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FOOTBALL.

MATCHES.

CONSETT CELTIC v. WESTWOOD ROVERS.

This match was played on the ground of the latter. The Celtic arrived with two men short. Westwood won the toss, and elected to kick into the entrance goal. Winter kicked off for the Celtic, and the ball was taken to the Westwood territory, Winter getting the leather and scoring the first goal for the Celtic. During the rest of the game the Celts had all the play, Westwood only scoring once, while Nugent and Little each scored for the Celtic, the game ending with the score:—

Consett Celtic	Three goals
Westwood Rovers	One goal

KIP HILL WANDERERS v. STANLEY ATHLETIC.

Played at Stanley, for a set of silver medals, and resulted in a win for Kip Hill by two goals to nil. The following did duty for the winners:—Goal, J. Scott; backs, W. Simmons and R. Weightman; half-backs, L. Ashburn, T. Anderson, and P. Joice; forwards, C. York, G. Armstrong, A. Amelton, G. Anderson, and W. Willis.

DIPTON UNITED v. LEADGATE UNITED.

At Leadgate, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors by six goals to one. The goal-scorers for Dipton were:—Sables (3), Panting (1), Harrison (1), A. Rumson (1). The following did duty for Dipton:—Goal, W. Thompson; backs, McCabe and A. Gill; half-backs, Smith, Brankston, and Harrison; forwards, F. Rumson, A. Rumson, Sables, Pantings, and Slater.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

LEADGATE PARK v. WILLINGTON ATHLETIC.

These teams met on a snow-covered ground at Leadgate on Saturday in their return Alliance fixture. There was a good attendance. The visitors were at full strength, but the Park were without Tom Cartmell, who was injured whilst following his employment on Saturday morning. Willington did not arrive until nearly half-past three, consequently the start was delayed nearly 80 minutes. Teams:—

Leadgate Park:—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, G. Temple and J. Wilson; half-backs, Aitken, R. Wilson, and J. Bowes; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, P. Daly, S. Thompson, and G. Forster.

Willington.—Goal, Robson; backs, Reid and Hobson; half-backs, Lavers, Brown, and Walton; forwards, Lackenby, Cassidy, O'Rourke, Pattinson, and Gilchrist.

Referee, Mr. W. Blackett, Newcastle.

The Athletic started, and immediately Pattinson and Gilchrist got away on the left, and the latter fired in a grand shot which Hedley saved finely, and from his clearance O'Rourke put by. Daly and Forster worked their way down, but the ball was sent past. Aitken had a good attempt to score, following which Lackenby put in a good run and centre, and Hedley saved very smartly. Cassidy put in again, and O'Rourke missed a fine opening. Temple put down to Cook, who, with Grant, got close in, and Robson had to clear a shot from the outside man. J. Wilson stopped the Willington right, and Thompson got hold, but Reid dispossessed him of the leather. O'Rourke contributed a nice run and sent out to Lackenby, who was given off-side. Daly mulled a favourable opportunity, and then Pattinson and Gilchrist (receiving from Walton) got nicely away, but Gilchrist sent into touch. J. Wilson checked Lackenby and Cassidy in fine fashion, and then Aitken shot in splendid style, but Forster was pulled up for off-side. Grant put in a fast run, and forced a corner off Robson, which was well placed, and a grand chance of opening the score was let slip. The home men again pressed, and Robson was severely tested, but he came through the ordeal with flying colours, and his display was perhaps the feature of the game. Brown sent up the field, and Cassidy made tracks for the home goal, but on passing to Lackenby the whistle sounded for off-side. From the free kick, taken by Temple, Grant put well to Cook, who shot in beautifully, but Robson got the ball away, and R. Wilson sent by. Grant then fired in a real stinger, which Robson disposed of in rare style, and Reid sent up the field. Grant and Cook were again prominent, the latter sending just by, and then, from a finely placed corner, Robson saved a splendid header from Daly in his best form, and Cook put the return past. The visitors now raised the siege, O'Rourke and Cassidy contributing a good run and forcing a corner, which was put over. Cook and Grant again troubled Robson, but that custodian was not to be beaten at any price. Aitken sent a long shot just over the bar, and soon after half-time was signalled:—

Leadgate	Nil
Willington	Nil

On operations being continued, the home men took up the running, Forster gaining a corner, which Hobson sent out of danger. Cook had a run and centred to Daly, who shot in, but Walton cleared. Pattinson and Gilchrist had a run, but Hedley came out of his goal and easily saved a long shot. The visitors returned to the attack, and a miskick by Temple (who made few mistakes) let in Cassidy, and he had no difficulty in finding the net. In no wise discouraged the Park played up in plucky fashion, and Forster shot past. The home men attacked most determinedly, but met with very hard lines, several times seeming sure to score, but just missing at the crucial moment. Daly missed by inches, but the Park would not be denied, and from a scrimmage Forster beat Robson amid cheers. Tommy Wilson was here putting in rare work, and twice over the home team seemed likely to gain the decider, but they had to reckon with Robson, who was in tip-top form, and gave an exhibition worthy of a Doig or a Foulke. The pace remained a cracker until the finish, a fast, well-contested, and pleasant game ending in a draw:—

Leadgate Park	One goal
Willington Athletic	One goal

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

BIRTLEY v. ALLENDALE PARK.

The North-West Durham Alliance fixture between Birtley and Allendale Park was played at Birtley on a ground thickly covered with snow. The spectators were not very numerous when the teams lined up in the following order.

Birtley—Goal, Biggars; backs, Greene and Banks; half-backs, Hills, Dover and Quinn; forwards, Doyle, Carr, Dixon, Palmer and McGowan.

Allendale Park—Goal, Settrey; backs, Scott and M. Walton; half-backs T. Walton, Taylor and Gillender; forwards, Brown, Robinson, Ingledew, Yeates and E. Lynop.

The visitors won the toss and Dixon kicked off down the incline. Brown immediately got possession and made a good run up, finally centreing the ball to Ingledew, who caused Biggars to save. Palmer got the ball and tried to get away, but failed to pass Gillender and the ball was sent back to the Birtley goal-mouth. At length Doyle and Carr took the ball down to the visitors' goal and after a short scramble in front of Settrey Palmer put the leather into the net, but the point was disallowed on the ground of off-side. Hereabouts the game became more of a farce than a fight for points, the players performing various acrobatic and unrehearsed feats in the snow. Allendale got the ball and rushed up the field, and Biggars was rather lucky to save from Yeates, who put in a couple of shots in double quick time. Birtley then pressed, and Doyle and Banks each sent past, but when the interval arrived neither team had been able to find the net, and the score stood—

Birtley	Nil.
Allendale Park	Nil.

On resuming, Birtley were awarded a free kick, and this enabled them to get well into the Park quarters where McGowan sent past. Shortly after this Taylor was cautioned by the referee for some rather rough play. After McGowan had again sent past, Carr got possession and after getting close to the corner flag, was about to centre the ball, when M. Walton jumped at Carr, who narrowly missed lighting on his head. The referee promptly ordered a penalty kick to be taken, and from it Doyle scored the first goal of the match. Birtley again came away, and from a free kick, taken close in by Green, Carr registered the second point for his side with a splendid shot. Birtley now had the best of matters, and continued to have until the call of time, when the score read—

Birtley	Two goals.
Allendale Park	Nil.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

CONSETT SWIFTS v. HOBSON WANDERERS.

When these teams met in October last the game had to be abandoned owing to darkness setting in, the Swifts then leading by a goal to nothing. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors on Saturday it was feared that another postponement would be necessary, the start being delayed nearly an hour and a half. It was, however, agreed to play the two halves, each ten minutes short of the regulation time, and Mr. Pinder, who officiated as referee, saved further time by curtailing the interval, only allowing the men reasonable time to cross over. The ground was deeply covered with snow, and was not in a fit state for a real test of merit. There was a sparse attendance when the teams appeared as follows:—

Consett Swifts—Goal, W. Graham; backs, R. Pattinson, and Jones; half-backs, Ellis, B. McKie, and W. Atkinson; forwards, B. Rafferty, J. Little, P. Smith, M. Eustace, and J. Morgan.

Hobson Wanderers—Goal, Wilkinson; backs, John Layton, and McHugh; half-backs, Heslin, Beattie, and Burnip; forwards, Walton, McGann, Cullen, Joseph Layton, and Bell.

Cullen started for the Wanderers, who at once made progress along their right wing. From a throw in Smith led the way back, but their progress was smartly checked. For some time Rafferty and Little were spectators the play being kept on the opposite wing, where Morgan was giving a good account of himself. McGann and Walton tried hard to get beyond him, but he was not to be denied, and had two or three shots at goal, though without success. A foul against Consett was of no avail to Hobson, who sent to touch. Morgan again got away, and had a shot at goal, but sent over. A corner followed for Consett, which resulted in a goal kick. Then the ball was sent over to the other wing for a change, and sent into touch in the Consett quarter. A splendid return by Pattinson was taken up by Morgan, and the visitors goal was placed in danger. McHugh came to the rescue, but through Morgan the attack was resumed. Cullen and Bell made strong efforts to break away, but they failed to beat Ellis. Numerous shots followed from Morgan, but they all went wide. Little and Rafferty had an opening, which they made weak use of. Some capital work by Walton was next witnessed, but he failed to get past Eustace and Morgan. A shot from the Hobson left went direct to Graham. In trying to get it away one of the backs sent it over the line. The placing of the corner nearly brought about the downfall of the Consett goal, the ball being sent close past. Hobson were now playing strongly, and exercised a considerable amount of pressure. The home defence, however, was too much for them, and the Consett backs got the ball to their forwards, who made for the Wanderers goal, but the final shot went harmlessly by. Smith next sent in a grand shot, and Wilkinson had to use all his powers to keep it out. Hobson then made away to the other end, and in turn both goals were menaced, but the two charges were kept intact up to the interval. Half-time—

Consett Swifts	Nil.
Hobson Wanderers	Nil.

Immediately after the re-start a foul was given against Hobson, but Cullen, who was well backed up on the left, put in some effective work, and the ball was kept chiefly in home territory. One of the backs sent it to Graham, who tipped it over and conceded a corner. A splendid chance was lost to Hobson by a mis-kick right in front of the goal. A tussle followed between the two centre forwards in which Smith had a trifle the best of his burly opponent. Hobson again broke away and got a couple of corners in rapid succession, which were cleared. Some open play ensued in the course of which a shot from the Wanderers left just missed the net. From the goal kick hands were given against the visitors, and some useful passing by the homesters carried play forward, but Wilkinson relieved. A minute later Morgan scored an extremely soft goal, the backs and goalkeeper making little or no effort to save. The Hobson forwards retaliated and almost broke through. Then Smith sent in another hard shot which Wilkinson fisted away. Play for a time became somewhat disorganised until the visitors made a determined effort to draw equal. A good shot went over the crossbar. Then followed a splendid shot from Walton which gave Graham an anxious moment. He managed to clear and this seemed to dishearten the visitors whose play deteriorated until close on time, when they made a final effort and came very near scoring but failed to find the net. The game, therefore, resulted—

Consett Swifts	One goal.
Hobson Wanderers	Nil.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC RESERVE v. LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

This encounter for league points took place on the Celtic ground before a fair number of spectators. The Celtic won the toss, and elected to play towards the entrance goal. Leadgate went away with a dash, but were soon pulled up, the half-backs and backs of both teams playing well. The forwards breaking away raced down the field, and Mews sent in a beauty, which scored the first goal for the Celtic. Some give-and-take play took place, and the whistle sounded for half-time with the score:—

Celtic	Three goals
Leadgate	One goal

On changing ends the play was fast and exciting. The visitors had to defend their goal, shot after shot being put in, the game ending with:—

Celtic	Six goals
Leadgate Park	Two goals

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

A PLAYER'S LEG BROKEN.

