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CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4th.—Before His Honour E. J. MEYNELL (Judge).

ALLEGED BREACH OF A COW WARRANTY.

CURRY v MOANE.—George Curry, Thornley Farm, Tow Law, sued Arthur Moane, Tow Law, an Irish cattle salesman, for £16 2s 5d, for breach of a warranty on sale of a cow at Benfieldside auction mart, in August, 1890. Mr Welford (Consett) was for plaintiff, while Mr J. J. Devey (Wolsingham) defended.—Mr Welford stated that the case was adjourned from the last court in order to allow Mr Dean, veterinary surgeon, to be present.—Mr Devey said that he had heard nothing further from his client since the last court, and he did not think it was necessary for Mr Welford to go on with the case.—His Honour said he was not surprised, and gave judgment for the full amount claimed.—His Honour asked Mr Dean why he did not attend the court at the proper time last month?—Mr Dean stated that he sent a telegram informing the court when he could attend.—His Honour: That is not a reasonable excuse why you should not have been present.—I shall not remit the due of 10s.

A PRESENT OF A WATCHGUARD.

GALLEASKE v PEACOCK.—P. Galleaske, jeweller, Newcastle, sued Wm. Peacock, miner, Iveston, for the sum of £5, the value of a gold albert which defendant got from plaintiff in July last.—Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, defended.—Plaintiff stated that defendant purchased a gold albert from him; but he did not like the pattern of it and defendant returned it. Plaintiff in return gave him another one. The sum of 10s was paid.—Cross-examined by Mr Welford: When defendant took the albert back he did not say he did not want it. He did not make defendant a present of the other albert.—Defendant stated that he got an albert from him, and he returned it back to plaintiff because it was not what he represented it to be. Plaintiff gave him another one which he valued at £5 10s, but he would not have it, and wanted his money back. Plaintiff said "Take it, I will make you a present of it."—George Henderson, schoolmaster, Iveston, said he was present in Mrs Brown's public-house, Consett, in August last, and saw the albert returned to plaintiff, who in return gave defendant another. Plaintiff forced the second albert upon defendant, and told him to take it, and he would make him a present of it.—Robt. Stokoe also gave corroborative evidence.—Cross-examined by His Honour: Plaintiff stated that the albert was gold.—Judgment was given for plaintiff for the sum of £5.

SUING FOR THE VALUE OF BEER.

CHRISTOPHER v CUMMINS.—George Christopher, traveller for Richard Murray, wine and spirit merchant, Blackhill, sued George Cummins, ironworker, Blackhill.—Plaintiff said that defendant in 1887 kept a beer house in Blackhill, and he sold him beer to the sum of £9. He had called repeatedly upon defendant and his wife for the money, but they would not pay it.—Mrs Cummins said that a portion of the money was not really owing by them, as the beer was got by another person.—His Honour: Was this beer got for you.—Mrs Cummins: Yes, the party was expected to make a present of it.—His Honour gave judgment for the sum claimed at 5s a month.

THE CONSETT SEWERAGE SCHEME.

ACTION AGAINST THE LOCAL BOARD.

John Crawford, butcher and auctioneer, of Victoria Street, Consett, sued the Consett Local Board for damages. Mr McCartan appeared for the plaintiff, whilst Mr J. Strachan, barrister-at-law, Newcastle, instructed by Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, of Consett, represented the defendants. Plaintiff's claim against the defendants is that they negligently did open and commence a sewer in and through two fields in the occupation of plaintiff, and in breach of duty to him did leave the said sewer unfenced and unprotected, whereby by reason of his cattle falling into the same, plaintiff had suffered these damages, viz:—August 27th—heifer lamed in back, £4 10s; August 27th—heifer injured and afterwards threw her calf, £4; Aug. 30th—cow injured, and afterwards threw her calf, £8; total £16 10s.—At the outset, Mr McCartan raised a question as to certain documents which the defendants should produce on the ground of privelege in relation to a case between Mr T. C. Rawes, of Consett, and the Board, which had been compromised.—Mr Strachan said that the question raised by Mr McCartan, was not material to the present case, and if the Local Board compromised one case, it did not show that they had to compromise the present case.—Mr McCartan said he was not asking for the case to be compromised. What he wanted was the claim, and the minutes, making of an offer which was accepted in the other case. He contended that there was a letter offering a sum of money to Mr Rawes, which was accepted by him.—Mr Strachan said that the letter was present, and he had no objection to show them it, if His Honour thought fit at the proper time.—His Honour: They are asking for them now.—The correspondence having been forthcoming with regard to the compromised case, it was read by Mr McCartan.—Mr Strachan still contended that he was not bound to let his friend see the letters on the subject, and the case was proceeded with.—Mr McCartan stated that plaintiff had two fields rented from the Consett Iron Company, near to Stannifordam. Defendants ordered a sewer to be constructed through plaintiff's fields, down to the River Derwent, in pursuance of the Public Health Act. They let the contract to a contractor. The drain was left open, and it was for the defendants to see that plaintiff did not suffer thereby. Through this, the present case arose for damages which plaintiff had suffered through the sewer being left open.—Thomas Crawford, son of the plaintiff, deposed that on the 30th August he went to his father's field. He saw a drain cut through the field, which would be 12 feet deep, and 2½ feet wide. This drain did not go quite through the middle of the field. When he was there he saw a roan cow had fallen into the drain. His father had a number of cattle grazing in the field. Several men helped him to get the animal out. The means they used to get the animal out was by knocking the stays out and filling earth into the drain. He discovered that all the hair was off her back, and she was bleeding on the back and the fore-legs. He told Mr Welford about the accident. The animal was in calf, and she calved on a Friday about a fortnight afterwards. On that day, he was down to the field, and the cow was very restless. He went home and told his father, and when they got back they found that the cow had calved, and it was dead. On the following Tuesday, a black and white heifer calved, and the calf died. On the 27th August, he went down to the field, and on this occasion he was on horseback. He could only find eight of the cattle instead of ten. On this evening, he drove a red beast from the field, and it was slaughtered the next. He saw the animal after it was skinned, and her back was bloody. The reason of this, he thought, was through falling into the drain. After Aug. 30th, saw an old man in the field two or three times. He did not know what this man was doing.—Cross-examined Mr Strachan: He did not send the man out.

Henry McArdle said that he lived at Stannifordam, and was a steelsmelter, employed by the Consett Iron Company. He could not exactly state the day when he found the roan cow in the drain, and he helped to get her out. He noticed the skin and hair off her back, shoulders, and knees. He saw the clerk of the works (Mr Westgarth), and pointed out to him the place where the cow had fallen into. The next day he saw James Hopper in the field, and he noticed him there several days afterwards.

By Mr Strachan: It was the roan cow which had the skin off its back, shoulders and knees. The animal was very lively after they got it out of the drain.

By Mr McCartan: The drain would be 12 feet deep and 2½ wide.

R. J. Brodie corroborated.

James McElhone, labourer, of Ark Street, Consett, deposed that he was in Crawford's field on Wednesday, 27th August, and saw two beast in the drain—a red heifer and a black and white one. They were about the centre of the field, facing up. They could not travel up the drain, because there were some stays fixed therein which would prevent cattle moving up the drain. Witness got the animals out of the ditch, there were some hairs off the side of the red beast, and the black and white animal was in much the same state. He (McElhone) was present when the cow was rescued the Saturday following. The skin was rubbed off her back and knees, and she walked lame on one of her hind legs. McDonald was thatching a stack on the Wednesday.

Cross-examined by Mr Strachan: Witness was not working then, but was taking a walk to Stannifordam on the 27th, when he met Thomas Crawford on horseback. The latter asked him to try and find the two beasts which ought to be in the field, but could not be seen. He again met young Crawford in Consett on the 30th, and he requested him to assist him to get the roan cow out of the drain.

John McDonald, also a labourer, remembered seeing McElhone in Mr Crawford's field on the 27th August. Witness was thatching a stack. He saw McElhone drive two beasts out of the drain. The latter came and asked witness for a stick. Between four and five o'clock the same afternoon he (McDonald) went to see if all the beast were in the field, and found the black and white heifer in the drain. He managed to get her out.

Cross-examined: There should have been ten beasts, but there were only nine in the field. He was engaged by Mr Crawford to thatch the stack, but not to look after the stock. Witness was working in the same field as the cattle were in. The hay had been led perhaps more than a week before that time. He did not notice anything the matter with the black and white heifer when he lifted her from the drain.

Plaintiff, sworn, said that he bought the black and white heifer from Newcastle Cattle Market, at a cost of £9 10s 0d, about a month before the accident. The red heifer was one of 19 bought at Newcastle for £152—£8 each. She was an average beast, of good colour. The roan cow would be purchased about June, and cost him £17. He exchanged with a man called Ramshaw, of Blackfine. He kept her a month or five weeks prior to her falling into the drain, and was due to calve about the 14th November. Plaintiff saw the red heifer which was driven home by his son on Wednesday, 27th August. She appeared to be dull and very slack, there being no meat upon her. He informed Mr Collinson (one of the members of the Local Board) of the occurrence, and also reported the circumstances to Mr Welford, clerk. He valued the beast at £9 before the accident. Mr J. S. Murray, auctioneer, saw the beast on the following day, in the loose house, on behalf of the Local Board. On the Thursday, plaintiff ordered his son to kill her, because he saw she had sustained terrible injury somewhere. Plaintiff likewise noticed the black and white heifer on the Sunday after the accident, and perceived that she was very dull and not grazing with the rest of the beasts. The hip-bone was lower at one side than the other. He valued her at £11 before the accident, having paid £10 10s for her six weeks previously. He pointed out to Mr Murray that the hip was lower at one side than it was at the other. Mr Hardy, farmer, Knitsley, examined the heifer on the Monday following. On the 16th September, the black and white heifer dropped a calf (her first one). He did not see the calf that day, but he saw the cow afterwards. Plaintiff did not think she was the same beast, and was only worth about £7. After she "slipped" her calf, the animal did not thrive, and would not take to her meat. He put her on the fog, and fed her upon oil cake and cotton cake. As she had picked up a bit, he slaughtered her about a month or five weeks after the accident. He saw the roan cow on the Sunday following the accident. There was a lot of hair off her back, knees, and side. He requested Mr Hardy on the following Monday morning to come and see her. She gave birth to a dead calf on the Friday, 12th September. It was not fully developed, having not been fully grown, and the "heufs" were not properly formed on the feet. He sold the cow to Mr Longworth, butcher, Consett, some weeks afterwards for £9. The drain ran right through nearly the centre of two of his fields. One meadow was nine acres in length. Before the work was commenced the fences were in good condition. The cattle were grazing in the field. He cut off a crop of hay in the summer, and the beasts were feeding on fog. After he got the grass cut, a temporary bridge was made across the sewerage track for him to get his hay over, but the rains came on and washed the temporary bridge away. On the Sunday, James Hopper was walking up and down the field by the side of the drain.

By Mr Strachan: He received a notice from the Local Board that they were going to make this drain on and after the 16th October, 1890, through certain fields in his occupation. He knew perfectly well the drain was being cut through the field, and it was a hayfield in May. The trench was made before that time. He put the cattle in the field a good while before the 27th of August. It was not the night of the 26th or the morning of the 27th that they were first in the field. He could not give the date when his hay was cut, nor how long it was in pike afterwards. He did not give notice to the Local Board or the sewerage contractors that he intended putting cattle to graze in the field. He put the cattle there to fatten up. The Local Board ought to protect the drain.

His Honour: The Local Board did not know that you were going to put the cattle in.

Witness: No.

By Mr Strachan: He did not keep his cattle out of the field, and therefore did not think it better to make a claim for compensation for not having used the field. He had not received any compensation, although he was aware that arbitration proceedings were in progress. He thought it was perfectly safe to turn cattle into that field. Shortly afterwards, Mr Westgarth, clerk to the sewerage works, acting on behalf of the Board, came to his house and told him that he was the person to whom such matters should be reported to. He kicked at the door and used some very bad language. (Laughter.) Westgarth never asked to see the heifer that had been killed, and he did not offer to show it to him, because Mr Murray had been there. Mr Westgarth came to him simply to kick at his door and indulge in bad language. (Laughter.) There were ten beasts, and not eight cattle in that field on the 27th August. The red heifer which was found in the drain on the 27th did not remain in the field for some weeks afterwards. Plaintiff never refused to let Westgarth see the cattle which had been slaughtered. The two heifers which slipped their calves were down in the bottom of the field.

George Hardy, farmer, Knitsley, spoke to going with Mr Crawford to the field, on Monday, 5th September, and plaintiff pointed out to him a roan cow, which was not grazing. There was hair off the back and knees, and blood teeming through the skin. He valued her at £18, supposing she had been all right. He had been a farmer 55 years, and had frequently known cows slip their calves. He also saw the red and white heifer, and she had a bit "chopped" off the "heuf" bone. She was then in calf. He told plaintiff that day that with regard to both cows it was a question whether they would not "slip their calves." There was no particular days for slipping calves. Witness had known it occur the next day, or any time within three months. He attributed the cause of "slipping" the calves to falling into the drain.

By Mr Strachan: When he saw the roan cow, she seemed as if she had not been eating for some days. Cows in calf when in good health were as frisky and frolicsome as other beasts. He could not tell that it was an easy matter for a cow to slip the first calf. They don't slip the calves unless they happened an accident of some sort or other. If a cow had fallen into a drain nine feet, and had sustained a twisting injury, she might carry the calf for another week. Cows were not in the habit of jumping on other animals back; bulls only did so. (Laughter.)

Re-examined: If the black and white heifer had not been in calf, she would be worth £2 or £3 less.

Wm. Dotchin, M.R.C.V.S., said that he had seen the sewerage works. Having heard the evidence, he should say the accidents as described by previous witnesses were the cause of the miscarriage of the calves.

By Mr Strachan: If a cow fell into a trench, there were several causes which could be assigned for the miscarrage.

John Jos. Crawford, son of plaintiff, spoke to driving the red heifer home, and after she was seen by Mr Murray was slaughtered. From the sirloin to the tail was blackened, and the back bruised. He sold the other portion of the beast on the following Saturday for £4 11s the hide realised 7s, and charged 8s for expenses.

His Honour: If you did not pay these expenses you can't claim it.

Further examined: He saw the black and white heifer just after she calved, the young one being dead. She was worth £7 after she calved.

Mr McCartan here put in letters written by the Clerk to the Board in the year 1888, promising to pay for damage done to the land by reason of the carrying out of the sewerage works; also a recent letter from the Board stating that they were not satisfied that Mr Crawford had suffered damage to any of his cattle. Mr McCartan also produced a claim made upon the Local Board by Mr T. C. Rawes, of the Livery Stables, Consett, for £45—£20 for the loss of a horse, and £25 for damage to his field. On the 21st November, the Board offered Mr Rawes £25 without prejudice, and Messrs Forster, Keenlyside, and Forster, solicitor, Newcastle, had accepted that amount.

Mr Strachan submitted that if any portion of the documents relating to Mr Rawes claim were produced, he should put in the whole of the correspondence bearing on the question.

His Honour having examined the document, said there was not very much in the compromised claim. There might be some other drain that the horse had fallen into, and the surrounding circumstances might be wholly different.

Mr McCartan said he might put Mr Rawes into the box; but His Honour interrupted with: But I cannot try another case.

Mr McCartan proceeded to address the Court on the question of throwing the liability upon the contractors.

His Honour (interrupting): I know nothing about the contractors yet. Let them get up their defence and then you can reply if the responsibility of the contractors is raised.

Mr Strachan, in his defence, stated that the Local Board first let the work to a contractor, and therefore were not liable. The contract was dated 18th Nov., 1889, to Geo. Waddell. The works were proceeded with until May, and the pipe track was cut across Crawford's field. About that period, however, the contractors became insolvent, and the Board required his suretees to take up the work and have it completed by the specified time. A contract was accordingly entered into on the 10th of August last with Messrs Best and Torrance, who were now the contractors, and progressing with the work. In support of his contention that the contractors, and not the Local Board, were the responsible parties, Mr Strachan quoted from Glen's (10th Ed., 1888) Public Health Act of 1875. Proceeding under section 32 of that Act the Board gave statutory notice to Mr Crawford that they proposed to carry out the work, and cited their authority for trespassing in certain fields, the Board offering to pay for any damage done to the land, the amount of compensation to be paid being settled by arbitration, as prescribed by that Act. Mr Strachan further submitted that there was no duty cast upon the defendants, and there was not breach of duty on the part of the Board. Plaintiff had set up this duty in his claim, which was not in the notice of action. No cause of action which was not cited in the notice of action could be relied upon on trial.

His Honour said he would amend the claim, and strike out the words "breach of action."

Mr Strachan (continuing) denied there was any negligence on the part of defendants, because at the time the drainage was cut, in May, the field was in meadow.

His Honour remarked that perhaps some person who had a right to go through the field after dark might have tumbled into the drain. At all events, there was a deep open trench in the field, and it was certainly negligence to keep it exposed for a length of time.

Mr Strachan submitted that there was no negligence whatever on the part of the Board unless plaintiff had served notice on defendants that he wanted to turn his stock into that particular field. The Board were justified in assuming that the field would continue to be a meadow, and not a pasture.

The Judge: Because a Local Authority cuts a trench through a man's field, and leaves it open, the occupier is not bound to give notice to such authority that he wants to graze his cattle there.

Mr Strachan argued that Crawford ought to have given notice on principle.

His Honour: I think not.

Mr Strachan: No one would ever dream of fencing a drain in an ordinary hay-field. They might consider that plaintiff would allow the grass to grow, and take off a second crop.

The Judge: It is not usual to take a second crop off old-land hay, although such is done in the case of clover. That is my experience of farming.

Mr Strachan replied that he had known a second crop cut off old-land hay.

His Honour: It is not usual, I say.

Mr Strachan stated that the Board had reason to suppose that Mr Crawford would allow the grass to grow, and take off a second crop. There had been contributory negligence on the part of plaintiff in turning cattle to graze in a field which he knew was dangerous. Crawford should have refrained from using the field, and if he was deprived of grazing his cattle on the fog, he would have been recompensed for injuriously affecting his land.

His Honour: Had he done so, the Local Board might have said: "You ought to have put your cattle in the field, and ran the risk." (Laughter).

Mr Strachan: Whatever compensation he got, it would be enhanced by that fact.

His Honour was not certain, however, that Crawford would have been enabled to claim recompense because he had not turned his cattle into the field.

Mr Strachan observed that Crawford accepted the risk upon his own responsibility. He would call evidence as to the real injury suffered. They were certainly startled to learn that the red heifer was actually killed. On the 27th August, Mr Westgarth saw the heifer which it was alleged had fallen into the drain, and he noticed it in the field for several weeks afterwards, the animal not having been taken away.

His Honour: Then you assert that this claim is a fradulent one?

Mr Strachan explained that practically it was. When Westgarth called on the following day at Crawford's, he was not permitted to see the heifer. Plaintiff might have slaughtered a red cow, but it certainly was not the beast that fell into the trench. The other injuries were very much exaggerated, if his instructions were right.

The agreements with the contractors, and likewise the specifications, were now handed in, showing that the contractors were liable for any damage done.

Wilkinson Westgarth, clerk of the works, in the employment of the Local Board since May last, testified that he was in Crawford's field on the 27th August, but did not see any cattle therein at nine o'clock in the morning. The same night, however, he traced the footprints of one beast from the bottom to the top of the trench almost from one end to the other. He saw the red heifer in the field on that day.

His Honour: You just said you did not see any cattle in the field at all.

Witness: I misunderstood you. There were eight beasts in the field. That was the first day I did see any cattle in the meadow. Seven were red and white in colour, the other being black and white. Although the works were not going on then, I went daily to the place to look after the plant. I noticed a red and white heifer in the field with some clay on its back. I went down the next day, and again counted eight cattle.

His Honour: What had you to do with Crawford's cattle?

Witness: Nothing, except that I visited them to see if any were missing. I thought I was responsible if any of the cattle fell into the drain and were lamed or injured.

His Honour: Did anyone give you instructions to watch the cattle, and prevent them falling into the drain?

Witness: No. I thought it was my duty to do so.

Continuing, Westgarth explained that on the Thursday he went to Mr Crawford's to see the red heifer he was about to kill, but was informed that he could not see it, as Mr Murray had already examined it on behalf of the Board. Witness learnt from Mr Welford that Crawford was about to slaughter one of the beasts. He returned back to the field, and saw the red and white heifer in the meadow, there being still eight cattle. He examined the trench, and failed to ascertain that there had been any more than a single animal in the drain. There were ten cattle in the field on the 30th August. The two extra beasts were a red and white heifer and an old roan cow. The latter was very wild, and was galloping about after a young heifer, and jumping upon her back. The cow seemed likely to drive all the rest into the trench. At night he once more visited the field, and was told that the cow had been in the trench. He did not observe anything the matter with her, except that a little hair was rubbed off the rump.

By Mr McCartan: He felt it his duty to employ a man named James Hopper to look after the trench therein, and see that the cattle did not fall in, but the contractors paid the man's wages. Witness could not say that the contract was stopped at the beginning of September because Mr Robinson, engineer, was away from home. There was only a portion of the sewerage trench open in Mr Rawes's field. Witness looked after the trench in other fields where Mr Rawes had two or three horses. Mr Rawes lost a horse about the same time. A young fellow called McArdle pointed out to him the place where the cattle fell into the trench. McDonald told him that he thought there had been two beasts in the trench. Witness was very seldom out of the field; there was a good deal of plant, besides a tool chest, in Crawford's field to watch.

John S. Murray, auctioneer, &c., Blackhill, said that, according to instructions, he went to examine a red heifer at Mr Crawford's shop before it was killed. If the beast had been all right, she would be worth £3 [illegible] She was dull and stuck up her back, but witness did not observe any appearance of injury. On Friday, 29th August, Mr Murray examined a black-and-white cow in the presence of Mr Crawford. There was a little skin rubbed off, which might have been done the day before. The beast was quite hearty, and was grazing with the rest of the cattle.

In reply to Mr McCartan, witness stated that he valued the red-and-white heifer in-calf at between £10 and £11.

Re-examined: The red heifer would be worth £5 or £6 to the butcher for sale.

James Hopper, an old man, stated that he was engaged from the 31st of August last year to look after some cattle, and was paid by Mr James, on behalf of the contractors. Regarding the red heifer, witness averred that he could not see any change in her, the first time he saw the beast being the day after she fell in the ditch. He perceived nothing wrong with the beast or any other beasts or horses during all the period he was watching.

By Mr McCartan: He was employed by Mr Westgarth on a Sunday, and a fortnight later he received his wages. He watched the cattle for some weeks afterwards. They had not calved when he left.

His Honour said he was very sorry they had set up a fraudulent claim upon such evidence as that forthcoming.

Mr McCartan referred to cases wherein the judges held that the Board, and not the contractors, were answerable for the damages in such a case.

Mr Strachan argued otherwise, and quoted the result of actions bearing out his contention. He explained that the Local Board were under a statutory obligation to provide sewers for the district, and therefore they were placed in rather a different position to a private individual carrying out schemes for his own benefit. The Board were obliged to execute this work, and if they failed to do so, they were the cause of the negligence.

Mr McCartan reminded the judge that there was nothing in the agreement or specifications which compelled the contractors to protect exposed trenches.

After considerable argument,

His Honour intimated that he would deliver his decision at the next Court.

DAMAGES FOR ASSAULT.

