The Consett Guardian

DERWENT VALLEY ADVERTISER
AND NORTH-WEST DURHAM GAZETTE.

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TENDERS are requested for the ERECTION OF SEVEN COTTAGES, at Tantobie, for the Tanfield District Industrial Society, Limited.
Plans and Specifications to be seen on application to Mr. BELL, Manager, and Sealed Tenders to be delivered not later than Thursday, March 5th, 1891.
No pledge given to accept the lowest or any Tender. 19e

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the BUILDING OF A HOUSE in Queen Street, Blackhill.
Plans and Specifications can be seen on applying to Mr. JOHN JOHNSON, No. 58, Wesley Terrace, Blackhill.
Tenders will be received up to Tuesday, March 10th, 1891.
No guarantee that the lowest or any Tender will be accepted. 80e

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are requested for the ERECTION OF THREE COTTAGES, at Tantobie, for Messrs PRINGLE and MILLER.
Plans, &c., can be seen on application to Mr JOHN ARKLESS, Tantobie.
Tenders to be delivered before 12th March. No pledge given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

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TO LET, the TEAM AND SCAVENGER LABOUR for the above Board.
Bills of quantities and specifications can be seen any afternoon on and after Tuesday, the 3rd of March.
Tenders will be received at the Board-room up to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th of March.
104e THOMAS S. LONGSTAFF, Surveyor.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TO LET, the several WORKS required in the ERECTION of HOUSE, TWO SHOPS, WAREHOUSES, &c., at Consett, for Mr JOSEPH MURRAY, Merchant.
Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen at our Office, Rose Cottage, Shotley Bridge.
Tenders sealed and endorsed will be received at the above office on or before Tuesday, March 10th, 1891.
No pledge is given the lowest or any Tender will be accepted.
JOHN SMITH & SON, Architects.
February 25th, 1891. 93e

Lost.

LOST, from Knitsley Mill, on the 22nd inst., a Liver and White SPRINGER DOG. Anyone returning it to T. HOGARTH will be rewarded. If detained after this notice will be prosecuted. 109e

LOST, on Tuesday Afternoon, from Lanchester, a Black and Tan ENGLISH TERRIER; answers to the name of "Wasp."—Apply, R. TOWARD. Detention will incur prosecution. 118e

LOST, between Lun's House and Iveston, on Thursday morning, February 12th, a Dark Grey OVERCOAT. Anyone returning the same to GEORGE THOMPSON, Butcher, Iveston, will be rewarded. 106e

LOST, on Sunday night, a SPRINGER BITCH, Liver and White. Answers to the name of "Lady." Anyone detaining it after this notice will be prosecuted. Finder will be rewarded if the same is returned to G. THOMPSON, butcher, Iveston. 107e

Found.

FOUND, 2 FAT SHEEP. If not claimed within three days, will be sold to defray expenses.—Apply THOMAS BEATTIE, Park Hotel, Consett. 108e

Wanted.

WANTED, Good GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply on Monday, at Mrs PROUD'S, Register Office, Shotley Bridge.

WANTED, at once, a Respectable SERVANT GIRL; not exceeding 18.—Apply to Mrs DOBSON GRADON, Derwent Street, Blackhill. 119e

WANTED, an active, intelligent BOY.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office, Consett. 92e

SERVANT GIRL WANTED.—Apply to Mrs WILES, 11, Sherburn Terrace. 105e

WANTED, a Respectable SERVANT GIRL.—Apply Mrs TEASDALE, Red Ox, Dipton. 94e

WANTED, a SHOP, in or near Middle Street, suitable for Fish Trade.—Apply at 12, Six Street, Wallsend. 84e

WANTED, a clean, tidy GIRL; character requisite.—Apply, Mrs. MURRAY, Royal Hotel, Blackhill. 120e

WANTED, a Good General SERVANT for a family of five. Good wage given to a suitable girl.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office for reference.

SHOOTING.—Wanted, within easy distance of a station on the Consett line, Mixed Shooting on one or two farms.—Apply by letter Box "C," *Guardian* Office. 96c

WANTED, 3 or 4 Respectable Young Ladies as APPRENTICES to the Dressmaking.—Apply to Mr GEORGE RICHARDSON, Silk Mercer, &c., Shotley Bridge. 102e

WANTED, a Respectable, Sober, Middle-aged, Single Man as COACHMAN and General Servant.—Apply, by letter, stating age, wages expected, and last references, to Mr HAANSBERGEN, Woodlands, Consett. 968d

TO CARETAKERS.—WANTED, at the Consett Co-operative Store, a Man and Wife, as CARETAKERS, to reside on the Premises.—Applicants to meet the Committee on March 10th, at 7·30 p.m. 41e

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TO LET, upon Lease, from March next, FOUR OLD-LAND GRASS FIELDS, situate close to Railway Station, and about 2½ miles from Consett, containing about 22 Acres, are well watered, and have been winter-hained.—For particulars apply to Messrs. A. and R. J. BRODIE, Auctioneers, Town Hall Buildings, Consett. 39e

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Business Announcements.

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Correspondence.

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Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

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

ROLLEY-WAYMEN AND ONSETTERS IN COAL MINES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—The above classes of workmen are the only two classes that work more than eight hours per day, and I think they are the worst paid men underground. For instance, there is the deputy comes down in some seams four hours after the rolley-waymen, and leaves work at the same time for 1s 6d, and in some cases 2s a day more; also, there is the stonemen, who work only eight hours per day; they have in some cases as much as the rolley-waymen, and sometimes 6d per day more. I admit there will be great difficulty in making shorter hours for the onsetters, also for rolley-waymen where there is only one shift drawing coals. Surely they are a class of men that ought to be looked after, and if shorter hours cannot be obtained let them have a wage according to the hours they work.—Yours, &c.,

MINER.

KING EDWARD VI. AND TITHES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—As your correspondent Mr Robert Gillinder so frequently mentions me by name, it may seem discourteous on my part if I take no notice of his remarks.

With one exception all his statements have been refuted in various parts of the country hundreds of times. Perhaps I may be allowed to say a few words about that one exception, namely, the Barren Lands Act of King Edward the Sixth. It is cited by Mr Gillender, in order to give colour to his groundless assertion, that the Church is State-paid and State made. Sir John Dorrington ten years ago wrote as follows about such statements:—"That when examined it will generally be found that in proving these assertions advantage is taken of some words which were intended to bear a meaning totally different from the sense they now force them to bear. Perhaps as clear an instance as can be offered of this is the production of the Barren Lands Act of Edward the Sixth—in publications and speeches promoted by the Liberation Society—as a proof that that king, through his Parliament, made a fresh grant of tithes to the Church, whereas all that the Act intended to do was to declare the custom to pay tithe, and to remit the charge in the case of barren lands brought into cultivation for seven years. To avoid mistakes I will quote the Act. It is the second and third Edward the Sixth, cap. 13, and begins with a reference to the 27th Henry the Eight, cap. 20, reciting that divers things had been omitted and left out of that Act which were very necessary to be added to the same. The original Act began—"Forasmuch as divers numbers of evil-disposed persons, having no respect to their duties to Almighty God, but against right and conscience have attempted to subtract and withhold their tithes." It directs "that every one of his subjects, after the laudable *usages and customs* of his parish or other places where he dwelleth or occupieth, shall yield and pay his tithes." The second Act, that of Edward the Sixth, defines the custom that everyone shall pay their tithe "in such manner and form as hath been of right yielded and paid within 40 years next before the making of this Act, or of right or custom ought to have been paid." No estate is made liable to tithe which was *not so liable before*, for the fourth clause expressly states "that no person be sued or compelled to pay tithe for any lands which by law, privilege, or prescription are not chargeable with the payment of tithes." Sir John Dorrington goes on to show that King Edward the Sixth's Act was in the interests of the *tithe payer*, and not of the tithe owner, as it exempted land for seven years from the payment of tithes, which, if this Act had not been passed, would have been chargeable after the *first* year. The Act creates an *exemption*, and not a charge. Nor is this a mere probable assumption, for it is in this sense that the judges have interpreted it. Now when arguments of this class are put in the forefront of the opposition to the Church, we are certainly entitled to look with suspicion at the publications of the society from which they emanate, which nevertheless seek to impress the public mind with a specious show of fair dealing.

Mr Gillender will kindly note that many estates have always been free from tithes, and that the rapacious court of King Edward the Sixth, which in spite of its fair speeches, was bent on plundering the Church, would never have made one acre of land liable to clerical tithe, which was not so liable before.

With regard to his statements about alterations in doctrine at the Reformation, I could say much, but do not like to make use of your columns to attack either the Church of Rome or the Nonconformists. Mr Gillender seems to forget the charges made by the Council of Trent, and the creed of Pope Pius the Fourth. Let him read what Bernard Gilpin, the Apostle of the North, said about this charge. The present controversy has nothing to do with the question of the Church of England against Rome or Nonconformity, and I have endeavoured to avoid saying anything against either, nor has it anything to do with disestablishment, about which there was not, I believe, one word in Mr Atherley-Jones's famous speech at Annfield Plain. It is no longer necessary for me to state the case against Mr Atherley-Jones for his gross abuse of the bishops at the Church Congress, as the whole narrative has been published for circulation in North-West Durham by the local Unionists, but the attempt of your various correspondents—"Historicus," "Dissenter," "Local Liberal," and Mr Gillender—to draw away the attention of your readers from the real point at issue has given me the opportunity of stating what I believe to be the truth.—I remain, sir, yours obediently,

G. H. R. L.

February 23rd, 1891.

RE "INCEDO" AND SINCERITY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Editor,—I feel honoured at the notice "Incedo" has taken of my last communication. He occupies all his available space in order (as he no doubt thinks) to demolish "Sincerity"—valuable space, that he usually fills up with "Jottings by the way," more or less interesting; but all distinguished by his characteristic and amusingly dogmatic manner, so suggestive of the "pedagogue." Whatever will your many thousands of readers do this week, deprived as they are of their dish? Why is our learned friend so cross? If he will refer to my letter, he will see, in spite of the "mental laziness" he is at present labouring under, that with respect to the publican's right to feast his friends I express no opinion. What I *did* object to in "Incedo's" remarks was, by classing the liquor traffic along with legitimate, innocent, honest trades, he was by his remarks throwing a halo of respectability around the "accursed traffic," and I afterwards in my letter gave my reasons why drink selling ought to be prohibited. Christ, the great Teacher, said "By their fruits ye shall know them." And what are the fruits of the traffic? "Incedo" expresses himself as being in favour of temperance. Temperance is as follows: *A traffic so essentially evil cannot be regulated, and therefore ought to be exterminated.* Our temperance friend hasn't yet reached that standpoint. I can see *that*, though I am not able to tell whether he is, comparatively speaking of course, a "kitten or a Bengal tiger."

Surely "Incedo" is too astute to liken temperance reformers, trying to secure a sober England, to children crying for the moon and the stars. The heavens without those "flowers of the sky" would be an infinitude of blackness and darkness; but to quote the late John Bright, "If the drink shops of England could be closed, it would cause so great a change we would hardly know our country."

It is wilfully straining the point to even hint that our attitude encourages "them to regard themselves as superior persons, wilfully led astray by the subtle wiles of the publican." We do not. If we wished, we could not take away a man's personal responsibility. We could here touch upon hereditary tendency to drink, for as a certain popular preacher lately said, "It is more difficult to get your grandfather out of your bones, than the devil out of your heart."

We also teach that the kingdom of Heaven is within men, but it must manifest itself outwardly in the life—going about like the Master doing good to the "bodies and souls" of men. It is practical Christianity that is wanted in "Darkest England" to-day. This, temperance reformers are trying to do, both by moral suasion and Parliamentary enactments. Our contention is that the evil is *in the drink*, which by its fascinating and enslaving taste creates the appetite and craving that causes men to sink besotted, brutalised, and dehumanised into the gutter. None are absolutely safe who tamper with it; hence our desire to remove the legalised temptations. Instead of quoting that

"Enough's as good as a feast,
And excess makes the man a beast,"

which is the moderationist's creed, teach them the higher doctrine of *denial*, for the sake of others. In the words of St. Paul, "Wherefore if meat makes my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."—Yours, &c.,

"SINCERITY."

Tow Law.

THE SAD ACCIDENT AT CONSETT.

FATAL RESULT.

On Tuesday afternoon, Coroner Graham held an enquiry in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, touching the death of a young man named James Buck, a bank-rider, employed by the Consett Iron Company, and residing with his parents at Consett Hall. Deceased was admitted into the Consett Iron Company's Infirmary on Tuesday, the 10th inst., having received injuries to his right limb whilst attempting to couple a coal-waggon. The leg was terribly mutilated and shattered, and the doctors deemed it advisable to amputate it. Deceased progressed fairly well until the 16th inst., but after this date, there was a change, and Buck died about noon on Monday. Mr W. Whittaker was appointed foreman of the Jury. Mr Robert Teasdale, traffic manager, represented the Consett Iron Company, and produced a plan, indicating the place where the accident happened.

William Buck, father of the deceased, said that he was a gardener, and lived at Consett Hall Cottage. Deceased was 22 years of age, and was employed by the Consett Iron Company as a bank-rider.

The evidence given by John Best, horse-driver, living at Carr House, and employed by the Consett Iron Company was to the effect that on the morning of the day in question, witness, along with deceased, was taking a full waggon down a steep incline leading to the Consett Iron Company's Brick Works. Witness was at the brake handle and deceased was walking by the side of the waggon with a drag in his hand. They were steadying the waggon down the rails for the purpose of coupling it to the other three empty ones, which were standing further down the incline, on the same rails, against which they intended the full waggon to stand, until deceased coupled them with a double-eyed centre bar, with pin or bolt. This had to be done by the hand. When the full waggon struck the empty waggons, it set them in motion, and all the four moved on so far down the incline. Witness heard Buck shout and at once stopped the full waggon, and got down to see what was the matter. He saw deceased lying between the metals, and the waggon was against him. The front wheel at the right hand side of the loaded waggon had gone over deceased. Witness said that Buck's leg was severely cut and mutilated. He got the assistance of a witness named Summerbell, and they got the deceased clear of the rails. Summerbell next put off his linen coat and tied the injured leg to the one which was unhurt, in order to keep them together. Deceased was conveyed to the Infirmary by the ambulance stretcher.

By the Coroner: Witness stated that two or three days after the accident Buck told him that he was reaching for the chain when the waggons moved on, and he slipped his foot on the sleeper and fell. Deceased had not got unto his knees to couple the waggon. They used poles for the trucks; but could not use them to these waggons. It was a steep incline.

Cross-examined by the foreman: Witness stated that deceased expected the waggons would stop when he reached to get the chain. Buck had not put the drag in.

John Summerbell deposed that he was a locomotive engine-driver, in the employ of the Consett Iron Co., and lived in Buddle Street, Delves Lane. On this particular morning, he was on another set of rails; but saw the empty waggons run down the incline. He went to see what was the matter, and assisted the last witness to get deceased clear of the rails.

Dr Wm. J. Shannon, assistant to Dr George Renton, and practising at Consett, stated that deceased was admitted into the Consett Iron Company's Infirmary on Tuesday morning, Feb. 10th, suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee. The left ankle was also contused. The injury to the right leg was so severe as to necessitate amputation. He assisted Drs Renton and Wynne to amputate the leg, which was done without practically any loss of blood. The deceased continued to do well till the 16th inst., when there was a slight rise of temperature, symptoms of gastric disturbances, accompanied by vomiting, setting in at the same time. These symptoms continued more or less till he died on the Monday about 12·30 o'clock. He had made a *post-mortem* examination of the body, in conjunction with Dr Renton that morning. The stomach and small intestines were in an inflamed and congested condition, which was in his opinion the cause of death.

By Mr A. Brodie (a juryman): Deceased went on right enough after the amputation.

By the Coroner: The doctor said there did not seem any internal complaint until the 16th inst. This inflammation was not caused by the injury to the leg. It must have been caused by a crush or a blow. He thought deceased had got over the shock.

Mr Buck intimated that the jury ought to suggest something to those who had the managing of this kind of work to see that they got experienced men to do it.

Robt. Teasdale deposed that he was traffic manager for the Consett Iron Company, and he lived at Templetown. Deceased had been in the employment of the company for some time. When witness first took charge, Buck was working with the platelayers. After this he had been doing such work as taking the waggons and trucks on to the weight table; driving the horse for the waggons, and he had been at the bank, riding six or seven weeks prior to the accident. He considered deceased quite competent to do the work.

Best, recalled, in answer to the coroner, stated that Buck was getting on very well with the work.

Mr Buck: My son wanted to give the work up.

Mr Teasdale: He never intimated anything of the kind to me.

Mr Buck: Deceased had not sufficient experience for the work.

The fireman thought that he had, when he had been connected with the place for about six months.

Mr Buck: My son had only been in the works two years. He had been brought up to farming.

The Coroner: It is a mistake to think, Mr Buck, that your son was not sufficiently experienced for the work. The best of men happen accidents. There is not a doubt, but what you were anxious to see your son get on.

Mr Buck: I am perfectly satisfied of this, that he could not do it.

Mr Brodie (to Mr Teasdale): There are other young lads doing the same kind of work.

Mr Teasdale: Yes, there are. He never mentioned anything to me about giving the work up.

After further conversation, Mr Teasdale denied that he ever gave deceased his notice.

Mr Buck stated that his son had only another day to work when the accident happened.

Mr Teasdale: Nothing of the kind. There was really nothing in what he said to deceased. He only spoke to him about neglecting some work.

The jury, after a short consultation, returned a verdict that deceased died from inflammation of the stomach and intestines, accelerated by crushing or a blow, having been accidentally run over by a coal waggon whilst attempting to couple the same.

The jury also agreed that they thought that deceased had had sufficent experience for the kind of work he was engaged in doing.

The Louis Quinze, Louis Quatorze, Louis Seize bodices still hold the sceptre. The readers of Weldon's Ladies' Journal (3d.) for March are presented with a cut-out paper pattern of the Louis XV. bodice which is the latest creation in the world of fashion; also a charming colored plate of Spring costumes. The issue is brimful with all the newest Spring styles for ladies and children with clear and practical instructions for cutting out and making up at home. The number also contains an interesting article on new rational dress, a lesson in dressmaking, how to cut out and make the Rizzio sleeve, court trains, etiquette of weddings, etc.

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, Shipmunks, gophers 7½d. and [illegible] boxes at Chemists.

Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

Ebchester Swifts 2nd v Allendale Heroes 2nd.—Played at Ebchester, the home team winning by two goals to nil.

Esh Excelsiors v Sacriston Juniors.—Played on the ground of the latter, the visitors winning easily by four goals to nil.

High Row Juniors v Byer Moor Rovers Juniors.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one.

Marlborough v West Wylam.—Played on the Wylam ground, Marlborough winning a good game by three goals to one.

Leadgate Exiles Reserve v Consett Scratch.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good game the home team were victorious by five goals to two.

Leadgate Park v East End Reserve.—These teams met at Heaton. The Park, who were rather weakly represented, suffered defeat by three goals to one.

Crookhall Wanderers v Consett White Stars.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a very quarrelsome game ended in a victory for the Stars by one goal to nil.

Consett Y.M.C.A. v Derwent Cottages Ramblers.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by five goals to nothing.

Leadgate East End v Leadgate White Stars.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by nine goals to none.

West Stanley Temperance 2nd v Dipton Strangers 2nd.—Played on the ground of the latter, and after a fast and exciting game the Temperance won by three goals to one.

Leadgate St. Ives v Consett Royal Oaks B.—Played at Consett, and after a very hard game resulted in a victory for the visitors by two goals to nothing.

Consett League of the Cross v Consett Wednesday.—Played on the ground of the former on Wednesday, and after a very pleasant game the League won by seven goals to one.

West Stanley Temperance v Byer Moor.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a moderate display of football the game resulted in favour of the Temperance by one goal and one disputed to one goal.

Tow Law Blues v Hedley Hill Fell Harriers.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a hard game, in which the Harriers showed to advantage over their light opponents, resulted in a win for the home team by one goal to nil.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Dipton Strangers.—Played at Dipton. There was plenty of hard work done by both teams, but a great lack of combination and judgment. The Reserve played the more accurate game, and ultimately won by one goal to nothing.

Crookhall Foundry Moulders v Apprentices.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the moulders. Burnhope (the Leadgate Park centre), H. Applegarth, Hewitt, and Reed played a good game for the winners, while Pratt, a promising young goalkeeper, displayed excellent form for the apprentices.

Ebchester Swifts v Allendale Heroes.—This return match was played on the former's ground, and resulted in a victory for the home team by one goal to nil. The following team represented the Swifts:—Goal, G. Proudlock; backs, J. Rooney and J. Wallace; half-backs, R. Bell, C. Brodie, and T. Campbell (capt.); forwards, W. McKenna, T. Bell, W. Craggs, W. Stewart, and J. W. Thompson.

Medomsley Church Choir v Shotley Bridge Juniors.—This match was played on the ground of the former, and after a well-contested game, resulted in a win for the home team by five goals to two. The following represented the choir:—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, T. Calvert and R. Graham; half-backs, J. Campbell, T. Pearson, and R. Gillender; forwards, J. Robinson and W. Hunter, right wing; J. Walton, centre; T. Taylor and W. Gillender, left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Hedley.

Cornsay Rovers v Willington Albion.—Played on the ground of the latter, in two thirties, and ended in a draw of one goal each. The Cornsay Rovers were represented by the following team:—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, F. Stephenson and J. Austin; half-backs, E. Austin, A. Hendy, and M. Morallee; forwards, M. Raw and W. Hendy, right wing; J. McGowan, centre; G. Simpson and T. Kidd (capt.), left wing. Umpire, Mr H. McGowan.

