper, when he shot. Allison fell in attempting to save, and Wilson shot again. With wonderful smartness the goal-keeper fisted out while still lying on the ground. From the goal-kick the ball was taken to mid-field, when Macintosh, of Tow Law, secured, and with a beautiful dribble, overcame all opposition, and scored a pretty goal. The Saints had hard lines, Dragon shooting, and the ball hitting the cross-bar. On another occasion, Temperley headed over the bar when the ball was going through. At last, St. Augustine's were rewarded for their energy by having a free kick given to them in the goal-mouth. They got the ball through, but the point was disallowed, as the referee had not blown his whistle. At the second attempt the ball was again put through, but the point was again disallowed for some unknown reason. On having a third attempt, the ball was scrimmaged through, and this time they were awarded a goal. The game raged from end to end for a considerable period. The Saints had very hard luck; getting into a good position, Wilson shot. The goal-keeper was sent flying into the net, but the ball was got away. Two corners followed from them after this, and also a free kick in goal mouth, but they were unable to score. Temperley was playing beautifully. The game was very rough. Comforth put in a good shot, but it was sent away by Allison. The final score was:—

St. Augustine's .... One goal
Tow Law .... One goal

BURNOPFIELD JUNIOR LEAGUE.

WHICKHAM ST. MARY'S v. HAMSTERLEY WHITE STARS.

This match came off at Whickham on Saturday last. The home team won the toss, and choose to kick down the hill. Hamsterley pressed hard at the start, but found the home backs in good form. Play was very even, both sides pressing in turn. The home team were having most of the play and gave the visitors' defence plenty of work, and after some hard play Whickham scored from a scrimmage. Soon after the kick off, Whickham put through another goal, and led at half-time by two goals to nil. Hamsterley restarted down the hill, and pressed for awhile, but the home team gradually gained the upper hand, and after a bit of hard play Clark notched the third goal with a splendid long shot. Hamsterley tried hard to score, but they found the home backs on the alert, and they were forced back to their own half, where Whickham obtained their fourth goal from another long shot by Heworth. Soon after this the "Saints" put through the fifth goal, and the game ended with the score—

Whickham St. Mary's .... Five goals
Hamsterley White Stars .... Nil

CRAGHEAD JUNIORS v. CONSETT JUNIORS.

Consett Juniors journeyed to Craghead to play their league match. Craghead scored from a "penalty" in the first half, and were leading at half-time by one goal to love. Consett scored in the second half, and at the call of time the game was standing, as under—Craghead Juniors, one goal; Consett Juniors, one goal. The following team represented Consett:—Goal, G. Lewis; backs, G. Kellett and R. Bowen; half-backs, T. Wilkinson, T. Jones, and T. Harris; forwards, Joe Peacock, F. Richardson, T. Inglise, J. Morgan, and Joe Lee. Linesman, T. Swinscoe.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

DIPTON ST. JOHN'S v. LANGLEY PARK WANDERERS.

This fixture was brought off on the Dipton Wanderers ground on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a good sprinkling of spectators, many of whom came with the visiting team. When the referee's whistle summoned the teams up rather late, they were seen to be represented as follows:—

Dipton St. John's—Goal, Lishman; backs, W. Cox and P. Robson; half-backs, H. Press, G. Brown, and W. Walker; forwards, G. Watchman, G. W. Hogg, Houghton, D. Waggott, and A. Wilkinson.

Langley Park—Goal, G. Ferguson; backs, J. Pattinson and J. Eland; half-backs, G. Herron, T. Wardle, and E. Heppell; forwards, G. Wattam, R. Dunn, G. Watson, and J. Nicholson.

Referee, Mr J. Costello, Leadgate.

The visitors won the toss, and chose to play up the field. Dipton started and at once pressed, but this effort was of no consequence, and the play was for the time being transferred to their half, where the ball went out. From the throw-in Langley sent up, but Brown returned and sent well into the visitors' goal-mouth, and Ferguson headed out to save. He was frequently called upon to exert himself, and was always found at his post. From a free kick the orb was transferred to the home territory, and Dunn banged in a shot wich Lishman kicked away, the ball afterwards finding touch. From the throw-in a corner was forced off Dipton, which Nicholson unfortunately sent just past, but it was nevertheless a good attempt. A foul against Dipton on the right wing was followed by a second for tripping. Things looked favourable for the visitors, but the home backs defended their goal well and the danger was averted. A good chance to score was missed by Nicholson, and a corner was forced, which was entrusted to the same player, but it went just past. From the goal-kick Hogg and Houghton ran off, and broke right through the enemy's back division, and had the pleasure of seeing the leather sailing serenely between the sticks. The ball was got down the field, and the Dipton forwards tried hard to register another point, but Heppell kicked out to save. From the throw-in Wattam sent well up, but Waggott returned after a foul against Dipton had been got away, and a lot of tame play followed on the left wing. Waggott broke away, but was pulled up by Dixon, and the ball was next seen hovering about the Dipton goal-mouth, but Robson came to the rescue and headed away, thus effecting a clever save. A foul was next given against Langley, who shortly after forced a corner, which was futile. Watchman was next seen scampering down the left in possession of the leather, but was drawn up by Wardle, and from a foul against Langley two corners were forced, but nothing came of them. Press passed to Brown, but Heppell robbed the latter, and the ball was sent into the Dipton goal-mouth, but Brown made a good save. After Lishman had been called upon to defend half-time arrived—

Dipton .... One goal
Langley Park .... Nil

When play was resumed Langley pressed and missed a good chance to score, and the ball went out. Another was speedily forced, and some good passing was put in by the Dipton forwards, and when in a good position Watchman shot over the bar. Hogg next got hold and passed to Houghton, who shot, but Ferguson was on the alert and kicked out. The ball was kept near the visitors' goal, and after a scrimmage Watchman registered another point for his side, to the delight of his supporters. From the centre kick play raged in the Wanderers' goal-mouth, and "hands" was twice given against them, which were cleared. The visitors got possession and took the ball right down, and after a scrimmage in front of the goal the ball was got away. Dixon contributed a good run, but Cox stopped his career, the ball finding touch. From the throw-in Hogg got possession, and after a smart run passed to Watchman, who missed, and the ball again found touch. From the throw-in Hogg got away, but Heppell returned, and Waggott getting possession sent the orb flying between the sticks. From the centre kick play was transferred to the Dipton territory, when the game was suspended for a short time owing to a slight accident to Dunn. A corner was forced, and from a scrimmage Dunn scored for his side. From the centre kick play continued in the Dipton half for a considerable time, and when the final came the result was—

Dipton St. John's .... Three goals
Langley Park .... One goal

TANFIELD SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

LEAZES BOARD SCHOOL v. FLINT HILL NATIONAL.

This match, the first between the teams in the above competition, was played at the Leazes on Saturday afternoon. The home team had previously played five matches, the only game lost being that with Pickering Nook, and they were determined to try and gain two points. They won the toss, and a very even game was the result of the first ten minutes. Then the Leazes forwards began to show better form, and tested the Flint Hill goalkeeper, but he saved in capital fashion till at last little Armstrong got one past him. The Flint Hill half-backs after this played a good game, and their forwards got down to the other end, but Ellis saved two good shots. Half-time arrived with the score—

Leazes .... Three goals
Flint Hill .... Nil

The second half was better contested, and the ball travelled from end to end. The Flint Hill forwards aided by the wind, improved in their play, and sent some good long shots in. Leazes were the first to score again, but they did not retain their clean sheet long, for the visitors made a quick visit to the other end and scored. Leazes scored from a fine passing run by the whole of the forwards. Close on time Flint Hill from a corner kick, were given a goal, the ball being fully two feet over the line when the home team touched it, which the referee did not see—hard lines for the home team. Final—

Leazes Board School .... Five goals
Flint Hill National .... Three goals

PICKERING NOOK v. CAUSEY.

These teams met at the Causey on Saturday for the first time in the above League. The "Nook" kicked off downhill against a slight wind, and soon commenced scoring through Trewick, and within ten minutes other two from Randall and Hindhaugh had been added. The "Nooksters" slackened down and the Causey boys got up, and a mistake on the part of Huggins caused them to score, Huggins putting the ball through his own goal. This encouraged the home lads, who dashed in and ere long had registered No 2 by good play. The "Nook" retaliated, and were leading by four to two at half-time. On re-starting with the wind and uphill, the visitors got within range and had a shy, but it went past. Still keeping up the pressure Hindhaugh scored No 5. From the centre Causey got down, and their outside being fouled close in were awarded a free kick, from which their third goal was scrimmaged through. The "Nooksters" went to the other end, and Huggins scored with a beauty from a good distance, which was disallowed, for some reason not known. The visitors pressed to the finish, and the game ended with the score—

Pickering Nook .... Five goals
Causey .... Three goals

WEAR VALLEY LEAGUE.

STANHOPE v. STANLEY ALBIONS.

Played at Stanhope on Saturday. Result—Stanhope, Three goals; Stanley Albions, Three goals.

NORTERN ALLIANCE.

AXWELL ROVERS V. STANLEY.

A good gathering turned up at Swalwell to witness this game. The vistors were only moderately represented, being short of Morris, T. Robson, and Howe, whilst the Rovers had a pretty good team out. The men lined up as follows:—

Stanley—Goal, E. Beckwith; backs, M. Joyce and R. Cunningham; half-backs, T. Fish, E. Nicholson, and J. Milburn; forwards, T. Crute, Purvis, S. Wood, Dodds, and J. Pentland.

Axwell Rovers—Storey, goalkeeper; Laverick and Hettick, backs; Murray, J. Bruce, and R. Bruce, half-backs; Dowson, Dixon, Wann, Milburn, and Harle, forwards.

Referee—Mr. G. W. Greener, Winlaton.

Axwell (who were three or four men short at the start) won the toss, and Sam Wood commenced operations for the visitors, who quickly took up the attack, and Crute scored the first goal almost immediately after the kick-off. The remainder of the Axwell men now turned up, and the result of this was that the home men assumed the aggressive, and after a run by the forwards Beckwith conceded a corner, which came to nothing. Some good play by Wood and Dodds took hostilities to the other end, and Stanley had a couple of shots at goal, but Storey managed to save on both occasions. The Rovers at length relieved the pressure, and in their turn took up the attack, and Beckwith and his backs had to be very smart in order to keep their lines clear. After some fairly even play the visitors' forwards contributed a nice passing run, which carried play into close proximity to the home goal, and Storey was called upon to save, which he did well, and R. Bruce still further helped to relieve the danger. The Axwell forwards took up the running, and for a spell the Stanley goal was the scene of operations, a warm attack being maintained, and the defence withstood it for a time, but Wann at length gained possession and fired in a shot which equalised the scores. Encouraged by their success the Rovers pressed again, and Beckwith did well to get rid of an excellent shot from the foot of Milburn. Through good play by Milburn, Harle, and Wann the visitors' citadel was again endangered, and some exciting play was witnessed in the Stanley lines, Dixon and Wann being conspicuous for several praiseworthy attempts to score. A foul to the visitors was the means of raising the siege, and Nicholson placed the kick nicely in front, but Laverick and Hettick were equal to the occasion. Axwell had somewhat the best of matters to the interval, when the score read—

Axwell Rovers .... One goal.
Stanley .... One goal.

On a restart being made, Axwell broke away, and a smart piece of passing between Milburn, Bruce, and Dixon brought play to Stanley's territory, and from a nice pass by Dixon, Harle scored the second goal for Axwell. The latter still continued to have the best of matters, but the visitors' citadel had many narrow escapes. Axwell were conspicuous by their splendid combination, and Milburn was several times applauded for his pretty play. The leather now travelled from goal to goal. Axwell were awarded hands, which Laverick placed in front of the visitors' goal, but the danger was cleared by Cunningham and Joyce. The Rovers still continued to press, and the visitors were forced to assume the defensive. The game was stopped about ten minutes before the call of time by the referee owing to the intense darkness. Thus the final score was—

Axwell Rovers .... Two goals.
Stanley .... One goal.

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TOW LAW, NOV. 30.—Mr Vickers had forward 35 dairy cows and heifers, 10 fat cattle, 5 store cattle, 5 calves, 15 pork pigs, 120 fat sheep and hoggs. Cows made up to £18 18s; fat heifers £15 10s; calves to 47s; porkers to 44s; fat mule shearlings to 37s; from Messrs Pease and Partners, North Roddymoor Farms; fat mule hoggs to 30s 3d, from Messrs Pease and Partners; to 28s 2d, from Mr W. Love, Wolsingham; to 21s, from Mr J. Dowson, West Newlands; to 27s 6d, from Mr R. Hall, Old Park; fat Leicester hoggs to 36s, from Mr S. Harrison, Stobbilee; fat blackfaced wethers to 27s 9d, from Mr J. Dobson, Wolsingham.

BENFIELDSIDE, NOV. 30.—There was a fair supply of stock at this mart on Monday, for which trade was fairly good. Numbers forward:—13 fat cattle, 6 calves, 189 fat sheep, 21 pigs, 3 stirks, 2 young bulls. Prices:—Kyloe bullocks, £12 to £12 12s 6d, from Mr T. Stephenson, Newbiggen House; Irish heifers, £12 10s to £13 2s 6d, Mr R. Anderson, Mosswood; cows, £12 to £18 2s 6d; do., £12 to £15 5s; stirks, £3 8s 6d each; fat sheep, 30s to 45s, top Mr R. Murray, Elm Park; Scotch wedders, 25s to 38s, top Messrs Leybourn and Angus; Scotch ewes, 13s to 28s; hoggs, 20s 6d to 34s, top Mr R. Anderson; calves 19s to 42s; pigs, 30s to 68s. There was a large company present and prices were fairly satisfactory throughout. At the Christmas prize show and sale at this mart there will be a meat tea provided at 1s each. The whole of the proceeds of the tea will go to make up the deficit of the Consett, Pontop, and Beamish Agricultural Society.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

BY "OFF-SIDE."

THE PARK'S VICTORY OVER GATESHEAD.

The fact that this game had to be re-played on Wednesday of last week precluded me from doing anything but giving a bare report of the game, and although it is somewhat ancient history now I trust that a few impressions will not be amiss. The Park certainly gave a capital exhibition, and on the day's play—to use a well-hackneyed phrase—were unquestionably the better team. Their forwards did not perhaps play as pretty football as those of the visitors, but there was no question as to which were the most dangerous set in front of goal. I have seen many an impotent lot of forwards when it came to a question of scoring goals, but seldom have I seen a weaker line in this respect than the five possessed by the N.E.R. The defenders on each side did their duty in splendid fashion, and there were very few weak men in these departments. At one time the Park looked like winning easily, but Gateshead came with a wet sail towards the close, and popping on a couple of goals in the same number of minutes put an interesting complexion on the game. The Park exerted tremendous pressure in the last five minutes, during which time they were seldom more than a few yards away from the visitors' goal-line.

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Now for a few comments on the individual players. If he was not the best man on the field, Cartmell was "awfully near it," as the song says. He played a magnificent game, and with both head and feet was ever prominent. Next to Cartmell I should place Bell, whom I have never before seen in such grand trim. His kicking was very powerful, his tackling always effective, and his judgment seldom at fault. Frank Foreman also played a fine game, and the same remark will apply to "Tommy" Wilson, but Snowdon somewhat tired towards the finish. Crowther had very little work owing to the weak shooting of the Gateshead forwards. The long passing of the Leadgate attack seemed to completely bamboozle the N.E.R. defence, who are evidently used to the short passing game as played by their own forwards. Lock and Wilson were the best wing, and Thompson acquitted himself creditably in the centre, bagging all three goals. Milburn filled "Bob" Forster's place very well, whilst Burnhope was always on the alert. The Gateshead captain (Redpath) played a splendid game for his side, and got them out of many a tight corner. He had a useful partner in Lowson, and Bewley is a capable custodian. Martin was easily the pick of the halves, with Brown second, Shaw only shaped moderately. Of the forwards, I fancied Oliver, Deans, Lavry, Forsyth, and Campbell in the order in which their names are written. Had the Park got another goal or two it would have been no more than they deserved considering the heavy pressure brought to bear on the N.E.R. fortress.

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DIPTON'S FIRST VICTORY.

Although it may appear somewhat strange to say so, I believe I am correct in stating that Dipton's victory over the Exiles on Saturday was the first the Wanderers have been credited with since the season opened. And when it did come it must be confessed that it was quite unexpected, inasmuch as the Exiles have been going so strongly during the past few weeks that a defeat was never anticipated for a moment by their supporters. The result was no doubt surprising, but still the visitors deserved to win, and I trust that it will do them much good. They have had their share of bad luck since September came in, and I feel certain that few would grumble were this success to be the forerunner of many more in the near future. The old club has had some troublous times of late, but thanks to the efforts of three or four individuals who have stuck to the ship through thick and thin, they are in a fair way to weather the storm. I hear there is a prospect of a player or two of note taking up their residence at Dipton shortly, and should this come about the team will be greatly strengthened. I have a strong regard for the Dipton club, and no one would be more pleased than myself to see the organisation occupy the position again it held in local football circles in the palmy day of Arthur Tuson, poor "Jimmy" Walker, "Bob" Freek, Bowes, "Billy" Smith, Davis Crozier, and many others.

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However, we live in a go-ahead age now, and it will not do to dwell too much upon the past, fascinating as it may be to an old stager like myself. You want to know something about the game between the Exiles and Dipton, so here goes. I may at once say that the "greens" played much below the form exhibited the previous week against Tow Law, and they certainly deserved to get beaten. There was a slackness about their movements which is not often observable, and the visitors were not slow to take advantage of this. There is one man that can always be depended upon to give satisfaction, and need I add that his name is Callaghan? The Exiles owe a deep debt of gratitude to their goalkeeper for the manner in which he has stuck to them in face of tempting offers, and I trust that they will suitably show their appreciation of this at some future time. Another veteran who is seldom off-colour is W. McGee, who played a good game on this occasion, and was closely followed by his partner. Still a third veteran, Monaghan, was equal to either of his colleagues, of whom McGrachan was the best. The forwards did well at times, but still were a long way from being as dangerous as usual. Haley and Brannen once more demonstrated what a clever pair they are, and had they been adequately supported the result might have been rather different.

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Be that as it may, Dipton gave an excellent allround show, and a few more games like this would probably mean some points for them in the Alliance. Some people prognosticated that the defection of "Teddy" Buck would put the extinguisher on the Wanderers, but so far from this being the case they have actually won their first game without the services of Buck, good man as the latter undoubtedly is. The forwards played a greatly improved game, combining better than they have done for a long time. Walker especially was in grand trim, and seldom has "Tucker" given a finer display. Although the skipper stood out by himself, the other four all did well. Willey played a dashing game at half, and was for ever in the thick of the fray. He was undoubtedly the pick of the intermediate trio, amongst whom was a new man named Adams, but he did nothing out of the common, albeit he might improve should a further trial be accorded him. Thompson and Coates were a splendid pair of backs, and were not often beaten. Palmer shaped extremely well in goal, getting rid of some warm shots, and he is evidently a custodian above the average. The game was of the most pleasant character, thanks in a great measure, to the admirable refereeing of Mr. R. Glass, the secretary of the Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association, who is one of the most able whistlers-in-chief in the two counties.

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AN UNFINISHED GAME AT SWALWELL.

With their full team available Stanley would have entered upon their task at Swalwell on Saturday with a great deal more confidence than was actually the case, but the loss of three men like Morris, Howe, and Thompson, Robson was no light one, although efficient substitutes were forthcoming to take their places. Axwell have had nothing like so successful a season as their opponents of Saturday—whose brilliant performances have been one of the features of the present campaign—but still they are always a team to be feared upon their own ground, where they invariably play goals above the form they exhibit away from home. Under these circumstances a close game was generally anticipated for the two points, and such turned out to be the case. However, the whole game was spoiled owing to a late start, and this caused the referee to stop the game ten minutes before the full time had expired. Which side was to blame for the late commencement I am not in a position to say, but the matter will probably be fully thrashed out by the Alliance committee. Should the game have to be re-played it will certainly be rather hard lines upon Axwell, as they were the superior team on the day's play, but the committee have fixed a time for the start, and this should be adhered to. A quarter to three was the stated time for the month of November, and this was quite late enough in all conscience.

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Although the start was delayed till nearly three o'clock the home team were then short of their full complement, and as a consequence the visitors had the ball through before Axwell knew where they were. However, when the laggards turned up the Rovers put a different face upon things, and repaid back with interest all they received. It was mainly due to the fine goalkeeping of Beckwith that the home men had only drawn level at half-time. Harle gave his side the lead soon after the resumption, and this concluded the scoring. Had the full forty-five been played it is very unlikely that the result would have been altered. The game was greatly enjoyed by the spectators, being an interesting one all through. Axwell treated their supporters to one of the best displays they have given this season. In Storey the Rovers appear to have a reliable custodian, whilst the pair in front of him (Laverick and Hettick) are the best couple Axwell have possessed for some time. The brothers Bruce (who have been connected with the club since its inception) are going as strongly as ever at half, and want a lot of reckoning with. The third man of the trio (Murray) is also a capital player, and altogether the line is a good one. With the exception of their weak attempts at shooting, not much fault could be found with the forwards, who combined in nice fashion, and brought off some clever passing. The man of many clubs ("Doc" Harle), Wann, and Milburn were often conspicuous for good work.

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The re-arrangement rendered necessary in the Stanley ranks seemed to have upset the team, as they showed nothing like the form they have exhibited on several previous occasions, notably against Sunderland A., Leadgate Park, and Annfield Plain. This remark, however, does not apply to Beckwith, who kept goal in really grand style, and it is certain that Morris could not have performed better than "Emmy," if so well. The latter surprised both friends and foes alike, and if he can maintain Saturday's form the Stanley club need have no misgivings when the regular goalkeeper is unable to do duty. The backs did not cover themselves with glory, their tackling not being at all up to the mark. Still at times they got in some useful kicks. The halves were in their customary good trim, and rarely indeed is it that this part of the defence is found wanting. It would be hard to say who was the best. Fish was as clever as ever, Milburn stuck in with his usual bull-dog pertinacity, and Nicholson was continually in evidence with some splendid work. Howe was greatly missed on the left, as Pentland did not get on at all well with his new partner. The right wing was the best, Crute putting in a lot of capital runs, whilst Purvis filled Robson's place very creditably. Sam Wood fed his wings in his customary judicious manner, and was ever on the alert to snap up chances, but generally speaking the forward play was not a patch upon that usually forthcoming from the Stanley vanguard, and this was probably due to the reasons given above.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE MAKE NO MISTAKE.

The Rovers had made up their minds on Saturday not to be caught napping a second time, although they had to do without the services of their best forward in Barrass. Still there was nothing in the previous doings of Dipton Reserve to warrant the assumption that they would emulate the unexpected feat of Tantobie, who, in fact, have taken four points out of Dipton in the Derwent Valley League tournament. The result may be said to have been just about in accordance with anticipations, as Shotley Bridge gained the verdict and a couple of points, the majority in their favour at the finish being one of three goals. The game was a fairly interesting one, and although beaten the visitors at times showed some very clever tactics, and the goal they scored was well worked for. The victory of the Rovers once more placed their supporters on good terms with themselves, and they have not yet lost hope of occupying the topmost position when the final record comes to be made up. Of course, it is a long cry to next April, but the Shotley men are not likely to repeat their mistake of underrating their opponents, and for the future every team they meet in the league will be treated as if they were eleven budding internationals. Another slip might be fatal to their chance.

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The match had not been long in progress before the Rovers assumed the upper hand, and never at any portion of the game did they look like losing. T. Watson took Barrass's place on the left, and should the opportunity present itself, he will probably be given other chances of shining, as he is certainly a very promising forward. He is rather light, but has plenty of pluck. His namesake on the other wing was in rare trim, his shooting being particularly good. Joyce played a capital game, and Smith was very useful. All round the front line did much better than against Tantobie, and dropped a lot of their selfishness. Scott had an easy time in goal, and was but seldom severely tested. Hobday was scarcely so good as usual, misjudging the ball on several occasions and letting the Dipton forwards in. Oliver played a great game, notwithstanding that he was somewhat hampered by the weakness of his colleague. Nothing but praise is due to the halves, who all gave an admirable display. Winter was very prominent, and quite enjoyed himself in waltzing round the visitors, whilst Gray was scarcely less conspicuous, being for ever on the ball, but owing to a slight injury to his leg in the first half he did not do so well towards the finish. Robinson is a very useful but unassuming half.

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Dipton tried a new man in goal named Allison, and he performed very creditably indeed, keeping out a number of good shots. The brothers Thornton are a pair of sturdy defenders, and Charlie of that ilk is one of the best backs in the league on his form of Saturday. He also proved himself a useful forward after Kelly got hurt, registering the only goal obtained by his side. Evans was the best of the halves, Sh also playing pretty well, but the forwards only did moderately, and seemed to be all at sixes and sevens. They appeared altogether unable to combine, and were easily dealt with by the Shotley defenders. Kelly was very selfish, and his example had a bad effect upon the remainder of the front rank. The Dipton men did a lot of fine heading, but still as a whole their exhibition was disappointing. They badly want two or three decent forwards.

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THE PARK WIN AGAIN.

The Park boys had a busy time of it last week, putting in three hard cup-ties within eight days, and although this would probably mean little to a professional team, it is no joke to a lot of men who are working hard every day. Therefore, the victory at Shildon on Saturday in the Amateur Cup Competition was all the more creditable, more especially when we remember that this is the first time that the home men have been defeated this season, their eleven games previous to Saturday having resulted in ten wins and one draw. From this record it will be seen that the Park were tackling no novices, and although it may at once be admitted that they had all their work cut out to win, yet they were unquestionably a little bit the better team, and surprised the home men and their adherents by the capital display they gave. The Shildon ground is by no means an ideal one, and has a slope somewhat similar to that at St. James's Park, with the consequence that visiting teams are placed at a disadvantage, as the United men—like those of Newcastle—have the slope nicely off, and this means something. There was a capital "gate," an excursion train bringing a large number of Park supporters, and I understand that the receipts amounted to something like £12, which must be set down as most satisfactory, and on the whole the Leadgate men are doing very well out of the cup-ties.

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The Park had the good fortune to win the toss, and with the slope in their favour put on a couple of goals before the interval, this being the extent of the scoring during the first half. Afterwards the visitors had a sultry time of it, the Shildon men pressing very heavily, but the Park defence was simply magnificent, and a finer exhibition of defensive tactics has probably never been seen on the home ground. Time after time the United forwards came dashing down the incline in irresistible fashion, and just as they appeared certain to score either one of the backs or halves would step in and check their career, whilst if either of these were beaten Crowther was always at his post, and what a game he played! Despite their persistent and desperate attacks the Shildon men were kept at bay for over twenty minutes, and when they did at length manage to get the ball through there was a roar that might have been heard at Auckland. The spectators were now confident that the United would win, but they had reckoned without those six men comprising the Leadgate defence, and how the latter contrived to prevent any further scoring was simply marvellous. However, they did do it, and, taking everything into account, I am inclined to put this down as one of the finest performances ever accomplished by the Park.

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As will have been gathered from my remarks above, the visitors owe their success almost entirely to their defence, which might almost be truly described as phenomenal. Had there been a single weak spot in the rear division Shildon would in all likelihood have piled on a big score. A special word of praise is due to Crowther, who fairly excelled himself, and performed in a manner greatly reminding one of what he did a few years since at a ground only two or three miles away from that of Shildon—viz., at Bishop Auckland. It would take all the adjectives in the dictionary to adequately describe his display, so I will content myself by saying that a Sutcliffe or a Trainor could not have done better. The backs played a sterling game, and scarcely ever made a mistake throughout. Bell was perhaps a trifle better than Foreman, but both kicked, tackled, and headed in a style which considerably astonished the natives. The halves were again in good form, and stood up to the heavy rushes of the home forwards in the second half without flinching in the least degree. Wilson was about top of the class, but there was very little to choose between the three, Cartmell and Snowdon both playing finely. Burnhope was away from the forwards owing to an attack of influenza, and Milburn was again included and did well. Joe Wilson and Thompson worked hard, but the extreme men were rather off. The whole five showed signs of staleness in the second "45," and evidently felt the effects of the previous Wednesday's tie.

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THE DISTRICT GAME AT STANLEY.

The fact that the Stanley people are such a sportloving community induced the committee of the Derwent Valley League to fix upon that place for a district match in aid of the funds of the league, but it cannot be said that the result was altogether satisfactory. Although a good team had been chosen to oppose Stanley A, there was only a disappointing attendance, the "gate" falling short of £3. The inhabitants of Stanley have certainly had a surfeit of good class football of late, and this may to some extent account for the poor muster. A noteworthy feature was the fact that "Teddy" Buck turned out for the home men, and Pouton was also included, but Joyce, Dodds, and Purvis were absent, owing to having been called up to fill vacancies in the first team. The game was a very fair one considering the state of the ground, and there were several clever bits of play. The scratch team dropped into each other's style right away, and Birtley scored a nice goal soon on. Calvert followed with a second soon after resuming, and eventually the home men were rewarded with a point as the outcome of a lot of pressing, this being the extent of the damage done. The teams were well matched, and although play was occasionally slack there was some interesting work done. After the game both teams and officials were entertained to a capital tea at the house of Mrs. Cunningham.

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Much interest was evinced as to how Biggers would acquit himself in goal, and I may at once say that the Blaydon man fully sustained his reputation as one of the best goalkeepers in the district. He has a long reach, and seems to make up his mind at once as to what is the best course to pursue. His brother played a capital back game, being very cool and an excellent kick, and if I apply the same remarks to Charlton's play it will just about hit the mark. The halves were all excellent, and there are few better centre halves knocking around than Thompson Walton, who was in grand form. Calvert used admirable judgment, whilst Temple got through a lot of work in quiet fashion, and all the trio gave those in front of them every chance. The forwards made a good show, Birtley and Seath on the left being particularly prominent, and combining as if they had played together for several seasons. Ferry also did capitally, whilst E. Cullen played surprisingly well considering that his proper position is centre half. Houton could never get into his stride owing to the bad ground he had to perform on in the centre of the field, which was all a mass of soft clay, and it was no unusual sight to see a player sticking fast in his endeavour to reach the ball. From what Mr. Rose told me on Saturday night this state of affairs is likely to be improved considerably ere long.

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Buck's "debut" may be said to have been a successful one. The old Dipton man showed a deal of his old-time cleverness, especially in his placing, but it is a moot point whether he was any better than Thompson Walton. Pouton and Chisholm played a strong game at back, and the smart district forwards gave them plenty of work. Gailes and Knotts rendered Buck good support at half, but their feeding suffered by comparison with that of the centre man. J. Brydon cannot be blamed for the defeat, as he dealt cleverly with many good shots, and the two that beat him would have eluded most custodians. Amongst the forwards none worked harder than the veteran W. Brydon, who keeps going in wonderful fashion, and has any amount of energy in him yet. Masterman is a long way from being the player he was, and those deadly centres of his were missing on Saturday. Southeron did pretty well, and Whitfield and Cunningham were often a source of danger to the visitors' defence. Had the Stanley forwards accepted half the chances which fell to their share they would probably not have been beaten.

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CONSETT PARK JUST BEATEN.

Although it was only a moderate team of Leadgate Park Reserve that opposed Consett Park on Saturday at Leadgate, the latter made an extremely meritorious show, and were only defeated by a single goal. The Consett men are undoubtedly an improving combination, and with more practice together will hold their own with teams which are now admittedly much stronger than them. "Jimmy" Graham, who has only turned out once before since the accident he met with on the opening night of the season, partnered Robson on the Leadgate right, and played a capital game. He did not distress himself, but his injured limb is evidently making great progress towards recovery, and it is to be hoped that he will take up his old position in the first team very shortly. Robson proved a capital partner for "Jimmy," and is an extremely promising forward, and one well worth looking after. George Forster again donned the Park colours, and played a nice game on the left, whilst both Turnbull and Willis got in any amount of useful work. Like those on the other side the forwards were very poor in front of goal, their attempts at scoring being generally of the weakest description.

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The Leadgate halves did very fairly in midfield, but their judgment was often at fault. Cartmell played an excellent game at back, but Aitken has done better. Calvert again shaped admirably between the sticks, but should not cultivate a habit to leave his goal, or it will ultimately be attended by serious consequences. The best part of the Consett team was the backs, both Atkinson and Symington giving a splendid exhibition, and it was due to this pair that the visitors were not more severely beaten. Burnett showed up well in goal, whilst Robson and Carr were the most conspicuous of a fair set of halves. The forwards did not play by any means a bad game, but, as I have stated above, whenever they got within shooting distance they seemed to completely lose their heads. On the whole the visitors have every reason to be satisfied with their performance, which gave promise of better things in the future.

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THE SWIFTS IN A SCORING MOOD.

During the past few weeks Consett Swifts have been giving their goal average a rare lift, and their form has surprised even their most ardent supporters. If they can keep it up there will not be many clubs in the Tyneside League that will take any points away with them from Consett. Following up their victories of 5—1 against Birtley and 6—1 against Marley Hill, the Swifts rubbed it into Bill Quay last week to the tune of 6—0, and have thus on three successive Saturdays totalled the nice little number of 17 goals to two. The result of the game with Bill Quay was a great surprise, as although the home men were fairly confident that they would annex the points they never for a moment dreamt that it would be such a runaway affair. Little opened the scoring for the Swifts a minute from the start, but nothing more was registered before the change of ends. In the second period there was no holding of the Consett men, who simply did as they liked, and continued to pile on goals until the total stood at half-a-dozen. The visitors showed a great falling off after the interval, and appeared utterly unable to cope with the dashing attacks of the home forwards, who were certainly in great form. At this rate the Swifts will not be long ere they occupy a different position in the league table.

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Of course, the result is sufficient to prove that the winners played a great game, as Bill Quay are by no means a set of duffers, and have shown on several occasions that they are a fairly capable team. Highfield had very little work, but should not leave his goal so much, as a fondness for this nearly resulted in the visitors scoring on Saturday. L. McKie and G. Eustace were a couple of good backs, the latter especially doing well, and showing a big improvement upon previous displays. Joe Allison was the best man on the field, and was in grand form, being always ready to check the opposing forwards, stop a rush, feed his own front line, or have a shot at goal. He had two able partners in Carruthers and Rafferty, both of whom did all that was needed of them in clever style. Harkness and Little played a champion game on the right wing, the former being for ever prominent, whilst Little's goal was a real beauty. Dempsey worked hard in the centre, but his shooting was off, and in the second half he changed places with Eustace. The latter got on well with Turley, who had hard lines in not scoring on two or three occasions. In short, the whole team were up to concert pitch, and the committee will do well to make as few changes as possible, and thus give the men a chance of settling down, and thereby perfecting their combination.

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Bill Quay played with great dash up the incline in the first half, during which time the teams appeared to be about equally matched. It was expected that they would make matters warm for the Swifts in the second "45," but this turned out to be quite the reverse of what actually happened. Fitzpatrick had no chance with five of the shots that beat him, but he should have stopped the last one, as it was a very simple goal, being scored from a shot taken near the centre line. However, he probably thought that one more or less made little difference at the close. Bond (late of Trafalgar) was the best of the backs, his partner (Thomas) being rather inclined to go in for dirty work. Simm was the pick of a very fair trio of halves, whilst the forwards were capital up to the cross-over, and had they shown the same form throughout there would possibly have been only a narrow margin dividing the teams at the finish. Rennison, Denham, and Stewart all played well up to the point mentioned, and I can only come to the conclusion that they had taken all out of themselves whilst battling against the slope.

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A POINT FOR THE PLAIN.

Wallsend Celtic are an extremely hard nut to crack upon their own ground, therefore the rival Celts of Annfield Plain are to be congratulated upon tackling the Tynesiders on their own midden and taking a point out of them. With the least little bit of luck they would have got a couple; but still the visitors have every right to be satisfied with themselves. The first half witnessed a very even struggle, and the game was well advanced ere any score was registered, the first point falling to the home men. It was easy to be seen from the manner in which they commenced the second half that the "Plain" had fully made up their minds to get on equal terms, as they pressed most determinedly, and the Wallsend defenders had to be very spry indeed to prevent their goal from falling. However, in spite of being beaten back several times the visitors were in no way discouraged, and gained corner after corner, from one of which they rushed the ball through and equalised. From now till the finish play was all in favour of the Durham men, who every moment seemed likely to put on the leading point, but they were kept out till the whistle sounded, and thus had to be content with a draw, which was perhaps a fitting result to the game, as on the play there was not much choice between the teams.

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The Plain forwards were superior to those on the other side, and played a very taking game. Their combination was really good, and the passing well-timed. "Jacky" Lynop and Gillespie were perhaps a trifle better than the other three, and showed some very clever tactics, but still Forster, Ellis, and Coyle, are all worthy of mention, and the forwards have seldom given a more satisfactory exhibition. Parker was always on the go at half, and played a splendid game, Allison and Bell being two worthy coadjutors. Moore and McLatchie were both in good form at back, their kicking and tackling being first-class. E. Lynop was safe and reliable in goal, and the whole side showed up in much different form to what was the case against Stanley. The best of the Wallsend forwards were Elder and P. Cruickshanks on the left, although O'Rorke also did good service. R. Cruickshanks was the most conspicuous of the halves, with Bruce second. Both Welch and McGregor played a very strong and sound game at back, and they had to be more than usually on the alert in the closing stages of the game in order to prevent the visitors from notching the winning goal. Burns proved himself to be a goalkeeper of more than average ability, and was always on the premises in case the backs were beaten. Wallsend are a capital team, and evidently did not bargain for such a tight game as ensued.

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TOW LAW DRAW.

Although the Durham Cup-holders have been having only a sorry time of late, it was fully expected that they would account for Darlington St. Augustine's on Saturday, notwithstanding that the game took place in the Quaker town. Only the previous week the "Saints" had gone down at home before Thornaby, but they greatly improved upon this exhibition against Tow Law, and ultimately managed to effect a draw. The game was a fairly even one all through, the home team perhaps having a little the best of matters. Tempestey again assisted Tow Law, and as usual made his presence felt, playing a fine game. Allison kept goal in his customary capable fashion, and all the halves were in good trim. The veteran Coulson did as well as any of the forwards, and his most useful assistants were McIntosh and Butterfield. Meehan kept goal grandly for the "Saints," and had a pair of good backs in front of him in Kitty and Watson. McClusky, Rogers, and Lumley are a good trio of halves, who know how to feed their forwards, amongst whom Cornforth and Loughran did wonderfully well on the right, and the other three were all worthy of their places. The game was fought out in a very sportsmanlike spirit, being much enjoyed by those present.

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THE VILLANS VANQUISHED.

Although Iveston Villa ran Stanley Athletic to a draw away from home, they had to bow the knee to the Athletic on their own ground last Saturday. Stanley were undoubtedly the superior party, as they had the best of the play almost throughout. Handy had an easy task in the winners' goal, only having two shots to stop all the afternoon, and this speaks volumes for the rest of the defence. The backs played a powerful game, Walton being in fine trim, whilst the Athletic have got hold of another champion young back in Robson, who kicks well and tackles neatly. The halves—Atkinson, Smith, and Duffy—were again in splendid form, and always seemed to have the measure of the opposing forwards. The vanguard are still showing improvement. Wheatley and Henderson make a splendid wing, and should be kept together, Chaytor did well in the centre, whilst Dawson and Rodham were capital on the other wing. The Athletic were without Anderson and Renfrey. The Villa goalkeeper (Graham) was the best man on his side, and saved any number of warm shots. Foster played a strong game at back, and was well backed up by Thompson. The halves were all fairly good, and neither stood out conspicuously before another. The forwards are an excellent quintette, and but for the fine half-back play they had to contend with would have often been very dangerous.

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A GOOD GAME AT CRAGHEAD.