SPOORS v RAWES.—George Spoors, labourer, Consett, sought to recover £7 10s 6d from T. C. Rawes, Consett, in respect of damages for an assault. Mr Welford was for plaintiff, and Mr McCartan for defendant.—Spoors said he was formerly engaged on the sewerage works, and was 74 years of age. On the night of December 20th, he went into the Masons' Arms Hotel, Consett, and saw defendant there. The latter, without speaking or receiving the least provocation, rushed at him with both hands, and flung him on his back upon a table. He was severely injured, and had to call in a doctor.—Cross questioned: He was not tipsy. Did not say to defendant that if he had been Carey he would not have been put out in that fashion. He never went up to Rawes a second time in an offensive sort of way. He did not attempt to take off his coat to fight defendant.—By His Honour: Plaintiff had a glass of rum in his hands, which was spilt.—Ralph Thompson, cartman for Messrs Davison and Sons, Consett, adduced confirmatory testimony.—Dr T. Bolton, Ebchester, spoke to Spoors coming to his surgery at Consett a few days later, when he found that plaintiff was suffering from an injury to the muscles of the back and ribs. He was unable to stoop or lift anything without pain.—On behalf of defendant, David Brown, a superintendent of the Consett Water Company, was called. He affirmed that Spoors was quarrelling with some person on the other side of the bar. He rushed across to Rawes, who merely pushed him away, and said that he wanted nothing to say to him.—His Honour held this to be a technical assault.—Dr A. D. M. Macintyre gave evidence of examining Spoors on February 2nd. There were no traces of recent fracture of the ribs. The man was suffering from senile debility, and would not be able to work much in future. Taking into account his advanced age, he was as strong now as he ever would be.—T. W. Dobson, carting contractor, Consett, stated that for eight weeks past all out-door work had virtually been dormant on account of the severe frost.—Mr Welford said his client might have obtained other employment.—A verdict was given in favour of plaintiff for £7, with the usual costs, to be paid in fourteen days.

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, Chipmunks, gophers. 7½d. and 1s. boxes 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.

CO-OPERATION.—Representatives of Bishop Auckland, Crook, and Stanhope Co-operative Stores met at Wolsingham, on Saturday, with a view to opening out a store at that place.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The annual meeting of this society was held on Monday night. The accounts showed that although they began the year with a balance of £41, and had paid off £50 on account of the mortgage on the premises, there was a balance of £23. All the retiring officers were re-elected.—Some discussion arose as to the working of the Technical Education Scheme.

ALPINE CHOIR.—Professor Andre's Alpine Choir visited Wolsingham Town Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings last week, and gave excellent performances to packed houses. They were brought under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute.

DEATH OF A FARMER.—There died last week at Ape Shield Farm, near Wolsingham, a well-known Weardale farmer, named John Hankey, who has farmed the little farm lying among the fells between Wolsingham and the Grove now for many years. Deceased was buried at Hamsterley on Monday.

SALE OF A FREEHOLD FIELD.—On Monday, Mr Thos. Blandford sold by public auction at the Blue Bell Inn, Mickley, a freehold field, containing six acres, at Mickley, the property being adapted for laying out into building sites. There was a large attendance. The bidding began at £400 by Mr S. Pattinson; Mr Potts, butcher, Mickley, followed with £420, and Mr Samuel Little, £450. These gentlemen continued the bidding until the sum of £560 was reached, when Mr Thos. Wm. Pattison bid £579, Mr Potts £580, and the property was sold to Mr T. W. Pattison for £600, after a very spirited sale.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Saturday evening, an entertainment was held at Catchgate and was conducted by Miss Bulmer, evangelist, Stanhope. Mr P. Reay, Annfield Plain, gave an address. Solos and recitations were given by Miss Bulmer. The choir was in attendance.—On Sunday, Miss Bulmer, preached two eloquent sermons, morning and evening; while Mr Thos Cowey, Annfield Plain, occupied the pulpit in the afternoon. Large congregations were present.—On Monday evening, Miss Bulmer conducted another service.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Geo. Ridley (chairman) presiding. There were also present: Messrs H. W. Kerrich-Walker, J.P. (*ex-officio*), John Hodgson, John Kirkup, John Crawford, B. E. Smith, Peter Hay, Geo. E. Steele, Wm. Gascoigne, John M. Snowdon, Joseph Witherspoon, Edward Nicholson, John Humble, and Fred. Berkeley.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF.

Mr HAY moved that the Board in future resolve itself into two committees for the purpose of distributing the out-door relief. The time of the Guardians would be saved by this plan.

Mr GASCOIGNE seconded.

Mr SMITH said that the consent of the Local Government Board was needed.

Mr HODGSON was in favour of Mr Hay's view.

After Mr WITHERSPOON and Mr HUMBLE had spoken against the motion, Mr SMITH moved as an amendment that a committee of the Guardians be appointed to inquire and report whether some other scheme could not be adopted.

Mr WITHERSPOON seconded, and four voted for the motion and three for the amendment.

A PRINTED AGENDA.

Mr SMITH, on behalf of Father Phillipson, who was too ill to attend, said the latter had arranged to give a fresh notice with regard to his motion for printing the agenda.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Messrs Joseph Armstrong and Robert Turnbull submitted their fortnightly accounts for out-door relief in the Chester-le-Street and Harraton sub-districts, amounting to £76 1s 6½d for Chester-le-Street, and £49 18s for Harraton.

Cheques were ordered and signed accordingly.

COMPLAINT FROM THE AUDITOR.

Mr Jordison, Government auditor, complained that Mr Turnbull, relieving officer, had not submitted his books to the appointed audit, of which he had had due notice.

The CHAIRMAN: These complaints are very unsatisfactory.

Mr Turnbull, called before the Board, said that his books were ready to be submitted to the auditors at any time.

A committee, comprising Messrs Humble, Smith, and Hodgson were appointed to report on the subject.

SUSPENSION OF AN OFFICER.

The committee appointed to consider the allegations of negligence against Mr Turnbull by the Government auditor, met, and afterwards reported that they had seen the auditor, who was in the ante-room. As a result of the interview, Mr HUMBLE moved, and Mr HODGSON seconded, that Mr Turnbull be suspended as relieving officer of the Harraton sub-district, pending the Local Government Board inquiry into the matter.

The motion was adopted.

THE MASTER'S JOURNAL.

The Workhouse Master (Mr A. Aikman) reported that the number of inmates in the Workhouse that day was 106, as against 112 on the corresponding date last year; decrease, 6. During the fortnight, 78 vagrants had been relieved; corresponding period last year, 61; increase, 17.

THE WORKHOUSE MASTER ASKS FOR AN INCREASE OF WAGES.

The Clerk read a letter from the master and matron asking for an increase of wages, on the ground of increased work. The applicants thought that, as compared with other unions, they ought to have been increased.

Remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHESTER-LE-STREET OVERSEER.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Edward Usher, tendering his resignation as collector of the rates for Chester-le-Street.

Mr HUMBLE said that the auditor mentioned to him that the books were in a very bad condition, and that there was a large sum in arrears. Consequently, the auditor advised Mr Usher to resign his position at once.

Mr HAY moved, and Mr SMITH seconded, that the resignation be accepted.

A discussion took place as to the appointment of a successor to the office, and on the motion of Mr HAY it was decided to proceed to the appointment for another officer at the next meeting of the Board, and in the meantime the duties of the collector be left in the hands of the overseers, the Guardians undertaking to pay for such work in proportion.

The Board then sat at the

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Mr Geo. Ridley presiding.

COLLECTORS SALARIES AND SPECIAL EXPENSES.

Mr HAY, in accordance with notice, moved that the Clerk be instructed to make application to the Local Government Board for an order declaring the salaries of the collectors of water rates, the manager of the water mains in the contributory places of Barmston, Washington, and Harraton, and the collector of water rates at Birtley be special expenses.

Mr KIRKUP seconded, and the motion was adopted.

ANOTHER MOTION BY MR HAY.

A motion by Mr HAY asking that the clerk be instructed to make application to the Local Government Board for leave to adopt the 5th sec. of the Infectious Diseases Amendment Act was not adopted.

A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

The Authority decided to hold the Government Inquiry into the proposals for sewage extension in various parts of the Union, at the Board Room.

CHESTER-LE-STREET SEWAGE SCHEME.

The Chester-le-Street Sewage Committee recommended that the present lessee of the sewage farm be appointed manager of the lands, under the direction of the Authority, and also that men be employed to sweep the channels on the Saturday nights, or Sunday mornings. Further, that for the purpose of ashpit cleaning the town of Chester-le-Street be divided into two parts, northern and southern districts.

Mr SMITH said they had no power to pay the men for scavenging. If they did pay the payment would be illegal.

Mr WITHERSPOON said the money would be well spent. The state of the streets on Sunday mornings was disgusting.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Authority would ask the Local Government Board inspector, when he made the inquiries relating to the proposed sewerage for Witton Gilbert and Birtley, to entertain the proposal to borrow £700 for the extension of the Chester-le-Street Sewage Farm.

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Barras reported that the ashpit cleaning had not been carried out in a satisfactory manner, at Chester-le-Street. The ashpits at Grainger Terrace were also in a bad state, and had been complained of.

Mr SMITH did not know why people could not clean out their own ashpits.

CHESTER-LE-STREET ASHPITS.

The Clerk read the tenders he had received for cleaning the Chester-le-Street ashpits.

On the motion of Mr KIRKUP, it was resolved to accept the tenders of Mr Kitley for the north, and Mr Baker for the south.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr Duncan reported that during the fortnight there had been 35 deaths and 72 births, giving a death-rate and birth-rate of 17·5 and 36 per 1,000. Seventeen cases of scarlet fever had been reported from various parts of the Union.

WASHINGTON WATER RATE COLLECTOR.

Mr McDonald, collector of water rate at Washington, Barmston, and Harraton, wrote applying for an increase of salary.

Referred to the Washington Committee.

CHESTER-LE-STREET WATER.

Mr HAY drew attention to the inefficient supply of water at the houses supplied by the Chester-le-Street Water Company.

The Sanitary Inspector said he had the Consett water and was no better off. He had no water for a month. The recent hard weather accounted for the short supplies.

The matter then dropped.

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Trade Notes.

THE WEARDALE QUARRYMEN AND THEIR WAGES.

Public meetings of the Weardale limestone quarrymen were held both at Frosterley and Stanhope on Monday evening, which were well attended, and were addressed respectively by Mr Hobbs at Stanhope, and by Mr Toyn at Frosterley, on the present aspect of the wages question.

CONSETT IRON COMPANY, LIMITED.

The directors of the Consett Iron Company, Limited, have resolved to pay an interim dividend of 18s per share on the old ordinary shares, and 17s 1d per share on the new ordinary shares, on the 16th inst., to the members registered in the Company's book on the 4th inst. An interim dividend of 5s per share will in like manner be paid to the members of the Consett Spanish Ore Company.

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

The report of the directors to be presented at the half-yearly general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Company's Offices, Consett, on Wednesday, 18th February, at one o'clock p.m., is as follows:—

"Your directors have pleasure in submitting a statement of accounts made up to December 31st, 1890, examined and certified by the auditors, Mr J. Heaton and Mr J. R. Coates, and by Messrs T. C. Squance and Sons, chartered accountants.

"Your directors are glad to report an increase of revenue, the receipts from mechanical rentals being £217 1s 2d, and from domestic rentals £374 1s 3d in excess of the corresponding period of last year.

"After payment of interest on bonds, income tax, and management expenses, there remains an undivided profit of £6,194 7s 4d, out of which your directors recommend the payment, on the 23rd Feb. next, of a dividend (clear of income tax) at the rate of £7 per cent. per annum at the bank of Messrs Backhouse and Co., Durham, which will absorb £5,755 12s 9d, that £400 be placed to the reserve fund, and that the balance, £38 14s 7d, be carried forward to the next half-year's account.

"During the past six months the Company's mains have been extended to Craghead Colliery village, various small extensions have been made, and the small duplicate reservoir at Stanley, referred to in the last report, has been brought into use.

"Advantage has been taken of the lowness of the water in the Smiddy Shaw reservoir during the autumn to remove deposited matter from the bottom of the reservoir. The cost of this has been paid out of the reserve fund, and it is intended to further prosecute this work as opportunity offers.

"A good supply of wholesome water has been distributed throughout the district during the past six months, and the Company's engineer, Mr Asquith, reports that the works of the Company are in good order.

(Signed)

"JOHN BURDON, Chairman.
"W. BOYD, Vice-Chairman.
"WM. WILES, Secretary.

Consett, 31st Jan., 1891."

The balance-sheet shows that the revenue for the half-year is £8,881 15s 11d, £5,256 6s 8d being derived from mechanical water rents, meter rents, &c., and £3,306 17s 9d being from divested water rents.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

The sixth annual meeting of this prosperous and successful society took place on Monday night, in the New Town Hall premises, Consett, Mr Wm. Aynsley (chairman of the Board of Directors) presiding.

The report of the directors (which has already been published in the *Guardian*) for the year ending Dec. 26th, 1890, set forth that they were pleased to state that, under most exceptional circumstances, the society is making its benefits known in the district, and the membership was increasing, accordingly. A further sum of £1,052 8s 3d has been advanced during the year on excellent security. The very high rate of bank interest prevailing during a great portion of the past twelve months made the directors decide, a year ago, to advertise for money on deposit at the fixed rate of interest of 4½ per cent.—a step which they have no reason to regret, as it has been well responded to. The profit and loss account, after debiting interest to depositors, £42 19s 9d, general expenses and salaries, also an enhanced proportion of preliminary expenses, and carrying the necessary percentage to reserve fund, amounting to £7 18s 10d, and crediting interest on advances, £271, and fines, transfer fees, &c., leaves a net balance for disposal of £64 7s 11d, which it is proposed to divide as follows:—£57 3s to unadvanced shareholders, being 4 per cent. on their credit balances; also the sum of £6 8s 9d to advanced members, being at the same rate on their repayments, carrying a balance of 16s 2d forward.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Supt. J. OLIVER, the report was adopted.

The retiring directors—viz., Messrs W. Aynsley, Thos. McCourty, Hedley Nicholson, C. Parnaby, Wm. Eales, and J. Hardy, were re-elected, as also the auditors, Messrs J. Inglis, and A. Russell.

PRUDHOE AND MICKLEY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

SPEECH BY MR N. G. CLAYTON.

ENTHUSIASTIC PROCEEDINGS.

The annual social gathering of the Prudhoe and Mickley Conservative Association was held on Saturday night, in the school-room, Prudhoe. The gathering was large and enthusiastic, and derived additional interest from the fact that Mr N. G. Clayton, Unionist candidate for Hexham Division, was present, and that this was the first gathering he had addressed in the division since he agreed to contest it. The arrangements for the gathering, which took the form of a knife-and-fork tea, were carried out by a committee, consisting of Messrs J. Davison, J. Robson, G. Bates, R. Lowdon, G. Robson, and T. M. Falconar. The tables and other necessaries were kindly lent by the committee of Prudhoe Flower Show. The room was decorated with excellent taste by Messrs R. Hall and J. Douthwaite. The ladies who assisted at the tables were:—Mesdames Taylor, Leathead, Davison, Robson, Lowdon, Armstrong, and Blackburn, Misses Telford, Bates, Proudlock, Baxter, Gibbons, Elliot, Judson, and Armstrong. The chair was occupied by Mr M. Liddell, president of the association, and he was supported by Mr N. G. Clayton, Mr C. Liddell, Mr J. H. Ridley, Mr W. Bell, Rev J. Maughan (Vicar of Prudhoe), and Mr T. Falconar (secretary of the association). The vice-chairmen were Mr I. Batey (sec. Hexham Division Conservative Association), Mr T. Bates, and Mr T. Armstrong. Among those also present were:—Dr Pike, Messrs G. Bates, W. Wormald, J. Wormald, J. Potts, S. Bates, T. Bates, jun., J. Jackson, J. Wilkin, J. Davison, R. Lowdon, R. Hall, J. Douthwaite, J. Robson, and others. The large room was filled to overflowing, there being fully three hundred present, the great majority of whom were miners. Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were received from Mr M. Ridley, Wylam; Mr G. Fenwick, Bywell Hall; Mr N. Cookson, Wylam; Mr R. Clayton, Wylam Hall; Mr L. C. Lockhart, Hexham; Mr L Lyons, secretary of the Northern Union of Conservative Associations; Mr Jas. Jenkins, Blaydon; and Mr A. Dunn, Wylam. After tea, a list of toasts was duly honoured, and songs were given by Messrs W. Telford, Dacre, J. Scott, R. Wardle, Falconer, and Witherspoon.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Feb. 2nd.—Before Coun. J. ANNANDALE (in the chair), J. W. WALTON-WILSON, WM. GREEN, and FRANK PRIESTMAN, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

James Quinn was charged by P.C. Pemberton with being drunk and creating a disturbance in Middle Street, Consett, on January 24th.—Defendant, who did not appear, was mulcted in a penalty of 10s and costs; in default seven days hard labour.

Thomas Chilton was accused of being drunk in Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday night, 24th ult.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 5s and costs.—P.C. Banks preferred the charge.

Catherine McNally was proceeded against by P.C. Haw, for being in a tipsy state and creating a disturbance in Princess Street, Consett, on the 24th ult, and the Bench fined her 2s 6d and expenses.

James McKenna pleaded guilty to a charge preferred against him by P.C. Haw, at Consett, on the 24th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

Michael McNally, who was represented by his father, was charged by P.C. Tomlinson with being drunk and disorderly in Durham Road, on Saturday night, 24th ult.—The usual penalty was inflicted.

Charles O'Neil was proceeded against by P.C. Tomlinson with being drunk and creating a disturbance in Derwent Street, Blackhill, on Saturday afternoon, 24th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

William Carr was charged by P.C. Crisp with being drunk at Iveston, on the 18th ult.—He was similarly dealt with.

Simon Peacock, accused by the same officer for a like offence, at Iveston, on the same date, was fined 5s and expenses.

John and *Thomas Keenan*, brothers, failed to answer a charge, preferred by P.C. Robinson, for being drunk and fighting at Blackhall Mill, on January 17th.—Defendants were fined 10s and costs each; the alternative being seven days in goal.

Brian Tate was accused by P.C. Haw with being drunk and creating an uproar in Havelock Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and he was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs, or seven days hard labour.

P.C. Pemberton preferred a charge against *Wm. Guthrie*, labourer, for being drunk and causing an uproar in Trafalgar Street, Consett, Saturday night.—Seven days hard labour.

Robert Allen, navvy, was placed in the dock, charged with drunkenness at Consett, on Saturday night.—P.C. Humphrey preferred the offence.—Fined 5s and costs; in default seven days hard labour.

Charles McCartan was found guilty, on the evidence of P.C. Humphrey, of being drunk and disorderly in Medomsley Road, Consett, on Saturday night.—Fined 5s and costs.

James Colgan, who confessed his guilt, was fined 5s and costs, in default seven days hard labour, for being drunk in Front Street, Consett, on Saturday night.

William Pattinson appeared to answer a charge of drunkenness in Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—Fined 5s and costs.

James Hagan was put forward for being drunk at Consett on the preceding (Sunday) night.—Sergt. Minto found defendant helplessly intoxicated.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs.

John O'Brien, *Robert Lee*, and *Henry Small*, were charged by P.C. Thuoron with being drunk and creating an uproar at Lanchester, on Saturday night.—Defendants were sentenced to seven days hard labour, in default of paying the customary penalty.

SHE WAS NOT DRUNK BUT EXCITED.

Mary Richardson, a respectable-looking woman, pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and creating a disturbance in King Street, Consett, on Saturday night, January 24th.—P.C. Banks stated that he came across defendant drunk and creating a disturbance. He put her twice into the house, but she still insisted in coming outside, and he was compelled to take her in custody.—Cross-examined by defendant: Why did you not take me into custody when my husband kicked me?—The officer: I have nothing to do with that.—Defendant: Was I creating a disturbance?—The officer: Yes, you were.—Defendant: If I was drunk why did you not summons me, instead of taking me through the street to the police station?—The Chairman (to defendant): Did your husband put you out?—Defendant: No, sir.—P.C. Pemberton gave corroborative evidence, and stated that defendant fell down.—Mrs Richardson stated that she had asked the police many a time for protection; but could not get it.—The Chairman: Which of the officers have you asked for protection?—Defendant: I don't know their names.—Defendant (continuing) stated that her husband had pulled the hair out of her head, and knocked her teeth out. She was not drunk but excited.—Inspector Benzies stated that when defendant was in the office, he considered that she was drunk and excited.—Defendant declared that she asked the officer to look after her child, when she was locked up; but they did not do it, and the child was not in the house all the night.—Supt. Oliver: The officers have something else to do than to look after your child.—Defendant: I have got no other questions to ask those who tell lies. (Laughter).—The Chairman: Seeing that you were locked up one night, and on the understanding that you will not come here again, we will dismiss this charge.—Defendant made the necessary promise, and thanked their worships.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Michael Carroll was summoned to answer a charge of breach of the peace by fighting at Consett, on 17th ult.—P.C. Haw deposed to finding defendant fighting in Newmarket Street, with another man. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Bound over to keep the peace for three months and pay the costs.

Stephen Parker was charged by P.C. Richardson with a breach of the peace by fighting at White-le-Head (with a batch of other men who were convicted last fortnight), on New Year's Day.—Bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and defray the costs.

POOR LAW ACT.

Peter Grimes a miner, belonging Leadgate, was summoned under the Poor Law Act. to shew cause why he refused to pay 2s per week, towards the maintenance of his mother in Lanchester Union Workhouse.—Mr John Moon, one of the relieving officers, stated that defendant's mother had been in the workhouse since the 30th Dec., and defendant was able to contribute his equal proportion—2s per week—towards her maintainence. Defendant was a miner, and earning good wages. His brother had agreed to pay 2s weekly, and his wage was 2s 6d per week less than defendant's. Defendant informed Mr Moon that if the money that his mother had been receiving had been properly laid out, there would have been no necessity to have supported her. Two of his sisters were working at the Knitting Factory, and one of them was earning £1 a fortnight, and the other 14s. He had taken his mother in, and given her clothes and money until he saw that it was no use. She was drinking all that she could get hold of. His two sisters were now at lodgings.—Mr Moon stated that he had nothing whatever to do with the sisters, he only wanted the 2s per week from him.—Defendant stated that he and his brother were married, and had two children to maintain. There was a sister married also.—Mr Wilson: Your mother is not drinking—Defendant: The reason of that is, because she cannot get it.—The Chairman: How old is his mother? Mr Moon: About 60 years. He had tried to make arrangements with the defendant so that his mother could not take advantage of him, and that was that she should have the relief while she remained in the workhouse.—The Bench made an order for 2s per week and costs.

DRUNK AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

John Elliott, hailing from Tantobie, was summoned for being drunk and committing an assault upon P.C. Richardson on the 24th ult.—On the application of Mr C. M. Dix, of Newcastle (for the defence), the case was adjourned for 14 days.

EDUCATION ACT.

Wm. Mason, miner, Dipton, was summoned by Mr D. Mole, attendance officer for the Collierley School Board, for failing to send his children regularly to school.—An attendance order was issued.—*Sarah Nolan*, was proceeded against by Mr Mole for not sending her child to school, on January 22nd.—The officer stated that the child had not attended school during the last two months.—Mr Nolan explained that she sent the child to school, but he was sent home again until after the examination.—Fined 2s 6d, including costs.

"HE HAD A LOT INSIDE."