Flint Hill Albion v Dipton Rockets.—Played on the ground of the former. From the kick-off, Flint Hill at once began to press, and Johnson getting possession, passed to Grix, and the latter scored for the Albion. Nothing further was scored in the first half, the teams crossing over with the score reading—Albion, one goal; Rockets, nil. In the second half the Albion had a great deal the best of the game, but could not add to their score, and the final result of a pleasant game was as follows:—Albion, one goal; Rockets, nil.

Leadgate Exiles v Dipton Wanderers.—The above teams met at Dipton to play their return fixture, before a numerous company, the game being one of two "45's." Playing with the wind in the first half, Dipton had much the best of the play, and had a goal disallowed in the first five minutes for off-side, but it was not until the game was half-an-hour old that they managed to force the ball through and register the first goal. Then the Exiles had hard lines at the other end, but only momentarily, for the Wanderers getting away, put on all they knew and scored shortly afterwards. Off-side was claimed and the goal disallowed. Ends were changed with the score as under—

Dipton	One goal
Exiles	Nil

On recommencing, Buck, who had been playing a rattling game for the Wanderers, was injured, and had to retire. This misfortune was a great loss to the home team, but they played the right game under the circumstances—a defensive game—and it is many a day since they experienced such a bombardment of their goal, which, with only 10 men, they maintained intact for half-an-hour, when the Exiles equalised. Still pressing, the latter had shot after shot, and twice put the ball through, but off-side nullified the scoring. At length, as the end was approaching, Walker and Leadbitter broke away, and after a capital run forged ahead once more. Up to one minute from time the score stood two to one in favour of Dipton. Then the visitors, from a corner-kick, made the scores equal, and they were still threatening when the whistle blew, the final result being—

Dipton	Two goals
Exiles	Two goals

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

THE EXILES AND WANDERERS DRAW.

The Exiles were in their best form on Saturday when they met the Wanderers in their return fixture at Dipton, and the game nearly resulted in a surprise, as Dipton just narrowly escaped a defeat. The home team had the advantage of hill and wind in the first half, but they seemed in a very lackadaisical mood, and their form was much short of that displayed in the two recent cup-ties. The Leadgate men, on the other hand, were playing a splendid game, their tackling being very effective, and they held the Wanderers in check until a free kick gave the latter a chance of which they availed themselves, and scored the first point. The visitors' forwards showed some pretty combination and made several good runs, but no further scoring took place, and at half-time Dipton were leading by a goal, having also had two disallowed for off-side.

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Shortly after starting the second half, an unfortunate incident occurred, as the clever centre half-back of the Wanderers (Buck) was injured and had to retire for the remainder of the game. With the wind in their favour, the Exiles kept up a continual attack on the home goal, and after having two points disallowed, they shot a legitimate goal. The visitors again pressed, and McGee and Thompson rushing into goal, allowed the home forwards to break away and score a second point. But the Exiles came again, and a few minutes later equalised. The visitors still kept peppering away at the Dipton citadel, and one of the full backs fisted out a shot that seemed very likely to score. Then the whistle blew for a cessation of hostilities, and the game, as on the occasion of the first match, resulted in a draw.

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Taking the game right through, the Exiles had certainly rather the best of it. The absence of Tuson seemed to make a great difference to the Wanderers, and they did not play up to their best form by any means. In the second half, however, after losing Buck, they defended splendidly, and it can truly be said that they had plenty of work, as the Exiles played for all they were worth. They showed great improvement on the form they displayed in their recent cup-tie. The whole team played well, Thompson and Monaghan especially doing good work. Callaghan was also in splendid form. For the Wanderers, the forwards played a good game, but the back division was very weak at times. Freek kept goal admirably, and stopped some terrific shots in the second half, when nearly all the play was in the Wanderers' territory.

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THE JUNIOR CUP.

At the last meeting of the Durham Association, it was found that there were nine clubs left in the above competition, consequently seven clubs received byes, and the winner of the only tie in the third round—Bishop Auckland Reserve v Bishop Auckland Church Institute—will go into the hat with the other seven, thus preventing any more byes. Therefore, our local clubs remaining in the competition—Tow Law, Dipton Wanderers, and Medomsley—go into the fourth round without a struggle. There is not a great deal between any of the clubs now standing, and the choice of ground will be an important factor in deciding as to which clubs shall contest the semi-finals. I have great confidence that, with a fair share of fortune's favours, one of our three teams at any rate will reach the final, even if the cup itself does not come to our district.

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One of the strongest teams left in the competition appears to be Darlington Town's second string—the Athletic—as on Saturday they defeated last year's winners of the Junior Cup (Southwick) by five goals to two, on the latter's ground. Good business. If they can keep up this form, they should go very close for the cup. But then the Athletic have several men—notably Bird and Daley—who have not the least right whatever to figure in a junior contest. Both these men were regular members of Darlington's premier eleven last season, and have also appeared in the team recently. Such players should be debarred. I sincerely hope that Medomsley, Tow Law, and the Wanderers will all figure in the semi-finals. If they only get their games in the fourth round on their own grounds, I have little fear of the result.

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Since the above lines were in type, the draw for the fourth round has come to hand, and I am pleased to observe that two of our three local clubs have secured choice of ground. The Wanderers play New Herrington at Dipton, and Medomsley will meet Sunderland St. Peter's at Medomsley. The home club should just about pull through in each instance. Tow Law will have to face the winner of the re-played tie between Stockton West End and Hurworth, away, and they may be trusted to do their very utmost to appear in the semi-finals. They have my best wishes for their success.

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LANGLEY PARK ROVERS COMPLAIN.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to say a word or two as to how we are being treated by some local teams? On Saturday we should have had Tantobie at our ground to play their return fixture, but at the last minute got a post-card saying they could not raise a team, giving us no time to arrange another game. In looking over the football columns of the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* I noticed Consett League of the Cross had several vacant dates. Now, in the summer months we wrote for home-and-home games with them, and their secretary replied saying they wanted our 1st and 2nd teams to come to Consett on Sept. 6th last, and they would play us a return on Nov. 22nd; but the latter date was arranged before that with Tanfield Lea. Of course, we sent to change that date, and the League secretary in his reply said if we came to Consett he would arrange a date for the return to be played. So we went to Consett with our 1st and 2nd teams, and after the games were over I enquired for their secretary, but he could not be found. One of the members said he was away, but if I had any dates for a return, he would take them and give them to their secretary. I wrote several down—among them Feb. 28th—and have written to their secretary, but he has that much principle in him that he never answered my post-cards until I saw the advertisement stating that they were in want of a game away on Feb. 28th, when I sent him a sharp note, saying I wondered at them advertising for games and they had never played us a return, and if they did not come on Feb. 28th I would publish their conduct towards us in the *Guardian*. Then he responded, and wanted to make it appear that the return had been arranged for Nov. 22nd; but it was not, as we have fixture-cards to prove that. Further on he says: "If your correspondence is as pleasant as that on your last post-card, you are sure of dates"; but I think such business as this should be made more public, as I feel assured there are many clubs in a similar position to ours, arranging the first part of the season's games away, but having three parts of them disappointments at the back-end. We played our last game on Jan. 31st, and the League correspondent informs me we will be vacant on Saturday, as they are not coming to play us. I hope next season a league will be formed, and a heavy penalty inflicted for such behaviour. By inserting these remarks you will greatly oblige—Yours, &c.,

JOHN AGAR,
Sec. Langley Park Rovers A.F.C.

[If the facts are as stated by Mr Agar, which I have no reason to doubt, I certainly think the League have behaved in a shabby manner towards the Rovers. Such conduct as this is sure to bring the Consett club into bad repute].

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Mr J. Atkinson, secretary of the Consett Royal Oaks, writes to complain of the Consett Albions failing to play their return match with the Royal Oaks on Saturday last. He states that this is the third time they have been similarly disappointed by various clubs this season.

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WORTH SUPPORTING.

Our local teams who do not bow to the behests of that mighty body, the Durham Association, seem to have good times in store for them. As I mentioned last week, Mr F. McCurley has determined to offer eleven sterling gold medals for an Association competition, open to all, for the encouragement of local football. This should certainly furnish us with some most exciting and good games for the close of the season, and I anticipate a large number of entries. The competition is fixed to commence on Good Friday—on which holiday, by the way, there is usually an utter lack of attractions—and further particulars will be gleaned on reference to our advertising columns. I wish Mr McCurley every success in his spirited undertaking.

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GOOD NEWS FOR CYCLISTS.

At a general meeting of the members of the Leadgate Park Football Club, held on Tuesday night, it was decided to lay a bicycle track in their future football field. Support has been promised from all over the district, and the scheme is likely to prove a great success. The following gentlemen were chosen as a committee to carry out the necessary details:—Messrs Burnhope, Black, Johns, Snowdon, Snaith, Wilson, and Goody. This is good news indeed for the "demons of the wheel," and the Park are entitled to the thanks of the whole cycling community for their determination to supply a long-felt want in the district.

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MR W. KNAGGS' JUNIOR COMPETITION.

The semi-finals of the above competition will be brought off to-morrow (Saturday), at Blackhill, when the following teams will compete:—Consett Albion or Blackhill Park v Blackhill Violets; Blackhill St. Mary's v Consett Swifts. A prize is also offered for a place-kicking contest. There are some very promising players among these juniors.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Spen Juniors (A) have several vacant dates, and the secretary will be pleased to hear from junior teams. Ages, from 12 to 16 years. Address—James West, Chopwell Cottages, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green.

Cricket.

The West Stanley Star Cricket Club would like to arrange matches with moderate second and good junior teams. William Morpeth, Kip Hill, Chester-le-Street.

West Pelton Violet Cricket Club have the following vacant dates, and would like them filled up with moderate first or good second teams:—At home, August 11th, September 5th and 19th; away, Aug. 15th and 29th, September 12th. Secretary's address, James Lee, 36, Grange Villa, near Chester-le-Street.

The secretary of the Shotley Bridge Red Rose Cricket Club would like to arrange a few matches with any junior club—ages 14 to 18—for ensuing season. Address John Nixon, The Bothy, Shotley Bridge.

Drunkenness Cured.—A Wealthy American Lady whose only son for years was a slave to Intemperance, Nervous Depression and Exhausted Vitality, after seeking in vain for a cure, and trying all knowing remedies, at last found a simple means that cured and saved him from a drunkard's grave. Anyone suffering or desiring to help others in this worthy cause, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mr James Holland, 25. Hart Street, High Holborn, London, will receive this information, free of charge. Mention this paper.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A general meeting of the waywardens took place at Lanchester on Thursday, last week, Mr Geo. Hobson (vice-chairman) presiding. There were also present: Messrs Geo. Alder, T. J. Muse, Wm. Rutherford, T. Copeland, J. W. Lowden, J. Boss, T. Nichol, R. Robson, R. Crowe, Jos. Towns, the clerk (Mr Crofton Maynard), the surveyor (Mr Wm. Dixon), and the assistant surveyor (Mr T. H. Dixon).

THE LEVEL CROSSING AT MOUNTSETT.

Mr C. Berkley, on behalf of Messrs J. Bowes and Partners, wrote expressing his astonishment at the statement made by the Clerk to the Highway Board, that an accident had recently occurred at the above level crossing, and declared that no such accident had ever happened.

The Clerk said that this did not affect the question at issue as to the crossing being a dangerous one.

The Chairman stated that it was a fact that a person had narrowly escaped being killed while driving over this particular crossing.

The Surveyor contended that the colliery owners ought to be compelled to place gates across the railway, and not over the road, thus compelling parties in charge of horses and vehicles to get out and open the gates themselves.

On the motion of Mr Alder, seconded by Mr Muse, it was resolved that the clerk write requesting Messrs Bowes and Partners to affix gates across the railway, or otherwise take up the level crossing.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the roads throughout the district were in good order, considering the time of the year. A great deal of work had been done to the footpaths during the past two months; several footways had had considerable quantities of metal laid thereon. He had communicated with Messrs Pease and Partners with reference to the pit-fall on the road from Cornsay Colliery to Hedley Hill; and also with Mr Swallow with regard to the state of the highway at East Castle Colliery. He (Mr Dixon) had repaired the pit-fall at Busty Bank, near Burnopfield, and had sent in a bill to Messrs Bowes and Partners for £19 1s 9d, being the exact cost of the material and the labour. He had received an application from the ratepayers of West Stanley for a snow-plough to be stationed in that locality. The bridge on the Busty Bank road was in a bad state of repair, and the posts and rails belonging to several foot-bridges required to be repainted; also the posts and rails along the Shotley main road should be coal-tarred or repainted. The pipe-track on Tommy's Lonnen, near South Moor, was in bad condition, in consequence of the laying of sanitary pipes; some more metal was needed thereon. Nothing had been done at Mountsett crossing, and the owners of South Pontop Colliery were making satisfactory progress with the repairing of the road at Greencroft Cottages.

THE SUBSIDENCE AT HEDLEY HILL.

Mr J. G. Crofton, on behalf of Messrs Pease and Partners, wrote to the effect that it was little use to put limestone on the highway leading from Cornsay Colliery to the Monkey's Nest till the road had completely settled down. They undertook to fill up any fresh subsidences, and would repair the road when it had given over subsiding.

The letter was regarded as satisfactory.

A SNOW-PLOUGH FOR WEST STANLEY.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr T. W. W. Ritson, secretary to the West Stanley Co-operative Society, intimating that at a meeting of ratepayers it was agreed to ask the Board to fulfil the promise made some years ago, and have a snow-plough stationed in that district.

The Surveyor pointed out that this was a very wide stretch of country, and he thought it desirable to have a snow-plough at West Stanley. He averred, however, that that neighbourhood had had the same attention as other parts of the district with respect to the opening of the roads during snowstorms. The nearest snow-ploughs were at Tanfield and Maiden Law.

The Clerk argued that they could not take any notice of the requisition unless it came through a vestry meeting, and not from a Co-operative Society or a meeting of a certain section of the ratepayers.

The Chairman submitted that it was requisite to have a snow-plough at West Stanley.

Mr Rutherford said they could only consider a requisition when it came through the proper quarter. He proposed, however, that if Mr Geo. Ridley, waywarden, agreed with the suggestion, a snow-plough should be obtained for West Stanley.

This was eventually seconded and carried.

THE PIPE-TRACK AT TOMMY'S LONNEN.

The Surveyor explained that Mr J. E. Parker, surveyor to the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, told him that he had nothing to do with the laying of this drainage, and Mr Rounthwaite had left the service of the Authority.

Mr Alder accordingly proposed, and Mr Crowe seconded, that the clerk write to the Sanitary Authority, calling attention to the defective state of a pipe-track, and asking that it should be remedied forthwith.

BLACKHALL MILL BRIDGE.

The Clerk next read a quantity of correspondence which had passed between himself, Councillor Rd. Murray, Benfieldside House, and Mr Hy. Dalton, clerk to the Blaydon Local Board. Mr Maynard, in the first instance, wrote on January 20th to Mr Dalton notifying that the Highway Board had made the roads and approaches to the proposed county bridge over the River Derwent at Blackhill Mill, and requesting the Blaydon Board to proceed with the formation of similar approaches on the opposite side of the water, so that the Local Board would be in a position to join with the Highway Board in memorialising the County Council in reference to the construction of such a bridge.—Mr Dalton wrote in reply on the 13th February, that his Board had taken steps to proceed with the work of making the approaches in their district to the contemplated bridge, and would be prepared to join the Lanchester Board in petitioning the County Council for a erection of such bridges.—In a subsequent letter Mr Maynard enquired how much the Blaydon Board were prepared to subscribe towards the building of the bridge, which was estimated to cost about £1,500, and Mr Dalton answered, on February 17th, that his Board did not expect to be called upon to contribute anything towards the cost of the bridge except making the approaches thereto, and that the expense of erecting the bridge would be met by the County Council and private subscriptions. At the same time Mr Maynard communicated with Councillor Murray asking the amount of money the private inhabitants were likely to subscribe towards the object, and Mr Murray in his rejoinder stated that a committee and officers had been appointed to collect subscriptions, and that they would undertake to provide £200 or more towards the erection of the bridge; the remainder of the money being found by the Highway Board, the Blaydon Local Board, and the County Council.

Mr Muse said the bridge was now in a fair way of becoming an accomplished fact.

The Chairman: I don't think so. £200 will do very little. I always understood that if we made the approaches to the bridge the County Council would find the money for putting up the structure.

The Clerk pointed out that the County Council would only pay the half of the total cost of such bridges. In the first place the money would have to be forked out by the Lanchester Board and the Blaydon Board, and only when completed, and the County Surveyor gave a certificate that the bridge was right and proper. The two Boards would then be refunded half the cost of the bridge.

Mr Muse: The other half, I suppose, will have to be raised by private subscriptions.

The Clerk thought if the private residents guaranteed one-half of the expense of the bridge, the two Boards would be willing to provide the remaining portion of the money till such times as they were reimbursed by the County Council.

It was agreed to let the matter stand over to await further development.

Mr Balleny said that Mr Murray had erected a temporary bridge across the river.

The Surveyor: But that bridge is in Northumberland.

Mr Balleny: I beg pardon. It is in Durham.

The Chairman: We've had enough of that, gentlemen. Lets get to other business.

PROPOSED CULVERT FOR CORNSAY COLLIERY.

Mr Alder brought forward a proposal for the Board to construct an open drain or culvert at Cornsay, but the idea was not entertained.

THE STONEBREAKERS.

The Surveyor mentioned that all the material had been broken, but he would like to order more stone so as to keep the breakers employed some time longer inasmuch as he had good men at work who might perhaps try and find employment elsewhere.

This was agreed upon.

Skinny Men.—"Wells' Health Renewer."—Greatest remedy on earth for dyspepsia, nervous weakness, indigestion impotence of mind, limb, or vital functions, mental or physical decline. At Chemists.

"Buchu-Paiba."—Complete cure of all kidney and kindred complaints, stinging, irritation, inflammation. At Chemists. F. Newbery and Sons, Agents, 1 King Edward Street, London.

One Box of Clarke's B41 Pills is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional, Gravel, and Pains in the Back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in Boxes, 4s. 6d. each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World; or sent to any address for sixty stamps by the Makers The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company London.

"How to Behave," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting took place at Lanchester on Thursday last week, Mr William Logan being in the chair.—The following reports were received:—

Eastern District.

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

Gentlemen,—Although the attendance at the schools in this division is improved, as compared with last month, it is still far from satisfactory. Friday continues the favourite day for absentees. Last Friday afternoon, from one school alone, there were 41 children absent, who were present on Thursday.

During the month, I have made 337 absentee visits in the parish of Conside and Knitsley, 151 in Iveston, and 12 in Ebchester—total, 500. Thirty-five of the visits were made respecting 22 children who were not attending any school—viz., 15 who have recently moved into the district, and seven who lately attained school age.

Twenty-eight bye-law notices relating to 36 children have been [illegible] as follows:—2 at Delves Terrace, 6 at Leadgate, 1 at Crookhall, 18 at Consett, and 1 at Broomhill.

By your directions, two cases were taken before the magistrates—one for disobedience of an attendance order, and one under your bye-laws. Fines of 2s 6d and 5s were inflicted respectively.

Fifteen cases, embracing 19 children, are entered in the report-book to be submitted to you.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Wm. Ward.

Iveston, Feb. 19th, 1890.

Southern District.

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

Gentlemen,—I have again to mention that various infectious diseases amongst children has materially interfered with the attendance in several parts of this district.

During the month I have visited as under:—

Name of parish.	Visits made.	Children dealt with
Lanchester	141	166
Esh	140	168
Cornsay	53	67
Hedleyhope	49	54
Satley	7	9
Langley	2	4
Totals	392	468

The above includes 28 visits made respecting 20 children found not in attendance at any school.

Twenty-one notices to attend school under your bye-laws have been served as follows, viz.:—5 at East Hedleyhope, 2 each at Hamsteels Colliery, Appleby's Houses, and Old Cornsay, 1 each at Old Hedleyhope Colliery, Quebec, Wilk's Hill, Marley's Houses, Square House Cottages, Lanchester, Gladdow Wood, Cornsay Colliery, Malton Colliery, and Langley Park.

The following is a statement of cases taken before the magistrates during the month:—

Cases taken under the bye-laws.

James Campion, Hedley Hill, January 29th (adjourned case), dismissed.

Joseph Storey, Malton Colliery, January 29th (adjourned case), dismissed.

Martin Regan, Lanchester, January 29th, fined 5s.

Charles Middleton, South Moor, January 29th, fined 5s.

John Humble, Burnhope, Jan. 29th, fined 5s.

William Mains, Holmside, Jan. 29th, fined 5s.

Edwin Rainbow, South Moor, February 12th, fined 5s.

Case taken under section 11 Education Act, 1876.

John Gillighan, Burnhope, January 29th, order made to attend Stanley R.C. School.

Owing to the illness of A. E. Bernays, Esq., H.M. Inspector of Schools, the annual examination at Lanchester National School could not be concluded on the 9th inst., and the infant classes will be examined on a future date.

You will find 32 cases dealing with 37 children entered in the report-book to-day for your consideration and directions.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. Gibson.

Lanchester, Feb. 19th, 1890.

THE LATE REV J. P. De PLEDGE, J.P.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians on Thursday se'nnight, the Chairman (Mr Wm. Logan) referred to the death of Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., vicar of Satley. He had known Mr De Pledge to sit there for the past 15 years, and all Guardians must have been struck at his regular attendance and the interest he took in the administration of Poor Law affairs. During the period he had been connected with the Board as *ex-officio* Guardian the rev. gentleman had devoted a good deal of time to the work. Although they could not on all occasions agree with Mr De Pledge on all the views he propounded at that Board, still he was most consistent in his actions, and proved himself a very useful Guardian. He (Mr Logan) would have liked very much to attend the funeral, but he was sadly grieved that he could not be present. He saw in the newspapers on Wednesday morning that the funeral was fixed to take place at ten o'clock on Friday morning, and as he had a lot of business on hand he arranged for his work to be put off till late in the afternoon; travelling to Durham specially for that purpose. However, on the following morning, he noticed in the *Daily Chronicle* that the time of the interment had been changed to one o'clock the same afternoon. He could not very well go and again cancel his previous engagements. He proposed that the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) be instructed to write a letter of condolence from that Board to the family of the deceased gentleman.

Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., seconded. He cordially agreed with the chairman that Mr De Pledge was extremely regular in his attendance at that Board, and no more useful public servant than their departed friend ever sat round that table. He had the courage of his convictions, and was not slow to express his opinions, even if they did not coincide with the views of others. Any little differences which might have lately arisen would no doubt have been erased from the minds of those of his colleagues even who differed from the rev. gentleman. Unfortunately he had been called away by a Higher Power, or he thought the feeling which cropped up would have died away. It was very desirable to have men like Mr De Pledge's stamp upon Boards of Guardians, because he did not readily turn his opinions to suit his colleagues for the sake of peace and harmony, but fearlessly and conscientiously, and always guarded the interests of the ratepayers and the welfare of the poor.

Councillor J. A. Curry, who also regretted his inability to attend the funeral, stated that he always held Mr De Pledge in the highest esteem because he impartially discharged his duties both as a public man and a justice of the peace, and proved himself one of the most valuable members of that Board.

At a general meeting of the Waywardens, held at Lanchester the same afternoon, Mr Geo. Hobson, vice-chairman, referred in eulogistic terms to the career of Rev Mr De Pledge as an *ex-officio* waywarden, and referred to the sad loss they had sustained by his decease. He proposed that a resolution of sincere sympathy should be passed and entered on the minutes, and a copy thereof forwarded to Mrs De Pledge and the bereaved family.

This was seconded by Mr T. J. Muse, and adopted without dissent.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloreux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which affect all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

Floriline!—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicate to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d. of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road, London.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR AND MRS THOS. DUNN, AT LANCHESTER.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

The usual quiet and pretty village of Lanchester was all astir on Monday, on the occasion of presentations to Mr and Mrs T. Dunn taking place. Mr Dunn, who is widely and popularly known throughout the whole of North-West Durham, has held the appointment of head-master of the Lanchester schools for nearly 16 years, and during that period he has worked unceasingly and zealously to promote the welfare of old and young alike. Anything that had for its object

THE BENEFIT OF LANCHESTER

found in him a warm supporter. Mr Dunn is also a prominent Freemason, and greatly respected by the members of the craft. Some short time since Mr Dunn was successful in securing a valuable appointment under the Durham County Council as one of the inspectors under the Weights and Measures and Foods and Drugs Acts. On it becoming known in Lanchester that Mr Dunn was one of the successful candidates (out of 250) for three vacancies, a testimonial was at once mooted by the majority of the inhabitants, and the scheme

WAS WARMLY TAKEN UP.

The committee who were appointed to carry out the details and collect subscriptions comprised the following gentlemen:—Rev F. W. Glyn (chairman); Mr W. Logan (chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians) treasurer; Messrs Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, J.P., W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Ed. Hedley (Burnhopeside Hall), Henry Oliver (Hurbuck), W. Brotherhood, John Cummings, Ralph Walton, T. Pallister, Jos. Towns, John Reed, Jas. Walton, R. M. White, G. W. Wilson, Geo. Parker, W. Dixon (Surveyor to the Lanchester Highway Board) and A. Edwards, hon. secs. The subscriptions were limited to a certain amount from each person. Every praise is due to the committee, who have done their work in a manner

THAT LEFT LITTLE TO BE DESIRED.

Monday's proceedings were, consequently, the outcome of the testimonial.

In the afternoon, at the schools, Rev F. W. Glyn (the respected vicar) and several ladies and gentlemen graced the proceedings with their presence, to welcome Mr and Mrs Dunn and witness the presentation subscribed for by the teachers and scholars of the day and Sunday-schools.

The VICAR, in making the presentation, expressed his pleasure at once more seeing Mr and Mrs Dunn amongst them. He was sure the children all looked on that lady and gentleman as friends. He then handed the presents to Mr and Mrs Dunn. The presents consisted of a beautiful bread knife and fork and spoon, in suitable case, for Mr Dunn, and a table rush-platt work-basket for Mrs Dunn.

Mr DUNN suitably replied; and after giving three cheers for the Vicar, their visitors, and the teachers, the children were dismissed.

In the evening, a

LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL ASSEMBLAGE

of the inhabitants of Lanchester and neighbourhood was held in the schools to hand over to Mr and Mrs Dunn the testimonial from their friends and the parishioners. Rev F. W. Glyn occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr Wm. Logan (Stobbilee House), Mr W. Dixon, Mr Hy. Oliver (Hurbuck), Mr W. Brotherhood (master of the Workhouse), Mr R. White, Mr A. Edwards, and other gentlemen and ladies.

The CHAIRMAN said they had met together to express the great sorrow they felt at losing Mr and Mrs Dunn from their parish, although the knowledge that by so doing their friends were improving their position was a source of pleasure to them. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they had the

GOODWILL AND BEST WISHES

for their happiness from all the inhabitants. Of Mrs Dunn they would all remember her kindness, her thoroughness, her willingness to throw heart and soul into anything that tended to the good of the community. (Applause.) Of Mr Dunn they would all remember his willingness, and something more than that—his faithfulness. (Hear, hear.) He could well recollect the first day he (the vicar) came to Lanchester. He came with his father, and they visited the Church and the schools. He saw Mr Dunn, who, he believed, thought it was his (Mr Glyn's) father who was applying for the post. (Laughter.) After they came outside, Mr Dunn followed them and said, "Well, sir, if you come, I will do all I can to help you." And he had

FAITHFULLY FULFILLED HIS PROMISE.

(Applause.) While Mr Dunn and himself were working together they had always done so in the greatest harmony. He should always look back to his connection with Mr Dunn with pleasure. (Hear, hear.) Mr Dunn had been faithful to his Church, and the Church of England needed faithful friends. These were days of criticism. No matter where they found it, faithfulness and fidelity would always be recognised and respected, and they would remember Mr Dunn because he had been faithful in the performance of his duties. (Applause.) He was pleased to say that Mr Dunn had enjoyed the

RESPECT AND FULL SATISFACTION

of the managers of the schools. Everything he had put his hand to he had carried out to the best of his ability. It was pleasing to say this, and later on he would have great satisfaction in handing the presents before him to Mr and Mrs Dunn as a token of the esteem in which they were held. (Cheers.)

Mr LOGAN observed that he did not think he could add much to the chairman's remarks. He had known Mr Dunn since he first came to Lanchester, and had always

FOUND HIM FAITHFUL AND TRUE.

(Hear, hear.) He felt sure that Mr Dunn had done everything in his power to promote the welfare of the village. Mr Dunn had provided amusement for them on many occasions in the promotion of concerts, and they lost in him a very valuable friend. (Applause.) Their community was so small that the loss of Mr and Mrs Dunn would be difficult to replace. They were pleased to know that Mr Dunn had improved his position, and he (Mr Logan) would like to see every person going up and up. (Applause.) They would all be gratified to learn in the future that Mr Dunn had

ATTAINED A STILL HIGHER POSITION.

(Hear, hear.) He had met Mrs Dunn on some few occasions, and he thought their friend had a most able helpmate. (Applause.) The wife was generally termed the "better half," which he believed was true in this case. (Laughter and applause.) Mrs Dunn had accomplished much good work in the village, and he trusted the other ladies would work a little harder to make up for her loss. He could assure them that he had engaged in the getting up of this testimonial with the greatest pleasure, and he wished Mr and Mrs Dunn every prosperity it was possible for them to enjoy. (Cheers.)

Mr W. DIXON remarked that he thought the best speech he could make would be to say "Ditto." (Laughter.) He had known Mr Dunn since he first came amongst them, and always found him

READY TO ASSIST IN ANY GOOD WORK.

Mr and Mrs Dunn left Lanchester with the good opinion and best wishes of the inhabitants of the village. (Applause.)

Mr EDWARDS fully endorsed the remarks made by the previous speakers.

The CHAIRMAN then handed the presents to Mr and Mrs Dunn. The former's consisted of a superb gold, centre-seconds watch, containing all the latest improvements, and valued at £30. Mrs Dunn received a handsome gold ring, valued at £10. The articles were supplied by Lister and Sons, Newcastle. The watch bears the following inscription, in addition to Mr Dunn's monogram on the back:—"Presented to Mr Thomas Dunn by his friends, on leaving Lanchester. 23rd February, 1891."

Mr DUNN, in acknowledging the presentation, said: I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have spoken of me. It is with great pleasure that I see you all again, for I can assure you that I have missed your faces. This day, for various reasons, will stand out in a striking manner as a

"RED-LETTER DAY"

in my life, when I received such tokens of respect. There have been many changes since I first settled down among you nearly 16 years ago, and perhaps you will pardon me for enumerating a few of them. Thanks to Mr Dixon and the Highway Board we succeeded in getting a pavement at the high side of street. (Applause). Our next move was to light the village, and we met with some success. (Applause). They had also succeeded in obtaining greater postal and railway facilities. I well remember how I first came amongst you. I was in the Durham Training College when your old friend Mr Dingle applied for a teacher for a few weeks. I came, and was

SO CHARMED WITH THE SCENERY

and the people that I expressed a wish to remain with you. I was informed that there was no salary, but I said I would come for nothing, being in a position to do so. Mr Dingle remonstrated, and said it was not fair, and the Principal of the College also spoke against it. But I came, and I can honestly say I have never regretted it. (Applause). I have at all times tried to do my duty, and your expressions of good will towards me is some token that I have not been altogether unsuccessful. (Applause). The work of a teacher

IS A NOBLE WORK

—(hear, hear)—but there is a constant strain. The change I have made is a great one—a radical change. A friend said to me recently, "Dunn, I sincerely hope you have added 20 years to your life." I have done so. I feel a different man. The change is in the right direction. (Applause). I won't detain you longer, but express the best of wishes for Lanchester and district. May it go on and prosper in every way that prosperity can possibly come to it (Applause). May you go on and pull together as a community should do. Before sitting down, I again tender you my very best thanks on behalf of myself and my good wife. (Cheers).

Mr H. OLIVER proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr DUNN seconded, and observed that he had always found Mr Glyn a thorough gentleman. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN briefly responded, and the harmonious proceedings terminated.

Afterwards, a most *recherche* and sumptuous repast was partaken of by about twenty-five gentlemen at the house of Mr Joseph Towns, Queen's Head Inn, Lanchester. The dinner reflected the greatest credit on the host and hostess, and was served up in their very best style. Rev F. W. Glyn occupied the chair, and Mr Logan the vice-chair. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and the health of Mr Dunn (the guest of the evening) was warmly pledged. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the party broke up at 12 o'clock.

We may state that Mr and Mrs Dunn are at present located at Bishop Auckland, and they carry with them the heartfelt good wishes of a large circle of friends in North-West Durham.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding. Also present: Rev F. C. Fortin, Messrs W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Geo. Hobson, Geo. Alder, T. J. Muse, W. Gray, J. Collinson, C. D. W. Balleny, T. S. Longstaff, W. Rutherford, Luke Nicholson, T. Nichol, R. Robson, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending Feb. 11th	154
Corresponding week last year	165
Week ending Feb. 18th	148
Corresponding week last year	155
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	16
Corresponding period last year	19

APPICATION FOR AN INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr Ralph Walton, one of the relieving officers for the Lanchester district of the Union, applied for an advance of salary, in consequence of extra work devolving upon him, and the increase of population.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and Mr C. BALLENY seconded, that the letter be referred to the House Visiting and Finance Committee for consideration.

This was agreed to

There was no further business of any consequence.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting took place at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr W. Logan (chairman).

CONSUMPTION OF WHISKEY AND VICTUALS.

Mr MUSE observed that in looking over the accounts of the Leadgate Fever Hospital that there were 35s 6d charged for whiskey. He had been told that the patients only had a drop of whiskey once every three or four hours. He thought there ought to be some book kept, and the amount of whiskey consumed should be checked. There had been complaints about their former caretaker taking too much whiskey.

The Clerk stated that as a rule two bottles of whiskey were used one week, and a small bottle in the following week. They were bound to provide the officers with whiskey when attending upon patients. The bill for 35s extended from October to December. There was one or two bad cases in the hospital at the time.

Mr COLLINSON said that if the allowance was curtailed they might water the whiskey, or make it spin out a little more. (Laughter).

Mr HOBSON: And the patients might get less. (Laughter).

The Clerk did not think there would be any bother in future.

Mr LONGSTAFF said there had been some gross extravagance practised at the hospital when bills were sent in for 32lbs of beef one week for the matron.

Mr MUSE pointed out that the new caretaker and nurse had to board themselves.

The CHAIRMAN: And some of your own Guardians, Mr Longstaff, were opposed to putting the officers on that footing.

Mr LONGSTAFF: All I can say is that there has been some disgraceful extravagance, and it's time such a state of affairs was done away with.

RATES AND LEVIES.

It was resolved to levy a rate of 1-16th of a penny in the pound, which is estimated to realise £69 11s 9d, the amount to be contributed by the several public bodies as below:—

	£	s	d
Lanchester R.S.A.	22	10	0
Consett Local Board	22	10	0
Benfieldside Local Board	37	0	0
Leadgate Local Board	9	0	0
Making a grand total of	£139	3	6

CLEANING AND RE-PAINTING.

It was agreed to have the interior of the wards repainted and coloured; the outside buildings having been re-painted, &c.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The medical officer submitted the following report:—

GENTLEMEN,—A child named John B. Telford, of Baxton Burn, Benfieldside, was admitted to the Leadgate Hospital on Feb. 5th, suffering from scarlet fever, and is now the only inmate, as Johnson was dismissed on February 14th. There has been no opportunity of testing the capabilities of the new nurse, as the last patient was practically convalescent when admitted.—Yours &c.,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.

STANHOPE LOCAL BOARD

The monthly meeting was held on Monday evening, Dr Arnison, J.P., presiding.

TENDERS.

Two tenders were received for the use of the south side of the market-place over the September fair, the Board reserving an eight feet space next the road. Mr Murphy's tender was £35, and Mr Richardson's £40.

It was decided to let it to the highest bidder.

Mr Thos. Egglestone's tender for making a road up Back Martin Street was accepted at £27 18s.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT THE BUTTS.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board respecting Medical Officer's annual report asking what steps had been taken to remedy a defective drain at the Butts.

WEIGHING MACHINE FOR THE MARKET.

The Local Government Board always make an annual order for exemption of the Stanhope Local Board, for placing a weighing machine in the market-place for weighing commodities in the market. As Stanhope has no market, the Board applied as usual for exemption.

There were present besides the chairman, Messrs J. W. Roddam, J. Crawhall, G. Pattinson, R. Mews, J. Currey, Dr Livingstone, T. Phillipson, L. Atkinson, J. Wears, C. Emerson.

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RETIREMENT OF A VETERAN POLICE OFFICER IN WEARDALE.

Superintendent Liddle, of Stanhope, after a term of service of 39 years in the force, is retiring, and will finish to-morrow (Saturday). These last ten years he has been superintendent of the Weardale division, and at the Stanhope Petty Sessions on Friday last, Dr Arnison, J.P., spoke of him in

EULOGISTIC AND LAUDATORY TERMS,

and wished to express, as chairman of the Bench, their regret at his retiring, and the severing of his connection with the police force, and hoped that he would henceforth enjoy his well-earned rest after 39 years of active service. During his ten years' stay in Stanhope, he had given every satisfaction to the Bench and the public, and he wished both Mr and Mrs Liddle

HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY

during the remainder of their days.—Mr J. Thompson, solicitor, on behalf of the legal profession, said he concurred with all the worthy chairman had said respecting Mr Liddle, and also wished him and his partner in life, health and happiness in their well-earned rest.—Mr Liddle, in replying, thanked them for the kind things they had said of him and about him. He said it had always been his

AIM AND DESIRE

to do his duty between the Bench and the public. He had endeavoured to the best of his ability to do justice both as regards the punishment of crime and the protection of the public, and it was a comfort now to know that his labours had been appreciated. He should ever remember the kindness of the Bench and the legal profession towards him.

HIS CAREER.

Superintendent Liddle entered the force in the year 1852, some 39 years ago, and was first stationed at Barnard Castle at the time when the Militia was embodied. Barnard Castle at that time was not a terrestrial paradise to a policeman, and a police constable in doing his duty at that day incurred the displeasure of wrong-doers even more so than he does to-day. His next station was Dunston-on-Tyne. He was there during the cholera epidemic, and was also doing duty there in the stirring times of the great explosions in Newcastle and Gateshead. After this he was removed to Hartlepool when the

DOCKS WERE IN MAKING,

amid rough characters from all parts of the country. His next station was Darlington. At that time there were only five police officers in the metropolis of South Durham, and their duties were arduous and risky. To be a police constable there at that time was no sinecure. He next removed to Willington, at that period when the Bishop Auckland and Durham railway was being made. He was the

ONLY POLICEMAN IN THAT NEIGHBOURHOOD

at that time, and had Willington, Oakenshaw, Sunnybrow and district, all to himself. He was next removed to Haswell, where, besides Shotton, he did duty for three years. At that time there were only some 200 policemen in the county. Now there are upwards of 560. He was also at Staindrop, then at Gainford, after which he was sent to Coundon, where he was

PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT.

His next station was Durham Division, where he took charge of Segarton section, where there was a lot of crime. He was there seven years, during which time there was a lot of crime, highway robberies, poultry stealing, and crime of various kinds. While there two men were advertised for in the *Gazette* for murder. He got on to their track through a continuous search, and at last came upon them and apprehended them at Houghton Colliery just as they were about to leave for some other place. He sent them to Wales, where they were

CONVICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

While here he also took a very active part in a bigamy case, and was sent to Ireland to investigate the case in a most remote part of the country, Newportpratt, where he succeeded in gathering evidence against Father Prendegrast, whose case was tried, and who was also convicted. When leaving Segarton, he was warmly congratulated on lessening the crime which was so prevalent there on his going, and was presented in 1873 by the leading spirits of Framwellgate Moor and Segarton, with a handsome gold watch in recognition of his great services to the public. Coxhoe was his next station. The pitmen at this time were in clover. The good times were on then. There was plenty of money, and Geordie

INDULGED HIMSELF FREELY,

and gave the men in blue considerable trouble. While stationed here he was promoted to the rank of Inspector, and went from thence to the headquarters of the division at Durham. During his stay there a lot of colliery strikes occurred at Ryhope, Seaham, and other places, with which he had a lot to do. He was also present at the great

SEAHAM COLLIERY EXPLOSION,

and had a lot of men in charge, while they were getting the bodies out of the pit. While here he traced a notorious horse stealer to Newcastle, and from there to Portsmouth, and apprehended him on board the troopship *Malaber*, and had him tried and convicted. Sheep stealing was also very rife just then, and some farmers near Finchle Abbey found some three or four

SLAUGHTERED SHEEP

in their fields and others were missing. He traced and found their carcases buried in a pit heap at Framwellgate Moor. He examined the bootprints in the fields and took copies of them, and he also found a piece of rag (all soiled) which he took home and washed and found it had been torn from a handkerchief. He searched the houses of the

MOST SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS,

and at last came across the duplicate part of the handkerchief, and he found the boot prints to correspond with the copies he had taken, and apprehended the men and had them tried and convicted. They got seven years each. While there the Sergeant-Major, constable at that time, on duty was set upon by some ruffians about midnight, who

LEFT HIM LYING FOR DEAD.

After a long search Supt. Liddle apprehended three men and established the case beyond doubt with the blood smeared clothes, and brought them to justice. They got ten years each. Shortly after this a vicious outrage was committed on a commercial traveller, near Spennymoor, by three men who robbed him and got clear away. He got a description of them, and

MANAGED TO TRACK TWO OF THEM,

whom he apprehended. They answered the description he had got of them, and were identified next day as two of the men. They were tried at the Assizes, and one of them got ten years and the other fifteen years penal servitude. During that same year he apprehended and brought to justice for crime those who sentences, in the aggregate,

AMOUNTED TO 104 YEARS

penal servitude. He mentioned this fact to Col. White, the chief constable. His answer was "Can you give me an abstract of them?" "Yes," said he, and he furnished him with one through Supt. Dunn, now deputy chief-constable. Col. White expressed his surprise by saying it was the greatest detection of crime he had come across. In 1881, he was

PROMOTED TO BE SUPERINTENDENT

and took charge of the Stanhope Division. In 1882, Sergeant Smith, of Butterknowle, was murdered, and Supt. Liddle was sent there to unravel the mystery, and was there until the case was complete, assisting the superintendent of that division. Soon after this the chief clerk's house of the Tow Law Iron Works was broke into, and the

SUM OF £20 STOLEN.