Under a fixture of the Derwent Valley League these teams met on Saturday, on the ground of the Cæsars, but as the referee appointed did not turn up it was decided to play a friendly with Mr. J. Gray, the Tantobie secretary, as referee. When the teams lined up they were composed as follows:—

Tanfield Lea Cæsars.—Goal, W. Carr; backs, M. Watson and J. Shield; half-backs, J. Dawson, W. Aitchison, and J. Milburn; forwards, J. Gardner, H. Christopher, M. Smith, G. Thompson, and F. Christopher.

Tantobie Co-operators.—Goal, J. Lishman; backs, I. Adamson and W. Adamson; half-backs, W. Thompson, J. Brown, and J. Beck; forward, R. Hindhaugh, R. Wheatman, W. Swift, R. Atkinson, and J. Jardine.

The homesters winning the toss they decided to defend the low goal. Swift opened hostilities for the visitors, who soon invaded the home territory. After a few exchanges, in which the visitors seemed to have the best of matters, Atkinson put nicely to Wheatman, who quite upset Carr's calculations, and registered the first point for the Co-ops. when the game was only young. The homesters from the centre kick paid a visit to the Co-ops' territory, and became dangerous, and Christopher nearly did the needful. But the visitors' backs, together with the halves, managed to tide over the difficulties of the situation creditably, and soon had the pleasure of seeing their vanguard making its way to Carr's citadel, where Atkinson put on a second goal for the Co-ops. The homesters returned play to Lishman's charge, and got into a strong position, when Joe Gardner rushed at the custodian and scored at the expense of a broken leg. From what could be seen of the unfortunate affair, it appears that Lishman was playing the ball, when Gardner rushed at him and got his leg fast with Lishman's, and in trying to get loose the bone broke below the knee, the crack being heard from between the goal sticks to the cabin. Very soon "first aid" was applied by several of the visitors and home supporters, and Gardner was conveyed on the Colliery ambulance stretcher to his home at Tanfield Lea Rows, where medical aid was sought. The game at this point was stopped, and everybody on the field regretted the cause of its having to be abandoned. It is satisfactory, however, to know that Gardner admitted there was nobody to blame for it but himself. As he will be unable to follow his employment for some considerable time it might be a good thing if a benefit concert could be organised on his behalf.

HAMSTERLEY v. CONSETT SWIFTS' RESERVE.

This game was played at Blackhall Mill in cold weather. Both teams were strongly represented. Dodds was absent from Hamsterley, J. Andrews taking his place. Hamsterley winning the toss set Consett to defend the entrance goal, McAleer kicking off. With a rush the visitors crossed the half-way line, but Swinburn relieved and gave his forwards the ball, but Eltringham punted well up, and the ball went out. From the throw-in Consett attacked well, but Carr and Andrews defended finely. Ferry gained possession from a good kick by Carr, and made tracks towards the visitors goal, but the defence was on the alert, and frustrated all attempts to score. However, Johnson got in a good shot which the visiting custodian kicked away. Rafferty receiving led an onslaught on the homesters' citadel, and Rudd saved, but only to see McAleer strike the upright with a good shot which glanced through the goal, opening the score for Consett. This reverse aroused the homesters, and they attacked the visitors' goal with determination. Eltringham kicked out to save, and from the throw-in T. Seath and Ferry attacked strongly, D. Seath spoiling a good chance by being off-side. From the free kick Consett were awarded a corner, which came to nothing, and play was once more transferred to the Swifts' half, where Parker sent in a splendid shot which looked a certain goal, but Eltringham played the part of goalkeeper by fisting out, and a penalty resulted. Carr was entrusted with the kick, and he equalised, thus making one goal each. Hamsterley, encouraged by their goal, thirsted for more, attacking strongly. T. Seath and Ferry sent in some good shots, which, however, were cleared, and play was once more raging in mid-field when Fenwick placed well in. A scrimmage ensued in the goal; Sheldon kicked feebly away, and Andrews pounced upon the ball and scored a splendid goal as a result of a melee in the goalmouth. Ferry was severely kicked, and had to retire for a short while. From the centre kick Consett attacked, and Rudd just saved in the nick of time, and the ball found touch as the whistle sounded half-time with the score:—

Hamsterley	Two goals
Consett	One goal

After the re-start, Ferry came on again, but was limping, and had to play half-back. Andrews kicked off, and a few exchanges in mid-field saw T. Seath making for the visitors' goal. Aided by Johnson and Parker they gave the Consett defence plenty of work, and from a pass by D. Seath, his brother Tom registered No. 3 for Hamsterley. After the kick-off Consett tried to break away, but could not break through the grand defence opposed to them, and they had to retire to their own half, were some good play by the home forwards, saw D. Seath score No. 4. The heavy nature of the ground began to tell on the players, but Hamsterley was far from being passed well, J. Andrews scored No. 5 with a done yet, and they forced the play. From a combined run, in which all the home forwards splendid shot. The home supporters were now beginning to settle themselves down to a big score, and after Consett had paid a short incursion into the home territory, where they forced a useless corner, and once more play was kept in mid-field. T. Seath again showed his ability by tricking the visiting defence and scoring No. 6. Consett was all over now a beaten team, but their play was bright at times, but they had to bow to their superiors. Hamsterley was playing a grand game, the halves easily holding the Consett forwards in check, and D. Seath with a good shot registered No. 7. Shortly after T. Seath added No. 8; but this was getting too hot for Consett, who, after the kick-off, came away with a rush, and owing to some desultory work by the home team Consett scored their second goal. Notwithstanding this Hamsterley contented themselves, and Consett by a good shot from McAleer scored No. 3. From now up to time Hamsterley had matters their own way, and when the whistle sounded Hamsterley had won an easy game as follows:—

Hamsterley	Eight goals
Consett	Three goals

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By "OFF-SIDE."

A CLOSE GAME AT CONSETT.

Hobson Wanderers reached Consett an hour late on Saturday to play their undecided Tyneside League game with the Swifts. Their drive over the snow clad country was slow and trying and was not calculated to improve their condition for an immediate rush on to the field. Before we could reach the Klondyke of our ambition we had to make the descent of a miniature Chilkoot Pass. As the ground was approached something was seen near the centre line which looked like a football moving about automatically. It turned out to be Mr. Pinder groping his way through the snow and looking for the field. Not quite sure whether the players were on the field or not he kept blowing the whistle until the largeness of the Hobson men asserted itself and soothed the referential mind. These, gently stated, were the conditions under which the game was played—short in each half by ten minutes in order to finish before darkness and other things.

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It is a pity for both teams that they did not let the last game stand. The Swifts were leading by a goal to nothing when play was suspended. Saturday's result was exactly the same, but it must have been a pull upon the finances of both clubs. The spectators were only numerous enough to crowd the "press box" inside and out and prevent the view of the reporters at all the critical moments. The press box is the only shelter, and if I were foolish enough to go on such a day on pleasure I would have been as cheeky as the boys and have sought the shelter which the press box granted. But, about the game. The Swifts won, yet I would hardly like to say they were the better team. Hobson made a mistake at the outset by keeping the ball on one wing, where, in Morgan, they had a most persistent thorn. Morgan is not a polished player and is rather inclined to go in for "flukes," which sometimes came off. He was on the lucky side on Saturday, but, at the same time, he deserves credit for the work he put in. The goal he got was an extremely soft one; that, however, was not his blame, and I don't suppose he cares much whose blame it was. Of the other forwards Smith at centre played a very judicious game. Ellis, Patterson, and Graham also gave a good account of themselves. Wilkinson for Hobson kept goal in an able manner, and he and the back seemed to be in doubt about Morgan's shot which won the match. Cullen played a strong game, once or twice too strong. Walton and McGann had a lot of work and acquitted themselves ably enough. It seemed to me on the whole that Hobson played the more scientific game, but, under the circumstances, that was hardly the right game to play.

A SPLENDID GAME AT LEADGATE.

I am certainly inclined to put down the game at Leadgate on Saturday last as the best I have witnessed on the Park ground this season. That such a fast pace was maintained throughout on the heavy ground was simply wonderful, and how the men kept it up passes my comprehension. It was a game bristling with bright and sparkling play, and there was scarcely a dull moment in it. It was a pity, therefore, that there was not a larger company present, but the fact that the start was delayed nearly 80 minutes owing to the late arrival of the visitors no doubt had something to do with this, many intending spectators going to other places. Willington brought their strongest possible team, being very anxious to secure the points, as if they can rake all in they might have a chance of getting upon terms with Newcastle United. The Park were handicapped by the loss of Tom Cartmell who met with an accident just a few minutes before finishing his shift. The Park had considerable difficulty in making up the team, as the reserve were at Annfield Plain, but Aitkin was eventually pressed into service.

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We almost had a surprise straight from the kick-off, as Pattinson and Gilchrist got possession from O'Rourke's initiatory kick, and a fine shot from the old Prudhoe man almost did the trick, Hedley having some difficulty in getting the ball away. For the most part the first resolved itself into a duel between Robson (the Willington goalkeeper) and the home forwards. Certainly the Athletic made some spirited attacks, but the balance of play was at the other end. Robson was tested with all kinds of shots, but he proved himself a custodian altogether above the average. No matter how they came—high or low, swift or slow, straight or oblique—it was all the same to Robson, who was simply impregnable, and could not be beaten. Grant and Cook (principally) found him plenty of employment, but he appeared to revel in it, and a more brilliant exhibition of goal keeping has never been witnessed on the Park ground. Hedley was also in form, so that at the interval there was a blank sheet. The game had not been long re-started when the Athletic took the lead. There was nothing particularly brilliant about the effort, a mis-kick by Temple (one of the few mistakes he made during the game) letting in Cassidy, who had nothing to do but pop the ball into the net. The Park played harder than ever for the decider, and several times had the hardest of luck, but Forster eventually did the trick from a cluster of players close in. This terminated the scoring, so that honours remained even.