Peter Reynolds, was accused by P.C. Haw with being drunk and reeling about Gibson Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—P.C. Haw said that owing to defendant being so drunk he was obliged to take him into custody. The foot passengers were compelled to leave the footpath to allow defendant to pass.—Defendant in answer to the charge stated that he was not drunk but "had a lot inside." (Laughter.) P.C. Pemberton substantiated the officer's statement.—Fined 5s and costs; in default 7 days hard labour.

NOT GUILTY.

Richard Custance, pleaded not guily to a charge of being drunk and creating a disturbance at Blackhill, on Saturday night.—P.C. Smith testified that about 11·15 p.m., he was in Derwent Street, on duty, when he saw defendant staggering about, and making a noise.—Sergt. Tate gave similar evidence.—Defendant denied that he was drunk.—Supt. Oliver stated that he was present when defendant was brought into the Police Office, and he was considerably under the influence of liquor. He did not see him staggering, but two men came and took him home.—Mrs Swainston, wife of a fishmonger, deposed that about 11 o'clock, defendant came into the shop and purchased some oranges. He went out, and a man came up to him and commenced to use bad language. Defendant was not speaking to the man when P.C. Smith came up, and she told him not to take defendant as he was not doing anything.—Another witness named Miller tendered confirmatory evidence, adding that there was no disburbance at all.—The Chairman: Let me see his name which he wrote on Saturday night?—The document was handed to the Chairman, who then asked defendant to write his name again.—Defendant having done this, it was scrutinised by the Bench.—The Chairman remarked that the writing on Saturday night, was far better than what he had done just now. (Laughter.) The case was dismissed.

SHE DECLINED TO SEND THE CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

Bridget Connolly, of Shotley Bridge, again appeared to answer a summons for failing to comply with the conditions of attendance order against her three children, by not sending them to school.—Mr A. McKean, schoolwarden for the Benfieldside School Board, informed the Court that the children never went to school. It was 36 weeks since they were there. Mrs Connolly declined to send the children to school, and declared most emphatically that she would not send them. In answer to a question put by the Chairman, Mr McKean observed that Mrs Connolly was the custodian of the children, and the Sisters at St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, Blackhill, had proffered to give the children their dinners if Mrs Connolly would only send them to school.—The Bench imposed a penalty of 2s 6d including costs in each case.—Mrs Connolly refused to pay the money.—The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr Granger): If you do not pay, a distress warrant will be taken out against you, and if there is nothing to distrain you will have to go to goal.—Mrs Connolly: Very well, you can do what you like.—The Chairman: The children will be taken from you.—Mrs Connolly: You shall have them.—This was all the satisfaction the Bench could get, and the woman marched from the Court.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, Feb. 3rd.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), Rev Chancellor ESPIN, and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were fined for being drunk during the month:—*George Hall*, *James Robinson*, *Robert Sutton*, *R. A. Wheatley*, *Terrence O'Neil*, *John Sprowel*, *Thomas Cloughton*, *Henry Spence*, *George Langham*, *Henry Fleming*, *Charles Caygill*, and *Joseph Watson*.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Thomas Jackson was bound over in the sum of £5 for three months, and pay costs, for committing a breach of the peace on the 9th ult.

Drayman Patterson, *John Patterson*, and *John Cloughton* were charged with committing a similar offence at Tow Law, on the 7th ult.—Bound over to keep the peace.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

James Richard Hogg, of Sunniside, was charged by Sergeant Christison with assaulting him on the highway between Tow Law and Sunniside, on the 16th ult., whilst in the performance of his duty. Mr Teale, Bishop Auckland, defended.—Prosecutor deposed to hearing a few drunken men shouting and indulging in bad language on the road. On coming up to them, one was lying helpless in the road, and defendant was trying to get him up. The sergeant asked his name, whereupon he refused to give it. He threatened to take him into custody, when he committed the assault by throwing the policeman on his back on the ice, injuring his head thereby, after which defendant got up and ran away. The sergeant got his name, and, along with other two officers, followed him home, and took him into custody.—P.C.'s Simon and Gardner also gave evidence.—The witnesses for the defence were Robert Hogg and John Brown.—The Bench imposed a fine of £2 and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

Thomas Moore was charged by George Bowman with trespassing in pursuit of rabbits on Sunday, January 18th.—Defendant was fined £2, and 16s as court expenses.

USING THREATS.

Thomas Moore was also charged by George Bowman with using threatening language towards him, and was bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for 12 months, and pay 12s costs.

LARCENY.

Robert Johnson, *Wilson Coates*, *Ernest Sheriff*, and *Joseph Newton*, boys, were charged with stealing four boxes of sweets, some boxes of pills, oranges, and a box, the property of Elizabeth Rutherford, from her shop, on the 13th January.—They pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to be whipped—Newton to receive four strokes and the others six strokes.

RETIREMENT OF SUPT. LIDDELL.

At the close of the sitting of the court, Mr Teale, on behalf of the solicitors attending the court, expressed regret at the retirement of Supt Liddell.—A few remarks by the Chairman were also made.—Mr Liddell suitably replied, thanking all concerned for the courtesy extended to him during his term of office. He entered the force in 1852, and had therefore been 39 years connected with the police.

INQUEST AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Friday afternoon last week, Coroner Graham held an inquiry at Chester-le-Street Police Court, touching the death of Samuel Badley, said to be 35 years of age, who died in Johnson's lodging-house at Chester-le-Street, on the 28th ult., under singular circumstances.

Margaret Thomas said deceased was a navvy, and had lodged a short while with her at the "huts," but left on the 26th. She did not see him again.

P.C. Cowen said he saw deceased in the afternoon at the Ship Inn, Pelton, and as he was under the influence of drink advised him to go home. He did not see him again.

Benjamin Dickinson, innkeeper at High Flatts, said that on the night of the 27th, about 7·15, deceased came to his house, and said that in coming from the next village (presumably Pelton) he had been knocked down by a trap and run over. He complained very much of some inward injury, and said he could feel himself bleeding. Witness allowed him to stay some time in the house, and offered the man a shilling to pay his lodgings when he got to Chester-le-Street. Deceased would not accept the offer. Witness did not know him. Deceased left about nine, or shortly after, to go to Chester-le-Street. Witness did not see him again.

Peter Grimes said he lived at High Flatts, next to Dickinson's house. On the morning of the 28th, about 4·30, he opened the door, and saw deceased coming forward. Deceased asked to be in, and said he slept in an empty house all night. There were some empty houses about there. Witness took him in, and as he complained of being ill and cold, witness made him a cup of tea, but he could not drink it, and went away. Witness did not know him.

James McCarten, deputy at Johnson's lodging-house, said he found deceased upstairs in bed at 8·30 on the morning in question. Witness could give no account as to how deceased got there; he was not let in, and nobody could say they saw him come in. He had stayed there, and witness knew him again. He complained and looked very ill. Witness spoke to Mr Johnson, who went for a doctor at once, but when the doctor came shortly afterwards, the man was dead.

Dr Kenton explained that from the complaints deceased had made it appeared he had died from a rupture of the bladder. His complaints of the inward bleeding at the High Flatts public-house was consistent with that theory. The doctor further explained that men going from a public-house with a distended bladder, and falling upon any hard substance, would easily rupture the organ and cause death. There were no marks corresponding with the statement of deceased that he had been knocked down and run over by a trap.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from a rupture of the bladder, but how the injury was caused there was no evidence to show.

The Coroner drew attention to the great kindness the man had received all through his somewhat erratic wanderings. First from Mr Dickinson, the innkeeper, who offered to provide him with sufficient money to lodge himself, and otherwise treated him kindly; then from Grimes, who both warmed and fed him even; and then also at the lodging-house.

The jury concurred with the Coroner, and considered that all concerned deserved public thanks, the reporters being asked to notice the fact.

Two very useful paper patterns a French dressing jacket and lady's yoke night-dress in addition to a coloured plate of early spring fashions are given away with February issue of "WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL."

"WELDON'S PRACTICAL KNITTER" contains some very useful instructions for knitting a lady's bodice, mittens, child's jacket, boa, comforter, shawls, gent's waistcoat, opera hood, gent's knicker-bocker stockings, jersey for child, infant's vest, &c.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday night, Mr W. Atkinson (chairman) presiding. Present: Dr J. Wild, Messrs W. R. Teasdale, L. P. Wherly, A. W. Emmerson, J. W. Laverick, C. Rowe, W. Ridley, and the clerk (Mr Ed. Milburn).

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr W. Garraway) reported for the month ending January 31st, that the nuisances and general sanitary defects previously mentioned had either been remedied or were in progress. The branch drain behind Bridge Street, North, and a new pipe and disused shaft in the same yard had been recovered, but imperfectly. The drain has been opened out and the trap repaired behind Railway Street. The open channel behind Barning Street, East, was nearly completed and will be a great improvement upon its former condition. The building of privy and dung-hill in Harrison Street was still as reported and likewise the drain at Thornley Lane—the pipes having been to hand for some time. The alteration of the dam at Milk-and-Water Row, Dan's Castle, has been carried out; a new gulley trap being inserted. The cleaning out of ashpits, privies, &c., and general removal of other manures have had as strict attention as possible; and with a few exceptions have been fairly well attended to. In several new erections on the Fell, opposite to Brown's houses, there was no drainage, and urine was flowing across the footpath. St. Alban's Street was in much about the same condition, a whole rookery of pigstyes having been put up, with no receptable for manure, the outlet for the urine being by flowing over the surface of the ground. The bye-laws should be enforced in these cases.

THE OFFENSIVE PIGSTIES.

The Surveyor stated that eight or nine pigcrees had been built within the past eighteen months opposite St. Alban's Street, and the members deemed these to be most undesirable erections.

Mr LAVERICK suggested that the Board should visit the place at their next inspection, and determine what will be best to be done.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr John Hillary (surveyor) reported that the roads were receiving attention, and considering the season and the weather, were in fairly good order. In a few days, the repairing of the flags would be finished, and he thought that the owners should have notice to fill in the vacant spaces alongside the houses, either by flags or cement, where it is needed in several places. Owing to the dilapidated condition of the retort house, he had removed the water-cart elsewhere for shelter. He had a plan handed to him by Mr Anthony Harrison, High Street, for proposed alterations and extensions of the back premises of his house and shop. Mr Charlton had submitted an amended plan showing the trap.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Hillary reported that he had deposited with the Board's treasurer, on account of general district rate, gas levies and residuals, burial fees, &c., £380 6s 3d. The arrears of gas accounts were £2 5s. The monthly wages bill represented £20 17s 11d, leaving a balance of £1 1s due to the surveyor.

PLANS.

On the motion of Mr WHERLY, seconded by Mr ROWE, the Board passed Mr Harrison's plan.

The CHAIRMAN stated, with regard to Mr Charlton's plan, that a fresh tracing had not been prepared, and on the proposal of Mr LAVERICK, seconded by Mr TEASDALE, the plan was returned, with instructions that a fresh one be substituted, permission being accorded to Mr Charlton to proceed with the alterations.

DAN'S CASTLE SEWER.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the Board decided to carry out the original idea in regard to laying down this sewer, and Mr LAVERICK proposed that the Clerk be directed to order the necessary metal pipes, 36 feet in length, from the Birtley Iron Company, the Surveyor being empowered to proceed with the work forthwith.

This was seconded by Dr WILD, and agreed to.

WORKING OUT COAL UNDER THE GAS WORKS:

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

The Clerk explained that the Chairman and himself interviewed Mr Stanton (Messrs Stanton and Atkinson, solicitors), at Newcastle, on the 21st of January, with reference to the threatened determination of the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, the lessees of the mines and minerals, to work out the coal underneath the Board's gas works, at the same time disclaiming any responsibility for damages by subsidence of the surface. Mr Stanton informed them that Mr Gibb, on behalf of the North-Eastern Railway Company, had raised the same point. Mr Stanton further stated that he was in possession of the Act for enclosing the Thornley Common in the parish of Wolsingham, which indicated the remedy anybody who suffered damages or loss by reason of the working of coal underneath their properties, and also explained the rights and privileges of the owners of the mines and minerals. He (the Clerk) had written to Messrs Knight and Co., London, for a copy of the Act of Parliament relating to Thornley Common, but the firm had replied that such an Act was not published for sale. He had, however, obtained a copy of the portions of the Act bearing upon the point in question. It was an Act passed in the reign of George III., and was to the effect that wherever any person or persons, in consequence of the search for and winning of coal, sustained damages and loss by the settling of the surface of their respective allotments on the Thornley Moor or Common, shall cause complaint thereof to be made to one or more of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Durham—after notice had been given in writing of such intended complaint to be fixed upon the south door of the parish Church of Wolsingham 21 days previously—the said justices were empowered to enquire and examine into such complaints in a summary way, either by evidence or oath, by viewing the cause of complaint, or by such other proofs which would assist them to settle and determine the damages sustained by such person or persons, and award such reasonable damages and compensation as they may deem proper, the costs of making or prosecuting such complaint and settling such disputes shall be borne by the occupiers for the time being of such allotments upon the moor or common, and any party chargeable with any proportion of the expenses, and fails to pay the same within a specified time, a distress warrant should be levied to realise the assets. Nothing explained in the Act prevented the mineral owners from working the said coal mines, contructing pit heads, drifts, waggon-ways, &c., on the land without paying any satisfaction to the present owners of allotments for such privileges or wayleaves.

The Clerk stated that the owners of the minerals could work any portion of the coal, and have pit heads, waggonways, &c., on the surface without paying anything to the owners of the ground.

Mr WHERLY said there was a law of equity passed some years since empowering the Judges to deal sensibly with such matters, and award reasonable compensation. That just read was a very ancient document, and there were many Acts of Parliament passed in recent years relating to the point at issue. They were now no further forward than when they started.

Mr LAVERICK said it seemed to him that the magistrates were empowered to appoint an arbitration to assess the damage done to the surface of the land, and the amount to be paid to the allottees.

The Clerk: The magistrates do so themselves.

Mr LAVERICK enquired if any act had been passed in recent times bearing on the matter.

Mr WHERLEY replied that in 1872 such an act was actually passed. As a matter of fact, the Burnhope and Hamsteels Common Act read very much the same as the extracts cited, and yet the owners of the colliery workings had been mulcted in damages for injuring the surface.

Mr RIDLEY observed that the Lanchester Common Act was precisely similar, only there were 300 acres of land set apart to pay any such damages.

The Clerk pointed out that the matter could be easily settled by stating a case for the opinion of counsel. He had received a subsequent letter from Mr Stanton intimating that the North Eastern Railway Company had virtually abandoned the idea of testing the matter. Mr Stanton also alluded to the action of the Consett Waterworks Company *v.* Ritson, for damages done to the Loud Reservoir at Annfield Plain. The Court of Appeal had unanimously decided that the Lord of the Manor of Lanchester had a perfect right to work the minerals and let down the surface, without making any compensation to the allottees. Three judges however, had previously decided that the Water Company were entitled to damages.

Mr EMMERSON stated that the question would affect nearly the whole of the property in Tow Law.

The Clerk: Only that portion in the Thornley Common.

Mr WHERLY contended that the parties working the minerals underneath were bound to give the surface the necessary support.

Mr RIDLEY said he would like to be satisfied how the royalties were transferred from Mr Robt. Lodge to Lord Boyne.

Mr LAVERICK thought this was an important question affecting the interests of the people of Tow Law, that it should stand over for a month to give the members time to consider the matter.

This was eventually agreed to.

THE OLD RETORT HOUSE.

The Board directed the Surveyor to emloy a man to take the slates off the old retort house at the Gas Works and demolish the whole building, which is in danger of coming down.

THE CEMETERY.

Mr WHERLY proposed that some new trees be planted in the cemetery facing the highway, Messrs Atkinson and Teasdale being appointed a committee to carry out the work.

This was seconded by Mr EMMERSON, and adopted *nem. con.*

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

The Clerk mentioned that he had not received any reply from the Railway Company to the requests of the Board last month with regard to the improvements at the level crossing in High Street, and the removal of the obstructions.

It was agreed to leave the subjects in abayence.

Mr RIDLEY suggested that the railway authorities should be called upon to flag or cement Railway Street.

THE LATE COUN. RIDLEY'S GIFT.

It was proposed by Mr ROWE, and seconded by Mr LAVERICK, that the Board give the necessary undertaking to the trustees of the late Councillor Joseph Ridley, formerly Chairman of the Board, to comply with the provisions of the will by attending to the graves in consideration of his bequeathing a portion of land in Campbell Street for the use of the public.

Mr EMMERSON remarked that if Local Board Offices were erected on the site, it would be a permanent memorial.

Mr ROWE said that there was a chance for Mr W. Ridley to distinguish himself, and hand his name down to posterity, by erecting a suitable building on the site.

Mr RIDLEY: Aw's a likely chap te de see. (Loud laughter).

Mr LAVERICK: I should think you are. (More laughter).

THE FORTHCOMING CENSUS.

A circular was received from the Registrar-general hoping that the Board and its officials would afford every assistance to the registrators and enumerators in properly taking the census in April, by showing the maps and the plans of the district, and pointing out the various parish boundaries, &c. It was further desired that the streets should be named and the houses consecutively numbered.

The members agreed to affix name-plates at the corner of each street, and in those cases where there is a public thoroughfare without any distinctive appellation, the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to christen such places.

Mr LAVERICK did not think it was necessary to go to the expense of numbering the houses.

Mr EMMERSON suggested that one of the Board's officials should assist the enumerators.

Ultimately, the Clerk was directed to see Mr Rutter, registrar, Wolsingham, with a view to Mr Garraway either acting as enumerator or assisting the census takers, and further request that the population of Tow Law Local Board district should be kept separately, the number of empty and inhabited houses being likewise tabulated.

THE SEXTON'S WAGES.

Mr Wheatly, sexton at the cemetery, asked for an advance from 10s to 14s per week.

Mr LAVERICK proposed, and Mr ROWE seconded, that Wheatly have an increase of 2s weekly.

This was carried, Mr Ridley dissenting.

Cheques were signed, and the Board then adjourned.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had a capital supply of stock forward at this mart on Monday, both as regards numbers and quality. There was a good supply, a large company being present, and stock were making good prices. Numbers and prices:—17 fat cattle, heifers, to £20 10s; fat cows, to £21 5s; bullocks, to £20; 75 fat sheep, to 48s 6d; Scotch wethers, to 43s 6d; hoggs, to 46s; 9 cows, to £19 10s; 21 pigs, 25s to 58s; calves, to 26s. Miscellaneous lots made fair prices. Quotations:—Beef, 8s 3d per stone; mutton, 8d to 9d; ewes, 6½d per lb; pork, 6s per stone.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 48 dairy cows and heifers, 9 fat cattle, 10 store cattle, 7 calves, 62 fat sheep and hoggs, 2 horses, and 6 pigs. Calved cows made up to £24 10s; cows to calve to £23 5s; fat cattle to £20; store cattle to £13; calves to 54s; fat sheep to 50s—top, Mr Garthwaite, High House Farm, Satley; fat half-bred hoggs to 48s—top, Mr Stephenson, Shadforth; fat black-faced ewes to 27s—top, Mr W. Harrison, Peakfield, Frosterley.

TEMPERANCE WORK AT CRAGHEAD.

The committee of the temperance social club, at Craghead, have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their efforts. On Saturday evening, a public entertainment was given in the Hedley Memorial School by the members of the above society to a crowded house.

After a hymn, sung by the audience, from Sankey's collection, and the usual opening prayer, a short address was given by the president (Mr Hy. Bell), and the concert was opened. Appended is the programme:—Mendelssohn's "Spring song," as a violin, and pianoforte duet, by Miss Fairley and Miss Kate Fairley, was very well received. "Killarney," was then sung by Miss Riddell in an exceptionally true, clear soprano, and was *encored*, when she replied by giving "The cottage by the sea." Mr Henry Greener then gave a humorous temperance song "Before I had taken the pledge," which highly delighted the audience, for he was re-called and sang "The teetotal car" in capital style. A part song, "Blue bells," was next given by Misses K. Pomeroy, Southern and Craigs, and then followed a humorous reading by Miss M. Charlton, entitled "Alic Rogers, the blacksmith." The song, "Sailing," by Mr Joseph Craigs, was deservedly re-called, for he both did justice to the song, and it shewed off his fine tenor voice to advantage. A song, "Under the willow she's sleeping," was then sung by Miss Dodds, followed by a duet, "In the dusk of the twilight," by the Misses Fairley was vociferously *encored*. Miss K. Pomeroy was happy in her rendering of "Bring back the old folks, Willie"; but the trio, "A little farm well till'd," as given by Messrs Craig, Gibbon and Hunter was the favourite piece of the evening, and was loudly applauded and *encored*. The song, "Beautiful isle by the sea," by Miss A. Bell concluded the first part of the programme.

During the interval, Mr Swanstone highly entertained the company by his recitation, "The lad that wants a lass." Now came the great attraction of the evening, for the second part was a comical temperance sketch, entitled "An awkward half-hour." The fun of the piece was produced by the humorous situations caused by the mistakes of a deaf man and a drunken cabby. Mr Patterson was the deaf man, Miss Ellen Riddle was the spinster, at whose house the cabman had deposited him by mistake, and Miss Emmie Tiggett was the maid-of-all-work, who looked upon him as nothing less than a burglar and a cut-throat, produced perfect bursts of laughter, whilst Mr Musgrove as the deaf man's relative, and Mr John Craigs as the cabman were hardly less attractive.

At the close of the programme, Mr H. Greener made a short speech explaining the object of the society, viz., to encourage the young people of the place to live lives of temperance and purity. He said that although the society is only a few weeks old there are over 80 members now on the books, a large proportion of whom are young men. He also invited others to add their names, and the meeting was closed with the doxology.

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.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confection is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen

"HOW TO BEHAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, fleas bed-bugs, roaches, ants, insects, ground moles, &c. 6½d and 1s. boxes.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of fourpence, may be had at Robt. Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10, Newmarket Street, Consett.

GREAT DECREASE OF DEATHS FROM CONSUMPTION.

The Government returns show a great decrease in this fatal malady since Handyside's Consumption Cure has been discovered, and anyone attending the meeting of Handyside's patients will not be surprised at the result. If Dr Koch surpasses this medicine it will be discontinued, but from appearances it will be as much wanted as ever to build up the constitution. Everyone should write for extracts from ten thousand testimonials.

Price 3s 10d per 2 bottles.

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.

51, 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.

[The above testimonials show what a wonderful blood purifier Handyside's Blood Purifier is. After the impure blood irritated the glands of the neck, the blood purifier put it into a proper state, and took away the irritating acidity that irritated them. They fell to their natural size and the discharge ceased, for the blood became so purified that there were no humours to pass away.] By purifying the blood it cures bronchitis, asthma, indigestion, costiveness sleeplessness, general debility, a weak heart, fits, faintings, change of life, fevers, measles, smallpox, and all things arising from poor and impure blood. Price: 2s 6d per two bottles.

Handyside's Rheumatic Cures needs no testimonials, hundreds have presented themselves in treatment before large public audiences with only one failure. Poor people unable to work for their families, and who had tried all other remedies, I will be glad to pay a portion of their railway fare to Newcastle or London, and cure them free. The rubbing bottles at 1s will cure simple cases, but long standing cases require Handyside's Blood Purifier, price 2s 6d per two bottles.