He got information of the burglary and traced and captured the burglar, and had him brought to justice and convicted. A murder occurred at Burnhope, Upper Weardale, soon after this. He had the murderer, Robinson, brought to justice, who got 20 years. He has been a hard worker in the force for a good many years, and is now retiring with a pension of £131 a year. Considering the

WONDERFUL CAREER OF SUPT. LIDDLE

it has been remarkable. He has done good service to the public, not only in detecting and punishing crime, but in preventing it, and few will grudge him the well-earned rest. He was one of a family of 18 and a twin, but has never known much ill health or sickness. His labours have been recognised on retiring, and both the

BENCH AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

at Wolsingham and Stanhope Petty Sessions have been loud in their eulogiums of his character and work as a police officer. He intends retiring to Bishop Auckland where it is hoped he will enjoy the rest he has so well earned by the conscientious discharge of his duty.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday, 8 fat cattle, which sold up to £19 5s; 105 fat sheep. Sheep to 54s; hoggs to 49s. Cows to £17 5s. Pork pigs to 42s 6d. There was only a short supply of stock forward, and prices were in favour of buyers. A quantity of hay, harness, poultry, &c., was disposed of at fair prices.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 68 dairy cows and heifers, 16 fat cattle, 120 store cattle, 7 shorthorn bulls, 7 calves, 75 fat sheep and hogges, 6 pigs, 5 horses. Calved cows made up to £21; cows to calve, to £22 10s; fat cattle, to £26; geld cows, to £14; geld heifers, to £13 17s 6d; bullocks, to £14 17s 6d; calves, to 48s; shorthorn bulls, to £19 10s; fat sheep, to 55s, top—Mr Button, Wooley; fat hoggs, to 48s, top—Mr Thompson, Edgeknowle Farm; fat black-faced wethers, to 37s, top—Mr Wilson, East Biggens.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull had forward on Monday, 70 fat cattle, 6 grazing cattle, 8 incalving and new calved cows, 2 calves, 175 fat sheep and hoggs, 40 young pigs, 6 bacon and other pigs, set of harness, poultry, braffens, horse sheets, &c. There was a large attendance of buyers, and trade for cattle was very brisk throughout. The sheep were a slow trade at late market rates. Prices:—Fat cattle: Heifers to £22 17s 6d; top—Mr J. Stothard, Franklin, Durham; bullocks to £24 5s, top—Birtley Iron Company; fat cows to £18 5s, top—Mr E. J. Weightman, Middle Harrington. Grazing cattle to £10 12s 6d; milk cows to £14 10s; incalving heifers to £17 12s 6d. Sheep: fat hoggs to 53s, top—Mr Jos. Thornton, Tribley; fat ewes to 50s, top—Mr T. Young, Broomyholme. Bacon pigs to £6 7s 6d; pork pigs to 75s; breeding sows to 85s; young pigs to 30s. The sale concluded at 5·15 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

A new melo-drama of a decidedly sensational character occupies the boards of the Theatre Royal, Consett, after a very successful week of opera. *Is it Justice* was originally produced so recently as the 26th of December, at Bury St. Edmunds, and is the work of a comparatively unknown author. It has been said that most of the incidents connected with the story are founded more or less on fact and are the outcome of statements made by a member of some secret society or other having an existence at the present moment. How far the facts bear out this assertion it is not in my power to say, but it at least lends, perhaps, in its very uncertainty, an additional interest to the production. This will doubtless account for the good houses prevailing during the week.

Mr Richard Murray is doing very good work for the Blackhall Millites in connection with the projected bridge. He has all along shown an interest in the matter that, viewed alongside that evinced by other members of the County Council one might name, reflects very great credit upon him, and his ready and earnest efforts will not be forgotten. Well aware of the inconvenience suffered by those who live in the district affected, he has evidently determined to leave no stone unturned towards the accomplishment of the object on which Blackhall Mill has set its heart. It was indeed splendid to read of the manner in which, the other evening as Chairman of a representative meeting of the inhabitants, he was supported. Do not let it be forgotten that Mr Murray, like Mr Nicholson, of Leadgate, is a powerful influence on the County Council, and that it behoves all who are interested in the erection of the bridge to support right heartily gentlemen who all along have shown so generous a sympathy in their behalf. Give them to understand that they may reckon on this support and all will be well.

There is more than the usual amount of interest felt in the coming meeting of the Consett Local Board. It is expected that at that meeting information will be forthcoming in connection with the Sewerage Scheme and the Annfield Plain Railway. These are both matters of more than passing moment, and it is fitting and right they should receive careful consideration and that the deliberations of the Board should be fully reported, as doubtless they will. It will be remembered that at the last meeting the Engineer of the Sewerage Works was requested to report progress; and that enquiries were to be instituted in reference to the alleged abandonment of the Annfield Plain Railway Scheme by the North-Eastern Co.

There is something rotten in the state of Hill Top, Dipton, when one reads in the *Guardian* an Inspector's report couched in such terms as the following:—"At Hill Top, Dipton," goes on the report, "exists an inhabited cellar-room, which is in a very unsanitary condition; in wet weather the floor is not infrequently covered with about three inches of foul water, and on the day of my visit I found the occupant and her children wading about in three inches of foul water, contaminated with sewage." I wonder what Dr. Oliver, who recently delivered a most interesting lecture on "Sanitation" at Newcastle, would say of such a shocking state of things! Too much publicity cannot be given to the matter, nor can the Rural Sanitary Authority move too quickly towards remedying the evil. How ever long has such a condition of insanitation existed? It is sincerely to be hoped not long.

It may not be out of place here to give an extract of that portion of Dr Oliver's lecture bearing on sanitation. It is all very valuable. Turning to this branch of his discourse, he said one of the most difficult problems of modern life was the disposal of sewage. The inefficient dealing with this robbed the world of a good many valuable lives. Foul air was always present in the drains which passed matter from their houses. The most serious members of the family of poisons emanated from drains. Sickness in many houses arose from the fact that the atmosphere was polluted owing to the drains being defective from the very first; but maybe a joint had given way by undermining from rats, and thus they had at once an open pipe laden with animal matter. The presence of rats in a house indicated defective drains, and was a serious danger, as well as a source of annoyance and nuisance. From these holes there passed into the houses poisoned atmosphere that came from the drains. People thought if they trapped or poisoned the vermin they got rid of the whole business. But no, the structural mischief remained, and when rats were poisoned they died beneath the floors, and their decayed bodies added to the evil. He advocated the examination of houses by sanitary experts. In not a few instances had death come to new houses, with all modern sanitary appliances simply because the drainage had been defective from the first. It was a terrible responsibility to carry drains into houses without their being able to fix the responsibility upon some one. Architects might draw plans that were perfect, and direct the work to be done, and incur the responsibility with the builder and the mason, but the intellectual chain was not prolonged to the actual doing of the work. The latter was transferred to the labourer, who was not only an unskilled workman, but who was utterly ignorant of the damage he was creating by scamping his work. Such work required the greatest skill, and there should be someone to throw the responsibility on when there was imperfect fitting.

SUDDEN DEATH AT LEADGATE.

On Monday, an inquest was held at the house of Mr Thos. Longstaff, Mason's Arms, Leadgate, before Coroner John Graham, touching the death of Mary Murphy, a married woman, living at 135, Green Street, Leadgate, who was found dead on Sunday morning by her son, John Donnolly. Mr John Parker, was appointed foreman of the jury. The evidence given by John Donnolly, miner, and Catherine Green, was to the effect that deceased retired to rest at twelve o'clock on Saturday night. About an hour afterwards the deceased got out of bed and stirred up the fire and asked the witnesses if they were sleeping. On receiving the answer "No," deceased replied, "Neither am I; and I don't know what is the matter." About four o'clock, one of deceased's children began to cry, and John Donnolly came downstairs to see what was the matter, and discovered his mother with her head and arms lying on the floor, apparently dead. He gave the alarm and ran away for a doctor.—Dr Allen, assistant to Dr Geo. Renton, practising at Leadgate, stated that when he arrived at deceased's residence, he found life had been extinct for something like an hour. He attributed death to the failure of the heart's action.—The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

A MAN FOUND DROWNED AT LINTZ COLLIERY.

On Tuesday morning, an old man named Samuel Bainbridge, living in the School Row, Lintz Colliery, was found drowned in the Lintz Colliery new pond. It appears that on this particular day, deceased got up very early, and went out. His wife and family became very anxious as to his whereabouts, and began to make inquiries in the village. A boy named Wm. Green, whilst sitting by the bank-side of the pond, found Bainbridge's stick, and saw something in the pond, but took no notice of it at the time, until he went into the village, and was asked where he found the stick. Green then went back to the pond, and with the assistance of a man named John Lee, they got deceased out of the pond, but life was extinct. Deceased was a man that was well-known and respected in the neighbourhood, and the affair has cast quite a gloom over the village.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A shilling rate in the Stanhope Local Board district realises £132.

The cost of the Stanhope Local Board for the year from March to March is 1s 6d in the pound.

The market place has again been let over the fair for £40 to Mr Richardson, of Darlington. Mr Murphy's tender was £35, and Mr Richardson's £40.

The names of the streets in The Square came up at the Local Board meeting on Monday evening. They are Emma Street, Edward Street, Cross Street, and Union Street. One of the members living in The Square said he had known it and lived in it for 30 years or more, and yet he did not know the names of the streets. He is not by himself; there are many in the same predicament. It is somewhat singular that there is not a street nor a house in Stanhope named after Butler, who has rendered classic the little country town.

Revivals are all the go just now in Weardale among Dissenting bodies. There has been one among the Westgate Wesleyans, another among both the Wearhead and Lanehead Primitives, while most of the other places have shared more or less in similar blessings.

The Wolsingham people have many a treat in the shape of hearing the big guns of the Wesleyan Connexion, but few of them warm the heart or touch up the feelings so much as the Rev Charles Garrett. The doctrines he preaches are thoroughly practical, and the illustrations he uses in preaching are simplicity itself. In fact, the beauty of his preaching is its simplicity. He does not use grandiloquent language or beautifully arranged sentences, nor does he parade big words, but does all on the simplicity plan. He takes hold of the great truths of the gospel, and places them in the clearest light, so that even the most illiterate can grasp their meaning. He had a splendid audience to hear him on Tuesday evening.

He said some clever things. Among the many he said lots of Church members were like sky rockets. During the revival, when they got a touch of the spirit, they shot up high like a rocket, but like a rocket they also came down as soon as the revival influence subsided. At a place where he was staying, one of the young men had joined the Volunteers. He asked the young man's mother why he had done so. Said she, "He lowers somewhat, and I persuaded him to join them so as the drill might straighten him up a bit." "But," said Mr Garrett, "if war should break out?" "Oh," said the mother, throwing up her hands, "he would retire, of course, in that case." "There are too many of that class in the Church," said Mr Garrett. "When there's any real work to do, any fighting, they clear out!"

Eastgate is well supplied with places of worship for so small a place. It is possessed of a handsome and commodious new Church, a memorial of the late respected J. R. W. Hildyard, Esq., and now a handsome Wesleyan Chapel, a memorial of the late Cuthbert Bainbridge, Esq., of Wolsingham, is approaching completion.

Some Stanhope youths were at Newcastle on Saturday, and found their way into a baker's shop and called for a quart of beer. They, however, discovered their little error, and cleared out sharp. They might have made a bigger mistake. It would be well if more would find their way to bakers' shops instead of the other.

Newcastle is the most popular place for an excursion from Weardale. On Saturday it was only a half-day trip, and yet there were upwards of 300 left Stanhope station by it.

I happened to be at Sedgefield the other day, and paid a visit to the County Asylum there. I concluded, after seeing the sad sights there, that mental derangement was after all the worst form of illness that overtook humanity. To see hundreds of poor creatures deprived of reason, all of whom have to be watched very closely, is a sight enough to make the most gay and fastidious pause and reflect, and be thankful that they are possessed of their reason. And yet one of the warders told me that the most of the cases were caused directly or indirectly through drink.

The retirement of Superintendent Liddle from the Durham County Constabulary, after 39 years of active service, speaks well for that officer's character and work. Policemen as a rule are not a class who are highly esteemed by a portion of the public—wrong-doers especially—and yet they must do their duty by protecting the public and punishing crime. They are a useful body of men, and in the present state of society could not very well be done without. The crimes they prevent may be more in number than those they punish. Were it not for the police there would be vastly more crime than there is. "If there was no law there would be no living" is an old saw, yet a true one nevertheless. In odd cases a policeman may be officious, but they are few, and public opinion is soon down upon this class, and the powers that be do not approve of it. But a man that courageously and fearlessly does his duty amid great risk to life and limb, among the roughs, especially in the large centres of population, for upwards of half-a-century, deserves the rest Supt. Liddle has so well earned.

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TOW LAW PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY.

The above society met in the Mission Room on Monday night. The Speaker took the chair at eight o'clock.—The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following were proposed for membership and were duly elected and constituences allotted:—Messrs C. Pattinson, John Dixon, John Davidson and P.C. Johnson.—The following questions were then asked:—Whether the Government can give any information as to the war in the Soudan and the state of affairs in Egypt?" Information as to the truth of the charges of treason which have been made against the Liberals in Canada?—It was agreed that the question of clerk should be dropped, and a member of the cabinet act in his place, also that no sergeant-at-arms be appointed.—The Government then announced that during the season the following Bills would be introduced:—To improve the ventilation of mines and factories. To regulate the hours of shop assistants. To abolish the Game Laws. Local Option and direct veto. Marriage with deceased wife's sister. To abolish royalty rents. Home Rule for Ireland. To reduce the standing army. To improve the mode of disposing of the dead. Better mode of settling labour disputes.—Mr A. W. Emerson, Thornley thought that the latter Bill ought to be brought forward at an early date, as it was of the utmost importance.—It was agreed to introduce it next week.—The constitution of the Government are as follows:—Prime Minister and leader, Mr James Vickers (New Tipperary); Home Secretary, Mr C. M. Rawes (Tow Law); assistant secretary, Mr Hall (Manchester); Foreign Secretary, Mr J. Pattinson (Paddington; assistant Foreign Secretary, Mr W. Horne (Whitehall); Chancellor of Exchequer, Rev S. Davidson (Bishop Auckland); Postmaster General, Mr Jos. Norman (Dublin); Secretary for Ireland, Mr Geo. Bell (Sunderland); President of the Board of Trade, Mr Joseph Bell (Durham); President of the Local Government Board, Mr J. E. Dixon (Tyneside); Attorney-General, Mr Nicholson (Birmingham); Secretary for War, Mr C. Hall (Hartlepool); Secretary for India, Mr T. Potts (London); Secretary for Scotland, Mr M. G. Barron (Wolsingham). The member for Midlothian was elected Deputy-speaker.—A pleasant evening was brought to a close at 10 p.m.

BLANCHLAND.

POSTAL FACILITIES.—Through the exertions of the Postmaster at Newcastle (Mr Hunter), to increase the postal facilities of the Blanchland district, a wall pillar-box has been erected at Townfield, near the school, which is situated on the apex of the Derwent Hills, a most convenient place for the inhabitants of that wild and isolated district. In addition to the above, pillar-boxes are erected at Bay Bridge and Hunstanworth, the whole of which are on the estate of Mr Ed. Joicey, and have been fixed during Mr Hunter's postmastership.

TOW LAW.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Wednesday night, the inhabitants of Tow Law had a treat in the shape of an entertainment by Mr W. S. Vallance, the noted elocutionist, of Glasgow. A number of recitations and readings were given with grand effect, and were thoroughly appreciated by a large company. Mr J. W. Laverick ably presided.

THREE COWS BURNED TO DEATH.—On Monday morning, the cow-byre of Mrs McGinn, Helm Park Lane End, Tow Law, containing four milk cows, was discovered to be on fire, and the flames spread so rapidly that only one animal out of the lot was got out of the byre, the remainder being burnt to death. Mrs McGinn is a widow.

TECHNICAL AND MANUAL INSTRUCTION.—A meeting of gentlemen belonging the Wolsingham and Tow Law Division of the Durham County Council, was held in the Tow Law Mechanics' Hall on Friday evening to take into consideration the best means of applying the division share of the fund, which the Council has at its disposal for the furtherance of technical and manual instruction. After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved that the Council, through Councillor Vickers, be desired to distribute the amount available for disposal amongst the various schools in the division, and between evening schools to be established at Tow Law and Wolsingham, the whole sum thus secured from the Council to be devoted to the purpose of technical and manual instruction.

WOLSINGHAM.

The "leading lights" of the Mechanics' Institute are bestirring themselves in the matter of the technical education bequest. They rightly allege that Wolsingham is entitled to a share in it. Hence the request made to the "member" (Mr Jos. Vickers).

WEARDALE.

THE WEAR VALLEY HUNT.—Upwards of 50 members have been enrolled in the Wear Valley Hunt, 10s constitutes a member. The Wear Valley harriers have had several days' capital sport of late. These harriers threw off at Rose Hill, near Eastgate, on Wednesday, and scoured the neighbourhood of the heights and did not raise a hare until they got to Sunderland Cleuch towards night which gave them a capital run. There was a good field.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—Among the successful candidates at the Matriculation examination, just held, and in the first class, is Annie Rayne Tinkler, daughter of W. G. Tinkler, Chester, and grand-daughter of Mr John Tinkler, Stanhope, in Weardale. This undergraduate is just 17 years of age, and is probably the youngest member of the University. She intends to proceed in due course to the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached, morning and evening, by Mr J. Vickers, of Tow Law. In the afternoon, a service of praise was given by the choir. The chair was occupied by Mr P. Reay. The programme consisted of solos, anthems, choruses, &c. Mr T. Spark conducted, whilst Master J. T. Turner acted as accompanist.

CONCERT.—On Saturday evening, a concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Annfield Plain. There was a capital attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr J. Vickers, Tow Law. The following artistes rendered an excellent programme of music:—Misses Stephenson, Bollihope, Weardale; Miss H. Martin, Catchgate; Miss M. J. Newton, Annfield Plain; Miss H. F. Storey and Miss Cockburn, Stanley; Dr Roe and Mr W. Ross, Catchgate; Mr M. Siddle, Oxhill; Messrs Waugh and J. and R. Blaylock (instrumentalists), Stanley. Mr J. Robson acted as accompanist.

On Saturday night, Mr G. W. Foote, editor of the *Freethinker*, delivered an interesting lecture upon "The late Mr Bradlaugh," in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain. There was a good attendance, and the lecture was listened to with great attention. The lecturer said he spoke as a personal friend of the deceased statesman of 22 years standing, and not a mere newspaper follower. The lecturer cited numerous incidents proving the honesty and uprightness of the dead man. Showing his honesty, he said, that when Mr Bradlaugh was in India, rich Hindoos, desiring an audience, always sent large presents of money but that they were always returned, and an independent witness present at every interview. Mr Bradlaugh's consciousness, his sense of fair-play, his striking personality, and many other characteristics, were spoken of very eloquently. At the conclusion of the lecture one question was asked and replied to.

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NOTICE.

THE 6th ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on THURSDAY, March 19th, 1891, at 7·30.
An APPROPRIATION will be made at the close. Any joining on or before Monday, March 16th, and paying four weeks' Subscriptions will participate.
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NOTICE OF TIME FOR MAKING CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that all persons who are entitled to vote as Owners or Proxies at the Election of Members of the Local Board for the District of Tow Law and who are not on the Register of Owners and Proxies now in force, or who being on the Register do not retain the qualification or the address described therein, and who are desirous to have their names inserted in the Register about to be made for the said District, and all persons who are desirous of objecting to any name on the Register now in force, are hereby required to give or send to me, on some one of the first six days of March next, a Claim or Objection [as the case may be] in the Form hereunder set forth.
W. ATKINSON,
Chairman of the Local Board.
Dated this 20th day of February 1891.

OWNERS' CLAIM.

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I, the undersigned, claim to have my Name inserted in the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of Tow Law pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, as Owner of the Property hereinafter described which is situated in the parish of that is to say:*
I also state that the Interest or Estate which I have in such Property, and the Amount of all the Rent-service which I receive or pay in respect thereof, and the Names of the persons, from whom I receive or to whom I pay such Rent-service, are set forth in the Form hereunder written.

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CLAIM OF PROXY.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Tow Law, this day of 1891.
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I herewith transmit to you* the writing under the hand (or hands, or in the case of a Corporation, the seal) of appointing me such Proxy.
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FORM OF OBJECTION.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Tow Law, this day of 1891.
I hereby give you Notice that I object to the Name of the Person mentioned and described below being retained on the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of

Christian and Surname of the Owner or Proxy objected to.	Address as described.	Nature of Qualification as described.	Description (in case of Proxy) of Appointor.

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Public Notices.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Shotley Bridge, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1891, at 12·30 p.m., to receive the Report and Accounts for the past Half-year, to declare a Dividend, to elect Two Directors and One Auditor, and to authorise the raising of £2,000 Loan Capital.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 17th February to 3rd March inclusive.
By Order of the Directors.
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, Feb. 2nd, 1891. 948d

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF CONSETT & DISTRICT.

OPENED TO-DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 27th, 1891.

E. S. BELL,
THE CUTTER AND TAILOR,
25 YEARS WITH J. T. POTTS, CONSETT,

WILL OPEN the SHOP, No. 11, Front Street, Consett, as a READY-MADE CLOTHING and TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT, where he intends to keep a choice Selection of Goods suitable for the incoming Season, and hopes by strict attention to Business to merit a share of Public Patronage. As regards my abilities, I give you my late Employer's last week's advertisement as below:—

TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

The Special Order Department is still under the supervision of one of the most experienced Cutters in the North of England, who, for over 25 years, has given satisfaction in Cutting Garments for thousands of people. The same attention and care as ever is bestowed, and the Best Fit and Newest Styles guaranteed.

NOTE THE ADDRESS:
E. S. BELL,
THE CUTTER AND TAILOR,
11, FRONT STREET,
CONSETT. 818d

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.
38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.
Sch. II (25), & Sch. IV. (Form L.) Public Health.

REGISTER OF OWNERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF BENFIELDSIDE.

NOTICE OF TIME FOR MAKING CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that all persons who are entitled to vote as Owners or Proxies at the Election of Members of the Local Board for the District of Benfieldside, and who are not on the Register of Owners and Proxies now in force, or who being on the Register do not retain the qualification or the address described therein, and who are desirous to have their names inserted in the Register about to be made for the said District, and all persons who are desirous of objecting to any name on the Register now in force, are hereby required to give or send to me, on some one of the first six days of March next, a Claim or Objection [as the case may be] in the Form hereunder set forth.
JAMES ANNANDALE,
Chairman of the Local Board.
Dated this 20th day of February, 1891.

OWNER'S CLAIM.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Benfieldside, this day of 1891.
I, the undersigned, claim to have my Name inserted in the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of Benfieldside, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, as Owner of the Property hereinafter described which is situated in the parish of that is to say:*
I also state that the Interest or Estate which I have in such Property, and the Amount of all the Rent-service which I receive or pay in respect thereof, and the Names of the persons, from whom I receive or to whom I pay such Rent-service, are set forth in the Form hereunder written.