That Consett Juniors are a very clever set of youngsters was amply demonstrated on Saturday, as it is few teams that can manage to hold their own with Craghead on their own ground, and few clubs in the Burnopfield League will be able to boast of having accomplished this. Both teams played a good game, the defence on each side being in a high order. Jefferson gave the best display in goal for Craghead that he has shown this season, whilst Ferry was applauded on several occasion for some clever clearances. The home halves were good, Mills being continually on the ball. Brown, Grix, and French were the pick of a good set of forwards. The Consett team gave a grand all-round exhibition, and made themselves general favourites with the Craghead spectators. If they keep up their form of Saturday they will not be long in occupying a good position in the league.

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TANTOBIE SMOTHERED.

"How did Tantobie beat Shotley Bridge?" was the question often asked at Byer Moor on Saturday last, when the "Moorites" entertained the Co-ops." Echo answers "How" for on the occasion of their appearance at Byer Moor the home lads simply danced around them to the tune of five goals to one. The result came as a surprise to many, but the "Co-ops." have yet to learn a lot before they can expect to defeat their opponents of Saturday last. Coming to the players, Hodgson in goal was always on the alert, and kept his improved form up. At back Bennett was best, playing his usual dashing game, but Lamb is not the Lamb of yore, a fact which is to be greatly regretted, as "Sep." is one of the few who has stood by Byer Moor in weal or woe. The halves, Jos. and W. Brown, with Keefe, were always too good for the opposing forwards, while the forwards combined and ran well, but shot rather erratically. Leighton and Weedy on the right got on better than of late, but Leighton's proper place is full back. Welch in the centre controlled his wings excellently, while E. Leighton and Lowe ever and anon were troubling Brown and his backs.

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Of the visitors, it may be clearly stated that they were outplayed at every point, a fact which the score indicates. Brown in goal was only moderate, the backs are evenly matched, but show no resource. The half-backs were unable to cope with the home forwards, albeit they did their best. The vanguard are decidedly too light, and were easily robbed of the ball on the heavy ground. The result was a bitter blow to the Tantobie players and supporters alike, but they can only hope for "better luck next time."

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THE HOBSON WIN AWAY.

According to fixture-card the Hobson and Heaton Science and Art should have met on the former's ground to play their Tyneside League fixture, but at the request of the Newcastle club the venue was shifted to Heaton, as the Science and Art men would not have been able to leave town until the 2.30 train, and the game would thus have been a farce. The Wanderers were but poorly represented, Henderson, Bell, and Muirhead being absent, and their places were filled by Newbiggen, Croudace, and Hindhaugh. Notwithstanding this the visitors always held the upper hand, and although their victory was only one of three goals to one if they had liked to exert themselves they might easily have doubled this score. I would like here to give the Hobson a word of advice, and that is to put on all the goals they can as they might be of use when the final reckoning comes to be made up. On Saturday they slackened down in the second half, taking things much too easily, and were evidently satisfied with the lead they had established in the first half. The winners were altogether the better team, and a difference of two goals by no means represents their superiority.

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For the Hobson, McNeil and his backs were again in grand trim, the only point scored by Heaton being due to a piece of careless work close into goal, and McNeil was not in any way to blame for it, as it was impossible for him to stop the shot. The backs were all right with the exception of the mistake referred to, but it learned them a lesson. Heslin was an easy first amongst the halves, playing a splendid game, and he had about the best man on the Heaton side to look after. Weedy was next, with Croudace close up. Newbiggen, who took Muirhead's place in the centre, played a good game, which was all the more surprising considering that he never gets any practice. Layton and Hindhaugh did capitally on the right, and the former is fast developing into a fine forward, his passing being excellent. Lown and Maddison played their usual effective game on the left, and were always dangerous when they got under weigh. The home team were very moderate with the exception of the two outside forwards, and the left half and full back. The game was a very quiet one, Referee Wardropper not being much troubled.

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THE CAUSEY DO WELL.

The Causey school lads entertained the all-conquering Pickering Nookites on Saturday, and gave the visitors a really good game, only losing by a couple of goals—three to five. The home team surprised everyone by the manner in which they stuck to their guns, and if Mr. Hodgson can keep them together they will not be at the bottom of the league at the end of the season. The forwards, with a little more knowledge respecting the keeping of their places and centreing the ball, will make a splendid set. The halves kick and place well, while the backs are both strong kicks. The goalkeeper stopped some good shots, but lacks confidence. Stick in, Causey, and you will give a number of teams a fright. The "Nook" had a heavy week-end. They were at the presentation of the school medals till a late hour, and then the walk to Causey had a tiring effect upon them. They showed their usual form during the first ten minutes, and then hung fire, but the result was never in doubt.

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PRESENTATION OF THE NORTH-WEST DURHAM SCHOOLS MEDALS.

A large company assembled at Pickering Nook on Friday evening to witness the presentation of the above medals to the winners (Pickering Nook). Mr. Neasham had to make the presentation, but unfortunately at the last moment could not attend, and the Rev. T. H. Archdall, Vicar of Tanfield, undertook his duties. He pointed out some good lessons to be learnt from football, and called on each one of the team to come forward and receive what they had worked hard to win. Each one was loudly cheered as he went forward. A vote of thanks to Messrs Smith and Weedy for the manner the boys had been trained and conducted was suitably responded to by those gentlemen. Mr. Smith then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Neasham, which was seconded by Mr. Weedy, and carried. Mr. Abbott and Mr. Hogarth kindly gave songs, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Supper was supplied in another room, where about 100 sat down, and with a little dancing a most enjoyable night was spent.

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BURNOPFIELD JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The usual monthly meeting of the above League was held at the headquarters, the Burton House, Burnopfield, on Saturday evening last. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. T. Amos occupied the position. The following clubs were represented—Byer Moor, Craghead, Consett, Whickham, South Moor, High Row, Hobson, Hamsterley, Marley Hill, Dipton St. John's. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In the case where Hamsterley disappointed Consett on October 17th, it was resolved that the game should be replayed at Consett, Hamsterley being ordered to pay the referee's fee for October 17th. Hamsterley protested against Burnopfield Temperance for playing I. Gibbons, alleging that the player in question was over the limited age of 15 years. The protest was adjourned, Burnopfield being ordered to produce the birth certificate of Gibbons. The withdrawal of West Pelton Violets was accepted. Dipton St. John's protested against Whickham for infringement of rules, but the protest was dismissed. It was resolved to play a district game for the benefit of the league at the Hobson on New Year's Day, under the title of East v. West. The following teams were chosen:—

East—Goal, Campbell (Byer Moor); backs, Patterson (Marley Hill) and Brown (Whickham); half-backs, Dunn (Burnopfield), Mason (Hobson), and Layton (Hobson); forwards, right wing, G. Gray (Burnopfield), and Pattinson (Marley Hill); centre, Reed (Byer Moor); left wing, Bell (capt.) (Burnopfield), and Heron (Whickham).

West—Goal, Harkness (Consett); backs, Cox (Dipton), and Ferry, (Craghead); half-backs, Mills, (Craghead), Jones, (capt.), (Consett), and Spence (Craghead); forwards, right wing, Rainbow (South Moor), and Rutherford (South Moor); centre, Watchman (Dipton); left wing Parkin (South Moor), and Grix (Craghead.) Referee, Mr. W. Smith, President of the League. Linesmen, Messrs Osman and Robinson. Kick off for December in League games 2.45, not later. The next meeting was fixed to be held on December 26th. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Amos for presiding concluded the meeting.

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REFEREES FOR DECEMBER.

The following referees were appointed:—December 5th.—South Moor v. Burnopfield, G. Gray; Hamsterley v. Dipton, W. Hogarth; Marley Hill v. Byer Moor, T. Crass; Consett v. Whickham, J. Osman. December 12th.—High Row v. Byer Moor, G. Gray; Hamsterley v. Whickham, J. Robinson; Consett v. Craghead, J. Osman. December 19th.—Hamsterley v. Burnopfield, J. Lamb; Dipton v. Marley Hill, J. Robinson; Hobson v. High Row, T. Dixon; Consett v. Byer Moor, A. Little. December 25th.—Byer Moor v. High Row, G. Gray; Hamsterley v. South Moor, J. Osman; Dipton v. Craghead, T. Amos; Consett v. Hobson, G. Press; Burnopfield v. Whickham, J. Robinson. December 26th.—Byer Moor v. Dipton, G. Gray; South Moor v. Hamsterley, J. Osman; High Row v. Hobson, G. Pyle; Marley Hill v. Whickham, J. Watson.

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MEMS.

The Exiles greatly disappointed their admirers on Saturday, as it was fully expected that they would account for Dipton.

However, the Wanderers came with a capital game, "Tucker" Walker especially distinguishing himself amongst the forwards.

It is wonderful how the veterans on the Exiles' team keep up their form.

Callaghan, W. McGee, and Monaghan all played a good game.

The "Cooler" did grand service at back for Consett on Saturday, and was cheered time after time by the spectators.

A Bill Quay supporter informed our representative that when the return game was played the Swifts would get a severe beating. M'yes.

Perhaps the wish was father to the thought.

Joe Allison played a champion game, and the Swifts captain seems to improve every time he turns out.

I hear that Charlie Pescod has disappointed the Swifts on three successive occasions.

Under these circumstances the committee will be well advised to select someone on whom they can rely.

Upon their present form the Swifts should finish amongst the first five for the Tyneside League.

The Hobson had little difficulty in overcoming Science and Art at Heaton, although only represented by a weakened team.

The defeat of Hexham at Wallsend makes the result more open, and the Hobson are not yet out of the running for the championship.

Annfield Plain are also cutting a very respectable figure in the competition, and should finish well up amongst the leaders.

They did better than was expected to get a point out of Wallsend Celtic.

If they can manage a few points away they are pretty certain not to lose many at home.

The defeat of Stanley by Axwell came as a surprise, but it must be remembered that the losers were short of three good men in Morris, Howe, and Robson.

The goalkeeper was not missed, as Beckwith gave a really grand display between the sticks.

I should think that "Emmy" has now figured in almost every position upon the field.

Howe was the man most missed, as he is one of the finest forwards in the district.

I understand the negotiations between Johnson, of Sunderland, and the Stanley committee are at an end.

The Wearsider's terms were too high.

In any case, Stanley are well off for halves. What they want is a couple of really good backs.

After having had a lot of bad luck in the cup competitions the Park have at length got the right side of Dame Fortune.

Had they had the choosing of it they would probably not have wished for a better draw than against Stockton at home.

The Stockton men may make up their minds that there will be no six goals margin in it this time.

In fact, I should not be surprised if the Park actually defeat the Teessiders.

Howden may say good-bye to the Amateur Cup, as they are pretty certain to receive their quietus on the 19th inst.

Byer Moor are showing up wonderfully well at present.

They made Tantobie look small last week, and the latter in no way seemed to relish their drubbing.

The "Moorites" will journey to Leadgate on Saturday to antagonise their old friends and foes, the Park Reserve, when a good game should ensue.

The Park will have to do all they know if they want to win, as Byer Moor will give them a rare game.

Thompson Walton, the Allendale Park centre half, was not far off being the best man on the field at Stanley last Saturday.

He is worth a place on any team in the district.

The district game also revealed the fact that the Park Reserve have three very promising young players in Tom Calvert, Temple, and Birtley.

As Mr Jas. Benzies has left the district, Mr A. B. Jackson has taken up the secretaryship of Consett Park Reserve.

It is reported that W. Kellett, of Craghead, is about to retire from the football field.

Kellett has done yeoman service for Craghead Rangers, by whom he will be badly missed.

Ferguson played a greatly improved game for Leazes Board School on Saturday.

Others who rendered good service for the Leazes were Armstrong, W. and F. Nevin, and G. Davis.

The Flint Hill goalkeeper is a little, but a plucky one.

Dipton St. John's are now in the semi finals for the Junior Cup, their next opponents being Bishop Auckland Juniors.

The "Saints" played a capital game on Saturday against Langley Park, and fully deserved their victory.

I should very much like to see them win the cup, and they intend to leave no stone unturned in their endeavours to accomplish this.

If the Park forwards were as good as the defence what a lot of beating they would take.

Crowther has often performed well for the Park, but it is doubtful if ever a finer display was forthcoming from him than that at Shildon on Saturday.

The Shildon men are a rather biggish team, and did not take their defeat too kindly.

Dipton are determined to make a strong effort to secure a couple of points on Saturday.

Their opponents will be Axwell Rovers, and the game should be a close one.

The Hobson should have little difficulty in getting two points out of Prudhoe.

Clubs having dates with East Stanley Swifts Reserve are requested to cancel them, as they cannot raise a team.

There will probably be a good game at Lintzford on Saturday, Allendale being the visitors.

Another interesting game should be that between Blaydon and Shotley Bridge.

Chester-le-Street had an easy task on Saturday, beating Brandon by eight goals.

The forwards and backs were all that could be desired, Harle playing a particularly fine game.

There will be some excitement when Tow Law and Bishop Auckland meet in the next round of the English Cup.

Both clubs have fallen off somewhat of late, and the result seems pretty open.

The fact that the "Bishops" have choice of ground might make all the difference to them between winning and losing.

The cup-ties are playing the deuce with league fixtures, and it will take several clubs all their time to complete their list.

I believe that the Park committee are going to give their men a rest on Saturday in view of the big game against Stockton.

I am pleased to say that Mr Ralph Birtley—whose illness I referred to last week—is now going on most satisfactorily.

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NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Results up to date :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
South Bank	7	6	1	0	15	4	13
Darlington	8	4	2	2	23	13	10
Middlesbrough	5	4	1	0	10	5	9
Stockton	6	4	1	1	23	4	9
Bishop Auckland	9	2	2	5	12	21	6
Crook	5	1	2	2	10	12	4
Tow Law	5	1	1	3	8	11	3
Saltburn Swifts	5	1	0	4	6	17	2
*St. Augustine's	6	0	3	3	9	21	1
Leadgate Park	5	0	0	5	1	19	0

* Two points deducted for playing an unregistered player.

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

The following is the table of the tournament up to date:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Newcastle United A11	11	8	2	1	34	10	18
Jarrow	11	7	2	2	30	8	16
Shankhouse	9	7	1	1	32	13	15
Southwick	6	4	2	0	21	3	10
Blyth	7	4	2	1	24	5	10
Hebburn Argyle	7	3	3	1	17	9	9
Gateshead N.E.R.	9	4	1	4	26	21	9
Rendel	9	3	1	5	14	22	7
St. Peter's	8	3	0	5	9	20	6
Stanley	7	2	0	5	10	16	4
Axwell Rovers	8	2	0	6	8	27	4
Willington Athletic	7	0	3	4	6	18	3
Birtley	6	0	1	5	4	13	1
Dipton Wanderers	7	0	0	7	5	37	0

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Result up to date :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Byer Moor	9	6	2	1	23	13	13
Shotley Rovers	7	6	1	0	21	9	12
Stanley A.	7	5	2	0	19	13	10
Allendale Park	4	4	0	0	7	3	8
Tantobie	8	3	4	1	13	19	7
Blaydon United	6	3	2	0	10	5	8
Marley Hill	4	2	2	0	10	27	4
Leadgate Park Res	6	1	3	2	17	16	4
Lintzford	5	2	3	0	8	11	4
Spen	5	1	4	0	8	10	2
Dipton Wanderers Reserve	7	1	6	0	9	24	2
Hobson Wanderers Reserve	7	1	6	0	6	19	2

The games Byer Moor v. Allendale Park and Marley Hill v. Dipton Wanderers Reserve have to be re-played, and the table is altered accordingly.

W. SMITH, SEC.

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TANFIELD SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Results up to date :—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Pickering Nook	6	6	0	0	46	8	12
Leazes	6	4	1	1	17	20	9
West Stanley	5	3	1	1	28	9	7
Tanfield Lea	4	1	2	1	11	12	3
Causey	5	1	4	0	6	22	2
Flint Hill	5	0	4	1	9	27	1

J. L. WEEDY, HON. SEC.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Blackhill Rovers want fixtures for their first and reserve teams. Apply to J. Carr, 23, Dixon Street, Blackhill.

All clubs having dates or communications with Craghead Rangers will please note change of secretary —W. Wilson, 4, Railway Street, Craghead.

Blackhill Celtic 3rd are in want of matches; ages, 13 to 15. Apply to R. Tweed, 17, West Street, Blackhill.

Tantobie Co-operators Reserve have Dec. 12 vacant away, and Feb. 20 or 27 at home. Apply to J. Bell, Stores, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Tanfield United have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up at once; average age, 16. Apply to J. Frame, Tanfield, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Craghead Rangers have a few vacant dates, also Junior team. Apply to W. Wilson, 4, Railway Street, Craghead.

Blackhill Rovers Juniors have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 14 to 16. Apply to C. Lumley, 27, Dixon Street, Blackhill.

Consett Rising Stars have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up; ages, 13 to 14. Apply to L. Clark, 20, Newmarket Street, Consett.

West Pelton Juniors would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 8 to 10. Apply to W. Buglass, 7, North Row, West Pelton.

All clubs having dates with Esh Village United please note change of secretary—T. Rennison, Old Esh Village, near Durham.

Kyo United Juniors would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 16 to 18. Apply to W. Reay, 31, Robert Street, West Kyo, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

Marley Hill are in want of dates; ages, 11 to 13. Note change of secretary—J. Masland, 66, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

West Pelton Violets second team have some vacant dates, and would like them filled up; ages, 11 to 14. Apply to Wm. Cornforth, 2, New Row, Grange Villa, Chester-le-Street.

Dipton Young Wanderers would like the following dates filled up:—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Apply to John Mitchell, 22, New Rows, Dipton, R.S.O.

High Hold Young Rovers would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 9 to 11. Apply to T. Little, 9, Urpeth Cottages, High Hold, Chester-le-Street.

Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING.

GREENSIDE.—A large number of spectators assembled in a field adjacent to Mr Shotten's, White Swan Inn, Greenside, on Saturday to witness a rabbit match by small dogs, between J. Armstrong's Miraculous Jack, of Winlaton, and S. Shannons Golden Drop, of Blaydon, the latter receiving 2½ yards start, the best of seventeen courses, for £0. Betting was brisk at evens. Result:—Miraculous Jack, 0110001111000110—8; Golden Drop, 1001110000111001—8. J. Thompson was starter, and E. Watson was judge.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—On Saturday a match was decided at the Maiden Law grounds between Morton's Monkey's Puzzle and Palmer's Coastguard, both of West Stanley, the best of 15 courses for £15 a side. Coastguard, who was made favourite at 5 to 4, won by 8 courses to 5. Referee, Mr Ed. Gaffney, and pistol firer J. Brown.

FOOTRACING.

MATCH BETWEEN PELTON FELL MEN.—At the Victoria Grounds, Newcastle, on Saturday, the programme opened with a match between P. Parks and T. Bell, both of Pelton Fell, who ran a mile for £10 a-side. The conditions of the match were that Parks had to defeat his opponent by more than 15 yards. Bell was a warm favourite at 2 to 1 on. Parks made the running until going down the back stretch in the fifth lap, when Bell drew to the front, and striding along in capital style, won easily. Parks retiring in the last lap.

BOXING.

MATCH BETWEEN CATCHGATE AND DIPTON MEN.—J. Shannon (Catchgate) v. Geo. Temple (Dipton).—A match has been made between these men, who agree to box the best of 12 rounds, under the usual conditions, for £15 a-side, on December 19. They have accepted the purse offered by the proprietors of the Standard Theatre, and the match will be brought off in that building. Both have gone into active training, and a lively set-to is anticipated.

FROM THE "BIRMINGHAM TIMES."

REMARKABLE AFFAIR.

The "Birmingham Times" sent a representative to Miss N. Malins, 245, Pershore-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, the other day, who verified an inter- months, suffering from anæmia. My blood was said the reporter, was the picture of perfect health, but her story began with particulars of a serious illness. She said:

"I had been ailing for more than eighteen months, suffering from anæmia. My blood was going thin, and very watery. I could not get upstairs only with the greatest trouble, and sometimes had to rest to recover my breath. When I went out of doors it seemed too much for me, and I returned weak and low spirited. My doctors did not succeed in curing me. I naturally began to despair and left off taking all medicine, until one day I saw an account of the wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and determined to try one box. The first few doses wrought a marvellous change in my appearance, and when I had finished the box I felt a new woman.

"And you really believe that your health is due to these pills?"

"I do, indeed. I have the greatest faith in them, and shall be pleased to recommend them to any of my friends who may suffer in a similar way. I am quite sure it was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that did it, because I had given up taking anything else. Some time before I had been trying so-called blood purifiers, but all to no purpose."

Miss Malins added. "Perhaps you would like to hear about my mother. She was fifty years of age, and was suffering excruciating pains from swellings in the legs, and other symptoms attending what is called "change of life;" she could only get about with assistance. She tried various remedies without any benefit, and at last I procured her a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The effect was magical. The swellings immediately began to disappear, and before she had finished the box she was quite well again. That is also why I have such faith in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. My mother lives at 156, Barrows Hill, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and she has written me about her wonderful cure." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure anæmia and other disorders arising from impoverished blood, as well as rheumatism, sciatica, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, palpitations, pale and sallow complexion, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, pains in the back, early decay, all forms of female weakness, hysteria, low vitality, and wasting strength from any cause. These Pills are genuine only with the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and are sold by chemists, and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C., at 2s. 9d. a box, or six for 13s. 9d. Pink Pills sold loose or from glass jars are not genuine; do not accept them.

Business Announcements.

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF ATTENDANCE.

MR. H. MARKHAM,
SURGEON DENTIST,
Of 16, GRAINGER STREET, NEWCASTLE,
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1896.

BURNHOPE CRICKET CLUB. — A GRAND BALL AND SUPPER, will be held in the Burnhope Schools, on Friday night, December 11th, 1896. Dancing to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission to Ball, 2s 6d per couple. 700v

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CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT at Five o'clock. See Bills. 706v

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GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, Dec., 1896 715v

Public Notices.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1896.

Dr. RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
From General District Rates		3914 12 4
" Private Improvement Works ...		313 5 9
" County Council :—		
(a) Medical Officer's Salary	18 0 1	
(b) Inspector of Nuisances ...	49 7 6	
		67 7 7
" Fines, Penalties, &c.		2 7 3
" Rent of Rooms		11 18 6
" Produce of Outfall Works... ...		5 6 8
Total Receipts		4314 18 1
Total Balances in hand at commencement of year, as per Financial Statement, to March 31st, 1895 ...		198 15 4
TOTAL...		4513 13 5

Cr. EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sewerage Works		397 0 5
Sewage Disposal Works		59 1 9
Street Improvements (other than Main Roads)		775 17 8½
Repairs of other Roads		982 1 3
Other Payments in respect of Roads :—		
Scavenging	53 15 2	
Watering	34 8 1	
Removing Snow and Ice	1 7 4	
		89 10 7
Public Lighting		352 3 3½
Hospital		1 1 0
Public Office and Store Houses... ...		120 2 1
Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889		10 18 8
Public Conveniences		43 4 10
Private Street Works		468 12 2
Salaries		340 0 0
Establishment Charges		81 9 10
In respect of Loan :—		
Principal re-paid... ...	38 11 1	
Interest (including £1 16s 8d Income Tax)	37 5 0	
		75 16 1
Joint Hospital Board		609 8 6
Expenditure out of Loan :—		
Street Improvement		3 4 6
Total Expenditure... ...		4409 12 8
Balances at the end of year :—		
In Treasurer's hands ...	87 15 0	
In hands of other Officers	16 5 9	
		104 0 9
TOTAL...		£4513 13 5

Published in pursuance of Section 247 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

JOHN GEO. RIDLEY,
Clerk to the said Urban District Council.

November, 1896.

Public Notices

ANY OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS against Rev. J. R. Wood, late of Catholic Church, Tow Law, must be sent to Rev. C. H. Wood, St. Josephs', Tow Law, before 9th December, 1896.

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BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A GRAND PUBLIC MEAT TEA in St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill, on Monday, December 14th, 1896, from One to Five o'clock p.m. Come in Crowds. Tickets, One Shilling each. Proceeds in aid of above Society. 675v

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL, BLACKHILL.

LECTURE by H. PALMER, Esq., Manor House, Medomsley, entitled: "FROM THAMES TO TWEED," on MONDAY EVENING, December 14th, 1896. Chair to be taken at 7·30. Admission 1s.
Ticket-holders are advised that this Lecture has been postponed from November 30th, to above-named date. 672v

BAPTIST CHURCH, BLACKHILL.

ON MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 7th, Great LECTURE on "THE STRUGGLE FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY" by the REV. R. GWYNFAN HUGHES, Illustrated by 50 Brilliant Dissolving Views. Doors open at 7 o'clock; Chair taken at 7.15; Lecture to commence at 7.30. Tickets 6d. each. 671v

NORTH-WEST DURHAM WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at the Board Schools, Benfieldside. Dr. ETHEL WILLIAMS, of Newcastle, will give an Address on "Our Invisible Enemies," and there will be a selection of Music. Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock, by Mrs. PUMPHREY. The Public are invited. 635v

BURNHOPE AND DISTRICT PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

THE SECOND ANNUAL COMPETITION will be held on Mr Jos. Watson's South Causey and Park Head Farms, Shield Row, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1896, or first favourable Wednesday afterwards. Confined to a five miles radius. Entries close on December 2nd; ballot drawn at 6 p.m. at Maiden Law. List of Prizes, &c.—JOHN TURNBULL, Secretary. 623v

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CO-OPERATIVE HALL, CONSETT.

A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT, on Monday, December 7th, 1896. Artistes:

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MR. W. PALLISER, Humorist, Crook.
Accompanist ... ... MR. G. P. STEPHENSON.
The WESLEYAN ORCHESTRAL BAND will render selections at intervals. Conductor, Mr. C. Stelling. The Concert will be opened by Coun. C. PARNABY, Esq. Tickets, 6d. each. Doors open at 7 o'clock; Concert to commence at 7·30. Proceeds on behalf of Consett Baptist Building Scheme.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1896.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

WE REGRET that our columns should this week be called upon to note the deaths of no less than three prominent men in the district. In the first place we have the sudden death of the Rev. Father J. Wood, priest of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Tow Law, who died from heart disease after a four days' illness. Then there is the lamentable death of a worthy resident of Shotley Bridge, Mr. A. Barras, who died on Saturday under almost similar circumstances. Again, Mr. Isaac Unsworth, of Blackhill, one of the oldest employees of the Consett Iron Company, who also passed away last week end. These are figures which will be missed from the neighbourhood for some years, and their worthy lives can well be set as an example to others.

AT STANLEY, houses are very hard to procure, despite the fact that building operations continue to be pushed forward with all haste. Winter is rapidly closing in upon us, when the bricklayer must lay aside his trowel from time to time, and it is feared that under these circumstances the inconveniences of overcrowding will be more keenly felt during the forthcoming cold season. Already we hear of this state of affairs taking place in public dwellings at Stanley, for, according to the report of the Inspector of Nuisance, he found last month amongst houses where infectious diseases existed, two small houses with one room each, containing nine or ten occupants respectively. This is an alarming statement, and it is pleasing to note that the Council have taken steps to remedy the matter. To do so will be no easy task in a place like Stanley, but the public representatives are almost sure to find a way out of the difficulty.

MR. JNO. O'HANLON, of Wallsend, is now devoting his time to re-organising the Irish National Leagues in the district, and that he is a gentleman well fitted for this class of work, none can question. On Tuesday night he was at Consett, and was accompanied by no less a personage than Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien, M.P. Only Irishmen themselves can fully appreciate the value of this Member, and when we say that he is assisting Mr. O'Hanlon in his work, there is no need for fear at the latter's success. Mr. O'Brien's reception was very hearty. His speech was fully appreciated, and on the question of the release of political prisoners—a subject upon which he always excells—he literally carried everyone with him. Before the meeting closed, important resolutions were passed, and so far Mr. O'Hanlon must have counted upon Consett as safe ground, where he need concern himself very little.

WHATS IN a name? A great deal, answers Councillor Ritson, of Stanley. Mr. J. A. L. Robson, the County Educational secretary, has written the Stanley Urban District Council on the advisability of inaugurating lectures on horticulture in the district, but Councillor Ritson thinks that if such discourses are to meet with public sympathy at Stanley, the subject will have, in necessity, to be called by a more simpler name. And no doubt their is some truth in this belief. However, flowers are not such an interesting topic to be lectured upon to an audience in this district, and the Council have acted wisely in answering Mr. Robson's letter by asking if lecturers are available for popular lectures on such subjects as poultry keeping. If the councillors had included leek growing in their resolution as one of the subjects upon which they required to know if discourses could be obtained, they would have undoubtedly struck nearer home.

SCHOOLS ROUND about the district are at this time of the year having the result of the year's work laid before them by H.M. Inspector, and in every case reported to us so far, great success has been achieved. Benfieldside, Medomsley, and Castleside Board Schools, and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Schools have all done remakrably well, and while the respective managements are to be congratulated on the good results, praise of a greater degree is due to the teachers. The school, however, that has scored the highest is the Brooms Catholic School. Here a most brilliant show is made this year. Not only has high grants been earned, and the standard of "excellent" attained in both the Senior and Infant Departments, but both departments have again been exempted by the education authorities from examination next year, the tone of the school being so healthy and sound. Special mention is also to be made of the Consett Wesleyan Day School results. Their report also is exceptionally good, and they have again been exempted from examination in the ensuing year. It might be interesting to know that this school was also freed from the annual inspection last year for efficiency, and that the grant they have received this year is the highest they have yet obtained.

THE MOST important event of the week at Consett has been the county conference, held under the auspices of the North of England Temperance League. The Conference commenced on Saturday afternoon last, and the business was kept up until Monday evening. Throughout, the gatherings were well attended, and a warm spirit of enthusiasm characterised the different functions. A lengthy agenda was gone through, and altogether Mr. Guy Haylar, and his helpers, will have every reason to remember, with pleasant recollections, the Conference of 1896 at Consett. Monday was perhaps the most important day of the assembly. In the morning the organisers met, and in the afternoon some instructive papers were read.

MONDAY EVENING'S meeting saw the New Town Hall crowded to excess, the promoters finding it impossible to admit all who applied for admission. In consequence an over-flow meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church Hall adjoining. Sir Wilfred Lawson's speech was the chief attraction; but the audience got even more than their expectations, as Mr. John Kempster, of London, and Mr. Leif Jones of Castle Howard, both gave brilliant exhortations. Sir Wilfred still speaks well on his pet subject, but his advanced age is naturally making an impression upon his delivery. At the whole Conference, as we have just hinted, a great amount of work was done amidst enthusiasm, but we are inclined to coincide with the fears expressed at Monday afternoon's meeting by Mr. Davies, of Blackhill, who, after reiterating the difficulties experienced at that place in getting a meeting room in which to hold temperance gatherings, said it was all very well to talk about what they had done and what they were going to do, but he feared that by next week the Conference would almost be forgotten, and again the bulk of the work would be laid upon the shoulders of one or two. This is generally the case, and it is therefore creditable to the "one or two" that they get through so much work.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

A QUIET WALK ROUND.

It was delightful walking the other day Muggleswick way, except that the recent heavy rains had made the roadways veritable channels of mud, sometimes ankle deep, but that is a mere detail. There was a soft balminess in the air that would have done credit to a mid-summer day. Overhead the sky was fairly clear, the sun shone warmly and there was a charming sense of peace and restfulness all around. By the woods, Allansford way, the narrow footpaths were here and there strewn with hundred of autumn leaves of vari coloured tints, heightened in effect and picturesqueness as the sun, from between the brown unclothed branches of the trees, shone down upon them. The tiny streams were swollen somewhat, and grumbled that they should be compelled to hurry onward beyond their wont. The red-berries, hanging in huge clusters on the hawthorn trees, stood out in pretty relief to the predominant brown or green. Not a breath of wind, not a bark of a dog—the cows seemed indisposed to low, and the nervous sheep disinclined to bleat. An occasional cackle from the poultry and a grunt from the old sow as we encroached on the farm steads—nothing else to disturb the serenity.

THE FREE LIBRARY QUESTION AT LEADGATE.

Those letters which have so far emanated from the dissentient Free Librarians of Leadgate are couched in somewhat narrow seams. They shew the spirit of the small tradesman whose interests are threatened by the opposition of a larger establishment. It is not surprising that this should be so for it appears that the correspondents are more or less identified with the existing Reading Rooms in the town. Two of them are from officials connected directly with them and these letters simply set forth a repudiation, ostensibly on behalf of the members, of the representation that a demand exists for the new Institution. They are quite content, they say, to remain as they are, enjoying the privileges which have been theirs for years past and thirsting for nothing greater. Well but you see they constitute only a minority and can only speak as such. It is quite competent for them to dissent, of course, from the bigger scheme. They may retain their membership and support their respective societies, paying their subscriptions as they may fall due and nobody can possibly complain. When the new Free Library gets opened there will be no compulsion to force them into the building or compel them to become members. They can use their own sweet will in the matter. But there are many poorer than they are, who cannot afford to pay a subscription to exclusive Societies and it is in the interests of these that Free Libraries are generally advocated. Of course it follows naturally that with the establishment of these Institutions smaller organisations must needs sooner or later suffer, especially in such a centre as Leadgate, for human nature prompts us to get as much as we can for our money and if we can get the same thing without payment we are generally not far away. The existing Reading Rooms in the town, it is admitted, are not overflowing with membership. To that fact are we to attribute this? Surely the most palpable one is that the subscription is too high for the privileges offered or there is not a sufficient number of people in a position to afford the subscription! It is for such as these a Free Library is wanted.

NEXT MONDAY'S PROMENADE.

My readers will notice that in another column appears an advertisement announcing a Promenade Concert for Monday evening to be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, in aid of the Consett Baptist Building Fund. From what I hear there is every prospect of a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, and it only remains for those who are wishful to support a good object to take tickets for the event,—and to take them often.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[BY "OBSERVER."]

A BENEVOLENT EFFORT.

A concert of a miscellaneous character was held in the Stanley Albert Hall on Saturday last. The proceedings were in operation for the benefit of Mr. Mole, of West Stanley, who received serious injuries a few moths ago, whilst engaged as a miner in the Beamish Mary Pit. Several willing friends took part in the entertainment and rendered songs, etc. The Tanfield Lea Silver Model Band also performed some well selected music, which was highly appreciated. Mr. Wm. Severs, of The View, Beamish, presided. It is pleasing to note that several efforts of this description have been held of late in this locality which bespeaks a fellow feeling towards those unfortunate persons who have been called to suffer grievous afflictions; which are a source of unrest and extreme disappointment.

AN OLD FASHIONED CONCERT.

The old portion of members in connection with the Beamish Wesleyan Society gave an entertainment on Saturday last. The programme which was rendered by married people was a lengthy one, and consisted of old hymns and tunes which were sung with much effect, and earnestness. The large commodious structure was filled with an enthusiastic audience who evidently enjoyed the proceedings.

THE CO-OPERATIVE CHOIR.

The first concert in connection with this choir was held a week ago in the Co-operative Society's Hall. This choir has made excellent progress since its commencement, and the harmony was fairly good and well sustained. Mr. Aldrige also gave a profitable address on the land question so that the gathering was instructive, interesting and successful withal. Mr. Wm. Hewison presided. I hope this choir will continue to develope more and more until the state of perfection is reached. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Robert Pearson.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE.

The programme in connection with the Sunday evenings Gospel Temperance meetings was on Sunday last rendered by the Birtley Primitive Choir. A large number of people were in attendance who evidently appreciated the proceedings.

LOCAL WEDDING.

Mr. Wm. Storey, of Urpeth Villa, the respected son of Mr. Richard Storey, engineer to the firm of Messrs Jas. Joicey and Co., was a few days ago united in wedlock to Miss Margaret Crane of Alma Cottage. The ceremony was performed in the Holy Trinity Church, Pelton, amid much rejoicing, and was witnessed by a large number of people. Later in the day the happy pair left the district, en route for Edinburgh to spend their honeymoon.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

A night of enjoyment was spent in the East Stanley Church Mission Room on Tuesday last. The proceedings consisted of a social and supper; which was on behalf of the choir and others; various games were indulged in to the entire satisfaction of all.

SPECIALS.

As last Sunday was arranged as a temperance day, sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached in most of the churches in the district.

GOOD TRADE.

The collieries in this district are working full time, and thus the mining classes are doing fairly well in financial matters: which assists them in successfully competing with the rise in provisions which of late have taken place.

WEATHER CHANGES.

We have had a few severe cold days this week, and some weather prophets declare that we are on the eve of a keen stormy winter. The best of men make mistakes; let us hope that this prediction will prove a fallacious one.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By Castlesideite.]

MISS HALL'S DEATH.

Passing reference was made in my last notes to the death of Miss Hall, who, after a long and severe illness borne with patience, and christian fortitude, underwent a surgical operation, which ended in death. All that medical skill could devise was done in order to prolong her life and ease her pain. Dr. George Renton and his able staff attended her, and finally Dr. Allen, of Shotley Bridge, took her to his own home in order that he might be more able to attend to her wants, which was an act of kindness which will long be remembered by her friends and fellow villagers. Miss Hall was much loved by those who knew her best, and respected by all. She was of a kindly disposition. From infancy, she was connected with the Wesleyan Sunday school, where she afterwards became a teacher. She was deeply interested in all school and church efforts, whether for the spiritual or material welfare. By her death the church and school has sustained great loss. Much sympathy is being extended to her uncle whose wants she attended to, and whose home she made bright with her cheery words and smiles.

ANOTHER DEATH.

On Wednesday, of last week, another old neighbour and friend passed over to his fathers, in the land of spirits, "Where the just are made perfect," in the person of Mr. George Gibson, of Mainsfield, Rowley. Mr. Gibson was farmer on his own estate, not like many of his class, who, have cause for fretfulness about rent day. He was a man of quiet disposition, and of a kindly nature, and spoke kindly to men and boys whenever he met them. In religion he was a Baptist, and took a deep interest in the cause at Rowley, and in politics he was a Liberal. On Sunday his remains were interred at Castleside by the Rev. J. Wallis, vicar. A large number followed his remains to the grave yard, thus evidencing their respect for him.

LEADGATE NOTES.

[By "Rover."]

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Mr. H. B. Slee, auctioneer, of Gateshead, sold by auction at the Coach and Horses Inn on Tuesday night, the freehold property in Watling Street, comprising a dwelling-house with four rooms, yard, out-houses and stable. There was a large gathering of gentlemen, evidently anxious of picking up a bargain. The bidding was commenced by Mr. E. Todd at £150, followed by Mr. Longstaff at £160, and the following gentlemen kept up a spirited bidding:—Mr. White, £170; Mr. T. Keenleyside, £180; Mr. Longstaff, £200; Mr. G. Walton, £220; Mr. Longstaff, £240; Mr. Walton, £250; Mr. Longstaff, £255; Mr. Walton, £260; Mr. Longstaff, £265; Mr. Carter, £270; Mr. Walton, £275; Mr. Carter, £280, there being no further offers Mr. Carter, as representing Messrs Mawson Swan and Co., was declared the purchaser. There seems to be an ever increasing demand for houses in Leadgate, and I hear that a number of very good building sites are presently to be offered for sale, and as purchasers are turning up for them, we may fairly expect a busy time for those engaged in the building trade.

THE OLD THOMAS CAT AS A BARGAIN.

There is an old adage "Never buy a pig in a poke," and so far as some of my friends are concerned it might be made to read "Never buy a rabbit in a poke." It is perfectly true what I am about to relate. A rabbit in a poke was offered for sale for sixpence, and an enthusiastic admirer of that tribe of animals readily jumped at the bargain, and the sixpence paid. His astonishment can be better imagined than described, when on reaching home he found that his purchase consisted of an innocent Tom cat. Poor pussy, I hear, is quite delighted over his new quarters. I hope however, no one will conclude that a trade in Scotch hares is going to be set up. It was only another way of raising the wind.