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As I have said above, the game was a splendid one, and I do not expect to see a finer one on the Park ground. On Saturday's form Willington are just about the best team in the Alliance, and how they were beaten by Seghill must for ever remain a mystery. I have already referred to Robson, who was simply a treat. Reid is a splendid back, his kicking and tackling being alike first-class, and Hobson was but little short of his partner. They are an excellent pair. The halves are a level trio who all know the game—and play it. Walton is perhaps a trifle the best, but there was not much in it, both Brown and Lavers being in good form. The forwards are a very speedy lot, with a dashing centre in O'Rourke, whom Everton is said to be angling for. He is undoubtedly a real good man. Pattinson and Gilchrist on the left are not a big pair, but they are very clever, and can get over the ground at a rare pace. Lackenby and Cassidy make a good right wing, and on the whole it would be a difficult matter to find a weak spot in the eleven. They play beautiful football, and are sure to make future opponents go all the way. That they will top the Alliance I don't suggest, but I do feel certain that they will finish in the first three.

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There was a great falling off in the play of the Park halves as compared with that shown against Sunderland. This, however, does not apply to Tommy Wilson, who was here, there, and everywhere, and played one of his best games. Bowes, however, was sadly out of it, and would persist in sticking to the ball instead of sending it up to his forwards. Aitkin did very well indeed in the first half, putting in some capital shots, but the pace evidently had told on him after changing ends. Joe Wilson played finely at back, tackling, kicking, and heading in rare style, and Temple also maintained his reputation. Against the nippy Willington forwards they had to look very smart, but did their duty admirably. The forwards were somewhat uneven, the right wing being much superior to the other three. Grant and Cook are just now combining nicely, and they play a fine game. Nearly all the danger came from this pair, who sent in any number of shots, and several times met with ill-luck. Grant has improved immensely of late, and is now playing in his finest form. Daly was too slow in the centre, and is much better suited at half. Thompson was nothing like so effective as the previous week, but Forster played a fair game, and that goal of his was worth something. Hedley was all right between the sticks, and effected several splendid clearances. He had no chance whatever with the shot that got past him.

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A SAD EVENT.

It was with unfeigned sorrow that I heard of the death of Bob Forster—one of the finest fellows that ever breathed the breath of life. He was only 23 years of age, and has fallen a victim to that fell disease, consumption. Shortly after coming into the district Bob and his brother Tom identified themselves with the Leadgate Park Football Club, to which he stuck loyally. He first assisted the reserve—of which he was elected captain—but was afterwards promoted to the first team, for whom he played centre half. Bob assisted the Park during the memorable year when they reached the semi-final stage of the English Amateur Cup, and he played a capital game at Middlesbrough against Stockton. He was also a fine billiard player, and last season acted as captain of Consett Town Hall team in the Billiard Tournament. Bob was popular with everyone, being of a cheery and genial disposition, and having something about him that instantly commanded one's esteem and respect. A finer young fellow I never came across, and he will be much missed. The funeral on Sunday testified eloquently as to his popularity. It was a real winter's day, but this did not deter many hundreds from attending to pay their last tribute of respect to deceased's memory. His old club (Leadgate Park) was well represented, and also sent a beautiful wreath. Bob's death is sincerely deplored on all hands, and sympathy is general for the bereaved parents and family.

BIRTLEY WIN.

The match between Birtley and Allendale Park did not attract a large number of spectators to the Birtley ground, but the weather conditions, no doubt, had a great deal to do with this. However, the match was by no means a great one, so those who stayed away cannot be said to have missed much. As to the match itself, Birtley were the superior lot, and well deserved to win, although Allendale are to be sympathised with in losing their first goal through a penalty. Of the players Biggars, Greene, Hills, Dover, Doyle, and Palmer for Birtley, and Settrey, Scott, T. Walton, Yeates, and Lynop for Allendale seemed to be the pick of the two teams.

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HEAVY SCORING AT HAMSTERLEY.

Hamsterley received a visit from Consett Swifts' Reserve on Saturday, and did not forget to rub it in. The home men are undoubtedly playing well, and gave Consett little chance. Owing to having lost their field Hamsterley were performing on what was practically a strange ground, but they came through with flying colours. The visitors started in good style, soon giving Rudd a handful, and ere the game was many minutes old they were one up. This roused Hamsterley, who pressed, but Eltringham was playing a good game at back, and saved his side on several occasions. However, not to be denied, Parker sent in a capital shot which seemed likely to take effect, but Eltringham assumed the role of custodian, and from the resulting penalty Carr made the scores even. J. Andrews put his side ahead, but at this point T. Ferry received a nasty kick, which cased him retirement for a time. When he came on again he had to fall back, much to his sorrow, as Tommy would like to have had a hand in the scoring. However, the two Seaths and Andrews added to the total, which in the end reached eight, Consett having to be content with three.

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Hamsterley undoubtedly possess a very strong team, and are sure to prove dangerous for the league championship as well as the Charity Cup. They have not known defeat on their own ground this season, and on present form it does not look as though they will. Of the home players Rudd in goal had not much to do, but should not have charged his position. At back Carr played his usual reliable game, and was well supported by Swinburn. Anderson played well at half, and Fenwick showed that he can play on the defence as well as in the attack. Ferry was good till he received that kick. Parker and Johnson put in some capital work forward, but Andrews and the brothers Seath were the pick. Davie however, has a great fondness for getting off-side. Eltringham defended well for Consett, and the front rank combined nicely at times, but found the Hamsterley men too much for them.

A DRAW AT PELTON.

Pelton Fell Institute received a visit from Birtley A on Saturday in the Joicey Cup. There was a good muster of spectators. Birtley won the toss, and elected to play down the slope. Dobson started the game for Pelton, and play was very fast and exciting, both ends being visited in turn. The home team had the best of matters in the first half, at the conclusion of which they were leading by three goals to one. On the re-start the Birtley lads played up well, the game ending in a draw three goals each. Melkin, S. Usher, and Jackson played a good game for the home team, whilst Dennison and Blackcock were the pick of the visitors.

MEMS.

Allendale Park visited Birtley on Saturday.

Seeking N.W. Durham Alliance points.

But didn't get any.

And lost a couple of goals.

They have no chance whatever of keeping the cup.

In fact, they'll have to fight hard to keep away from the bottom of the table.

Biggars, the Birtley custodian, may soon leave the ironworkers.

More than one first-class team have a hankering after him.

Consett ground was covered with snow—beautiful snow.

The players were considerably above the level of the grass.

Hobson turned up very late.

Consequently only two thirty-fives were were played.

The visitors were without several of their best men.

Liddle was absent on the sick list.

To this may be attributed their defeat by a goal to nothing.

Referee Pinder shortened the interval.

And the hot tea was consumed by the non-combatants.

Willington created a most favourable impression at Leadgate on Saturday.

They are a very smart team.

However in the world did Seghill beat them?

It must have been a huge fluke.

No team need desire a better goalkeeper than Robson.

He is a real daisy.

On Saturday's form.

Reid played a great game at back.

The halves are all good.

Ditto the forwards.

O'Rourke makes a capital pivot.

He may be seen in the Everton ranks ere long.

My friend, Mr Loffstadt, of Willington, thinks that Sunderland would not take £300 for Hogg.

And they got him for £65.

Cook and Grant make a splendid right wing.

And are much superior to the left.

Both are more.

And do not forget to trouble the goalkeeper.

There was not a harder worker on the field than Tommy Wilson.

Who was again in fine form.

The veteran is just now playing better than ever he did.

Joe Wilson and Temple set up a good defence.

A friend informs me that the game at Birtley was a proper rough-and-tumble affair.

The referee allowed the players to practically do as they liked.

There were fouls by the hundred.

But nearly all of them were allowed to pass unnoticed.

As a game it was a complete farce.

Allendale hardly deserved to lose on the day's play.

Ingledew (a new man) played well at centre forward for the visitors.

Scott at back was also all right.

There was some goal-potting at Hamsterley on Saturday.

The home men got eight.

And the Swifts' Reserve three.

Jimmy Andrews turned out for Hamsterley.

And popped on a couple of goals.

Hamsterley are going very strongly.

And hope to have a look-in for the double event.

The league championship and the Charity Cup.

On present form they will take some stopping.

Another team who fancy their chance is Annfield Plain Reserve.

Who rubbed it into the Park Reserve on Saturday.

It is not often that Jack Calvert lets six shots past him.

However, he was not well supported by his backs.

The Plain are undoubtedly showing up well.

Altogether it promises to be a keen race for topmost place.

Heavy scoring was the rule in the Derwent Valley League.

The meeting of old rivals at Byer Moor was a one-sided show.

The Moorites put on half-a-dozen goals.

Whilst Marley Hill responded with nary a one.

What was the matter, Mr. Gray?

Did the absence of Cullen and McGhan dishearten the rest?

It was a big win for the Moor.

And should do them good.

The wheat is being taken out from the chaff in the Amateur Cup.

The Plain have again secured choice of ground.

It should be a stiff fight between them and the Hobson.

The Swifts had the good luck to come out of the hat first.

And should figure in the next round.

So also should Bearpark.

The latter will be dangerous opponents for the trophy.

Which they are reserving themselves for.

The Durham Association have got a nasty rap from the English Association over the Bishop Auckland v. South Shields protest.

The trouble arose through Dewhurst, who belongs to Marley Hill.

But plays for South Shields.

The seasiders have to re-play the tie at Auckland without Dewhurst.

And I am afraid they will receive their quietus.

Hobday (late of Allendale Park) has been transferred to Langley Park.

Where he will partner an old club-mate in Milburn Hunter.

Allendale are are sorry that they did not secure Joice's (of Prudhoe) services when they had the chance.

It is reported that Joice is going south.

And that Biggars (of Birtley) is going to Sheffield.

Leadgate Wednesday were highly pleased at their victory over Stanley.

Mat Bell has had to put up with some chaffing.

Prest kept goal finely for the winners.

One shot of Cunningham's nearly knocked his wrist out.

Jack Kershaw maintained his improvement.

And put in some fine centres.

Let us see you keep it up, Jack.

Lowes and McGowan, of Leadgate, have been chosen to play for Durham in the Wednesday county match.

Their opponents will be Northumberland.

The game comes off at Sunderland next Wednesday.

The disputed game between Leadgate and Tynemouth was not settled last week.

It was left over for the referee's report.

Leadgate are entitled to the points.

And it will be an injustice if they do not receive them.

Some people thought that the Park would scratch to Sunderland A.

In the cup-tie.

But the Park boys have determined to take their chance at Roker Park.

I wish them luck.

They should make a good show.

I hear that Dipton United and Kyo United would like to play Catchgate for a supper or a set of gold medals.

If so, Catchgate will meet them at James Pearson's house, Catchgate, on Feb. 16th., prepared to make a match.

Consett Celtic are in want of matches.—Apply, J. B. Telford, 12, George Street, Consett.

Kip Hill Red Rovers have a few vacant dates and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 12 to 14 years.—Apply, James Anderson, Kip Hill, near Stanley, R.S.O.

Kip Hill Wanderers have a few vacant dates and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 16 to 18 years. (Please note change of Secretary.)—Apply, R. Weightman, 15, Allan Square, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, R.S.O.