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.................Signature of Claimant.
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* Here insert a clear Statement of the Property, as "House," "Building," "House and Acres of Land."
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CLAIM OF PROXY.

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FORM OF OBJECTION.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Benfieldside, this day of 1891.
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Public Notices.

THE PELTON FELL ANNUAL GALA and SPORTS will be held on Saturday, June 6th, 1891. 947d

A LEEK SHOW MEETING will be held at Mr GIBSON TEASDALE'S Mason's Arms, Consett, on Saturday, 28th February, at 7 p.m. Persons desirous of becoming members are requested to attend.

MUSICAL TUITION.

JANE ANNIE HEWITSON (Pupil of Miss Sloane), having obtained First-class Honours, also Certificates in Pianoforte Playing, and Theory, at the Examination held before Dr E. M. Lott, in connection with the Musical International College, London, is prepared to give LESSONS in Pianoforte Playing, Harmonium, and also in Theory.
Terms on Application.
ADDRESS: 26, CORT STREET, BLACKHILL.

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38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.
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REGISTER OF OWNERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF LEADGATE.

NOTICE OF TIME FOR MAKING CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that all persons who are entitled to vote as Owners or Proxies at the Election of Members of the Local Board for the District of Leadgate and who are not on the Register of Owners and Proxies now in force, or who being on the Register do not retain the qualification or the address described therein, and who are desirous to have their names inserted in the Register about to be made for the said District, and all persons who are desirous of objecting to any name on the Register now in force, are hereby required to give or send to me, on some one of the first six days of March next, a Claim or Objection [as the case may be] in the Form hereunder set forth.
W. H. HEDLEY,
Chairman of the Local Board.
Dated this 21st day of February 1891.

OWNER'S CLAIM.

To the Chairman of the Local Board for the District of Leadgate, this day of 1891.
I, the undersigned, claim to have my Name inserted in the Register of Owners and Proxies for the District of Leadgate pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, as Owner of the Property hereinafter described which is situated in the parish of that is to say:*
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CLAIM OF PROXY.

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Public Notices.

COLLIERLEY DYKES GOOD INTENT LODGE OF MECHANICS, Dipton, will hold their Annual GALA, TEA, and SPORTS on June 27th, 1891. 97e

JAMES PALLISER,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TEA DEALER
GROCER AND PROVISION MERCHANT.
FOUNDRY ROW, BLACKHILL.
SPLENDID TEA 1s 8d, 1s 10d, 2s, AND 2s 4d.

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AMMONIA from BLOOD in BLOOD MANURE, Manufactured at REDHEUGH MANURE WORKS, GATESHEAD.
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THE SUN FREEHOLD LAND SOCIETY (LIMITED), LONDON.
How to Purchase a House for 10s. 3d. per Month, value £150, and No Rent to Pay.
Withdrawable Shares issued payable by subscriptions of 2s. 6d., 5s., or 10s. per Month, to which 5 per cent. is added.—For particulars apply The Superintendent, 38, Durham Road, Blackhill.
Local Secretaries Wanted. 837b

J. R. BRODIE,
TAILOR, MEN'S MERCER AND HATTER.
NEW PATTERNS IN TROUSERINGS AND SUITINGS.
TROUSERS MADE TO MEASURE FROM 13s 6d TO 21s. SUITS FROM £2 5s.
Latest Styles in Hats and Caps. Hats from 1s 11d to 4s 11d; Caps from 6d to 1s 6d.
THE SHOP FOR SILK SCARFS, LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS.
BOYS READY-MADE SUITS, IN THE NEWEST STYLES, ALWAYS IN HAND
J. R. BRODIE,
6, CHURCH STREET,
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W. JENKINS,
Chairman of the Local Board.
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Public Notices.

POPULAR LECTURE, Subject, "A Canny Cobbler; or Thos. Edwards the Naturalist of Banff," by REV F. R. SMITH, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, on Wednesday, March 4th, 1891.

FIRST-CLASS Young BRAWN, at the Hanging Stone, Greencroft. 82e

MRS. SHIELDS, Teacher of Pianoforte. Pupils prepared for Local Examinations. Terms on application.—Address, 30, Roger Street, Blackhill.

A LEEK SHOW MEETING will be held at Mr. E. WYLAM'S, Freemasons' Arms, Consett, on Saturday night, February 28th, 1891, at 7 p.m., to enrol Members.

LEADGATE MISSION BRASS BAND.

THE MEMBERS of the above Band intend holding their Annual Grand Monstre FIELD-DAY, Saturday, July 4th, 1891.

FOOTBALLERS GET READY!

F. McCURLEY, 3, Shakespeare Street, Consett, being encouraged by the manner in which the Public patronised his Amateur Competition, intends to give ELEVEN CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD MEDALS, open to all. To commence on Good Friday. Entrance 5s. each Team, taken until March 23rd, 1891. Draw to take place March 24th, 1891.

RE RICHARDSON SMITH, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Estate of Richardson Smith, late of Tanfield, in the County of Durham, Farmer, are requested to send particulars thereof to me, the undersigned, forthwith. Dated the 26th February, 1891.
THOMAS WM. WELFORD,
Solicitor for the Executors, Consett.

RE GEORGE WATSON, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Estate of George Watson, late of Tanfield Lane Farm, Tanfield, in the County of Durham, Farmer, are requested to send particulars thereof to me, the undersigned, forthwith. Dated the 26th February, 1891.
THOMAS WM. WELFORD,
Solicitor for the Administratrix, Consett.

ROBERT TELFORD, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Estate of the late Robert Telford, Berry Edge Farm, are requested to send full particulars thereof to us, the undersigned, and all debts owing or money lent to be paid at once.
JOHN TELFORD, MATT. BRODIE } Executors.
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NOTICE TO FARMERS.

GEO. HOBSON'S 45th ANNUAL DINNER in connection with the Seed and Manure Trades will be held at Catchgate Mills, on Wednesday, March 11th, 1891.

THOUGHT-READING EXTRAORDINARY.

UNDER the auspices of Annfield Plain Choral Society, MR J. W. HORNSBY will give his unrivalled and entertaining EXHIBITION of Thought-Reading in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, on Saturday Night, 28th inst. Doors open at 6·30; commence at 7 o'clock. Admission—Front Seats, 1s; Second Seats, 6d. Come early to secure a seat. 95e

THE MRS MOIR SUBSCRIPTION FUND

A MEETING of the subscribers and friends in connection with the above fund, will be held at Mr A. BRODIE'S Office, Town Hall, Consett, on Monday First, March 2nd, at 7·30 p.m. Any person interested is invited to attend. 115e

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

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MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove and SELL BY AUCTION at the above Rooms, on Monday, March 2nd, 1891, a Lot of Splendid New and Second-hand Mahogany FURNITURE, consisting Two Splendid Suites, one Red and the other Green, 9 pieces each; Mahogany and Walnut Drawers; Brass-mounted Tester Beds, latest fashion, a lot of other Goods.
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By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Hare Law, near Catchgate.
TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr ROBERT WHEATLEY, Catchgate, on Monday, March 2nd, 1891, at Seven o'clock in the Evening prompt (subject to such conditions of Sale as shall then be read),
MR. GEORGE R. HOBSON, Auctioneer,
All that COPYHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, situate at Hare Law, near Catchgate, containing Five Rooms, Stable, and Out-buildings, together with Land contained, by admeasurement, One Rood, Twenty-three Perches, or thereabouts, lately in the occupation of Ralph Shevil, now deceased.
The Property can be well let, and is in an excellent state of repair.
Further particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer, at his Offices at Catchgate, Lintz Green, R.S.O., or from Mr JOSEPH HALL, Farmer, Hare Law. 29a

By Mr. W. Richardson,

Sunniside, near Tow Law.—Freehold Property for Sale.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the House of Mr HENRY WILSON, Crown Inn, Sunniside, on Wednesday, 4th March, 1891, at four o'clock, in the afternoon (Subject to such conditions as will be then and there read),
Mr. W. RICHARDSON, Auctioneer,
All those five FREEHOLD COTTAGES situate at Sunniside, in the County of Durham, and being on the South side of the Turnpike Road leading from Tow Law to Durham, having a Frontage thereto of 40 feet or thereabouts, and in the several occupations of Messrs T. Cheeseman, A. Thompson, R. Diggles, Maughan, and Buxton, at an Annual Rental of £34 9s.
The Property will be offered in one or more lots, as may be agreed upon at the time of sale.
The Tenants will allow an inspection of the premises, and further particulars may be had from the AUCTIONEER, Tow Law; Mr RALPH JAMESON, Thornley; Mr M. SCOTT, Sunniside; or JAMES CHAMBERS, Solicitor, 40, Sadler Street, Durham.
Durham, 13th February, 1891. 47e

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

South Moor, Monday, March 2nd, 1891.
MR A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by the Representatives of the late Mr THOS. YOUNG, Innkeeper, of the above place, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, all his Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
For particulars see Bills.
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Trade Notes.

CRISIS IN THE COAL TRADE.

THREATENING ATTITUDE OF THE WORK MEN AT HAMSTEELS COLLIERY.

On Sunday afternoon, a meeting was held in a field adjacent to the village, kindly lent for the occasion, by Mr R. Walls, Hamsteels Inn, at which upwards of 300 miners were present.

Mr Joseph Philips (men's weighman) occupied the chair.

In opening the proceedings he stated they had assembled that afternoon for the purpose of taking into consideration what action they should take with regard to the unfortunate dispute at Silksworth Colliery. He hoped that as workmen they would express their opinions as to what course they intended to pursue.

Mr Check (Delight), on rising urged, upon the men to consider the question calmly, from a loyal point of view, with justice to the men on strike, to whom they had always shown great sympathy. They knew what their position would be if the masters accomplished their object, and their organisation was broken up into sections. He considered every man on bank as well as underground should be in the Union. (Hear, hear). Disputes arose that required prompt decision and immediate action, though they were all aware that to lay down their tools without notice was a violation of the law.

Mr D. Check moved and Mr Maddison seconded the following resolution which was carried unanimous:—"That we at work contribute as much as possible towards the support of the Silksworth men, and in the meantime for a special council meeting to be called."

Mr Hamell, in support of the motion said he thought they could not show their sympathy in a better way than by giving them support. The public and the press was on their side, and if they were determined to help them financially till they got what was just the masters would give it them.

Mr Arther said he did not covet a deputy's job. He thought it was a serious question, and required deliberation in order that they might better understand each other. (Hear, hear). He had previously been persecuted and evicted, and had laid in a stable five months, similar to where Jesus Christ had laid, but not in a manger. (Laughter and applause.) It was a very poor residence. They had met to consider the best way to assist the strike hands, and whatever conclusion they came to, nothing should have any influence over him to prevent him from doing it. He would like to say lay down their tools immediately, but in order to ascertain the feeling of the men, he supported the motion.

Mr Arthur Platt said he was entirely in sympathy with the motion, and from what had recently transpired they had pledged themselves to support the men. Whether they decided to work or lay down their tools he was willing to abide with that decision whatever it was. They had worked a fortnight, and if they came out illegally by what means could they obtain their earnings. Circulars, he had learned, were issued to the deputies, which he thought would receive their sympathy. If they required proof they would find that some were already present, who inteded to attend their meeting on Tuesday night next. He was sanguine that the dispute would soon be settled, that the black clouds which have darkened the horizon were now breaking away, and streaks of light appeared as they dispersed. He had been informed that Mr Rowntree, the Secretary of the Deputies' Union, had agreed to join the Men's Union, and this, he thought, augured victory.

The meeting accordingly dispersed.

Volunteer Intelligence.

Derwent Rifle Club.—The members of this club mustered in good numbers on Saturday for the usual handicap sweepstake competition at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Bisley targets, any position. The following were the winners:—

	200	500	600	St.	Tl.
S.-I. of M. G. Annetts, 4th BDLI	30	30	26	6	92
L.-St. J. F. Scott, 3rd VBNF......	28	28	28	4	88
Pte. J. Monty, 4th BDLI..........	28	29	22	8	87
Pte. T. Stobart, 3rd VBNF..........	31	25	29	0	85
Mr W. J. Coulson, Gateshead......	29	32	24	0	85
Pte. T. S. Potts, 3rd VBNF..........	30	32	23	0	85
L.-Cpl. C. W. Cable, N'castle EV	30	30	23	2	85

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BURNOPFIELD BRANCH.

The monthly entertainment was held in the Temperance Hall, on Monday night, and was a great success both as regards the programme and the audience. The hall was crowded to excess, so that many had to stand. Mr Gilchrist occupied the chair, and the programme was provided by Rev E. E. Harrison, Rev J. A. Bridges, and the Marley Hill Temperance Society. Judging from the number of times some of the performers were re-called to the platform, it was certain their efforts were duly appreciated. After the usual opening, a glee was sung by the Marley Hill choir, after which Miss Bowman sang "The gipsy's warning." This was followed by a Scotch song by Mr Saunders, which was loudly *encored*. He then gave "The vacant chair." Miss Rowell gave a temperance recitation, "Give me back my husband." Rev E. E. Harrison next sang "Where the old horse died," which was *encored*, and he gave a very funny song, entitled "Joshua." The Rev J. A. Bridges then appeared for the first time on this platform, and recited "The vagabond," for which he was enthusiastically *encored*, when he sang "Poor Mr Coppitt." This did not satisfy the audience, and again he had to come back, when he recited "The showman." Mr Bowen was next called upon, and he sang "All on account of Eliza," and in answer to an *eucore*, gave "Far, far away." Then followed a duet by Master and Miss Dewhurst, "Convent bells," which was very sweetly sung. A dialogue followed, by some of the Marley Hill company, called "Apartments to let," in which Mr Bowen, as the servant, was very amusing. The choir next rendered a part-song. Mr J. Potts played a violin solo, which was *encored*. The Rev J. A. Bridges then recited "Shamus O'Brien," which was *encored*, and he gave "The sausage machine." He was again re-called, and did some ventriloquism. Miss Bowman then sang "Jessie's dream," and Mr Saunders "Hearts of oak." The Rev E. E. Harrison again delighted the company by singing "Baa, baa, baa," and in answer to an *encore*, gave "Three little pigs." The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rev J. A. Bridges, and the Marley Hill people, who had so kindly come over and given the entertainment.

MARLEY HILL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above society was again a great success, both as regards number present and excellence of programme. Mr James Gilchrist occupied the chair. Miss Hall, of Whickham, sang in excellent style a couple of songs, and received an *encore* each time, as also did Mr Lattimer, of Swalwell, for his humorous song. His characteristic rendering of his *encore* song, "The Irish band," created roars of laughter. Mr Burn, also of Swalwell, gave a very earnest address on temperance. The Rev J. A. Bridges, B.A., of Tanfield, again received a double *encore* for his beautiful recitations, "Two visits to my lawyer." Miss F. Bowman sang nicely "Jessie's dream." Two violin solos, by Mr J. G. Allen, were played in a finished style, and heartily *encored*. Master W. Ellis gave two recitations in his usual clever way, and Mr W. F. Bone was also re-called for his songs. A dialogue, entitled "Apartments to let," had been carefully studied and well prepared by Messrs F. Bone, T. Coulson, G. Errington, and J. Davison, and consequently went off beautifully. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr J. Gilchrist, and seconded by the Rev E. E. Harrison, was awarded to the visitors.

A Card. — An Important Discovery is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer never fails to restore grey hair to its youthful colour. It acts directly upon the roots of the hair, invigorating them, cleanses the scalp, removing dandruff rendering the hair soft, silky, and glossy, and disposing it to remain in any desired position. It has hosts of admirers, male and female, young and old. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers. 875

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25, Tweed Street, Newcastle.

Mr G. Handyside,

I am glad to say my wife is now restored to health. She has been a sufferer from Rheumatism and Consumption for eight years. I have tried six doctors. She was ordered to the Convalescent Home, and went for three weeks, but it did her no good. Previous to taking your medicine she had been confined to child-bed for three weeks, and could not turn over in bed. The doctor attending to her confinement was very anxious about the state of her health, but could do nothing for her; but after taking your Consumption Cure for two days she was able to get out of bed and walk about, and in about eight days she felt herself well. I recommended it to my wife's sister, and it did her a great deal of good. I think it my duty to communicate to you, so that it may be widely known, as they are completely restored.

JOHN McQUINN.

[I was asked to see this lady, it was a serious case. She was labouring under nearly all diseases that flesh is heir to, and, in addition had recently been confined. I asked her husband to feel her pulse, and he was scarcely able. Her heart was nearly motionless. She had been a martyr to Sciatica, the worst form of Rheumatics, for years, and at the time I saw the lady she could not turn over in bed. She told me she had been treated for Consumption for eight years. The lady appears to be delighted at the change, and I am sure if anyone calls she will be glad for the sake of other sufferers, to relate to them the wonderful change.]

25, Tamworth Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
August 8th.

I hereby certify that I have been ill for a year-and-a-half, and have been under four doctors; but I gradually got worse and worse, and the last doctor told me he could do nothing further except order me change of air. I went to the country for three weeks, and came home worse than when I left. I took a vomiting of blood, and lost about three gills. Hearing of your medicine I got two bottles, which in six days did me a great deal of good; and in sixteen days I was quite well.

JANE SNOWDON.

No one believed consumption was curable, and in order to show it was I gave about 200 of my patients a trip from Newcastle to Hexham, so that people could see for themselves. This produced great excitement and two large trains accompanied them. All expected to see a lot of pale-faced consumptives, but were astonished to see them all blooming in health. I gave prizes for dancing and the above lady strongly competed for the second prize. The lady came home to Newcastle in a carriage that was occupied by the reporters, and she looked as blooming and healthy as anyone.

Middle Bridge, near Durham,
July 6th. 1890

Dear Sir,

We send you the following lines to inform you of a wonderful cure your medicine has done to our son. He took very ill and was given up by our doctor, as being in a deep consumption over his whole body, and there was no hope of his life being spared to us. But thanks be to God and your medicine he is getting better every day. We see it is through your medicine that God has given you the knowledge to bring forward for suffering humanity, and we will praise God for you ever before the public. We have had ten bottles of your medicine and our son is now going about and we trust in our heavenly Father that he will be right in a week or two. He has recovered to the astonishment of all around us. May God grant you long life and happiness to make use of your medicine, and we trust in our Lord for all the blessings we have received from His hand. We lost a son 9 years ago, on the 13th November, and we have another son, that received a misfortune in the pit five years ago. He is 22 years of age and they deprived him of his benefit, and we have nothing coming in to keep him. Our kind and loving neighbours have been very good to us, else we could not have got your medicine. But God is good to His own: We think one or two more of your bottles will restore him to his usual health, for the cough and spitting has gone altogether. He has a good appetite for the food such as we can get him. We know that he that giveth to the poor will be rewarded in Heaven, bless His holy name, and may God ever bless you for being the means of saving our son. So no more at present from your loving but humble servants,

WM. and MARGARET TOWART.

The Editor of the *Durham Chronicle* investigated the case, and found that he was now working. The doctor says he will fall away again as a great portion of his lungs are gone; if this is the case, the consumption cure must be more than a miracle to bring a man out of bed with his lungs far gone, and sustain him to work regularly.

23, Tweed Street, Bentinck,
December 19th, 1888.

G. Handyside.

Dear Sir,—I was unfortunate to be crushed between two waggons at Sir William Armstrong's works. I went under medical treatment for about ten months. I was reduced in weight one stone ten pounds: I was fading away. I had neither life nor spirits, and saw no hope of recovery. When I went to the water-closet the pain was dreadful, and I could get no passage without taking heavily of opening medicine, and the pain of passing anything was most severe. I was induced to try your "Blood Purifier," and the effect is most wonderful. I have taken it for six weeks; my bowels are pretty regular, the pain is nearly gone, and I have gained seven-and-a-half pounds in six weeks. I feel now cheerful and happy; the doctors said I would never be able to work any more.

JAMES McNAMARA.

December 11th, 1888.

Knowing Mr McNamara very well, and having attended him during his illness, I have great pleasure in testifying to the immense benefit that he has received from the new medicine that he has been using, and which was supplied by Mr Handyside of Bentick. It is a pity that this medicine has not obtained greater notoriety ;it would be quite a boon to the public.

REV. FATHER DUNN,
St. Michael's Newcastle.

[After the testimony of the Rev. Father Dunn, I need say little; but it may arouse the curiosity of some to see how well a blood purifier could mend a great crush. It is simply the invigorating of the body by the purification of the blood. If a youth happens an accident, the vigour of his youthful blood brings him round; but if he is old, and his blood is poor he dies. Therefore, anything that will improve the blood, and thereby impart strength to the body, will assist greatly in the recovery as may be seen from the above. All delicate constitutions should take this medicine, it will invigorate the system.

146, Madeline Terrace, Newcastle,
December 10th 1888.

Mr G. Handyside.

Dear Sir,—I have been for several months suffering from serious affection of the glands of the neck, and weakness of the eyes, for which I was under medical treatment, and also in the Infirmary, but without getting much relief. I at length tried Mr Handyside's medicines, and have found them of the greatest benefit. My eyesight is quite restored, the glandular swellings are much reduced in size, and have almost entirely ceased to give out discharges. I attribute the improvement in both cases to the medicines I got from Mr Handyside.

G. FAIRBAIRN.

54, Chaucer Street, Gateshead,
December 15th, 1888.

Mr G. Handyside,

Dear Sir,—Having been ailing for some time from weakness of the chest, I was induced by a friend to try your Blood Purifier. I am glad I did, for after taking the first two bottles I felt great benefit, and would advise all those who are suffering from the same to try it.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,
R. H. WARDLE.

1, Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead,
December 13th, 1888.