SOCIAL AND DANCE AT HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

The teachers of the Hamsterley Colliery School held their annual social and dance in the schoolroom, on Friday night last, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. The room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by the teachers, and quite a pleasing appearance was created by the draping of the windows with lace curtains, &c. The evening was spent in games, singing, and dancing, the following ladies and gentlemen kindly favouring with songs:—Miss M. Charlton, Mr Jos. Robinson, and Mr E. Rider (Hamsterley Hall.) A novel feature of the evening was a sketch entitled "Mr and Mrs Dove," in which the following took part:—Miss M. Chippington, Miss M. Ridley, Miss E. Shaw, Miss H. Stonehouse, Mr T. B. Chaytor, and Master Robson. Amongst those present were:—Miss Surtees, Miss Adams, Miss Crowder, Hamsterley Hall; Mr and Mrs. R. J. Chaytor and Miss Short, Miss A. Chaytor, Mr T. B. Chaytor, Mr J. Chaytor, Mr and Mrs T. H. Dixon, Mrs Marshall and the Misses Allan, Mr and Mrs W. Wallace, Mr R. and Miss Robson, Mr T. and Miss Kinleside, Mr T. and Miss Armstrong, Mr Moffatt and Miss J. Cousins, Mr M. Cousins, Mr J. Wakes, Mr R. Campbell, Miss S. Whitfield, Mrs Rousledge, Mrs Morgan, Mr J. Campbell, Mr M. Campbell, Mr J. W. Curry and Miss Armstrong, Miss Chippington, Misses Dargue, Miss Cummings, Misses M. and H. Stonehouse, Miss M. Allan and Miss Mason, Hamsterley Colliery; Miss Stonehouse and Miss Weedy, Blackhall Mill; Mr R. Charlton, Mr J. Robinson, Mr Geo. W. Hedley and Miss M. Charlton, Mr T. Bell, Mr T. Hunter, Mr J. Hunter, Miss Moffitt, Medomsley; Misses Willey, Miss E. Charlton, Ebchester; Mr Addison, Miss Bell, Shotley Bridge; Mr T. and Misses M. and A. Charlton, Mr and Mrs T. Atkinson, Ourrock Hill; Misses Shaw, Burnopfield; Mr J. Charlton, Pear Tree; Miss Ridley, Chopwell; Miss Watson, Gateshead; Mr W. and Mr R. Hirst, Mr Robson, Winlaton; Mr Ingham, Knitsley; Mr W. and Mr J. Smith, Lintzford; Mr J. G. and Mr J. R. Pattison, High Waskerley; Mrs. Davison, Byerside; Miss Cole, Miss Chicken, Mr and Mrs Bacon, Mr R. Rider, Mr W. and Miss Cowthorn, Hamsterley Hall; Mr and Misses Obeeman, Carr House; Mr G. Mordue, Mr J. Curry, Mr J. Kennedy, Low Westwood; Mr Maughan, Miss Ismay, Mr and Miss McKenzie, Chopwell. Dancing was kept up till nearly 3 a.m. on the Saturday morning. The music, which was of an excellent character and gave the utmost satisfaction, was provided by Mr W. Veitch, Medomsley. First-class refreshments were supplied by Mrs R. Moffitt, Medomsley.

CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Spen Schools.—Mr G. H. Gilchrist (vice-chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs W. Richardson, Dr Colquhoun, and J. Tucker, and the Clerk (Mr Ward Ord.)—A letter was read from the secretary to the Spen Technical Committee to the effect that the Committee had decided to use the schools on Saturday nights for the lectures. The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received a syllabus of the lectures, and it was satisfactory.—A letter was read from Mr Oswald, architect, pointing out that there were three sites within the school ground, and either of them would be suitable for the proposed new caretakers house. To his mind the site at the south-east corner was the most suitable one, and was at the left of the present teachers' house. The plan showed the accommodation on the arrangements of two floors so as to economise the cost.—The Chairman said the south-east corner site was the most suitable one for the proposed caretakers house. He had discussed this question with the architect, and he was of the opinion that they could not get a better site.—It was resolved that the erection of the caretaker's house should be proceeded with, and the architect be empowered to obtain tenders.—Mr Richardson: What will be the cost of the house.—The Chairman: I don't know Mr Oswald has not scheduled an estimate.—The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Oswald for to forward an estimate.—The Chairman: Of course it is understood that the building of this house will not be commenced with till the spring of the year.—A letter was read from the Blaydon District Council stated that the improvement to the road in front of the schools was being proceeded with as rapidly as possible. The Council had also decided to erect three public lamps in front of the schools.—The Chairman said the contents of the letter was very satisfactory.—An application was read from the caretaker of the schools (Mrs Brown) asking for a little remuneration for extra work she had to do in connection with the cookery-classes.—On the motion of Mr Richardson, seconded by Dr Colquhoun it was agreed that Mrs Brown should be paid extra remuneration during the cookery session. —The Attendance Officer (Mr W. Hunter) reported that during the month he had made 19 visits to schools, and made inquiries after 326 absentees, of this number 276 were at the Spen, 43 at Hamsterley, and 7 at Victoria Garesfield. The attendance was attendance was not good, owing to many children having measles and bad eyes all over the district. The epidemic was serious at Blackhall Mill. The children from the Chopwell district attended very irregularly, and he was afraid it would be more so, as scarlet fever had made its appearance in that locality. The attendance at the Spen Schools was a little better than last month.—The headmaster (Mr T. Coulson) reported that during the month the attendance had for the past been very poor, and in consequence the work had been somewhat hindered, as many children fell back in their work. Unless the attendance of some of the children improved it would be necessary to re-classify for the examination.—The headmistress (Miss Melhuish) reported that during the month the attendance was very low, owing in a great measure to illness amongst the children, chiefly measles and sore eyes.—Cheques to the amount of £84 13s 4d were signed.—The Clerk reported that the balance in hand was £256 10s 3d.—A letter was read from the head-master (Mr Coulson), requesting the Board to consider three proposals—(1) that the Christmas holidays might commence on Dec. 23rd, and continue till Jan. 11th, instead of Jan. 4th, as would be the case under the old arrangement; (2) that the salaries of the teachers might be paid at the time the holidays commence, and not at the end; (3) that his house might be papered out.—The Chairman said the agreement with the teachers was for a fortnight's holidays at Christmas. The holidays summed up to about seven weeks in the year, and the question was whether they would grant them an extra week at Christmas, which would be the case if the application was granted.—Mr Tucker: I move that the teachers have the extra holiday.—This was seconded by Mr Richardson.—The motion was agreed to.—The Chairman: What about the payment of the salaries? This has been done before, and I will move that the Board do so again.—Dr Colquhoun seconded, and the motion was carried.—After other business had been transacted the Board rose.

INTERESTING LECTURE AT LEADGATE.

On Wednesday evening, the Wesleyan Chapel at Leadgate was well filled to hear a lecture by Mr H. Palmer, of Medomsley, manager of the Consett Iron Company's Collieries.—At the outset, Coun. W. F. Lane explained that owing to a mishap at the works, Coun. Jas. Scott, of Highfield, was unfortunately unable to preside as announced, and consequently he (Mr Lane) had been requested to take the chair. He had no doubt that they would all enjoy the lecture. Mr Palmer then proceeded with his lecture, which embraced "A Trip to Palestine," and was admirably illustrated by means of some very excellent lime-light slides. The lecturer ably dealt with the numerous incidents with the life of Christ in the Holy Land, and explained the various illustrations most lucidly. At the conclusion several snap-shots were shown on the screen, and then Mr Palmer recited the "Story of Jane Conquest," the lime-light pictures in this case being of the most beautiful description. The evening's entertainment was of the most enjoyable and interesting nature, and was a positive treat. At several points the lecturer was loudly applauded. Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

Local and District News.

CONSETT

On Thursday night Mr. W. H. Drew, of the Yorkshire Factory Workers' Union, gave a lecture, illustrated by limelight views, in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on "The currency question; its effect on the workers."

Dr. Carl, the mystic seer is this week amusing good audiences in the Town Hall by his weird experiments in "Soul reading." On Sunday he will give a lime-light recital, commencing at eight o'clock.

On Monday evening a grand promenade concert will be given in the Co-operative Hall. The Wesleyan Orchestra Band will be in attendance and there will also be a good programme supplied by able artistes.

DR. BARNARDO'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to a grand evening concert, which will be given in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Wednesday next, December 9th. As the proceeds of this concert will be devoted to the endowment of a "Consett Cot" in Dr. Barnardo's Children's Hospital. We heartily commend such a worthy object to all, and trust the success of the entertainment will meet, and soon exceed, the expectations of the friends and members of the Consett Young Helpers' League, who have so kindly taken this matter in hand.

SINGING CONTEST.—A most successful singing contest was held on Monday night last, at the house of Mr. Geo. Turnbull, Mason's Arms, Consett. The first prize, a beautiful timepiece, going to Mr. Thos. Armstrong, Consett, the second, a gentleman's watch, to Mr. Brannan, Leadgate, and an extra prize, given by Mrs. Turnbull, in the form of a lady's silver watch, to Mr. Ferry, Victoria Garesfield. Mr. Jos. Hodgson acted as chairman, Mr. J. Bolam presiding at the piano.

SALVATION ARMY BARRACKS.—A social was given by the members and friends, when about one hundred partook of a splendid repast, which was provided for the friends of the army in Consett and the surrounding villages. After the supper a short service was held, which was much appreciated. Great credit is due to the captain and his worthy lieutenant, who it is hoped will be allowed to stay for some time yet.

THE "CINEMATOGRAPHE."—The Consett Wesleyans have arranged for a visit of the original "cinematographe." This is the first visit of this wonderful product of modern science to our town, and it is well worthy of a visit. Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Newcastle, will conduct the entertainment, and in addition there will be songs by Madame Bellas-Dryden, Miss Grainger, Mr. Stelling, and the church choir will also give selections. The entertainment will take place on Thursday next, in the Wesleyan Church Hall.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Police Court.—On Monday, before Mr. Geo. Ridley, J.P.—Wm. Quinn, labourer, James Haley, Edward Nelson, James Wood, and Robert Dolin were fined 2/6 and costs, John Thornton, alias Clubby, 5/- and costs, for being drunk in Stanley on Saturday evening.—P.C's. Donaldson, Robson, and Simpson proved the cases.

Dramatic Performance.—The Annfield Plain and Dipton Amateur Dramatic Society made its debut on Monday evening in the performance, by special license, of the brilliant domestic drama entitled, "Hearts of Oak." All the artistes acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, and the performance was quite a treat.

Concert.—On Saturday evening, a grand concert was given in the P. M. School-room, by the members of the above church. Mr. J. Parker of Newbottle, presided, and Mr. J. Daly accompanied on the organ. The following artistes contributed to the performance:—Misses Peart, and Carrol, and Messrs J. Ligg, J. Clough, F. and H. Manistrey, J. Batey, J. Bugless, J. Patten, T. Pearson, J. Atkinson, and M. Usher.

Railway Fatality.—An inquest was held on Saturday afternoon at the Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, before Mr. John Graham, touching the death of a young man named Patterson, belonging to South Moor.—The deceased was employed as a fireman at the South Moor Coal Company's Morrison Pit, near Annfield Plain, and on Friday evening he was standing on the railway lines, and did not observe the locomotive he was employed upon (then travelling on another set of rails) approaching the points, the result being that he was fearfully crushed between the trucks and the engine, death resulting in a few minutes.—A verdict of "accidentally killed" was returned.

"Co-operative Production on the Land."—On Thursday evening a lime light lantern lecture was given in the Co-operative Hall, by Mr. H. R. Aldridge of the Land Nationalisation Society, from the subject, "Co-operative production on the land." The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Hewison, president of the society. Songs were also given by Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, and Mr. J. Jones. Mrs. Aldridge also gave two humourous recitations. The Co-operative choral society also rendered three selections under the leadership of Mr. R. Pearson, the accompaniments being given by Mr. Moody. The hall was crowed to excess.

Kyo School Board.—The monthly meeting of the above Board was held in the Annfield Plain Board Schools on Monday evening, Mr. R. Kay, chairman, presiding. The others members present were Messrs T. Brown, G. Ridley, J. W. Robson, W. Eltringham, Mr. W. Ritson (clerk), and the attendance officer (Mr. W. Ward).—The teachers' monthly reports were submitted, from which it was seen that the average attendance was slightly in advance of last month's attendance.—Mr. Wilson, architect, presented the amended plan for the new iron schools, which he thought could be erected for about £700.—On the motion of Mr. Ridley, the plan was accepted.—Mr. Robson drew the attention of the Board to the habit of one or two teachers holding classes in the porches, and moved that the clerk write the teachers, instructing them to discontinue the practice.—Mr. Bowes seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.—The Annfield Plain teachers applied for the use of a room for a social, to be held in January.—This was granted.

BLACKHILL.

Religious Liberty.—We beg to call the attention of our numerous Free Church readers to the important lecture on "The struggle for Religious Liberty" to be given at the Baptist Church, Blackhill, on Monday evening next, by the Rev. R. Gwilym Hughes of St. Paul's Congregational Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. Hughes is one of Principal Fairbairn's distinguished pupils and is justly celebrated for his great lecture on the above subject. The lecture will be illustrated striking lantern views. This is his first visit to our district and we may confidently expect a treat.

DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD.—On Saturday the death occurred of Mr. Isaac Unsworth, one of the oldest employee's of the Consett Iron Company. He was a native of Sunderland, but has resided in Consett for a large number of years, being employed until recently in the steelworks. He was throughout his life an ardent supporter of the Primitive Methodist body both in Consett and Blackhill. He was well-known as an extremely effective local preacher, and his eldest son Isaac, is a captain of the Salvation Army in Australia. He had been a widower for some years; he leaves a family of three sons and one daughter.—A great number of the men employed in the Consett Iron Works followed his remains to the grave. The service was conducted by the Revs. W. Raistrick and R. B. Hanley, amongst the many present were Mr. T. L. Gledstone, Mr. C. Parnaby, Mr. E. Sloane, Mr. S. Brodie, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. Jos. Kirk and Mr. Jas. Greenwood. The chief mourners were his two sons, W. and T. Unsworth, and Mr. Bowman a son-in-law.

BURNOPFIELD.

Temperance Hall.—A magic lantern lecture was given in the above place on Monday evening by the Rev. J. Madill, curate of Leazes Parish Church. The subject under consideration was "The Reformation of the Church of England."

U. M. F. C.—A Band of Hope entertainment was held in the School-room on Saturday evening. Mr. John Taylor, Busty Bank, occupied the chair. Recitations were given in excellent style by Miss E. Harmer, Jeannie Kyle, Isabella Clark, and Georgina Harmer. Solos were also contributed by Miss M. Turnbull, and Mr. Isaac Dawson. Mr. Wm. Parker gave an instructive and interesting address from the word "Watch." A very enjoyable, profitable evening was spent. The proceeds were for the Band of Hope Fund.

CAUSEY ROW.

P. M. Chapel.—The thirteenth and last social tea was given in the P. M. Chapel on Tuesday last by the choir, when £4 was added to the Chapel Renovation and Organ Fund. By means of these teas £75 2s 0d has been raised, making an average of £5 15s 6d per tea. By concerts, the choir have also realised £3 14s 6d, by collections £3 0s 0, and by donations from Messrs G. B. Oates and J. Chapman, £1 15s. Altogether the sum of £83 11s 6d has been raised in nine months, in the villages, with a total population not exceeding 400, which reflects great credit upon the people of Andrew's House and Causey Row

HAMSTERLEY.

It is proposed to present Mr. W. Allan, late manager of Hamsterley Colliery with a suitable gift in recognition of his services to the district, and for that object a fund has been opened, Mr. R. J. Chaytor being secretary.

MARLEY HILL.

Presentation at Fellside.—A presentation took place at the house of Mr. William Noble's Woodman's Arms, on Wednesday evening, which consisted of a gold medal and a purse of gold to Ex-P.C. Robert Robson, and a gold broach for Mrs. Robson, on his retirement from the Durham County Police Force, after having been stationed at Marley Hall for upwards of twelve years.

MEDOMSLEY.

Another Accident at the Derwent Colliery.—On Friday afternoon, at the end of the shift, the lads at the Consett Iron Company's Derwent Pit at Medomsley made a rush to get into the cage, which had not quite descended to the bottom of the shaft. A young fellow named Lynop was running to get in when the cage came down upon his foot, crushing it very severely. He was taken up and carried home, where his injury was dressed by a doctor.

OXHILL.

The Coke ovens in connection with Messrs Joicey and Co.'s South Tanfield Collieries are to be laid in owing to the depression in the coke trade.

P. M. Chapel.—A very successful bazaar was held in the above chapel on Wednesday afternoon, the opening ceremony being performed by Mr. Green, Stanley.

PELTON FELL

Mr. George Robson's Death.—Mr. George Robson, who died at his residence at Shotley Bridge on Saturday week, and who was buried on the following Tuesday, was connected with the Derwent Flour Mill Society for upwards of forty years. He was 58 years of age and died suddenly after an illness of a few hours, through paralysis, brought on by bursting a blood vessel on the brain.

Death of Mrs. Kirkup, of Pelton House.—We regret to announce the death of the wife of Mr. John Kirkup, of Pelton House. About a month ago deceased was going down stairs when she stumbled and fell. She never recovered from the effects, and died on the 1st inst., in her 74th year. We deeply sympathise with the family in their bereavement and great sorrow.

STANLEY.

The cricketing concert was held in the Co-operative Hall on Wednesday evening. Several good artistes entertained a large audience.

Sunday being Temperance Day special services were held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Stanley. Mr. A. Phillipson occupied the pulpit in the morning, and in the afternoon addresses were given by Messrs J. Brown, Calvert, A. H. Dodd, Johnson, and F. Stewart.

On Sunday evening the usual Gospel Temperance meeting of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Stanley was held. There was a good attendance, the programme being given by the Birtley P.M. Choir.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Choir, in answer to a request by the trustees, repeated the cantata, "The Lion of Judah," to a good company on Wednesday evening in the Wesleyan Chapel. —J. W. Faber, Esq., of Derwent Dene, presiding.

SERIOUS SMASH AT CONSETT IRON WORKS

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO MACHINERY.

On Wednesday morning, shortly before eight o'clock, the great No. 1 blasting furnace engine at the Consett Iron Works completely broke down through the breaking of the crank pin. The engine at the time was running at its ordinary speed, and when the beam-end became disconnected by the breakage, it came down with considerable force, and completely smashed in the steam cylinder. The pistons were also driven with considerable force against the top of the air cylinder, with the result that one was totally destroyed. A large portion of this cylinder came crashing to the ground. Before the engine could be brought to a stand-still, the beam-end played sad havoc with other portions of the engine. Several of the piston rods were bent, and the bed-plates are considerably damaged. With the exception of the two stands, none of the other portions of the engine seems to have escaped the force of the accident. It was at first reported that the whole engine was a total wreck; but that was afterwards found to be hardly correct. However, it can be safely said that the most valuable part of the engine has been entirely destroyed. It is thought that the damage will amount to some thousands of pounds; but it is impossible as yet to form an accurate estimate. The engine-man, Mr. M. Kirkup, was in charge at the time, and if he had not remained at his post, and succeeded in shutting off the steam, the whole building would have been a total wreck. Both Mr. Kirkup, and the young man, who was on the second floor of the engine-house at the time of the accident, looking after the electric light plant, had very narrow escapes. The noise of the accident was heard a distance of about a quarter-of-a-mile away. The engine-man succeeded in bringing the engine to a stand-still by shutting off the steam at a valve outside the engine-house. This is one of the most serious machinery accidents the Company have experienced for some years. No hands will, however, be laid idle by the accident. Fortunately the Company have two spare engines that can be utilised in cases of emergency for supplying the huge blast furnaces.

THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

MR J. F. X. O'BRIEN, M.P., AT CONSETT.

A meeting under the auspices of the Irish National League was held in the Saint Patrick's Schools, Consett, on Tuesday evening. The Rev. Father James Foran was advertised to take the chair, but Mr T. Dunne was called upon to preside, owing to the indisposition of the rev. gentleman through a cold. —After a glee by the chairman, and songs by P. O'Brien, Miss M. J. Hogan and John Mulholland.—Mr J. Forkin moved a resolution pledging the meeting to give all the support in its power to the Parliamentry representatives under the leadership of Mr John Dillon, and to discourage the arrogant presumption of a minority seeking to create dissension in the Irish ranks, in opposition to the resolution passed by the Irish race convention. He also moved a resolution condemning the action of the Government in keeping in prison for over 13 years the Irish political prisoners; and contrasting this with the treatment meted out to Dr. Jameson and his comrades. —Mr Jas. Daley seconded the resolution.—Mr John O'Hanlon, who received a very hearty reception, said that nobody could for a moment question that Mr Dillons followers were the true Irish Party in the House of Commons. (Hear, hear). Mr John Dillon was the real leader of the Irish people, because he had received his mandate from the Irish people. The Race convention has a thoroughly representative gathering, and it expressed itself as practically unanimous in favour of a united party, and majority rule. (Hear, hear).—The chairman said it was his pleasant duty to call upon Mr J. F. O'Brien to support the resolution.—Mr O'Brien, M.P., was received with the greatest enthusiasm. He said that his object in being with them was to assist Mr O'Hanlon in his endeavours to resuscitate local branches of of the Irish National League. It was no secret to any of them that during the last couple of years Irish organisation had fallen off considerably. This was owing to circumstances well known to everybody, the chief of which was the dissensions amongst the leaders of the Irish Parliamentary party. The party was torn by dissensions and petty personalities, which should not have been tolerated for one moment, and what reason was there for any dissension —surely the majority of the Irish parliamentary representatives had a right to choose their own chairman. (Hear, hear). If they were not to do it, who was to do it? Was it to be the minority. He had never heard of any country in the world where such a principle held good. (Hear, hear). Another reason why the majority of the Irish party should be allowed to elect their own leader was because that representive convention held in Dublin, at which 2,400 delegates from all over the world had mustered, had decided that the Irish parliamentary party should be governed according to the desires of the majority of those composing it. (Hear, hear). It was time something more was done for their beloved country. It was time that something was being done to stop the outward flow of her children. Why during recent years the population of the country had decreased from 8½ millions to 4½ millions, whilst the population of England had almost doubled! That was the sort of thing that was driving Ireland's sons to despair. The speaker then went on to refer to the need of better education for the masses of the Irish people, and the necessity of establishing a Catholic University in Ireland. On the subject of the second resolution he said that he could speak from experience as he had been imprisoned for the Irish cause.—(Cheers). Indeed, at one time he had been sentenced to be hanged, and quartered, and as the result of his prison experience, he could say that 13 years imprisonment, such as had been suffered by those men, was sufficient to punish any crime that could be committed. The imprisonment that was endured by Irish prisoners was not ordinary imprisonment. Warders were specially selected to degrade the Irish prisoners and insult them in every way, prison life was for them a hell upon earth. He also spoke of the injustice inflicted on Ireland by the present method of taxation, and urged upon all Irishmen to support the Irish National League as the surest and best way of obtaining the redress of the many grievances under which Ireland laboured. There was no cause for despondency on the part of Irishmen, as there was undoubtedly a brighter day in store for them when the Irish people were led by a united Irish Parliamentary party. The resolution was carried with acclamation, and a further musical programme followed, Mr E. Sloane ably accompanying.

Accident at Byer Moor Colliery.—At about a quarter-past nine o'clock on Monday morning, one of the guide ropes connected with the cage at this colliery broke, and the back-shift men, after holding a meeting near the heap, decided, under the circumstances, not to descend. The pit was laid idle for the rest of the day.

Late Advertisements.

By Mr Jas Turnbull.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF FAT CATTLE, SHEEP, AND PIGS, will be held on Monday, December 7th 1896. Present entries comprise 105 Fat Cattle, 410 Fat Sheep and 20 Pork and Bacon Pigs.
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DEATH OF THE REV. FATHER WOOD, OF TOW LAW.

On Sunday evening, at a late hour, Father Wood died at his residence at Tow Law after a comparatively brief illness. For the past fortnight the Rev. father had not looked so well, but he made little or no complaint. On Sunday, however, serious symptoms set in, and he died as stated. Father Wood has resided at Tow Law for between four and five years, and being of a sociable and genial disposition he was greatly esteemed at Tow Law and in the surrounding district. Prior to his acceptance of the priesthood at Tow Law, he occupied a similar position in connection with St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was, during his stay in that city, a member of the Board of Guardians, and the School Board. Special prayers were offered in the Catholic Church at Tow Law early on Monday morning, and as the news spread throughout South Durham it gave rise to widespread regret. Father Wood was educated at Ushaw College, and was ordained about half-a-century ago. He has spent his ministerial career in the North, having been stationed at Stella (Blaydon) and Newcastle, acting while at the latter place as Catholic chaplain at H.M. prison. He likewise filled the position, up to the time of his death, of the Diocesan Inspector in respect of religious instruction in the Roman Catholic Day Schools in Hexham and Newcastle diocese. He succeeded the late Canon Taylor-Smith at Tow Law. The funeral took on Thursday at Tow Law.

DEATH OF MR A. BARRAS, OF SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A well known figure in this district has been removed, by the death of Mr A. Barras, of Summerhill, Shotley Bridge, which occurred on Saturday last at the age of 61 years. Mr Barras, who formerly belonged to Benton Square, Newcastle, has resided in this district for many years. His first acquaintance with the district was when some 20 years ago he commenced farming the Pea Farm, at West Stanley. He relinquished this after some time, and commenced butchering at Annfield Plain. His next move was to Highgate, where he continued his butchering business until his retirement some years ago. There was a very large attendance at the funeral, which took place on Tuesday at Benfieldside cemetery. Canon G. H. Ross-Lewin conducted the service, the chief mourners being Mr and Mrs M. Barras, Mr and Mrs Wm. Barras, Mr H. Barras, Mr A. Barras, Mr C. Barras, and Mr H. Barras. Amongst other relatives and friends present were Mrs E. Stott, Mr and Mrs Geo. Stott, Miss Wardhaugh, Mrs Stott, Miss Jewers, Mr and Mrs Downey, Mrs Rogerson, Mr Jno Marshall, Mr Guthrie, Mr Wm. Ramsay, Mr Bullock, Mr Geo. Nicholson, Mr Lockey, Mr W. Ayton, Mr Wm. Wilson, Mr Wm. Dickinson, Mr Geo. Morgan, Mr E. Wilson, Mr J. Thompson, Mr R. Walton, Mr Wm. Dickinson, Mr J. Dixon, Mr Richardson, Mr J. Urwin, Mr J. Marshall, Mr Thompson, Mr Geo. Surtees, Mr J. Town, Mr J. Lax, J.P., Mr E. Wylam, Mr R. Hall, Mr R. G. Barclay, Mr J. Osborne, Mr J. Adamson, Mr J. H. Osborne and many others. The coffin was of pitch-pine, varnished, and with handsome brass mountings. The undertakers were Messrs W. Surtees and Sons, and the arrangements were admirable. It may be mentioned that Mr Barras was one of the warmest supporters of the Consett and District Club, and almost every branch of sport in the district, will lose a keen supporter by his death.

A PERFECT CURE FOR RHEUMATISM, AND SCIATICA.

There are thousands of people cripples from Rheumatism and Sciatica, and anyone near Handyside's Dispensaries can be cured free. Several who have been laid off work for years have been cured in an hour, but to maintain a perfect cure the Health Food prepared by G. Handyside, should be taken to prevent it returning. I have known a few who have not been cured, but it was only those who did not rub one part affected with the knuckles as hard as they could for a full hour according to the directions, and take the Health Food so as to make the cure a permanent one. Those who cannot go should get their friends to go for them and see the results. Those who will not take the trouble may cripple on as long as they like. All are rubbed at Handyside's Dispensaries and cured free. v.

WOMEN IN PRISON.

"A long and intimate acquaintance with females in durance has convinced me," says Major Arthur Griffiths in the October number of the "Windsor Magazine," "that they do not greatly differ from their more happily-situated sisters—those who have been more delicately nurtured and sheltered from trials, who have escaped the neglect and the temptations to which the unfortunate have succumbed. Women in prison display most feminine foibles, some no doubt exaggerated and developed into positive wickedness. They are full of vanity —often a proximate cause of their present trouble; they are, at times, childish, foolishly, fiendishly obstinate, to the extent of appearing perfectly mulish and intractable; they are wrongheaded, fanciful, of fitful temper, quick to take offence and see it where it was not intended; when roused they are almost untameable, and their passion degenerates speedily into storms of hysterical and maniacal fury. Nothing is more remarkable than the contagion of misconduct, and the rapidity with which it spreads. When they can hear each other, or still worse see, a disturbance may be got up by one woman which soon grows into something like a riot. This was especially the case in old Millbank, a prison of faulty construction, where the buildings completely enclosed the exercising yards, and where shouts and signals could be exchanged from window to window of the cells, and sometimes across the yard. The exercise of a whole ward had sometimes to be stopped through the outcry of one woman in confinement extending to the rest in the yard. Once a female prisoner 'starts out' to misbehave she is extraordinarily persistent, irreclaimable, and untameable for weeks. She will keep up some monotonous sing-song at the top her voice, drum and hammer on her cell door for hours at a time. If her temperament is sulkly and surly she will lapse into absolute silence, from which nothing will rouse her, crouching all the time in the farthest corner of a semi-dark cell. When noisly inclined, the only treatment is complete isolation. Prisons are generally provided with what is known as a 'dumb' cell, one built inside another and placed at a distance from the main building. The consciousness that no cries are heard, that all disturbance is wasted and useless, invariably silences the noisiest woman."

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Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, November, 26th.—Before Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen (presiding), Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, and Mr. Jon. Greer.

DRUNKENNESS.

Joseph Close, was fined 2/6 and costs for being drunk at Kip Hill on the 18th inst.

John Smith was charged by P.C. Johnson for being drunk at Shield Row.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

Wm. Foreman was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk on the 22nd November at Shield Row.

PITCH AND TOSS AT BURNHOPE.

Two brothers named Thomas and Robert Simpson were charged with playing pitch and toss on the highway between Maiden Law and Burnhope, on the 16th inst.—P.C. Haw proved the case.—Defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs.

ASSAULT AT SHIELD ROW.

William York, miner, was summoned for assaulting an old man named Joseph Mannley, at Shield Row, on the 14th inst.—Complainant averred that the defendant came to his house for or the loan of a shilling. He refused to give him the money and defendant dealt him a blow and knocked him down. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10/- and costs.

DRESSED IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES AT CRAGHEAD.

Edward Cox, miner, was charged with being drunk and disordrely at Craghead, on the 14th inst.—P.C. Ferguson averred that he came across the defendant very drunk, and dressed in women's attire. He had the whole village raised, and was followed by a large number of children.—Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 5/- and costs.

A HEAVY BILL OF ARREARS: CAUGHT AT LAST.

Thomas Smith, miner, Catchgate (who has been in America 13½ years, and only returned home about eight weeks since), was brought up to show cause why he had failed to contribute to an affiliation order of 3/- per week due to Elizabeth Boyle, now married, and living at Annfield Plain. Accused was 675 weeks in arrears, the total amount representing £101 5s. As the defendant would not make any offer for payment, the magistrates sentenced him to three months' hard labour, and regretted that they could not commit him for a greater length of time.

EDUCATION ACT.

Elizabeth Leadbitter was summoned by Mr. Seymour Meddick attendance officer for the Tanfield School Board, for refusing to send her boy to school.—Mrs. Leadbitter said the boy had trouble in the head.—The officer stated that he had called at defendant's house frequently to see why her boy was absent. On the 11th Nov. the boy was absent from school. He had seen him playing at football in Stanley on several occasions. Two certificates were produced from Dr. Benson and Dr. Anderson which were contradictory.—The case was adjourned for a month in order to allow Mr. Meddick time to lay the case before the Board.

KEEPING A DOG WITHOUT A LICENCE AT BURNHOPE.

Andrew Ross, miner, of Fell Row, Burnhope Colliery, was charged with keeping a dog without a license. Mrs. Ross appeared for defendant.—P.C. Haw stated that on the 27th of October, he visite dthe house of defendant when he found him keeping a dog without a licence.—Mrs. Ross produced the licence. The bench remarked that the case had been adjourned in order to prove the age of the dog.—A witness stated that the dog was born on the 4th May.—The Bench gave defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the case.

ALLEGED PERSISTENT CRUELTY.

James Dunn, an elderly man was charged by his wife, Margaret Dunn, with persistent cruelty on the 16th October.—Complainant in stating her case, said her husband had thrown a pot at her and she was afraid to live with him. She wished the Bench to grant her a separation order.—Defendant declared it was the complainant and the sons that caused all the row.—Sergt. Bengles: Are they step-sons?—Complainant: They are his sons.—The bench advised the parties to make a mutual agreement, and dismissed the case with costs.

PITCH AND TOSS AT CATCHGATE.

Twelve miners named Matthew Hardy, Thomas Bracken, William Parker, John Callicott, George Brown, George Stobbs, Robert J. Shotton, Robert Forster, James Bell, John Dodds, Fredk. Cromell, and John Kirtley, were charged with playing pitch and toss at Catchgate, on the 15th inst.—Sergt Vickers averred he saw the whole of the defendants gambling on the public highway. He witnessed money change hands several times. Witness also saw bets made, and one of the defendants declared that if he (the officer) had only stayed away a little longer he would have won a sovereign.—P.C. Martin corroborated.—Collicott denied having made a bet.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was inflicted in each case.

ASSAULT AT LANCHESTER.

Henry McMahon was summoned with assaulting Joseph Dowson at Lanchester, on the 23rd inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant stated that he entered the Black Bull Inn, along with a companion, when he met the defendant who challenged him out to fight. Witness refused, and the defendant then dealt him two blows on the face.—Frederick Muirhead and Robert Wall gave corroborative evidence.—For the defence it was stated that when defendant got up to get his beer complainant pushed him down. They commenced to quarrel, but no blows were struck.—The Bench imposed a fine of 10/- and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

The following were proceeded against for this offence.—Patrick Colan, Lanchester, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Power, Stanley, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Elliott, Stanley, 7/6 and costs; George Lee, Stanley, 5/- and costs; Thomas Clarke, Stanlay, 5/- and costs; Thomas Hanley, Craghead, 5/- and costs; Robert Fenwick, Stanley, 7/6 and costs; John Jopling, Stanley, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Hutchinson, South Moor, 5/- and costs; John Priestman, South Moor, 5/- and costs; Thomas Scour, Catchgate, 5/- and costs; Edward Dixon, Annfield Plain, 7/6 and costs; John Howe, Annfield Plain, 2/6 and costs; George Riley, Annfield Plain, 7/6 and costs; William Howe, Annfield Plain, 2/6 and costs; Patrick McKie, Annfield Plain, 2/6 and costs; John Rose, Annfield Plain, 7/6 and costs; and James Delaney, Quebec, 5/- and costs.

OBSTRUCTING THE POLICE AT CONSETT.

Francis Graham, lodging-house keeper, of Consett, was charged with obstructing Sergt. Dryden in the execution of his duty at Consett, on the 7th inst.—The officer averred that when he took the prisoner of the last case into custody at the defendant's house Graham got hold of Duval several times, and endeavoured to prevent him from leaving the house. Defendant also attempted to excite the other lodgers to attack the officer. Defendant kept a very disorderly house, and was known to harbour thieves and poachers.—Defendant, who conducted himself in a disorderly manner, denied the charge, and said all he did was simply to get hold of Duval and tell the officer to wait till the man got his boots on. It was all spite that had brought him there that day.—The Bench considered the case proved, and imposed a fine of £3 and costs; in default one month's hard labour.

SWINE FEVER REGULATEIONS.

Two miners named Hugh Donan and Abraham Laycock, Craghead, were proceeded against for having on October 17th moved by land into the County of Durham a crate of eight pigs which within the preceding 14 days such movement had been in the district of Bedford in contravention of a regulation.—Inspector Daley said the proceedings were taken under section 11 of the Swine Fever Order. Having read extracts to show the offence and stated that on the 17th October, P.C. Ferguson was on duty at Craghead and when he saw the defendants receive a crate of pigs from a dealer at Biggleswade in Bedfordshire.—P.C. Ferguson gave corroborative evidence.—Inspector Daley said he believed he would have to ask for the case to be dismissed, as he had discovered the pigs were consigned from Ashworth in Cambridgeshire, which was not one of the schedule counties.—Mr. Surtees, stationmaster at Chester-le-Street, spoke to the pigs coming to Chester-le-Street station, and were afterwards conveyed to Craghead, County of Durham.—The Bench dismissed the case.

NIGHT POACHING AT BURNHOPE.

Frank Thornton, miner, was charged under the Poaching Prevention Act, with hounding a dog on a rabbit on land near Whiteside Farm, Holmside, belonging to the Earl of Durham, on October 14th. Defendant was further charged with obstructing the officer in the execution of his duty.—Mr. Turnbull (Chester-le-Street), defended.—P.C. Haw deposed that on the 14th of November he was on duty beside Holmside about eleven o'clock in the evening. When he got a short way below White Side Farm, he heard a man urging on a dog at a rabbit in a field belonging to the farm. On going a little nearer he saw the dog with a rabbit in its mouth. He went down to Thornton and said to him: "Now Frank, what are you up to now," when defendant snatched the rabbit out of his hand. Witness asked Thornton for the rabbit several times, when the latter said: "That no b—— policeman would take the rabbit off him." The officer said he would be bound to search him, and Thornton said, "there was never a man born yet that would search him." The officer threw defendant down, and a struggle ensued. Defendant became violent, and witness was going to lock defendant up: but defendant promised to go home. The defendant afterwards further threatened to mark the policeman.—Mr. Turnbull asked if the officer had not amplified the struggle at all?—The officer: No.—Mr. Turnbull asked the officer by what right he had seized Thornton to take the rabbit from him?—The officer: By the Poaching Prevention Act.—George Foster, gamekeeper, was called, and said that Lord Durham had had the right to shoot on this land for about 40 years.—For the defence, Mr. Turnbull stated that where the game was apart from the ownership the person whom the exists must prove their right by deed under seal. He understood that the occupier did not wish to prosecute the case. There was no corroboration, and as there was a doubt in the case he asked the Bench to give his client the benefit of it. The obstruction had really been a fight for the rabbit.—The Bench considered the case proved, and imposed a fine of £1 and costs in each case, or one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

LARCENY BY A TRICK AT CONSETT.

Henry Duval, alias John Young, was brought up on remand on a charge of obtaining 2/- by means of a trick at Consett on the 16th inst.—Henry Thompson Thubron stated that he was a cartman employed by Mr. Nathan Eledon, mineral water manufacturer, Consett. On Monday night, 16th November, about 10.45 p.m., he went into the bar of the Alexandra Hotel, Consett. A few minutes later the prisoner came into the bar, and said, "I am a conjurer; has any body half-a-crown—I will show you a trick." No one spoke. He then said, "Has any body a two shilling piece?" Witness said, "Yes." He said, "Will you lend me it, and I will show you a trick." Witness did so. He then said, "Hold your hand out like this," showing witness how he wanted him to hold his hand. Prisoner then held the two shilling piece between his thumb and forefinger, and had the palm of witness' hand, saying, "When I count three close your hand as quick as you can, and put it up to your head." He did the trick three times; the two first times were not quick enough; the third time he said, "That will do. Have you got it." Prosecutor said, "No," but he thought he had, for he could feel he had a coin in his hand. Duval said, "No" how can you have it, here it is. Open your hand and see what you have. Witness did so and found that he had a penny. He then put the two shilling piece into his hand, saying "There is your money." Witness thought he picked the penny up, for he made a pretence to do so. A few minutes later he put his hand into his pocket to get some money to pay for three drinks which he had ordered for two friends and himself and found he had a penny and two half-pennies. He said to the prisoner, "You have got my two shillings." Duval said, "No, man, I have only a few coppers." When he left the prisoner the two shillings he had only a two shilling piece and two half-pennies. He then informed the police, and was present at the police station when the prisoner was charged. He replied, "No, sir, by betting; I won it by betting, show me the man, and I will give him it back." Sergt. Dryden adduced that on this particular night about 11.20 he apprehended the prisoner at Graham's lodging house in John Street, Consett. He had to pull the prisoner out of bed, and between the bed and the mattress he found a 2/- piece, and the prisoner said: "No, that is my own. I gave the man his money back after doing the trick. At the Police Station, prisoner said: "I won it by betting. Show me the man, and I will give him his money back." On the way to Lanchester that morning prisoner said: "He knew I had the 2/-. It was only greed for money. I was in the house long enough, why did he not ask me for it." He might state that when the prisoner was taken into custody he resisted nobody.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and made a long statement to the effect that he was a professional conjurer, and had lived in the country for 20 years. On this particular night he did get a 2/- piece from the prosecutor; but it was returned to him. He could prove that the 2/- he had in his possession was his own, and the barmaid of the public-house took the copper he had; and gave him the silver coin.—Defendant was found guilty, and fined £1; in default 14 days' hard labour.