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[BY "IVORY THE SECOND."]

Another week's play leaves the contestants as per

TABLE XI.

	P.	W.	L.	Scores For	Scores Agst	Avg.
Stanley	56	48	8	6304	4119	[illegible]
Blackhill	56	41	15	5965	5315	[illegible]
Consett Town Hall	56	36	20	6004	5334	[illegible]
Allendale Cottages	56	33	23	[illegible]	5121	[illegible]
Shotley Bridge	56	33	23	5597	5534	[illegible]
Leadgate Guild	56	24	32	5370	6053	[illegible]
Leadgate League	56	27	29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Derwent Cottages	56	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6277	[illegible]
				44093	44093	

The line of figures possessed by Stanley shews a clear lead of 199 points on aggregate, and is altogether superior in every respect; their majority over opponents is no less than 1,485, while the next nearest is Blackhill with 690. The latter team holds second place only by the skin of its teeth, and will likely lose this after entertaining Stanley during the present week. Once let Consett Town Hall become runners-up they may be calculated to hold the fort permanently, as in two more weeks the fixtures end, but of course the whole thing hangs on what number of points Blackhill drop to Stanley. Allendale Cottages and Shotley Bridge stand as before, and both with slightly improved averages. The "Guild" and "League" have quite a little battle on for position six, which just now they are holding alternately. The feature of Derwent Cottages is that their average reads 2 better after fulfilling the Town Hall fixtures.

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LEADGATE LEAGUE v. STANLEY.

P. Matthews	[illegible]	C. Pringle	[illegible]
R. Cheesmond	100	R. Murphy	[illegible]
P. Daly	65	W. Clark	100
J. Matthews	[illegible]	W. Long	100
F. McDonald	[illegible]	J. Smith	100
A. McGurk	[illegible]	J. Maggison	100
	4[illegible]1		584

Total for first fixture 5[illegible] Total for first fixture 481

The consistency of Stanley players doings has again been carried forward by a big aggregate attained on the difficult League table; this, it will be observed, is three points better than accomplished in the first meeting at Stanley. In each case only one of the east countrymen dropped points, and strange to say the successful Leaguer on both occasions is R. Cheesmond, who first of all evoked admiration by accounting for Rose, and now has the distinction of being the solitary individual to lower R. Murphy's colours. The Stanley man did not make his appearance in the tourney until week seven, after no fewer than nine others had been given a trial, and that the right link was at last found is proved by his record for five games—500 against 293, therefore, Cheesmond's latest performance is all the more creditable. P. Matthews suffered most heavily of the whole bunch, thus taking a still worse place in the minority list, which cannot now be other than bad to the end. He had no chance with C. Pringle, who since Christmas has played 400 to 225—a superior show to Maggison's 400 against 281. W. Clark has made ample amends for two defeats sustained in December, having a gain of 114 points on four games played during this month. P. Daly is the latest victim, although to not an overwhelming degree. Prior to last week, Frank McDonald had in five successive games totalled 480 out of a possible 500, but against J. Smith he was too late starting to hope for success, as when once Smith got going breaks of 12 up to 16 came time after time with but slight intermission, and his 35 point victory was the result of first-class billiards. If McDonald ever had a chance it would be at the beginning, when Smith was far from comfortable. At the fag-end of the Long—Matthews (J.) game the latter made some amends for a shaky rendering of the art at first, when everything pointed to his total falling short of fifty. Long knew full well that he was billed against the League's best talent, and therefore set about getting in front as soon as ever possible; this he succeeded in to some tune, giving Matthews an uphill journey all along. It will be interesting to know that these players have each played the full number of games, producing identically the same grand total—1,030—despite the fact of one having suffered defeat four times and the other only twice; there is a wide difference in majorities, however, Long's reading 201 and Matthew's 64. When last I had occasion to report Maggison's doings it was in conjunction with a big total (81), having been realised against him, but now we find a lad scoring 93, and in addition taxing Maggison's resources to the utmost; if not all through, certainly in the last street. The game was very slow at first, Maggison seeming in no great hurry to get away from McGurk, but odd breaks of two figures began to pop up now and then, and the Stanley man found himself fully forty ahead when in the eighties. Then a sensational thing happened. McGurk made 40 in two breaks, and heigh presto! the game stood—McGurk 83, Maggison 82. The lad's first break of 23 was accuracy itself, only it should not have ended there, as a very simple stroke proved the stumbling-block, and, moreover, further simple shots were almost bound to be left. Maggison had got a bit of a fright, and lost no time in making sure of his unbeaten record being carried forward, although this was not done without considerable effort, as McGurk managed to add 10 points while 18 were scored against him.

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TOWN HALL v. DERWENT COTTAGES.

J. Merritt	100	J. Curley	[illegible]
F. McNally	100	A. C. Blunt	68
S. Aynsley	100	J. W. Sanderson	90
J. Collinson	100	J. Barron	75
W. Smurthwaite	100	J. Anderson	48
H. Wood	100	G. Campbell	82
	600		438

Total for first fixture 5[illegible] Total for first fixture 412

The visitors managed to run up a bigger total at the Town Hall than when on their own table, although this time they failed to record a win. J. Merritt had another shy at record-breaking, but only beat his previous attempt by one point—33. He did not permit J. Curley a look in until the score was 64 against 2, but from that time the stranger had much the best of matters, and made 73 while Merritt added 36. For three successive weeks the Rev A. C. Blunt has received his quietus in the sixties, but I think 68 may be considered a big thing against F. McNally, when the average of his opponents is only 67.36. G. Campbell made Harry Wood travel all the way to gain a majority of 18, and perhaps this was the only game of the week where a Consettonian was really hard pushed. J. Barron completed the month as he began it, i.e., with a reverse, and on the four games has forfeited exactly 100 points, which does not compare favourably with his doings up to Christmas, when seven games found him only 58 behind. Another player whose month's work must be voted anything but satisfactory is J. Collinson, who showed so brilliantly prior to the interval; we must, however, give him credit for beating Barron—the best cottager—by 25. He got a big lead through breaks of 11, 15, and 13, and later on increased this lead by a 16 break, which made the difference nearly 40. Then Barron gradually came on, but had to give in at 75. W. Smurthwaite gave J. Anderson his worst drubbing of the season, principally through breaks of 12, 14, and 16. Both these men have a big balance on the wrong side.

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ALLENDALE COTTAGES v. BLACKHILL.

J. Longstaff	100	W. Atkinson	98
W. Beck	[illegible]	M. Hobday	100
G. Walton	[illegible]	J. J. Raw	100
A. White	[illegible]	C. Merritt	100
R. Ashby	100	J. Barrow	[illegible]
J. Page	[illegible]	T. Gaughan	90
	5[illegible]8		554

Total for first fixture 517 Total for first fixture 519

These teams have been well matched, each gaining the day when from home, strange to say. W. Atkinson and J. Longstaff took a terribly long time to arrive at the conclusion that one was only two points better than the other. Longstaff led at first, but a 17 break to Atkinson made them level at 37, and from that forward it was a toss-up as to who would win, as, for example, they were peelers at 47, 73, 84, and 98. W. Beck started in lively fashion against M. Hobday, and landed at 50 with over 20 points to the good; but a 17 break was mainly responsible for Hobday assuming the lead at 57, and this he carefully held to the end with interest added. G. Walton now finds himself behind in aggregate, through dropping 40 points to J. J. Raw. The game calls for no special comment, bar that Raw exercised good judgment in fostering a lead once obtained, rather than go in for break-making. A. White led C. Merritt a pretty dance for nearly three-parts of the game, and matters were only levelled up in the seventies by a 21 break to Merritt; after that scoring was done in turns, and White failed by but two. The game was almost an exact repetition of that between Longstaff and Atkinson—last 45 minutes. R. Ashby came with one of his dashing games, running up breaks of 12, 17, and 13, while Barrow could muster nothing higher than nine, yet when 60 the latter was not 20 behind, but Ashby's last break (15) made all the difference, and he won handsomely although, in common fairness, we might must say that Barron was disinherited so far as luck's will is concerned. When drawn against J. Page it was not expected that T. Gaughan had the best man of the week to deal with, yet this so came about. Page turned the 20 corner first, and threatened to steal safely away, but a 14 break to Gaughan put the pair off a mark—37—then each made a 12 break followed by oddments equally shared, and they stood 73 all. The next thing we find is 99 against 77 in favour of Page, a good 14 break being chiefly responsible for this sudden change. However, Gaughan made a desperate effort in his institute's cause, and actually staved off defeat until 90.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

J. Henry	100	J. E. Kinleside	70
J. Burrell	100	C. Todd	82
J. Garnett	[illegible]	F. Lockey	100
J. W. Foster	100	H. Makepeace	[illegible]
F. Cole	100	J. S. Jopling	27
J. Douglas	100	T. W. Hanson	[illegible]
	558		45[illegible]

Total for first fixture [illegible] Total for first fixture 415

This is another case of teams having done better on each other's table than at home, although even the best on the Guild's part is no great shakes. Fred Lockey came with one of his great games, and saved Leadgate from utter rout at the expense of J. Garnett, who had stepped into Newbiggen's shoes. It was one of these affairs wherein the other man is a mere spectator. J. E. Kinleside has found the last month's undertakings to be of a disastrous nature, four games yielding less than 300 points, while his four previous games yielded little more than this to opponents. I find billiards bad to reckon up. J. Henry promises to wind up with a good record, which has received a good lift from his two last games—200 against 108. C. Todd did about as well as any other "guilded youth" could have done against J. Birrell, who is difficult to hold by the average cuist, especially when at home. After six consecutive repulses J. W. Forster wins another game, only by five points though. Still, it is a creditable victory when we find that H. Makepeace had just previously won three games by nearly one hundred. J. S. Jobling was unmercifully handled by F. Cole, who turned out in form irresistible. An eleven break to start with set Cole agoing, and further innings of 18, 17, and 11 made Jopling's case hopeless, the more so as his turns besides being few were cruelly awkward. One or two comparisons of totals as the game progressed will perhaps serve in place of further description:—36-4, 36-9, 68-9, 80-15, 99-18, 100-27. The Rev T. H. Hanson found J. Douglas nearing 40 ere he had entered the tens, but fluctuating play made the breach first less and then about as before until approaching 50, when Hanson gradually drew up, eventually being on level terms at 63 and leading by one at 70. But Douglas was not done, as with characteristic coolness he scored 31 points while Hanson got 10.

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INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES.