I have pleasure in certifying that the case of G. Fairbairn and R. H. Wardle referred to above, are well-known to me, and I can confirm both their statements as to the benefit received from Mr Handyside's medicines.

REV ROBERT STEWART,
Presbyterian Church, Gateshead.

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SWALWELL AND THE SHIELD MEMORIAL.

On Saturday night, a second concert, in aid of the William Shield Memorial Fund, was held in the Board Schools, Swalwell. There was a large attendance, the schoolroom being crowded to excess. Mr William Bourn, in the absence of Mr Ramsey through illness, occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks gave a brief account of the movement to erect a memorial to the famous composer, who was a native of the village of Swalwell. He said he expressed the wish of the whole parish in asking that the memorial be erected in Whickham churchyard, where the ancestors and the descendants of William Shield had been buried for generations. Besides, it was the most picturesque spot on the banks of the Tyne, and was the favourite resort of the inhabitants of Swalwell, the birthplace of the great musical composer they desired to honour. His friend Mr John Robinson had at first proposed that the memorial should be placed in the Cathedral Church of Newcastle, but he was glad to say that Mr Robinson now admitted that Whickham was the more appropriate place for such a memorial. It was now only necessary that sufficient funds be raised to enable them to have in their midst a daily reminder of the great man who was a native of their village. The concert was then proceeded with, the following artistes taking part in it:—Miss Thompson, Miss Lattimer, Miss Dindsdale, Miss Blackburn, Mr John Peel, Mr J. Lumley, Mr Lattimer, Mr Biggins, the Masters Dodds, and Mr King. Mr W. R. Lumley accompanied on the piano. The Winlaton Volunteer Band gave several selections of music, and also played through the streets before the concert. The usual vote of thanks brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

At a conference of Swalwell and Whickham admirers of William Shield, the composer, held in the Board School, Swalwell, on Wednesday night, it was resolved that Mr John Robinson be requested to convey to the subscribers the desire of the meeting that a monument be erected in Whickham Churchyard.

PRESENTATION AT BURNOPFIELD.

On Saturday, an interesting ceremony was performed in connection with the Mechanics' Friendly Societies' (Burnopfield district), in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield, when Bro. Andrew Robinson, P.D.G.M., was presented with an illuminated address, silver tea service, and walking-stick, on the occasion of his leaving the neighbourhood. There were a number of the brethren present.

Bro. John Coulson, D.D.G.M., of "The Rising Sun" Lodge, took the chair, and after a few appropriate remarks called upon

Bro. G. Barkus to read the address, which was as follows:—

"To Mr Andw. Robinson, D.G.M., I.U.O.M.F.S., Burnopfield District. We, the undermentioned lodges comprising the above district, hereby desire to express to you our appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the district during the 12½ years you have been Grand Master, and beg your acceptance of the accompanying silver service as a slight token of the respect and esteem entertained for you by the officers and members of the district. We regret losing your valuable counsel and advice, but trust that in your new sphere your services may be as greatly appreciated as they have been by the members of this district. Wishing you long life and happiness to be in possession of this our small present to remind you of the many friends and well-wishers you have left behind. Lodges:—Bowes Benevolent, Rising Sun, Marquis of Bute, Working Men's Welfare, Rookhope Star, Wear Valley, Lord Prudhoe, Mickley Humane, Heart and Hand, Rose of Raby, Pride of Derwent, Hope of Nent.

(Signed) "W. Charlton, District Sec."

After the address had been read, the Chairman then called upon Bro. J. W. Anderson, the new D.G.M., to make the presentation.

Bro. Anderson then delivered an address, regretting the loss of the service and advice of Bro. Robinson, and showed how hard and diligently he had worked for the district and the Order generally, wishing him success in his new sphere, and hoped he would long live to enjoy the presents, which he then formally presented to Bro. Robinson.

Bro. Wishart, of the "Marquis of Bute" Lodge, supplemented the remarks of the last speaker, and spoke of the wise counsel and advice of Mr Robinson in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the Order generally.

Bro. Robinson then thanked all those present for the beautiful presents, assuring them he would always cherish them in memory of the happy hours spent in the company of brother mechanics. He then spoke at some length on Friendly Societies, and gave a *resume* of the Burnopfield district.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

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PART III.—The New Generation.

CHAPTER XII.—The Newspaper Paragraph.

It was Saturday evening, just a week after George Chester and Diana Fell, and their friends Miss Graham and Marcus Grantley, last met in Cressingham Wood, and the former gentleman was sitting down to his supper, having been away from the village all the day since he finished work at noon.

George had paid a visit to a neighbouring town in order to make all the necessary arrangements for the marriage of himself and Diana. As the contemplated ceremony would have to be kept as quiet as possible in order to preclude the interference of Roger Fell, he had decided that it should be purely a civil wedding.

As yet no one save Diana and himself knew anything of the projected runaway match, but in a week or two it would be necessary to take some one into their confidence, and George had decided that Miss Graham and Grantley should be apprised of the event and asked to be present at the ceremony.

The people with whom Chester lodged were plain Lancashire folk of the working class, clean and honest, if somewhat rough in their way, and quaint spoken; and, although he rented the "front place"—as the little parlour was called—and a bedroom, he liked the simple people so well that he often ate his meals with the family in the kitchen.

He was sitting in the kitchen now, exchanging a word now and again with his landlord and landlady, who were seated on opposite sides of the fireplace, the former reading the weekly newspaper, while his wife was industriously plying her knitting needles.

The humble home looked very homely, even attractive, in the glow of the lamp and the fire. The weekly cleaning being over, everything in the place was bright and clean as willing hands could make it. On the high, old-fashioned wooden mantel-shelf the brass candlesticks and delft-ware effigies of bold "Will Watch" and the first Napoleon shone, while the polished fender and black-leaded grate reflected the light like mirrors, and the hearthstone, to use Waugh's well known phrase, "was white as new snow."

George was thinking of Diana and of their appointment in Cressingham Wood on the following evening when a remark made by his host arrested his attention.

"Heer's sum news fur tha, Nannie," the old man said, dropping his newspaper and looking at his wife.

"Wor is it, Ned?" the dame asked. "O murder or o naccident?"

"Noather," Ned replied, "unless thah caws o weddin' o naccident."

"Who's gerring wed?" the old woman cried with all the curiosity of her sex.

"Mester Fell's dowter, so t' papar sez. Bur ah'll read it for tha."

Dropping his knife and fork George forgot his supper and listened breathlessly while the old man read the following:—

"We understand that a marriage has been arranged between Sir Godfrey Sherstone, the member for Rockinghurst, and Miss Diana Fell, the only daughter of Roger Cumberland Fell, M.P., of Cressingham Park. It is intimated that the ceremony will be speedily solemnised."

"Lend me the paper!" George cried in as indifferent a voice as he could assume, and with a terrible sinking of the heart. The old man handed him the news-sheet, and like one who reads in a dream Chester read the fatal words which announced to the world that his loved one was to become another man's wife.

Then he arose from his chair, handed back the paper, and saying he was going for a short walk he passed out of the cottage, a mist before his eyes, and his brain on fire with conflicting thoughts.

"Can it be true?" he asked himself as he went along the dark lane, "or is it only a trick of Roger Fell's?" And as he knew nothing of what had taken place at the Park since he had last seen Diana, he was inclined to believe that the paragraph was due to her father's craftiness and deceit.

For George could not bring himself to imagine that Diana had so completely changed her purpose as to forswear her vows to himself and marry another. No! No! It was ridiculous to even think of such a thing. Had she not refused to be freed from her engagement to him? And was not the projected runaway marriage as much her scheme as his own?

Such considerations as these did something towards reviving the young fellow's drooping spirits, but they did not entirely dispel his uneasiness. The lying paragraph showed very clearly that Roger Fell's hatred of himself was in no sense diminished, and that he would not scruple to use any means to part him and Diana!

How slowly the next day seemed to pass away. All the morning and afternoon George was in a most impatient state. He longed for the coming of the evening when he would meet Diana in the wood and hear from her own sweet lips that what he had read was utterly without foundation in fact.

At last evening came, and then the restless lover betook himself to the silent and gloomy wood. Selecting a path along which, he knew, the girl would come he strolled to and fro beneath the dark trees, now pausing a moment or two to glance down the black avenue of dusky boles, and then peering upwards through the ebon-like branches at the moonless and star-sprent heavens.

But Diana came not, and the passing of each fruitless moment was fast refilling the young man's mind with all the doubts and fears which the paragraph had originated last night.

"If she does not come it must be true!" George groaned through his shut teeth. "Will she come!"

For an hour or more he waited in vain, and then, unable to bear the suspense of his position any longer, he started through the wood in the direction of Cressingham Park, determined to know the worst.

If she would not come to him, he thought madly, he would go to her. All he desired was to learn the truth. Then, and not till then, would he be content. If Diana had regretted her vows to him it was better he should know it at once, and if she were still true to him he ought to know that also.

Roger Fell's demesne bounded the western side of Cressingham Wood, and walking quickly in that direction George soon came to the fence which divides the two estates. Vaulting lightly over it he struck across the deep grass, and in a few minutes the lighted windows of the mansion came in sight.

George went right on until he was beside a lighted window which opened upon the lawn. Who was in that apartment he wondered? Could it be Diana? If so, she was not alone, for listening intently he could just detect the murmur of voices evidently engaged in earnest conversation.

Still wondering if the girl he loved could be one of the conversers he waited, unwilling to quit the spot until he learned who was inside. Suddenly he bent his ear against the cold window pane, and listened even more intently than before.

The low clear ripple of a man's laughter floated to George's ears, and then he heard an unfamiliar male voice say:—

"Well, well, my dear Fell, the matter is settled now, and I am heartily glad of it. I wish the marriage were to take place to-morrow."

George Chester's heart seemed turned to a stone for a moment, and a sickening fear filled him from head to foot. It was true, then. Diana was to be married. How otherwise was he to interpret the words he had just overheard?

And the man who spoke them? Was he the Sir Godfrey Sherstone mentioned in the paragraph he had read? It must be so.

The young man turned from the window and made toward the back of the house. He felt that he must see Diana that night somehow or the suspense would kill him. If he could come upon one of the servants he might get her to take a note to her young mistress.

Thus thinking he made a detour of the mansion, but no form, domestic or otherwise, met his gaze.

What was he to do? Go home with that load of agony and suspense hanging upon and eating away his heart? No! He would know the worst before he left that place.

"Hullo, Sherstone! Is that you? I thought you had gone to your room."

It was Roger Fell's voice that fell thus unexpectedly on George Chester's hearing. In the semi-darkness the former had mistaken the latter for his guest and prospective son-in-law, and he was within a yard or two of the other before he found out his mistake.

"George Chester!" Fell exclaimed as he stopped suddenly face to face with the young fellow.

"Yes; were you wanting to see me?"

"What are you doing here?" Roger asked in accents that betrayed his uneasiness. His first thought was that his daughter and the man before him had been meeting clandestinely, and that Diana might have been induced to renounce the marriage she had agreed upon. Again he said:—

"What are you doing here?"

"I came to see Diana!" said George, contemptuously—bitterly.

"—— I thought so!" Roger broke out. Where is she! Do you not know that she is to be Sir Godfrey Sherstone's wife?"

"That is why I am here."

"And will you stoop to the dishonour of meeting a woman who has promised to be another man's wife?"

"Yes, when I know that she has been forced into the bargain!"

"She consented of her own free will I tell you!" Roger cried.

"I do not believe you. How can I take the word of a man like you? You have driven her into this marriage I know. If not, let me see her. I will take her word, not yours."

"What I say is true. If you do not believe me write to her. Will not that satisfy you?" Roger asked, with a ring of triumph in his tone.

"Will my letter ever reach her?" George demanded incredulously.

"I pledge you my word that it shall."

"And you will permit her to answer me as she thinks best?"

"Certainly."

"All right."

Without another word George Chester strode away.

CHAPTER XIII.—Marriage Bells.

On returning to his humble lodgings after that chance meeting with Roger Fell, George at once proceeded to write a letter to Diana.

Into that epistle he poured all that was best and noblest and truest in him—he seemed to be putting upon paper all his soul, life, and hopes; and he felt that if ever Diana Fell's heart had been touched by him it must awaken again in response to that last impassioned plea.

He posted the letter on his way to work next morning, and during the day his thoughts were busy with what he had written and what Diana might write in response to his last passionate appeal.

Somehow George felt confident that his letter would not be intercepted on its way to Miss Fell by her father. Roger's manner last night had convinced him that what he had penned would reach Diana, and that she would be permitted to reply thereto in her own way.

There was no longer any doubt in the young fellow's mind as to the truth or falsity of the newspaper paragraph. The girl he loved must have consented to become Sir Godfrey Sherstone's wife, but how her consent to such a union had been obtained he had yet to discover.

That she had assented to the engagement of her own free will seemed incredible to him; but he would know all soon when she wrote to him—if she did write.

It was a day of great pain and weariness to George Chester; but when at last it wore away and he returned home he found a missive awaiting him.

His heart filled with sudden joy as he glanced at the handwriting. It was Diana's. What had she written? He dared not trust himself to break open the missive then and there. So putting on his hat he went out again, leaving untouched the meal prepared for him.

When he was amid the green fields near Cressingham Wood he took out the letter, tore away the cover and devoured its contents. There were only a few lines, but their import was even more terrible than he had thought they could possibly be. The letter ran:—

"Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of last night's date, and can only say in reply to it that you have been correctly informed in regard to my impending marriage. Of my own free will I have consented to marry the gentleman you name.

"Yours respectfully,
"Diana Fell."

"*Do not think too harshly of me, George.*"

With heavy heart and stony gaze George stared at the cold pitiless words. Even while expecting the worst he had not dreamt of receiving such an answer as this.

The letter he had written, as it seemed with his very heart's blood, had called forth only those barren cruel words. She had not even alluded to his great affection for her, and her equally great love for him; she had explained nothing, had only told him that the worst he had imagined was true, and that of her own free will she was to marry the baronet.

Such a missive a cold-blooded, heartless creature might have been expected to write; but George had never thought that an impulsive girl like Diana was, so loving and generous-natured withal, could have written to him in such a strain.

It was in Diana's hand, sure enough, but of the girl's sweet self there was not a vestige save in the postscript. It was as if the girl's restraint had broken down when her name was put to the cruel words, and that her true self had spoken her real feelings in that last line.

"*Do not think too harshly of me, George.*"

What could those words mean unless they meant regret at being compelled to give him up? That her love for him had not been a pretence but a deep-seated, real, living passion he was prepared to swear even now with that fatal letter of her's in his hand.

And to save herself from being induced to give her up she had even suggested that they should be married secretly; and now she was to marry another man just at the moment when George had prepared everything for their being privately united.

What influence had been brought to bear upon Diana by her father? That she had been influenced by some means or other he felt satisfied; and yet the girl herself told him that of her own free will she had elected to unite herself to Sir Godfrey Sherstone.

Could it be possible, George wondered, that at the last moment Diana had been frightened at the prospect of the life of poverty and toil which would be her's if she married him? It must be so; and yet it seemed hard to think that Diana had given him up on that account.

Among the shades of Cressingham Wood George remained long that evening, wrestling with the new trouble that had fallen upon him. Walking into the quietest part of the wood he had flung himself amid the long grass, and there he lay for hours thinking bitterly of his new misfortune.

In these dull regenerate days a jilted lover is denied all the good things unfortunate lovers formerly enjoyed. In the "good old times" a rejected wooer could pistol a rival or put him to the sword; but nowadays the jilted one can only distinguish himself by laying violent hands upon his own life.

But George Chester did nothing that disappointed lovers are noted for doing. He never attempted to see Diana again; he did not write to her, nor did he even leave the village.

He remained at his old lodgings as usual, continued working at the foundry as before, bearing his trouble in silence, and from his demeanour no one guessed of the great crisis he was passing through.

Day after day went by and George anxiously awaited for the intelligence that he felt must come. Even yet he could not bring himself to believe that Diana would marry Sir Godfrey Sherstone. How could she bind herself for life to a man she did not love? She would not do so. At the last moment the baronet would be thrown over by Diana, and she would return to her allegiance to her old lover.

But the weeks slipped past without any change, and at last the wedding morning broke. The marriage was to be a quiet affair and take place in the fine old Norman Church in Cressingham village.

It was a beautiful morn in October, and the holy house was crowded with sight-seers of both sexes from the village and neighbourhood, for a fashionable wedding is always certain of drawing a fair audience.

There was a faint clatter of tongues as the bridal party entered the Church, and every eye was turned first upon the bride and then upon the bridegroom.

Pale as death almost, but quite calm and steady, Diana walked up the aisle with her parents; and behind them came Sir Godfrey Sherstone, looking rather distinguished in his gay attire, and evidently as pleased with the occasion as a man could be.

The sight-seers—especially the women—commented in whispers upon the surpassing loveliness of the bride and her exceeding coldness, and the baronet also formed food for many remarks. One or two of those present knew something of Sir Godfrey's past life, and, of course, they retailed it with an evident love of the task to those who would give an ear.

In one of the deep old-fashioned pews not far from the front of the chancel stood George Chester, his countenance as white almost as that of the bride, and a cynical smile playing about his lips as he watched the ceremony that made Godfrey Sherstone and Diana Fell man and wife.

He was sufficiently near the bridal party to hear Diana's faint responses, and they went like knives to the poor young fellow's heart. How his soul rose in revolt against the hollow mockery that was being perpetrated in linking together for life two hearts between which there was no real unity.

And as George Chester stood there a mute witness of his own irretrievable ruin a mad thought, borne of his infinite torture, surged through his brain.

Why should he not kill Diana rather than permit her to become another man's wife?

Fortunately no means of carrying this wild idea into effect were at hand, or the wedding might have ended more dramatically than it did!

Then the ceremony came to an end. Spoken now were all the words necessary to make the twain one, and all that remained to be done now was to sign their names in the Church Register.

For this purpose the bridal party, headed by the minister, turned towards the vestry, when suddenly their progress was arrested by a voice which hissed in loud, hoarse tones that rang through the building:—

"What an infernal farce!"

It was George Chester who spoke. The thought uppermost in his mind had formed itself spontaneously into words, and uttered itself, so it seemed, to the young man. The words rang out ere he could prevent them, and in a moment all eyes were turned upon him.

He noted the look of disgust that clouded Roger Fell's face, the expression of alarm that flitted across the face of his wife, the aspect of indignant reproof that the clergyman's countenance assumed, and the glance of inquiry that Sir Godfrey cast upon him.

But what he noticed most was Diana's attitude toward him.

For one moment only her eyes had met his, when his words rang out, and then they had fallen before his burning glance of contempt in utter shame.

The next moment Diana had fainted in her mother's arms, George Chester was striding down the aisle, and the gossips were revelling in the comments his interruption had originated.

Two days later George Chester was speeding across the seas.

End of Part III.

(To be continued.)

Sporting Items

Shooting at Swalwell.—The match between Charles Massey, of Swalwell, and Fryce Lockey, of Blaydon, was decided on Saturday. A large number of people assembled, and the contest resulted in a decisive victory for the Swalwell man. A great deal of money changed hands over the event, principally at evens. Scores:—Massey, 14 out of 18; Lockey, 10 out of 18. J. Ritson, Cramlington, trapped for Lockey, G. Thornton, Bedside, for Massey, T. Maughan, Fellside, acted as referee.

Rabbit Coursing at Witton Gilbert.—The small dog sweep promoted by Mr J. Hutchinson was run off on Saturday afternoon, in a field near Mrs Hutchinson's, Halfway House. Third round—Betty at the Barn beat Wandering Nun; Bella Go Home beat Nannie a Mazer, 2nd lot; Bella Go Home, 2nd lot, beat Violet; Bella Go Home, 3rd lot, beat Violet, 2nd lot. Stakes divided. G. Hutchinson judge, M. Hutchinson pistol-firer, and B. Richardson score-keeper.

Pigeon Shooting at Greenside.—At Mr John George Snowdon's, Black Horse Inn, Greenside, £5 a-side has been made good in the hands of Mr Christopher Purvis, Spen, and articles entered into for a pigeon shooting match between William Lawson, of Crawcrook, and Thomas Parkin, of Spen, the conditions of the match being as follows:—21 yards rise, 60 fall, single barrel, 1¼oz. of shot, gun below the elbow, elbow down close by the side until the bird is on the wing, each competitor being allowed 15 birds, for £20 a-side. The parties are to meet at the above house and make the stake good at the hour of 12 o'clock on the day of the match. Christopher Purvis had been appointed final stake-holder.

Pigeon Shooting at Greenside.—There was a large gathering of spectators in a field granted for the occasion by Mr T. Todd, Greenside, to witness a pigeon shooting handicap promoted by Mr Thomas Dodds. The handicap had not completed its second round when there was a scarcity of birds, and it was postponed to next Saturday, when it will be concluded. Thomas Dodds, Greenside, officiated as handicapper, referee, and score-keeper, and T. Dodds, Stephens Hall, trapped the birds. Scores:—Shippin, 18 yards, 0; Shamrock, 17, 0; Barlow Jack, 17, 0; Fullerton, 17, 1 1; Barlow, 17, 1; Rose and Crown, 17, 1 1; Simonian, 20, 1 1; W. Lawson, 20, 1 0; J. Shippin, 2nd lot, 0; Bo-Peep, 18, 1 1; W. Lawson, 2nd lot, 1 0; Harmless Sam, 20, 0; T. Dodd, 17, 0; R. Lawson, 17, 1; Peasweep, 17, 1 1; Morpeth Carrier, 18, 1; W. Bird, 17, 1 1; T. Bell, 18, 1; 2nd lot, 1; Not Out, 21, 0.

Quoiting at Witton Gilbert.—At the house of Mr Bates, Black Lion, Witton Gilbert, £2 a-side has been posted in the hands of William Smith, who is appointed stake-holder, to bind the game between T. Curry, of Witton Gilbert, and G. Hunter, of Sleetburn.