BLACKHALL MILL LANDLORD THREATENED.

William Craigs, miner, was brought up on remand on a charge of threatening and assaulting William Park Stonehouse, landlord of the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, on the 19th inst. Mr. J. G. Murray (Consett) prosecuted; whilst Mr. W. Welford (Consett) defended. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.—Prosecutor adduced that on this particular night prisoner came to his house about ten o'clock, whilst he was standing in the passage. Witness refused to admit the prisoner in consequence of having threatened his wife on the previous night. He advised Craigs to go home; but he declined to do so, and P.C. Dixon came on the scene, and took the prisoner away. When the prisoner was got outside witness shut the door, and allowed it to remain closed for some time. When the door was opened, prisoner again entered the passage, and P.C. Dixon had to lead him out. Shortly after the prisoner returned to the public-house, and rushed at witness, and struck at him. The blunt instrument that Craigs had in his hand, just grazed his chin. Wtinses knocked the prisoner down, and then P.C. Dixon came into the passage and got hold of him. He exclaimed "Stick to him Dixon he has got a knife." He was now afraid he would do him some bodily harm.—In answer to Mr. Welford, witness said Craigs was the worse for liquor. There was no ill-feeling. The prisoner formerly came a great deal to the house. The instrument just scraped him under the chin. When he saw the knife (produced) it was in the officer's hands.—By Mr. Murray: About three years ago he had the prisoner at the court for refusing to quit. There had been no threats used till the night prior to the assault.—P.C. Dixon deposed that on this night, about ten o'clock he was on duty at Blackhall Mill. From what he heard of the prisoner when near the Ship Inn, he advised him to go home. Prisoner did do so; but returned shortly after, and was again making tracks for the public-house, and he stopped him. Witness told Craigs he had better mind what he was doing. Prisoner then declared he would kill the b——, and that he had only once to die, and would like to hang for him. Presently Craigs stated he would go home, and after walking five or six yards away, prisoner turned round, and said, "I may as well do it now. Prisoner rushed into the passage of the public-house, and met Stonehouse. The two men had a struggle, and both fell to the ground. Witness then got hold of the prisoner, and he then discovered he had the knife (produced) in his hand. He wrenched the knife out of prisoner's hand, and then took him into custody. On the road to the Consett Police Station, prisoner said: "He cannot be any worse as I had not time for you getting hold of me."—Isaac Booth woodman, living at Blackhall Mill, averred that on Thursday night, November 19th, about 10.20 he was standing talking to the prisoner and P.C. Dixon, when the former said: "I will kill the b——; I only have once to die, and would like to be hanged for him." The prisoner then got up off the ground and said: "I will take your advice, Dixon, and go home. Prisoner bid them good night, and went away; but only got about six or seven yards when he heard him say: "Its only once to do, and I will do it now." Craigs then ran to the Ship Inn, and P.C. Dixon got hold of the prisoner and there was a struggle in the passage.—For the defence, Mr. Welford said that the whole row commenced through prisoner being refused liquor. When in the house getting supper prisoner discovered there was nothing to drink, and quickly left the table, after cutting some bread and meat, and said: "I will go and see if I can get a pint." The prisoner must have taken the knife that he was using at the table with him; but prisoner confesses that he was not aware that he had the knife in his possession. The truth was that Craigs was that drunk he did not really know what he was doing. He was afraid the knife had been used; but not intentionally. He asked the Bench to deal leniently with the case, as the prosecutor had not been injured.—The magistrates considered this a very bad case, and fined defendant £2 and costs for the assault; or in default one month's hard labour, and for threatening prisoner would be bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for six months, and find once surety of £10 for his good behaviour during that period, in default three month's imprisonment.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, November 30th.—Before Mr. J. W. Annandale, (presiding), Messrs J. T. Potts, Mr. Geo. Nicholson, J. W. Davison, E. W. E. Balleny, H. C. Wood, J. W. Taylor, Geo. Ainsworth.

CRICKET CLUB DINNERS.

Extension of two hours each were granted to the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on December the 15th and the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, on the 9th December on the occasion of the Consett and District and Medomsley Cricket Club dinners.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

Application was made by Daniel Rafferty, for the transfer of the license at present held by James Conroy, at the Queen's Head Hotel, Consett, to himself. Evidence was given as to Mr. Rafferty's character, and the application was granted.

THE NEW THEATRE AT CONSETT.

Mr. Robertson, of the Theatre Royal, Jarrow, applied for a dramatic license to the new theatre, in Front Street, Consett. Mr. Wm. Shell, the architect, produced plans of the building, which, he said, had to be finished in three weeks' time. After viewing the plans the Beach said that they considered it such an important question that they would like to view the premises, during the ensuing fortnight and go into the question thoroughly. They would view the premises as early as possible, and probably would ask the architect to meet them. The application could then be renewed on that day fortnight.

CHARGE OF PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS AT DIPTON.

Catherine Bragg, landlady of the Sportsman's Arms, Dipton, was charged with permitting drunkenness, on her premises. Mr. Joel, defended.—Sergt. Lawson said that on Saturday night, the 14th of November, about a quarter past seven, he visited the Sportsman's Arms. He looked into the tap room and saw a man named Matthew Mason, on a form asleep, with a glass of beer beside him. He was very drunk. The landlady's son Andrew, followed him into the room, and when asked about it he said that they had refused to supply him and that the other men must have given him beer. He then went into the kitchen, and saw a man named Thomas Gorman who was trying to get up from the floor, where he had fallen. He also saw two men, Patrick Alpin, and Levi Williams, they were very drunk, Alpin being especially so. There were three glasses containing beer beside them. The men were alone at the table, but there were men, who were sober at the other side of the room. Mrs. Bragg, when her attention was called to the man in the tap room said she had stopped his drink. When asked about the men in the kitchen she said that they must have just come in by the brake. He had been outside for five or ten minutes and had not seen the men go in. Alpin, when he got out, was very drunk and had to be taken home by the officer. He did not see other men go home.—In examination, by Mr. Joel, the Sergeant said that Mrs. Bragg had conducted the house fairly well. There had been a pigeon shooting in the afternoon, and Mrs. Bragg was upstairs attending to a supper held after the shooting. It was sometimes very difficult to prevent men getting in, and occasionally men could get into the one public-house from another, and get supplied at the second house.—P.C. Curtis spoke to seeing Levi Williams drunk outside, at about 20 minutes past seven.—Mr. Joel said that the defendant had been charged with permitting drunkenness. It had been held that if the people were drunk on the premises without the knowledge or sanction of the license holder, they were not permitting drunkenness within the meaning of the act.—Mrs. Bragg then gave evidence, and said that there had been a shooting that day, and she was attending to the supper. She had seen Mason about four o'clock in the afternoon, and she did not know that at the time of the officer's visit Mason was in the house. If she had known she would have refused them drink. Her son and daughter who were left in charge of the bar had instructions to refuse such people.—Andrew Bragg, son of the defendant, deposed that he did not see Mason come into the house. It was true he was there; but he never served him with liquor, and he never heard Mason ask for anything. He answered a knock from the tap-room, and he served a man with a quart of beer. He could not say whether Mason partook of any of the beer or not. Witness was standing in the passage when Gorman and another man came into the house. He distinctly told these men that they would get no drink there, and they had better go outside. The men would be into the house reason or otherwise.—In answer to Sergt. Lawson, Witness said he first saw Mason in the house about five minutes to seven. He admitted that Mason was drunk. The three men came into the kitchen close upon seven o'clock. He denied that he ever supplied the men with liquor, and that the three glasses which were standing on the table belonged to other customers who had previously left the house.—Mary Ann Wilkinson, daughter of the defendant, averred that on this particular night she was in attendance at the bar of her mother's house. Witness saw Williams in the kitchen, and he demanded a glass of beer. She refused to supply him, and he then asked for a small lemon. She brought the lemon, but as Williams refused to pay for it, she took it away. The other men were never served with drink.—A witness named Lewin Cauk alleged that when he came downstairs from the dinner he heard the defendant's son tell Gorman and the other men in the passage they were not going to get any drink there, and they had better go out.—The Magistrates, after a short consultation, considered the case proved, and fined defendant 40/- and costs; the license not to be endorsed.—The men, Levi Williams, Matthew Mason, Patrick Alpin, and James Gorman were next proceeded against with being drunk on the licensed premises, and were each fined 5/- and costs.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS ON LICENSED PREMISES AT CONSETT.

John Donnelly, landlord of the White Swan Inn, Front Street, Consett, was summoned for a breach of the Licensing Act by permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 2nd ult. Defendant pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. J. McCartan (Consett).—Sergt. Dryden averred that on Monday night 2nd Nov. he visited the White Swan public-house, Front Street, Consett, about 9.50, in company with P.C. Carruthers. On entering the bar he saw three men, two standing and one sitting. Miss Donnelly was behind the bar. One of the men was drunk, and he said to Miss Donnelly that he thought the man had had too much drink. There were three glasses in front of the men. Miss Donnelly informed him that the man he complained of had only had two glasses, and had been sitting in front of the fire. He requested the man to stand up. He did do so but fell against the counter. Witness asked the man for his name, but as he could not give it he locked him up.—Cross-examined by Mr. McCartan: He spoke to the man as soon as he entered the house. The name of the man was Thomas Tierney. Witness did speak to Miss Donnelly and she said that Tierney had only had two glasses of liquor, and had just come into the bar from sitting in front of the fire. They took hold of the man, and they led him out of the house. If the man had given his name he would have allowed him to go home. He did not know the other two men that were in the house. It was not through the man giving him a number of back answers that he took him into custody. Witness did not see the landlord.—P.C. Carruthers gave corroborative testimony, and said that when they ordered the man out, one of the other men present took up a glass of beer, and said: "Sup off lad, and let's go home."—By Mr. McCartan: When the man was asked for his name he said: "You don't know me Dryden, I am a stranger." The Sergt. did threaten to lock the man up if he refused to give him name and address. Witness and the sergeant assisted the man out of the house. They took him to the Police Station, and on the road he staggered a great deal. The sergt. did tell Miss Donnelly that the man had had too much drink, and he had no right to be in the house.—Inspected Best spoke to the condition of the man Tierney when he was brought to the Police Station.—Sergt. Bellam stated that when he served the summons, defendant admitted the man had only been served with one glass of beer.—For the defence Mr. McCartan stated that the two men, Carr and Tierney, had just entered the house before the arrival of the police. One of the men named Carr ordered two glasses of mixed beer, and Tierney took one of them, and and sat down on a seat. When the sergt. Passed Tierney he told him it was time he was home. Tierney replied: "What should I go home for?" After a few more words Tierney was taken into custody. He contended that Tierney was not so intoxicated as to call for the interference of the police. There had been no case of complaint regarding the way the house had been conducted, and the defendant had occupied it for two years.—Rose Donnelly, sister of the defendant, adduced that on this night she was waiting on in the bar. The police generally visited the house on a Monday night. The two men referred to entered the house, and one of them, whose name was Carr, ordered three glasses of beer. Tierney tasted his beer, and sat down on a seat. Sergt. Dryden and the other officer entered the house, and when passing Tierney, the Sergt. said: "It is time you were home, young man." Some altercation between the man and the police took place, and Tierney was locked up for refusing to give his name and address. The man was perfectly sober, and had only been in the house five minutes.—In answer to Sergt. Dryden, witness said she had no conversation with the police, and was annoyed herself at the way Tierney answered the officer.—Two witnesses named Johnson and Ed. Carr adduced evidence to the effect that Tierney had only been in the house two or three minutes before the arrival of the police.—The case was proved and defendant was fined 20/- and costs.

ANOTHER CONSETT PUBLICAN IN TROUBLE.

THE CASE DISMISSED.

Henry Roberts, landlord of the Oak Inn, Front Street, Consett, was next proceeded against for committing a similar offence on the night of the 7th November. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.—Sergt. Dryden alleged that on Saturday night, 7th November, about 10.45, he visited the defendant's house in Front Street, Consett. There were several men in the bar, at the end of the bar there were three men, Jon. Perry, John Quinn, and another man, with grey whiskers whom he did not know. Referring to the man with grey whiskers he said: "This man should not be here." Defendant said: "It is all right sergt. he is going." Witness also spoke to the landlord about Quinn, and the old man, previously referred to, left the house. The other man, Perry, was also drunk. There were glasses standing in front of the men. The defendant ordered Quinn to leave the premises. The defendant was also under the influence of drink. He then went out at the back of the house to get one of the men's names. He saw Perry going up the street, and was staggering very much. During the last three months he had visited the house repeatedly, and had cautioned the defendant for having men drunk on his premises.—Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: There were a lot of men in the bar. He had not summoned the old man, because he did not know him. He considered Quinn had partaken of sufficient drink, and drew the landlord's attention to the fact. There were a number of glasses on the counter. He could not tell how long Perry had been in the house.—P.C. Waites corroborated.—By Mr. Welford: He did not see the men enter the premises. The man Perry staggered a great deal when outside. There was nothing said about Perry being at the house to see another man for some money.—Inspector Best said that about ten o'clock on this particular night he met Perry in Front Street, and he was very drunk. The man nearly fell through a plate glass window.—Mr. Welford, contended that there was no doubt Perry was drunk, but he had no liquor at the defendant's house, and therefore his client was not guilty to the charge. Perry came simply to the house to see a man named Taife for 13/6 and when in the act of receiving the money the police entered the premises. He protested strongly against the way the police took these cases. The men they generally found on the premises were brought to the court, and if a conviction was secured, a summons was taken out against the publican. It would only be fair that in such cases as the present, the men found upon licensed premises, and the landlord should be tried on the same day.—John Taife, said that he lived at Consett, and had charge of a contract at Consett Steelworks. On this particular night when in Robert's public house, Perry entered and witness gave him a sum of money due as wages. The police shortly afterwards entered the premises; but did not speak to Perry. He could swear that Perry partook of no drink in the house.—Wm. Storey also gave similar evidence.—Joseph Perry, said that three weeks ago on Saturday night, he went into Roberts' beerhouse to receive his money from John Taife. Storey told him that Taife was at Roberts' house. He had nothing in the house. Taife paid him at the counter, and the police came in whilst he had the money in his hand. The police told Roberts not to fill him any more drink and he then went out. He heard the Sergeant telling the people to get several people out. He never had tasted beer that day. In answer to the magistrates he said he was capable of taking care of himself when he met the Inspector. He had had some whisky in the morning, but had been to bed since then.—A man named Williamson said he was in Roberts' house about 8.30 and the Sergeant came in and ordered Perry to have no more drink, and Perry then went out. Taife gave him his money at the bar. Perry had nothing to drink to his knowledge. He said he did not know what went on in the bar. He had something else to do, besides listening to the Sergeant's "crack." The defendant then gave evidence. Perry in the forenoon came into his house and asked for Taife. He came back at twenty-five minutes to nine. Taife came out of the front of the house and gave him some money. Sergeant Dryden and another officer came in. The Sergeant drew his attention to the man. He denied that Perry had had any drink, and walked quietly out of the house. He would not be more than five or six minutes in the place. Williamson was "jolly" he only served him with one, but he might have had half a dozen for what he knew. The officers were in the house twice within five minutes.—The case was dismissed.

THE WOUNDING AFFRAY AT DIPTON.

ALLEGED SAVAGE ATTACK ON A SISTER-IN-LAW.

The three defendants, Mary Ann Curtis, Louisa Ann Slater, and Eleanor Elizabeth Clarke were again charged on remand with unlawfully wounding, with intent. Martha Ann Slater, married woman, at Dipton, on October 28th and 29th. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted, and Mr. J. McCartan (Consett) defended. Complainant, who was assisted into Court, and accommodated with a chair appeared still to be suffering greatly from the effects of the alleged savage assault that had been committed upon her. It was with the greatest difficulty that she was able to give her evidence.—Mr. Welford briefly explained that the defendants were charged with unlawfully wounding the complainant on October 28th and 29th. The facts were that on the first day the complainant was hanging some clothes out in the garden when one of the defendants came up and severely assaulted her, and one of the other defendants joined in the affray. Not being satisfied with what they had given the complainant the defendants again attacked the poor woman on the following day, and she was again badly ill-used, with the result that she had been laid up ever since, and attended by a medical man. It was necessary for him to make a long opening statement, as the magistrates could see for themselves how the woman had been ill-used.—Complainant averred that on the 28th October Louisa Ann Slater came up to her in the garden, and kicked the basket off the path. Witness asked her what she did that for, and she then got hold of her, tossed her down, then jumped on her, struck her with her fists on the face, and along the side. Eleanor Clarke then came on the scene, and she dealt her a blow. This defendant also jumped on the top of her, dealt her a blow on the temples, and also cut her ears and her hair. She did not know what this defendant had in her hands, but they were hard when she struck her. They both "brayed" her. When she got up off the ground she saw Mary Ann Curtis. Witness was dazed nearly an hour. She could not say that Curtis did anything to her. The defendants all ran away towards their own homes, but Mary Ann Curtis was last. How she got into her own house she did not know. After she got into the house she fainted. When she came to, she was lying on the mat at the bedside. The next day, the 29th. October, about 10.30 in the morning, she went outside to toss some water out. She heard her father's tongue going. He was talking to Louisa Ann Slater, and she heard him say: "What have you being doing to Martha." Louisa said: "I have done nothing."—Complainant went up to her father and Louisa got hold of her, tossed her down. Louisa then gave her a good thrashing in the yard, and jumped upon her. She also "brayed" her on the face with her fists. Witness asked to let her up; but she said: "No you b—— I have not finished with you yet." Mary Ann Curtis then came across the road and kicked her in the side, and in the bowels. Louisa Ann Slater then ran away, and Mary Ann Curtis then called her all the b——'s she could think of, and declared complainant had not got plenty. This defendant then gave her a kick and she lost her senses. Mary Ann Curtis would not let her up, and declared: "You b—— b——, I will finish you." Complainant's father helped her up off the ground, and got her into the house. Since then she had been attended by a doctor. This was the first time she had been out of the house since the 29th October.—Cross-examined by Mr. McCartan: She and her sister-in-law lived next door. They had done so for about six years. On the Wednesday morning she was hanging up the clothes in the garden. Louisa Ann Slater did not go past to feed the rabbits. The clothes basket was not on the pathway, but Slater tossed it over She did not shout to her "that she had better mind what she was doing." Louisa did turn round and asked her what she was doing to stop her going down the garden. Witness did not strike her with a clothes peg. Louisa got hold of her. On the Thursday morning the second affray occurred. Louisa was talking to her father outside the yard. Complainant came out and Louisa got hold of her against the bridge. She tossed her into the yard, and witness's father got hold of her so as to allow Louisa to get up. Mary Ann Curtis came on the scene. Complainant's father never put her into the house. She would swear that Eleanor Clark and the other defendants did illuse her. There were a large number of people present.—John Robson, miner, said he resided at South Medomsley. He remembered Wednesday October 28th.—About 9.30 in the morning he was in the house when he heard a scuffle outside. Witness went out, and he saw Louisa Slater deal the complainant half-a-dozen blows. The complainant was lying on the ground, and Louisa was stooping over her. The blows were struck about the face and head. The other two defendants were present. Mary Ann Curtis said: "That will do Louisa, she has had plenty." Louisa walked into the house, and complainant declared she would make her pay for it. The complainant's face looked to be very red.—By Mr. McCartan: He did not see the beginning of the row. When he got outside Martha Slater was lying on the ground. He did not see her looking for a clothes prop. Witness did not see Louisa's dress pulled off her back.—Joseph Turnbull, father of the complainant, deposed that he resided at Dipton. He remembered Thursday, October 29th. About 10.30 in the morning he went into the yard, when Louisa Ann Slater came running out of the house. Witness asked her what had been the matter. The defendant made a reply and then rushed past him. She knocked the complainant into her own yard. Mary Ann Curtis then came out, fell on the top of the complainant, and struck her in the breast. Witness got the women up off the ground, and he took the complainant into the house as she was in a very bad condition, distressed, and had to have assistance.—By Mr. McCartan: He had not to put the complainant into the house twice. Mary Ann Curtis was on the top of the complainant when she was lying in the yard.—Dr. John Collingwood Thompson, surgeon, practising at Dipton, attested that on Wednesday, October 28th, the complainant came to his surgery. She was suffering from several lacerations on the face and bruises on the left shoulder. He examined her again on the 30th October, and found her suffering from a fracture of the eighth rib on the right hand side of the chest, a large contusion of the abdomen, and also inflammation of the right lung. The complainant was from the 31st October to the 5th November, lying in a dangerous condition. The complainant was still very ill, not having had any nourishment for the last five weeks. The fracture of the rib was caused by external violence. A kick was liable to cause this fracture.—In answer to Mr. McCartan, witness said if the complainant had fallen against the gutter it would not have caused the fracture, because it was an impacted one.—Sergt. Lawson deposed that from a certificate he received from Dr. Thompson, he apprehended the three defendants on the 4th November, and conveyed them to the Consett Police Station. He charged them with unlawfully wounding the complainant, with intent, at South Medomsley, on the 28th ult. Defendants made no reply.—The Chairman said the complainant should never have been brought to the court that day. She was still far too ill to be out.—Mr. Welford: I did not see the defendant till this morning, and was not aware of her present condition.—In answer to the charge defendants pleaded not guilty.—Mr. McCartan stated that he thought he would be able to prove that the complainant was the aggressor, and that Clarke and Curtis took no part in the affray. He had any amount of witnesses who would be able to give them independent evidence as to what really did take place. The only independent evidence for the prosecution, with the exception of the doctor, was that tendered by the man Robson.—Mary Ann Curtis said that she went into Louisa Ann Slater's on Wednesday morning. She was feeding the fowls at the front door. When she was out at the front she went to feed the rabbits Complainant was hanging out the clothes. Louisa Ann Slater walked quietly up, and as she was coming back complainant threw the basket over the footpath. Louisa Ann Slater took her foot and pushed it quietly to one side. Complainant then told her she had better mind what she was doing, and used very bad language. The complainant then followed Louisa Ann Slater down the garden, and struck her across the face. Complainant had a clothes peg in her hand at the time, and made Louisa's face bleed. Complainant caught Louisa by the hair of the head. They both struggled and fell. As Louisa was rising from the ground complainant tore her sleeve from her dress, and would not let her go. Complainant took up a clothes prop to put through Louisa. They both got parted. Louisa went into the house, and complainant kept working all day. On the Thursday morning complainant's father came up when Louisa was standing in the yard. Turnbull asked the defendant "what for she could not let Martha alone. Louisa then told Turnbull she never touched the complainant. By this time complainant appeared on the scene, and seized Louisa by the hair of the head. They both struggled by the side of the well. There was a channel near the gateway, and they both fell. Complainant's father, and Susannah Hannah Curtis went to part them. The time the two parties were on the ground complainant shouted to her father: "Lay on to her father with the stick." When they got them parted complainant seized Louisa and tore the sleeve out of her dress. Complainant came out of the house and declared "as bad as she was, she would either kill Louisa, or the latter would kill her." Turnbull told complainant to go into the house and if she did not, she would just have to take what she got. The father left complainant and came across the road, and talked to witness' mother. He said the best thing that could be done was for the complainant to be shifted. She had nothing whatever to do with the affray.—Louisa Ann Slater stated that what the first defendant had said was perfectly true. Eleanor Clarke and the other defendant had nothing to do with the assault.—William Brown, mason, Annfield Plain, said he was employed on Thursday, October 29th, at the colliery rows, South Medomsley. He was walking in one of the yards re-sorting some steps. He saw Martha Slater made the first attack by seizing hold of Louisa Ann Slater. There was a scuffle, and they both fell together in the gate-way. The old man Turnbull was present, and he was inducing his daughter to give over. Mary Ann Curtis took no part in the affray. He did not see Eleanor Clark present. Complainant walked into her own house, and she afterwards came out twice.—By Mr. Welford: The complainant was not knocked down. Mr. Turnbull never took Curtis and Louisa off his daughter. Witness could not state what took place in the yard.—By the Chairman: Witness was working at the rows the whole of the day. He did say to the complainant after she had made a complaint: "That it was a poor job fighting." When he told her that witness was working at the complainant's house.—Robert Hodgson, mason, Hare Law, William Thompson, miner, South Medomsley, and other witnesses also tendered evidence to the effect that complainant was the aggressor, and that Curtis and Louisa Slater took no part in the affray.—After a lengthy hearing, which lasted for several hours, the magistrates dismissed the charge against Curtis and Clarke, and committed the other defendant to take her trial at the forthcoming Durham Sessions. Defendant was allowed bail—herself in £50, and one surety of £50.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny (presiding), and Mr. George Nicholson.

EDUCATION ACT.

The following were proceeded against for a breach of this Act: Joseph Barron, Blackhill, case dismissed; George Coates, Catchgate, fined 2/6; Joseph Dimmick, Consett, adjourned for one month.

THE POOR LAW ACT.

William Radshaw was ordered to contribute 2/- per week towards the maintenence of his mother, who had become chargeable to the Lanchester Union.—Mr. John Moon, relieving officer, Blackhill, prosecuted.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Patrick Donelly and James Duffy were each bound over to keep the peace for six months and pay the costs for fighting at Consett on the 21st ult.—P.C. Carruthers stated the case.

THE TRAMP NUISANCE.

A batch of tramps was proceeded against for sleeping in the coke-ovens in the Annfield Plain district, on Sunday night. Sergt. Vickers and Sergt. Dryden proved the cases.—All the prisoners were committed to prison for 14 days.

THE HIGHWAY ACT.

Two miners named James Oswald and Joseph Westoe were summoned with committing a breach of the Highway Act by obstructing the footpath at Lintz Colliery, on the [illegible] inst.—P.C. Pemberton proved the case, and defendants were each fined 1/- and costs.

THREATS.

Thos. Wilson, labourer, was proceeded against for using threats towards Elizabeth Akers on the 24th ult.—Defendant was bound over.

Matthew Atthey was summoned for threatening William Radcliffe, at Iveston, on the 10th Nov.—After hearing the evidence the case was dismissed.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following were proceeded against for this offence:—Thomas Storey, Consett, 22nd inst., 2/6 and costs; Daniel McVay, Leadgate, 14th inst., 2/6 and costs; John McGraughan, Leadgate, 13th inst., 2/6 and costs; Edward McGraughan, Leadgate, 15th inst., 2/6 and costs; John Marron, Lintz Colliery, 2/6 and costs; William Crompton, Leadgate, 22nd inst., 2/6 and costs; James Elliott, Burnopfield, 2/6 and costs; Robert Calvert, Dipton, 14th inst., 1/- and costs; John Hewe, Dipton, 2/6 and costs; James O'Neil, Consett, 19th inst., 2/6 and costs; James Brannagham, Consett, 14th inst., 2/6 and costs, Henry Nelson, Blackhill, 14th inst., 2/6 and costs; Peter Watt, Blackhill, 14th inst., 5/- and costs; John Butler, Blackhill, 14th inst., 2/6 and costs; John Thomas Siddle, Blackhill, 21st inst., 2/6 and costs; Alfred Siddle, Blackhill, 21st inst., 2/6 and costs; Thomas Kennedy, Lintz Colliery, 17th inst., 1/- and costs; John Jameson, Lintz Colliery, 22nd inst., 2/6 and costs; James McGuinn, Lintz Colliery, 22nd inst., 2/6 and costs; Ridley Havelock, Burnopfield, 22nd inst., 2/6 and costs; Elizabeth Brannighan, at Consett, 14th inst., 1/- and costs; Edward Calmore, Consett, 28th inst., 2/5 and costs; James Byrne, at Consett, 29th inst., 2/6 and costs; and Peter McGinty, Consett, 29th inst., 2/6 and costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I have been for some time engaged by Mr. Handyside to give his Consumption Cure free at his different dispensaries all over England, and the results are most marvellous. In some of the dispensaries I am dispensing the medicine for eight hours. At one sitting crowds of people come from all parts to see the marvellous cures that have been performed by this medicine. Those who are without the means to pay I give it free. Those who cannot afford to purchase this medicine or reside too far away I will gladly give to their friends who reside where there are dispensaries, and they can send it to them. No one should lose this opportunity to come to the dispensaries, and there see and hear from the people themselves what the medicine does for all diseases. I am frequently weary and tired with receiving sick people, but the pleasure of doing so much good no poet in his most vivid dream could tell the pleasure I have in doing so much good. If any person was to offer me double the salary I would not leave the pleasure of dispensing the great blessings of doing so much good. I have seen people cured of Rheumatism and Sciatica in a week, who have been walking on crutches for years. But they must be rubbed with the knuckles as hard as possible on one place for a full hour, keeping plenty Rheumatic Cure on the part rubbed to prevent the skin being rubbed off. For consumption I have never known it to fail when the lungs are not eat away, but when the lungs are eat away it will only prolong life. For Sleeplessness, Languidness, Indigestion, Skin Diseases, want of blood, Paleness of the Complexion, Costiveness, Cancer, Tumours, Ulcers, where the bone is not injured, Asthma, Bronchitis, and other diseases no one would believe who did not see it. The rich can do as they choose, but I would like to advise all who are unable to work for their children to come and get cured, and be restored to health, and earn a living for their families. Mr. Handyside is independent of any medicine, and gives me full power to give away what I like. A great many people tell me that Mr. Handyside should be the happiest man in the world to be the means of doing so much good. If he is as happy as I am in being only the instrument in doing the good work, he gets a pleasure which gold cannot buy.

J. BROOK.

MESSRS. WATSON AND AINSLEY PATENT SIGNALLING APPARATUS.

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The problem of railway signalling says "The Railway Supplies Journal," has a fascination for inventive minds which it is not difficult to understand. The systems at present employed, excellent though they may be, are obviously not infallible, and to their failure at some point or other accidents have continually to be attributed. Although, indeed, absolute infallibility is not looked for by any reasonable being, we may at least hope to get somewhat nearer to it than we have done so far, and it is not a little humiliating to an age which prides itself upon inventions and discoveries which have conquered Nature to be nonplussed in this matter of railway signalling. The magnitude and gravity, moreover, of the interests concerned are such as may well stimulate inventive activity in this direction, and motives of humanity, as well as hope of distinction or of gain, will cause many able minds to essay some improvement upon the existing system of signalling. It is, therefore, no matter for surprise that, notwithstanding the many inventions of this class which we have been called upon to notice within recent years in this Paper, we should now be confronted with another which has special claims upon our attention.

This is the joint invention of Mr Thomas Ainsley, of Tanfield Lea, Durham, and Mr Michael Watson, of 5, Ashfield-terrace East, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is intended for use either in addition to the ordinary method or in substitution thereof; its special object is the prevention of accidents. The following is a brief description of the system.

At or near the signal stations, or wherever desired, there are placed, parallel with the rails in any suitable position, two contact bars of any material suitable as a good conductor of electricity. From one of the contact bars a wire is led to the positive pole, and from the second a wire is led to the negative pole of an electrical battery of one or more cells, or to an electrical accumulator, or other apparatus for storing or generating electricity, placed in or near the signal cabin, and having a switch, or other contrivance under control of the signalman, either coupled to his ordinary signalling lever, or worked independently for putting the current on or off. When danger is signalled the current would be on, and when all is clear the current would be off.

On the locomotive engine, or tender, or guard's van, or both, or any convenient part of the train, there are suitably placed two electric or metallic brushes, so as to be in contact with the contact bars when the train passes them; from each of these brushes a wire is led to an armature in connection with a gong, or other agency for giving audible or other warning to the driver or guard. Between any two signals there may be any required number of these contact bars, all connected to the wires from the battery or accumulator. The position of the contact bars and brushes may be reversed, and attain the same result.

In addition to the apparatus on the engine or van already described, there may be on the train a battery, or accumulator, having a separate electrical circuit connected with the signals or the train, and fitted with a switch or key. In this case the current from the bars and brushes is made to pass through the turns of an electro magnet, or solenoid, which, by its magnetic attraction, will close the switch or key, complete the circuit, and so continue a continuous signal until the switch is thrown out by the driver, or guard, or the engine circuit may be closed by the electric current from the main circuit in any other electric or mechanical way desired. The circuit wires may also be used for establishing telephonic communication between the engine and signal station.

It is pointed out that where preferred the main current as well as the contact bars and brushes may be entirely dispensed with, and an ordinary mechanical movement substituted, such as a moveable arm or lever actuated by the signalman, and so placed that when the train passes the engine switch will be moved and complete the engine circuit, and so give a continuous alarm until the circuit is broken by the driver or guard. Finally, where a current of sufficient voltage or tension is employed, it may also be used for shutting off the steam or putting on the brake, by acting on a small motor, or other approved electrical or mechanical device.

As we said at the beginning, the principal object of the invention is to warn the driver or guard of a train or both when the signals are against them, in the event of a fog, or signal lights being blown out by high winds, glasses being obscured by exhaust steam, or lights being unobserved through carelessness. The advantages claimed are:—1. Extreme simplicity. It can be readily and cheaply applied to all existing signals, and is as readily fitted to relays of signals at stations, junctions, or sidings as to single stations. 2. Its application adds no additional weight to levers worked by the signalman. 3. It will not give a false alarm when there is an obstruction on the line coming into contact with it, nor is it injuriously affected by the speed of the train, as would be the case with any purely mechanical arrangement. It should be noted that particularly in case of snowstorms a mechanical system would be likely to give a false signal. 4. It introduces no new element unfamiliar to the ordinary signalman or battery man. 5. It entirely dispenses with the great cost incurred by having to send out special men to lay the ordinary fog signals on the rails. 6. It can be used to shut off the steam and apply the brake. 7. Drivers and guards, or signalman, can have telephonic communicaton with each other in case of necessity.

Further comment seems scarcely to be necessary, as the details given will explain themselves to all who are practically interested in these matters. We will merely add that so far as we are able to judge, apart from seeing the apparatus in actual working, we regard it as likely to answer admirably the purpose for which it has been designed, and to prove an important and valuable contribution to the safety of railway travelling. We do not doubt that it will so far commend itself to the judgment of railway authorities as to secure a fair trial of its merits. In that case we shall expect to hear a good report of the result.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY AT WOLSINGHAM. SUICIDE OF A PUBLICAN.

At Wolsingham late on Wednesday sen'night William Gallender, landlord of the Pack Horse Inn, Market Place, committed suicide in a shocking manner. About midnight, Mr. Shaw, grocer, who lives opposite the inn, was roused by a loud knocking at his door, and a boy about 12 years of age, son of Mr. Gallender, asked him to go over, as there was something wrong. Mr. Shaw immediately went, and arrived at the door just as Police-Sergeant Brian, who had also been sent for, came up. Sergeant Brian made his way in, followed by Mr. Shaw, and in a bed room upstairs they found the body of Mr. Gallender lying on the floor in a pool of blood, whilst beside him lay a six-chambered revolver, three chambers still being loaded. The unfortunate man was dead, having shot himself through the head, the bullet going in at the right temple. It is stated that after closing time, and the family had retired, Mr. Gallender suddenly rushed downstairs to the bar, and returned with the revolver in his hand, which he pointed at his wife. The son who, hearing a noise, had got out of bed and gone to his parents' room, ran in front of his mother crying, "Shoot me, father, but spare my mother." Gallender replied, "All right, then you can be boss," and he immediately put the weapon to his head and fired. But for the intervention of the boy two lives would probably have been sacrificed. The affair caused a great sensation in the town.

An inquest was held on Friday at Wolsingham touching the death of Gallender.—Mrs. Gallender said she was preparing to go to bed with her husband. A son of eleven years of age was in the room as well. Her husband had been queer all day and had had some drink, but he did not seem drunk. While witness's back was turned she heard the report of firearms, and she turned just in time to see deceased with a pistol to his head. The light in the room went out when the shot was fired. She got a light and found her husband bleeding from the head. He was quite dead when Sergt. Briens arrived. Deceased had not threatened to take his life, and witness did not suspect any suicidal intentions and knew of no reason for the act. He had been in the habit of taking drink freely. Witness knew he had a revolver, but did not know where it was kept. He told witness it was a dummy. Witness did not know that he had it that night.—The deceased's son Victor (11) said that his father went downstairs as soon as they all got into the room, and when he returned he saw that there was a revolver in his hand. He pointed the revolver at his mother, when witness called out to him not to do that as witness thought he was going to shoot her. Deceased then fired at his own head. Witness never knew that his father had a revolver.—Sergt. Briens said he found deceased's head in a pool of blood with a hole on the left and right side of the head. The revolver contained three discharged cartridges and three undischarged. Of the three discharged cartridges two appeared to have been discharged some time, but the one under the hammer had been discharged recently.—A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned.

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Inquest was held on Friday at Wolsingham ing the death of Gallender.—Mrs. Gallen- aid she was preparing to go to bed with her and. A son of eleven years of age was in oom as well. Her husband had been queer ay and had had some drink, but he did not drunk. While witness's back was turned heard the report of firearms, and she turned in time to see deceased with a pistol to his The light in the room went out when the was fired. She got a light and found her nd bleeding from the head. He was quite when Sergt. Briens arrived. Deceased had threatened to take his life, and witness did suspect any suicidal intentions and knew of eason for the act. He had been in the habit king drink freely. Witness knew he had a ver, but did not know where it was kept. He witness it was a dummy. Witness did not that he had it that night.—The deceased's Victor (11) said that his father went downstairs oon as they all got into the room, and when eturned he saw that there was a revolver in hand. He pointed the revolver at his mother, n witness called out to him not to do that. witness thought he was going to shoot her. eased then fired at his own head. Witness r knew that his father had a revolver.—Sergt. ens said he found deceased's head in a pool blood with a hole on the left and right side he head. The revolver contained three dis- ged cartridges and three undischarged. Of three discharged cartridges two appeared to e been discharged some time, but the one er the hammer had been discharged recently. verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" returned.

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rown in our own British Colony of Ceylon.

A Free Excursion to the Coast at this time the year would be an acceptable boon to many hard-working man, but as such an instance is rdly likely to occur in these dull times, the next t thing a poor man can do, instead of getting ange of air and scene is to purify his blood and anse his system with a few doses of Holloway's lls. This wonderful medicine for many years has n a blessing in the commercial world; it gives tone the system and purifies the blood and rapidly reases the strength of the brain. It also cures digestion in its most advanced form and in cases nervous debility it is without a rival.

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"CHURCH HISTORY IN DURHAM."

LECTURE AT CONSETT.