I have analysed the doings of players who possess high aggregates on the number of games played, and the following tabulation shews this in the order of merit:—

Player.	No. of Games.	Score.	Average.
J. Maggison	11	1100	100
C. Merritt	10	986	98.6
F. McNally	11	1070	97.04
J. Merritt	11	1070	97.27
C. Pringle	11	1068	97.09
R. Murphy	5	484	96.8
W. Atkinson	11	1036	94.18
W. Clark	9	826	93.81
W. Long	11	1030	93.63
J. Matthews	11	1030	93.63
F. Cole	11	1027	93.36
W. Egglestone	9	838	93.11
R. Ashby	11	1017	92.45
W. Elliott	10	924	92.4
T. Gaughan	11	1010	91.81
J. Collinson	9	825	91.66
J. Henry	11	997	90.63
J. Smith	10	903	90.3

When viewed from the standard of majorities over opponents the above positions are considerably altered in most instances. They are as follows:—

Player.	Scores For	Scores Agst	Majority
J. Maggison	1100	559	541
F. McNally	1073	741	332
C. Merritt	986	667	319
F. Cole	1027	740	287
J. Merritt	1070	857	213
W. Long	1030	829	201
W. Atkinson	1036	858	178
J. Smith	903	720	183
R. Ashby	1017	849	168
C. Pringle	1068	906	162
W. Egglestone	838	685	153
W. Elliott	924	779	145
W. Clark	852	707	145
R. Murphy	484	349	135
T. Gaughan	900	878	32
J. Collinson	825	701	124
J. Henry	997	889	108
J. Matthews	1030	966	64

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The fixtures for next week—last but one—are as below:—

Feb. 12—Derwent Cottages v. Blackhill.

„ 12—Stanley v. Guild.

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To be played at the first-named place in each instance.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT POULTRY SHOW

The seventh annual exhibition promoted by the members of the Stanley and District Poultry, Pigeon, Rabbit, Cavy, and Canary Society was held on Friday and Saturday in the Albert Hall, Stanley. The exhibition is an ever-popular one, and, as usual, entries came from near and far, with the result that the display was one of the best, if not the very best, that has been seen in the district for some time. Over a thousand entries were received, and the 93 classes, which they were divided into, were well filled. Naturally, therefore, the stock placed on view was of a high order, and commanded admiration. The poultry section was especially good, and in this department some fine birds were caged. Pigeons were a fine lot, and competition ruled most keen, whilst rabbits caused no little trouble to the adjudicators. The department for canaries was well represented, and some really excellent samples of the feathered tribe were to be seen. Amongst the class for foreign birds were a pair that attracted considerable attention, due to their rarity and richness of plumage. They were the property of Master Nicholson, of Gateshead, and known by the name of scarlet and green Tanagers respectively. To see these alone was well worth the admission money paid at the door. The success of such an exhibition we know is due in a large measure to the capabilities of the secretary, and in Mr. Thomas Hood was to be found a gentleman who was most indefatigable in his labours to ensure the success of the show. This end he admirably accomplished. He was ably assisted by Mr. W. T. Brown as assistant secretary. Both these gentlemen were most courteous and painstaking in their duties, and, backed up by a strong committee everything passed off in a highly satisfactory manner. There was only one hitch in the programme, and that was the late arrival of the schedules, which did not turn up until about ten o'clock on the Friday evening, evidently through some misunderstanding. The exhibits were nicely admirably staged, and praise is due to those responsible for this work. The judges were—poultry, Mr. E. Hutton; cage birds and rabbits, Mr. J. Ambrose; pigeons, Mr. James Boyd, Winlaton, who found the work of adjudication no sinecure. The attendance of visitors on the first day was not so large as might have been expected, but on Saturday an appreciable increase was noticed.

LIST OF AWARDS.

POULTRY.

Plymouth rock, cock—1, R. Gutherton, Post Office, Thropton, Rothbury; 2, W. Slater, Silverdale, Cornforth; 3, J. T. Nichol, 1, Croxdale Colliery, Durham; v.h.c., J. T. Nichol, 2, Croxdale Colliery, Durham; h.c., John Lee, John Street, Blaydon.

Plymouth rock, hen—1, A. E. Herdman, Alston, Cumberland; 2, Miss G. J. Hilliard, Hutton, Northallerton; 3, T. Lockwood, Pateley Bridge; v.h.c., A. E. Herdman, and R. Shield and Sons, Swalwell.

Wyandotte cock, gold or silver—1 and special, C. Preston; 2, H. N. Hodges, Earlsdon Poultry Farm, Coventry; 3, J. R. Briggs, Off Street, Browney, Durham; members' special, Thos. Shelley, Quaken Houses, South Moor, and A. Goodchild, South Moor; h.c., Chas. Parker, Chester-le-Street.

Wyandotte hen, gold or silver—1, Charles Preston; 2, A. Goodchild; 3, Charles Preston; members special, A. Goodchild, and Thomas Shelley; v.h.c., J. and R. Briggs.

Wyandotte cock, any other colour—1, Charles Preston; 2, R. Gray; 3, Peter Pearson.

Wyandotte hen, any other colour—1, E. Whittaker, Mytholmroyd, York; 2, Charles Parker; 3, W. Nattrass; v.h.c., Thomas Douls, Hempstead, Herts.

Orpington or langshan cock—1, H. N. Hodges; 2, W. Woods, Edwinstowe, Newark, Notts; 3, J. and J. Costello, juniors, 71, Plantation Street, Leadgate.

Orpington or langshan, hen—1, W. and E. Eltringham; 2, J. Davison and Sons; 3, T. Lockwood; v.h.c., J. and M. Carr; h.c., W. Stobbs, Watling Street, Leadgate.

Minorca cock—1, T. Stainsley, 15, Hawthorn Terrace, Durham; 2, John Boocock, Thornhill Arms, Stanningley, near Leeds; 3, Horseman and Peacock, Danby Wiske, Northallerton; h.c., R. Appleby, Burnopfield.

Minorca hen—1 and special, A. P. Stocker; 2, Shanghan and Wilson; 3, R. Shield and Son; v.h.c., Douglass and Cowell, Dudley, R.S.O.; h.c., E. Massey, Swalwell.

Leghorn cock—1, T. Eggleston, Benfieldside, Blackhill; 2, John Scott, Cherington, Acklington; 3, W. Slater; v.h.c., J. Clarkson, jun., Silsden, Keighley.

Leghorn hen—1, H. and E. Eltringham; 2, A. Pearson; 3, J. Thompson; v.h.c., Crabb and Sudder, W. Slater, jun., and J. Scott; h.c., Straughan and Dilton, and J. T. Reid, Leadgate.

Leghorn cock, white—1 and special, John Potts, Rowland's Gill; 2, Newark Robson, Easington Lane; 3, George Nicholl, Castleside, Consett; v.h.c., R. Gibbon Easington Lane, and J. Hodgson, Stanley; h.c., Wm. Coleman.

Leghorn hen, white—1, G. Dover and Sons, Hawthorn Terrace, Annfield Plain; 2, Newark Robson; 3, Moses Clark, Blackburn; v.h.c., T. W. Spensley and T. Harvey; h.c., R. Shield and Son.

Hamburgh cock, black—1 and special, Geo. Middlemast, South Moor; 2 and 3, J. W. L. Lammonby, Leadgate; members special, Messrs Kidson Bros.; v.h.c., J. and W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea.

Hamburgh hen, black—1, Messrs Kidson Bros.; 2, J. W. L. Lammonby; 3, J. and W. Milburn; v.h.c., James Cleasby, Birtley, John Bassham, Newark Robson, and Tom Lowdon.

Hamburgh cock, any other colour—1 and special, W. Bentley, Netherton, Huddersfield; 2, W. Glossop; 3, James Cleasby; v.h.c., T. Reed, Rookhope.

Hamburgh hen, any other colour—1, James Cleasby; 2, Kidson Bros.; 3, J. and W. Milburn; v.h.c., Walter Stainhouse; h.c., E. Preston, Redcar.

Modern game cock—1, F. Korton, Ossett, Yorkshire; 2, G. Paxton, Ashington; 3, E. Wells, Kendal; v.h.c., G. Paxton and Robt. Lowther; h.c., A. P. Stoker, and J. W. Armin, Stanley Bank Head.

Modern game hen—1, F. Korton; 2, John Christison, Tow Law; 3, M. Hodgson, West Pelton; v.h.c., R. Greason.

Old English spangled game cock—1, John Steel, Hobson; 2, F. Korton; 3, John Gailes, Tanfield Lea; v.h.c., Walton and Heslop, H. Park, and Armstrong and Paull, Leadgate; h.c., Finley and Munsley, T. C. Clark, Annfield Plain, F. Potts.

Old English spangled game hen—1 and special, F. Korton; 2, J. W. Messenger, Whitehaven; 3, J. and W. Milburn; v.h.c., James Hird, J. and J. Kitchen, S. Cartwright, and W. Heslop, Burnopfield.

Old English game cock or cockerel, not to exceed 5½lbs—1 and special, F. Korton; 2, R. Little, Longtown, Carlisle; 3, Wm. Messenger; v.h.c., J. and J. Kitchen, F. Potts, Hull and Baird, and Parkin and Jackson.

Old English, any other variety—1, J. W. Messenger; 2, Mrs Henderson, Morpeth; 3, J. Griffiths; v.h.c., R. Little, James Hepple, Straughan and Wilson, and Beay and Henderson.

Old English, any other variety, hen—1 and special, John Gailes; 2, Thos. Waugh; 3, Mrs Jacob Armstrong; v.h.c., Jas. Hepple and M. Clark, Ryton.

Any other variety not mentioned, cock—1 and 2, G. H. Proctor, Durham; 3, Harrison and Sharp, Seaton Delavel; v.h.c., J. Boocock, Jos. Smith, R. Shield and Son, and J. and W. Milburn; h.c., E. Brown, Hebburn Colliery.

Any other variety not mentioned, hen—1 and 2, G. H. Proctor; 3, Hine and Logan, Burradon Collie—; v.h.c., J. Smith and H. E. Eltringham; h.c., Crabb and Ludder, and Jas. Wood.

Selling class, cock—1, W. Glossop; 2, W. Smith; 3, W. Cawton; v.h.c., G. Spriggett, Dalton-le-Dale; h.c., T. Kennedy, Fence Houses, and R. Gray.

Selling class, hen—1, J. Christison; 2, C. Preston; 3, T. Lockwood; v.h.c., W. Glossop, and Hine and Logan.

Gift class—1, J. Chritison; 2, J. W. L. Lammonby; 3, J. Scott.

BANTAMS.

Game batam, black or brown red cock—1, Dr Fordham, Heely, Sheffield; 2, Marshall Bros. West Pelton; 3, Jane Ann Sharpe, Marley Hill; v.h.c., Jacques and Gibson, Stanhope.

Game bantam, black or brown red, hen—1, Dr Fordham; 2, Higgs and Hewson, Seaton Delavel; 3, Marshall and Son; v.h.c., R. Henderson, and J. A. Sharpe.

Game batam, any other colour, cock—1, Dr Fordham; 2, Hugh Richardson, Ebchester; 3, F. Korton; v.h.c., R. Henderson, and A. Plews.

Game bantam, any other colour, hen—1 and special, Marshall and Sons; 2, T. Cardy; 3, J. Christison; v.h.c., Dr Fordham.