Those who prefer to take Pills should take Handyside's No. 3 Pills which contain a great amount of Handyside's Blood Purifier. They do not purge the bowels and ruin the constitution like common pills. Anyone who has taken large quantities of purging and Mercurial Pills find to their sorrow that their constitution is gone and they will be compelled to take them as long as they live. They make people better for a short time, as all Mercurial Medicines do, then make them worse than ever. The victims then take more again, they find a temporary relief until their constitution is so much reduced they have to take them so long as they live. When we look at the construction of the stomach it cannot be otherwise. There are millions of small tubes in the stomach no larger than a fine hair to convey gastric juice amongst the food. Therefore, when the stomach is irritated by purging Mercurial Pills it has a tendency to close up these small tubes and prevent the natural flow of gastric juice into the stomach, which is the chief agent of digestion. Is it then surprising that those who have been great takers of purging pills should be troubled with broken constitutions? Handyside's No. 3 Pills will not purge or irritate the stomach, they increase the digestion, invigorate the system, and make people more happy and healthy. Those who take Handyside's No. 3 Pills will soon find out which pills are worth a guinea a box. If No. 3 Pills do not gently open the bowels once in three days, one of No. 1 Pills amongst No. 3 Pills should be taken, but should be discontinued as soon as No. 3 will do their work. They will give health even to those whose health has been ruined by taking purging pills.

Old people are often costive in the bowels. Three thousand boxes will be given away to them. Those who are able to purchase them should not write for them, as they are by so doing depriving old people out of a medicine that is much needed for reviving their strength. This is a grand female pill, and the best pill for clearing away all obstructions; price 1s per box. Handyside above twelve months ago deposited £1,000, and challenged Sequah and all the doctors in the world combined, and the challenge is still open.

Beware of imitations; none are genuine that has not "Handyside, Bentinck," on the Government stamp. Many lives have been lost by unprincipled chemists recommending their own preparations for the sake of extra profit. Those who have not faith that they are getting the genuine article should write to G. Handyside, Newcastle. It will be supplied at the regular price, carriage paid, with the following guarantee sent with each lot.

GUARANTEE.

So certain am I of the marvellous effect of "Handyside's Consumption Cure," and also his "Blood Purifier," and "Rheumatic Cure," that I hereby certify that if this medicine does not do them more good than any other medicine I agree to return the money. The money, if claimed, will be paid not later than nine days after the goods are sent. Ask any chemist to give you the same guarantee, and this will put a stop to imposition.

679d GEO. HANDYSIDE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET FARMERS' CLUB.

DURHAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The general meeting of the Chester-le-Street District Farmers' Club was held on Monday night at the Lambton Arms Inn, Mr James Bradford, Vigo House, presiding. The secretary (Mr Jas. Brewis) read letters from prominent gentlemen in the district respecting a suggestion that the county show should be held at Chester-le-Street this year.

Mr P. OSWALD and Mr T. BURN, as members of a deputation who waited upon Lord Durham, both said that his lordship was inclined to allow the show to be held in Lambton Park. (Applause.) The same deputation had also waited upon the Earl of Ravensworth, who stated that he would if possible attend the meeting of the Council of the County Association, to be held at Durham on Saturday, and vote for Chester-le-Street.

Mr James Joicey, M.P., wrote saying that if it was the wish of the Chester-le-Street people to have the show there he would support it. He would give a special prize, and if the secretary of the Chester-le-Street Farmers' Club would show him how he could be of further service he would gladly render that service. (Applause.)

Some discussion took place as to the suitability of the various grounds suggested on which to hold the show—Racecourse, Lambton Park; Deanery Park, Chester-le-Street; and one or other places—and it was ultimately decided that, after hearing the promises of support from the tradesmen and gentry in the immediate neighbourhood, to apply to Lord Durham asking him to grant the use of the racecourse in Lambton Park, and also to apply to Mr Luccock, The Deanery, Chester-le-Street, with a view of laying the decision of the club and the meeting before the Council.

Mr OSWALD said he had no doubt that Lord Durham and Mr Luccock would both be very willing to grant their grounds free of charge. He had had interviews with both, and either of the grounds was admirably adapted for the purpose required.

A large and influential deputation was appointed to wait upon the Council to urge the claims of Chester-le-Street, and represent to the Council the substantiality of the subsidiary fund guaranteed.

A CHESTER-LE-STREET TRADESMAN'S CONFESSION.

At Tynemouth Petty Sessions, on Monday, Jos. Witherspoon, Chester-le-Street, confectioner, was charged on his own confession with being concerned in the murder of Caroline Edith Winter, at Seaham Harbour, on the 2nd of August 1889.

Sergeant Bell said that on Sunday night, about 10·15, prisoner came to him in the High Street, Wallsend, and asked to be taken into custody. Prisoner asked witness if he recollected the murder of a little girl in a park at Middlesbrough, and said that he had been concerned in it. He took him into custody, and, when questioning prisoner at the station, he said it was not the Middlesbrough one he meant; he recollected more about the one at Seaham Harbour, and asked them to let Inspector Maxwell know that he had been captured. He said he could get no peace for the thought of it, and was tired of his life. He then locked him up. Prisoner was the worse for drink at the time he made this statement.

Prisoner, in answer to the Bench, said he was sorry for what had occurred, but there was really no truth in his statement whatever. He was a baker to trade, born and bred at Chester-le-Street.

Sergeant Bell said that he had mentioned these facts in his statement, adding that, since the murder he had been afraid to work at his own trade as a baker, and had since been working as a labourer at the Wallsend engineering Works.

Prisoner protested that there was no truth whatever in his communication to the police as to his having been concerned in any murder. He could only account for having made such statements by the condition he was in at the time he made them.

The Bench said he had brought himself into a very curious position, and they must remand him for a week until full inquiries were instituted by the police as to the truth or otherwise of his statements.

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THE PARISHONERS of the BROOMS being about to ERECT a MEMORIAL over the Grave of their Late Pastor, CANON KEARNEY, any Person wishing to Contribute towards the same, can do so by giving their Donation to any of the undermentioned Members of the Committee:—

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Sale to commence at One o'clock.
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Date and full particulars next week. 944d

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MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr Thomas Carter, Elm Park, near Shotley Bridge Station, who is declining Farming, to SELL BY AUCTION, the whole of his Valuable FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, DAIRY UTENSILS, POULTRY, and FURNITURE.
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By Mr John S. Murray.

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MR. J. S. MURRAY has received instructions to SELL BY AUCTION, subject to conditions which will be read at time of Sale, at the house of Mr. E. Wylam, Freemasons' Arms, Consett, on Monday, February 9th, 1891, all those Three New and Substantially-built, and Pleasantly and conveniently situated DWELLING-HOUSES (self-contained), One of 4 Rooms, and Two of Six Rooms each, situate at the junction of Palmerston Street and Taylor Street, Consett. Full particulars may be obtained from the Auctioneer.
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The Property will be Sold in one Lot.
Sale to commence at 6-30 p.m. prompt.
For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or to John Booth, Esq., Solicitor, Shotley Bridge.
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By Mr. J. Vickers.

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TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

Communications should reach us *not later* than Thursday morning.

Bad Roads at Spen and Chopwell.—Our correspondent complains of the filthy state of the roads at these places, and of the insufficient means adopted to make them better.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, February 6th, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.

Reference was made in the olden time to the presence in these days of publicans and sinners, and from that time down to the present many unjust strictures have been passed upon publicans. The latest breeze is wafted from the neighbourhood of Tow Law, in which out-of-the-way town an innkeeper is regarded as having sinned against the light by entertaining his customers and friends to dinner. It was hinted that, although the guests were entertained free of charge, they had by their patronage paid many times over for their dinners. That is no doubt true; but the same may be said of the patrons and customers of every respectable family grocer and butcher. The gentlemen engaged in the last-named trades sometimes feast their friends and make merry with them, and there is therefore no good reason why an innkeeper should be turned to ridicule for doing likewise. Drunkards and sots are as much detested by respectable publicans as they are disrespected by the public, and a deal more good would be accomplished in the way of social reform were the saddle placed on the right horse—the publican left to attend to his business, and the full responsibility of evil-doing brought home to the doors of the men who neglect to cultivate the virtue of self-denial. I have heard a temperance advocate speak of publicans as "six feet of lumber," but the same individual lacked the courage to tell his hearers that the whole matter rested with themselves—and not with either publicans or sinners.

CONSETT READING ROOM.

Reading and recreation rooms are among the latest and most prized fruits of modern civilisation, and the establishment of that order set afloat at Consett, a few years ago, seems to be very much appreciated by the class for whom it was intended. Personally, I have no great admiration for institutions of the class named, because I have for a long time contended that married men ought to stay at home in the evenings and assist the Mrs to nurse the baby and otherwise lighten her labours. Reading and recreation rooms are, however, very useful in their way, and judging from the annual report, presented by Mr Aynsley the other Thursday evening, it appears that good work is being done by the committee of management, which by the way represents all sorts and conditions of men.

MR JENKIN'S PORTRAIT.

The admirers of Mr Jenkins, the celebrated manager of the Consett Iron Works, will learn with satisfaction from the last issue of this journal that no less a distinguished artist than Mr George Reid, R.S.A., Edinburgh, has been commissioned by the local committee to execute the portrait in oil which it was determined several months ago should be presented to Mr Jenkins. The idea was a worthy one, and equally generous was the thought which prompted the gentlemen entrusted with the carrying out of the project that Mrs Jenkins should also participate in the honours lavished on her lord. It is meet that a man's wife should share very largely in the spoils which take, as in this instance, the form of public appreciation, for the very simple reason that when a man misses his mark and comes down the hill quicker than he ascended it, his wife must needs follow him and share perhaps more keenly than himself the disappointment attending the change. But Mrs Jenkins has happily not been forgotten, and the committee in doing honour to that lady—unintentionally of course—paid a tribute to their own good sense.

WIVES.

I had no thought this week of writing a note on wives, however instructive such a subject, if fairly well handled, would prove. But having referred incidentally to Mrs Jenkins and her right to share the honours awarded to her talented husband, it has occurred to me that comparatively few men have risen to distinction who, if they cared to tell the truth, were indebted in no small degree to the counsel of their wives. "We two are one," said the wag of a Quaker, when he handed the door-keeper of a public hall one ticket and pushed his way, accompanied by his wife, into the interior of the building. And so it is in sound earnest, for two heads are better than one, were they, as the saying goes, only sheep's heads. I have no idea how much Mrs Jenkins may have contributed to the success of her husband, but I happen to know that there are gentlemen now living within twenty miles of Consett, gentlemen in as good a position as the manager of the Consett Ironworks is, who owe all to their wives. I am acquainted with the head of an engineering firm, a very clever man, author of some half-dozen popular volumes; but the same gentleman does not blush to inform his friends that he enters upon no new contracts without first consulting his wife. That is complimentary to the ladies—is it not? But it is true all the same, nor has half the truth on this head ever come within the knowledge of human ken.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Petitions in favour of Sunday Closing were signed at the various places of worship in Consett on Sunday.

On Tuesday evening, the members of the Consett Quadrille Party held a "late night" in the New Town Hall, Consett. About 50 couples were present.

Wesleyan Home Missions.—On Sunday, the annual home mission sermons were preached in the Consett Wesleyan Chapel by Rev J. Clegg, Shotley Bridge.—Last (Thursday) night, the annual meeting was held, presided over by Mr Jesse Hall.

On Monday evening, the young women employed at Messrs John Annandale and Son's Paper Mills, Shotley Grove, held a ball in the New Town Hall, Consett. About 80 couples indulged in the pastime of dancing until the early hours of the morning. The music was supplied by Messrs T. Nixon and Chas. Lacey. The cost of the hall was kindly defrayed by Mr Annandale.

Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society.—On Wednesday evening, the weekly meeting of this society was held in the Nelson Street Schoolroom, Consett. The chair was occupied by Mr Wm. Foster, Consett.—Mr N. Bell, read an eloquent paper on "Baptism" to a fair company. Discussion was afterwards indulged in.

Telephonic Communications. — At the last meeting of the Durham County Council, the seal of the Council was set to a contract entered into by the Standing Joint Committee with the National Telephone Company, for connecting the County Police Station at Consett with the other stations, by telephone, and for other purposes.

Wesleyan Band of Hope.—As will be seen by our advertising columns, this flourishing society intend holding their next meeting in the Co-operative Hall, on Thursday first. We understand that the committee have taken this step as they find the Gibson Street schools too small for their crowded meetings. The character of the entertainments certainly is of a high class, and fully merit the patronage they have gained. We received a hearty welcome the last time we were there, and would recommend our readers, if they wish to spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening, to pay a visit to the Co-operative Hall, Consett, next Thursday night, at 7.30.—On Thursday evening week, the members of the Consett Wesleyan Band of Hope and Temperance Society, held a meeting in the Gibson Street Schools, which was presided over by Mr Edward Hobday (president) Consett. The building was crowded to excess. Mr L. W. Rowe, Consett, gave an instructive address. The enjoyable and instructive programme was rendered by the following:—Misses Ramsden, Brown, Weaver; Messrs G. Davidson, Nixon, J. Hamlin, Walton, W. Swainston, and Magson. Four members of the string band rendered two quartettes. The choir, under the leadeship of Mr Wm. Lowrie, gave selections of music. Several of the artistes received enthusiastic *encores* for their efforts. A collection was taken in aid of the "Banner of Hope." At the close, 15 signed the pledge.

The Ormonde Family.—From our advertising columns it will be observed that the talented and world-famous Ormonde Family is to give us a visit on Saturday. Dr. Ormonde's entertainments hav a very high reputation for elegance and variety. The press of Europe and America, and all shades of opinion, agree in speaking in the highest and most praiseworthy terms of the Ormonde Family. The *Times* and other leading papers speak of them in very complimentary language, the latter referring to the entertainments in the following terms:—"The entertainment is wholly beyond comparison with others of its class, and it comprises such varied attractions as provide for all tastes. Those present never spent a more pleasant or instructive evening." The *New York Herald* says:—"With the downfall of the curtain the audience rose *en masse* and loudly applauded for several minutes, amid shouts for Dr. Ormonde. The performance exceeded all expectation." Of Miss Lottie Ormonde (the youngest of the family), the *London Era* remarks:—"She came, she played, and she conquered." Her execution on the violin is simply marvellous, and for a child of her tender years, is unapproachable. She promises to be the "Neruda" of the future. We would strongly recommend our readers to remember Saturday evening next, and the Ormonde Family in the New Town Hall, as they are certain to have an entertainment of the highest class placed before them.

BLACKHILL.

Annual Dinner.—The stocktakers in the employment of the Consett Iron Company, together with the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and a number of their fellow-workmen, held their annual supper on Saturday night, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Blackhill. Upwards of 70 persons partook of an excellent repast, provided and served up by Mr and Mrs Young, the host and hostess. Subsequently, Mr Jos. Eltringham was called upon to preside; while Mr Rd. Pearson filled the vice-chair.—The chairman proposed the loyal toats, and then gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteer forces," to which Mr J. A. Jack responded.—Mr T. Johnson submitted "Success to the stocktakers," and the sentiment was warmly pledged, and suitably acknowledged by Mr J. T. Muir.—The other toasts included "The host and hostess" and "The musicians." The chairman, replying on behalf of the former, and Mr J. Wood for the latter.—Some popular songs were contributed by Messrs A. Wood, J. Dick, T. Atkinson, Ward Davison, and others. Mr J. Wood accompanying on the pianoforte. Mr T. Wright played violin solos, while Mr T. Clennell executed selections on the Northumberland pipes.—At the close of an enjoyable evening, it was suggested by Mr T. Johnson that a testimonial be got up for Mr Clennell for his skilful performances on the pipes.—The idea was received with hearty acclamation, and a small committee formed for promoting the presentation, several subscriptions being received in the room.

Mechanics' Institute.—The annual meeting of the members of the Blackhill Mechanics' Institute was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr R. Walton presiding, there being a good muster.—The yearly report, presented by Mr J. T. Muir (secretary) indicated that the Institute had passed through a successful 12 months. There had been an increase in the membership and the finances were satisfactory a balance being retained in hand. The total number of members is upwards of 100.—The report and financial statement were adopted.—The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Ald. Wm. Jenkins; the vice-presidents were reappointed; secretary, Mr J. T. Muir; auditors, Messrs W. S. Leybourne and Jos. Askew; committee, Messrs J. Inglis, R. Heymer, W. Pollock, T. Williams, R. Colpits, J. McTaggart, J. Young, J. Eltringham, Wm. Richardson, W. H. Hooper, E. J. Sloane and Sergt. R. Tate.—Afterwards, Mr W. Raw, auctioneer, sold the magazines, newspapers, &c., for the ensuing half-year, satisfactory prices being realised.—It is intended to subscribe to some additional papers this year. During the past year, some fifty volumes of books have been added to the library, making a total of over 1,000 books. The amusement room is fairly well patronised, and the Institute appears to be doing a useful work in Blackhill.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A fancy dress ball was given in the Assembly Rooms, Shotley Bridge, on Friday night.

Benefit Concert.—On Wednesday night, a most successful miscellaneous concert was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, for the benefit of John Little, who has been unable to follow his employment for several weeks. Mr Geo. Richardson occupied the chair, and there was a large and enthusiastic audience. The *artistes* were purely local, and volunteered their services.

Alleged Robbery from a Commercial Traveller.—At Shotley Bridge Occasional Court yesterday (Thursday)—before Councillor James Annandale—*James Hagan*, a labourer, on tramp, was charged with stealing a Gladstone bag, containing dress patterns, books, &c., the property of Thomas Cowper, a commercial traveller, of Westmoreland Terrace, Newcastle, from Mr Redshaw's, Commercial Inn, Consett, on Wednesday, and also with stealing a pair of boots from the establishment of King and Gillespie, Middle Street, Consett.—Accused was remanded for a week.

St Cuthbert's, Benfieldside.—A special edition of *The Continuity of the English Church*, by Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., vicar of Benfieldside, has been asked for, on behalf of Church people in the United States of America, by *The Living Church*, a leading Church paper. The book is recommended by the Bishop of Connecticut, presiding Bishop of the American Church (in communion with Church of England), which has now seventy Bishops.

Occasional Court.—At Shotley Bridge Court-House on Wednesday, before Councillor Jas. Annandale, *Matthew Farroll* (60), and *David Davison* (30), labourers, and *John Rogers* (29), bricklayer, for being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Tuesday night, were fined 5s and costs or seven days hard labour.—*Jane Dowel* (26), of Alnwick, on tramp, married woman, who carried a baby in her arms, was discharged for being drunk and incapable at Blackhill, the same night. She was exhibited in Consett as the "strongest female in the world," lifting heavy weights with her hair, and allowing her husband to break large stones upon her chest. He had left her, and she got on the spree.—The woman was discharged.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Proposed Local Board.—In Chester-le Street a movement is on foot for the establishment of a Local Board. At present the local administration of the town is very much mixed, and the public work is generally inadequately done. The cost of the suggested form of local government is objected to by some, but the present method is costly also, because wasteful. A Local Board must be formed sooner or later; many of the inhabitants think that the sooner it is established the better.

Durham County Agricultural Show.—Respecting the application of Chester-le-Street to have the annual county show held there this year, Mr James Brewis, secretary of the Chester-le-Street and District Farmers' Club, received a letter on Wednesday from the Earl of Durham stating that his lordship would willingly grant the use of the racecourse, Lambton Park, for the show if the committee chose that site. "As to the guarantee fund," writes his lordship, "you can put me down for £100." Other letters of a satisfactory nature have reached Mr Brewis, and the local committee have received every encouragement.

Sir E. Sullivan at Fatfield.—A meeting in support of the candidature of Sir Edward Sullivan who is to contest the Chester-le-Street Division in the Unionist interest, was held on Monday night, in the School-room, under the auspices of Fatfield and Harraton Branch of Durham County Liberal Unionist Association. Mr F. Stobart presided, and was accompanied on the platform by Sir Ed. Sullivan, Mrs Stobart, Mr F. J. Matthews, Mr L. H. Hater, Mr T. C. Renwick, Mr J. Southern, Mr G. Forster (North Biddick), Dr McLean, Mr J. F. Cook, Mr J. Cook (North Biddick Hall), and Mr J. Southern, jun. There was a good attendance.

ROWLEY.

A Correction.—In our report of the entertainment and supper at Rowley Baptist Chapel last week, the ladies who presided at the tables should have read the Misses Angus, of Horsleyhope.

MICKLEY.

Floral and Horticultural Society.—The annual meeting was held in the school-room, on Monday night, Mr G. Middleton in the chair. The secretary's report showed a good balance in hand. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr M. Liddle, Hindley Hall, Stocksfield; vice-presidents, Messrs S. Little and T. W. Pattinson, Mickley Riding; chairman of the committee, Mr Geo. E. Middleton; secretary, Mr T. Brown, treasurer, Mr W. Ridley. It was decided to hold another brass band contest, and to increase the open class and bicycle prizes.

LANGLEY PARK.

Presentation.—On Wednesday evening, a presentation was made by the choir and members of the Langley Park Wesleyan Chapel, to Mr Robt. Peel. Mr Peel, who is leaving for Bede College, Durham, has for the last few years ably filled the place of organist for the above chapel. The presentation, a purse of gold, and an Oxford Bible, was made by Mr D. Crabb, to which Mr Robt. Peel referred in appropriate terms. During the evening, anthems, solos, duets, and readings were given by members of the choir. Mr John Dodgson kindly officiated as chairman.

MEDOMSLEY.

On Wednesday evening, the Highgate Baptist Choir gave one of their services of song, entitled "Coals of fire," in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, to a very fair company. The vicar of Medomsley, Rev W. Cockin, M.A., was expected to have occupied the chair, but through some unforseen circumstances the rev gentleman did not make his appearance. Mr Wm. Richardson, an old tried veteran, was to the fore, and that gentleman at once introduced to the Medomsley friends Mr Jones, the congenial and talented musician, and his splendid and artistic choir, in a very pleasing way. The first, on opening, piece was "The Lord is my Shepherd," which was well rendered, Mr Jones taking the solo part, rendering it with much effect. The next piece was "Since first Thy word," and the following pieces, viz — "Not ashamed of Christ," "Steep and thorny," anthem, "They that go down to the sea," "Infinite power," "There shall be no more sin," "Rest for the weary," "The contrite heart," and the chorus, "They that trust in the Lord," were all admirably given, and it would be vain to particularise the anthems, choruses, and solo pieces, as they were well sustained by the lady and gentlemen vocalists. Mr Robson, of Medomsley, a young man of exceptional abilities, read the connective readings in a most pleasing way throughout, and the accompaniment on the organ by Mr Thompson were creditably performed. After an hour-and-a-half's pure enjoyment, the usual votes of thanks were awarded to Mr Jones, his choir, and the chairman brought the happy proceedings to a close.

LEADGATE.

New Canons.—His Holiness the Pope has been graciously pleased to appoint Father Dunn, Newcastle; Father Greene, South Shields; and Father Taylor-Smith, Wolsingham, Canons of St. Mary's Cathedral, in the room of the late Canons Curry (Carlisle) and Kearney (The Brooms), and the vacancy caused by the elevation of Dr Wilkinson to the Bishopric of the diocese.

LANCHESTER.

Wesleyan Foreign Missions.—The annual missionary meeting was held at Lanchester on Wednesday night, there being a good company present. Mr J. Buckham presided, and able addresses were delivered by the Rev W. J. George, Sunderland (formerly of Leeds circuit) and Rev J. H. Taylor, Consett.

PELTON FELL.

Special mission services have been conducted by Miss Taylor, of Cornforth, in the Primitive Methodist Chapel since January 11th. On Sunday afternoon, the sermon was preached by Mr Thomas Minors, Pelton Fell. Between the afternoon and evening services, the Mission Brass Band played round part of the village, as on former Sundays. This band is the outcome of a former mission conducted by the late Mrs Parmerley, of Stanhope, last summer. Long before the evening service commenced, every seat was occupied. Miss Taylor preached in the evening—subject, "The blind beggar." Services were also held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. On Thursday the mission was brought to a close. This mission, although not at present showing any large results, has proved a blessing to many, and has also aroused a large number to a sense of their responsibility. The sermons, although not classical ones, were full of plain Gospel truths and force, yet setting forth the love of God to fallen man.