A series of Church history lectures was inaugurated in the Art room of the National Schools, Consett, on Thursday evening, by the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, M.A., vicar of Benfieldside, and Rural Dean. The lectures are illustrative of Church work in the Diocese of Durham during the last 1,260 years.—There was a large audience.—The Rev. F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, presided, and in opening the proceedings, said it required few words from him to introduce the subject and the lecturer. The history of the Church in Durham was, as they all knew, an important subject. They were living in times when it was necessary that the history of their church should be more known than it had been, because their credentials were often called into question, and because there were lecturers going up and down the country, trying to prove that their origin was not so old as they held it to be. It was the same church that existed in our lands ever since Christianity touched the country. They were not like some churches 300 years old—but as old as Christianity itself. They were built on the foundation stone of Jesus Christ, and all they had to do was to prove that they were living stones in the living temple.—The Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin shortly afterwards proceeded with his lecture, in the course of which he said that in reviewing the history of the Church in Durham the history of England would come home to them. There had been a history published of our army regiments. His grandfather had been in the regiment in the time of Queen Anne, and he knew that the descendants of soldiers and officers of that regiment were pleased to read the history of their regiment. The Church was diocesan, and the diocese necessary to the regiments and the parishes the companies forming the regiments. Books had been published on the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England, but still many of the people who were in favour of disestablishment were with the Church of the diocese. What was the strength of the Church? The history of the diocese of Durham took in 1,260 years. King Oswald, who had a large army, in Durham and Northumberland when the people were Pagan from the Tweed to the Firth of Forth, introduced Christianity into England and he sent to Iona a missionary. The date of the establishment of the Church of Durham had been ascertained and it was the year 635. From then the work spread, and afterwards the foundation of the diocese of Durham was laid and missionaries found even amongst the inland diocese. The first missionary was St. Columbia, and the next was St. Aidan who founded the diocese of Durham. A struggle arose between Rome and England, several of the Bishops of Lindefarne refusing to acknowledge the orders of Rome; and the Pope having called the orders of the present day clergy into question. The orders of St. Aidan to-day were recognised, and therefore if the Pope of Rome called into question the orders of the clergy he also questioned the orders of St. Aidan himself. Proceeding, the lecturer referred to the travels of St. Wilfred, who amongst other places, he said, visited Cumberland. Here he had a vision, and as a result he went to Chester-le-Street, where there was quiet for the space of one hundred years. There was eventually a talk about another invasion by the Danes and the missionary and his followers were compelled to leave Chester-le-Street. Another vision directed them to Durham, where they first worshipped under the bowels of the trees, but afterwards they were able to build a small church, which by the way was not the church that was standing to-day. Thus they had the foundation of the diocese of Durham.

CHURCH BAZAAR AT SOUTH MOOR.

For a considerable time past efforts have been made by the parishioners of Holmside, who are under the curacy of the Rev. C. J. Gray, to obtain suitable church building in which to worship. With this object in view a series of entertainments have been organised and by applications in the most likely quarters a considerable sum has been gathered. A site had been given by the South Moor Coal Coal and it is expected that building operations will be shortly commenced with, the architect, Mr. J. W. Thompson of Newcastle, having just completed the preliminary arrangements, and when completed the church will seat a little over three hundred. It was with a view of considerably augmenting the fund that a bazaar was opened in the Infants School, South Moor, on Friday afternoon, the school having been appropriately decorated by the ladies of the congregation. Mr. Jas. Fairley having kindly granted its use for the occasion. There was a good attendance at the opening ceremony, at which the Rev. W. C. Cooke presided, he being supported by Mrs. Mark Archer, Farnacres, Ravensworth (the wife of the managing director of South Moor Coal Co.) Mr. and Mrs. Fairley, Miss Kitty Fairley, Mrs. Cooke, Dr. and Mrs. Ingram-Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Rev. C. J. Gray, and Mrs. Gray, Rev. Mr. Ashton, Mrs. Ashton, Rev. J. C Mullen, Alston; Mrs. Youll, Miss Piddocks, Mrs. Hick, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Bran, Mr. M. Garthorne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, and the Misses Smith, Mr. T. Welch, Mr. W. Wilson, and others. The Rev. W. C. Cooke said that he would just briefly state the object for which the bazaar was being held.—As many of them would be aware the Parish of Holmside really included three villages, besides a large agricultural district, the extent of which was over 4,000 acres, and was over five miles long by three in breadth. The population was nearly 7,000, and the only real church building that they had in the parish was the parish church at Burnhope, which had accommodation for over 150 people. In the district of South Moor they had over 3,000 people, and at the present time there was no church building at all. They had been dependent entirely upon the kindness of the colliery owners for the use of the school rooms. (Applause.) Now, it seemed expedient that they should have a building of their own, and they therefore tried and had to a great extent been successful, in raising funds for the building of a church in the district. He might say, in passing, that another village in the parish was that of Craghead, two miles away, and there again they had no church building but were entirely dependent on the bounty of the Colliery owners. The result of the attempt to raise funds, made some year or two ago, was that there had been raised a sum of £130. When he came there with his present colleague Mr. Gray, he had consulted with the dwellers in the parish, as to the means of raising funds for the erection of a church. The result was that at the very first attempt—and he could not tell them how deeply they were indebted to Mr. Archer and Mr. Fairley in the matter—they had raised about £1,540, either promised or paid. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners had given them the sum of £800 and the Colliery Company £400; the Diocesan Building Society had given a donation of £150, and the rest had been raised by the exertions of the parishioners, and they hoped that the Bazaar would bring them in a goodly sum. They would probably have seen the piece of land which had been given by the South Moor Company for the church and cemetery, and which had within the last few days been fenced in as preparatory to building upon, and which was over three acres in extent. He sincerely hoped that nothing in the future would stop them progressing, and that by that time next year they would be able to worship in the church, an event which he was sure they all looked forward to. He would now call on Mrs. Archer to open the bazaar.

Mrs. Archer said that it gave her great pleasure to open the bazaar, a pleasure all the greater because of the deep interest which her husband took in the religious work of the parish. She hoped that the work would prosper greatly in the future. She also hoped that those present had come with plenty of money in their pockets, and an inclination to spend it. (Laughter.) The bazaar was then declared open, and a brisk sale commenced. The following are the stalls and ladies who presided over the stalls:—Glass and crockery stall, (supplied by Messrs Bone, of Newcastle: Mrs. Ingram-Johnson, Miss Johnson, Miss Kitty Fairley, and Miss Hannah Dixon.

Tobacco Stall. Dr. Ingram-Johnson, Dr. Murphy, and Mr. Jno. Wilson.

Fancy Work Stall: Miss Johnson, Miss Oxley, and the Misses Wilkinson.

Sweet Stall: The Misses Smith.

Working Party Stalls: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Youll, Mrs. Philips, Mrs. Boucher, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Fairless, and Miss Wilkinson.

The refreshment department was in charge of Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Arres, Mrs. Hodgson, and Misses Rutter.

The entertainments were organised by Dr. Ingram-Johnson, the performers being, in addition to Dr. Johnson, Mrs. Ingram-Johnson, Miss Johnson, Mr. Wilson, Miss Dixon, Mr. Tom Gibbon, Dr. Murphy, and the Rev. J. W. Ashton.

The total receipts of the bazaar amounted to a little over £100.

Correspondence

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Correspondents are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

THE FREE LIBRARY QUESTION AT LEADGATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—The above question appears to have excited a lot of bad feeling in our township, the major portion of which is certainly on the side of those opposing the scheme, and I must confess that I fail to see any reason at all for this outburst of spleen. What is it that the majority of the members on our Council propose to do—simply to move with the times, and to place Leadgate on the same footing as the smallest villages in the district. To hear some people talk one would actually think that those supporting the scheme were endeavouring to take the money out of the ratepayers' pockets in order to put it in their own. There is a great need, and a strong demand, for such a building, as the Council propose to fit up. There are a large number of men (myself amongst the number) who are not members of any of the present reading rooms, for the simple reason that we want to see an institution altogether free from religious and political considerations. I have not the slightest wish to interfere with the existing rooms, but I maintain that they are not adequate for the requirements of the place, and that the Council, by the action they propose to take, are acting in the very best interests of Leadgate. Surely anything that will tend to educate the people, and encourage them to take a greater interest in the questions of the day, is worthy of the support of every right-thinking man. There are a certain class who will always oppose reforms of any kind or, in fact, oppose anything. As long as the thing does not suit them personally they look no further. The word "progress" finds no place in their dictionary. With respect to the alleged threat said to have been used by the Consett Iron Company, I for one emphatically refuse to believe it, because it is in direct contradiction to all the traditions of the Company, who have ever been desirous of promoting the welfare, comfort, and education of their workpeople. In any event, it is a poor case that has to be bolstered up by threats, and, in my opinion, although this argument was brought forward with such a flourish of trumpets by the prime movers in the opposition as quite unanswerable, it tended rather to weaken their case than otherwise, because they were so mysterious about their authority. To those reading between the lines it is not difficult to see that a lot of the opposition has been "manufactured," and that very little of it is really genuine. I trust that those members of the Council who have carried out the scheme so far in spite of the bitter opposition they have had to contend with, will continue the good work, and that by this time next year we shall have a reading room of which we may be proud, and which will be surrounded by no religious or political dogmas of any kind. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I make bold to say that the next election of District Councillors will fully vindicate the course pursued by those members who voted in favour of the adoption of this Act.—Yours truly,

ONWARD.

Leadgate, December 1st, 1896.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Mr. Winter's letter in your last issue seemed to me very weak and a remarkable piece of composition. At first he could not get to the foundation of "A Disgusted Voter's" letter, but his better nature prevailed, and he struggles on, and to support his argument, he begins by comparing "A Disgusted Voter" to a poet; and winds up by wishing to know who I am. Ah! Mr. Winter, this will not do; and whether it is "A Disgusted Voter" or it is Mr. Winter who is a raving maniac will be best left to the decision of the public at large. Immediately he found himself cornered, he should have laid down his pen, and let the matter lie. Mr. Winter has, I think, walked into the trap set for others. Is Mr. Winter aware that when he and his colleagues were placed on the present Council it was not for the purpose of floating independent institutions practically speaking for the benefit of himself and a chosen few, but to look after the general business of the District. If the Library Act is required a parish meeting is the place to decide the question, in such a division as Leadgate, and it alone can authorise the Council to proceed with this scheme instead of these members taking this matter upon themselves and saddling others with the cost. Mr. I ask, Mr. Winter, has a Parish Meeting been held?; And yet they attempt to force this rubbish down our throats that all are in favour of this glaring and money wasting scheme. More shame on you, Mr. Winter, for expressing yourself in such a manner, when both League and Consett Co.'s Reading Room have already contradicted the Councillors statements. Truthfully did Mr. Winter write when he referred to the straw men; but he made the mistake when he took the members of the Reading Room instead of the present members of this Board supporters of the scheme. We looked to you Mr. Winter, for a good example; but, alas, how are we disappointed. To Mr. Winter's statement anent the attendance of only 20 members being present I give to him a direct contradiction. Why have you not called a public meeting, Mr. Winter? You were the first parties to introduce this scheme. Why did you carry this to the Boardroom before sounding the people? Did they think it would pass straight into operation? No, Mr. Winter, it is like the tree-planting scheme; it only bursts forth like a bubble from the chosen few. If Mr. Winter still intends to wield that pen of his let me remind him that each and every one desire a true account of affairs. Where and what are the prevailing characteristics of men who, although they know residents are content with present surroundings, must ever be annoyed by men who have not been 20 minutes in the place, while others who managed the Leadgate district for 20 years always satisfied the people with the duties. Here we have men who have nothing to lose but must ever be agitating and disturbing peaceful residents. Such men should spend the rest of their lives in Pont Wood, or some other secluded spot away from the haunts of men. Thanking you in anticipation of publishing the above,—I remain,

"A DISGUSTED VOTER."

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—By a Trust Deed, registered in the High Court of Chancery, St. Aidan's Church Hall and Institute is held by trustees:—"To use or permit the same to be used as a class room, meeting room, lecture room, for members of the Church of England; for confirmation or communicants' classes; for the religious or secular instruction of members of the Church of England. Also, as a place of meeting for clerical meetings, for social conferences of the clergy, for district visitors, for committees of any societies, parochial or otherwise, connected with the Church of England, and for meetings held in aid of or for the benefit of any such societies. And also for any other meetings, or for any other objects, ends, or purposes having in view the spiritual, intellectual, moral, or social wants, or professing members of the Church of England." I admit at once that it is not easy to bring our letting the hall to the Primitive Methodists within the four corners of this Trust. Our only excuse is that we were anxious to show our neighbours a kindness which we naturally expected would be met with courtesy and good feeling in return. As the terms of the Trust Deed will be strictly observed for the future, I do not think that anything is to be gained by taking further notice of the recent unpleasant incident.—I am yours, etc.,

THOMAS J. STOREY.

Blackhill Vicarage, 27th November, 1896.

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"DANDY DICK," THE PRIZE PONY, AT CONSETT.

During the past few weeks many in the district have viewed with great interest that smart young pony, the property of Mr. Simon Rowe, of Consett, as it has trotted and pranced along the streets of the neighbourhood. It has just come to this neighbourhood, and such a beautiful picture does it present in harness, that it had not only attracted the attention of passers-by but enquiries have been made on all hands anent its breed and pedigree. Being cognisant of these bare facts, and perhaps also somewhat inquisitive on the points, one of our representatives has endeavoured to glean some information. By the courtesy of Mr. Rowe the "Guardian" representative was allowed to visit the stable and afterwards examine the pony's prize cards. The prize pony is no other than "Dandy Dick," about which so much must have been heard during the past three or four years. It was purchased at Mr. Henry Hasley and Son's Crewe Sale last month, and was the property of Mr. G. E. Franklin, of St. Leonard's House, Derby. It stands a little under twelve hands in height, and possesses any number of good points. Although the shears have just been applied to its coat within the last day or so, it shows a pretty covering. "Dandy Dick" has an exceptionally smart step and carries a beautiful head. It is quiet to ride and drive, and an excellent trotter. Its "cards" show that between the years 1891 and 1895 no less than 50 valuable prizes have been won by him in competitions in which such horses as "Electric," "His Majesty," and other famous steeds have contested. This number of successes includes 30 firsts and 18 seconds. At Peterborough show in 1892 it carried off no less than three firsts and one second, and one first and two seconds at the same exhibition in the following year. Great care is being taken of him by his present owner, and in next year's local shows people might rationally expect to see him figuring as a credit to the locality.

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ATTACK ON A POLICEMAN AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

On Thursday morning, at the Gateshead County Police Court, James Curry and Samuel Curry were charged with having assaulted P.C. William Gray at Victoria Garesfield.—P.C. Wm. Gray said he was at Victoria Garesfield on Friday night last, and saw the defendants in company with a lot of other men. The defendants left the company, and followed him down the bank. As he was going down, a large stone struck him on the back of his helmet. He turned round, and James Curry hit him in the mouth with another large stone, which caused a wound that bled very much. Witness got hold of him, and attempted to put the handcuffs on, and while he was doing that Samuel Curry came up and kicked him in the mouth, as he was stooping. The handcuffs were broken in the struggle. After he kicked him, Samuel Curry got up and threw a brick at him striking him on the forehead, and causing a wound which had to be stitched. He produced the brick that was thrown at him. The assault was entirely unprovoked. He had not spoken to the men.

By Mr. Lambert, who defended: There was some little talk about witness having summoned the men. They became abusive and used bad language. He did not interfere with them, and did not push them, but walked away.

Mr. Lambert: Were you, naturally, annoyed? Did you speak crossly?—Witness: No.

Just as usual?—Yes.

You did not push them at all?—No.

William Taylor Richardson said he saw the defendants assault the constable, and went to P.C. Gray's assistance. Samuel Curry struck witness in the eye.

Dr. Colquhoun said he saw P.C. Gray after the alleged assault. He had an incised wound over the left eye, which witness stitched. There was a severe bruise at the back of his head, and another at the side of the mouth. The constable had lost a great deal of blood. He was still unfit for duty.

Mr. Lambert, for the defendants, pleaded guilty. The defendants had been previously summoned, quite properly, by P.C. Gray, for drunkenness. They were under the influence of drink, and argued with the officer, and asked him why he had summoned them. They had no right to do that, but one word led to another, and the officer, in a proper way, pushed them away and told them to go home. The defendants expressed their regret for the assault.

The Chairman (Mr. A. Dunn) said the magistrates found the assault proved. Drunkenness was no excuse, but rather an aggravation. And the fact that the policeman had summoned them before was no excuse. It was one of the worst assaults that had been before the Bench. Each of the defendants must go to gaol for four months. If they did not pay the costs of the case, a further period of 14 days' imprisonment would be added.

Samuel Curry was also charged with having assaulted William Taylor Richardson, and was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY Dec. 1st—Before Mr C. J. Backhouse (Chairman), The Rev. Chancellor Espin, and the Rev. T. H. E. Espin.

DRUNKENNESS.

For this offence the following were fined:—James Woodball, 7s 6d; Wm. E. Harrison, 10s; Edward Richardson, 10s; Joseph Coulson, 12s 6d; Joseph Liddle, 12s 6; and Lancelot Dennison, 7s 6d.

BREACH OF THE PEACE AT TOW LAW.

Wm. Morgan and James Dixon, of Tow Law, were charged with committing a breach of the peace, by fighting. They pleaded guilty and were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and pay costs 6s 6d each.

FIRING A CHIMNEY AT TOW LAW.

Thomas Peckett was charged by P.C. Banks, with firing his chimney, which burnt 24 hours to the danger of the public. Fined 5s, and 7s 6d costs.

LECTURE BY MR J. WILSON, M.P., AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A lecture was given in the Primitive Methodist New Church on Saturday evening, by Mr John Wilson, M.P., on "Labour, its situations, aspirations, powers and duty." The Rev W. Gelley circuit minister opened the meeting, and introduced the chairman, Mr Thubron, of Gateshead.—The Chairman, in a few choice remarks, said he was glad to be present with them to show that he had some sympathy with their work at Annfield Plain. He recognized it to be his duty to give to the church of his choice, his best services. He found that men who said it was no matter which church they attended, never found their way to any church at all. The world did not want shams in these days, but men of prayer and backbone. Referring to the title of the lecture, the Chairman said that he was one of those who believed that it was impossible to separate religion from labour. If a man's religion did not help him to live a Christian life in the pit, the sooner he got another the better. If Christianity did nothing else, it would make men true, and there was no disgrace in being a working man. They heard a great deal about labour to-day, and men wanted to make class distinctions in it, but in Christianity, there were no class distinctions. The great need of the present day was the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever their calling in life might be, he exhorted them to be honest, and show to the world that after all there was something real in religion. He accounted it an honour to have anything to do in God's service. The chairman then called upon Mr Wilson to give his lecture.—Mr Wilson, on rising, said he always liked to have a good "Marrow" in his new "Cavil," and thought he had one that evening in the person of the chairman. Coming to his subject he said that labour ought to have the first place in Christianity. To labour, he said, was every man's duty, although some men were heterodox in in that as in other matters. Some men thought their portion was all the entitled property in the household that by the mysterious law of primo geniture they had the right to claim, while they believed it was the will of the Divine Creator, that every other portion of the human family, should dwell in the eternal miseries and sorrows of life. Another mistake which had been in the minds of the working classes of this country was that all wealth proceeded from labour, and that all wealth should belong to those who did manual labour. As a working man he collided with that idea, because the brain of man had been brought into harmony, and England had been made wealthy. In explaining the difference between capital and labour, the lecturer cited a story of a man who was asked for his definition on the subject. The man's reply was that when he went sweethearting and took his sweetheart on his knee, that was "capital," but when he got married and took his wife on his knee, that was "labour." The lecturer dealt with the subject in a masterly manner, and made every point very clear.—At the close a hearty vote of thanks was given to the chairman and Mr Wilson.—On Sunday morning and evening Mr Wilson preached two eloquent sermons in the above place of worship. In the afternoon a musical service was rendered by the Dipton P.M. Choir.—Collections were taken at each service in aid of the Building Fund.

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DURHAM COUNTY CLUB.

A general meeting of the Selection and Finance Committee of the Durham County Cricket Club took place last week, under the presidency of Dr George Renton. In accordance with the rules of the Senior League it is necessary that the clubs forming this competition should be chosen before December 1st, and it was agreed that the two lowest clubs upon last season's calculations should remain in the League, and Norton, Darlington, and Craghead were also admitted, the last-named having won the Junior League competition. There was no change in the other clubs constituting the League, and it was agreed that the minimum number of matches to be played in connection with the competition should be ten. With regard to the Junior League competitions for 1897, Craghead dropped out of the Northern Division and Durham City had declined to re-enter the contest, therefore Burnopfield and Seaton were substituted, and the Felling and Washington clubs were added. In the Southern Division, Seaham Harbour and Sherburn were selected as additional Junior League clubs. The meeting also discussed the question of the relation of Durham County to the second-class counties' competition, in view of an offer emanating from the second-class counties, and it was ultimately resolved that unless the terms were mutual Durham County should not enter the competition, and failing a satisfactory understanding on this point, the secretary was authorised to arrange such matches with other counties as were possible. It was furthermore resolved to accept the dates for home and home fixtures with Surrey 2nd.—The resignation of the captain (Mr W. F. Whitwell) was accepted with sincere regret, and the selection of a successor deferred till the annual meeting. Mr Geo. Hepburn, of Burnmoor, resigned his position on the Selection Committee on account of business engagements, Mr R. C. Thompson, of the Sunderland district, being appointed in his stead.

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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

On Wednesday evening the usual monthly meeting of the Consett Urban District Council was held in the Council Chambers. Councillor J. W. Davison, J.P., presided, and there were also present Councillors H. Holliday, T. Dunne, G. D. Powell, R. C. Foster, W. Aynsley, J. Daly, A. E. D. Macintyre, J. Kempson, J. Lowes, Mr. T. W. Welford (clerk), Mr. W. Rippon (surveyor and sanitary inspector), and Mr. H. Foggan (assistant clerk).—The Finance Committee recommended that the surveyor be instructed to estimate the cost of the suggested improvements in Medomsley Road, as per his plan and section already submitted. The committee carefully considered all the applications for assistant surveyorship and tabulated the same. The committee next thoroughly considered the application of the Clerk to the Council for an advance of salary, and having taken into account the increase of work over a period of the past two years, together with the efficient manner in which the same is done, they recommended that Mr. Welford's salary be increased to £115 per annum. The following is a list of the applications as tabulated:—Robert Evans, 13, Dixon Street, Blackhill; Thos. Thompson, Flint Street, Dipton; W. H. Winship, 19, John Street, West Stanley; F. J. Wake, 30, Taylor Street, Consett; J. H. Stelling, 39, Roger Street, Blackhill; Robt. Halkier, Holingside Terrace, Lanchester; Jno. Morris, Wesley Terrace, Blackhill; C. L. Elsdon, Delves Lane, Consett, F. C. Johnson, Cornsay, Durham. Those selected for further examination were W. H. Winship, F. G. Wake, C. L. Elsdon, and F. C. Johnson.—Coun. Aynsley moved the adoption of the report.—Coun. Macintyre explained that the committee went into the applications for the clerkship to the surveyor. Of the ten applicants six were found to be inexperienced and the other four were thought to be likely candidates to fill the position. The committee suggested that a separated committee be appointed to interview these four youths, and select one for the position.—Coun. Dunne: Is it necessary that the boy should draw plans?—Coun. Macintyre: Mr. Rippon says it is necessary.—Coun. Aynsley: We can get a boy who can draw plans, for the same money.—Coun. Dunne: I don't think that you will get a very good one for the wages we are offering.—Coun. Foster: We have had them before us, and they have sent us specimens of plans they have drawn, and are prepared to take the post at 15/- a week.—The adoption of the report was seconded and carried, and on the motion of Coun. Lowes, Councillors Macintyre, Hyden, Scott, and the surveyor were selected a committee to make the appointment.—The Building Committee reported that letters had been received from the clerk to the Durham County Council dated 17th and 27th of November respectively, the former enclosing a copy of the county medical officer's report for 1895, and asking for specific information as to what course the Council proposed to adopt, and the latter forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Board by the Durham County Council on the 12th November, 1896, on the same subject, and asking the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry.—The following plans were recommended for approval:—Consett Iron Company's block plan for building sites on the east side of Tin Mill Road, Blackhill, and Mr. Teasdale Chatts for house in Stephen Street.—The letters referred to above were read, and contained in detail the charges of the County Council against the Consett Council in respect to several alleged insanitary conditions in the district, as was reported in the columns of the "Guardian" on Nov. 13th.—The Chairman thought if Mr. Hill had made himself more acquainted with the proper state of things in the district before reporting, he would have found that even Pitt Street and Trafalgar Street are as satisfactory as William Street, and that the improvements that he suggested have been carried out.—Coun. Aynsley thought it would be wise to have the inspector's report read before discussing the matter.—The Clerk then read the inspector's report, which ran as follows:—I have inspected the district, and find most of the middens fairly well looked after. Fourteen notices have been served, which have been attended to. The water closets ordered to be put in between Pitt and Trafalgar Streets have now been finished and a proper supply of water laid on. The improvement of the yards in Edith and Constance Streets is now bordering completion. The Consett Iron Company's architect has, for some time past, been busy surveying and preparing plans for effectually dealing with the whole of the cottages known as Cross Rows.—The Chairman: Has Dr. Hill and the surveyor been about these streets and houses?—The Surveyor: We have not been over the whole of the district, but we have been twice or thrice over the ground that notices were served upon us about. He complains principally about the insanitary conditions of the ashpits.—Coun. Holliday: What ashpits?—The Surveyor: The whole of them. It is not the quantity of ashes or refuse that is complained about, but the condition of the ashpits themselves.—Coun. Holiday: But we want a categorical statement of what he complains about.—The Clerk suggested that a small committee be appointed to consider the matter and reply as early as possible to the letter of Mr. Simey and the Local Government Board.—The Chairman: Will that stop an inquiry?—Coun. Aynsley: I take it that we are not trying to stop an inquiry. If this town is as clean as they say it is we need not be afraid of any inquiry.—Coun. Foster: We have got this matter very clearly before us and we cannot answer every question put to us excepting that one in in reference to the removal of house refuse. I thing we ought to answer these questions that we are able to, and in regard to the house question I think we have decided that, and that we intend to keep to our decision. We ought to refer the Local Government Board to the letter we wrote them in regard to that subject before. That will form a complete answer to all inquiries.—The Chairman: Nothing less will satisfy the Local Government Board but that we will take the scavenging into our own hands.—Coun. Aynsley: If we satisfy ourselves that we keep this town of ours clean we need not be afraid of anyone. We have our inspector's report month after month who says that the district is kept clean, and someone in London who says it is not clean. Let them come and point out these places that are not clean.—Coun. Holliday: What are the statements made by our medical officer.—The Chairman: I cannot say exactly, but he has urged upon us taking the scavenging into our own hands.—Coun. Aynsley: He must urge that, knowing that our town is not properly looked after.—Coun. Dunne: He told us in here the other day that Dr. Hill was perfectly right, and he considered we ought to take the scavenging into our own hands. But he disapproved of the hasty way they have taken the matter up.—Coun. Aynsley: And yet he backs them up in another way.—Coun. Macintyre: What is the reason that we are singled out in this way?—The Chairman: I cannot say.—Coun. Macintyre: There is no coercion being brought to bear upon Leadgate or Benfieldside Councils that I hear of.—The Clerk: They will never be satisfied until we take the scavenging into our own hands.—Coun. Dunne: How is it that the surveyor and doctor have been given reports contradicting each other, and yet the Council have never taken the matter up?—Coun. Foster: The doctor's position is quite consistent. The surveyor has recommended certain things in regard to the construction of the ashpits, and how we are to deal with this question.—Coun. Aynsley: I would advocate the scavenging of the town being done by public scavenging if it was not properly done.—Coun. Dunne: The question is: Are these ashpits a public nuisance? If they are why has the inspector not told us?—Coun. Kempson: According the doctor's report they are a public nuisance.—Coun. Aynsley: Can the inspector mention any particular ashpit that ought to be destroyed?—Coun. Holliday: That is what I ask for when I ask for a categorical statement.—The Surveyor: The whole of the ashpits in the company's old rows—King Street, and Princess Street. The whole of them will be swept out of that if you had Mr. Oliver's plan before you.—Coun. Holliday: The company have already passed plans for wash-out closets for these rows and that can soon be settled.—Coun. Aynsley: Then so far as the company's rows are concerned, that will be remedied. What other places are there Mr. Rippon?—Coun. Holliday: It is a little annoying that this report comes in answer to a complain of this kind. It looks as though the Company had undertaken this necessary duty on account of the report of Dr. Hill, but that is not so, as they have complied with the orders of the Consett Urban District Council.—The Surveyor remarked that if Dr. Hill had been a little more patient, and waited until the Company's plans had been matured, he would have saved all this noise.—The Chairman thought that if there was an inquiry held it would help the case of the Council.—Coun. Holliday: A Government inquiry will cost us nothing, and we ought not to say that it is a thing we are afraid of. The reports that come before us month after month show that these things have been attended to.—Coun. Aynsley: If we depend upon our surveyor's reports we have nothing to fear.—After further discussion, Coun. Aynsley moved, Coun. Powell seconded, and it was agreed that the clerk acknowledge receipt of the letters from Mr. Simey and the Local Government Board, and say that the matter is having attention, and that in the course of a short time the Council would send them a specific reply.—Coun. Holliday moved that the Sanitary Committee go into the matter and report to the Council at their next monthly meeting.—Coun. Lowes seconded, and it was unanimously carried.—A special report of the Building and Roads Committee recommended that the roadmen's wages be increased per week.

The report was adopted, and the Board afterwards rose.

HERE AND THERE I' WOR DISTRICT.

Dear Sor,—Aw divvent knaw what sort of a humour ye fund yorsell in last week when ye saw the length o' thor letter, but wor Nance got a gliff, an she says "Ralphy, thoo'l hev to try an say mair wiv a less number o' words, or thoo'l fynd thysell crowded oot for want o' space sum o' these weeks." So awm gannin to try and myek maw notes a bit shorter this week, if aw can; but when a man finds his cowl runnin ower wiv things he wants to say, and when his eddicashun's been a varry imperfekt one, he cannot always express his thowts as he wad like. Thors sum fokes can say a great deal in a few words, like wor Nance, but tiv a chep like me, that hes sae much wood aboot his heed, an a mind that's almost run to seed, its not sae easy to exercise thi power o' konsentrashun as sume fokes imagine. If she lets me alyen i' this matter, an aw hev my awn way wi' what aw hev ti say, aw may hev to gan ower thi dyke sumtimes, but if aw hev, awl try to pull thi bonniest floors aw can get mi hands ower. The langest way aboot may sumtimes be thi best way hyem, tho' it may not be thi shortest; an aw knaw this, that lots o' yer readers are sumthin like mesell. They divvint like thor scientifik short cuts, and divvint mind gannin round aboot a bit if things they want to knaw. So aw hope ye'll exkuse me, sor, an awl keep peggin away an, as nerd sayin heer' "That practice myeks men parfekt," awl hope for thi best.

One sumtimes hears a queer thing said, an aw hev nee doot that thi myest o' fokes as heard sumthin like this—"That one man's meet is anuther man's poison." This appears to be sumthin like thi thing, by what's happenin at Blackhill amang a few fokes aboot what Atherley-Jones hed said at thi oppenin o' thi Bazaar lately. Sum fokes were pleased at what he said, uthor fokes seem vexed. Wor Nance liked what-he said—nearly ivvory word. She's fond o' strite cuts, an hard hittin, an thinks its elways best i' thi end, as it clears thi atmosphere an lets fokes knaw where we are. Hor father was a great reeder o' "Reynold's Newspaper," an she hes a great regard for thi "Clarion," an ye that hev onny knowledge as awl o' thor two papers ill hev nee diffikulty in findin hor whereaboots. Aw was pleased wiv thi speech myself, as aw tell'd ye last week; but it appears fra yor "Editorial Notes," Sor, that thors sumthing rang wi sumbody. Ye say "That in sum quarters it hes given offense." Noo if wor member wanted to push the Primitive Methodists at thi expense o' thi church, it wad be rang. But is this what he intended to dee? Was he not only statin what, not only he knaws hissell wer troo in monny respekts—an what a lot ov us to-day knaw sumthin aboot. But, at the syem time, we awl knaw that it isent elways pleasent to hear thi truth, an we like thi things that are said tiv us to be sweet and tyesty. But, in wor Nance's oppinion, thi words that de myest good are thi words that myek ye think most, an that lots o' thor speeches, lektors, an sermons that are geen to-day wad be awl thi better if they knocked a bit skin off noo and agyen. We want a bit mair o' thi warrior in ower hearts an lives, and less o' thi china-tea-cup humbug. We can hardly tell a man frev a woman in sum cases. Wor gettin sae effiminate, that a puff o' wind knocks sum fokes ower, an wor that poor in spirits that we cannot get up agyen without thi help o' sum other two or three half helpless boddies like worsels. Of corse, this is one o' thi advantages o' wor modern life, an aw mannit say ower much aboot it, or sum o' thor "polished an finished members of Modern Society" ill be ploatin me weel next week. But aw divvent care; awm noo oot upon thi great oshun o' life, an aw mun tyek me chance, whativvor cums, Ralphy must "sink or swim." There ower much attenshun paid to thi style o' shakin hands, an thi mannor o' liftin yor hat and thi way ye drink yor tea an set yor plate at thi tyeble for me. Wor varry nearly killed wiv thor things they call "courtesy" and "etiquette." Thor byeth good things when ye knaw hoo to use them. But aw divvent want to be smuthered wiv them in one place, suppose its only a tea-party, an be cut in thi street, as an inferyor kind of human being. Thor's neether courtesy or etiquette iv that sort o' thing. An wor Nance says "It dissent show gud breeding." But awve been wandorin a bit fra what aw intended to say, as usual. Aw think it's rathor a pity if yer notes be troo an correct, "that thi Trustees o' thi St. Aidan's Hall, in which thi speech was myed, have decided that in future thi use of thi hall will be refused for all Nonconformist getherins." This is a bad sign; a strang evidince o' weekness (excuse maw way o' puttin thi thing.) It ill dee neeboddy onny gud—not even thorsells. Aw elways thowt that thi law upon which this way o' deein bizness, espeshully amang thor fokes that cawl thorselis Christyuns, had been repeeled abyun 1,800 years sine, an that "an eye for an eye an a tooth for a tooth" hed becum obsolete as far as thi church was concerned, an that ther was sum understandin come tee aboot "heepin coals o' fire upon thi heeds o' those that might offend ye." My law isent verry gud aw knaw, but aw hev a hazy kind of a rekollekshun that thor's an "Awd byuk" in wor hoose that hes sumthin like this in't. Wor Nance says "that she thinks its mair than law, she beleeve's its Gospel." If she's reet, then aw can see that it myeks a differance. Whether this myeks onny odds, is a thing worth lernin, because aw remember beein tell'd at scheul, when a laddie, that "Odds generally myed a differance." Aw hope that thor trustees ill not be see indifferent to thor awn interests as to push this thing to seck an extreme. If a mistyek hes been myed hoo much will that mistyek effect onnyboddy. Wor member might be accused, an aw dare say he's been accused o' thi syem kind o' thing before; but nyen on us hev slept much less becaws he said sumthin that didn't pleese us,—not likely. An if thi hall dis belang ti ye, why shud ye revenge yorsells upon other poor Nonconformists that hev gein ye nee derekt cause of offence, becaws one o' yor awn flok speeks, as ye consider, somewhat rashly aboot his awn church, an thi way they dee things. Noo, let an awd nonconformist, that hes as much reet to komplain o' thi treetmint his church hes received at thi hands o' thi established church, as onny o' ye can hev, advise ye to let this thing pass as tho' it hed nivvor happened. If ye want to be respekted, an ti promote thi best interests o' thi church ti which ye belang, it ill be far bettor for ye to be on good terms wiv yor neybors, an to encourage them in ivvery good effort they put forth. The "forces of evil" demand that amang awl sekts—Conformists and Nonconformists—ther shud be a common understanding that above ivvorything else we want to scatter thi seeds of truth an love.

Sum fokes say that "Necessity is thi muther of invenshun." An aw've been wunnering if thor's as much genius amang wor Bord o' Guardians at Lanchester or wor Distrikt Coonsil, or whetivvor else's duty it may be, ti suggest a way oot of what seems ti be a serious disadvantage, as weel as a cause of much annoyance an diskontent, ti lots o' fokes i' wor lokality. Noo, ti begin with, aw divvint want ti say a word that wad hort onnyboddy's feelins at awl, tho mebbee ti ruffel thor fetheurs slightly twad dee them nee harm, or even ti myek "a flutter amang thi dove-cotes" waddent be a cawse o' much sorrow, but during thi past fortneet, thor's been mair than thi usual number o' deaths amang us at Collurley Dykes, an death is elways looked upon as an unwelcome visitor. It brings an amount o' dispair an desolation ti monny a canny family. It sumtimes breeks up a cumfortable hyem, an its elways attended wiv a lot of restlessness an anxiety. It means a gud deel o' trubble an worry, an frequently a lot o' trashin aboot for sumboddy. Noo thi man or woman that can lessen thi anxiety an trubble at a time like this ill dee humanity a good sarvice. An aw want ti say that aw think its in thi power o' one o' wor lokill boddies, an aw beleeve its thi Bord o' Guardians, ti myek a varry useful an needful reform in one respekt at least. We awl knaw that when a death occurs that thi death accordin ti law, hes ti be registered. The doctor hes ti be seen, then we hev ti gan ti thi registrar ti obtain fra him a certifikate for thi burial. They tell me that this is awltigether necessary, that thi preist ill be bund ti bury without a certifikate if ye guarantee ti get him one within seven days o' thi death. But tho this may be reet, fokes generally like ti hev awl things propperly arranged at this time if possible, an they like ti avoid onny unnecessary bother or trubble. Feelins at this time are elways varry tender, an we awl like thi "lasbrijes" performed ower "oor loved ones" wi becomin respekt. It's not at awl a desirable thing ti see a misunderstanding tyek place at thi churchyard gates. Tho mind aw divvent think that onny o' wer lokal vicars and curates wad myek onny bother as thor awl a bit different to this aw think; but we nivvor knaw what's gannin ti happen, an we might not elways hev such a lot of agreeable priests amang us, so its best ti be prepared for thi warst. Noo, what aw want ti complain aboot is this, thi lang distance that we hev ti travel in wer neighbourhood ti see thi registrar, an ti get thi burial certifikate. Can this not be altered a bit? It waddent be see bad if ye were elways sure o' gettin thi thing when ye gan ti see efter'd. But thor's elways a lot of uncertainty aboot that. Noo just aboot a week syne, a man that had thi misfortune ti hev a death in his family had nee less than three times ti gan ti Stanley ti seek thi thing befor he gat it. This may not seem much to sum fokes, but aw knaw this that it meant a lot o' needless anxiety ti that poor sowl. Aw divvent knaw exaktly who's to blame for this happenin, but aw dee think its a big shem, that when yor mind's trubbled and distressed, mebbe wiv a sair bereavement, that ye shud be humbugged in this way. Thors elways to think aboot at a time like this, without onny mair bein put on. Can we not hev this altered in sum way or other? Them that pretends ti knaw aboot it says thors a lot o' diffikulty in thi way, an that it wad mean a lot o' expence to get another station opened. Nee doot it wad, but aw want ti suggest that thi men that hev thi managin o' this thing shud see tid that two altershuns are myed. The forst is that thi pressint station shud be shifted mair inti thi centre, an thi second is, that they shud see that when fokes gan once that they can be attended tee. If this cannot be guaranteed, then its time thi fokes that are put ti thi trubble and inconvenience were sayin "we'll not stand this nee langer." Yours truly—

RALPHY RIDDEL,

Collurly Dykes, Dec. 1st, 1896.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual meeting of the above body was held on Thursday last, Mr Geo. Ridley, J.P. (chairman), presiding. There were also present—Messrs H. W. Kerrich-Walker, J.P. (ex-officio), J. Humble, J. Hodgson, P. Oswald, J. Crawford, W. Howard, F. Herbert, R. Nicholson, J. Greener, W. S. Harris, G. Burnett, J. W. Holam, T. C. Foster, J. Bolam, T. Richardson, A. P. Stoker, R. Ross, J. Bewman, R. J. English, R. Hawking, W. Hedley, J. Davidson, R. H. Lonsdale, J. Mitchell, H. Henderson, J. H. B. Garson, J. Swainston, J. Tully, W. C. Blackett, J. D. Douglass, and R. B. Clark.

RELIEF.

Mr Joseph Armstrong relieving officer, reported that during the fortnight he had paid away in the Chester-le-Street sub-district for out-door relief £91 5s 8d.

Mr John McKay, relieving officer for the Harraton sub-district, said he had disbursed for the same purpose in the same period £88 10s 9d.

Cheques for the amounts were ordered and signed accordingly.

WORKHOUSE MASTER'S JOURNAL.

The Workhouse Master (Mr A. Aikman) reported that the number of inmates in the workhouse that day was 134 as against 144 at the corresponding date last year. During the fortnight 98 vagrants had been relieved, shewing a decrease of 21 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. On the 24th inst. he took 24 children and 30 adults to the Queen's Theatre, Chester-le-Street, where they appeared to enjoy themselves.