Black or white rosecomb cock—1 and 2 and special, R. W. Purdon, Driffield; 3, J. Catchpole, Redcar.

Black or white rosecomb hen—1, Richard Preston; 2, R. Frew, Scotland; 3, R. James, Cannock, Staffs; v.h.c., G. Spraggett, J. G. Stewart, and R. Callender, Eyton.

Bantam, any other variety (not game), cock—1 and special, James Phillips, Redwith, Cornwall; 2, R. Frew; 3, R. Preston; h.c., T. Shelly.

Bantam, any other variety (not game) hen—1, R. Frew; 2 and members' special, Thos. Shelly; 3, R. Preston; v.h.c., J. Hogg; h.c., R. Preston.

Pekin bantam, any colour, cock—1, R. Frew; 2, Dr. Fordham; 3, Finley and Munsey.

Pekin bantam, any colour, hen—1, Dr. Fordham; 2, Finley and Munsey; 3, G. Davison; h.c., Geo. Davison.

Selling class, cock—1, T. Grierson, Sunderland; 2, J. Robson, Bishop Auckland; 3, T. Cardy; v.h.c., L. Wilkinson, Stanhope, and W. Hewison, jun.

Selling class, hen—1, J. Christison; 2, M. Clark; 3 and members, special, Wm. Hewison; h.c., G. Davison and J. A. Sharpe.

PIGEONS.

Dragon cock—1 and special, R. Shield and Son, Swalwell; 2, A. W. Kelday, North Shields; 3, C. Falkner, Cheshire; 4, J. Maughan, Leadgate; v.h.c., W. Bell, Tanfield Lea, and T. Brown, Tanfield Lea.

Dragon hen—1 and special, Charles Falkner; 2, H. Dilworth; 3, A. W. Kelday; v.h.c., W. Bell, W. T. Brown and Matthew Pears.

Antwerp cock—1, L. Anderson, Spennymoor; 2, R. Lewis, Gateshead; 3, R. D. Marshall; v.h.c., Whitfield and [illegible], Leadgate; L. Anderson, Rudd Bros. and A. W. Kelday; h.c., J. Walker, West Stanley.

Antwerp hen—1, L. Anderson; 2, R. Brewis; 3, A. W. Kelday; 4, L. Anderson; v.h.c., R. D. Marshall; h.c., R. Brewis.

Homer hen—1, W. Woodhouse, Scarborough; 2 and special, A. Crisp; 3, T. Forster, Fatfield; v.h.c., M. Pears, and G. Cadwallador, Whickham.

Homer, bred 1899—1, W. Woodhouse; 2, A. Crisp; 3, T. Dodd, Forest Hall; r. R. Shield and Son; v.h.c., T. Forster.

Likeliest bird for flying, cock (show homers excluded)—1, Thomas Parkinson; 2, G. P. Ternant, Forest Hall; 3, R. Shield and Son; v.h.c., N. Phillipson, Consett, Geo. Cadwallador, Whickham, A. Crisp, and J. Oliver; r., R. Pattison, Stanley.

Likeliest bird for flying, hen (show homers excluded)—1, W. Wilson; 2, R. Shield and Son, 3, J. Oliver; r., A. Crisp; v.h.c., T. Parkinson, J. Gailes, and G. P. Ternant; h.c., W. Wilson.

Likeliest bird for flying, bred 1899, cock (must wear ring)—1, G. P. Ternant; 2, M. Charlton, Annfield Plain; 3, J. Oliver; r., P. English; v.h.c., G. Cadwallador, R. Pattison, and J. Bassham.

Tumbler, long-faced, cock or hen—1 and 2, J. Brown and Sons, Bensham; 3, T. Parkinson; r., E. Dawes, Southville; v.h.c., A. A. Haigh.

Owl or turbit, cock or hen—1, Geo. Cadwallador, Whickham; 2, Wm. Turnbull, Willington Quay; 3, T. Parkinson; r., T. Dodds; v.h.c., R. Preston, Geo. McNeil, and T. Parkinson.

Magpie, cock or hen—1, G. Cousin; 2, W. Thompson; 3, G. Cousin; r., G. Cousin; v.h.c., Rudd Bros., T. Dodds, and W. Stephenson.

Fantail, cock or hen—1, H. Lightfoot, Gateshead; 2, W. Walker; 3, H. Lightfoot; r., W. Walker; v.h.c., G. Fawcett.

Tippler, cock—1 and special, J. Tyler, Newcastle; 2, J. Brown and Sons; 3, R. Anderson; r., Geo. McNeil; v.h.c., J. Gailes; h.c., J. Brown and Son.

Tippler, hen—1, 2, and special, J. Brown and Son; 3, J. W. T. Brown; v.h.c., J. Walker, R. Anderson, and J. Gailes; h.c., J. Brown and Son.

Any other variety not mentioned, cock or hen—1, J. R. Johnson; 2, T. Dodds; 3, Master H. M. Hall, Seaton Burn; r., G. Fawcett; v.h.c., W. Wilson.

Selling class, price 10s—1, T. Parkinson; 2, F. and J. Siddle, Consett; 3, R. Bates, Hexham; r., W. Bell; v.h.c., J. Curry, East Stanley.

Selling class, price 5s—1, J. W. Walker, Consett; 2, J. Curry; 3, F. and J. Siddle; r., G. Cadwallador.

Gift class—1, Bates, Bros.; 2, Robert Brewis; 3, W. Thompson; v.h.c. P. Pearson and A. Crisp.

RABBITS.

Belgian hare, buck or doe—1, Cranmer and Grey, Esh Winning; 2, E. Leathard, Chester-le-Street; 3, H. Woodman, Rochester; r., T. W. Nicholson, Darlington; v.h.c., T. Thornton, South Shields; h.c., G. Brown, Consett, and L. W. Nicholson, Darlington.

Dutch, any colour, buck or doe—1, Ramsbottom and Son, Seaham Harbour; 2, J. Ferry, Sunderland; 3, J. R. Sharp; r., J. T. Proud, Sunderland; v.h.c., W. J. Wright, Thornaby.

Silver grey, any shade, buck or doe—1, C. Heslop, Darlington; 2, W. J. Wright; 3, Mrs F. Grey, Gateshead; r., R. Wright, Middlesbrough; v.h.c., J. Jackson and Sons, Malton; h.c., W. Herron and Son, Murton Colliery.

Silver brown, buck or doe—1, R. Walthnedye, Grimsby; 2, Clayton Bros., Dewsbury; 3, J. Bell, Hetton-le-Hole; r., J. Anconley, Huddersfield; h.c., J. Jackson.

Silver brown, any other colour, buck or doe—1, C. Heslop; 2, M. Masterman; 3, J. Lee, Gateshead; r., T. G. Myers, Middlesbrough.

Any other colour—1, Bateman and Gelard; 2, Joseph Briggs, Heanor; 3, J. Thompson; members' special, English and Morton.

Angera, buck or doe—1, E. J. Sands, Hastings; 2, F. Green, Northampton; 3, H. Fletcher, Northampton; r. F. Green; v.h.c., F. L. Spreckley.

Any other variety—1, Joseph Towers, Esh Winning; 2, A. Hunter, Gateshead; 3, T. F. Linley; r., C. M. Jenard, Dartford; h.c., G. Hinson.

Selling class, price 10s—1, R. Bates and Bros.; 2, Thomas Nicholson; 3, F. J. Wyatt, Bristol; r., G. Siddle and Son, Crashead; v.h.c., W. Harris, Consett.

Selling class, price 5s—1, F. J. Wyatt; 2, J. R. Sharpe; 3, G. Siddle and Son; r., English and Morton; v.h.c., M. Thompson.

Gift class—1, T. G. Myers; 2, English and Morton; 3, T. Hunter; r., T. Hunter; v.h.c., M. Masterman.

CAGE BIRDS.

Norwick plain head buff or yellow cock—1 and 2, Hile and Stewart, Thornaby; 3, W. Rammond, Stockton; r. and special, J. Emmerson, Stanley; v.h.c., W. Elliott and Son, Newfield.

Norwich plain head buff-cock—1, A. G. Cameron; 2, Hugh Crosson; 3 and special, Wm. Elliott and Son; r., R. W. Boyd, Chester-le-Street.

Norwich plain head buff or yellow, ticked or variegated cock—1 and 2, Hile and Stewart; 3 and special, Wm. Crosson; r., Wm. Elliott.

Norwich plain head, any colour, hen—1, A. G. Cameron; 2, Wm. Elliott and Son; 3, Stanger and Herdman; r., W. Elliott and Son; v.h.c., Thomas Pope; h.c., W. Crosson.

Norwich, plain head, pair for breeding—1, A. G. Cameron; 2, W. Elliott and Son; 3, Stanger and Herdman; r., W. Butler; v.h.c., R. Humphrey; h.c., J. Emmerson.

Norwich crest, cock or hen—1, T. Pope; 2, W. G. Cameron.

Foreign birds, not larger than a Java—1, 2, and 3, Master Nicholson, Gateshead.

Any other variety—1, 2, and 3, Master Nicholson.

Selling class—1 and special, W. Butler; 2, Geo. Lamb; 3, G. Barras; r., R. Bewick.

LOCAL PATENTS.

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

1326.—Jan. 22nd, 1900. W. H. Warner, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improved sparger.

1333.—Jan. 22nd., 1900. T. Hansom, Newcastle-on-Tyne. An improved protection against rifle bullets, shells and other projectiles of war.

1518.—Jan. 24th, 1900. J. T. Fenwick and A. Mau, Gateshead. Improvements in couplings for railway wagons and like vehicles.

1588.—Jan. 25th, 1900. J. T. Fenwick, Gateshead. Improvements in life belts and life jackets.

1590.—Jan. 25th, 1900. D. Savile, Stockton-on-Tees. Improvements in variable speed friction gear more especially adapted for driving motor cars or the like high speed machinery.

1650.—Jan. 25th, 1900. E. A. Erichsen, Sunderland. Improvements in steam ships.

1661.—January 26th, 1900. J. J. Bond, West Hartlepool. Improvements in folding seats or stools.

AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 46 dairy cows and heifers, 15 fat cattle, 14 calves, 84 fat sheep and hoggs. Calved heifers, £13 2s 6d to £17 10s; calved cows, £13 10s to £18 15s; in-calving cows, £13 12s 6d to £18; fat cattle, £16 2s 6d, from Mr T. Bainbridge, Crawley Hall; £18 17s 6d, from Mr J. Durno, Ease Lodge; £16, from Mr G. Slee, White House; £15, from Messrs Hewitson, Hollin Hall; £21 12s 6d, from Mr Suddes, Cornsay; £13 17s 6d, from Mr Morton; others, £12 to £15 10s; calves, to 25s. Fat hoggs, to 40s 6d; fat BF wethers, to 45s; fat ewes, to 37s 6d. Cows rather worse trade; beef and mutton firm at prices in favour of vendors.