Coursing.—At the Stanley Hotel, West Stanley, £2 a-side has been posted to bind a match for £25 a-side, the best of 21 courses, between Henry Bolam's Little John (late Tit Bits) and Stephenson's Pedlar, to run at Bill Quay. A similar deposit was made at the same time for Henry Bolam's Ingratitude and Naisbett's Horn Lane, to run the same day at Bill Quay for £15 a-side.

Shooting.—At the house of Mr R. White, Colliery Inn, West-Pelton, £5 has been posted to bind a pigeon shooting match for £10 a-side, between R. Everitt and W. Purvis, on one side, and R. White and W. Smith, on the other, at West Pelton.

Braes of Derwent Foxhounds.—On Saturday last, the meet was at Shotley Bridge (the Handley Cross of dear old Jorrocks). There was a large muster of horsemen, and the ladies on foot turned out in great force. Everybody said it would be a certain find at Elm Park, but all the covers thereabouts were tried and it wasn't. Trotted off to Allansford covers, but still no signs of a fox. Hole Row Fell was voted a certainty, but try as we might, up, down, and crossover, we could not find that which we were in search of. So we trotted past Greenhead and soon were welcomed by a hearty tally-ho at Cataway Heads. Now the fun began. Away through Fine House Plantation, and, leaving Unthank on our right, the hounds soon bustled him through the large new plantation of Sir J. Swinburne, and, crossing the road, we had a merry gallop over the pastures past Newfield and on through the Minsteracres grounds to the north of the hall, and up the dene westward. The music here was grand, and the pace a clipper. Now he shaped his course northward past High Fotherley, and over the heathery bog to Healey, and the hounds fairly raced him into Ormston's plantation, where scent seemed to fail them. However, a slow hunt through this big cover enabled many of the field to view our tired fox cross the Bromley and East Wood House road, just 55 minutes from the find. Now we are bothered. "Scent in cover bad," says one: "No scent in cover at all," says another. The truth lay between. After careful hunting north and west, we hit him off to the north-east, and away we went past High Plain into the wood to the north, where our fox had evidently taken a rest, for the hounds went away with a glorious cry in a straight line for Riding Mill, when all at once the music ceased. He was a very quiet, harmless old fellow that did it, and the rattle of his tin can no doubt turned our fox's head up hill again. The check was of short duration. The hounds righted themselves, and soon banged him through the good Rector of Riding Mill's grounds—we were very careful not to do any harm, and shut the gate leading out of the park—and up the dene to Bromley Fell House and over the pasture, and at a view they killed him in the cover. A real pleasant day's hunt, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Can you, Mr Editor, or can your friend, Captain Newton, give a forecast of scent for next week and weekly thereafter to end of season?—Sportsman.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL JOTTINGS

The will of the late Alderman Hedley, of Newcastle (a director of the Consett Iron Company), shows a personal estate of £107,000.

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Rev M. R. Sharp, senior curate of St. Matthew's, Wolsingham, has been appointed curate-in-charge of St. Mark's, South Shields.

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At the recent examination held in the Durham College of Science, Newcastle, Edward Hughes, deputy of Beamish Air Pit, was awarded a certificate of competency as under-manager of mines.

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A spire for Thornley Church is to be erected as a memorial to the late Rev G. P. Wilkinson, J.P., County Alderman, who formerly held the living. The church is situate on the family estate of Harperley. The public are wishful to attest their deep respect to the memory of one they esteemed so highly. The new vicar has already obtained several liberal donations.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday, Coun. Dr Livingstone presiding.

RATING OF MACHINERY BILL.

The Guardians signed a petition against bills which seek to exempt certain machinery from rating.

TRAMPS ON THE RAMPAGE.

The Master reported a considerable increase in vagrants, largely young fellows.

A Member: Perhaps they have been on strike somewhere.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you get the full work out of them.

The Master: Oh, yes.

THE LATE MR H. MADDISON.

Mr W. H. F. Maddison, on behalf of his mother, wrote to thank the Guardians for their kind expression and vote of sympathy.

RETIREMENT OF MR BLENKIRON.

Mr J. Blenkiron, late Weardale Mines' manager, now of Middlesbrough, wrote expressing regret at absence from his duties, suggesting it would be best to elect a Guardian in his place. He wished to be remembered kindly to the Board, and expressed the sympathetic concern with which he heard of the death of the late Mr Maddison.

The vacancies will be reported to the Local Government Board.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

This matter was raised by Rev P. C. JONES, who did not see that rural districts could do much in the way of technical instruction.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the money would be expended on technical instruction, but he was not sure that any district would get any money. In Stanhope Division they inclined to instruction of girls in cookery by arrangement with the centre which sent out lady teachers.

Rev P. C. JONES: It is said Durham is to have £1,000.

The CHAIRMAN explained that that borough contained four divisions of the County Council, and taking the average of £230 as due to each of the 72 divisions, they would get the figure at about £1,000. As that dale was largely interested in mines and quarries there was also a further suggestion for instruction of boys in mining and mineralogy.

The subject then dropped.

THE WINTER ASSIZES.

On Monday, the business of the Newcastle and Northumberland Winter Assizes was resumed before Mr Justice Mathew and Mr Justice A. L. Smith.

FIRST NISI PRIUS COURT.—Before Mr Justice Mathew.

A BLAYDON RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Mr Walton, Q.C., and Mr Strachan, instructed by Mr Lambert, Gateshead, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Milvain, Q.C., M.P., and Mr Dent, instructed by Mr Gibb, York, for the defence.—Mr Walton explained that the action was for personal injuries of an irreparable character sustained by a little girl named Elizabeth Harrison. Elizabeth Harrison was a girl of four years of age, and she formed one of a family of six children whose father was William Harrison, deputy overman, East Howle, Ferryhill. On Easter Monday last, Mr and Mrs Harrrison, the six children, and three of the children's aunts, went to Blaydon to visit relations. In the evening they returned to Blaydon Railway Station in order to commence their journey home. Shortly after they arrived at the station a relief train drew up at the platform, and being holiday time, there were a great many people travelling, and the train was very full. The children were placed in a carriage when the train moved away. The door had not been fastened and the child made for the door. Mrs Ann Harrison, an aunt, tried to prevent the child falling, but slipped in the attempt and fell on the line. The child also fell, and the wheel of the van passed over her leg. On the part of the plaintiff it was contended that the accident might have been avoided with due care on the part of the company's servants; while on the part of the defendants, it was maintained there was contributory negligence.—The jury, after hearing counsel, awarded the child £600 damages, which amount, his lordship said, would be placed in the hands of trustees for the benefit of the child.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, Feb. 20th.—Before Dr ARNISON (chairman), and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

James Graham Sedlin, Wearhead, was charged by P.C. Collin with being drunk at that place on the 16th ult.—Fined 7s 6d.

Peart Heslop, Shield Holm, Northumberland, was charged by P.C. Parker with being drunk in his district on the 8th inst.—Fined 12s 6d.

T. R. Ridley, Shield Holm, Northumberland, was also charged by the same officer with being intoxicated at the same time and place.—Fined 12s 6d.

Robert Irvine was likewise charged by the same officer with a similar offence on the 13th inst.—Fined 12s 6d.

R. Phillipson was accused by Sergt. Sedgwick of being drunk in this district on the 13th inst.—Fined 7s 6d.

G. W. Dalton was charged by P.C. Parker with being drunk and disorderly on the 7th inst.—Fined 20s and costs.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

William Fairless, described as a contractor, of North Grain, Wearhead, was charged with driving furiously through Eastgate, on the 16th ult.—P.C.'s Colling and Steadman proved the case.—Fined 20s and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Thomas James, of Wearhead, was charged by P.C. Parker with leaving two horses and carts for 45 minutes, with no one in charge, on the roadside.—Fined 10s and costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

John Bright, Bolts' Burn, Rookhope, was charged by John Peart, attendance officer to the Stanhope School Board, with neglecting to send his child to school.—Fined 5s.

A POLICE VETERAN'S FAREWELL.

The Chairman mentioned in regretful terms that this was the last court in which Supt. Liddell, after a police experience of thirty-nine years, would take part. The Bench had been much indebted to Mr Liddell for his able assistance. They esteemed him highly, and were sorry to lose him.—Mr J. Thompson (clerk to the Bench) also acknowledged his sense of the ability, assistance, and courtesy always exercised from Mr Liddell.—The Superintendent in feeling terms reciprocated these sentiments, with a reference to the long and stirring events his career as an officer had embraced.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

HAPPY SATLEY.

Recent advices from the outlying village of Satley indicate that at least one dubious character has for a long time found a local habitation and a name in that sequestered neighbourhood. Happy Satley! to have within its borders only one dubious character. The earth would indeed be blessed did every village on its chequered surface contain only one solitary dubious character, and every town and city in proportion. But the chronicles of our time tell a less flattering tale, and the good folks of Satley ought therefore to thank their stars that the fates have been so kind to them.

AN APPROPRIATE SUBJECT.

Whether intentional or otherwise, it is rather peculiar all the same that a lecture should have been delivered this week at "Iceton" (Iveston) on the ice age. The name of Iveston looks very well in print, but popular nomenclature will persist in holding to the less euphonious appellation Iceton, and hence my remarks anent the lecture. It was during the ice age that the footprints of the Creator, known in geology as the writing on the rocks, were formed. It is a common saying that history repeats itself, and just as true is it that nature is quite as formal in her works as history is. The seasons come and go at short intervals; but outside the radius of that circle the cycles and the centuries are recorded with equal minuteness. It therefore follows that what has been may be again. The time was when our favoured sea-girt isle was enveloped in snow and ice, and lecturing the other winter at Newcastle, an eminent scientist shocked his hearers on a Sunday evening by declaring that some 22,500 years hence the land would be again covered by ice, and the inhabitants thereof frozen as rigid as the sheep and oxen shipped weekly from New Zealand in what is known as the dead-meat trade. Of course 22,500 years is neither to-day nor to-morrow, and if distance in this instance does not lend enchantment to the view, it at least affords a feeling of satisfaction that such a catastrophe is not likely to happen in our day and generation.

PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.

Subjoined is an interesting communication forwarded to me this week by the editor bearing on the subject of publicans and sinners. My readers will note that the writer, a gentleman unknown to me, is at one with the sentiments expressed in the observations from my pen on the same subject. It as at all times pleasing to know that one's ideas awaken corresponding echoes in the bosoms of their fellow-men:—

DEAR "INCEDO,"—I desire to express my humble thanks for remarks recently made by you in answer to "Tow Lawite" and others, anent publicans versus butchers. I am a disciple of Sir Wilfred, but used to worship at the shrine of Bacchus, but never thought of blaming the man who supplied the liquor to order. Innkeepers do not solicit for trade as grocers or butchers do, and doubtless a great many people, even those dubbed as temperate, have been ill during the late festive season, not through over indulgence in John Barleycorn, but caused by eating sundry plum-puddings, prime beef, &c., but why blame the poor grocer or butcher who supplied the goods? In conclusion, I may add that a publican's life is not all beer and skittles; they have longer hours to work than other tradesmen, and at times have very disagreeable duties to perform.—I am, yours &c.,

A TAILOR.

A KINDLY REFERENCE.

Mr James Annandale, J.P., referred in kindly terms, at the last meeting of the Benfieldside Local Board to the death of one of the roadmen employed by the Board. His observations pleased me very much, because there is a spirit abroad which seeks to set aside the claims of obscure men to that measure of recognition which is theirs by right. Happily Mr Annandale rises above that sort of thing, and while men of less note lavish undeserved praise on men who by the routine of events have tumbled into place and power, Mr Annandale proves his nobility of character by according a well-deserved measure of commendation to one of the lowliest of the sons of toil. Mr Annandale evidently thinks with Pope that "all are parts of one stupendous whole."

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

On Friday afternoon, a married man named Bainbridge, living in Murray Street, Blackfine, was admitted to the Consett Infirmary suffering from burns received in the gas producers' pits at the Consett Steel Works.

A PROLIFIC SOW.—Mr Edward Wylam, of the Freemason's Arms Hotel, Consett, possesses a sow weighing about 15 stones, which has successively given birth to litters of 18, 19, and 16 young ones.

WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS.—On Wednesday evening, the members of this class held their annual meeting in the Nelson Street Schoolroom, Consett. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Grainger, Consett. An excellent paper upon the "Formation of character" was read by Mr M. W. Collin, and freely discussed by the members.

LECTURE.—We remind our readers of the advertisement in another column announcing that Rev. F. R. Smith, of Annfield Plain, is to deliver his popular lecture on "A canny cobbler," in Consett Wesleyan Chapel, on Wednesday next. Those who have not heard the lecture should avail themselves of this opportunity as the prices of admission are within the reach of all.

ROBBERY.—The Consett British and Wesleyan Schools were broken into either on Tuesday night or in the early hours of Wednesday morning by some person or persons unknown. A sum of money was lifted.

SHARE SALE.—Ninety shares in the Consett Waterworks Company were sold by auction at the house of Mrs Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, last (Thursday) evening, when Mr A. Brodie officiated as auctioneer, and a large and influential company were present. The competition was brisk, 20 shares being taken by Mr Bell, Chester-le-Street, at £9 3s 6d; ten shares by Mr Carey; 30 shares by Mr Daly; and 30 by Mr Wm. Elliott, all of Consett, at £9 per share.

FUNERAL.—On Saturday afternoon, all that was mortal of Mr T. O. Moir, was consigned to its last resting-place in the Benfieldside Cemetery amid universal expressions of sympathy. The *cortege* was followed by a large number of relations and friends. The blinds of the principal places of business were drawn until the funeral had passed through the town. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev J. H. Taylor (Wesleyan), Consett. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co., Consett.

BACHELORS' RECEPTION.—On Monday evening, the young men connected with the Consett Wesleyan Society and Sunday School held a Bachelors' Reception in the Gibson Street Schools. There was a capital attendance. The young men are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts. A varied entertainment was given by several gentlemen. Mr John Lowes in the chair. The Tom-and-Jerry band created no end of amusement with their popular selections of music. An excellent supper was provided, and the tables were presided over by the following bachelors:—Messrs Thomas Carey, J. W. Swainston, J. Milburn, Alex Broadbent, W. Magson, J. Watson, W. Smith, R. Grainger, J. Siddle, A. Broadbent, J. Barrow, T. Carr, H. Goudie, assisted by other energetic young men. Mr J. W. Lowdon, discharged the duties of secretary. The gathering was a financial success, and the proceeds will be devoted to the ladies' sewing meetings.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Monday night, a large company of speculators, tradespeople and others assembled in the the new commercial rooms connected with the house of Mr Ed. Wylam, Consett, when Mr John S. Murray, auctioneer, Blackhill, offered for sale three new dwelling-houses, situate at the junction of Palmerston Street and Taylor Street, Consett, belonging to Councillor Murray, Benfieldside House. The first lot comprised a dwelling-house of six rooms, facing the corner of Taylor Street and Delves Lane. Bidding commenced at £200, and eventually rose to £280, the purchaser being Mr James Almond, of Constance Street, Consett. Lot 2 was a similar dwelling-house, fronting Taylor Street and Palmerston Street, speculation being initiated at £290, and advanced to £225, offered by Mr Geo. Hawdon, Consett, when the lot was withdrawn. In the 3rd lot, embracing a four-roomed house, abutting Palmerston Street, bidding rose from £150 to £180, but was also withdrawn. The two last mentioned houses were then submitted as a single lot, when the bidding ranged from £410 to £435, and the reserve figure of £480 was put in. Eventually, Mr Almond became the purchaser of both lots at £440. Mr J. G. Murray, of Consett and Newcastle, acted as solicitor for the vendor.

CHRIST CHURCH, CONSETT.—An earnest appeal is being made to complete the octave of eight bells in the tower of Consett Parish Church. In 1885 a peal of six bells was erected at a cost of about £500, and provision was made for the addition of other two bells at a future date.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.—On Wednesday night, an address was delivered in the club-room, Consett, on "Legislation for the masses," by Mr J. Royston Booth. There was a fair attendance. Mr R. Foster occupied the chair. At the close, on the motion of Mr Thos. Milner, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Booth for his address, and a similar vote to the chairman concluded the meeting.

THEATRE ROYAL.—For the first time during the present lesseeship we are to have a Shakesperian revival, when lovers of the legitimate drama will have their cravings satisfied. Next week Madame Beresford Innes and a carefully selected company of genuine artistes will occupy the boards of the above now popular place of amusement, and will produce during their short stay here *Richard III*, *Othello*, *Hamlet*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Macbeth*, and *The Lady of Lyons*. The company have had a most successful tour up to the present, and we can safely predict a continuation of their success. The costumes worn by the artistes are now on view in the Victoria Sale Rooms.

VISIT OF THE PRIZE CARDIFF CHOIR.—On Tuesday evening, this noted Welsh choir commenced a series of concerts for three nights in the New Town Hall, Consett. There was a large and appreciative company present. The choir rendered an excellent programme of music to the satisfaction of all present. The artistes comprising the choir were as follows;—Sopranos, Miss Katsan Thomas, Miss Jennie Evans, Miss Minnie Williamson; contraltos, Miss Georgina Browse, and Miss Alice Prosser; tenors, Mr David Lewis (Afanlais), and Mr John Thomas (Eos-y-de); Basses, Mr John Hocking, and Mr Evan Evans Accompanist, Miss Alice Ritson; Harp Soloist, Master Fredk. Hall; Musical Director, Mr Hocking. The ladies of the choir appeared in welsh costumes, including the sugar loaf hat. The choir has been composed for the purpose of paying a visit to Australia. There is no doubt but what they will maintain throughout the tour the pre-eminent position which they hold, because they are a choir of superior excellence.

CONSETT Y.M.C.A.—Under the auspices of the above, a public meeting for young men was held in the National School-room on Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance, and the meeting was presided over by Rev F. Steggall (President of Association). Stirring speeches were given by Messrs Pearson, and Chapman, of the Durham Y.M.C.E.A. After which Mr T. Moffatt, evangelistic secretary of the Newcastle Association, gave a review of the work of the Y.M.C.A., at home and abroad, recounting some of the very many instances in which the association has been of practical benefit to those members who have gone from England to different parts of the British Empire, and the United States of America. During the course of a most enthusiastic address, Mr Moffett complimented the Consett friends on the measure of success they had achieved, and enjoined them to be up and doing in order to accomplish still greater results. The chairman spoke briefly, and after hearty votes of thanks had been accorded to the speakers, a very successful meeting was brought to a close. We are highly gratified to learn of the continued success of this valuable association in our midst, and trust that its object will not fail to commend themselves to many of our young men who have not as yet applied for membership.

MARRIAGE AT NEWBURN.—On Tuesday forenoon, at Newburn Parish Church, the marriage was solemnised by the Rev S. Bucknell, vicar, between Mr William Eales, journalist, Fell House, Consett, and Miss Isabella Henderson, Whittingham, Northumberland. The bride was dressed in navy blue and fawn trimmed with ostrich feathers with hat to match, and wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids—Miss Henderson (sister of the bride), Miss Cockburn, Newcastle, and Miss A. Eales (sister of the bridegroom)—were attired in light grey dresses with hats to harmonise, and wore silver brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Dr W. Eales, of Sheffield, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, while Mr F. Gill, of Walbottle, gave the bride away. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many useful presents, left by the 1·50 train from Newcastle for the south.

IVESTON.

LECTURE ON "THE ICE AGE."—The Rev Arthur Watts deserves all the praise which a continued study of upwards of 20 years, on so uncommon a subject as "The ice age," merits, when in a limited time of one and-a-hour hours he deals with so difficult a subject for a lecture in so masterly and interesting a manner as to entirely delight and enrapture his large audience. Councillor G. Nicholson officiated as chairman. A supper, provided and presided over by the ladies of Iveston, brought a most enjoyable and edifying evening to a close.

TANTOBIE.

POLITICAL ADDRESS.—On Tuesday evening, an address was given in the Co-operative Hall, Tantobie, by Mr H. S. Neale, of Derby, who was supported by Mr J. R. Booth (the newly-appointed sub-agent for the Unionist party in North-West Durham), on "Politics for the people," dwelling chiefly on the present phase of the Irish question, and the various attempts of the present Government to improve the condition of the Irish people. There was a good attendance. At the close, discussion being invited, Mr H. Nicholson ascended the platform, in order to refute the statements of the speaker. Ultimately, Mr Booth challenged Mr Nicholson to meet him on that platform and discuss the question of which Government had been most beneficial to the country—Mr Gladstone's or Lord Salisbury's, but the challenge was not accepted.

ALLANSFORD.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr James Anderson, of Black Hedley, died suddenly at his residence about nine p.m. Deceased complained about 12 o'clock noon on the day of his death of being unwell, and becoming worse towards night, Dr Richards was sent for, but arrived just as Mr Anderson had expired. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, was greatly respected in the neighbourhood.

WEST STANLEY.

DEATH OF POLICE SERGEANT DAVIDSON.—Many of our readers in West Durham will learn with regret that Sergeant Thos. Davidson, of West Stanley, died at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, at the age of over 40 years. He has been ailing for a considerable period, suffering from lung disease. The deceased officer, who leaves a widow and four children, was formerly connected with the Newcastle city and the Northumberland county force. He joined the Durham County Constabulary in November, 1880, and was first stationed at Hartlepool, and removed from thence to Hill Top, near Dipton. Soon after the collapse of the strike at South Medomsley, deceased was promoted to the rank of sergeant, as a slight token of his skill and efficiency, and was located both at Consett and West Stanley. He was of a jovial and unobtrusive disposition, was exceedingly popular with all classes, and was much better educated than the rank and file of the members of "the force." The remains of the deceased were interred on Wednesday in Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle. He had a daughter buried in Elswick Cemetery, and he expressed a wish to be laid beside her. A detachment of police, under the charge of Inspectors Benzies and Mithan, accompanied the funeral *cortege* for about a mile out of Stanley, and then returned. Superintendent Oliver would have been present, but was engaged in the Silksworth Strike. Several of the deceased's more immediate friends went on to Newcastle, together with some of the tradespeople of the place, and the personal friends of Mr Davidson.