The report was adopted.

WANTED—A CHILD.

A Mr Weeks, of New Lambton, applied to the Board for a girl in the Workhouse. He had a family of six boys, one of whom was working. The girl, Esther King, 13 years old, said she did not want to go out of the House. She would rather stay in until she could earn a wage. Mr Weeks had a house of four rooms, but did not wish to pay any wages, but was quite willing to send the girl to school.

The application was refused.

REFUSING TO SUPPORT HIS MOTHER.

Mr McKay reported a case of George Gill, who was in arrears for the maintenance of his mother. He was 21s in arrears, and had been before the magistrates, who ordered him to pay the arrears, and a shilling a week to his mother. A statement of his earnings showed him to be earning, on an average, 4s 1d per day. He asked to be excused, or at least to have the amount reduced. The officer said the man appeared to have made up his mind not to pay.

The general opinion of the Guardians was that Gill must be left in the hands of the magistrates.

SALARIES.

The School Attendance Committee recommended that the salaries of the school attendance officers, Messrs W. Parkin and R. Finlay, be increased from £95 to £105, and also that they be allowed 10 per cent commission on fines collected from parents of children fined by the magistrates under the Education Act.

Mr Howard moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation.

Mr Hodgson asked if the Committee were unanimous in their decision?

Mr Oswald thought they did not underpay their officers.

Mr Humble suggested that the officers be re-appointed at the old salary.

Mr Mitchell said the officers had a great deal of travelling, and had no allowance.

Mr Henderson seconded Mr Howard's proposal.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

This concluded the business of the Guardians.

CHESTER-LE-STREET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr Geo. Ridley presided over this meeting.

THE PORTOBELLO SEWAGE.

Mr Stoker asked why the disposal of the Portobello sewage had been stopped. The local committee recommended the sewage to be put down the disused shaft. That recommendation had been adopted, and the work actually begun. Why had it been stopped?

Mr Blackett pointed out that Mr Allison, the lessee of the royalty, had complained about the sewage being turned into his workings. It would certainly be dangerous and injurious to health.

The Chairman said that Mr Stoker must give notice to rescind the resolution of the previous meeting, suspending the work at the sewage.

The minutes were then signed, the Chairman stating that the matter could be raised again.

Mr Symonds reported that the work at Portobello sewage had been stopped, in accordance with the instructions of the Council.

Mr Stoker said that if Mr Allison wished to use the old shaft as a ventilator, he would have to shift it a quarter-of-a-mile to the west. The shaft would be the first part of the workings to be roofed off. There was forty fathoms below Mr Allison's workings, which was of no use to anybody. They could carry out this work with a little over £100, and if they had to do the work in another way it would cost £1,000.

Mr Blackett: Could they legally compel Mr Allison to allow them to put the sewage down the shaft. Mr Allison had objected, and they could proceed in the face of that objection.

Mr Stoker: They would not be doing any injustice to Mr Allison. The shaft was to the Hutton Seam, and Mr Allison was working the main coal and the Mandlin Seams.

Mr Herbert said he agreed with Mr Blackett; but they must remember that Mr Humble was the owner of the land and also of the royalty, and surely he would not permit them to put sewage down the shaft if it was going to do any injury either to Mr Allison or to the royalty. They had nothing to do with Mr Allison's objections, so long as they had the permission of the royalty owners. Why should that Council compel Birtley, with its £1 per head debt and a sanitary rate of 2s 6d, to spend a £1,000 for this work simply because Mr Humble's tenant objected.

Mr Harris: It was quite evident that Mr Humble did not think that Mr Allison had any claim to the lower seam, or he would not have given leave for the sewage to go down the shaft.

Mr Clough thought it would be wise for the local committee to see Mr Humble.

Mr Herbert moved that the work be proceeded with. If it was necessary to stop the sewage from going down the shaft, a six months notice would determine the matter. Under any circumstances, the sewer would have to go in exactly the same direction, whether the sewage was put into the shaft or not. They could go on with the drain, and then find out whether they could put the sewage into the shaft.

Mr Clark seconded, and the motion was adopted, the Clerk being instructed to draw up a draft agreement for Mr Mr Humble's approval.

BYE-LAWS.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise the Bye-laws approved of by the Local Government Board.

LAMESLEY STATION.

Mr Walker drew attention to the dangerous condition of Lamesley Railway Station.

The Chairman said the N.E.R. Company was going to Parliament with a new Bill, and no doubt something would be done then.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Dr Taylor, medical officer of health, reported that during the fortnight there had been 81 births and 47 deaths, giving a birth rate of 38·5 and a death rate of 19·2. Four deaths had been registered from zymotic diseases, showing a zymotic death rate of 1·8, while 14 children had died under the age of one year, giving an infantile death rate of 167. He had received 40 notifications of infectious diseases, as compared with 34 during the corresponding period last year—viz., 32 cases of scarlet fever, 5 of typhoid fever, and 3 of erysipelas. During the fortnight 240 houses in the village of Lamesley had been inspected. The greater portion of these presented some insanitary defects, and 54 were in such a condition as to be unfit for human habitation, and the usual notices had been served on the owners. At the hospital 4 patients recovered from scarlet fever, and one from diphtheria had been discharged, while nine patients suffering from scarlet fever and one from typhoid fever have been admitted. The number resident to-day was 16, and the average number of daily residents was 13·5.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr H. Webb, sanitary inspector for Chester-le-Street, reported that the drainage scheme for providing a water supply for flushing the choked main sewer in the North Burns was now completed, and the result was very satisfactory. The proprietors of the Queen's Theatre have promised to provide the necessary conveniences without delay. At Stoney Lane, Pitt Hill, on making inquiries respecting the drainage of the cottages he found a much larger flow of water and sewage close to the footpath in the neighbouring road, and he suggested that a sewer should be laid from the outlet to the culvert under the N.E.R., a distance of 90 yards, and that the channel below be cleaned out at an estimated cost of £15.

The officer was instructed to carry out the work as suggested.

Mr Mitchell spoke in high terms of praise of the new flushing works in the North Burns. It was, he said, the best job that had been done in Chester-le-Street.

The Chairman: That is very satisfactory.

COMPENSATION.

The Treasury wrote stating that they had determined the annual payment by the Council of £3 14s 2d to Mr W. McGregor, late assistant highway surveyor, as compensation for his loss of office, and the further annual payment of £76 4s 3d to Mr McGregor, the late highway surveyor, for similar compensation.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd—Before His Honour, Judge Meynell.

A WEST STANLEY MINER'S DEBT.

Peter Briddy, miner, of West Stanley, was proceeded against by William Whitfield, furniture dealer, West Stanley, for the sum of 18/6, the value of a flock mattress, which was purchased in January last. Mr. J. L. Leadbitter (Catchgate) appeared for the plaintiff.—The plaintiff stated that he supplied the flock mattress to the defendant, and the latter took it away from the shop.—Defendant averred he did not owe the plaintiff a single penny. He paid for the mattress when he settled the bill (produced)—His Honour, after hearing further evidence, gave judgment for the amount claimed.

A CHECKWEIGHMAN'S CASE FROM EAST CASTLE COLLIERY.

John Tones, jun., miner, formerly employed at East Castle Colliery, was sued by Robert Eccles, of Blackhill, checkweighman at East Castle Colliery, for the sum of 3/9 due as check weigh pay.—Plaintiff stated when the defendant was working at East Castle Colliery, he had to pay 1½ per fortnight for his check-weigh pay. He fell into arrears in February last, and after paying part of the arrears he ceased, and he was now claiming for the balance.—His Honour found for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

A STANLEY MAN AND HIS LOCAL HISTORY.

Benjamin Riddell, printer, of West Stanley, was proceeded against by Messrs F. Whellan and Co., Bishop Auckland, for £1 10s, the value of a book entitled, "The history of Durham."—An agent for the firm stated that the defendant signed an agreement to become a subscriber for this book, and received it about two years ago. The man that took the order was now dead.—Defendant stated that the book was put into his house against his will.—Plaintiff was non-suited.

BAZAAR AT LEADGATE.

The Primitive Methodists of Leadgate are a hard-working body, and certainly deserve well of their neighbours. They are doing a good and noble work. Very seldom indeed do they make a public appeal for help, and for this reason alone, apart from the praiseworthy object they have in view, we trust that the bazaar opened out in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on Wednesday afternoon, will more than fulfil the expectations of the promoters. There is at present a debt of £325 resting upon the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Leadgate, and this bazaar has been undertaken in order to considerably reduce this incubus, and, judging from the hearty manner in which the project has been taken up, there seems every probability that a great success will be achieved. The ladies of the congregation have laboured very hard in the good cause, and this was plainly evident from a glance at the stalls, which were stocked with a profusion of useful and ornamental articles, those of the former class undoubtedly predominating. The several stalls were nicely fitted up, and were presided over by the following:—

Fancy Stall—Mrs. Wm. Whitfield and Mrs. Hy. Whitfield.

Drapery Stall (No. 1)—Mrs. Levi Whitfield, Mrs. Phillipson, Mrs. Smales, Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Hetherington, and Mrs. Hall.

Drapery Stall (No. 2)—Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Varty, Mrs. Haddon, Mrs. and Miss Coulthard, Mrs. Birkett.

Confectionary Stall—Mr. Thos. Hepple and Mr. W. Coulthard.

Sunday School Stall—Miss M. Bell, Miss S. J. Bell, Miss Roberson, Miss Turnbull, Miss Dickinson, Miss Coates, Miss Stobbs, Miss Birkett, Miss Waugh, Mrs. Bell.

The opening ceremony was fixed for two o'clock, and at this time there was a numerous company present in the spacious hall. Amongst those we noticed—Mr. C. F. Scott, Miss Scott, Mr. and Mrs. T. Foreman, Miss Foreman, Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Lammonby, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Varty, Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitfield, Mr W. and Mrs. Rogerson, the Misses Rogerson, Mrs. M. D. Gresner, Coun. J. W. Winter, Rev. W. and Mrs. Raistrick, Mr. and Mrs J. Wildsmith, Mr. T. L. Gladstone, Mr. and Mrs. Forster, and others.

The Rev. W. Raistrick, in opening the proceedings, said the Primitive Methodists of Leadgate had worked very hard during the past three years. When he first came to the station three years since their debt was £400, but during that time they had succeeded in reducing it by £75, and considering that they had made no great effort he thought that very creditable. (Applause.) There was some £325 still remaining, in addition to which a good deal of money would be spent in renovating the chapel, &c. He was glad that they had a gentleman present who was a member of another Church to open the bazaar, and he had great pleasure in calling upon Mr. C. F. Scott to perform that duty. (Applause.)

Mr. Scott, who was warmly received, remarked that he had done his best to get out of the honour of opening the bazaar, because it struck him that on an occasion of that sort the duty should be performed by someone who had influence, position, and means, none of which he could lay claim to. It was also difficult for him to open out the bazaar because he was not used to public speaking. However, it gave him much pleasure to be present and to do anything he could for them. (Applause.) He found from the list before him that most of those mentioned were connected with him in the way of work, and he was glad that that occasion gave him an opportunity of being brought into contact with those employed under him. (Hear, hear.) The work in connection with a bazaar was principally the labour of the ladies, and it seemed to him that this work was not truly and properly appreciated. With regard to the work of the gentlemen it seemed simply to be composed of fuss. (Laughter.) The gentlemen always seemed to be fussing about the ladies, and trying to persuade themselves that they were doing their share of the work. (Renewed laughter.) It was sometimes said that they had to pay over the knuckles for articles at bazaars, but Mr. Scott pointed out that the class of articles was different at shops to those at bazaars, nearly all the latter being hand-made. There were sometimes a class of people who waited until almost the last moment in order to get something at a price much below its value, but he deprecated anything of this sort, and thought nothing should be sold at a less price than that at which it was marked. (Hear, hear.) If a freind sent them an article which cost 5/- and it was sold for 2/6, where was the gain? There was another thing. It very often happened that a privileged individual bought or spoke for things before the sales commenced, and he did not think this was fair. He was in favour of raffling at bazaars in moderation, as it was a good way to raise money. This debt of £325 was a small affair when they came to think about it. He thought a debt on a church rather inspired the members with a desire to go forward. If they had too much money they would probably find out that they wanted a new organ, a new church, a new Sunday School, and many other things. He thought if they had too much money they might increase the stipends of their ministers, and also enlarge their sphere of labour. (Hear, hear.) After stating that he had been considerably surprised to learn of the large area covered by the Revs. Raistrick, and Hanley, Mr. Scott declared the bazaar open amid applause.

The customary votes of thanks having been accorded, business at the stalls commenced in earnest, and there appeared to be a pretty good demand in all departments. There was a large company present in the evening, when a promenade concert took place. Amongst those taking part were the Consett Amateur Orchestra (under the leadership of Mr. G. A. Williams), Miss Williams, Miss Wright, Mr. J. B. Burlinson (Gateshead), Mr. R. Evans, &c. The other attractions included an Edison's phonograph, in charge of Mr. T. Jones, Consett, and an electric battery worked by Mr. Wm. Foster, Leadgate. The bazaar was continued over yesterday (Thursday.) Mr. J. Maughan most efficiently carried out the duties of secretary.

TANFIELD RATEPAYERS' AND PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the National School-room, Burnopfield, on Tuesday evening.—Mr Rogerson, president, in the chair.—In his opening remarks he said he was glad to be with them. The object of the Association was to look after the ratepayers as much as possible, and if they could reduce the rates they would endeavour to do so. They would look after the encroachment in the district. They had no desire to be antagonistic to the Council, but wished to be the same as other associations were, viz., to meet the Council, and to show what the ratepayers wanted, and what the Council would like them to do. As ratepayers they had a perfect right to look after old rights. One clause in the Act went so far as to say that the Urban Council was bound to see that no stoppage was made on the roads or footpaths, and to see that there was nothing taken as road waste that belonged to the public. If the Council would do that as a body, there would be no need for the Ratepayers Association.—The following additions were made to the committee, Mr Jno. Cuthbertson, Mr Adamson, Mr Ferguson, and Mr Weatman. Two assistant secretaries—Messrs J. Ramsay and Jackson.—Mr M. Storey, general secretary, Jarrow, next addressed the meeting, and expressed his pleasure at being present with them that night. In discussing the question of rates they should take a fair view of the case, and approach the public bodies in an impartial manner. Some men were desperately sharp upon other people, but knew how to look after themselves. The Ratepayers' Association had a perfect right to inquire into the expenditure of public money, and if they found any undue expenditure, they had a perfect rights to bring the public servants to book, and have an understanding with them. The reporter of "The Consett Guardian" had accused him with being rather strong up in the School Board in his speech at their last meeting. The School Board rate had risen to 2s 6d in the pound, and that was a serious matter. Any gentleman of intelligence would submit that every child in the land should have a sound education upon the three R's, but when they were being taught music, and how to bake cakes and pies, and other things, he thought it was time that the matter was looked into. If the present system of rating continued he did not know where they would ultimately land them. The property owner had a great struggle with the rates, and such excessive rating was a hardship. The speaker dealt exhaustively on the local taxation question, and concluded an excellent address by pointing out the benefits of a Ratepayers' and Property Owners' Association.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

Hamsterley Colliery Band.—The Hamsterley Colliery Band competing at the contest in Olympia, Newcastle, on the 28th November, were placed fouth out of fourteen competitors, and they were also awarded a gold medal for best solo horn (P. Maguire), silver medal for best solo cornet (R. Lee), and silver medal for best solo euphonium (J. Donaldson.)—The test piece was a selection from Auber's "Crown Diamonds."—The whole performance reflects great credit on the members of the band and their band-master, Mr. R. J. Chayton.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Trap Accident.—Whilst Mr. Holmes, son of the postmaster at Tantobie, was engaged taking the letters out of the letter-box at White-le-Head, on Saturday evening, a waggonette belonging to Mr. Rawes, Consett, ran into the mail cart which was standing by, and inflicted serious injuries to one of Mr. Rawes' horses.

CRAGHEAD.

Mr. Hovvel's Concert.—Mr. C. Palmer, of Craghead, writes thanking Mr. McNeal, of Annfield Plain, for the great services rendered by him in assisting so much at the late benefit concert for Mr Hovvels, of Burnhope, at the Albert Hall, Stanley.

Football.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC RESERVE.

To be played on the latter's ground, when the following will do duty for the Swifts—Goal, D. Elliott; backs, G. Wood (capt.) and J. Hamilton; half-backs, R. Bradley, J. Watson, and T. Ellis; forwards, J. Nichol and J. Sheldon, right wing; J. Laidler, centre; J. Hill and G. Hamilton, left wing. Linesman W. Harris.

Train leaves at 1-33.

Celtic Reserve—Goal, S. Foster; backs, A. Coyle and W. Burton; half-backs, G. Taylor, T. Martin, and T. Pickervance; forwards, W. Bell and P. Daly, right wing; E. Storey, centre; G. Robson and W. Herdman, left wing.

HEDLEY HILL v. CORNSAY RISING ROVERS 2ND.

On the Cornsay ground.

Hedley Hill—Goal, W. H. Morallee; backs, J. Blake and G. Thompson; half-backs, A. Tomlinson, A. Green, and J. Kearton; forwards, E. Heslop and F. Tomlinson, left wing; Y. Hudson, centre; T. Jones and G. Tomlinson, right wing.

Kick-off at 2-45.

BLACKHILL ROVERS RESERVE v. CONSETT PARK RESERVE.

On the Rover's ground at Blackfine. Teams:—Rovers—Goal, J. Postle; backs, R. Newbould and F. Lavender; half-backs, B. Whaley, W. Smith, and J. Wilson; forwards, J. Tindle, D. Allison, T. Hodgson, C. Millhouse, and T. Tindle.

Consett—Goal, J. Wilson; backs, W. Robson and J. Wilkinson; half-backs, J. Tindle, J. Donaldson, and A. B. Jackson; forwards, H. Goudie, J. G. Robinson, S. Stafford, T. Young, and L. Stephenson.

Kick-off at 2-45.

BLACKHILL ROVERS JUNIORS v. SHOTLEY JUNIORS.

On the ground of the former.

Rovers—Goal, Pate; backs, Maughan and Redshaw; half-backs, Dyson, Martin, and Robson; forwards, Wilkinson, Millhouse, Lumley, Orr, and Johnson.

Shotley—Goal, Dodds; backs, Barnes and Patterson; half-backs, Oliver, Oley, and Lister; forwards, Raisbeck, Connor, Surtees, Thompson, and Robb.

Kick-off at 2.

CONSETT v. BLACKHILL CELTIC.

To be played at Consett. The following will represent

Consett—Goal, T. Henderson; backs, S. Dimmick and T. Dimmick; half-backs, T. Davis, W. Peacock, and Joe Peacock; forwards, J. Longhorn, W. Bowen, D. Robinson, John Lee, and R. Mullen.

Referee, Mr John Peacock. Kick-off at 1-45.

KYO UNITED v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

These teams met at Kyo, when the home team will make a bold bid for victory.

United—Goal, M. Turnbull; backs, T. Williams and P. Shield; half-backs, R. Dawson (capt.) S. Parlett, and J. Stephens; forwards, G. Ridley, and G. Parlett, right wing; Ned McClenning, centre; W. Wells and J. Gallagher, left wing.

Kick-off at 2-45.

HEDLEY HILL 2ND v. TOW LAW WANDERERS.

On the ground of the former.

Hedley Hill—Goal, J. H. Agar; backs, H. Richardson and J. Greathead; half-backs, S. Newton, E. Stones, and G. Greathead; forwards, T. Hall, F. Johnson, H. Heslop, W. Thompson, and W. Hudson.

Referee, Mr J. Brannen. Kick-off at 2-33.

SOUTH MOOR ALBIONS v. LANGLEY PARK.

At Langley Park. The Albions will be chosen from the following:—J. Walker, J. Clark, W. Beckett, J. Handy, J. Dawson, H. Hendry, T. Cook, J. Pasco, J. Smalles, G. Ropson, G. Garnott, R. Moore, and R. Fletcher.

CRAGHEAD v. BIRTLEY RESERVE.

At Craghead. The home team will be chosen from—Laycock, M. and T. Muncaster, Fairley, Hawks, Dodds, Turnbull, Routledge, Hall, Kellett, Sherston, Wharton, Jefferson, and Perkin.

DELVES LANE UNITED v. BURNHOPE YOUNG ROVERS.

To be played on the ground of the former, when the following will do duty for

Delves Lane—Goal, R. Johnson; backs, L. Haggan and J. G. Bell; half-backs, W. Fenwick, J. Cain, and I. Dryden; forwards, J. Johnson, J. Gowland, A. Overal, T. Cain, and C. Redshaw.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS RESERVE v. CONSETT SHAMROCKS.

At Shotley Spa. The following will do duty for Shotley—Goal, Richardson; backs, McCourt and Raisbeck; half-backs, Glendinning, Surtees, and Robinson; forwards, Keenan, Maughan, Nixon, Betts, and Thompson.

MEDOMSLEY ROVERS v. STANLEY RANGERS.

To be played on the ground of the former, when the following will represent the

Rovers—Goal, G. Gillender; backs, T. Collins and G. Jamieson; half-backs, W. Nattrass, H. Forster, and M. Cavanagh; forwards, R. and G. Nattrass, W. Starford, R. Robinson, and J. Stabbs.

IVESTON VILLA v. ALLENDALE PARK RESERVE.

At Iveston. The following will represent the Villa—Goal, W. Graham; backs, T. Toole and J. Thompson; half-backs, J. Forster, J. Curr, and P. Forster; forwards, J. Noble, J. Harper, J. Tweedy, J. Bentick, and J. Pauls.

BURNOPFIELD ATHLETIC v. DERWENT EXCELSIORS.

At Hamsterley.

Burnopfield—Goal, C. Davison; backs, R. Lamb and J. Jacques; half-backs, W. Goodfellow, J. Smith, and J. Middleton; forwards, J. Brown, A. Jacques, W. Anderson, G. Cunningham, and J. Rowell.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. AXWELL ROVERS.

These teams meet at Dipton, when a good game is sure to be witnessed.

Dipton Wanderers—Goal, R. Palmer; backs, W. Thompson and R. Coates; half-backs, M. Cunningham, M. Evans, and J. T. Willey; forwards, M. Temple and W. Ellis, right wing; centre, W. Evans; H. Bolam and T. Walker, left wing.

Referee, Mr W. H. Bewley, Newcastle. Kick-off at 2-30.

STANLEY v. GATESHEAD N.E.R.

At Gateshead, when the following will represent Stanley—Goal, E. Beckwith; backs, R. Cunningham and M. Joyce; half-backs, J. Milburn, T. Fish, and E. Nicholson; forwards, T. Crute and T. Robson, right wing; S. Wood, centre; J. Howe and J. Pentland, left wing.

Referee, Mr Pinder.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. PRUDHOE.

After an absence of five weeks from their own pitch Hobson will meet Prudhoe in the above league at the Hobson, when, considering the rivalry there is between the teams a fast and exciting game is sure to take place.

Hobson—Goal, J. McNeil; backs, W. H. Liddle (capt.) and M. McCue; half-backs, T. Heslin, E. Henderson, and J. Weedy; forwards, R. Hindhaugh or J. T. Bell, J. Layton, E. Muirhead, Bown, and J. M. Maddison.

Referee, Mr E. Watson, Swalwell. Kick-off at 2-30.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS v. BLAYDON UNITED.

At Blaydon.

Rovers—Goal, Scott; backs, Oliver and Hobday; half-backs, Winter, Gray, and Robinson; forwards, Watson and Tindle, right wing; Smith, centre; Joyce and Barras, left wing.

LINTZFORD v. ALLENDALE PARK.

This fixture in the above tournament will be played at Lintzford, and as the visitors are yet unbeaten in the competition the homesters will have a stiff task in hand. The same team will take the field as defeated Blaydon a fortnight ago.

Lintzford—Goal, J. W. Andrews; backs, J. Seath and R. Abbott; half-backs, G. Dodds, A. Anderson, and A. Marshall; forwards, Jim Andrews and T. Seath, left wing; A. W. Hayles, centre; J. Laing, jun., and T. Ferry, right wing.

Referee, Mr A. Fletcher, Swalwell. Kick-off at 2-30.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. BYER MOOR.

To be played on the Park ground, when a good game is expected.

Leadgate Park—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, D. Cartmell and A. Aitken; half-backs, R. Dawson, T. Calvert, and G. Temple; forwards, M. Willis and W. G. Robson right wing; G. Milburn, centre; J. Veitch and J. Birtley, left wing.

Kick-off at 2-30.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT JUNIORS v. WHICKHAM ST. MARY'S.

At Consett, when the following will represent Consett—Goal, G. Lewis; backs, R. Patterson and R. Bowen; half-backs, T. Wilkinson, T. Jones, and T. Harris; forwards, R. Harkness, G. Kellett, F. Richardson, J. Morgan, and Joe Lee.

DIPTON.

St. John's Church.—On Sunday morning, the Rev. J. Madill, curate of Burnopfield preached. In the morning, Master George Woodman, chorister of St. Jude's, Shieldfield, Newcastle, sang "The Chorister," and in the evening "The Holy City" and "A dream of Paradise." The choir sang the anthems "Lead me to the rock," and Blessed be the name of the Lord." The pulpit was occupied in the evening by the vicar.

WINLATON.

The Hon. Mrs. Vereker of Hamsterley Hall on Disestablishment.—On Tuesday night, in the Drill Hall, Winlaton, the Hon. Mrs. Vereker, of Hamsterley Hall, gave an address to a fairly large audience on the subject of "Disestablishment." The chair was taken by Mr. W. E. Westmacott, of Blaydon, in the absence of Mr. H. W. Grace, J.P. The Hon. Mrs. Vereker explained in a lucid manner the true meaning of "Disestablishment," and what it meant to the church together with disendowment. Touching on the appropriation of the Church's property by the State, for the purpose of museum-building and such like, she pointed out that the donor of the gift meant it for the good of the Church, and no other purpose. She briefly sketched the history of the National Church, dwelling on its ancient origin, and the claim it holds upon the people from its antiquity.

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TANFIELD SOCIETY FOR THE PROSECUTION OF FELONS.

The annual supper of the Tanfield Association for the Prosecution of Felons was held at the Peacock Inn, last Wednesday evening. About 35 members sat down to a sumptuous repast. Mr A. Atkinson was elected chairman for the evening. After the cloths were removed, several toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, songs being contributed by Messrs F. Lowe, A. Nevin, and Wilson. During supper the genial secretary, Mr F. Lowe, produced a document which he had received from the friends of their late secretary, Mr Smith. On being examined it was found to be the "articles of agreement" which were made, signed, and sealed by the inaugurators of the association on Nov. 4th, 1795, so that the parchment is now 97 years old. They were drawn up in the 40th year of the reign of King George III. The first meeting of the association was held at the house of Mr John Dobie, innkeeper, Tanfield, who then occupied the house that Mr John Urwin now occupies. At that meeting a committee consisting of Mr Alexander Home Matthewson, Dipton, Mr J. Dobie, and Mr. Wm. Bellington was formed. The boundaries of the association extended to Collierley, Kyo, Medomsley, Iveston, Billingside, Urpeth, and Edmondsley. The names of about sixty members who signed the agreement with Mr Nicholas Hopper, gentleman, of Black Hedley, Northumberland, were also to be seen. The object of the old association was to prosecute any person who was guilty of wilfully damaging fences, trees, robbing gardens, breaking gates, or otherwise interfering with member's property. At their meeting in 1799, Mr Peter Hunter, attorney, Durham, was appointed the legal adviser of the association. The document was examined by the members, but none seemed to know of its existence. It is now in the hands of the secretary who intends to preserve it as a relic of the association.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

HEDGEFIELD.—Blaydon, on the 28th ult., the wife of Frank R. Simpson, of a daughter.

PHILIPSON.—Castleside, on the 27th ult., the wife of John W. Phillipson, of a daughter.

POTTS.—Castleside, on the 28th ult., the wife of T. Potts, of a daughter.

MOORE.—Annfield Plain, on the 28th ult., the wife of Geo. A. Moore, managing plumber, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

RAINE—SPARK.—At Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 28th ult., John Raine, Crawleyside, Stanhope, to Elizabeth Spark, daughter of Coun. John Spark, Stanhope.

STORY—CRAIN.—At Holy Trinity Church, Pelton, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. C. C. Ledger, William, eldest son of Richard Story, of Urpeth Villa, Beamish, to Margaret Jane (Maggie), eldest daughter of Sergeant William Crain, Alma Cottage, Pelton, Chester-le-Street.

SEYMOUR—SMITH.—Lanchester, Register Office, on the 28th ult., Thomas Seymour to Mary Smith, both of Leadgate.

DEATHS.

AFFLECK.—Chester-le-Street, Brown's Buildings, on the 28th ult., aged 24 years, James, second son of William and Barbara Affleck.

ANDERSSON.—Pelton Fell, 13, Pitt Row, aged 36, Mary Jane, wife of William Anderson.

BARRASS.—Summerhill, Shotley Bridge, on the 28th ult., aged 61, Alexander Barrass.

BROWN.—Urpeth Colliery, on the 28th ult., aged 2, Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Brown.

BROWN.—Dipton, on the 28th ult., aged 32, Tom, husband of Mary Brown, and son of the late Robt. Brown, Bute Arms, Dipton.

BROWN.—Blaydon, 30, Robinson Street, on the 29th ult., aged 52, Andrew, husband of Margaret Brown.

BURGESS.—Dipton, on the 30th ult., aged 5 years, Mary Alice, daughter of John and Annie Burgess.

DARLING.—Dipton, Beesom Bank, on the 28th ult., aged 29, Sarah, wife of William Darling.

DARLING.—Dipton, Beesom Bank, aged 3 years and 9 months, Emley, the youngest daughter of William and the late Sarah Darling, died Dec. 2nd. Interred at Harelaw, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 3-30 p.m.

FAWCETT.—Fence Houses, Success Cottage, on the 28th ult., aged 72, Forster Fawcett.

ENGLISH.—High Spen, 3, West Street, on the 29th ult., aged 66, Thomas, husband of A. J. English.

HUTTON.—Pelton Fell, on the 28th ult., aged 2 months, Ernest Edward, son of Joseph and Ann Hutton.

HAMILTON.—Edmondsley, Blackburn Square, at the residence of her son-in-law, on the 28th ult., aged 84, Margaret, widow of the late Robert Hamilton, late of Chester Moor.

KIRKUP.—Pelton House, on the 1st inst., aged 74, Annie, wife of John Kirkup.

SIMPSON.—Hamsterley, Emms' Hill, on the 28th ult., aged 64, William Joseph Simpson.

SETTREY.—High Spen, 17, Collingdon Road, on the 1st inst., aged 68, Anne, wife of William Settrey.

SMITH.—Dipton, Woodhouses, on the 28th ult., aged 9 years, John, third son of William and Sarah Ann Smith.

THIRLWELL.—At Shotley Bridge, on the 1st inst., aged 66, Jane Ann, widow of the late William Vickerson Thirlwell.

UNSWORTH.—Blackhill, 11, Siemen Street, on the 28th ult., Isaac Unsworth.

WILSON.—Chester-le-Street, 1, Wesley Terrace, on the 30th ult., Elizabeth, wife of William Wilson.

WIGHAM.—Langley Park, on the 26th ult., Robert Wigham.

WOLFE.—Consett, 5, Thomas Street, on Dec. 1st, aged 68 years, James Wolfe, late of Annfield Plain. To be interred on Friday, Dec. 4th, at Half-past Two o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

YOUNG.—Birtley, Triune Cottages, on the 29th ult., aged 81, Mary, widow of the late John Young.

In loving memory of Mary, wife of John Mason, who died Dec. 3rd, 1895. "Thy will be done." Ever remembered by her husband and family.

In affectionate remembrance of James Thompson, who was accidently killed on Dec. 4th, 1894. Ever remembered by his mother, brother, and sisters.

In loving memory of our dear father, John Lake, who died at Tantobie, Dec. 1st, 1885. Also, our dear mother, Hannah Lake, who died at White-le-Head, Jan. 30th, 1888.

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In loving memory of Joseph Butcher Mackey, who died on Dec. 2nd, 1892, at No. 6, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside.

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Better the flower thus plucked untrained,
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1896. [GRATIS.

NORTH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

COUNTY CONFERENCE AT CONSETT.

The annual conference and attendant meetings of the forward movement of Temperance reformers for the County of Durham, held under the auspices of the North of England Temperance League, took place at Consett, on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. These conferences are promoted for the purpose of awakening increased enthusiasm for the cause, and of extending the truths of total abstinence to every village and hamlet in the North. By this means year by year the work of the League increases, and naturally the interest in its proceedings extends. The area covered by the League for its operations is a wide one. It embraces the whole of Northumberland, Westmoreland, Cleveland, and North Yorkshire. The arrangements for the present conference were of a most complete character, greatly due to the energy thrown into the work by Mr. Guy Hayler, general secretary, Newcastle, and Mr. Geo. T. Egglestone, Consett, who most ably carried out the duties allotted to the office of district overseer. At the preliminary meeting held in the Wesleyan Church Hall, on Saturday evening, the proceedings were characterised by unusual enthusiasm. There was a good company present. The Rev. Thomas Durant, vice-president of the Consett United Temperance Association, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. J. McNab, (Baptist) Carlisle, Rev. J. Holroyd, (Congregational) Blackburn, Mr. John Kempster, Editor "Police Review," London, Mrs. Holroyd, Blackburn, Mr. D. McMillan, Sunderland, Mr. Guy Hayler, Newcastle, Mr. R. Rule, Mr. M. H. Brewer, Tow Law, Mr. J. W. Davison, J.P., Consett, Mr. Geo. T. Egglestone, Consett, Mr. Thos. Carr, Consett, Mr. S. Brodie, Consett, Mr. John Lowes, Consett, Mr. V. Dunn, Consett, and others.

The Chairman said co-operators in the work were welcome. Welcome ought to be their first word; to those whom they had never seen before, but with whom they were getting acquainted. They greeted them all in the name of their Lord. They were all one in effort, in hope, in end, and trusted by and bye to be one in heaven. (Applause.) They were all engaged in the same work, though not in the same place, and were depending upon the same help, and would all some day join in the same voice of victory. (Applause.) At the present time they heard a great deal about forward movements, here, there, and in every directions; but they were all more or less connected with the temperance cause. In this movement there had been progress from the beginning, and he hoped that it would continue to go forward to the end. They were gathered together for the purpose of encouraging one another and he trusted that they would still continue to go forward, notwithstanding seeming checks, and other things that seemed to discourage them. Forward, with more courageous hearts, with arms nerved with more strength; forward in the face of the enemy who were strong admittedly. He could say they were not opposed to the men; but to the traffic. (Applause.) The victory was their's although they might not live to see the final triumph, but they could make the path more clear for those who came after them, and they would take hold when their grasp of the banner relaxes, and with the weapon they had been able to furnish, keener edged, they would be able to go forward, and together they would rejoice in full victory. (Cheers.)

Rev. J. McNab followed with an interesting address. He said when asked if he had ever been to Consett, he generally answered "Yes, I have been there, and still would go, it is like a little heaven below." (Applause.) He was delighted to have the opportunity of paying another visit to the Consett district, and he was now going to say a few words with regard to the work of the North of England Temperance League. From what he knew of it, he could safely say that it was one of the best teetotal organisations they had in England, whose agents went into the small villages, towns, and large cities that were grouped within its area. They sent their agents most regularly throughout the whole of Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Cleveland, and North Yorkshire. In many cases their agents were the only persons that visited some of the villages to do temperance work of a public character. It was an organisation that claimed not only their sympathy, but support expressed by contributions towards its funds. It was an organisation that went to the root of the question that it professed to deal with. It believed in total abstinence for the individual, and its members endeavoured to persuade those who were not abstainers to become such, and also endeavoured to reclaim the drunkards. (Applause.) The organisation went in for total Prohibition—(hear, hear)—and it was radical, in the only sense in which it should be applied, in going to the root of the whole matter. (Applause.) As total abstainers they contended they ought to be protected by the law. They ought not to have temptations placed in their way in order to induce them to break the pledge. They as temperance workers ought to seek and influence those who came forward for Parliamentary honours to pledge themselves to vote in the House of Commons to give to the people the power to put away those temptations. (Applause.) If they were to do the work they must encourage and strengthen one another. They must pledge themselves to remain true to the pledge, and do all in their power to banish intemperance from the land. (Loud applause.)

Rev. John Holroyd next delivered a short address. He stated that he was quite a stranger there that night. He only knew one gentleman on the platform, and that was the only one besides his wife, that he had seen before. (Laughter.) While having only been in the town a short time he could safely say that he felt quite at home. (Applause.) He was very much obliged to them for their greeting, and he was glad to meet them all at that temperance meeting in connection with the North of England Temperance League. This was his first visit to Consett, and he could say that he was favourably impressed with the place. (Applause.) He had a great deal to do with temperance organisations, and he could say that he did not know of one that got through as much work, with so little money, as the North of England Temperance League. (Loud applause.) He admired the energy that was thrown into the work. Of course a great deal depended upon what kind of a general they had got, but he could say that in Mr. Guy Hayler they had a general who knew his work, and therefore carefully directed the movements of the organisation. Mr. Guy Hayler was a splendid organiser, and a great deal depended upon that for the success of the organisation. Mr. Guy Hayler carefully laid his plans; but did not leave them there for someone else to carry out. They generally found him in the front rank, taking part in the battle, fighting with all his might. (Loud applause.) He liked the plan of the organisation. Whilst looking after the large towns within its area, it did not forget the small villages. He would urge upon all temperance workers to engage themselves in some kind of work connected with the cause. If they could not all be speakers, they could become tract distributors, and there was no telling the amount of good they could do in this direction. He (the speaker) undertook on one occasion to send every farmer in Yorkshire a pamphlet dealing with the effects of strong drink. It took him 18 months to do the work, and that pamphlet he was the means of distributing 23,700 copies. Now he did this, and did not let it interfere with his pastoral work. He would suggest that they should distribute their own temperance magazine, which was an excellent one, to the people of the neighbourhood. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman said that he hoped the meetings that had to be held in connection with the Conference would be most successful, and that many would be induced to sign the pledge. (Applause.)

Mrs. Holroyd was the next speaker. She said she was very pleased to be present on that occasion, and to tell them she was a teetotaler out and out of 20 years standing. (Applause.) She was there to appeal to the women, and that was her reason for visiting Consett, for she had the impression that temperance people were asleep, but during the time she had been in their midst she found that it was not the case with the people of Consett, as they were very much alive to the cause of temperance. (Applause.) She had to confess the people of Blackburn were asleep in this direction. At the last General Election she did a great deal of canvassing, and she then found out that women had a great influence. If every woman would engage herself in this work of spreading the cause of temperance what amount of good would be accomplished. They must destroy the drink traffic, and women would have to assist in the work. She wished they would only think of the number of lives that were wrecked every week by this cursed drink. Think of the 150,000 women that were employed as barmaids in Christian England. Think of the women that were living in vice and wickedness all caused by drink. Could she now appeal to the women of that meeting, and enable them to resolve to do their best to help forward Christ's Kingdom. They wanted the lives of people to be made pure; but they could not do this till they get the drink traffic banished from the land. They came there with a free remedy, and they asked the people to sign the pledge. What were the public houses open for? They found that in one year, 2,000 people had died from delirium tremens. It was true they were awakening up. If they would only do their duty they would very soon have the Veto Bill passed. It was said they were now going to drop the Bill; but such was not going to be the case. Let them work on, go forth with renewed strength, and victory was sure to crown their labours. (Loud applause.)