WEST STANLEY.

Special Missionary Service.—In connection with special efforts now being made by the Church of England over a wide area, in behalf of foreign mission work, a service was held in West Stanley Church, on Wednesday se'nnight. There was only a fair attendance. The special preacher was Rev T. Stewart (vicar of Gateshead), and the prayers were read by the vicar, Rev J. Crennell, and the lessons by Rev J. Bridges, the newly-appointed curate of Tanfield, and Rev L. M. Chesters, curate of Beamish.

Cricket Club.—The annual entertainment was given on Wednesday night in the National Schools, West Stanley, before a very large audience, by Mr George Sands' celebrated musical troupe from Newcastle. The first part was devoted to miscellaneous selections. In Part II Mr Sands' Momous played twelve difficult instruments. Messrs Wood and Preston appeared as the funny comedians, and the concluding item was a laughable sketch, called "The wig makers."

Wesleyan Chapel.—On Wednesday night, a magic lantern exhibition was given on "Stanley's Emin Pasha relief expedition" to a good company, in the Wesleyan Chapel, West Stanley, by Mr H. Mallams, who creditably acquitted himself, this being the first time he has officiated in public. The reader was Mr R. Eltringham. The proceeds were in aid of Dr Stephenson's Orphan Homes, London.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Wesleyan Chapel. — On Sunday, the home mission sermons were preached at Annfield Plain, by Mr J. Robinson, Kirbymoorside. On Tuesday evening, the annual pubic meeting was held.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached in this place of worship at Annfield Plain, in the afternoon by Messrs Thos. Carr and J. Johnson, Annfield Plain, and in the evening by Mr P. Reay, Annfield Plain. Good congregations were present, and collections were taken on behalf of the circuit fund.

WEARDALE.

The painful accident which befell the youth Roddam, whose arm was fearfully crushed by a cask in the cellar of the King's Arms, St. John's, excites much sympathy. Mr Bright has instructed Dr Bourne to do what he can to save the limb.

The Dale Bridges.—The County Council instructed the County Surveyor to procure tenders for the rebuilding of the following bridges:—Daddryshields, estimated cost, £1,700; Ireshope Burn, £1,050; Wearhead, £1,250. The work of rebuilding has to be proceeded with in the spring.

The Ironstone Crisis.—The ironstone industry in Weardale still continues at the reduced output, which, however, was increased 50 tons per week on the letter from the men to the Iron Company and Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It is to be hoped that this will continue until the spring flood-gates of commerce are ajar and the demand increases. It is some solace to the Vicar and his friends who put their plea to the front that much gratitude is expressed for the small mercies. The improvements of the Commissioners are giving work to those who were idle.

WESTWOOD.

Magic Lantern Entertainment.—On Monday evening, an entertainment similar to that which was provided by Mr Wheeler last week, was given by Miss Wheeler at Railway Terrace, Westwood. There was a large attendance of children to witness the proceedings, and the exhibition was highly appreciated.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

A Large Egg.—The other day, a hen, the property of Mr R. Robson, Allendale Cottages, laid an egg which measured six inches from end to end and four inches in circumference.

Formation of a Cycling Club.—A meeting for the purpose of forming a cycling club for Medomsley and Ebchester districts, was advertised for Wednesday evening, at Allendale Cottages. Owing to some misunderstanding, only a few cyclists put in an appearance and the meeting was adjourned without anything definite having been done.

The Reason Why.—We can vouch for the following:—The other evening, as four young men, hailing from Allendale Cottages, were on the road between Shotley Bridge Station and Medomsley, one of them, who was carrying an overcoat, exclaimed:—"Aw wish it wad come on rain." "What for, Geordie," said another, "Because its such a fine neet to be carrying a topcoat under yor erm." Much laughter was caused by the unlooked-for reply, the remaining three nearly splitting their sides with convulsions.

SWALWELL.

The usual Band of Hope meeting was held in the school-room, Swalwell, on Monday night, Mr Y. Spencer presiding. The Swalwell Methodist New Connexion choir, under the leadership of Mr Thos. Harwood, jun., rendered their parts well. Solos were given by Mrs Bradley, Messrs Charlton, Summers, and Chatterly; duets by Miss B. Harwood and Master G. Harwood, also by Mrs Bradley and her brother; recitations by Misses B. Harwood, E. Hepple. Miss Briggs sang a duet, and a solo was sung by E. A. Burlenson, who was accompanied on the violin by her brother. Mr R. Whitfield presided at the harmonium. The pleasing feature of the meeting was that about 200 oranges were given away by G. R. Ramsay, Esq., who is always ready to help on this work.

TANFIELD LEA.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday, the anniversary services in connection with the Tanfield Lea chapel, were again continued. Sermons were preached.—afternoon and evening—by Mr H. C. Wood, of Burnopfield. Collections were taken in aid of the trust fund.

GREENCROFT.

Special services are at present being conducted in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Greencroft Cottages, by Miss Waggot, of Leadgate. Large congregations attend the sanctuary nightly to hear this evangelist.

SATLEY.

We learn that the Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Vicar of Satley, has so far recovered from his illness that he was enabled to get out of bed yesterday (Thursday) for the first time during the past three weeks.

Sudden Death.—A Queer Admixture.—On Monday, Ellen Watson (29), a married woman, living at Badagoss, near Satley, died very suddenly. It appears that she retired to rest in her usual state of health, on February 1st., at 11 o'clock at night. Shortly afterwards, she commenced to cough. Her husband gave her a doze of cough medicine, which his wife had purchased at Tow Law. He administered some castor oil, tea, warm water, and sugar. Mrs Watson became worse, however, and died about 12.30 on Tuesday morning. No inquest was held.

HARE LAW.

Burial Board.—On Thursday week, the usual meeting of this Board was held in the Hare Law Board Schools.—Rev J. Gornall, vicar of Collierley, presided. The other members present were:—Messrs P. Reay, J. Swallow and W. Rutherford, and the Clerk (W. S. Telford). Various communications were read from the contractors, with regard to the delay of the work in connection with the new burial ground.—After a short discussion, it was resolved to arrange a special meeting to meet the contractors and the architect with regard to the work, unless satisfactory progress was made in the meantime.—Cheques were signed for the sum of £21, after which the Board adjourned.

IVESTON.

School.—The managers of the above school at Iveston, have to acknowledge a most timely and generous offer to enable them to clear off the debt of £24, still remaining in connexion with the recent extension of the building. Councillor R. Murray, who gave a donation of £2 2s previously, has handsomely offered another of £10, provided the managers raise the balance within six months. As might be expected they have been only too glad to close with Mr Murray's generous offer, and they would venture to appeal to their friends who have already helped them, to enable them to get the old village school free of debt. Contributions will be gladly received by any of the managers or Mr Wm. Ward, secretary.

WHICKHAM.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday night, in the Primrose League Hall, Whickham, under the auspices of Chester-le-Street Division Conservative Association, in support of Sir E. Sullivan, Unionist candidate. Mr J. J. Hunter occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Sir Edward Sullivan, Mr Ed. Eccles and Mr L. H. Hayter.

WOLSINGHAM.

One of the greatest public needs Wolsingham feels is the want of a commodious hall or lecture-room that would hold four hundred or five hundred people.

A great amount of sympathy is felt in Wolsingham for the popular second minister of the Wesleyan circuit (Rev R. Garbett) at his prolonged indisposition. The rev. gentleman has been unable to perform his ordinary duties for some time.

On Saturday night, the members of Wolsingham Wesleyan Chapel choir and a few friends held their annual social in the day school. Miss Parker, assisted by Miss Nellie Pettitt, presided at the tables. Various games were indulged in.

Last Saturday, the mortal remains of Mr Geo. Raine were consigned to their last resting place in Wolsingham churchyard. Deceased was well-known in the neighbourhood. A vast number of relatives and friends joined the *cortege* as it arrived at Wolsingham from Sedgefield Asylum, whither deceased had to be conveyed only a fortnight previously. He leaves a widow and grown up family. Deceased was 61 years of age.

Chess Club.—A meeting was held to form a chess club in connexion with the Mechanics' Institute, Wolsingham, and already 25 members have joined. Mr R. W. Wraith presided, and after explaining the object of the meeting he was unanimously elected captain of the club. Mr T. Woodhams was appointed vice-captain, and Mr J. Pybourne, who was mainly instrumental in bringing the project to a successful issue, was appointed hon. secretary.

Supt. Liddell and the Wolsingham Bench.—Supt. Liddell, of Stanhope, who is about to retire from the police force, after a long and faithful service, was complimented on his retirement at the Wolsingham Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, by both the legal profession and the Bench.—Mr Teale, of Bishop Auckland, on behalf of the legal profession, spoke in laudatory terms of the fairness with which he conducted the business at Wolsingham Petty Sessional Court.—Mr Backhouse, chairman of the bench, said he and his colleagues endorsed the sentiments so ably expressed by Mr Teale in reference to Supt. Liddell, who had served them long, ably, and well, and was an officer who had won their esteem and respect, and they regretted him leaving them.—Supt. Liddell briefly but feeling replied, and said he had done his duty as far as he could in seeing the public protected and crime punished. He had spent two-thirds of his life in the force, and would remember the kindness of the bench and legal profession as long as he lived. Mr Liddell was a police-sergeant while stationed at Cockton, and subsequently removed to Durham, where he was elevated to the position of Inspector. On the retirement of Supt. Thubron (who has a son now a police-constable at Lancester) Mr Liddell was appointed to succeed him as superintendent of the Stanhope and Wolsingham Division.

STANHOPE.

A successful sewing meeting tea was held in the Bank Room, Stanhope, on Saturday evening, in aid of the High Street Chapel mission. The tea was given by P.C. Lowther, of London, who at one time was a member of the mission, but left Stanhope to join the Metropolitan police force.

Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home.—Mr J. J. Robinson, organising secretary for the Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home, writes from Stanhope:—Friends and supporters of this movement will be glad to learn that the active work of the past few months has borne good fruit. Whereas in 1890 but sixteen tickets for that year had been subscribed up to April 5th no fewer than eighty-one have been subscribed for in 1891 between January 1st and January 31st of the present year. The annual meeting of delegates—one delegate for each ticket—will be held on Saturday.

Death of an Old Resident.—Elsie Elliott, Stone House, Stanhope, died at the house of her daughter, Mrs Gardner, on Wednesday, at the age of 97 years. She has been ill and bedfast for some time, and broke her leg one day last week while turning over in bed, which no doubt has accelerated her death. For several years she was blind but got her second sight. She was well-known and highly respected.

ROOKHOPE.

Church Missions.—On Friday evening, the Barrington School, Rookhope, was crowded with villagers to hear a lantern lecture on "Ceylon," and an address on mission work, by Rev F. W. C. Rigby, who for eleven years has been working amongst the "coolies" and Singalese. Rev J. P. Shepherd presided.

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.

Derwent Rangers v Lily.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a draw of two goals each.

Hedley Hill Fell Harriers v. Parkwood Rovers.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the Harriers by three goals to nil.

Consett Albion v Blaydon Albion.—The match was played at Blaydon, and after an exciting and even game the home team were victorious by three goals to two.

Whickham v Blackhall Mill Rovers.—Played on the ground of the latter, when a one-sided game resulted in a victory for the visitors by five goals to one. The Rovers broke the game up ten minutes before time.

Tantobie Royal Stars v White-le-Head.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by two goals and one disputed goal to one.

Esh Excelsiors 2nd v Brarpark Red Rose.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good game resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to three.

Derwent Cottages Ramblers v Lintz Merry Rovers.—Played on the ground of the former in two forties. The game resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

Blackhill Park v Blackhill Violets.—Played at Blackhill. The Violets won the toss, and decided to play with the wind in their favour. At half-time the score stood one goal each. In the latter half of the game the Park had much the best of the play, and succeeded in scoring four more goals. When the whistle blew the score stood thus:—Park, five goals; Violets, two goals.

Quebec St. Michael's v Consett White Stars.—Played on the ground of the former at Esh Laude, in two twenty-fives. The home team won the toss, and selected to play against the wind. Consett kicked off, and scored a goal in the first five minutes, and nothing more was added during the first half. Quebec restarted, and going off with a rush, Waugh scored the first point for the home team. The "Saints" now had the game in hand, and eventually won easily by seven goals to one. S. Garr, the Quebec custodian, kept goal splendidly.

Hobson Rovers 3rd v Byer Moor 3rd.—Played at the Hobson in windy weather. In the first half Hobson pressed, and scored three goals. After the change of ends, with the exception of occasional runs by the Rovers' forwards, Byer Moor had the best of the game, but owing to the good defence of the Hobson backs, they were unable to score, the final result being:—Hobson, three goals; Byer Moor, nil. The Hobson team was—Goal, J. Henry; backs, C. Hall and R. Hindhaugh; half-backs, Smith, McHugh, and White; forwards, Hindhaugh, Hall, Carradice, Maddison, and Liddle.

Langley Park Rovers v Pelton Fell Harriers.—Played at Langley Park in two thirties. The home team won the toss, and the visitors kicked off against a stiff breeze. The home team soon bombarded the Harriers' goal, giving the goalkeeper plenty of work, and during the first half the Rovers put on three goals to nil. On restarting, the visitors, with the wind in their favour, gave the home goalkeeper some work, which he did well, saving some good shots; but not to be denied the Harriers drew level, and in the last half scored three goals. The Rovers failed to further add to their score, and the game ended in a draw of three goals each.

Cornsay Rovers v Sacriston Heroes.—Played on the ground of the former in two thirties. The afternoon was very windy, and the game was unsatisfactory to both teams. The Cornsay team had the best of the game throughout, and when the whistle blew for time the result was:—Cornsay, three goals (one disputed); Sacriston, one goal. The winners were represented by the following team:—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, J. Austin and E. Austin; half-backs, J. Raw, A. Hendy, and J. McGowan; forwards, G. Simpson and T. Rogers, left wing; James Austin, centre; T. Kidd (capt.) and J. W. Sargent, right wing. Umpire, Mr H. McGowan.

West Stanley Temperance v Allendale Heroes—Played at Stanley in a gale of wind. The visitors won the toss and playing with wind and hill in their favour at once began to press, and gained a few corners which proved fruitless. The home team began to pull themselves together, and the left wing carried the ball to the other end of the field and had hard lines in not scoring. The visitors carried it back again and beseiged the home goal but could not break down the home defence, which was splendid. Half-time arrived with no scores on either side. In the second half the home team had the wind and hill in their favour, and at once began to press, and Masterman sent in a beauty which the goalkeeper fisted out in splendid style, but the referee never blew the whistle and said it was no goal, and the visitors left the field after five minutes play in the second period.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

First Round.

Leadgate Exiles v Medomsley.—These teams met on the Exiles' ground to decide their tie, but as the appointed referee (Dr A. P. Arnold, Gateshead) failed to put in an appearance, the teams agreed to play a friendly game, the Exiles winning by two goals to nil. The tie will be brought off at Leadgate to-morrow (Saturday).

Dipton Wanderers v Tanfield Lea.—Played on the ground of the latter, before a large gathering of spectators. Great interest was manifested in the match, as the teams are about equally matched, and the game was of a very exciting character. Tanfield kicked off amidst loud shouts of "Play up, the blues" and "Play up, Dipton," and the game was even for about ten minutes, when one of the Dipton half-backs sent in a long shot. Smith secured and sent through when off-side, as there was only one back and the goalkeeper in front of him when he received the ball, but the referee disallowed the claim. The home team now wakened up, and soon attacked the Dipton goal, gaining two or three corners in quick succession, which Smith placed well in, and from one of these a scrimmage ensued, and Tanfield equalised amid great excitement. From now till half-time the game was mostly in midfield, the whistle sounding with the score as under—

Tanfield ....One goal
Dipton ....One goal

On resuming, the second half was evenly contested, both goalkeepers having little to do. Towards the finish the home team wore out their opponents, and but for the grand defensive game played by Tuson and Walker, would have scored before the call of time, when the score remained unchanged. Extra time was played, but neither team could increase their score, and the final result of a very even game was as under—

Tanfield ....One goal
Dipton ....One goal

Leadgate Park Reserve v Leadgate Exiles Reserve.—This tie was brought off on the Park ground, before 500 spectators. A strong wind which blew across the ground greatly interfered with the play. The Exiles won the toss, and elected to defend the south goal. Jackson kicked off, and until half-time play was of an even nature, the interval arriving without either team having scored. J. Costello commenced the second half, and the Park at once began to press. Todd and Haggerstone made a fine run, but the former failed at goal. From the free kick the Exiles made up the field, but were checked by Walker and Foreman. A free kick was given to the Park, and Walker landed the ball well down the field, and from a miskick by one of the Exiles, the home team scored the first goal. On commencing again, the game became very fast, and shortly afterwards Jackson got possession, and passing halves and backs, scored the second goal. The latter portion of the game was more even, both goals being visited, but as neither team succeeded in breaking the opposing defence, the final score stood as under—

Park ....Two goals
Exiles ....Nil

The following represented the Park:—Goal, J. Day; backs, E. R. Walker and Wm. Foreman; half-backs, T. Stephenson, G. Brown, and T. Kennedy; forwards, J. Todd and J. Haggerstone (2), right wing; F. Jackson, centre; J. Snowdon and J. Brown, left wing. Umpire, Mr A. Graham. Referee, Mr T. Bryson, Bishop Auckland.

Hedley Harriers v Etherley.—This tie was played on the ground of the former, before a large number of spectators, who evinced great interest in the game. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play with the wind in their favour. Dixon kicked off, but the visitors got possession, and soon put in a shot which was well saved. Theobald made a grand run for the Harriers, but failed to get past the backs. Etherley pressed again, and put in a shot which rolled across the goal mouth, but none of the forwards being up, the visitors missed a splendid chance of scoring. The home team played up strongly, and Jas. Harrison put in a good run, but was prevented from becoming dangerous on account of the excellent defence of the Etherley backs. The visitors seemed determined to score, and were shortly afterwards successful. They put in another good shot, which Potts saved well, Rowell and Benson also playing a grand game. At half-time the score stood—

Etherley ....One goal
Harriers ....Nil

On resuming, the ball was quickly carried to the visitors' quarters, but the attack was repulsed. Rowell then took a throw-in for the Harriers, and Jas. Harrison headed the first goal for the home team amid loud cheers. The Harriers were now having much the best of the play, and kept the Etherley defenders busy. A corner was awarded the homesters, which Harrison placed nicely, and Jas. Harrison scored the second goal. The home half-backs and forwards were now playing a grand game, and from another well placed corner by Harrison, Theobald rushed the third goal. Nothing more was scored, the final result being—

Harriers ....Three goals
Etherley ....One goal

The following represented the Harriers:—Goal, R. Potts; backs, Rowell and Benson; half-backs, Harrison, Forster, and Sewell; forwards, Brydon and Brown (capt.), right wing; Theobald, centre; Jas. Harrison and Dixon, left wing. Umpire, Mr Turnbull.

Tow Law v Shildon Town.—Played in a perfect gale at Tow Law on Saturday. The home team scored in the first minute, and added another just before half-time. Changing ends Shildon put two goals on in five minutes. Nothing more was scored when time was called, the game ending in a draw of two goals each. Extra time was played, but after playing fifteen minutes, the referee stopped the game owing to darkness setting in. Mr A. Foster, Bishop Auckland, officiated as referee.

RUGBY.

Ryton Juniors failed to turn up to play Wallsend 3rd.

Blaydon 2nd v Stargate.—Played at Blaydon. Final score:—Blaydon, one try and six minors; Stargate, one minor.

Hexham Violets v Ryton Juniors.—This match was played in the Tynedale field at Hexham, and resulted in a victory for the home team by one goal to nil.

Consett v Wallsend.—These well-known teams came together on the Avenue Grounds, Wallsend, before a large number of spectators. The ground was in capital condition, but a strong wind from the west rendered good play difficult. The game was played in two twenty-fives, in a perfect hurricane. The home team won the toss, and played with the wind in their favour. Consett kicked off, and Lawson returned, the wind driving the ball into the visitors' quarters. After some hard scrimmaging, the Consett men dribbled well into the home ground, but good passing and kicking brought the leather to the other end of the field, where F. Bell scored for Wallsend, and Lawson converted. Before half-time the home team secured another try, and the ball was again sent over the bar. When the whistle sounded at the interval the score was—

Wallsend ....Two goals
Consett ....Nil

Even play continued during the remaining half of the game. The Consett men played up remarkably well, however, against the superior weight of their opponents, some good playing by both teams being witnessed. With the wind in their favour, the visitors made a plucky effort to turn the tables, and began to press, having decidedly the best of the game, but could only score one try, which was obtained by L. McTaggart after a splendid run from half-way. Owing to the difficult position the point was not improved upon, although J. Anderson made a capital attempt. The home club dropped out, and some give-and-take play ensued, Consett eventually commencing to press. Notwithstanding the fact that they kept the ball within a foot or so of the Wallsend line, they were unable to notch any further points, Ed. Gibson having hard lines in not scoring. Final score—

Wallsend ....Two goals, eight minors
Consett....................One try, two minors

The following composed the teams:—Wallsend—Full back, F. McClay; three-quarter backs, J. L. Dees, S. Anderson, and W. Milligan; half-backs, T. Grant and J. McBlain; forwards, G. Landells, A. Buckley, J. Smith, J. Nesbitt, J. Parkinson, W. Robinson, J. Aitken, W. Young, and E. Hunter. Consett—Full back, J. Aitken; three-quarter backs, E. McElrue, J. Brown, and P. Gibson; half-backs, G. Smiles and F. Rule; forwards, J. G. Askew, L. McTaggart, E. Gibson, E. Robson, W. Brown, G. Aitken, J. Anderson, and G. Davidson (one short). Mr Jas. McBlain officiated as referee.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

Third Round.

Hamsteels v South Shields Holy Trinity.—These teams met on the Hamsteels ground in the above competition. On the call of time, the referee (Mr Bruce) declared the game a draw, neither side having scored. He ordered the opposing teams to play an extra ten minutes, which Trinity refused to do, and left the field.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

CONSETT BEATEN, BUT NOT DISGRACED.

After a lapse of many weeks, the Consett Rugby team again entered the football arena on Saturday last, opposing Wallsend on the ground of the latter. Owing to various causes, the visitors were represented by what was practically a second team, and in addition, played one short throughout. The home team had the advantage of a very strong wind in the first half, and crossed over with the substantial lead of two goals to nil. Notwithstanding their weakened forces, Consett had decidedly the best of the game in the second period, and while preventing Wallsend from adding further to their score, put on a try and two minors.

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Every credit is due to the Consettonians for their plucky stand. When informed on Saturday of the team they had journeyed to Wallsend with, I felt quite certain they would have a record score run up against them, considering the strong game the Wallsend men always play at home and the tremendous advantage they would have in the matter of weight. Instead of that, however, the visitors gave the home team a real good game, and with another man in the pack, there would have been very little in it. The whole of the Consett fourteen played a splendid game, and fairly surprised the Wallsenders. Parkinson, Anderson, Bell, and Landells were the best of the homesters. I understand that this is the last Rugby match the first team will play, and that the second fifteen will carry out the remaining fixtures. After this season the club will probably adopt the Association game.

THE JUNIOR CUP.

DIPTON WANDERERS V. TANFIELD LEA.