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART COMPANY, LTD.—Mr J. Green sold on Monday 30 fat cattle, 4 cows, 5 calves, 150 fat sheep. There was a large company assembled. Fat stock are all on the rise, more especially fat cattle. They are a good trade, and full market prices were obtained in all cases. Top prices:—Bullocks, Broad Oak, £23; heifers, Whittonstall Hall Farm, £20 2s 6d; cows, £18 15s; T. Copeland Muggleswick; fat sheep, Kiper Lynn, 56s; hoggs, 43s 6d, Kiper Lynn. Appended are the prices:—Fat bull, G. Walton, Rackwoodside, £20 12s 5d; bullocks, Broad Oak, £23, £22 5s, £15 12s 6d; Knitsley, £18 10s, £16 12s 6d; R. Murray, £14 12s 6d, to £13 10s; Hamsterley Colliery Co., £13; heifers, C. Elliott, £13 5s; Pontop Hall, £14 7s 6d, £15 10s, £13 5s, £11 15s; T. Walker, £17; Whittonstall Hall, 44s; Kiper Lynn, 45s 6d, 2s 6d, £20; West End, £14 15s, £14 5s; Aires Holme, £17 15s, £16 10s; Shotley Field, £15 5s 6d, £14 17s 6d. Sheep: Broad Oak, to 42s; Loft Hose, £11 15s, £11; Whittonstall Hall, £20; High Woodside, 41s; Fairie, 36s; calves to 35s.

A DIPTON MAN AT THE FRONT

AN OLD FOOTBALLER.

The following letter has been received from Private R. Lowen, No. 3,885, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, now serving in South Africa. It will be interesting to know that Private R. Lowen, who used to play at football when the Dipton Wanderers were in the height of their prosperity, has, since joining the "Fighting Fifth" some seven years ago, had a very successful career. He has seen service in India, and was present at the historic battle of Omdurman, for which he received the Egyptian medal. From thence his company was ordered to Crete, during the disturbances there between the Turks and Cretans, and after lying among the hills of that island for some time was, on the outbreak of war in South Africa, ordered to that quarter, and has been engaged in the battles at Belmont, Grass Pans, and Modder River. The following letter is his account of military life in South Africa:—

Modder River,

January 19th, 1900.

Dear Brother,—Just a few lines to you in answer to your most kind and welcome letter, which I have received quite safe, and am glad to hear from you, and to know that you are getting on quite well, and glad to say that I have completely recovered from my wound, and have got back with the regiment again, doing my duty. Well, I expect you will have seen in the papers before you get this letter that I have been wounded, so you must excuse me for not writing before, as I have not been able. Well, this is the third battle I have been in—at Belmont, Grass Pans, and Modder River—so we have had it a bit hot for a day or two; but I think we are about finished now. The next battle will be a hard one, but I don't think we will have much to do in it, as we have lost more than half our battalion killed and wounded. They say we are going to stop at Modder River now till it is over, but how true it is I don't know, as you hear so many different tales you don't know what to believe. Give my love to my sister and friends, and tell them I hope to be back in dear old England again in about four months from now, as we expect the war to be over in about two months. But I expect they will keep us here a little while after that. Give my best respects to Charlie and all that ask after me. I am sending you the list of killed

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, February 1st.—Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, and Dr. Wilson.

A DISORDERLY PAUPER.

John Charlton, an old man, was charged with disorderly conduct in Lanchester Workhouse, and also with having assaulted John Morgan, another old man, on January 30th. It was stated in evidence by Mr. Dobson that defendant's tobacco had been stopped. He began craving for it, and became very violent. Morgan said Charlton "up with his fists" and hit him in the mouth, cutting his lip and loosening a tooth. Witness did not strike Charlton first.—Defendant said Morgan kicked him twice on the back of the leg.—The Bench said Charlton would have to go to Durham gaol for 21 days, with hard labour, for each offence, making six weeks in all.

AN APPLICATION FROM EAST CASTLE.

Mr. Oliver, solicitor, Durham, made an application on behalf of Mr. Robert Pearson, beerhouse keeper, East Castle, whose premises had been rendered uninhabitable by reason of pit falls. Mr. Pearson required their worships' permission to erect a temporary building in order to carry on the business until the ground became settled, when he would re-build the premises. He had received a notice from the surveyor of the Annfield Plain District Council, drawing attention to the condition of the house, and stating that it was dangerous for purposes of habitation. What he really asked for was permission to erect the temporary premises until the special licensing session was held in a month's time, and the Bench had power under the Act to grant the application.—The Bench intimated that they had no objection.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with:—Thomas Dixon, 5/- and costs; James Ecclestone (Langley Park), 2/6 and costs; Thomas Malone, 5/- and costs; Patrick Cavanagh, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Prescott, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Haney, 5/- and costs; Gibson Collinson, 2/6 and costs; and Richard Scott, 1/- and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Donald Hughes and Joseph Halliday were charged with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting at Oxhill on the 27th January. The men pleaded guilty, and the facts having been briefly stated they were each bound over to keep the peace for three months and ordered to pay the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

The following defendants pleaded guilty to having played at pitch and toss at Burnhope on January 21st., P.C. Haw stating that he saw the men committing the offence between Church Row and the Cottages, and that he had had a number of complaints.—Thomas Dawson, who had already been convicted five times, fined 40/- and costs; George Routledge, twice previously convicted, 10/- and costs; John Murray, thrice convicted, 25/- and costs; Charles McKenzie, six convictions against him, 40/- and costs; Robert Brown, once previously convicted, 5/- and costs; George Coates, first offence, 2/6 and costs; James McKenzie, six previous convictions, 40/- and costs; and Wm. Kilgallon, first offence, 2/6 and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Joseph Adamson, Albert Walters, and Joseph Gibbons, youths, were charged with having done damage to the property of Mr. U. A. Ritson, at South Pontop Colliery, on January 21st.—Sergt. McDonald said he visited the colliery and saw the defendants in the fire holes crushing the coals. They were tramping them down and breaking them. The damage was laid at a penny each. There had been a good deal of trouble lately, and several dangerous practices had been indulged in, and the officials want to put a stop to the nuisance. The lads pleaded guilty, and were each fined 2/6 and costs and ordered to pay the damage.

Peter Ditchburn was charged with doing wilful damage to a wall at Esh Winning, the property of the Rev. Father Fortin.—P.C. Longstaffe said he was watching the Catholic Schools on the 27th of January and saw the defendant pulling the school wall down. He did damage to the extent of 5/-. The wall was broken down for about six or seven yards.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 20/- and costs, and ordered Ditchburn to pay the amount of the damage.

Thomas Fletcher was also charged with damaging the same wall, and with assaulting P.C. Robinson.—The officer said that shortly before seven o'clock on the previous morning he saw the defendant come from the direction of Hamsteels, and push several bricks and coping stones off the wall. He also committed a nuisance. He went after him, and when he got up to him defendant struck him a blow on the face. Defendant was then handcuffed and taken into custody. The damage was estimated at 10/-.—P.C. Longstaffe gave corroborative evidence.—Defendant denied the charges and said the damage to the wall had been done long before. He did not strike the officer.—The Bench convicted, and imposed a fine of 20/- and costs, 10/- damage, and 10/- and costs for the assault.

ASSAULT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Joseph Halliday was charged with having assaulted Annie Hughes at Annfield Plain on the 25th January.—Complainant said she went to hang out some clothes at the back of the house where defendant lived. She took out some water to wash a sheet. Defendant came in from the pit, and with his black hands he took hold of the sheet. She asked him what he meant, and he said the clothes were not half washed. He then hit her a "slap on the mouth." He knocked a tin out of her hands, and then struck her over the head with the tin and "made the blood flow." She called for assistance or he would have killed her. She could not go round to the back without being set upon by the defendant or his wife.—In reply to defendant, she said she saw him dirty the sheet.—Jane Grey and Mary Ann Stott were called by the complainant, but neither of them saw the assault.—For the defence Halliday said the complainant raised the tin above her head for the purpose of inflicting a blow upon him. He put up his hands, and the tin fell back upon the complainant's face and injured her. He did not strike her at all.—Mrs. Browney said she heard an argument about the dirtying of the sheet, and she saw complainant raise the tin as though to strike Halliday. She did not see anything else of the row. There was blood on the complainant, but she did not see how it was done.—George Aldridge said he saw Halliday trying to save himself from a blow with the tin, and in doing so the tin flew back and struck the girl on the head. Witness took the tin from her, and got Halliday into the house, and told him to lock the door. He then advised the girl to go away. Complainant also lifted a scuttle against defendant.—After evidence had been given by a girl named Crone, the Chairman said they considered the case had been proved. It was very cowardly on the part of the defendant to strike the complainant, and he had no business to interfere with the sheet. The costs of the case were very heavy, otherwise they would have inflicted a heavier fine. As it was he would have to pay 5/- and costs.

ALLEGED LARCENY AT EBCHESTER.

Jane Ann Brown, a widow, from Keswick, was charged with the larceny of three gold rings, two silver brooches, a pair of clogs, a silver scarfpin, and ivory cross, the property of James Moody, farmer, at Ebchester Mill.—Prosecutor said that at half-past four o'clock on the afternoon of January 4th, the woman came to his house and asked if she might stay the night. She asked to be engaged as housekeeper, but he replied that he could not afford to engage her. He allowed her to stay, and she remained in the house until the 22nd. He then told her she would have to go. He had found her tipsy, unruly, and using bad language. She came to him a perfect stranger. He could not say whether she was sober when she came, but she told him that she dare not take drink. On the 24th, after she had gone, he missed several things, and those named on the charge, he valued at 35/-. They were kept in a drawer in a desk in the room where defendant slept. With the exception of the brooch produced, he had not seen the things since. He heard of her trying to sell brooches, and it was then he missed the articles, and he gave information to the police.—In reply to the defendant, witness said he gave her a brooch, but not the one produced.—Sarah Forster, wife of Thomas Forster, Blackhill, said she was at Moody's about three weeks ago, and there saw defendant, and at her request lent her a pair of clogs. They had since been sold.—Hannah Johnson, Blackhall Mill, said that on the 22nd the defendant came to her house and asked her to buy the brooch produced. She wanted a shilling for it. Witness did not buy it.—Frances Monaghan said the defendant came to her house and offered a pair of clogs for sale. She said she wanted to get the old man something, and they had nothing in the house. Witness bought the clogs, and paid 4/6 for them. She afterwards handed them over to the police.—P.C. Rispin said he was stationed at Westwood colliery, and on the 24th of January he apprehended the defendant at Westwood, at eight o'clock at night. He took her to Consett, and there charged her with the theft. She replied "the money was in his trowser pockets when I was cleaning up the room, but I never touched it. I intended going back to see Moody in the morning." Witness said there had been some money missing as well. He saw her about four o'clock, but she saw him, and ran away.—Defendant elected to be tried summarily, but pleaded not guilty. She said she worked as hard as she could for Mr. Moody in keeping his house. He gave her a few bits of things, and he offered her a brooch without a pin, which she refused. He then gave her a better one, and said, "You will have to be good to me." Mr. Moody was very forgetful, and did not know where he put things. She received no payment from him and worked very hard for him.—The Chairman, addressing the defendant, said she had had a very narrow escape of being committed for trial. The Bench, however, felt there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and she would be discharged. He advised her to mind what she did in the future. As to Mr. Moody, the Bench thought he had acted very foolishly in taking such people into his house.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, February 5th.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (chairman), Mr. Van Haansbergen, Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Mr. Wm. Aynsley, Mr. H. Palmer, and Mr. F. Priestman.