Mr. J. Kempster followed with a short, but interesting address. He said that he was closely identified with the cause of temperance, and watched with interest the work of the North of England Temperance League. When they had anything good in London they generally got the help of Mr. Guy Hayler, and therefore he felt that he could not very well refuse his invitation to be present at that Conference. They, total abstainers were generally called everlasting people with one idea. They were quite willing to be called that, because they were men and women of one idea. (Applause.) The world was divided into two classes—the people that took drink, and those who did not. How very extreme were the people who took the poison and poured it down their throats. It was said again they were prejudiced; but had they not prejudged the case? (Applause.) They had something to gain by taking this stand, but they were looking after the interests of their fellow-men. Those men that took drink their palates were prejudiced, and the men who sold the drink had their pockets prejudiced. They said that a man who was a teetotaller should not be a magistrate, and sit on the Bench. He was agreed, if they would undertake to remove the drinkers. (Applause.) In conclusion he hoped the meetings would be a success, and the result of much good. (Applause.) During the evening, songs, recitations, &c., were given by Mrs. Colmar, Miss E. Powell, Miss F. Egglestone all of Consett, and Mr. E. Robson, Blackhill. The Consett Mission Band was also in attendance and rendered several selections. Mr. C. Stalling, organist at the Consett Wesleyan Church, ably presided at the piano. The successful meeting concluded in the usual way.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.

TEMPERANCE SERMONS.

Sunday was observed in nearly all the local churches and Nonconformist Chapels as a day specially for the advocacy of temperance principles. The following is a list of the preachers at the various places:—

Consett—Church of England, Rev. F. Steggall, Vicar; Baptist, Rev. J. Lamb, Harvey, Berwick, and Rev. J. McNab, Carlisle; Primitive Methodist, Mr. Alfred Hall, London; and Rev. J. Lamb Harvey; Wesleyan, Rev. Joseph Bacon, Consett. Blackhill—Baptist, Rev. John Holroyd, Blackburn, and Mr. John Kempster, London; Methodist Free Church, Mr. D. McMillan, Sunderland, and Mr. Alfred Hall, London; Primitive Methodist, Rev. J. McNab, Carlisle, and Mr. R. Rule; Presbyterian, Rev. Alex. Baillie, Blackhill, and Rev. John Holroyd, Blackburn; Wesleyan, Rev. C. M. Greenway, Shotley Bridge, and Mr. John Kempster, London. Allendale Cottages—Primitive Methodist, Mr. C. C. McColvin, Consett; Wesleyan, Rev. J. Irwin, Annfield Plain, and Mr. W. Bowman, Blackhall Mill. Annfield Plain—Wesleyan, Mr. T. Carey, Consett. Bradley Cottages—Primitive Methodist, Mr. H. Richardson, Consett. Blanchland—Wesleyan Mr. P. H. Pigford, Catchgate. Burnhope—Wesleyan, Mr. G. Buckham, Lanchester. Castleside — Primitive Methodist, Rev. W. Raistrick, Consett. Dipton—Wesleyan—Mr. E. J. Lamb, Consett. Ebchester—Wesleyan, Mr. W. Jackson, Consett. Lanchester—Primitive Methodist, Mr. J. Summerbell, Consett, and Mr. D. McMillan, Sunderland. Leadgate—Primitive Methodist, Mr. W. Bowman, Lanchester; Wesleyan, Rev. J. A. Dixon, Stanley. Shotley Bridge—Primitive Methodist, Mr. R. Grey, Gateshead; Wesleyan, Mr. W. Robinson, Medomsley. South Moor—Wesleyan, Mr. L. W. Rowe, Stanley. Stanley—Wesleyan, Mr. A. Phillipson, Dipton. Tantobie—Wesleyan, Mr. J. Sanders, Tanfield Lea, and Mr. W. Wadge, Stanley.

In the following places of worship the services were held afternoon and evening:—

Allansford—Primitive Methodist, Mr. W. Smith, Blackhill, and Mr. T. Lubbock, Blackhill. Bearpark—Mr. Frank Knox, Washington. Blackhall Mill—Wesleyan, Rev. J. Irwin, Annfield Plain. Butsfield—Primitive Methodist, Mr. A. S. Noates, Consett. Chopwell—Wesleyan, Mr. G. R. Appleby, Annfield Plain. East Castle—Wesleyan, Mr. R. Rothwell, Consett. Edmondbyers—Wesleyan, Mr. G. A. Moor, Annfield Plain. Howden—United Demonstration Rev. C. Stanley, North Shields. Iveston—Wesleyan, Rev. J. A. Dixon, Stanley, and Mr. W. Bell, Consett. Knitsley Grange—Primitive Methodist, Mr. T. Williams, Blackhill. Kyo—Wesleyan, Mr. H. Biggs, Dipton. Kip Hill—Wesleyan, Mr. J. W. Glenwright, Dipton. Medomsley—Wesleyan, Mr. J. McPherson, Annfield Plain. Ramshaw—Primitive Methodist, Mr. J. Leadbitter, Cutlers' Hall. Roughside—Wesleyan, Mr. T. Hall, Catchgate. Shildon—Primitive Methodist, Mr. R. Hall, Cutlers' Hall. Waskerley Park—Primitive Methodist, Mr. W. Brand, Mr. W. Berrow, Mr. H. Whitfield, and others. Whittonstall—Wesleyan, Mr. W. Hogg, Westwood.

CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS.

In the afternoon a united Nonconformist children's service was held in the Wesleyan Hall. The spacious building was filled to excess. The address was delivered by Mr. Chippingdale.

At the Consett Church School, Mr. Guy Hayler, delivered an instructive address to a large company of young people.

GREAT GATHERING OF WOMEN.

At three o'clock, a women's temperance meeting was held in the New Town Hall, Consett. There was a large company present, and the chair was occupied by Mrs. R. C. Forster, Blackhill. There G.V.T., London; Mrs. J. Holroyd, Blackburn; was also on the platform Mrs. J. Shipman, Mr. Guy Hayler, Newcastle, Rev. J. McNab, Carlisle, besides a number of local supporters, including Mrs. S. Brodie, Mrs. R. B. Hanley, Mrs. G. D. Powell, Mrs. Geo. T. Egglestone, and Miss Routledge, all representing the Consett Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association.

The Chairwoman said she regretted that Mrs. F. Steggall, the esteemed President of the Consett Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was unable to preside over the gathering. She was glad that Temperance was being brought forward prominently, and to see so many present this afternoon to hear the question from a woman's standpoint. It was pre-eminently a woman's question because drink blighted the homes. There were many who had not yet become total abstainers because they saw no present danger, but she thought they ought to take a higher view of it than that. In the spirit of self-sacrifice they ought to be abstainers, and willing to do something for the cause. There was a loud call for women to do all they could to banish the drink traffic, because there were many who were enslaved by it. Every woman had a mighty influence, and they should resolve that it should be used on the side of temperance, until success crowned their efforts, and until every brother and sister were persuaded to join their ranks. (Applause.)

The next speaker was Mrs. Holroyd, who delivered an interesting address on the medical side of the temperance question. She said this was a question that lay very near to her heart, because she knew that many had become drunkards through having taken drink by the doctors orders. There were thousands who had become drunkards through obeying the doctors' orders. She was not going to say that in every case where drink was ordered as a medicine it had been the ruin of the party who took it; but in many instances it had been the case, and she would say to the medical man of that town, Never order drink to any woman, and think twice before ordering it for a man. (Applause.) Beware of the first drop you take, because it was the first step towards drinking. It was such a deadly thing was this drink. Having paid a high tribute to the work accomplished by the late Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, the speaker proceeded to give the testimony of eminent medical men, showing the effects of alcohol when swallowed by the individual. In appealing to those present she said if they kept it in their houses as medicine she would exhort them to banish it for it might be the ruin of their children. Well may they say, "Where is the missing link between the Sunday School and the Church?" The young men and young women who were connected with their Sunday-schools were now the outcast of society through tampering with strong drink. She dare not have it in her house for fear of the children. She wished them to be brave, as they could not afford to trifle with this question, and if they had anyone ill give them everything that would make strength; but do not give them alcohol. Have faith in human nature, take courage in yourselves and you will get on without the drink. (Applause.)

Mrs. Shipman followed with a practical address. She was pleased to stand before them a teetotaler and a Good Templar. She understood that there was not a Good Templars' Lodge in that town, but let her say that she believed the Good Templars' organisation one of the best ever instituted. She also believed that the British Women's Temperance Association were accomplishing much good; but she was desirous of having a Good Templars' Lodge established at Consett. She was glad there were a large number of men present. She hoped they will have heard something that will induce them to sign the pledge if they had not already done so. All over the country they generally found the drink dens. That very afternoon she had been watching the children going to the public-houses to procure the drink for their parents. Shame on the men that were behind the bar, who supplied a child with drink. (Hear, hear.) When seeking this drink children sometimes often learned to drink the liquor from the cans. She would urge upon the parents present never to give their children strong drink, if they did not they would grow up to be stronger men and women, better citizens, and better fitted to go out into the world and fight the battles of life. She wished every temperance man and women would not have this drink in their houses. That which was not good for themselves was not good for their friends. During the last General Election she was canvassing in the East End of London, and the sights she saw there were really painful. In some of the drink dens, women with children in their arms were standing at the bars drinking and honouring the candidate whom they thought was going to win the seat. She could say that these women never paid for the drink. It was given to them by other people because they had not the money to pay for it. It was time the christian women of England were awakening up and doing their duty, all honour to the women of the British Temperance Association for the noble work they were doing, and she would say to the women present, do come on to the side of temperance for the sake of the children, and help to clear away this cursed stuff which was doing so much harm in their midst. (Applause.)

This interesting meeting was closed by the singing of the Doxology. Mr. Geo. A. Williams Consett, acted as accompanist.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.

In the evening, a magnificent Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the New Town Hall, Consett. The spacious building was crowded to excess. The chair was occupied by Mr. Guy Hayler, Newcastle, and was supported by Rev. J. McNab, Carlisle, Rev. J. Holroyd, Blackburn, Rev. J. Lamb Harvey, Berwick, Mr. J. Kempster, London, Mr. Brewer, Tow Law, Mrs. Holroyd, Blackburn, Mrs. J. Shipman, G.V.T., London, Rev. J. Bacon (Wesleyan), Consett, Rev. J. Forster (Free Methodist), Blackhill, Rev. Thomas Durant (Baptist), Consett, Coun. R. C. Forster, Consett, Coun. J. W. Davison, J.P., Coun. J. Lowes, Mr. Geo. T. Egglestone, and other local supporters of the temperance cause. Prior to the meeting, the Consett Temperance Mission Band, and the Leadgate Mission Band processioned the streets of the town. A united choir was in attendance, with Mr. C. Stelling as conductor, whilst Mr. Geo. A. Williams presided at the piano.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to be present that night, and to preside over such a splendid gathering which was held under the auspices of the North of England Temperance League. During the present month no less than 500 meetings had been held in the North for the furtherance of the great temperance forward movement which was connected with their League. They were only fighting for the removal of the drink traffic. In every Nonconformist church prayers had been offered for the total abolition of the drink traffic. In all large towns and villages, gatherings had been held for the furtherance of the cause, and for the purpose of winning the people to temperance principles. Some people might ask why should all this earnestness be manifested for this reform? Simply because drink was the great curse of the people. Alcohol had destroyed some of the best men that had ever lived. They were there that night to protest against such a ravage being amongst the people. Only the other day the anniversary of the death of Robert Burns was celebrated, and at one of the gatherings, Lord Salisbury and other noble personages were present to speak of the praise of the poet, but yet Burns fell a victim to drink. There were many more of their noble poets who had done the same thing. There were men in their own experience, and who had been employed perhaps in the Consett Works and mines, and yet by tampering with strong drink they were now filling drunkards graves in their churchyards. It was high time some energy was being put forth to save the working-men and the nation from the curse of this drink. (Applause.) A short time ago a correspondent for one of their leading newspapers made an investigation to see who were really the men that were employed as sandwich men on the streets of London. He found that the greatest majority of them had at one time occupied a good position in life. In that employment he found doctors and men who had been trained at their colleges, and many of whom had received their M.A., and LL.D. These men were carrying boards and distributing bills up and down the streets of London for 1/6 per day. What had brought them down to that position? It was the drink. This was the reason for the present agitation. He would appeal to those present to put more energy into the fight to remove the liquor traffic. He would appeal to their better instincts, to the love of home and kindred, to the sense of duty owing to God, to do all in their power to banish the cursed stuff from the island, in order that the slaves of drink may go free, and that the nation may once more become noted for its sobriety. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. J. Lamb Harvey said that in his town the principal industries were drink-making, drink-selling, and indulgence in drink-drinking. He was afraid they in that town were not free from some of these things. From what he saw last night whilst going through their principal street they were guilty of the last charge—indulgence in drinking. Did it not strike them that in drinking as citizens they were guilty of gross inconsistencies, not themselves alone, but all other communities like themselves. The infernal drink was dealing out deadly destruction, and contained the seeds of damnation, and it was their duty to make incessant war upon it. They were a blind and inconsistent people, or they would not tolerate such a thing as the drink traffic for one single hour if they were a just country. The record of the drink traffic was such as demanded its total destruction, and having it sent back to the hell from which it sprang. He remembered reading the other day about a Liberal M.P. being called to task by his constituents from presiding at a gathering of some licensed victuallers. This gentleman apologised by stating that the publicans' business was both "ancient and honourable." It was ancient, so was sin and Satan; but they did not think any more of him for that. (Laughter.) Let them look at the arguments to support the assertion that it was "ancient and honourable." It did not follow that it was honourable because it supplied a public demand. There was a public demand for French novels; but it did not follow that it was proper or honourable that indecent literature should be scattered up and down the land. There was another plea that it was legal, because it was authorised by law; but there again it did not follow for that reason it was honourable. The law had been on the side of evil long enough. (Hear.) A tree was known by its fruit. See the graves this cursed drink had filled, the homes it had wrecked, and the lives it had destroyed. The speaker went on to say that the drink traffic was full of impurity, and only when England recovered her lost conscience, and took her stand against this traffic would it be swept into perdition. (Loud applause.)

Mr. J. Kempster said he was glad to come to the north, and get some of the inspirations which he had noticed since he had come amongst them. His coming there was like bringing coals to Newcastle, and he was afraid he would have to take some of the coals back with him to London to get a little fire. Having spoken in complimentary tones of the vicar of Consett, on his stand in the temperance cause, he went on to say that he would like to take the Rev. F. Steggall back with him to London; but he was afraid they would not like to lose him. London was a difficult place to move, and they wanted some men like their esteemed vicar. (Applause.) He was glad they had sent a Parliamentary representative, who was on the side of temperance. He hoped they would never send a man who would refuse to vote against the liquor traffic. He did not think that Durham could do more than it was doing in this direction. He referred to the fact that some of their friends—Christian friends too—were saying that they at that meeting were making extraordinary statements, such as that a moderate drinker was worse than a drunkard. He had never touched drink for 47 years, and he had heard a great number of lectures, but he never once heard an advocate say such a thing. The fact was it was the voice of conscience, and apologising for what they knew to be wrong. The voice of conscience did tell a man that there would be no drunkards if there was no drinking. Let them be prepared to sacrifice themselves, and do all in their power for the benefit of their fellow men, thus proving that they did not live for themselves alone, but for others. (Applause.)

Rev. J. Holroyd followed with an interesting address. He said that the churches had not yet come over to their side; but they were coming. (Applause.) That most of the ministers of the several churches were now abstainers, and that was a good sign. When the shepherds joined their ranks the sheep would follow. Having quoted figures showing the numbers of ministers of the different churches who were total abstainers, the speaker went on to say that this showed which way the stream was flowing, and gave them an idea of what the future was going to be. He appealed to all present to sign the pledge, and work for the temperance cause. (Applause.)

The singing of the Doxology brought this meeting to a close.

MONDAY MORNING'S PROCEEDINGS.

A gathering of district organisers took place in the forenoon in the vestry of the Wesleyan Church, Councillor Goodwin, of South Shields, presiding. Reports were given of the work conducted in various parts, and Mr. Guy Hayler, the secretary, explained the forward movement, and the means adopted to carry it out.

MONDAY AFTERNOON'S MEETING.

On Monday afternoon the conference assembled in the Wesleyan Church School. Mr. C. P. Douglas of Darlington presided and he was supported on the platform by the Rev. and Mrs. Holroyd of Blackburn, Mr. J. Kempster of London, the Rev. J. McNab of Carlisle, Mr. Guy Hayler of Newcastle, Mr. A. Houldershaw of Workington. There was a good attendance, amongst the audience being the Rev. T. Durant of Consett, the Rev. R. B. Hanley of Consett, the Rev. E. W. Jenkins of Blackhill, the Rev. F. S. Foster, of Blackhill, Mr. S. Pilling, of South Shields, Mr. D. McMillan, agent of the N.E.T.L., of Sunderland, Mr. G. T. Egglestone, local secretary, and others.

After the singing of a hymn by the company, and prayer offered up by the Rev. J. Holroyd.

The Chairman said through the kindness of the committee of the Conference he had been asked to preside that afternoon over that gathering and he was pleased to be with them in order to take up the question of Temperance and to endeavour unitedly to put it forward a stage or two, so that they may be able to mark some step in advance during the ensuing year. His memory took him back at that moment to the end of 1792 when they had a meeting under temperance auspices, when it was unanimously carried that a measure in support of the Sunday Closing Bill should be presented. Again, in the beginning of the following year the Local Veto Bill came forward for consideration amongst the people, and at another meeting a resolution was passed in favour of that Bill, and at that time petitions were presented to different persons, to the then Prime Minister and other ministers, that the great question of limitation of licenses should be taken into consideration. At that time the present Bishop of Durham remarked that the great question of the limitation of Licenses and Sunday Closing would only be dealt with effectively by a national measure, and that measure could only be drawn together with any success by the advocates moving together. He was glad that these meetings were being held, and that the Temperance question was being taken up and pushed forward unitedly. Since that time to which he had just referred, the Temperance question had not become less necessary. The populations of the different districts had increased and the Temperance question had been brought more and more under notice, and although there there may have for a time been a step backward, in the long run the temperance problem would come to the front, and would be carried to a successful issue. (Hear, hear.) It had been noted by a gentleman who was now a member of Parliament for a neighbouring Division that Robbie Burns died at the age of 37 years and that if he had lived to the age of 74 how much good he would have done with the great influence he possessed. The same could be said of the temperance workers, for there was no doubt that the question which they had at heart was one of the most pressing questions of the time. (Hear, hear.) He was also pleased that the meetings held in connection with their cause were not only supported by dissenters but by churchmen. So far, their meetings had been a success on the occasion of their present conference. That night they would have amongst them the great apostle of temperance and president, Sir Wilfred Lawson—(Applause)—whom, no doubt, they would be glad to hear. (Loud applause.) He must now conclude as there were several interesting papers to follow. The chairman's duty was to keep order and his duties in consequence would be very light, as amongst a meeting of temperance people there was no order necessary to be kept. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. A. Houldershaw, of Workington next proceeded to read his paper on "Methods of Band of Hope Teaching." The paper was interesting from first page to last and contained many useful hints, and those interested in the work greatly benefit by information which the reader imparted. —At the conclusion of the paper, which, by the way, made special mention of the method of teaching by illustration, discussion was invited.

Mr. Brackenberry, secretary of the Band of Hope Union, of Darlington, said that the paper which they had just heard would doubtless prove of great use to Band of Hope workers. They wanted to remember that the children of to-day were the men and women of the future, and they should not be careless or indifferent in their addresses. He was afraid unfortunately that too many of the speakers of Bands of Hope, thought it was only a children's meeting, and anything would do for it. That was a great mistake to suppose that because they were only children, that anything would do for them, and he could assure them, that if they did not interest the children, the children would most assuredly interest them. (Laughter and hear, hear.) He always told any Band of Hope speakers that if they did not prepare to interest the children, they would deserve all they got. He believed that the lessons on the physical effects of alcohol would do a great deal of good. He believed that it was impossible to teach the children too much, and that the more they showed them the evil effects of alcohol the more they would be inducing them to tread in the right way. If they only tried to teach the children in a careless and indifferent fashion they would do more harm than good, and that a great deal of work done by others would be undone. He said give the children the very best you can, as they deserved it. (Laughter.) He reiterated that if they were to do any good to the children they must give them the very best they could, and they would be sure of success. (Applause.)

Mr. Powell said that he did not quite agree in all that had been said in respect of the technical teaching of the children. He was afraid that some of this deep scientific teaching would be beyond the heads of some of them. It was said that the Bands of Hope were for everybody between five and fifty, but he thought that some of the teaching would be more suitable for those who were 50 years old. He believed, however, that almost every man and woman could tell the children of something that they knew, and everyone would find some forcible way of teaching them of the evils of drink. (Applause.)

Mr. S. Pilling, of South Shields, asked if there was a Band of Hope Union in the Consett District? He believed that one of the objects in having a conference at Consett, was to try and form and strengthen Temperance Societies in the district, and he hoped that as a result of this conference they would have a Band of Hope Union formed in the district. He had heard with deep interest the address of Mr. Brackenberry, and quite agreed with everything he had said about the Band of Hope Union. At Bradford, which he looked upon as an ideal Band of Hope Union district, a class for the education of speakers had been formed with excellent results. He believed in teaching the children in such a way that they would be interested and informed in such a manner that the lessons they learned would live in after years. In Bradford every teacher who could use crayons was distinguished by a special mark so that when they went out to lecture a blackboard could be provided, and they could thus impart valuable information to the children. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. Holroyd complained of the apathy of many of the secretaries of Bands of Hope, and instanced several cases, where the carelessness of the secretary had spoiled the meeting. She said that the best secretaries were young ladies who had the cause of Temperance at heart. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Guy Hayler gave the next paper upon "the League's forward movement," which, amongst many other items, told that the North of England Temperance League wanted more work. The League was formed in the year 1857, and the people who formed it had been working in similar lines from the year 1837. The teetotal movement came to the North in the year 1836 and they formed the northern district. At present the League was re-organising, and if that would not help on their movement as quickly as they would like to go, then they would try something else. In the county of Durham they had sixteen districts and in each of these places they were asking a gentleman to act as their district organiser, who would find a week's work in their respective districts to the different agents of the League. Perhaps some of the audience did not know that there were hundreds of villages in the north of England where there had never been a temperance meeting held, where there had never been a Band of Hope formed, and from where the children of those villages came into the big towns and fell like ninepins. It was in order to get into touch with those villages that they were now paying special attention to organisation.

Discussion being invited.

Mr. Rule, a representative of the County Union, of Newcastle, said he hoped the League would be successful in their work. They should have a band of hope in connection with each church, joined together by a union. Next year was the jubilee of the band of hope movement, and there was to be a house to house canvass for the band of hope work and they expected to have at least one million signatures for next year. (Applause.)

Mr. T. Davies, of Blackhill, was the next speaker. He said he was a member of a temperance organisation called Good Templars. Since he had been a teetotaler he had had something to do with bands of hope and he felt that if they were properly worked they were a grand institution. After this Conference was over he felt that in a few weeks all would be forgotten, and that the work would be left to a few like himself. He had been struggling for about ten months in Blackhill trying to form a temperance society. They had struggled and fought and the worst opponents they had had to deal with had been Sunday School teachers and those professed teetotalers. They had met many difficulties and had found a great difficulty in getting a meeting room. What was wanted was some men with backbone who would be willing to work for the cause of temperance and who would stand up and show practical sympathy in the movement. (Applause.)

Mr. S. Pilling of South Shields, said there was as much necessity from direct Temperance work. It was said that Durham was the most drunken county in the North of England, and South Shields the most drunken town in the county. He moved the following resolution "That this meeting of temperance reformers hails with satisfaction, the forward movement inaugurated by the North of England Temperance League, and pledges itself to assist to the best of its ability the furtherance of the movement within the various towns and villages throughout this county." He would urge upon everyone who felt at all discouraged the necessity of working week after week for the success of the Temperance cause, and to persistently put forward all the facts that could be put forward in this connection. He trusted that under the guidance of their energetic secretary that the movement would go forward until success was reached. He hoped that those who seconded the resolution, and supported it, would really be prepared to make some sacrifices for the Temperance cause.

Mr. Brackenberry seconded the resolution and Messrs Welford and Davies supported it, after which it was carried with acclamation.

The meeting terminated about five o'clock, and the company adjourned to the large hall where tea was provided by Mrs. R. C. Foster, Miss Routledge, Mrs. Brodie Miss Cant, Miss Dodd, Mrs. Powell, Miss Holwell, Mrs. Summerbell, and Mrs. Egglestone, Miss Whittaker and Mrs. Grainger.

Mr. Kempster moved a vote of thanks to the ladies, Mr Egglestone on behalf of the friends, the friends who had taken the trouble to arrange the gatherings and to the trustees of the Wesleyan Church for placing their spacious buildings to their use. They were specially indebted to the ladies, and he felt that they were all deeply thankful. (Applause.)

Coun. Goodwin, of South Shields, seconded, and it was unanimously carried, after having been supported by Mr. Guy Hayler.

Mrs. R. C. Foster replied on behalf of the ladies, Mr. Egglestone on behalf of the friends, and Coun. J. Lowes on behalf of the Wesleyan Church trustees.

MONDAY EVENING'S MEETING IN THE TOWN HALL.

SPEECH BY SIR WILFRED LAWSON, M.P.

CROWDED & ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

The concluding meeting of the Conference was held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday evening. Some time before the advertised time for commencing, the spacious hall was filled by some 1,200 people, and the overflow had to resort to the Wesleyan Church Hall adjoining, it being intimated that the same speakers would speak at the Town Hall meeting. Ald. E. S. Hindmarsh, J.P., Gateshead, presided, and he was supported on the platform by Sir Wilfred Lawson, Bart., M.P., the Revs. J. A. Dixon, F. S. Foster, C. S. Wilson, C. Shrewsbury, J. Bacon, R. B. Hanley, J. McNab, E. W. Jenkins, F. Steggall, G. V. Halliwell, the Rev. and Mrs. Holroyd, Mrs. S. Brodie, Mrs. Summerbell, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Egglestone, Mr. and Mrs. Halliday, Miss Routledge, Miss H. Beck, Miss Carr, Miss Carey, Mr. Leif Jones, M.A., of Castle Howard; Mr. Jno. Kempster, of London, Mr. Guy Hayler, of Newcastle, Mr. A. Houldershaw, Coun. Lane, Coun. Davison, J.P., Coun. Powell, Messrs J. Pallister, W. Shaw, J. Hall, J. Teasdale, N. Bell, J. Greenwood, A. Russell, T. W. Askwith, T. Carey, G. Broadbent, T. Jones, G. J. Robinson, H. Hansom, T. Goodwin, E. Holliday, T. Williams, S. Law, W. Jackson, C. Davison, T. Carr, and many others, behind whom sat a united choir. As the people were assembling and at intervals during the proceedings the Consett Amateur Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Geo. A. Williams played several choice selections.

The Chairman in opening the proceedings said he did not intend to occupy more than one or two minutes of the meeting that evening. He did not know that they mustered such a large population at Consett. At present there was a good deal of discussion going on in regard to a member of Parliament who had professed to be a Liberal, but who seemed to be in sympathy with publicans and their interest, and that member had been making a wonderful speech. He had told his constituents that he went to that meeting to reconcile the publicans and brewers to the Liberal cause. He might have saved his time as he would never be able to reconcile them. The Liberal Party would never withdraw from the position they had taken up in regard to temperance, for if they took that plank away from their programme the ship would assuredly go down. The temperance sentiment of this county was growing day by day and the time would come when they would be triumphant. He had attended many conferences in connection with the North of England Temperance League and they had put great energy in that cause, especially so had Mr. Guy Hayler. (Loud applause.) He was a gentleman with any amount of energy, and he had been the principal means of infusing new life into temperance in the North of England. (Hear, hear.) He was given to understand that that meeting was filled to over-flow. He remembered the time when they could not get the use of a Wesleyan Chapel in which to hold either a temperance meeting or a band of hope, but that day had passed away. (Hear, hear.) The members of those societies were now in full sympathy with the movement, and last year they passed a resolution calling upon the Government to get local control over that traffic. Proceeding the speaker went on to explain the meaning of local control and concluding by expressing the hope that that meeting would give them fresh inspirations and fresh heart to enable them to carry on their good work. (Loud applause.)

Mr. John Kempster was the next speaker. He said: Ladies and gentlemen, We are here to-night because there is a great evil in our land. (Hear, hear.) We are not here for any fad; we are not here simply for the purpose of contending with one another as to any article of diet. We are here because an enormous evil exists, which we believe ought to exist no longer. I will not attempt to describe that evil in language of my own, but I will quote the words of a comparatively young member of Parliament who introduced a Bill into the House of Commons in the year 1864; it was called the Permissive Bill, and the name of that member was Mr. Wilfred Lawson. (Hear, hear, and applause.) And that Bill like all those Parliamentary documents had a preamble—preamble which is something like perambulator. Only a perambulator goes along in front of the nurse, and the preamble goes in front of the Bill and explains the objects of the Bill. And it was something in this wise: "Whereas the common public sale of intoxicating liquors is a fruitful source of crime, pauperism, disease, insanity, and premature death," etc. Is that true? (A voice: Yes.) That one thing goes to make all these evils! Then if it is true that cause ought not to exist a single day longer. (Hear, hear.) That is our contention. I am inclined to think that you in Consett can judge as well as anyone else as to whether this is true or not. I have been in this neighbourhood for a few days, and I have seen a great many of your children and your magnificent works: I have also heard of the prosperity of your businesses, and about sufficiency of the wages and earnings of the people. And I say that Consett would be a splendidly prosperous place if—ah that word "if" again—if it was not for the drinkshops in between. They are put down to enrich men who put them there, and the man's whose drink is sold there. The work they do is to feed and fatten the vices and degradations of people, and you in Consett, I say, ought to be consulted about it, and you ought to have a voice to decide whether these shops should be there or not. The proprietors of those houses calculate the population, and they count how many people go past their premises; they calculate upon the number of fools and flats that they can catch. Look to it my friends and avoid this destruction. There are 2,300 persons every week and 329 every day who are losing their life through this cause. And it is considered a preventable cause. When anyone in your workshops die from an accident and the jury at the inquest return a verdict that death was "due to a preventable cause," the employers determine on the part of the public authorities that everything shall be done to stop the re-occurrence of such a catastrophy. There are 329 shiploads of passengers sunk every day, and yet we are told we are fanatics because we try to provide a remedy for that catastrophe. We want to make the homes of the people better. Many of the homes here in Consett are prosperous, and they would all be prosperous if it were not for the drinkshops in between. I am connected with the management of the estates of some large homes of the artisans' dwellings in London and what are the results of keeping drink shops off these estates? There is the Queen's Park Estate and the Shaftesbury Park Estate; one has 2,300 houses upon it, and the other 1,700, and they have a population of about 25,000 people. The rent roll of these cottages is £75,000 a year, or £1,500 a week. And what is the result of keeping drink shops off these places? The traps are not there and the results are these: I get a dividend for my investment; the rents are paid; and the losses from irrecoverable arrears, such as bad debts—cases, you know, where tenants find it more convenient to leave when the moon is shining—(laughter)—the losses from circumstances of this kind does not exceed 1/6 for every £100 of the rent roll. That is a good thing. Some of you might say aye, aye, that is all very well for the bloated landlord. (Laughter and applause.) Yes; but let us inquire about the blooming tenant. (Laughter and renewed applause.) It is just this with the tenant: We are directors of a large shareholding concern, are trustees for the investers—to give them an average of a little over four per cent. for their money; and we don't try to give them more. When we have paid the investment that will amount to the capital, then we are trustees for the tenants—to give them the very best houses for the very lowest rent that can be paid. (Applause.) That is a very eloquent fact both for landlords and tenants. People, if they must have houses they must pay some rent, but the great thing is to get the best house for the lowest possible rent. You are interested here in the question of labour and you want to be paid well for it. Every workman ought to get £100 a year if he can earn it, and if he cannot earn it he ought not to be satisfied with it until he can. What is two millions? If 150

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annual supper of the Tanfield Association for
secution of Felons was held at the Peacock
t Wednesday evening. About 30 members sat
o a sumptuous repast. Mr. A. Atkinson was
chairman for the evening. After the cloths
emoved, several toasts were proposed and duly
ed. The remainder of the evening was spent in
vial manner, songs being contributed by Messrs
e, A. Nevin, and Wilson. During supper the
secretary, Mr. F. Lowe, produced a document
he had received from the friends of their late
ary, Mr Smith. On being examined it was found
the "articles of agreement" which were made,
, and sealed by the inaugurators of the associa-
Nov. 4th, 1793, so that the parchment is now 97
old. They were drawn up in the 40th year of the
of King George III. The first meeting of the
ation was held at the house of Mr John Dobie,
eper, Tanfield, who then occupied the house
Mr John Urwin now occupies. At that meeting
mittee consisting of Mr Alexander Hume
hewson, Dipton, Mr J. Dobie, and Mr. Wm.
gton was formed. The boundaries of the associa-
extended to Collierley, Kyo, Medomsley, Iveston,
nside, Urpeth, and Edmondsley. The names of
sixty members who signed the agreement with
Nicholas Hopper, gentleman, of Black Hedley,
hmberland were also to be seen. The object of
d association was to prosecute any person who
guilty of wilfully damaging fences, trees, robbing
ens, breaking gates, or otherwise interfering with
er's property. At their meeting in 1799, Mr
Hunter, attorney, Durham, was appointed the
adviser of the association. The document was
ned by the members, but none seemed to know of
istence. It is now in the hands of the secretary
ntends to preserve it as a relic of the association.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

EDGEFIELD.—Blaydon, on the 28th ult., the wife of Frank R. Simpson, of a daughter.
HILIPSON.—Castleside, on the 27th ult., the wife of John W. Phillipson, of a daughter.
OTTS.—Castleside, on the 28th ult., the wife of T. Potts, of a daughter.
OORE.—Annfield Plain, on the 28th ult., the wife of Geo. A. Moore, managing plumber, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

AINE—SPARK.—At Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 28th ult., John Raine, Crawleyside, Stanhope, to Elizabeth Spark, daughter of Coun. John Spark, Stanhope.
ORY—CRAIN.—At Holy Trinity Church, Pelton, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. C. C. Ledger, William, eldest son of Richard Story, of Urpeth Villa, Beamish, to Margaret Jane (Maggie), eldest daughter of Sergeant William Crain, Alma Cottage, Pelton, Chester-le-Street.
EYMOUR—SMITH.—Lanchester, Register Office, on the 28th ult., Thomas Seymour to Mary Smith, both of Leadgate.

DEATHS.

FFLECK.—Chester-le-Street, Brown's Buildings, on the 28th ult., aged 21 years, James, second son of William and Barbara Affleck.
NDERSSON.—Pelton Fell, 13, Pitt Row, aged 54, Mary Jane, wife of William Anderson.
ARRASS.—Summerhill, Shotley Bridge, on the 28th ult., aged 61, Alexander Barrass.
ROWN.—Urpeth Colliery, on the 28th ult., aged 21, Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Brown.
ROWN.—Dipton, on the 28th ult., aged 31, Tom, husband of Mary Brown, and son of the late Robt. Brown, Bute Arms, Dipton.
ROWN.—Blaydon, 29, Robinson Street, on the 29th ult., aged 52, Andrew, husband of Margaret Brown.
URGESS.—Dipton, on the 30th ult., aged 5 years, Mary Alice, daughter of John and Annie Burgess.
DARLING.—Dipton, Beasom Bank, on the 30th ult., aged 29, Sarah, wife of William Darling.
DARLING.—Dipton, Beasom Bank, aged 3 years and 9 months, Emley, the youngest daughter of William and the late Sarah Darling, died Dec. 2nd. Interred at Harelaw, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 3-30 p.m.
FAWCETT.—Fence Houses, Success Cottage, on the 28th ult., aged 72, Forster Fawcett.
ENGLISH.—High Spen, 3, West Street, on the 29th ult., aged 66, Thomas, husband of A. J. English.
HUTTON.—Pelton Fell, on the 28th ult., aged 22 months, Ernest Edward, son of Joseph and Ann Hutton.
HAMILTON.—Edmondsley, Blackburn Square, at the residence of her son-in-law, on the 28th ult., aged 84, Margaret, widow of the late Robert Hamilton, late of Chester Moor.
KIRKUP.—Pelton House, on the 1st inst., aged 74, Annie, wife of John Kirkup.
SIMPSON.—Hamsterley, Emms' Hill, on the 26th ult., aged 64, William Joseph Simpson.
SETTREY.—High Spen, 27, Collingdon Road, on the 1st inst., aged 68, Anne, wife of William Settrey.
SMITH.—Dipton, Woodhouses, on the 29th ult., aged 4 years, John, third son of William and Sarah Ann Smith.
THIRLWELL.—At Shotley Bridge, on the 1st inst., aged 66, Jane Ann, widow of the late William Vickerson Thirlwell.
UNSWORTH.—Blackhill, 11, Siemen Street, on the 29th ult., Isaac Unsworth.
WILSON.—Chester-le-Street, 1, Wesley Terrace, on the 30th ult., Elizabeth, wife of William Wilson.
WIGHAM.—Langley Park, on the 29th ult., Robert Wigham.
WOLFE.—Consett, 5, Thomas Street, on Dec. 1st, aged 68 years, James Wolfe, late of Annfield Plain. To be interred on Friday, Dec. 4th, at Half-past Two o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.
YOUNG.—Birtley, Triune Cottages, on the 28th ult., aged 81, Mary, widow of the late John Young.

In loving memory of Mary, wife of John Mason, who died Dec. 3rd, 1895. "Thy will be done." Ever remembered by her husband and family.
In affectionate remembrance of James Thompson, who was accidently killed on Dec. 4th, 1894. Ever remembered by his mother, brother, and sisters.
In loving memory of our dear father, John Lake, who died at Tantobie, Dec. 1st, 1895. Also, our dear mother, Hannah Lake, who died at White-le-Head, Jan. 30th, 1888.

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men had £100 a year, that is only £15,000 paid in wages for every two million pounds turned over—less than [illegible] in the £ for the [illegible] of the article. Put it at a shilling, and put the drink bill [illegible] the country which amounts to £130,000,000 a year, [illegible] within. One shilling in the £ [illegible] only £6,500,000 out of £130,000,000. And at £100 a year that would just employ 65,000 men. But time is not satisfactory. One shilling in the £ is not satisfactory upon articles produced by labour. You cannot produce any of the articles of luxury and simply pay 1s in the £ for labour as you can for drink. Five shillings in the £ is a moderate sum to pay for labour for the sale price of articles in general. When you are keeping up this drink trade you are keeping four men out of employment out of every five. Putting the drink bill at £130,000,000, five shillings in the £ would produce upon the drink bill £32,500,000. Therefore, you will see 325,000 men would be paid at £100 a year, each, if this money was spent in labour which produces articles of general utility instead of spending it on drink, which is depreciating labour and the manhood of this country. It is the greatest sweating institution in this country. You ought to strike against this traffic, and you ought not to vote for a candidate for Parliament who refuses you a voice in deciding whether these houses are to be reduced in the district in which you reside. We ask this: That the members of Parliament and those wishing to be members of Parliament shall trust the people whose votes they ask. One question effects us locally. Every attempt to effect the liquor traffic has failed. It is still responsible for the deaths, the disease, the lunacy, the poverty, and the bad trade of the district. No one can deal with it but ourselves, and we ask you in return for our energy, to give us votes to deal with it in our own way. (Applause.) It is a righteous claim, and we ask you to influence that claim, and have things understood by the great masses of the people. Go on putting on the screw. I was in your works the other day and I saw as some plates were being rolled out what still had to be applied. There was a plate rolling gradually out and by the workmen putting on the screws at the side of the machinery through which the plate was passing, the plate was made to the size and shape that it was required. (Applause.) Then I say to you, put on the screw, for it is the only way to get a right article manufactured. And it will come. (Applause.) It is bound to come. These very signs of resistance are instances that it is coming, and we will go on working until it is accomplished.

Our right is might, and in the end we must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty, to falter would
be sin.

(Loud and continued applause.)