As everybody expected, a hard tussle resulted from the meeting of the above teams, and the game was of an exciting character from beginning to end. The home team had slightly the best of matters towards the finish of the match, and but for Tuson and Walker being in grand form, Tanfield would have scored. T. Walker and Leadbitter were the best of the forwards, although Gilliard and Smith were frequently prominent. N. Gailes, Holmes, and Gaffney played a good passing game right through for the home team, and the former made the best run of the day, going the length of the field and passing four of the Dipton men in grand style, finishing up with a good shot at goal which just cleared the bar. Smith and J. Milburn played a good game at half-back, and continually broke up the short passing of the Dipton forwards. Both goalkeepers had little to do, but the goal scored against the home team the custodian did not attempt to stop, as off-side was claimed. He should have played at the ball, as the whistle had not gone when the ball went through. The home team assert that there were only two players in front of Smith when he received the ball from the half-backs, but the referee gave a goal. Although extra time was played, the game was left drawn, and the tie will be re-played at Dipton to-morrow (Saturday).

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PARK RESERVE V. EXILES RESERVE.

The reserve championship of Leadgate was satisfactorily decided on Saturday, when the above teams met in the Junior Cup. The match has been looked forward to with much interest ever since the draw was made known, as both teams have splendid records for the season. There was a large "gate," and the supporters of each club did not forget to encourage their respective favourites. In the first "45" play ruled very even, and at lemon time neither side had opened their account. On the resumption of hostilities, the Park had rather the best of the game, and soon scored through a mistake by one of the visitors. Then that veteran, Frank Jackson, just to show that he is not yet done with, put in a good run, and eluding the Exiles' backs and halves, made the Park total into two. Nothing further resulted, the home team thus proving themselves superior to their old opponents by two goals to nil.

Considering the great rivalry that exists between the two teams, the game on the whole [illegible] contested. Of course, the spectators [illegible] quietly noisy, as usual, and I have been in[illegible] were somewhat three bouts with fist cuffs took [illegible] informed that two or Jackson (good old Frank) [illegible] place. For the Park, and Snowdon played [illegible] Todd, Foreman, Walker, James McMahon [illegible] splendidly, while B. Rogers, for the Exiles, [illegible] and O'Neal were very conspicuous.

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HEDLEY HARRIERS V. ETHERLEY.

Well done, the Harriers. I congratulate you on beating Etherley so handsomely. The latter are a good team, notwithstanding the severe drubbing the Park administered to them at the beginning of the season. On Saturday, the Harriers played a splendid game, every man performing well, and they fully deserved their victory. Potts, Rowell, Benson, Theobald, and the two Harrisons were always prominent. The Harriers will have a stiff fight in the next round, as they are drawn to play the winner of the Tow Law v Shildon Town match away from home.

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THE COMPLAINT AGAINST THE EXILES.

Mr John Costello writes:—"Dear Sir,—I was very much surprised in looking over your notes of last week to find a letter under the above heading, and I certainly think it would have been more honourable on your correspondent's part, and more in harmony with his concluding remark, had he offered an apology on behalf of the Harriers for their treatment of the Exiles on that day, as it certainly differed very much from the treatment they received at Leadgate on Christmas Day, when our men went to the authorities and got permission to have the house open for them. They had a comfortable warm room to change in, and a bath afterwards. They were also provided with tea, and received eight shillings as their share of the gate, and we parted in goodfellowship. Coming to the 24th Jan.—the day set for the return fixture—was a boisterous day. When the Exiles arrived at Stanley, they were taken to a public-house to change, but upon entering were told by the landlord there was no room for them. The players got into the brake again, and gave the driver extra fare to take them to the field, to change in a cow-shed; but before they had divested themselves of all their clothing, the owner of that commodious mansion put in his appearance, and ordered them outside with a threat of legal proceedings. It is needless for me to say that the players, who were turned out in the rain, put on their clothes and refused to take them off again. I must say I am very glad the players had the good sense to choose the latter course, rather than go and play an hour on the field in a downpour of rain, and then come back to a cold, damp shed, without being able to wash and dry themselves. More than that, there was no charge for admission to the field, and the Exiles should have received half-gate, according to arrangement. 'Do unto others as you would they should do unto you.' Those who study paleography for their phrases should practice what they preach. I hope this discussion will end here, as we have a particular dislike to bringing our grievances before the readers of your valuable paper. If we cannot raise ourselves in the estimation of the public by showing good form and treating our opponents in a sportsmanlike manner, we will not do so by heaping ridicule and calumny on the neighbouring clubs."

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All clubs having fixtures with the above club are requested to cancel the same, as the club has broken up.

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THE LANCHESTER MAGISTRATES.

There is little improvement to note in the condition of Rev. J. P. De Pledge, J.P., vicar of Satley, and Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, J.P., of Colepike Hall, who are still indisposed. Their places on the Lanchester Bench were filled on Thursday by four magistrates from the Consett district—viz., Messrs J. Annandale, J. W. Walton-Wilson, W. B. Van Haansbergen, and Wm. Green. A private meeting of the magistrates was held in the Justices' Retiring Room before the court commenced, when it was understood that one or two local gentlemen will be recommended to the proper quarter for elevation to the Commission of the Peace. Rev F. W. Glyn, vicar of Lanchester, is one of the gentlemen suggested as a fit and proper person to become a magistrate.

We learn that the illness from which Rev J. P. De Pledge is suffering is a sharp attack of pleurisy, consequent on a severe chill caught about two weeks ago. Dr J. Wild, Tow Law, is in daily attendance, and Dr Gibb, of Newcastle, was called in on Wednesday week. We are glad to hear that by the latest accounts the rev. gentleman is progressing favourably.

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PART III.—The New Generation.

CHAPTER V.—At Blairgossie.

On the very evening that George Chester and Diana Fell were sitting in the conservatory at Mansell Place, Roger Cumberland Fell, M.P., and his friend Sir Godfrey Sherstone were having a quiet chat and smoke together on the lawn in front of Blairgossie Castle.

Roger had now been a member of Parliament for several months. At the late general election he had offered himself as a candidate for the borough of Macclesforth, in lieu of the baronet, and had been returned by a large majority, the town being one of the safest Conservative seats in all the shire of Lancaster.

Sherstone had contested a small place in the south of England, and his uncle's influence had enabled him to win the election by a few dozens of votes.

Thus it had come about that Roger and Sir Godfrey went into the House together, and as the party to which they belonged had now a majority in Parliament the reins of Government changed hands, and the baronet's uncle again became a member of the Cabinet.

But as yet nothing had fallen in Sherstone's way save promises. He was rather indignant at being left out in the cold, especially as some scores of far weaker men had been pitchforked into places of one sort and another; and during the earlier part of the session he had harassed his own leaders considerably by his daring and unscrupulous attacks.

Of course the Government understood that the free-lance policy which the baronet had seen fit to adopt was due solely to his disappointed hopes, and Mr. Garswood Olverton was commissioned to bring his fiery young kinsman to reason.

Olverton undertook the task, and he went to pacificate Sir Godfrey. The Minister pointed out that he had used every effort in Sherstone's behalf without avail. It had been morally impossible to do anything for him just then owing to the immense number of his colleagues' private friends who had served the party well and long. But he—Sir Godfrey—had not been forgotten. His ability and great help had been recognised, and when an opportunity presented itself something would be done for him.

With these promises the baronet was forced to content himself, and henceforth he had directed his glibness of speech and mordant invective against the Opposition.

In the middle of August Mr. Cumberland Fell and Sir Godfrey, with a host of their fellow politicians, were invited to spend a few days at the ancestral seat of the great Tory noble, the Duke of Blairgossie.

It was whispered about in the inner circle of the party that there was to be something of the nature of a political conference at Blairgossie Castle to consider some great legislative scheme, and of course Roger and Sherstone had availed themselves of his grace's hospitality.

For just a week our two friends remained in Scotland, stalking deer, shooting blackcock, and talking political philosophy and political expedience—which are two different things—with Cabinet Ministers, well-known peers, and lesser fry of the Commons House.

All this was eminently enjoyable to Mr. Cumberland Fell, M.P. To be on terms of intimacy with all the big-wigs of the Government was something to be proud of; to hob-nob with the heads of great families whose traditions were part and parcel of English history was quite to his taste; and his own presence there proved his own importance in the estimation of his leaders.

Although over a year had sped by since Roger and Sherstone had made that compact on the racecourse at Aintree, neither of them had given up either the hope or the intention of bringing about the only clause in their agreement which had not been effected.

Sir Godfrey had been freed from his debts and Roger was a full blown M.P., but Diana Fell was no nearer being Sherstone's wife than she was a year ago when his proposal on the sands of Cardigan Bay was declined.

He had not ceased to love Diana; on the contrary his passion seemed to have increased tenfold since his stay in Wales, but he had taken Mr. Cumberland Fell at his word, and had played a "waiting game."

He was waiting still, but was resolved to wait no longer. Of late Sherstone had begun to suspect that now that Fell was safely housed in St. Stephen's he was careless about the marriage. That idea was rather unpleasant for Sir Godfrey to think upon, and he had asked the other to leave a stroll on the lawn that he might speak plainly to him.

But the baronet need not have had any fear on that point, for Roger was now more firmly resolved than before that Diana should marry Sir Godfrey, and he was also resolved that the marriage should be brought about as speedily as possible.

During the last six or seven months Roger had had a better opportunity than before of gauging Sir Godfrey's abilities and weighing up his political prospects, and he had come to the conclusion that no man in St. Stephen's had a fairer career before him.

Roger was no great speaker, but he could tell an orator when he heard one, and he felt satisfied that Sherstone had not his equal outside of the leaders of the Opposition and the foremost members of the Cabinet.

He had noticed how rapidly the House filled when the word went round that Sherstone was on his feet; he had watched the signs of approval on the faces of Ministers when the young fellow was pouring out that fiery torrent of clever phrase and bitter gibe upon the scowling occupants of the opposite benches, and he knew then that all things were within Sir Godfrey's reach had he only courage to work and patience to wait.

If he could only get him married to Diana and settled down he would be in the Ministry in a few years, and, with his son-in-law in the Cabinet, to what heights of the political Parnassus might he not himself aspire?

"You return to Cressingham to-morow, I suppose, Fell?" Sherstone queried, as he and Roger walked in the moonlight.

"Yes; and you? Are you going homeward, also, Sherstone?"

"I was thinking of doing so," the younger man answered slowly, as if in some doubt about the matter.

"I was thinking of asking you to return to the Park with me. What do you say?"

"Just the thing, Fell. I will go gladly!" said Sir Godfrey, jumping at the proposal. "I want to go to the Park again for many reasons. I daresay you can guess what they are?"

"Is Diana one of them?" Roger asked with a laugh.

"She is the beginning and end of all my reasons for wishing to go with you. Frankly, Fell, I'm tired of waiting longer in suspense. I should like to have your daughters final answer forthwith, if it is agreeable to you?"

"Certainly, and you shall have it!"

"You hardly realise, Fell," Sherstone went on in his most serious way, "how much depends upon the answer Diana gives me. I tell you honestly that but for promising her to lead a better and more useful life, and hoping that I might win her in the end, I would have thrown up politics in disgust."

"I did not believe, Sherstone, that anyone could have so much influence over you, and am rather pleased to hear that Diana has."

"It is a fact, and I am glad to admit it, Fell. But if my next proposal is declined her influence will drive me the wrong way I'm afraid," Sir Godfrey said doggedly.

"But her answer next time will be all you desire, Sherstone," Roger replied very confidently.

"You said the same thing when I went to Wales, I believe."

"Well, if I made one mistake I am not likely to make another on the same subject," the elder man retorted, unabashed by the baronet's rather sarcastic observation. "If you wish it so much I will undertake that Diana shall marry you before Christmas."

"Wish it? There is nothing on earth or in heaven I wish for more!"

"Then you may consider the matter settled for the present. You will accompany me to Cressingham Park to-morrow?"

"I should have liked to have paid a flying visit to —— first. I want to see my agent—Barton—about a few things, and I could come to your place afterwards."

"Then we can travel together as far as Liverpool to-morrow, and you can go on to —— [illegible] Cressingham, where you will not fail to put in an appearance a day or two later."

The baronet nodded and they strolled back to the Castle. Roger was rather pleased than otherwise that Sherstone was not going forthwith with him to the Park. Before Sherstone's arrival he would have time to mention the matter to Diana, and prepare her for Sir Godfrey's second offer.

That the baronet's next proposal was not rejected he would take care. He had made up his mind that his daughter was to marry Sherstone, and no scruples of any kind should be permitted to prevent the consummation of his cherished matrimonial scheme.

CHAPTER VI.—George Meets Diana's Father.

It was Saturday evening, just a week after the picnic in Cressingham Wood, and the day following the dinner at Mansell Place. About six o'clock, as George was leaving his lodgings, he met Marcus Grantley in the lane.

"Hullo, Chester!" Grantley cried as they shook hands. "I'm just in time to catch you it seems. Are you going anywhere particular?"

"Oh, no. I was merely thinking of having a stroll through Cressingham Wood, as it is such a fine evening."

"In that case I'll go with you, old man," said Grantley with a laugh.

"What are you laughing about?" George asked.

"Well, I was coming here to ask you to go with me to the wood, and I find you off there on your own account. You've had a note too, eh?"

"A note? From whom?"

"Miss Fell."

"Not a word. But you have had a note from Miss Graham I can see."

"Yes; just a word or two saying that she and Miss Fell would be walking in the wood where the picnic was held about half-past six this evening, and I was asked to bring you along with me. That's all."

"Miss Graham and yourself seem to be getting on very nicely together," George remarked with a smile.

"That is an observation, my dear fellow," Grantley retorted, "which will apply also to a certain pair of my friends. Everything seemed to have been settled last night between you and Miss Fell."

"And what of yourself and Miss Graham."

"The little witch would not take my love making in earnest!" Marcus growled. "She was making fun of me and my 'sudden passion,' as she phrased it, all the night."

"Perhaps you were not in earnest yourself," Grantley."

"No fear of that, Chester," said Marcus gravely. "The little gipsy knows that she holds my fate in her keeping, and I'd marry her right off if she'd only let me."

George remarked that he would be satisfied if he were only as certain of winning Diana as Grantley was assured of making Miss Graham his wife; and they strolled along Hoscar Lane, went through the stile, beside which they had met the Saturday before, and presently, among the trees ahead of them, two well-known forms were seen.

There was a pleasant greeting, a little general conversation about last night's doings at the Joule's, and then the girls and their respective lovers sauntered in pairs through the wood. Both Diana and Nellie were aware that they were slightly overstepping the boundaries of propriety, as laid down by Mrs. Grundy, but that consideration only added a zest to the meeting.

"Well, Diana," was George's first remark when they were alone, "did you tell your mother of our love?"

"Yes, George, I told her all this morning."

"And what did she think about it, darling?"

"She was greatly astonished, especially when I told her that you were so——"

She paused in some confusion and looked appealingly at him. She could not find a word euphonious enough to describe his poverty.

"So poor!" he said, finishing her incomplete sentence. "Then she objected to me, I suppose?"

"Oh, no! She seems to have taken very much to you. But although she didn't object herself she said it was certain papa would do so. She was quite convinced of that."

"And what do you think we had better do?" he asked, seeing no clear way himself before them.

"You must see papa at once, George," she said firmly, "and then, when we know what view of the matter he takes we must decide what course to pursue."

"What a brave little woman you are, darling!" he said, kissing her tenderly. "Yes, I will see him. That will be best. But when shall I see him. He is away at present, I suppose?"

"Papa returned to the Park about an hour before Nellie and I came out. He will be at home all day to-morrow, and if you call between two and three in the afternoon you are sure of seeing him."

"I will call," George rejoined, "but I fear it will be useless. My heart misgives me, somehow, Diana. I cannot imagine that your father will give one so beautiful and good as yourself, and his heiress also, to a poor fellow like me!"

"But haven't I given myself to you already?" she cried in the sweet impulsiveness of her great love. "And when papa learns how deeply attached we are he will surely give way. He must do so!"

George shook his head doubtfully.

"I wish he may, darling, and we can but see. But if he does not? What then?"

"Then it will be for you to counsel me what to do, George!" she said simply, and her infinite trust in him showing in her clear, steadfast eyes.

"But they would part us, Diana! They would send you away from me, and at last their persuasions and objections would prevail over your love for me!"

"No! No! Nothing, George, can part the true-hearted woman from the man she loves, and they will never make me love you less!"

"God bless you!" he cried huskily, deeply moved by her devotion.

"I am blessed already with your love!" she said proudly, with a fervour that equalled his own.

"But if the worst befalls us what must we do? I cannot degrade you by asking you to change the Park for a cottage. To become a poor man's wife after the luxuries you have been accustomed to would be terrible!"

"Nonsense. How can you talk like that, dear? If you were doubly poor as you are it would be no degradation for me to become your wife. How could it? And what true woman would prefer a life of ease and luxury to a life of love?"

"And you would marry me, poor as I am?" he murmured; "and in spite of all your father might urge?"

"In spite of the world, George!"

There were tears in both their eyes as they kissed each other in the deepening shadow of the trees.

While George Chester and Diana Fell were thus conversing in the shade of Cressingham Wood the parents of the latter were discussing a kindred topic within the precincts of Cressingham Park.

Roger had seen Diana and her friend leave the house dressed for walking, and thinking that it was time now for him to take his wife into his confidence, in regard to the marriage scheme, he remarked:—

"A friend of mine is coming here, Milly, in a day or two. It is Sir Godfrey Sherstone, and I daresay you can guess the object he has in view in coming."

Mrs. Cumberland Fell had heard, of course, of Sherstone's proposal to her daughter at Llwyngwril, Diana having told her of that remarkable event, and it was easy to divine from her husband's words that the baronet was coming to the Park to try his luck again.

"Do you mean, Roger," she asked, with some uneasiness, "that his visit will have some reference to Diana?"

"Exactly, Milly; to her alone. He is madly in love with her, and is coming here with the intention of making her an offer of marriage. I hope she will have the good sense to accept him this time. The young fellow has a brilliant future before him, and his connections are of the very highest kind. Diana must be made to see all this. He must not be refused again!"

"I am afraid he will be," she replied lowly.

She was thinking just then of George Chester, and wondering what her husband would say when he learned that his daughter had fallen in love with a clerk at a small foundry.

"Afraid? Why?" he asked. "Has Diana said anything to you about Sir Godfrey?"

"No, but she was speaking to me only this morning of someone else."

"Someone else!" he cried, his face growing as black as intense anger and surprise could make it. "Who else? Tell me what you mean!"

"Well, you will remember, dear, that Diana was once saved from a shark while bathing, and that she did not again see the man who saved her. But it seems she met him again a week ago, and I was introduced to him last night at Mansell Place, where Diana and I and Miss Graham went to dine. Well, to put it briefly, Diana and the gentleman who rescued her are over head and ears in love with each other."

"Damnation!" flew like a bullet from Roger's clenched mouth. "And this man? Who is he?" he demanded with blazing eyes and distorted countenance.

"Mr. Chester—Mr. George Chester!" she answered, amazed by her husband's great agitation.

"Chester—George Chester! Who are his people? Where does he come from?"

"His parents used to live in Wales, and were well to do, I believe, but his father lost everything through speculating in some Welsh copper mines."

"Ah!" burst from Roger's lips, and then he became suddenly silent.

With a sudden rush his mind was filled with thoughts of the cousin whom he had morally killed; the old rival whom he had treacherously ruined; and he asked himself was it Fate or mere chance which was sending the son of Frank Chester across his path?

And then for a moment or two Roger's mental vision was turned inward, and he found that he was examining his own soul. In that brief space of introspection he saw things clearly. He had been guilty of a double sin in ministering to his passionate lust for revenge.

He had not only outraged every unwritten law of justice and right in his dealings with Frank Chester, but also broken each tie of blood and kinship in his actions towards his dead cousin. He had begun by loving Agnes Ellis—had ended by killing her.

And the swift flash of inner light which revealed these things to him disclosed also the way of atonement. It seemed that Providence was pointing out the path. His daughter loved and was loved by his enemy's son. Their marriage would expiate much that he had done.

But if all this flashed through Roger's mind he had no intention of acting upon his momentary impulses. If he had seen his sins he had not yet repented of them, and as he cast from him all thought of reparation he became harder of heart and more resolved to pursue his own schemes to the very end.

"And where does this George Chester live now?" Roger asked. "And what is he?"

"He lives in the village, and is a clerk at the Cressingham Foundry."

"You know all his history, I see!" Roger sneered. "Who told you?"

"Diana. And I may tell you, Roger," she added firmly, "that I think a great deal of George Chester, and would certainly rather see my daughter his wife than the wife of Sir Godfrey Sherstone?"

"Are you mad, Milly?" he thundered, "or do you wish me to think you a fool?"

"You must be mad yourself," she retorted in some anger, "to ask such things! I fail to see anything that is either mad or foolish in what I said. To me, at least," she added sarcastically, "it seems only natural that a mother should prefer her daughter to be married to a man she loves than to one she does not care for."

"But I tell you that Diana shall never marry this Chester!" he cried. "I cannot—I will not permit it. It must not be!"

"Must not? Why?" she asked hotly. Then in a calmer tone she continued: "I can hardly believe, Roger, that you will break Diana's heart by forcing her to give up George Chester. You have urged nothing against him yet but his poverty, and that is a thing we need not count, for we are rich enough to render a rich husband for Diana unnecessary."

"What slaves of sentiment you women are!" he sneered. "An atom of romance goes further with you than a mountain of common sense. You may be sure this Chester knows all about Diana's expectations. That is why he has thrown himself in her way. The fellow is a vile schemer who cares only for our wealth and not our daughter."

"It will be a difficult matter, I am afraid, to convince Diana of that, and I shall never attempt it. And it scarcely looks as if he had thrown himself in her way when after rendering such great service he disappeared without even waiting to be thanked."

"That is easily explained, my dear," Roger responded in a more reasonable manner. "He did not dream then that Diana was so well connected, and had such expectations; but when he came here and found out who she was he at once put himself in her way."

"I can't agree with you on that point, and it will be of little use discussing it further. But I feel, Roger, that if you persist in your expressed intention to force Diana to give up Chester it will break her heart. If I believe in him, you may fancy how absolute her confidence in him is!"

"That is as it may be. Still I feel sure she will give him up at once and marry Sir Godfrey Sherstone when she learns all."

"All what?" she demanded, something in her husband's voice and manner filling her with a vague uneasiness.

"When she learns that to marry George Chester means ruin—utter ruin to us—and that her union with Sir Godfrey means our salvation!"

The words fell from Roger's lips in a hoarse whisper, and his face sank into his hands as he uttered them.

"Oh, Roger!" she cried, suddenly terrified by his evident agitation. "What has happened? Something awful I can see! Tell me, Roger, what it is?"

"I cannot tell you yet—I must not!" he answered without raising his covered face. "You will learn the evil news soon enough. I was a fool to let the words escape me. But it is true, Milly—too true! We are on the very edge of ruin, and nothing save Diana's marriage with Sherstone can save us. He is rich now—extremely rich. You understand?"

"Tell me! Tell me!" she cried again, running to her husband's side. "I must know more!"

"Not yet, Milly! Some other time. And let no whisper of what I have said escape you. All will be right yet I hope. Diana can save us, and she will. Leave me now, dear, and remember not a word of this to anyone."

He lifted his face and taking his wife's soft cheeks between his palms kissed her tenderly. Then she left him.