LEADGATE.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The usual fortnightly Band of Hope meeting was held in the new Sunday-school, on Saturday night. There was a large company present of both young and old, and their attention and general looks of satisfaction showed how these meetings are appreciated. Readings and recitations were given by Messrs Broadbent and J. Sanderson, of Blackhill; Mr C. Parker and Miss J. Parker, of Leadgate; solos by Miss Bell and Mr J. McTaggart, Blackhill, were very well sung, the latter receiving a well-merited *encore*. A dialogue entitled, "How Toper spent his wages" by eight characters, was given. A trio was very well rendered by Messrs Bartle, Proctor and White. An address was delivered by Mr J. Swindle, Blackhill, chiefly to the young, it being his maiden effort. The Band of Hope choir under the leadership of Mr R. Bartle was in attendance. A collection brought a really pleasant and enjoyable programme to a close.

TANFIELD LEA.

ORGAN OPENING.—On Saturday, a new organ was opened at Tanfield Lea Primitive Methodist Chapel, by Mr J. M. Preston, organist of St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, who gave several recitals from Mendelssohn, Dubois, and; Batiste, and also accompanied the choir in selections from Handel, Bishop, Hatton, and Stevenson. There was a large audience. The organ was built by Mr W. C. Blacket, of Newcastle.

USHAW MOOR.

A Minorca hen, belonging to Mr Thomas Goundry, of Hill Top, near Ushaw College, laid an egg the other day, measuring 8½ inches by 6½, and weighing a quarter-of-a-pound. The egg contained three distinct yokes.

BRADLEY COTTAGES.

HAM AND COFFEE SUPPER.—On Thursday se'nnight, the members of the Bradley Cottages Primitive Methodist Chapel, concluded a three week's course of revival services by holding a ham and coffee supper. A large number of people partook of the good things provided and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The supper was a thorough success.

CATCHGATE.

We notice that Mr Geo. Hobson will hold his 44th annual dinner in connection with the seed and manure trades, at Catchgate Mills, on Wednesday, March 11th.

SWALWELL.

BAND OF HOPE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Saturday night, Mr R. Jopling in the chair. After a short address by the chairman, the following programme was performed:—Song, "Her amber tresses tied with blue," Mr Dotchin; song, "Good-bye, Nelly dear," Mr Ryder; song, "The song that reached my heart," Mr Dotchin; song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Mr Ryder; comic song, "Mary had a little lamb," Mr Riches; song, "The hen convention," Mr Nicholson; song, "Angels ever bright and fair," Miss Dotchin; dialogue, "Mrs Maggs is caught"; song, "Tinkle tinkle, tum," Mr Rowell, of Walbottle, delivered a very telling and practical address. Several pledges were taken at the close.

STANHOPE.

Two hundred and ninety-seven persons left Stanhope station on Saturday by an excursion train for Newcastle.

CONFIRMATION.—Dr Westcott, Bishop of Durham, held a confirmation service in the old church at Stanhope, on Tuesday evening. There were 36 candidates—13 males and 23 females. The Bishop gave an earnest, interesting, and eloquent address. It being the first time his Lordship has spoken in Stanhope Church, there was naturally a large congregation.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY MEETING.—The Wesleyans of Stanhope held a Home Missionary Meeting on Monday evening. Mr George Stephenson, farmer, Rose Hill, Eastgate, presided. The speakers were the Rev Campbell Jeffries, Darlington (deputation), Rev J. Dickinson, Rev G. Chunn, and Mr Maddinson Philipson. A large company was present.

CHANGE OF TIME OF MEETING.—The time of meeting of the Stanhope Bench has been changed from 12 a.m. to 11 a.m. in future. This change in the time of meeting of the Stanhope Petty Sessions will be vastly more convenient for the solicitors and others who attend the court from the east of Stanhope, as they will be enabled to return by the 12·30 a.m. train, instead of waiting until the 5·5 train.

CHANGE OF TIME OF MEETING.—The Weardale Board of Guardians have change their time of meeting from 9·30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This change of time will be convenient for the magistrates who are *ex-officio* members of the Board, and who by this change will be enabled to meet the Guardians after their Petty Sessional duties have been performed.

ALLEGED OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.—At Stanhope on Tuesday, before Dr Anison, *Thomas Wandhaugh* was brought up on a warrant charged with obtaining money by false pretences belonging the Alliance Boot Company, of Leeds. Mr R. G. Wooler prosecuted, and Mr J. Devey defended. Mr Corner, superintendent of the Company, said prisoner was discharged three months ago for drunkenness, and he had on the 17th inst. collected money and given receipts on behalf of the company when he was no longer their servant and without any authority, and had appropriated the money. Mr Matthew Cave swore he paid Wandhaugh 10s, and he gave him a receipt in the name of the company.—Sergeant Rispin proved the arresting of the prisoner. He was remanded on bail to Wolsingham Petty Sessions on Tuesday.

LANCHESTER.

We were informed yesterday (Thursday) that the condition of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., has slightly improved.

At the meeting of the Assessment Committee of the Lanchester Union, held on Thursday last week, the Chairman (Mr W. Logan) mentioned that the clerk (Mr Ritson) had obtained particulars from the clerks of other Unions throughout the north as to the basis of rating colliery vends. These figures had not yet been tabulated in proper form, and although there would be no decrease in the assessment of collieries in that Union, there would not be any increase.—After a few remarks from Messrs Collinson and Longstaff, it was agreed to call a special meeting of the committee for the full consideration of the question that day month.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

ACCIDENT.—From information received, Mrs Mande, age 50 years, wife of Mr J. Mande, rose early on Tuesday morning for the purpose of preparing tea for her two sons, who proceeded to their work at six o'clock. When she was returning to bed after their departure, carrying a lighted candle, suddenly her night-dress caught fire and she was immediately enveloped in flames. Fortunately, Mr Callagher, her son-in-law, was in the house, and aroused by her screams, rushed upstairs to her assistance. He at once caught hold of a blanket and drew it around her to extinguish the flames. Dr Kirkland was immediately sent for and was soon upon the spot, while the unfortunate woman is confined to her bed in a somewhat precarious condition.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, in the company's offices, Shotley Bridge, at 12-30 p.m.

REV FOSTER RAINE AND MR BRADLAUGH.—Rev Foster Raine, the genial and esteemed United Methodist Free Church minister, belonging to Shotley Bridge, who was stationed for some years at Hexham and Prudhoe, has, at a temperance meeting at Stalybridge, over which he presided, made touching reference to the death of Mr C. Bradlaugh, M.P. He said the deceased gentleman's life had been a continual battle with what he regarded as tyranny and privilege, and in the hon. gentleman's death the working men of this country had sustained a heavy loss. He (Mr Raine) had been acquainted with Mr Bradlaugh for more than ten years, and had often met him at miners' demonstrations, &c. He possessed a matchless power over large meetings, and could almost mesmerise them by his eloquence, and the fact that he was in deep sympathy with their interests and aspirations. During the last bitter struggle in the Northumberland coal trade, Mr Bradlaugh's advice was not always acceptable to the men who preferred brute force to reason, but he was just as ready to oppose the men when they were unwise as he was to confront the masters when they were wrong. He had strong convictions that no amount of opposition could shake or undermine. On the temperance question the hon. gentleman was a tower of strength. He had been almost a life abstainer, and was an ardent supporter of local option. In this respect he thoroughly trusted the people with the veto against pubic-houses, and as temperance advocates they had lost a powerful supporter.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

ACCIDENT AT THE MORRISON PIT.—On Thursday week, a miner named Thomas Blatchford, residing at South Pontop, was severely injured by a fall of stone at the above colliery. He was conveyed home by ambulance men. Dr Johnson was soon in attendance, and it was found his injuries were of a serious nature. He lies in a precarious state.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

PLOUGHING COMPETITION AT OUSTON.—On Thursday se'nnight, the annual ploughing competition among the *employes* on the Birtley Iron Company's farms was held at Ouston in beautiful weather and under the most favourable circumstances. The work of the several competitors was considered excellent, while the condition of the horses and the appearance of the harness excited genuine admiration. Awards:—Ploughing—1, George Embleton; 2, James Tate; 3, George Reah; 4, George Turner; h.c., W. Carruthers. Young men's class—1, R. Embleton; 2, R. Carruthers 3, Jos. Tate. Best kept horses and harness—1, James Tate; 2, Jos. Embleton; 3 (equal), Thomas Eusten and W. Carruthers.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary monthly meeting of this Board was held at Tanfield on Wednesday. There were present:—Messrs H. O. Wood (chairman), M. G. Armstrong, W. Braidford, jun., W. Bulmer, T. Colquhoun, and J. Green.

EAST STANLEY BOARD SCHOOL.

It was decided to borrow £2,600 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners for the erection of this school, at 3½ per cent. per annum, the repayments of principal to be spread over 35 years, being equal to an annual payment of £130 for principal and interest.

WEST STANLEY BOARD SCHOOL.

Mr Rounthwaite's designs for the erection of this school and teacher's house, at an estimated cost of £1,650, were accepted.

It was decided to ask Mr N. Clark to sell a site, 70 yards by 40 yards, in place of 60 yards frontage, with a view to further extensions in the future.

PRECEPTS.

The seal of the Board was affixed to the precepts requiring the overseers of the parish to pay Mr Geo. Ridley, the treasurer, the sum of £250 on May 1st, and £250 on August 1st, to meet the expenses of the coming half-year.

BURNOPFIELD U.M.F. BOARD SCHOOL.

It having been intimated that the managers of this school intended closing it on March 31st, or as soon after as the annual examination is held, Mr ARMSTRONG gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would move that arrangements be made with the managers for taking over the school for such a length of time as may be necessary for erecting the proposed school at Burnopfield Colliery.

SCHOOLWARDEN'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the attendance officer:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tanfield School Board.

GENTLEMEN.—Since my last report, I have made 291 absentee visits in your district. This includes the visits made respecting 25 children who were not attending any school—viz., 22 who have lately shifted into the district, and 3 who lately attained school age.

Fifteen bye-law notices concerning 22 children were served as follows:—Upper Lintz, 1; Burnopfield, 1; Barcus Close, 1; Lintz Colliery, 1; West Stanley, 6; Tanfield, 2; East Stanley, 4; and Kiphill, 2.

The prevalence of measles and fever is seriously interfering with the attendance at the Burnopfield School.

Sixteen cases, embracing 22 children, are entered in the report-book to be submitted to you.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM WARD.

Iveston, 25th Feb., 1891.

The several cases entered in the attendance officer's report-book having been considered, the Board adjourned.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The usual fine weather that we are being favoured with is setting the birds on nest-building. The sparrow and the starling are both building.

The Floral and Horticultural Society's committee met on Saturday night, in the Board Schools, under the presidency of Mr T. J. Muse, for the purpose of furthering the interests of the show. I am informed that the meeting decided to extend their radius to three miles, in place of half-a-mile, from the village. A very wise thing, I think, if the committee wish the show to prosper and outsiders to take an interest in it. The show was well patronised last year and was a success in every sense, but with a wider field a greater number may be expected to visit it.

Improvements are still going on in the village, especially in front of Watling Street, in the shape of footpaths and house frontages.

The brass band of the village is making good progress under the progress of Mr J. Raine, son of Mr Geo. Raine. This gentleman is not the Jack Raine who figured so conspicuously at Stanhope in his rendering of "The chilly man."

The improvements likely to be made between the village and Rowley Station may be an inducement for many more visiting the show this year. Anyone interested in the village's improvement and appearance will hail with gladness the changed appearance of the streets already referred to, and wish the other alterations speedily effected. The path from the Wesleyan Chapel to Lane Ends needs attending to at once.

No doubt many of our villagers, if not all, will be pleased to learn that Miss D. Wailes, of Consett, and who is a native of Castleside, has won the respect and esteem of her employers and assistants in the Consett Co-operative Drapery Department, who gave proof of this by the handsome presents she received on Saturday week, on her services terminating with the above firm. On that date, she was the recipient of the following presents—A handsome breakfast service, in cream and gold, in forty pieces; a dozen silver spoons; and a dozen knives, besides many other presents from friends.

The Primitive Methodists are at present holding a series of special religious services in the chapel, conducted by Miss Hogg, of North Seaton, in the Blyth Circuit. Miss Hogg is a very earnest young lady, and a good speaker and singer. We hope her mission may be attended with much good.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25th.—Before Colonel F. F. SHEPPEE (chairman), F. S. NEWALL, H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, and GEORGE DUBERLEY, Esqrs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Edward Greensill was charged with refusing to quit the Red Lion Inn, Ouston, on the 31st ult., and further with threatening Christopher Smith at the same time and place.—Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges, and was fined 5s for refusing to quit, and bound over for the threats; to pay costs in each case.

ASSAULT.

Thomas and *Margaret Sutheran*, husband and wife, were charged with assaulting Margaret A. Sheraton, at Kibblesworth, on the 7th of January. Mr John Turnbull (Chester-le-Street and Durham) appeared for complainant, and Mr Fred. Harle (Chester-le-Street and Newcastle) for defendants.—Complainant said that she came from Newcastle by the last train, and as she passed defendants' door, on her way home, defendants came out and called her a drunken old woman. She told them to let her alone, but Mrs Sutheran came up and struck her; then Thomas struck her and kicked her on the side.—A son and daughter of complainant corroborated her statement.—Thomas Lowery said he saw both defendants strike at complainant.—For the defence, it was urged that complainant was very drunk and abusive, used bad language to the defendants, and provoked them until they came out of their house and remonstrated with her, but did not strike her as alleged.—Witnesses were called, who gave corroborative testimony.—The Bench said complainant was no doubt to blame, but an assault had no doubt been committed, and defendants would each have to pay 2s 6d and costs.

USING THREATENING LANGUAGE.

Rose and *Margaret McAree* were charged with threatening Susan Mackereth at Eighton Banks, on the 8th inst.—Complainant stated defendants threatened to murder her, after calling her bad names.—The Bench ordered defendants to be bound over for three months in £5 each.

DID NOT APPEAR.

Thomas Lawson, who did not appear in answer to a charge of assaulting Joseph Glendinning at Pelton, on the 16th inst., was fined 20s and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

David and *John Redhead*, and *John Holland* were charged with damaging clover to the extent of 1s, the property of Septimus Kirkup, at Pelton, on the 14th inst.—The Redheads, who did not appear, were fined 5s each and costs, and Holland 2s 6d and costs.

WATERY MILK.

Alfred Garbutt, of Birtley, was summoned by Inspector Laidlaw, inspector of weights and measures and under the Food and Drugs Act.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and urged that he was allowed a small quantity of water which might be left from the rinsing of the cans.—Inspector Laidlaw said that the sample submitted to the county analyst was stated to contain seven per cent. of water.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH).

Leadgate Park v Gateshead, at Leadgate.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Gateshead Primrose, at Gateshead.
Medomsley v Durham University, at Durham.
Consett Albion v Blaydon Albion, at Consett.
Consett League of the Cross v Addison Rovers, at Newcastle.
Consett Cogging Mill Rovers v Newcastle Nursery, at Benfieldside.
Consett Rugby 2nd v Boldon 2nd, at Boldon.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Argyle Harriers, at Dipton.
Pelton Fell Harriers v Postal Telegraph, at Newcastle.
Blaydon v Brandon Mechanics, at Blaydon.
Blaydon 2nd v Brandon Mechanics 2nd, at Brandon.
Mickley v Westgate Athletic (Newcastle), at Mickley.
Esh Excelsiors 2nd v Langley Park Juniors, at Esh.

MEDOMSLEY v DURHAM UNIVERSITY.—Medomsley will travel to Durham to play the 'Varsity to-morrow (Saturday), when a grand game is sure to ensue. The last time these teams met victory rested with the 'Varsity by four goals to one, but Medomsley have considerably improved of late. The 'Varsity will play their strongest eleven, and the team will include Bousfield and Owen, who have both assisted their county, while among the forwards there will be the brothers Turner, of Lincoln County, and Challen, a brother of the Welsh International and Corinthian, so that the local men will have their work cut out to win. Medomsley will rely on their usual team, viz.:—Goal, A. Little; backs, M. Charlton (capt.) and W. Mansell; half-backs, R. Cant, J. Balfour, and G. Moon; forwards, R. Campbell and J. E. Taylor, right wing; Wm. Cant, centre; A. "Walters" and J. Veitch, left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Thompson.

CONSETT LEAGUE OF THE CROSS v ADDISON ROVERS.—These teams will meet at Newcastle to-morrow (Saturday), when a good game is looked forward to. The following team will represent the League, who will travel by the 12-40 train from Blackhill station:—Goal, Wm. Finnigan; backs, J. Swan (capt.) and J. McCarthy; half-backs, B. Smith, H. Rolands, and J. Griffin; forwards, J. McKie and P. McKie, right wing; P. Rafferty, centre; J. Brady and F. Bradley, left wing. Umpire, T. Kane.

CONSETT ALBION v BLAYDON ALBION.—These teams will meet on the Consett ground to-morrow (Saturday), when the home team will be selected from the following:—Eustace, Bell, Harkness, Skelton (capt.), Ternent, Dunn, Bates, Carlill, Walton, Parkinson, Wake, and Atkinson. Umpire, Mr R. Sedgewick.

CONSETT COGGING MILL ROVERS v NEWCASTLE NURSERY.—This match will be played on the Consett Rugby ground at Benfieldside to-morrow (Saturday), when the following will represent the respective clubs:—Consett—Goal, G. Taylor; backs, A. Kempster and W. Oliver (capt.); half-backs, J. Williams, J. Westgarth, and J. Lowes; forwards, A. McWilliams and B. Butler, right wing; W. Unsworth and A. N. Other, left wing; J. Campbell, centre. Nursery—Goal, Richardson; backs, G. Smith and F. Wilton (capt.); half-backs, J. Smith, Dryden, and Marshall; forwards, Herdman and Mavin, right wing; McDonnell, centre; Hart and Pearson, left wing. Kick-off at 4.

WESLEYAN METHODISM.—The members of the Burnopfield Wesleyan Society celebrated their third spiritual birthday on Saturday last by a tea, after which a meeting was held, conducted by Miss Wilson, of Carlisle. On Sunday morning, a children's service was conducted, and in the afternoon and evening services were also held. At the evening service many could not gain admission, as the chapel was packed to its utmost capacity, and the whole of the services were a success.

CONFIRMATION.—On Saturday afternoon, a confirmation service was held in the Parish Church, Tow Law, the Lord Bishop of Durham officiating. Upwards of 50 candidates were presented from Tow Law and Thornley parishes. The Bishop delivered two capital addresses. The choral part of the service was well rendered by the choir who sang the anthem "Come Holy Ghost" in a very satisfactory manner, the solo part being taken by Master Stanley Hughes, late of Durham Cathedral Choir. After the service, the lay workers of the parish had a pleasant meeting with the Bishop at the Vicarage.

VISIT OF THE REV CHARLES GARRETT TO WOLSINGHAM.—The Rev Charles Garrett, of Liverpool, preached on Tuesday evening in the Wesleyan Chapel, Wolsingham, to a crowded audience. The large and commodious chapel was quite filled with people from Stanhope, Frosterley, Westgate, Tow Law, Sunniside, Thornley, and Wolsingham. Few preachers are so popular in Weardale as Mr Garrett, and his visits, although few and far between, are looked forward to with pleasure. The rev gentleman took for his text the words found in the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, 15th chap., and the last verse, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord," and preached an eloquent sermon.

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BIRTHS

ALLENDALE COTTAGES—20th inst., the wife of Wm. Cant, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

NEWBURN—St. Michael and All Angels Church, 24th inst., by Rev S. Bucknell, M.A., vicar, William Eales, Consett, of this journal, to Isabella Henderson, of Whittingham, Northumberland.

NEWCASTLE—Brunswick Place, Wesleyan Chapel, by license, 23rd inst., by Rev G. T. Newton, Mr Jesse Hall, jun., to Miss Sadie Robson, both of Consett.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—4, Raglan Street, 23rd inst., aged 81, Mary Tilley, relict of the late Thomas Tilley.

Consett Grove, 23rd inst., aged 22, James Buck.

7, Palmerston Terrace, 25th inst., aged 64, Ralph Bainbridge, formerly of Stanhope. To be interred at Stanhope on the 28th inst. 124e

BLACKHILL—1, Foundry Row, 20th inst., aged 46, John Alderson, boilersmith.

73, Durham Road, 26th inst., aged 4 years, Georgina, the beloved daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Robson. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday First. Friends, please accept this, the only intimation.

LINTZ COLLIERY—24th inst., aged 70, Samuel, husband of Mary Bainbridge.

DIPTON—Hill Top, 24th inst., aged 61, Catherine, wife of Robert Ledger.

MILKWELL BURN—20th inst., aged 70, Isabella, wife of John Reece, late of Scotswood.

BLACKHALL MILL—20th inst., aged 75, Jane Nichol, wife of Robert Harrison.

STANLEY—Police Station, 22nd inst., aged 42, Sergt. Thomas Davidson.

24th inst., in his 74th year, Robert Fewster.

EAST TANFIELD—21st inst., aged 26, Mary Ann, wife of Robert Kay.

MUGGLESWICK—19th inst., aged 74, John Martindale, farmer and grocer.

USHAW MOOR—21st inst., Margaret, wife of John Hutchinson.

WALLSEND—Neptune Road, 18th inst., aged 48, Sarah Jane, wife of Henry Cook, forgeman, and daughter of the late Robert Davidson, innkeeper, Blanchland.

WEIR CITY, Cherokee County, Kansas, America—16th inst., aged 29, through accident in the mine, Thomas Claspen, late of Pelton Fell.

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