SIR WILFRED LAWSON, M.P., was the next to address the meeting. On rising he was cheered again and again. When quietness was regained, he proceeded to speak in the following terms: Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Kempster talks a great deal about thimble rigging, and seems to think that I am an authority on that matter; but I am not. I know that a great deal has been done about this, and I remember a friend of mine in the House of Commons several years ago brought in a bill to put a stop to the proceedings of the prophets who advertised what horse would win a certain race. In prosecuting his bill he went out enquiring all he could and he went to one of these prophets and asked how it was that he got men to believe him. "Well sir," the man replied, "there is a fool born every minute, and thank God some of them live." (Laughter.) A great many of them live in my opinion, and beside that a great many live who are too clever by half; and what I want to do to-night is to get you, the honest common-sense people to help in preventing honourable people from making fools of themselves. That may be called the object of the United Kingdom Alliance and to-night we are prosecuting that movement. Mr. Guy Hayler calls what he has been doing for the last fortnight, a forward movement, and I am very glad to join in the forward movement. I believe that in this world all of us go forward and backward. There is no standing still. I am glad to think that in this great attack upon drink, although we have occasional repulses and checks, we are making steady and certain progress. We have gone on progressing since the days of Mr. Joseph Livesey—(applause)—to the days when Mr. Guy Hayler has been carrying on the forward movement. (Loud applause.) We have made progress, however black things may look. When Joseph Livesey—about two generations ago—began to preach that people were better without strong drink what nonsense it was thought. It was thought that people would lead wretched lives if they did not take strong drink. The churches and chapels were all in favour of strong drink, and then it was thought that people could not work without it. They used to take pick-me-up. I don't know why it was called that as it was more like knock-me-down. (Laughter.) They thought people could not be happy without consuming a certain amount of strong drink. I don't know that it makes people any more respectable. A man was walking along the road with a pig, and he met another chap who remarked to the leader of the pig, "people are known by the company they keep." (Laughter.) And at that the pig got up and walked away. (Loud laughter.) Well then, in the days to which I am referring, people said that this drink was necessary for their health; and such stories they used to tell about the teetotallers. They said that when they died and "post mortem" examinations were made of their bodies, lumps of ice were found in their stomachs. (Laughter.) We all know, however, that by the unmistakable evidence of the insurance companies that the teetotaler's life is far better than even the life of the moderate drinker. Religion was brought against the teetotaler. People said that drink was a good creature of God. Anything that is made by the Creator had a good purpose, and drink is a stimulant, but it all depends upon how you use it. If a man sits down in a wasps' nest the chances are that he will be stimulated. (Laughter.) But I never heard of it giving him any strength. Don't let our opponents run away and say that we condemn a good creature of God. Alcohol is a very good thing in its place. I believe it is a good thing for polishing furniture, but not for polishing noses. (Laughter and applause.) All this stuff is being disputed by degrees, and now everyone admits that people have a better chance of getting on if they abstain from this drunkenness. Even the brewers themselves, when they want a man, advertise for a steady sober man: and now temperance societies are to a certain extent popular. People admit they are doing good. And people say something more now: They say that not only is intemperance a private vice, but that it is a great national evil from which we all suffer, whether we are abstainers, moderate drinkers, or drunkards. Mr. Kempster quoted the preamble of that Permissive Bill which I brought into the House of Commons 32 years ago, but the preamble remained as true to-day as it did when I put it into that Bill. I was reading as I came up in the train to-day the "Weekly Sun" edited by T. P. O'Connor—generally pronounced Tay Pay O'Connor—(laughter)—and he says "no man with a heart in his breast can avoid the feeling of humiliation and almost despair at the excessive drinking in this country." In that relation all men who have disinterested minds are agreed. It is a great evil. You know we are called upon now by newspapers and politicians to raise enormous sums of money for the army and navy to protect us from terrible dangers. We think we are the best people in the world. (Hear, hear.) Yes, I hear some one echoing hear, hear. We may be. I don't know. (Laughter.) But a great many people think we are the worst in the world, and there is an idea that all these people will combine against us, and we are told that we are to fight them under the conditions of splendid isolation. England, we are told, has gained her influence, and we will be in a state of isolation when we get out of it, but whether it will be splendid I cannot tell. It might be quite right to prepare for fighting the whole world, but it is more rational to fight against the enemy who is entrenched amongst us, an enemy worse than any of the nations that I am talking about. (Hear, hear.) Take the word of Lord Wolsely for it. He says that although England has many enemies, the most pressing enemy is strong drink. That is quite right. These other enemies are away over the sea, but this enemy is entrenched amongst us. It has its fortresses, its troops, its prisons, and its prisoners all up and down the country. Its fortresses are the public houses and gin palaces, its troops the brewers, the distillers, the publicans, and the beershop keepers. It is not altogether fair to run down the publicans—our servants who are men chosen by our magistrates. If they were a lot of bad men our work would not be half as difficult. They have got a commission. The Government has said that they do not understand this drink question, and they have appointed a commission to find out. What is more, the commission is finding out, and one thing that they are finding out is that the publicans are the best fellows that ever lived. Just as I have always said. (Laughter.) I don't quarrel with the publicans: I just quarrel with the trade. I have no objection to the publicans themselves, but I object to the way that they get their living. (Laughter and applause.) This great army sent forth by the Government does great execution: it robs the people of this country of very much that is most valuable. It robs them of their money, and they become paupers; it robs them of their brains and they become lunatics; and it robs them of their conscience and they become criminals. And so it comes to pass that the drink [illegible] is the [illegible] of the country now, and he [illegible] to the [illegible] working men of [illegible] country. [illegible] look at all these prisoners of mine, [illegible] lunatics, these [illegible] these prisoners, you have to keep them [illegible] to make [illegible]. And when you look around, you see the Workhouses and the lunatic asylums full of these people. You think I am putting it too strong. Not so. Take Mr. Chamberlain. He describes this state of things in one sentence. He calls it swollen tyranny. There are other people who are slaves beside those I have mentioned. Lord Randolph Churchill wrote an article some years ago, and he believed at that time that two-thirds of the House of Commons were tyrannised by the drink power. You have, I noticed, emancipated your Member, and I hope you will not let him go back into slavery. (Applause.) Even the Church is enslaved by these people. The other day at Manchester there was a rev. gentleman who dined with the licensed victuallers, and he extolled them to the sky, but at the end of his speech it came out clearly why he was there, for he told them that a brewer had given him £500 towards his church a few days previous. Is there not something in the Bible about David not being allowed to build the temple because his hands were red with blood, and because he had been engaged in battles. And yet this clergyman told the liquor sellers on that day that they were carrying on a business, legitimate, respectable, important, and influential. M.P.s, J.P.s, gentry and politicians keep up this horrible system of raising £130,000,000 from the hard working people, putting it into the pockets of the few brewers, and having all this misery and crime. This is the most wonderful country in the world to have stood it so long, and I claim that some of its pertinacity is due to the work of temperance societies. Now comes the forward movement to overthrow the great obstacles of all temperance societies, the system by which men were allowed to make people drunk by Act of Parliament. (Laughter.) That is a curious expression. You cannot make a man drunk unless you keep hold of him and pour liquor down his throat. You can take a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink; but when you take a man to a public house he is very likely to drink. So they said, get rid of the special temptations which are allowed by law, and that is what is meant when they talk about making men sober by Act of Parliament. They want to put a stop to legalised temptations. They cannot make a clean sweep, for it is no use going ahead of public opinion. (Hear, hear.) Let us go step by step; one step will enable us to take another; and what I say is: "Let us clear away the traps and pitfalls in these places where the people wish to clear them away." (Hear, hear.) That is what Sir William Harcourt said in his Bill. (Applause.) He virtually said "I cannot do much for people who like traps and pitfalls, but I can give them a weapon by which they may, if they please, clear the way of this abomination." Sir William also said "if there are such places as these there are people in other places who don't want these surroundings." You never heard of a landlord licensing a place next door to where he and his wife and family resides. No, he keeps that sacred ground. There are people still to be found who believe that strong drink does good, and benefits and strengthens people. Good Dr. Richardson—(applause)—whose loss we all deplore—if any man did a great good amongst drink, then it was that gentleman himself. The other day a coroner was holding an inquest on some man and he made a speech about drink. He said it was a good thing in certain cases; he knew Dr. Richardson and he was quite certain that he died because he was an abstainer. (Laughter.) There are evidently ignorant people still. A great body of rich men are in favour of the drink traffic. It prevented them being taxed upon their money, and they get it out of the people. The people we call the upper classes do not like our Bill, because the present licensing system is the one means by which democracy could be neutralised in this country. I put it in this way: "Drink in, sense out, people down." Do away with the licensing system and it will be "Drink out, sense in, people up." (Hear, hear.) And surely it is time something of the sort was being done in this country. What facilities for education we have. What higher and better sanitation been has given us, during the last century in the homes of the masses. Not only the Church of England but the churches of all denominations have been working for the improvement of the condition of the people, and notwithstanding this, this fair land is disfigured by this horrible lunacy, pauperism, and crime. There is no question of one-tenth of the importance to working men that this one is. Let us disestablish the drink shops first, and then we will disestablish the Church, if it be needful. There is a great talk about education just at present, but I can tell you that the drink shops are one enemy to education, and that things have developed themselves into a battle between education and drink. Strong drink is our most pressing enemy; let us get rid of this enemy, and we shall be ready fight all other enemies. (Applause.) It is the hearthstone vote that I want to give you, by which you may fight for the honour, welfare, and purity of all those who are most near and dear to you. (Applause.) Let the men of the North Country take a leading part in this great struggle for freedom. Sir Wilfred concluded with the lines:

Dare to be right, dare to be true,
Each has a work, which no other can do,
Do it so bravely, so wisely, so well,
That angels in heaven your story shall tell.
Stand for your honour, your conscience, your
faith,
Stand for your country till victory or death.

(Loud and prolonged applause.)

Mr. Leif Jones, who received a hearty welcome, said he had been away at the other meetings, and did not therefore know what Sir Wilfred and Mr. Kempster had been saying to them. But he thought he could form a pretty good guess because Sir Wilfred was a man of one idea—(laughter)—so they said. Well, a very important writer had said that the man to be afraid of was the man of one book: the man who had one good book by heart, who had thought it over in all its bearings, and he believed that people might well be afraid of Sir Wilfred, for that very reason. If he was a man of one idea it was a very good idea, one which he had advocated through a long life, and which he hoped would be covered with success before many years were over. They were there that night not to make terms with the drink traffic, but to draw up an indictment against it. They held that it was the cause not only of the crime, misery, and pauperism of the whole country, but that it was the very measure of the curse of the country. As the consumption of alcoholic liquors increased so in like measure did crime, misery, and pauperism increase, but as the consumption of drink diminished, so did these cases diminish. Prohibition of the sale of drink to children was good, prohibition of the sale to fishermen on the North Sea was good, as were all other prohibitions, but at the same time the people should be allowed to say whether they would have this drink traffic in their midst or not. They had made great strides within recent years in the direction of temperance reform, and things that would have been thought ridiculous in Sir Wilfred Lawson's early days were now established facts. (Applause.) From Bishops, clergymen, and men in every rank of life came the united chorus "We believe in total abstinence, if you desire fitness of body and mind." (Applause.) There had been some talk of the Liberal Party dropping the Local Veto Bill. Well, the Liberal Party did not invent local veto. Sir Wilfred Lawson had brought in the principle of Local Veto some 16 years before the Liberal Party had ever thought of taking it up. They came to the Local Vetoists and not the Local Vetoists to them—(hear, hear)—and if the Liberal Party were so ill advised as to drop local veto, they would find that a principle like that of Local Veto could not be crushed by the result of one, or fifty, general elections. It was absurd to say that Local Veto was the cause of the defeat of the last general election. He himself knew of many a staunch teetotaller who would not vote for the Liberal candidate because of the other measures with which the Liberal Party had allied itself. And many a teetotal Churchman was unable to vote for the party which was going to disestablish the church in Wales. The cause of the Liberal defeat was rather that the Local Veto Bill was not strong enough to keep up a party which had roused against itself the hostility of so many classes in the country. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion he said they were urging a struggle between the interests of the few and the interests of the many, and he could not doubt, but that their efforts would be crowned with success. (Cheers.)

Mr. Guy Hayler, as secretary of the North of England Temperance League, then moved a vote of thanks to the friends in the neighbourhood, who had so kindly entertained those of them who had come to take part in these gatherings. They also wished to thank the Bands, the Consett Band, and the Blackhill Band, who had paraded day after day without recompense; the orchestra, who had entertained them that evening; the conductors of the choirs; and the pianist and singers who had helped them in their previous meetings. In short, he wished to move a hearty vote of thanks to everybody who had helped them, to make the Conference such a splendid success. (Applause.) [illegible] on rising to respond, and seconded the resolution in a vigorous speech. [illegible] thought that Bradford [illegible] the world, but after the [illegible] treatment at Consett [illegible] to put Consett second on the list. (Applause.) She urged the women to go first in the Temperance movement, and [illegible] would soon follow. (Laughter and applause.) The meeting [illegible] with the [illegible] Benediction."

THE OVERFLOW MEETING.

An overflow meeting was held in the Wesleyan Hall, presided over by Coun. John Lowes, Consett. There was a large company present. On the platform beside the Chairman, were:—Mr. D. McMillan, Sunderland; Rev. Alex Baillie (Presbyterian), Blackhill; Rev. Thomas Durant (Baptist), Consett; Mr. Leif Jones, M.A., Castle Howard; Rev. J. Holroyd, Blackburn; and others.—The Chairman said that although they had been debarred from gaining admission to the great meeting in the Town Hall, but he could assure them that they would hear the several speakers, including Sir Wilfred Lawson. He was glad to think that the temperance cause was making progress, and he hoped the day was not far distant when the Veto Bill would become law, and the people of this country would have it within their power to control the liquor traffic.—Rev. John Holroyd delivered an interesting address, in which he stated that it was greatly through the influence of Sir Wilfred Lawson that he became a total abstainer, and took up the cause of temperance. He hoped that Sir Wilfred Lawson would be long spared to carry on his good work, as he had been the means of causing thousands of people to take an interest in the temperance cause. He trusted that the day was not far distant when the desire of Sir Wilfred Lawson's heart would be accomplished, and the Veto Bill would become law. They were told that the Veto Bill was dead, but during the time he had been at Consett, and seen the people representing the temperance party, he had to confess that it was the liveliest corpse he had ever seen in his life. (Laughter.) He firmly believed that it was not the Veto Bill that caused the Liberal Party to fall at the last General Election. What they wanted was for the people of this country to have some voice in the regulation of the drink traffic. He contended that no measure had made greater progress than the temperance measure, and in spite of the foes they had to battle against, they were still gaining ground. He would urge them to stand shoulder to shoulder, fight hand in hand, and God would give them the victory.—The other speakers were, Sir Wilfred Lawson, Mr. Leif Jones, Mrs. Holroyd, and Mr. J. Kempster, whose speeches in detail were the same as given in the Town Hall.—On the motion of Rev. T. Durant, seconded by Rev. A. Baillie, an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the several speakers.—A similar compliment was paid to the Chairman for presiding, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the Doxology.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT BLAYDON.

The series of public meetings on the temperance question, to be held under the auspices of the Blaydon Circuit of the Primitive Methodist Connexion throughout the district, was inaugurated at Blaydon on Monday night. There was a large attendance. The Rev. J. W. Tweddle, resident minister, who opened the proceedings, stated that the object of the gatherings was to secure better organisation in regard to the question of temperance. Mr. R. Moody, of Addison, then took the chair, and gave a short but stirring address. Mr S. Burton, of Newcastle, followed, and in the course of his remarks said there were times when they, as temperance workers, where cheered, and one of these occasions was when the Local Veto Bill was brought forward. At present they were somewhat depressed, but as the people were being educated in the principles of temperance there was a likelihood of gaining their confidence and support, through which they would be enabled to send persons to Parliament, who, whether Liberal or Conservative, would vote in their interests. Referring to dealers of intoxicating liquor and others interested in the traffic being members of the Church, he said it was extremely inconsistent, and such should be disallowed.—A vigorous speech was next given by Mr J. Johnson, of Newcastle.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST MARLEY HILL MEN.

THEFT FROM A MAN WHILE ASLEEP.

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, James Ditchburn, Thomas Ditchburn, and George Sherlock were committed for trial at the Sessions on a charge of stealing thirteen geese and four ducks, the property of James Turnbull on November 22nd, and 23rd.—The defendants were further charged with having, on November 22nd, stolen a coat and pair of boots, value 15s, and a shilling, from John Arnold of Marley Hill.—John Arnold said he was a coke-drawer, and lived at Marley Hill Colliery. At ten o'clock at night on the 22nd, he left the Causey public-house in company with two friends. His friends left him, and went into another public-house, and he sat down on the roadway near West House Farm, to wait for his friends, and he fell asleep.—Mr. Harle (magistrates' clerk): When you awoke, did you find that somebody had taken your coat and boots?—The witness: Well, I won't swear that; but I had neither coat or boots. (Laughter.)—Was your trousers pocket out out?—Witness: Yes.—Was there a shilling in it?—Well, there may be a shilling in it, or there may not.—The prosecutor was questioned as to the value of his coat and boots. In answer to the question: "What is the value of your coat?" he replied, "I will take a crown for it." As to the boots, he paid 5s 9d on Friday night for having them soled. He would take 15s for the lot, but reduced the value to 10s.—Sergt. Reynolds said he received information of the robbery on Monday afternoon, and came to Gateshead, where, in the police station, he saw James Ditchburn wearing the coat.—James Ditchburn said he bought the coat from a man for 3s 6d.—This second charge against the defendants was dismissed. On the first charge, bail was refused.—James Ditchburn was charged on a warrant with having being drunk on November 6th, having neglected to appear in answer to a summons. He was fined 2s 6d and costs.—Subsequently, in consequence of a communication made to the superintendent, the two other defendants joined James Ditchburn again in the dock, and asked to be dealt with summarily on the first charge. All three wished to plead. The magistrates refused to accept the plea, and said the case must go to the sessions.

INTERESTING LECTURE AT MEDOMSLEY.

A very interesting and instructive lecture on "The life of the Rev. John Wesley" was delivered in the Medomsley Parish Schools on Tuesday evening by the Rev. H. R. Jecks, curate of the Parish. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Wm. Cockin, who said a few suitable words at the opening and close of the lecture, which was well illustrated by some fifty slides and a lime-light lantern kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. Henry Palmer. The lecturer touched upon all the leading events in the life of the great evangelist and related many anecdotes in connection with his ministry and travels. He concluded by reminding his hearers that John Wesley had always been a true and staunch churchman and proved by quotations from his Diary and Works that he would not hear of his followers separating from the Church of England or permit his societies to meet during the hours of Divine Worship in the church, and that such separation had not taken place until some years after his death, and had resulted in a division of the Wesleyan Societies themselves. The Lecturer finally expressed a wish that the day might speedily come when every difference and cause of dissension between the Church of England and those who called themselves the followers of John Wesley might be removed and taken away and they might be as their founder, John Wesley, and then one great Head, Jesus Christ, would have them be one in body and in spirit, one in faith and teaching, one holy, undivided Catholic and Apostolic Church.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the lecturer, and to Mr. Henry Palmer, by whom the lecture was so well illustrated. This lecture, which is the second of a course of lectures on like subjects given at Medomsley during the winter months, was also given at Crookwell on the Monday evening, and at Derwent Cottages Reading Room, on the Wednesday evening, of last week.

LECTURE AT BLACKHILL.

On Thursday night, a [illegible] interesting lecture was given on "[illegible] Weeks on [illegible] through Palestine," by the Rev. David Christie, M.A. The lecture took [illegible] St. Aidan's Hall, [illegible] the building was pretty well filled. Mr. T. Gladstone presided and introduced the lecturer in a few words. The Rev. lecturer then proceeded to give a most interesting account of his journeying in the Holy Land. The first few views gave [illegible] into the character of the country, and [illegible] of Jerusalem and [illegible] followed. The lecturer was somewhat severe upon the English and American tourists, his pet aversion seeming to be the American girl, whose sayings and doings came in for a share of keen sarcasm. Nor was the English traveller allowed to go scot-free from the lash of the lecturer's tongue, his contempt for the tourist, who remembered Bethlehem as the place where he had to pay three shilling for a glass of brandy, being thoroughly shared by the audience, judging by the comment and hearty applause which greeted his denunciation of such a sordid figure. He spoke with deep emotion of the fact that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem was in Mahommedan hands, because the Christian sects could not agree sufficiently among themselves to keep it under proper control; and he said that on certain Saints' days the Turkish soldiers had to be stationed round the tomb to prevent the Christians from killing or maiming one another. A view which was full of interest was that of the Dolorous Road along which our Lord carried the Cross to Calvary. A view was shown of a house, reputed to be that of the rich man at whose gate Lazarus begged. The lecturer remarked that he was almost as sceptical about the identity of this, as about the identification of the twig on which the cock that crowed when Peter betrayed his master sat. As evidence of the Jews abhorrence for Absalom's memory, the lecturer said that no conscientious Jew ever passed it by without throwing a stone at it. He said that they found that Jacob's well was completely dry, but he afterwards found that the Mahommedan priest had put a false bottom in, and if necessary for the edification of the faithful, the water would doubtless spring forth once more. Many other views followed and at the close of the lecture, Mr. Christie was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Madame Bellas-Dryden and Mr. Jno. Mathieson contributed appropriate songs during the evening. It may be mentioned that Mr. McIvor, who worked the lantern, used acetylene gas, the apparatus, which, whilst not being so cumbrous was equally as effective as the oxy-hydrogen light, and also less liable to explosion.

DERWENT VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The monthly meeting of this body was held at the headquarters, Towneley Arms, Rowland's Gill, on Wednesday evening. Mr. J. Bennett (Byer Moor) presided, and the representatives present were:—Messrs T. Wood and H. Fothergill (Stanley), Dawson and Robson (Spen), W. Smith and T. Dixon (Lintzford), Lamb (Byer Moor), Hanover and Hodgson (Tantobie), W. G. Thompson and Milligan (Allendale Park), T. Joyce and J. Grant (Shotley Bridge), Farrow and Hands (Blaydon), G. Gray and J. Robinson (Marley Hill), J. Burton and R. Freek (Dipton), T. Amos and J. T. Bell (Hobson), A. Graham and J. Calvert (Leadgate Park).

TRANSFERS.

Mr. Smith (secretary) reported that the undermentioned transfers had been completed in accordance with rule:—C. Adamson from Axwell Rovers (Swalwell) to Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's; J. Stokoe and T. Forster, from Consett Park, and Hunter from Medomsley Rovers, to Allendale Park; H. Bolam from Stanley to Dipton Wanderers Reserve; H. Holiday from Consett Park to Shotley Bridge Rovers.—After some discussion the transfers were confirmed.

A BATCH OF PROTESTS.

Byer Moor lodged a protest against Allendale on the ground that the latter had protested against the state of the ground at Byer Moor on Oct. 31st, which protest Allendale did not go on with after they had won the game.—Mr. Thompson said he requested the Byer Moor secretary to play a "friendly," instead of a league game, but that he refused.—Mr. Dawson, however, denied this.—The referee (Mr. J. E. Taylor) attended the meeting, and said the ground was not fit to play upon.—Mr. Thompson remarked that it was not likely that his team were going to protest against their own victory.—The committee decided that the game should be re-played on cup tie terms.—Mr. Thompson gave notice that he would appeal to the Durham Association, and failing that his club would withdraw from the league.

The next business was a protest from Shotley against Tantobie on the ground that the latter arrived half-an-hour late at Shotley Bridge on Nov. 21st.—Tantobie alleged that the home team were not ready to start even when they did arrive, as the marking of the ground had not been completed then. Some of the Shotley players also came down to the ground with them.—The committee resolved that the game should stand as a league fixture.

The matter of Marley Hill's alleged playing of Adamson against the Spen before he was transferred was next considered; but the question was deferred until the next meeting, in order that Adamson might be present.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve protested against their game with Marley Hill standing, as only eleven minutes was played in the second half.—Mr. Robinson said the Wanderers were 20 minutes late in arriving.—Mr. Freek explained that this was due to the poor conveyance they had, and which was the only one they could get.—It was decided that the game be re-played at Marley Hill, the home team to take the whole of the "gate."

NEW PLAYERS SUBMITTED.

Dipton submitted the names of J. T. Willey, H. Bolam, and M. Temple in place of Ellis, Parker and Burletson.—The Hobson submitted McGue and R. Hindhaugh instead of Race and Newbiggen.—Leadgate Park substituted A. Burnhope in place of Dunn.—These were approved of.

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES.

The following referees were appointed:—

December 5th—Lintzford v. Allendale Park, A. Fletcher; Leadgate Park v. Byer Moor, J. Ross, jun.; Spen v. Marley Hill, A. P. Little; Blaydon v. Shotley Bridge, G. Gray.

December 12th—Lintzford v. Spen Albion, W. Smith, Dipton; Allendale Park v. Dipton Reserve, T. Amos; Byer Moor v. Hobson Reserve, W. Hodgson; Tantobie v. Blaydon, T. Dixon.

December 19th—Leadgate Park v. Marley Hill, J. Ross, jun.; Tantobie v. Spen Albion, W. Smith, Dipton; Blaydon v. Byer Moor, G. Short; Allendale Park v. Stanley A., T. Amos.

December 25th—Spen v. Lintzford, A. Fletcher; Shotley Bridge v. Marley Hill, J. Ross, jun.

December 26th—Hobson Reserve v. Allendale Park, J. Ross, jun.; Lintzford v. Leadgate Reserve, G. Gray; Marley Hill v. Tantobie, T. Amos; Spen Albion v. Blaydon, W. Hodgson; Stanley v. Dipton, T. Dixon.

January 1st—Byer Moor v. Marley Hill, A. Little; Lintzford v. Stanley, J. Ross, jun.

January 2nd—Hobson Reserve v. Dipton Reserve, J. Ross, jun.; Allendale Park v. Shotley Bridge, A. Fletcher; Lintzford v. Tantobie, W. Hogarth; Leadgate Reserve v. Stanley A., T. Amos.

This concluded the business.

A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.—On Thursday of last week, a political and social evening under the auspices of the Wolsingham Women's Liberal Association was held in the Town Hall. The attendance was large, and the proceedings were enthusiastic. Mr. Arthur Henderson, J.P., Darlington, occupied the chair, being ably supported by Miss Taylor (Accrington), Mr. and Mrs. Snowdon, Mrs. Peart, the Misses Lacey, Mr. J. Hawdon, Miss Proud, Mr. and Mrs. J. Landreth, and Miss Margaret Stankley (secretary).—The Chairman, during the proceedings, congratulated the Women's Liberal Association upon the success which had already been achieved in connection with their association, and said he had heard with pleasure that they had 120 active members.—Miss Taylor (Accrington) then addressed the meeting, dealing with the prejudice which had existed against her sex taking part in political warfare.—During the evening an excellent programme was gone through. The Misses Batty and Stankley contributed a pianoforte duet, and the Misses Taylor, Pettit, Harrison, and Mr. Parker ably rendered songs, Mr. Wharton and party a part song, and Mr. Snowdon a reading. An enjoyable supper was then partaken of by a large company in the lower hall. The following ladies looked well after the comfort of the company:—Misses Waters, Wharton, Bates, and Herron and Mesdames Steele and Martindale.—The usual votes of thanks, on the motion of Mrs. Snowdon, seconded by Mrs. Peart, terminated a most successful gathering, the success being largely due to the efforts of the energetic secretary (Miss Stankley.)

LILITH.

A SEQUEL TO "THE UNLOVED WIFE."

BY

MRS. E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH,

AUTHOR OF

"The Hidden Hand," "Nearest and Dearest," "Lost, Lady of Lone," &c.

CHAPTER XXVI.

THE MEETING.

"EARLY on the next morning Joseph Wyvil brought his sister to the prison cell to see her husband.

"But notwithstanding the promise that the big brother had extorted from each of the unhappy pair, that they would control their feelings and behave themselves, no sooner had Lil passed the grated door, entered the cell, and caught sight of her poor Joe, than she flew towards him, and the two fell into each other's arms and sobbed aloud.

"Joseph Wyvil withdrew from the cell and left them together, taking his seat on a bench in the corridor beside the turnkey.

"After the first paroxysm of sobbing had exhausted itself and them, they sat down.

"And their conversation was something like this:

"'When did you first hear of my trouble, Lil?' inquired Joe.

"'Oh, not until next day. And oh, Joe, I heard the people talking about the highway robbery and murder, and saying such a thing had not occurred in that neighbourhood within the memory of the oldest inhabitant; and talking about a stranger by the name of John Weston, who was the ringleader of it, and saying that he had been committed to prison the day before to stand his trial at the next assizes. And oh, Joe! while I listened with the greatest curiosity and interest to all that, I had not the least idea that John Weston was you!'

"Here Lil lost her self-control again, threw herself into Joe's arms, and burst into a storm of sobs and tears, in which her boy-husband joined her with all his might.

"When this tempest subsided, Lil, between gasps, resumed her discourse by asking a question:

"'What made you call yourself John Weston?'

"'To save the family credit, and because I had as much right to that name, or to any other, as to the one I wear.'

"'Well, then, we got to this city yesterday noon, and went to a quiet inn. And I wanted to be taken at once to see you, never dreaming of where you were. But Joseph said you were engaged in business at the time, and that we could have some lunch first and then go to you. I was half angry, but as I was hungry I agreed to take some sandwiches. And after that, when I insisted on going to you, Joseph told me you were in a little trouble. He didn't mean to tell me how bad it was, but just to prepare me to see you in prison; but somehow I seemed to guess all at once that you were the John Weston they had been talking about on the train, and though I never could believe anything bad of you for one single minute, and didn't then, Joe, yet somehow or other it floored me quite and left me for dead like, for when I came to myself it was dark, and there was a doctor and a nurse sitting by me. That was night before last. I believe they gave me something to make me stupid and sleepy, for I know I slept almost constantly day and night until this morning, when they let me get up to come to you—*Oh, Joe!*'

"'Lil! Lil! Don't cry any more! You will make yourself ill,' pleaded Joe.

"And Lil gasped, recovered and warded off a third attack.

"'They all knew all about it before I knew a word. Mr. and Mrs. Claxton, and afterwards Joseph, as well as everybody else, I reckon, heard of your arrest and of your explanation of your presence with the party that stopped the coach that night, and they all believed you told the truth, Joe. Every one of them did, and of course I knew you did when Joseph told me about it.'

"'Oh, it is so comforting to think my own friends, and neighbours believe me,' sighed Joe.

"The two would have talked much longer, no doubt, but Joseph Wyvil spoke through the grating and told Joe that Mr. Rocke, his counsel, was waiting in the corridor to speak to him.

"Then Lil took leave of Joe, promising to come back as often and to stay as long as prison rules would allow.

"Joseph Wyvil showed Mr. Rocke into the cell and led Lil out, and took her home to the quiet lodgings he had provided for her.

"After this, Lil went every morning to see her boy-husband, and was permitted by the kindness of the governor to spend most of the day with him.

"Mr. Rocke, the counsel, and Joseph Wyvil, the brother, did all they could to keep up the spirits of the young pair, and succeeded better than any outsider could have believed.

CHAPTER XXVII.

THE TRIAL.

"AND so the time passed to the day on which the judges entered the town to hold the assizes.

"The docket was an unusually full one for this term, and many cases had to be tried before that of John Weston, charged with the murder of John Ketcham, was called.

"The remarkable feature in this case was the fact that it involved the first case of highway robbery that had occurred in that neighbourhood for more than half a century, and seemed the revival of a phase of crime that had passed into history and should have been impossible in this age.

"The case drew a large concourse of people to the town, and on the first day of the trial filled the court-room almost to suffocation.

"But great was the surprise of the throng of spectators, when the atrocious criminal was brought in, to see a slight, dark-eyed and curly-haired boy, only eighteen years of age, and looking three years younger, placed in the dock.

"Many whispered comments passed through the crowd, as they gazed at the youthful prisoner. Here he stood lifted up in full view above everybody's heads, a target for all glances, looking not frightened, but quiet, subdued, and deeply humiliated by his position looking anything rather than the brigand and desperado they had expected to see.

"When the preliminaries of the proceedings were over, and the young prisoner was arraigned, he pleaded:

"'Not guilty.'

"The opening charge of the prosecuting attorney was a tremendous assault upon the accused boy, as if the safety of her majesty's people and dominions required the immediate death by hanging of the prisoner at the bar. At the end of the prosecutor's opening charge, that officer called the first witness—Paul Cartwright—who, being duly sworn, testified that he was a county constable, and about midnight on the night of the 18th ultimo he had been alarmed by cries for help coming from that section of the high road that passes through Downdingle, and, with others, hurried to the scene, where he found the stage coach that runs between Orton Village and Orton Station overturned and surrounded by half a dozen, or about that number, of masked men. As he and his companions approached, he heard a pistol fired and saw a man fall. The masked men turned and fled into the thickets on each side of the road, and were soon lost to the pursuers, who gave their attention to seeing to the wounded and righting the coach. He, Paul Cartright, had caught one man in the act of flight—had caught him, red-handed, grasping the pistol with which he had just murdered the victim.

"'Do you see the man whom you took red-handed, as you say, standing pistol in hand over his slain victim?' inquired the prosecutor.

"'Yes, sir; that is the man,' replied the witness, pointing to the young prisoner in the dock.

"Joe shook his head in desperation, but said never a word.

"The pistol was then produced, and identified by the witness as the one he had taken from the prisoner at the bar.

"A ball was produced, and identified by the next witness, Doctor Yorke, who performed the autopsy on the deceased lawyer, as the ballet extracted from the dead body. It was found to fit the empty pistol.

"Pistol and bullet were handed to the jury, and passed from man to man—conclusive evidence of the guilt of the prisoner at the bar. "Several other witnesses were examined, all of whom corroborated the testimony of the first one.

"But at length the case for the prosecution was closed, and the defence was opened in a most eloquent speech by Mr. Rocke.

"He told the whole story of "John Weston's" purely accidental connection with the party of young [illegible] who had stopped the stage-coach, and he brought forward witnesses who testified to the excellent character the prisoner had always borne.

"Then the prosecutor got up to deliver the closing address to the jury. He made light of the testimony for the defence, showing, or attempting to show, the jury that it really proved nothing, and had so little to do with the charge against the prisoner that it might well have been ruled out as irrelevant and vexatious. He exhorted the jurors to do their [illegible] duty as British jurors to punish red-handed crime, to—and so forth, and so forth.

"The judge arose to make the final charge. It was all against the prisoner. His honour considered the evidence for the prosecution as quite conclusive; the evidence advanced by the defence as weak and inconsequential. And charged the jury to bring in a verdict in accordance with the facts proven.

"The jury retired to their room for half an hour, during which poor Joe waited in an agony of suspense as great as human nature can endure and live—in agony that seemed to stretch that half hour into an eternity of suffering; and then the jury filed in and rendered their verdict:

"'Guilty.'

"Joe sprang up and fell back on his seat as if he had been shot.

"'It will be a murder, you know, Mr. Rocke, *Poor Lil!*' he cried to his counsel, who came to his side.

"He was quickly called to order and directed to stand up.

"With as strong an effort at self-control as his boyish soul was capable of making, he obeyed and faced the court.

"He was then asked whether he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him.

"He answered that he had a great deal to say. And then in eager, vehement, impassioned, yet most respectful language, he asseverated his innocence, and told again the often repeated true story of his connection with the young men who had stopped the stage-coach.

"The court heard him patiently, and then, when he had ceased to speak, the judge put on the black cap and proceeded to sentence the boy.

"He told him the enormity of the crime of which he had been guilty, the fairness of the trial he had stood, the ability with which he had been defended, the justice of the verdict, the justice also of his sentence, the hopelessness of any thought of mercy in this world, the necessity of seeking mercy from a higher tribunal, and finally, he pronounced the ghastly sentence of the law, and ended with the prayer that the Lord might have mercy on his soul!

"'*Poor Lil!*' was all the boy said, as the warders led him away.

"And the court terminated.

(To be continued.)

LETTER FROM THE CONSETT MISSIONARY.

CHURCH MISSIONARY STATION,
MAHOO, TAVETA,
EAST AFRICA.
August 22th, 1896.

Dear — —, There is not much of "news" to tell you in this letter. On the 11th of this month, Mr. Wise, the Government District Officer, stationed at Taita, arrived in Taveta for the purpose of selecting a site for a Government Station, having been instructed to do so by the Consul. He choose a place quite near to Mahoo, on the opposite side of the river (which forms our boundary) and about 500 yards from the same. We do not know when a European will come nor who he will be, and we are not anxious to hasten his arrival. It will be of small advantage to us, and will make living dearer in many ways, especially for the boys, as the prices of both food and transport will be certain to go up. Transport already is leaping up in cost, and since European firms at the coast compete with one another in the employment of porters (of whom the supply is not equal to the demand) we don't know exactly when it will stop, and hardly expect it to do so until the Railway reaches Taita, possibly in a year's time.

Poor Naustoi, Paulo's mother, was ill during the week ending August 8th with what I imagine was bronchitis, and possibly inflammation of the lungs. It was little I could do to relieve her, but all was done for her that could be. On the 13th she was worse, but still able to move to, and from her house. In the evening, however, she was very ill, and I felt sure she was sinking. Miss Mayor came and sat with her. She was able to answer a few questions we put to her from time to time, and the native Christians who were present, and we missionaries had a consultation together. She had been a regular attendant at our services and an attentive listener to the Gospel message for some time, and was a member of the Womens' Class which is managed by Miss Conway and Johana, but she had not been baptised. At our little gathering we decided that she should be baptised, and the name of Salome was chosen for her. I baptised her as we stood around, and just before midnight she passed away. She leaves a large family including several grandchildren. Paulo is her youngest child, and will now be about 20 years of age. Next day we had the funeral. Poor Salome is the first Christian laid to rest in Taveta. As we have had some additions to our boys they are rather busy building new dormitories—the poor fellows are badly off for blankets, they cannot do without these at night. We are grieved to hear that the Bishop is ill in Zanzibar, but hope he will recover. Perhaps we may have him up here before he proceeds to Europe. A caravan arrived today, bringing me beads and books. I was glad to see the Gospel by St. Luke in Taveta. You will remember we were translating it in 1893, in the "Missionn Room" at the Vicarage.

September 21st. Last week I went up to Mochi at the request of the German Government to give them some information they required. I must go there again, I find, but will just wait till the mail arrives and then start. I shall stay there only a few hours for rest. We have added four new boys to the Boarding School, three of them are Masai boys, and one comes from Chagga.

September 24th. I have been to Mochi, and am thankful to be back again safe and well. I took Paulo and a young man with me. We left Taveta at half-past eight o'clock on Tuesday evening and walked all night, by the light of a brilliant moon, resting at intervals for a short time, and reached Mochi at half past six on Wednesday morning before any of the Europeans were up. My business was soon done, and we had nearly six hours rest, and two good meals, starting for home at twenty minutes past twelve, and arrived at Taveta a little before ten o'clock in the evening. We were all very sleepy, and a little footsore—50 miles in 25 hours. At different times on the march we came very near to herds of hartebeest and zebra, which looked at us as if they were puzzled, and could not make us out.

Anything you may have for Taveta we shall be glad to receive. I must tell you that Miss Conglad has most kindly promised to provide the boys with blankets, they are much needed, and I am writing now to order them. If they are sent off before November 20th, they ought to reach here about the middle of January. Excuse a short letter. You will find more news in the "Taveta Chronicle." I hope all are well. Love to you, and to all friends. Many Salaams.

Your Affectionate,
ALBERT R. STEGGALL.

WOLSINGHAM.

THE STEELWORKS FATALITY.—An inquest was held on Friday by Mr. F. Badcock, deputy-coroner, at Wolsingham, respecting the death of James Richardson (38), who was accidentally killed on Tuesday week at Stanners Close Works, Wolsingham.—Chas. Windle said he was foreman moulder at the above works. On Tuesday last the deceased was assisting in steadying a moulding box weighing about seven or eight tons, when the chain broke and the box fell, knocking the deceased aside. Whilst falling, the deceased got his arm under the box. His arm was very badly injured. Heavier weights had been lifted by the chain, which had been in use about two years. The chain was tested last Easter, and had been looked to regularly since.—A verdict of accidental death was returned.

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