On the following day, Sunday, a visitor came to the Park. It was shortly after two of the clock in the afternoon when this visitor rang the front door bell of the big house, and to the flunkey who answered his summons he gave his name and asked to see the master.

Roger, his wife and daughter, and Miss Graham were seated together in the drawing-room when the servant entered and announced that Mr. George Chester wished to see Mr. Cumberland Fell.

The girls exchanged a swift meaning look; a similar glance passed between man and wife, and then Roger said calmly:—

"George Chester—who is he? Yes, I will see him. Take him to my room, Edwards."

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Shooting at Blackhall Mill.—A pigeon shooting match came off at Blackhall Mill between Jos. Greener, of Blackhall Mill, and George Belcher, of Milkwell Burn, for £5 a-side, at nine birds each, before a good muster of people. The result was that Belcher shot five birds, while Greener only killed two.

Shooting at Tow Law.—A pigeon shooting handicap was held at the Black Horse Inn, under the auspices of the Tow Law Gun Club. The following were the scores:—Joseph French, 20, 0 1 1 1 1; James French, 20, 0 1 1 1 1; Joseph Nattrass, 20, 0 1 1 1 0; Thomas Nattrass, 20, 0 0 1 0 0; Geo Hill, 20, 1 0 0 1 0; Thomas Johnson, 20, 0 1 0 0 0; William Todd, 19, 0 0 1 0 0. A strong wind was blowing, and the weather was extremely cold. A small sweep followed, and was divided by Joseph Nattrass and Thomas Nattrass.

Rabbit Coursing at Blackhall Mill.—In a field, kindly granted by Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak Farm, a greyhound match, at rabbits, the best of 11 courses, for £20, was decided, before a large number of spectators, between Irving's Ebchester Lad and Ashburn's Cobbler II. Betting ruled at evens. Scores:—Ebchester Lad, 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0, no go, 0 1—total, 6; Cobbler II., 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1, no go, 1 0—total, 4. Judge, William Walker; slipper, William Cussons.—A sweepstakes for all-aged greyhounds, promoted by William Cussons, Blackhall Mill Inn, Harry Ashburn adding £1 to a 10-dog stake, 6s per lot, was then run off, resulting as follows:—First round—Ball's McGinty beat Dodd's Annie Laurie, Ling's Harkaway beat Clark's Nothing New, Lowe's Little Hinnie beat Teasdale's Dirty Lass, Stobb's Flash Lad beat Ashburn's Bob, Thompson's Snaplock beat Stobb's Flash Mick. Second round—Little Hinnie beat Harkaway, Flash Lad beat Snaplock, McGinty a bye. Third round—Little Hinnie beat McGinty, Flash Lad a bye. Stake divided. Judge, H. Ashburn; slipper, W. Cussons.

A Contradiction.—Sir, would you allow me a few words in your valuable paper to contradict a statement in your last weeks issue of a pigeon match held on Saturday January 24th, from Whitehouse to the dove cotes, Cornsay, for £5, between Galley's Ghost and Clarkes' Scotch Lad. Instead of W. Minto being stakeholder and referee of the above match, it was R. Dawson, of Cornsay Colliery.

Correspondence.

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THE EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF WESLEYAN METHODISTS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—As it may possibly be of interest to many of your readers to know what is likely in future to be the policy of the Wesleyan Methodists of this country with respect to free education, I beg to enclose you a copy of some of the resolutions which were discussed at the meeting of the special education committee held in London a few days ago, and which was presided over by Rev Dr Moulton, president of the Conference.

After sitting a full day, the committee could come to no definite decision, although all the various speakers were agreed that something definite should have to be done to protect village Methodists and their children from the petty persecutions of the clergy of the Established Church. It was not until the morning of the second day's sitting when Dr Rigg made the following declaration:—"That the experience of twenty years had shown that the conscience clause had to a considerable extent proved ineffectual and unreal as a protection for parents and children against religious intolerance and oppression; that, moreover, in not a few day-schools of the Church of England religious intolerance and bigotry of an exceedingly offensive character were by means of the specially offensive Catechism taught to the children, and this ought not to be possible in connection with any public school of the nation. It, moreover, declared that the way of appeal for parents against such grievance was difficult and unavailable, and that the local educational authority entrusted with education should have authority to take cognisance of any such complaints by parents against conscience or religious liberty, and make representations either to the managers of the school or the education department."

After such a declaration on the part of Dr Rigg (who is perhaps known to favour denominational education somewhat), the committee then got to work and passed by a large majority, the resolutions moved by Mr Percy Bunting and seconded by the Rev Hugh Price Hughes, which are as follows, and which will show that the majority of the foremost ministers and laymen in Methodism are in favour of free and unsectarian education for the nation.

(1).—"That the primary object of Methodist policy in the matter of elementary education should be the establishment of School Boards everywhere, acting in districts of sufficient area, and the placing of a Christian unsectarian school within reasonable distance of every family, especially in the rural districts.

(2).—That all modifications of the national policy in respect to elementary education should be made in view of the ultimate establishment of a complete national system of schools under adequate and representative public management.

(3).—That so long as denominational schools form part of the national system of education our connexional day-schools and training colleges should be maintained in full vigour and efficency.

(4).—That the committee is prepared to accept any reasonable proposals for free education, but insists that all schools freed by the aid of public grants must be so far placed under public management as (1), to secure the efficiency of the schools, and (2) to prevent their misuse for sectarian purpose."

As the special committee consisted of ministers and laymen, elected by the various districts throughout Methodism, along with the Conference officials and the ordinary committee of privileges, it will be seen that the future policy of Methodism with respect to education will be of a liberal and national character, and will meet with the general approbation of Methodists throughout the country. Thanking you for a little space in your valuable paper, I remain, sir, yours, &c.,

A Methodist Laymen.

Blackhill, Feb. 3rd, 1891.

FREE SUPPER.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In reading over the *Consett Guardian* of last week, I came across "Tow Law Notes," and discovered, that some young, meddlesome, busy-body, had to scribble in the *Guardian* about us. Whether it was to advance the cause of Temperance in which he professes to have so much zeal, I know not. Knowing the landlord of the Royal George Hotel for many years, I took the liberty of proposing a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their kind hospitality, and expressed the hope that they might long live to conduct the legalised business in which he was engaged, with such respectability. Now, Sir, "Tow Lawite" takes objection to this, and says "can anybody in this enlightened age be a customer for twelve months, and then say it is free? Why he has paid for it several times over, surely the Chairman of that meeting must be sharper than that." "Come, and let us reason together," is the advice given in the old book, but if this be the reasoning of our Temperance friends it is very poor indeed. Every grocer, tailor, coke or coal merchant would come under the same category. Would "Tow Lawite" say if he was a customer to a certain tailor for twelve months, that at the expiration of that time, if the tailor made him a suit and presented it to him free of charge, that it had been paid for several times over. Bosh. And for "Tow Lawite" to say I must have been making fun, when I wished the landlord long life in the business, my reply is no. When I made the remarks it was in sincerity. I do not trifle when speaking of a friend. However, I am extremely obliged to "Tow Lawite" for letting us know that the respected landlord has friends in the Temperance cause, and in the religious world, as well as his own customers, and I think so long as this kind of commodity is sold in the market, and legalised by law, and is a great source of revenue for our country, we want men of his stamp to conduct such houses of business, and will conclude by saying long may he live to carry it out with such respectability.

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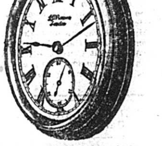

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TESTIMONIALS.
Rev. Father Toner, D.D., Hebburn-on-Tyne, September 20th, 1890, says:—I know of no medicines which have performed such miraculous cures as your famous South American Mixtures and Pills.
A MINISTER'S TESTIMONY.
The Manse, Wallsend, May 28th.
Dear Sir,—I am able to testify that James Kennedy was suffering from long-continued Rheumatic Pains, and that through your South American Embrocation, as he informs me, he is now feeling better, and is able to attend to his ordinary duties.
Yours faithfully,
William Stuart,
Minister of the Presbyterian Church of England Wallsend-on-Tyne.
Rev Father Rafferty, Felling-on-Tyne, September 27th, 1890, says—It is astounding the wonderful amount of good done in my parish through the medium of your South American Mixtures and Pills. You are rightly termed the public benefactor.
DYSPEPSIA.
Mr Patrick Carling, Secretary Miners' Association, Blaydon, June 17th, 1890, writing, says:—Kindly allow me to add a word or two more in praise of your wonderful South American Mixtures and Pills. I have recommended them to a great number of people since last writing to you, and with the very best result. They ought to be in every house throughout the country. They are worth their weight in gold.
DYSPEPSIA.
Mr Lancelot Slowther, Royal William Hotel, Cox Green, County Durham, August 6th, 1890, says:—After being unable to follow my employment for three years, during which time I suffered most severely from Dyspepsia, Pain, and Weakness at the Stomach and Heart, Nervousness, and Sleeplessness. I tried doctors in Newcastle and Sunderland, and various other remedies, but all to no purpose; I seemed to get worse every day. At last, my mother, who had been bedfast for about 3 years with Chronic Rheumatism, and whom your South American Embrocation cured in four months, advised me to try [illegible] Medicine. I obtained a bottle and a box of your [illegible] American Cuyuni Mixture and Pills from your [illegible] Store, and felt relief from it. I Chester-le-Street [illegible] for sometime, and I now feel a continued taking [illegible] own here, having lived all new man. I am well [illegible] d, and the people marvel my life in this neighbourhood [illegible] You can make as the change which they see in [illegible] I shall be glad what use you wish of my name, and [illegible] that I would to answer enquiries, for I firmly believe [illegible] I should have been dead long ago, had it not been [illegible] wonderful South American Cuyuni Mixture [illegible] Pills.
SCIATICA PAINS.
Mr. William Millar, No. 9, Hedley Hill, near Tow Law, June 16th, 1890, says:—I was off work for five weeks from Sciatica Pains and could obtain no relief from any medicine until I received a bottle of your South American Embrocation. I only used it three days, when I was able to go to work. All the pains have entirely left, but I shall never be without a bottle of it in the house. It is the best remedy in the world.
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16, Low Westwood, by Ebchester, County of Durham.
Dear Sir,—I have suffered (more or less) for 20 years from Lumbago and Sciatica Pains. Many remedies I have tried in that time, and some have remedied the pains, but my legs were always quite dead and numb. But after using one of your 4s bottles of South American Embrocation and Pills the pains and deadness were quite removed. I have praised your Pills and Embrocation to others, and I will ever praise them.—From your well-wisher,
William Twentyman.
Professor Currie.
P.S.—You can make use of my name as you like.
ASTHMA AND BRONCHITIS.
82, Argyle Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne, February 23rd, 1889.
Dear Sir,—Having being a life long suffer from Asthma and Bronchitis, I can testify to the fact, that your South American Mixture and Pills is the best remedy I have ever used, and I shall never be without them. I know many others who have derived the same amount of benefit from their use.—Yours gratefully,
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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this Board was held in the public buildings, Parliament Street. Mr George Ainsworth was in the chair.—The other members present were Messrs J. W. Davison, T. Siddell, W. Aynsley, J. Collinson, Geo. Wade, J. Daley, A. D. M. MacIntyre, R. Murray, the clerk (T. W. Welford), the surveyor (Wm. Rippon), and the treasurer (T. L. Gledstone).

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A number of correspondences was read between Mr Robinson, the engineer for the Board, and Mr Best, the contractor, with regard to a certain portion of work in connection with the sewerage scheme.

After a short discussion, Mr MURRAY proposed that the correspondence be handed over to Mr Robinson, for him to report on the matter.

This was seconded by Mr AYNSLEY and carried.

Engineer's Report.

GENTLEMEN,—Little progress has been made with contract No. 1 during the past month owing to the severe frost, and to the unexpected "holing" into the old coal workings under Brickflats Lane. The cast-iron pipes at the end of the storm overflow have been laid, and since the frost disappeared, a short length of the main sewer, between manholes three and two, got in, and preparations have been made at several of the manholes for pushing on with the brickwork, which has been delayed by the frost. The drainage is proceeding as usual. There are, however, many details in arrear, which I shall expect to see cleared up during the present month. Negotiations are proceeding with Messrs Torrance and Best with regard to the undermining of the track in Brickflats Lane, but as yet no prices have been actually settled.—Yours, &c.,

ROBERT ROBINSON.

Darlington, Feb. 4th, 1891.

The report was adopted.

A letter was read from the contractors, Messrs Torrance and Best, with regard to the receipt and payments for the discharge of extra work.

On the motion of Mr SIDDELL, seconded by Mr WADE, the Clerk was instructed to forward Mr Best's letter to Mr Robinson for his report.

Carried.

PLANS.

The Building Committee recommended that the plans submitted by Messrs J. Murray and P. Coyle be passed, and that the seal of the Board be attached to the same when duplicates had been supplied.

The plans were approved of.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD *v.* THE LOCAL BOARD.

Mr J. McCartan, solicitor, Consett, acting on behalf of Mr John Crawford, butcher and auctioneer, Consett, sent a document before the Board with regard to appointing an arbitrator to estimate all damage done to his land through the sewerage scheme. The gentleman to be appointed was Mr N. Clark, Beamish.

It was agreed that the document should be handed over to a solicitor to report thereon.

The Clerk intimated that he had nothing to report upon the action taken by Mr Crawford against the Board. The judge had reserved his decision until next County Court day.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE TO MR SIDDELL.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter containing a vote of condolence to Mr T. Siddell in the sad loss that he had sustained through the death of his wife.

The members regretted that this matter should have been overlooked at the last meeting.

THE APPROACHING CENSUS.

A communication was laid before the Board from the Registrar-General with regard to the approaching census.

The Surveyor stated that they were attending to all that was necessary with regard to the matter.

THE PASSENGER LINE TO ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Mr AYNSLEY asked if it was correct that the proposed passenger line to Annfield Plain had been withdrawn by the North-Eastern Railway Company?

The Clerk stated that he had received no information about the matter.

Mr DAVISON said that, according to the reports in the daily papers, the Bill had been before the Standing Committee, and this proposed passenger traffic line had been withdrawn.

Mr MURRAY observed that from a conversation he had had, he thought the Company were still going to make the railway.

Mr DAVISON thought they should make some further enquiries about the matter.

Mr AYNSLEY was of the same opinion, and said if the railway scheme was abandoned, they ought to move in the matter again, and see if some definite understanding could not be come to.

Mr MURRAY was of opinion that the Act was passed for the railway to be made last year.

The CHAIRMAN: We cannot do anything in the matter just now, and some information might be obtained in the meantime.

The subject then dropped.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Geo. Renton) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Urban Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—In submitting for your consideration the vital statistics for the quarter ending December 31st, 1890, I have the conviction that they will prove satisfactory to your Authority. The number of deaths was 38, and the births 87, or more than two to one in favour of the latter—a very prodigious increase if it continues. In estimating the population of the Consett Urban District at 9,000, I have a very strong feeling that, at the present time, that estimate is under, rather than over, the mark, and I am drawn to this conclusion, in some measure, by the very high birth-rate (38·6), which has reached its maximum during the 5½ years I have had official connection with the district. If the estimate of the population is too low, then that would materially affect both rates, and bring the death-rate (16.8) down to a comfortably low ebb, at the same time restoring the birth-rate to its former average.

I may here be allowed to mention the conviction, which has been forced on me as the result of observation, that there is just now a general overcrowding throughout the district, from causes which, developing rapidly, it has been impossible to make provision for.

Zymotic diseases—I have heard of only three forms of these diseases during the quarter, viz.:—scarlatina, enteric fever, and whooping cough.

Scarlatina—Five cases have been reported to me, all of a mild type. One of them was removed to the fever hospital, with satisfactory results.

Enteric fever—I know of only one case, which was removed to the hospital in October, and died there in December from disease of the lungs.

Whooping cough—A few cases scattered over the district have been seen, but no fatality has occurred.

From the foregoing, the gratifying fact will be gathered that no death directly caused by zymotic disease occurred during the quarter.

Infantile mortality—Thirteen deaths of infants under one year old were registered. This, at first sight, seems much too high, but when the causes of death are analysed, it is not so formidable. I find that whilst five of these deaths were due to causes more or less preventable, the remainder all took place within a few hours of birth.

Diseases of the respiratory organs have been more than usually prevalent, and are answerable for the large number of 16 deaths. There can be no doubt that the extreme severity of the weather in the latter part of the quarter will account for this.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer.

Consett, Feb. 3rd, 1891.

The report was adopted.

A SCARCITY OF HOUSES.

Mr AYNSLEY said that the Medical Officer's report was a very good one. It seemed that overcrowding was due to a great extent to the scarcity of houses.

Dr MACINTYRE: That is quite true.

Mr SIDDELL: There is nobody building houses except the Consett Iron Company.

Mr DAVISON (humorously) moved that Mr Siddell be asked to go in for speculating in building houses. (Laughter).

Mr AYNSLEY said that he would second the resolution. (Laughter).

The motion was not put to the meeting.

Mr AYNSLEY remarked that one owner, who had a house to let, had 200 applicants for the same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following account were recommended for payment:—

	£	s	d
W. Rippon's wages ...	33	2	4
Accounts	0	15	3
Ord and Maddison, limestone	19	7	0
Mr Surtees for the erection of fence in Pasture Drift Road, as per tender ...	199	3	6
Consett Water Company: Water supplied to urinals, &c, ...	1	0	0
Shotley Bridge Gas Co. ...	243	18	3
T. W. Welford, jun.: Fire Insurance	0	12	0

We also recommend the following accounts for payment under the sewerage works account:—

	£	s	d
W. Westgarth, clerk of works, wages	9	2	9
J. W. Davison and Sons, paint, &c., ...	0	6	0
The Birtley Iron Company ...	4	17	9
Henry Forster and Sons, ...	11	16	8
Legal charges	3	5	6

The order has come from the Public Works Loan Board, under which the £2,000 was applied for, and has been placed to the credit of the Local Board.

The committee recommend that an account be sent to the Consett Iron Company for payment of half of the sum of £199 3s 6d, recommended to be paid to Mr W. Surtees for the erection of fence on Pasture Drift Road.

The Gas Company's account for lighting public lamps is left over until the Surveyor's report be received, so that the number of lamps which were not lit during the time for which the account is rendered might be known.

The committee also recommend that application be made to Mr Simey for the sum of £50, being the amount due from the County Council for half of the Inspector's salary, due to Sept., 1890.

The report was adopted.

APPOINTING OF A TOWN CRIER.

The following letter was read from Mr James Frosdick, billposter, &c., Medomsley Road, Consett, anent this matter:—

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to make application for the appointment of town crier to your district. For a considerable time I followed the occupation of town crier, but retired from it in favour of another person, who has since gone to other work, and tradesmen, auctioneers, and others complain that they suffer loss in consequence of their being no one to call their wares and announce their sales. As I am now the recognised billposter of the district, and a member of the United Kingdom Billposters' Association, I can manage to do the town crying in addition, they being kindred occupations. I shall require no salary, and will find my own uniform, but simply wish recognition by you in the capacity named. Trusting you will grant my request.

The Clerk intimated that the Board had no power to deal with the matter.

It was agreed that the Clerk should inform Mr Frosdick that the Board had no control over the subject of appointing a town crier.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month, the roads and streets in your district have required constant attention, nearly all of them having been repeatedly scraped and large quantities of mud removed since the thaw set in. Your footpaths also have been maintained in good order, with the exception of Consett Hall-Road, which has been very sloppy of late; but limestone chippings are now to hand, and this footpath is now having attention. There has also been received from Messrs Ord and Maddison 98 tons 16 cwt. of rough limestone, which is being broken for future use.

As arranged by you at your last meeting, the whole of the sewage flowing from property on the north side of Gibson Street has been diverted and sent in the direction of John Street.

The fixing up of street name plates and door numbers is being proceeded with.

Mr Wm. Surtees has finished his contract for erecting the permanent fences on the east side of Pasture Drift Road in a satisfactory manner.

I have frequently inspected your district, and found the privies and ashpits, taken as a whole, in fair good order. A few of the ashpits had rather more refuse in them than usual, but a quantity has been carted away lately, so that the majority of them will in a short time be empty.

The following amounts have been paid in to your treasurer during the month:—

	£	s.	d.
General district rate..............	45	14	0
Market tolls	1	3	6
Total	£46	17	6

Gas burnt during the month—272½ hours.—Yours, &c.

WM. RIPPON.

The report was adopted.

THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that the time had now arrived when they should appoint a returning officer to conduct the forthcoming election. The retiring members are Messrs T. Siddell, G. Wade, W. Aynsley, and J. Calvert.

Mr MURRAY moved that the Clerk be appointed as returning officer.

This was seconded by Dr MACINTYRE, and carried.

Cheques were signed, and the Board adjourned.

TOW LAW PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY.

The meeting of the above society was held in the Mission Room, Tow Law, on Monday night. The speaker took the chair at eight o'clock, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.—A question was asked as to whether the clerk ought to have a vote, and the Speaker ruled that he had not, whereon the clerk (Mr W. Horne) resigned, and on a division being taken, Mr Mark Combe was elected.—The Speaker here appointed Mr S. Nicholson as deputy-speaker.—Among others the following questions were asked:—"Why the Government does not adopt the telephone to a greater extent, instead of allowing the Northern District Telephone Company to monopolise?" "Has the Government any information as to whether the petition against the persecution of the Jews has yet been received by the Emperor of Russia, and, if not, why?" "Does the Government approve of football playing on Sundays, and can any information be given as to the alleged betting at the recent match between Shildon and Tow Law?" Numerous interesting questions having been answered by the officers, the debate on "Ought capital punishment to be abolished?" was resumed by Rev S. Davison. Mr J. A. Urwin and others spoke in favour of abolishment, and an interesting paper was read against it by Mr S. Nicholson.—On a division being taken, the majority were in favour of abolishment.—A committee of four was appointed to draw up a list of constituencies for the members.—At the next meeting the Government propose to proceed with the following notice of motion: "That in view of the wretchedness and misery caused by war, the Government hail with pleasure the late declaration of the German Emperor, relating to the partial disarmament of the forces of Europe, and the settling of national disputes by International Arbitration, and furthermore, would legislate to reduce the armies of England by 100,000."—There was a good attendance, and a pleasant meeting was brought to a close

QUARRYMEN'S BENEFIT SOCIETY.—The quarrymen of Stanhope have in view the formation of a sick benefit society, which it appears will be, if formed, based on good lines. It is intended to invite quarry-owners to contribute to the fund, and as these views have been submitted to at least one owner and favourably received, there is some prospect of the formation of a society which will be of great benefit if the scheme is properly carried out. The cost of working a society of this description would be very small, and that is one great consideration, but a greater is this, that those quarrymen who fall off sick would have something to help them to get well.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held yesterday (Thursday)—Mr W. Logan (chairman) presiding. Present: Messrs J. Collinson, W. Gray, C. D. W. Balleny, R. Robson, W. J. Handcock, N. Clark, T. Pringle, J. Lax, T. Nichol, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending Jan. 28th	161
Corresponding week last year	170
Week ending Feb. 4th	157
Corresponding week last year	165
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight...	20
Corresponding period last year	19

WATER BEDS.

It was resolved, on the recommendation of Dr Wilson, to procure a couple of water beds for the Workhouse Infirmary.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The presence of one of the crowned kings in the realm of thought haunts one among the hills and valleys all around Butler's village, as Stanhope is sometimes called. Along the banks of the Wear mirrowing in its crystal clearness the azure sky above, amid its shady groves, canopied avenues, and lime-tree walks, the now tall and stately limes having been planted by Butler himself, Joseph Butler is the rector of men's memory when Stanhope is named. The glory of his 15 year's life in the little country town for ever rendered classic by the immortal thinker will never pale from it. Where is Butler asked the crowned monarch of these isles? Buried at Stanhope, was the reply he received. While there, Joseph Butler, the lonely curate and the village rector, gave himself to that unique originality of thinking that has placed him for all time among the foremost who have intermeddled with the deepest problems of human nature and destiny, and God and conscience.

Behind this supreme honour, however, it may be remembered that Isaac Basire was rector there for 30 years, from 1646 onward; that Thurlow, of the Thurlows, was rector there for 15 years, from 1771 onward; that Dr Hardinge, father of Lord Hardinge, was rector there for 34 years from 1786 onward; that Henry Philpotts, the renowned Bishop of Exeter, was rector there for 11 years, from 1820 onward. Amongst its other Church dignitaries, this Durham rectory counts several more. Edmund Keene, who was successively bishop of Chester and Ely, was 31 years at Stanhope rectory; Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of London, and afterwards Durham, was rector at Stanhope for 12 years, from 1508 onward. In recent years William Nicholas Darnell, and the evangelical Cannon Clayton, may be counted among its worthies; also Vincent William Ryan, D.D., for 14 years Bishop of Mauritius, and last, but not least the present rector, the Bishop of Richmond. Until comparatively recent years, financially speaking, the income of the Rector of Stanhope mated a Bishops, and still it is among the best livings in the Church of England to-day, and when recently vacant was looked upon and even spoken of as the Stanhope plum. The present rector is said to be the forty-first, among whom have been men whose mental calibre and intellectual ability have placed them in the front rank in realm of thought, as scholars, as writers, as thinkers, as travellers. Some of them have left "footprints on the sands of time" which that mighty of iconoclasts, old time itself with its iron teeth, will never deface.

It was with profound regret that I heard of the death of my old friend—Charles Bradlaugh. It is not quite twelve months since I took up my pen against him in the defence of Christianity in the columns of this newspaper. Now he is dead; Christianity still lives. Apart from this one thing, Charles Bradlaugh was one of nature's noblemen, and worked hard—in his way—to bless humanity. Like many social reformers, he rose from the ranks of the horny-handed sons of toil, and although environed by adverse circumstances rose above them by dint of dogged perseverance. He possessed many excellent qualities, which even professedly Christian people might well emulate. In respect to religion he and I were diametrically opposed to each other, yet I recognised in him, and in his dealings with men many of those excellent qualities and traits of character which make a man.

Not 100 miles from Stanhope lives a lady, w is no scholar. In her infant and youthful days there were no School Boards, and it was not looked upon as a crime to be ignorant. She developed into womanhood without becoming acquainted with the alphabet, and, of course, married. One day recently she received a letter from a distant friend. She had it read over to her over and over again until she remembered its contents and could repeat them verbatim. An acquaintance, however, dropped in one day, and she thought she would display her intellectual abilities and her scholarly attainments, and show off to advantage. So she said she had received a letter from a far-off friend,—such a nice letter, said she. "I'll read it over to you," she continued. Suiting the action to the word, she produced the letter, and commenced reading it to the new comer, who happened to be standing near enough to see that it was upside down. Smiling, she said, "Why, you have the letter upside down." "Well," but said she, "you know I'm left handed!"

Some queer cards hail from Tanfield neighbourhood occasionally. It is situated about 20 miles north of Stanhope. Yet on Saturday last a *locum tenems* set out *en route* for Butler's Village. He walked 14 miles on foot, and then rode 27 more by rail ere he reached his destination. There are many who are a little out to sea with the geography of the county of Durham. Weardale is difficult to find in it somehow.

During the recent festive season at Frosterley in Weardale, an ex-P.C. had some company who came from a distance to pay him a visit. The guests were distinguished and the ex-P.C's better half instead of killing the fatted calf boiled a few pounds of choice home-fed ham, and invited a few friends in the village to supper with them. At the time appointed she arranged the table, spread it with choice viands, and leaving her liege lord in charge set off up the street to bring the invited ones. During her absence the public-houses turned out and a few village wags chanced to stray that way and seeing the door open and the tempting viands on the table could not resist the temptation to give the generous and hospitable ex-P.C. a call. They were hail fellows well met. Among the circle of village wags were a Broadwood miller, a steam navvy man, clodhopper, a blue diamond smasher, a knight of the trowel and mallet, and a wood spoiler. They entered and were welcomed by the ex-P.C., and invited to supper with him, and not needing a very pressing invitation they sat down and began operations at once. The ham disappeared as if by magic and so did the other dainties and the generous ex-P.C. kept inviting his guests to reach up and help themselves as there was plenty more in the house. "Eat away heartily, my boys," said he. "Gie the gintleman a small piece more." The miller ground away as if he was on at piece work, the steam navvy as if he was among blue joss clay, the clodhopper as if he'd just come off the ploughing land after a day's work, the joiner as if there was plenty of wood still uncut, and the mason piled on layer after layer, while the diamond smasher's eyes sparkled with delight as he and the miller cleared plate after plate of tempting delicacies. Never did a few wags enjoy a supper so much in Frosterley before. The dainties all disappeared, the ham followed suit, but the ex-P.C's better half appeared with her guests to find her little game all spoiled. The guests were amazed and stood speechless, but she spoke for all of them. Her temper rose to 99 degrees. She hurled the empty plates at her liege lord, while at the same time the wags made their escape, and left him to his fate. He still lives, but the pounding he got with tongue and fist he will never forget.

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MASONIC BALL AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday night, the annual ball, under the auspices of the "Constance" Lodge (No. 2,135) of Freemasons, was held in the New Town Hall, Consett, about 80 couples being present. The hall was draped and prettily decorated by Mr J. T. Potts. The music was supplied by Mr J. Stephenson's String Band, while Mr L. W. Rowe, of the Cocoa Palace, catered for refreshments. The assembly was one of the most fashionable and distinguished ever gathered within the walls of this spacious structure. There were ladies and gentlemen present from all parts of the district, amongst the leading brethren being Bro. C. N. Barker, I.P.M., "Wear Valley" Lodge, Bishop Auckland; Bro. Stephenson, W.M., "Albert Edward" Lodge, Hexham; Bro. R. H. Holmes, S.D., "St. Nicholas's" Lodge, Newcastle; Bro. T. Pickering, Newcastle, &c. Bro. N. Elsdon, W.M., "Constance" Lodge, officiated as M.C. The proceedings, which were of the most enjoyable character, commenced at eight o'clock, and finished about 4·30 yesterday (Thursday) morning. As the list of guests present is incomplete, we are not enabled to publish the names this week.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

Jack and the Beanstalk still draws tremendous houses at the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, and there is strong evidence that were the management disposed to considerably extend its run beyond the time fixed upon, good business would prevail. Since my notice of last week a great deal of new business has been introduced, and each night now sees many changes. New songs, new dances, new jokes, new dresses are the order of the evening, and everything goes spendidly.

Thursday night was set apart as a "Football" night, when the house presented a most brilliant appearance, scores of footballites being strongly in evidence right round the "show."

This week the Theatre Royal, Consett, has been closed in order to make the needful preparations for the reception, once again, of the ever-welcome opera company, which on two or three previous occasions has been so heartily received—I mean that connected with the name of Mr Gilbert. Hitherto Mr Brodie's engagements with this well-conducted opera company have been of a most happy and profitable description, and there is every reason to suppose that equally happy results will follow the present engagement. One of the features of the week will be the production of *Belpheger*, which, as an opera I take it, will prove quite a novelty to Consett play-goers. Houses are sure to be good during the next week.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED FRAUD ON A RAILWAY COMPANY AT CONSETT.

At the Lancaster Borough Police Court, on Monday, *Mrs Bant*, of Barrow, whose husband is in America, was brought up (on remand from the preceding Monday), charged with endeavouring to obtain money by means of false pretences from the London and North-Western Railway Company. Both parties were represented by counsel.—From the evidence, it appears that in August last accused booked to Tebay, taking some luggage along with her. She subsequently journeyed to Consett to visit a sister (Mrs James). *En route*, accused alleged that she had lost one of her boxes, containing wearing apparel and other goods, having last seen it at Carnforth, Westmoreland. Mrs Bant made a declaration to that effect to the North-Eastern Railway Company, who sent in the claim to the London and North-Western authorities. They alleged, on the other hand, that no such box as the one referred to was in existence, and believed that Mrs Bant was attempting to defraud them. The Company accordingly had the woman arrested while staying at Consett.—After a full investigation, the Bench committed the accused to take her trial at the forthcoming assizes at Lancaster.

THE HEALTH OF LANCHESTER UNION.

At the monthly meeting of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the reports of the Union Medical Officers were read as follows:—

Medomsley District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month ending Feb. 4th, 10 cases of scarlatina have been noted at Allendale Cottages, 1 at Low Westwood, 2 at Hamsterley, and 4 at Hagg Farm, Hamsterley Colliery, 1 case at Milkwell Burn, and also 1 case of membranous croup at Medomsley Edge. No other cases cases of infectious disease have come under my notice in Ebchester, or any of the other districts.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, February 5th, 1891.

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—The following are the fresh cases of epidemic in this district since my last report:—10 cases of scarlet fever, 6 of erysipelas, 30 of whooping cough and 5 of measles at Langley Park. 1 case of typhoid fever, 1 of erysipelas and 10 of whooping cough at Ushaw Moor. 5 cases of scarlet fever and 4 of whooping cough at Quebec. 1 case of scarlet fever at Railway Terrace, Hamsteels Colliery. 2 cases of scarlet fever at Esh Winning. 1 case of scarlet fever, 1 of erysipelas, 20 of whooping cough and 7 of measles at Cornsay Colliery. 1 case of scarlet fever and 1 of erysipelas at Wilk's Hill. 20 cases of whooping cough at Hedley Fell, and 1 case of scarlet fever in the Workhouse.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, February 5th, 1891.

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—Since my last report, there has been a marked improvement in the health of the district as regards diseases of an infectious kind. Measles and whooping cough have practically ceased, and scarlatina is declining, only isolated cases occurring now and again. A case of enteric fever appeared at Shield Row, but how it originated there is no evidence to show. The following cases of the above-mentioned diseases were notified to me during the month, viz.:—Measles, 12; whooping cough, 6; scarlatina, 26; enteric fever, 1.

The mortality for the four weeks was about the average; 29 deaths were registered, equal to an annual ratio of 19·3 per 1,000. Two deaths were due to scarlatina, one to whooping cough, and one to enteric fever.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

February 2nd, 1891.

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes 7½d., tins 1s 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." Dr George Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co. are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr Gordon Holmes Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.

MEETING AT LANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, the members of this association held a general meeting at Lanchester. Representatives were present from the several belfries in connection with the following Churches in the two dioceses:—St. Mary's, Lanchester; St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside; Christ Church, Consett; Tanfield St. Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street; St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth; St. John's, Darlington; St. Oswald's, Durham; St. John's, Newcastle; St. Paul's, Winlaton; St. Paul's, Whitley. Amongst those present were Mr R. S. Storey (president), Whitley; Mr F. Lees (vice-president), Newcastle; Mr L. Newton (secretary and treasurer), Earl's House, Durham; Mr C. Whitfield, Winlaton; Mr C. J. Butterworth, Durham; Mr T. Hudson, Sunderland; and others. The objects of this association are the promotion of change-ringing and belfry reform. In the afternoon, a capital dinner was provided in the spacious dining-room of the King's Head Hotel, and was partaken of by upwards of 30 members. After the cloths had been removed, Mr Storey took the chair, and Mr Lees the vice-chair.—The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured.—Several new names were proposed as new members.—Votes of thanks concluded this part of the proceedings.

During the day, the members assembled themselves in the belfry of St. Mary's. Several peals were rung. The first item of ringing was a peal 720 of Bob Minor in 26 minutes. The following were the members who rang:—

J. W. Forster, Shotley Bridge	*Treble*
W. Oliver, Shotley Bridge	2
J. Anderson, Chester-le-street	3
F. A. Teasdale, Darlington...............	4
C. J. Butterworth, Durham	5
J. Little, Darlington (conductor)	6

Tenor, 9½ cwt.

In the evening, several of the members journeyed to Consett, and listened to a peal from the bells at Christ Church. The following were the members who rang half a peal of Kent Treble Bob:—

J. W. Forster, Shotley Bridge	*Treble*
J. Bothwick, Consett	2
R. Storey, Whitley (conductor)............	3
H. Morgan, Consett	4
J. Lowery, Consett	5
D. Davey, Consett..................	6

Other peals were rung by the members—one from the bells at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill.

From the 13th annual report, we extract the following in relation to the bells at Tanfield. The secretary says:—"There has been an addition to our peals by a new peal of six, placed in the tower of the parish Church at Tanfield, to the opening of which—June 21st—the members of the association received a cordial invitation. A band of ringers remained over the Sunday, and thus gave the inhabitants of that village an opportunity of hearing their bells rung by proficient hands. The ringing comprised several 720's of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Woodbine. It is with pleasure that I bring before your notice that a company of ringers has been formed at the above Church, and under the able management of Mr Harrison, of Jarrow, have got through their first 120 of Bob Doubles, which is very creditable to both teacher and learners."

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, FEB. 7HT).

Leadgate Exiles v Medomsley, at Leadgate (Durham Junior Cup tie).
Dipton Wanderers v Tanfield Lea, at Dipton (Durham Junior Cup-tie).
Leadgate Park v Shankhouse, at Shankhouse.
Dipton Strangers v Old Hedleyhope Harriers, at Dipton.
Hedley Harriers v Burnmoor, at Stanley.
Tow Law v Shildon, at Shildon (Durham Junior Cup-tie).
Hobson Rangers v Oakey's Lilywhites, at Stanley.
Quebec St. Michael's v Esh Church Institute 2nd, at Esh Laude.
Langley Park Rovers v Bill Quay Albion, at Langley Park.
Langley Park Rovers 2nd v Esh Church Institute, at Langley Park.
Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd v Leadgate Park Reserve, at Pelton Fell.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Pelicans Reserve, at Dipton.
Blaydon v Consett 2nd, at Consett.
Mickley v Newcastle North-Eastern, at Newcastle.
Mickley 2nd v Priory 2nd, at Newcastle.
Esh Excelsiors v Tow Law Juniors, at Tow Law.
Esh Excelsiors 2nd v Langley Park, at Langley Park.

HEDLEY HARRIERS v BURNMOOR.—These teams will meet at Stanley to-morrow (Saturday) to decide their return fixture, when a good game is looked forward to. The following team will represent the Harriers:—Goal, R. Potts; backs, Rowell and Benson; half-backs, Harrison, Sewell, and Forster; forwards, Jas. Harrison and Dixon, left wing; Theobald, centre; Brown and Brydon, right wing.

QUEBEC ST. MICHAEL'S v ESH CHURCH INSTITUTE.—The above teams will meet at Esh Laude to-morrow (Saturday). The following team will represent the "Saints":—Goal, F. Bolton; backs, B. Suddees and F. Finegan; half-backs, E. Connell, E. Price, and T. Cagill; forwards, G. Fineran and T. Pearson, right wing; T. Waugh, centre; T. Welsh and E. McVay, left wing.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FIRST ROUND.

DIPTON WANDERERS v TANFIELD LEA.—The above teams having played a draw of one goal each at Tanfield last week, will re-play their tie to-morrow (Saturday) on the Wanderers' ground. Both teams are confident of victory, so a keen struggle will be sure to take place. The game will be played with the ball kindly presented to the Wanderers by Mr J. Castle, Dipton. The following team will represent the Wanderers:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, J. Walker and A. Tuson; half-backs, R. Press, E. Buck, and W. Bowes; forwards, W. Turner and I. Gilliard, right wing; W. Smith, centre; J. Leadbitter and T. Walker, left wing. Kick-off at 2-30.

LEADGATE EXILES v MEDOMSLEY.—This match will be played on the Exiles' ground to-morrow (Saturday). This tie should have been brought off last Saturday, but owing to the referee not putting in an appearance, it fell through. The teams are very evenly matched, and a fast and close game will doubtless be witnessed.

IN Servia, only 19 people out of every 100 can read.

AMID a world of forgetfulness and decay, in the sight of his own shortcomings and limitations, or on the edge of the tomb, he alone who has found his soul in losing it, who in singleness of mind has lived in order to love and understand will find that God, who is near to him in his own conscience, has a face of light and love.—*Mrs. Humphrey Ward* ("Robert Elsmere").

GRAHAM of Claverhouse (commonly pronounced Clavers) was appointed sheriff of Wigtonshire in 1682. On one occasion, when this violent persecutor had been inveighing in Lady Stair's presence against an illustrious reformer, she said, "Why are you so severe on the character of John Knox? You are both reformers; he gained his point by *clavers*; you attempt to gain yours by *knocks!*"

ACCORDING to Sterne, every time a man laughs he adds something to his life. Dr. Sydenham gave it as his opinion that the arrival of a Merry Andrew in a town does more good to the health of its inhabitants than that of twenty asses laden with medicine. "A merry heart," says Solomon, "doeth good like a medicine, but sorrow drieth the bones."

A HEALTHY diet should be free from excess generally, and should not consist of one class of food only to the exclusion of others. Those who live chiefly on rice or potatoes, as well as those who are great beer-drinkers, become very much bloated, owing to the formation of fat at the expense of muscle, and a consequent loss of vital strength.

CO-OPERATION AT WOLSINGHAM.

On Saturday night, a large attendance of representatives and members of Stanhope, Crook, Tow Law, and Bishop Auckland Co-operative Societies, met together in the Wolsingham Town Hall for the purpose of ascertaining what was best to be done with the members resident at Frosterley and Wolsingham who are already in one or other of the four societies mentioned.

Messrs JEMISON and STEEL, of the Bishop Auckland committee, advised the members to join Tow Law, or otherwise form an independent store of their own.

Mr BELL (Tow Law), in a well-arranged speech, powerfully advocated the claims of the Tow Law Society.

Mr BURNIP (manager of the Crook Store) was willing, on behalf of their society, to forego any small interest they had in Wolsingham, and very strongly advised the Wolsingham and Frosterley inhabitants to take independent action on their own behalf.

Mr MOSES, on behalf of the Stanhope Store, admitted that they had only four or five members at the most at Wolsingham, consequently it did not materially affect them much either way.

At the close of the meeting a resolution, unanimously passed by the Frosterley and Wolsingham contingents of the Bishop Auckland Store, was handed to the Chairman, which Mr Kellett (the manager) read to the audience, which set forth in the clearest form that it was the urgent desire of the members to have a branch store at Wolsingham, otherwise to continue the old system of forwarding goods by waggons fortnightly. Thus the meeting ended without any satisfactory adjustment of the interests involved.

PLOUGHING COMPETITION AT GREENSIDE.

The first annual competition in connection with the Greenside, Ryton, Winlaton, and Barlow Ploughing Association was held on Wednesday, on the farms of Messrs R. Lawson and Wheatley, Rockwood Hills, Greenside. The association has only recently been formed, but within the first fortnight of its existence, the membership numbered over 100, and the prize money for the competition, amounting to £23, was subscribed. About 300 persons were present, and the greatest euthusiasm was evinced during the competition. The hon. secretaries are Messrs Bolam and Hamilton. The judges were Mr M. Robson, Ovingham; Mr Geo. Elliott, Dinnington; Mr J. Renton, Dudley; and Mr J. Heslop, Heddon Banks.

The judges' awards were as follows:—

Class 1 (champion open)—Thos. Burn, High Heworth, £3, 1; J. Baty, Tribley Farm, £2, 2; E. Baty, £1, 3.

Class 2 (local), wheat ploughs for men or lads—T. Robson, Barlow, £2, 1; R. Black, West Kyo, £1 10s, 2; G. Lawson, Winlaton, £1, 3; Albert Nichol, Prudhoe Colliery, 10s, 4; T. Heatley, Runhead Farm, commended.

Class 3 (local), for men only—Wm. Rutter, Winlaton West House, £3, 1; John Armstrong, West Kyo, £1 15s, 2; J. Willey, Bloomfield, 15s, 3; Wm. Willis, Prudhoe, 10s, 4; R. Herdman, Ash Tree, highly commended.

Class 4 (local), for lads under 18 years of age—W. Carter, Hedgefield, £3, 1; H. Willey, Broomfield, £1 15s, 2; Jas. Robinson, Rockwood Hills, 15s, 3; J. R. Hall, Merry Shields, 10s, 4.

In the evening, the first annual dinner of the association was held at the Black Horse Inn, Greenside. About 40 persons sat down to the repast, served up by the host (Mr J. G. Snowdon). Mr T. Atkinson presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr J. Wilkinson.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

CONSETT—Middle Street, 31st ult., the wife of Edwd. Lockey, of a son.

Brickworks Square, 1st inst., the wife of Henry Tomkinson, of a son.

DERWENT COTTAGES—2nd inst., the wife of John Graham, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 31st ult., Thomas Emerson to Elizabeth Bland, both of Consett.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 31st ult., Robert Cawthorn to M. J. Wilson, both of Greencroft Cottages.—Same day, H. Smith to M. A. Carroll, both of Leadgate.—2nd inst., James Walker to Phyllis Smith, both of Woodlands Hall.

NEWCASTLE—St. Andrew's Church, 2nd inst., by Rev W. J. Parry, Thomas, youngest son of George Storey, Newcastle, to Jeannie, third daughter of the late William Brown, Ryton.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—11, Queen Street, 3rd inst., aged 4 years, Mary Ethel, the beloved daughter of Coates and Elizabeth Clayton.

LEADGATE—2nd inst., aged 32, William, son of the late George Temple, innkeeper.

Church Square, 24th ult., aged 18, Thomas Johnson, the beloved son of Thomas and Isabella Johnson. 937d

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—King's Head, 3rd inst., aged 2½ years, John William, son of William and Mary Moore.

CASTLESIDE—1st inst., aged 53, Elizabeth Nattrass, widow of the late Thomas Nattrass.

BURNOPFIELD—3rd inst., aged 59, Robert, husband of Hannah Lamb.

SHIELD ROW—2nd inst., aged 25, Richard, husband of Mary Hill.

WEST KYO—Aged 21, William, son of William and Sarah Clayton.

TANTOBIE—3rd inst., aged 85, Isaac Fidler.

RUFFSIDE—3rd inst., aged 68, Ann, widow of Francis Rowland.

WOLSINGHAM—Ape Shield, 31st ult., aged 75, John Hankey, farmer.

PRUDHOE—2nd inst., aged 21, Ellen, daughter of Joseph Teasdale.

3rd inst., aged 20, Emma, wife of Edward Mallaburn.

GREENSIDE—Bucksnook Farm, 1st inst, aged 81, John Davison.

LOW PRUDHOE—1st inst., aged 26, Margaret, wife of Lowdon Stokoe.

3rd inst., aged 31, Mary, wife of James Jobling.

PELTON FELL—28th ult., aged 61, Mary, wife of William Brown.

BLAYDON—Bleach Green, 28th ult., Ralph, husband of Elizabeth Lowery.

WEST PELTON—Grange Villa, 29th ult., aged 2 years and 7 months, Eleanor, daughter of Elijah Ellwood.

SEDGEFIELD—Asylum, 28th ult., aged 61, George Raine, of Wolsingham.

In loving memory of John Dowson, who was accidentally killed at Shotley Bridge, February 1st, 1890.
"Gone from sight, but still to memory dear."

In loving memory of my father, William Brown, who died at 14, Annfield Place, February 7th, 1890.
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"Gone from sight, but still to memory dear."

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