CONSETT NEW THEATRE.

On the application of Mr. H. Robertson, proprietor, the license for the Consett New Theatre was renewed.

SHOTLEY SPA HOTEL.

Mr. John Skinner, jun., solicitor, Sunderland, made an application respecting the Shotley Spa Hotel. He said that the late tenant, Mr. J. W. Davison, was a member of the Yeomanry, and had been called up for service. He had had to relinquish his tenancy in order to attend to his duty. He (Mr. Skinner) asked their worships, subject to the approval of the chief of police, to grant a transfer to the new tenant, Mr. Joseph Latimer, so that they might keep the house open.—Superintendent Bensies asked if Mr. Davison had gone out to the war.—Mr. Skinner said he was at present in barracks.—Supt. Bensies said he was summoned there that day to answer a charge.—The Chairman said the application must stand over until the transfer day.

Joseph Wetherley Davison was then charged with having permitted drunkenness in the Shotley Spa Hotel on the 18th of January. Mr. Skinner said he had just been instructed to defend. Davison, as he had informed the Bench, was at the barracks on military duty. No doubt the defendant would think he could not get leave to attend the Court, and sent the summons on. Under the circumstances he wished to ask the Bench to allow reasonable time to meet the charge. In the event of a conviction the punishment would not fall upon Davison, but upon Mr. MacFadgen, the owner of the house, who had already suffered by having the house closed.—The Bench consented to an adjournment, but Mr. Skinner said he had just been instructed that Mr. MacFadgen would take the risk and let the case go on.—P.C. Johnson then stated that he went into the hotel at 2.45 on the afternoon of the 18th ult., and he noticed a man leaning on the counter. The landlord and landlady were on the opposite side of the counter, and were in conversation. Witness looked at the man and saw he was very drunk. He called the landlord's attention and Davison said "he was not drunk when he came in here." Witness told him the best thing he could do was to get the man off the premises. The man, who was convicted at that Court a fortnight ago, staggered from one side of the bar to the other and fell. Davison got over the counter and put him out of the house. When outside he staggered from the pavement and fell, and could not rise again. Witness had to get a cart and bring him to Consett Station.—Mr. Skinner said they were in a very unfortunate position in that case. They were afraid that if they got an adjournment they might not be able to get hold of Davison who was a member of the C. company of the Imperial Yeomanry, which might get orders any moment. Under the circumstances, Mr. MacFadgen, the owner of the house, desired to have the case disposed of at once. The officer had told them that the man was drunk. Where the man was standing was only seven yards from the door, and it was a very easy matter for a man extremely drunk to rest his arms on the counter and appear sober. When Davison's attention was drawn to the man's state he naturally replied "he was sober when he came in." As soon as Davison saw there was evidence of drunkenness he assisted to put the man out. They would plead guilty to the charge, but asked the Bench to deal with it as leniently as possible. There was no previous conviction against the house.—The Chairman said they had decided to inflict a fine of 20/- and costs, but the license would not be endorsed.

TRESPASSING ON THE RAILWAY.

William Milburn, Joseph Emmerson, John Pearson, Richard Westow, John Tebb, Wm. Ross, Robert Keenleyside, Thomas Riggs, Fredeick Whitfield, and Wm. Mason, all youths, were charged with trespassing on the North-Eastern Railway near Hamsterley Junction on the 14th of January.—Supt. Darrell said the charge was preferred under a new Act, and all they had to do was to prove that they had caution boards erected, which was considered to be sufficient warning. Recently there had been a lot of damage done on this particular railway, and for that reason a policeman was sent there to watch. They did not bring this case forward with a view to punishment so much as to have a stop put to the trespassing.—P.C. Rogers said he met the whole of the defendants and stopped them. He asked them if they were aware they were trespassing, and they replied that they did, but being a Sunday they did not think there would be any harm. He asked them if they had seen the caution board, and they said they had.—The defendants all pleaded guilty, and were fined 5/- and costs each.

COSTLY SPORT.

Wm. Shearer was charged under the Excise Act with killing game without a license.—Sergt. Newton said that on the 6th of January he was on duty near Low Brooms Farm, when he saw the defendant shoot at a covey of partridges. He shot two birds, picked them up, and went away. Witness followed, and Shearer noticing him threw the birds into the dyke. Witness asked him if he had a license and he replied that he had not. Defendant was employed at the coke ovens. The amount of the license for 12 months was £3.—The Bench inflicted a fine of £4 and costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. W. Aynsley and Mr. E. W. E. Balleny.

DRUNKENNESS.

Kate Dowlan, of Consett, was fined 5/- for being drunk. Mary McCrowley, of Blackhill, was ordered to pay 5/- for being drunk and disorderly; Wm. Richardson, for being drunk at Blackhill, on January 16th, was fined 5/- and costs; Geo. Williams, of Blackhill, was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk on January 27th; Duncan Cameron, for being drunk at Dipton had to pay 7/6 and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment; John Morris, for being drunk and disorderly at Flint Hill, was fined 5/- and costs; Michael Morris, for a similar offence, was fined 5/- and costs; Wm. Brown, of Hill Top, was ordered to pay 5/- and costs; Joseph Nicholson, of Burnopfield, was ordered to pay 2/6 and costs; John Hy. Rule, of Leadgate, was fined 2/6 and costs for being drunk on January 29th; Joshua Steele, of Consett, was fined 2/6 for being drunk at Consett.

DAMAGE TO A HEAPSTEAD.

Wm. Hunter, Geo. Edgar, Fred Thompson, of Catchgate and Annfield Plain, were summoned by Sergt. Lawson, of Dipton, for doing wilful damage to the Lily Pit, near Dipton, on January 23th. The officer said on the day in question he was on duty at the Lily Pit when he saw the defendants throwing half-bricks on the top of the engine-house and the blacksmith's shop. Defendants broke several slates with the half-bricks. There had been a lot of damage done to the property. The owner, Lord Bute, wished it to be stopped. It was through sheer idleness that the defendants did the damage.—Ed. Brown, woodman to Lord Bute, Dipton, assessed the damage at 3/-.—Defendants were fined 2/6, the damage, and 5/6 costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Wm. Birtley, Wm. Hogg, Jas. Rooke, Mark Brown, Frank Kelly, and Phillip Kelly, of Hill Top, Dipton, were charged by P.C. Dobinson, with having played at pitch and toss between Hill Top and Dipton on January 21st. The officer said while on duty on the date in question, about 2.30, he saw the defendants playing at pitch and toss. He saw the defendants exchange money. There had been several complaints made about the offence, and the defendants, who had been repeatedly warned, took no notice of the warning.—Defendants Kelly were fined 2/6, and the others 7/6 and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Wake, of Consett, was summoned by Inspector Best for having on January 20th, committed a breach of the peace at Consett. The officer stated that while on duty in Front Street, he saw the defendant deliberately strike another man on the face without provocation.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for three months.

OBSTRUCTING A FOOTPATH.

P.C. McGee, of Blackhill, summoned Cuthbert Harris, and Alex. Gilgowery, of the same town, for having obstructed the footpath on January 27th. The officer stated that while on duty in Derwent Street, Blackhill, he saw the defendants standing on the footpath. It was a complete nuisance, as defendants stood from daylight to dark. Many complaints had been made about the obstruction.—Defendants were fined 2/6 and costs.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

James Derrick, of Blackhill, was summoned by P.C. Elwood, for having used obscene language on January 28th.—The officer said that on the date in question he had occasion to go round to the back of Chapel Street, where some boys were throwing stones. A large crowd congregated, and when he got hold of a little boy the defendant called him a great b—— h——.—Defendant denied the charge, and said that he told his wife he would punch his son's head when he got hold of him, just as the policeman passed.—The Bench considered the case proved, and fined defendant 2/6 and costs.

PEDLARS' ACT.

Frank Kelly, Dipton, was summoned by P.C. Wilkinson, of Lintz Colliery, for hawking without a license at Lintz Colliery, on January 27th.—The officer said on January 27th, he saw the defendant hawking from door to door. On asking him for his license defendant said he had left it at home. He was hawking for his father, who was away selling a pony at Lintz.—The case was dismissed.

EDUCATION CASES.

Adam Clark, Stanley, was summoned by Mr. Seymour Meddick, Attendance Officer to the Tanfield School Board, for neglecting to send his child regularly to school. On January 22nd the child was absent from school, and was running about the streets. He had only made 31 attendances out of 73.—A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed.

Mr. John Gibson, Attendance Officer to the Lanchester Education Committee, summoned John Hornsby, for refusing to send his child to school. The child had only made 20 out of a possible 40 attendances. Defendant's wife appeared and said the child had a bad foot, and had been attended by Dr. Mason. On producing a medical certificate to that effect the case was dismissed.

Thos. Brown, of Consett, was summoned by Mr. John Gibson, on two charges, for refusing to send his children to school. The children, the officer said, were beyond the control of the parents.—A fine of 5/- and costs was inflicted in each case.

John Turner, of Leadgate, was summoned by Mr. Gibson for refusing to send his child regularly to school. The child for eight weeks had only made 13 attendances out of a possible 56.—The case was adjourned for a month.

Mary Scott, Consett, was summoned for not sending her child to school on January 17th. The girl, who had been kept at home to assist in the house-work was 12½ years of age, and was only in Standard III.—The Bench considered the case a very bad one, and inflicted a fine of 5/- and the usual order.

ASSAULT CASE.

Robt. Gowland, Consett, summoned William and Thos. Seaton, of Consett, for having assaulted him on January 8th.—Complainant said on January 8th he was in company with two men whom he was accompanying to Castleside. On going down the road one of them called Raine, asked him for a match, when he replied that he hadn't a match, but could soon get one. He went to the back of Puddlers Row, and was making to a neighbour's house when the defendants accused him of attempting to steal their pigeons. They pelted him with stones, one of which hit Mr. Raine on the arm. Later in the evening, while the complainant was standing on his own door step one of the defendants threw a brick at him, which fractured his ribs. P.C. Robinson took him to the doctor's surgery, and had his wounds dressed, after which the officer took him home, and took the brick to the Police Station.—George Stoker and Thos. Raine corroborated.—Isabella Storey, a witness for the defendants, said she saw the complainant at the back of the house, going in the direction of the defendant's coal house, where they kept the pigeons.—Complainant said he had been confined to bed for 10 days since the assault.—The Bench considered it an unprovoked assault indeed. The defendants had behaved themselves in a disgraceful manner in Court. It was a disgraceful thing that when a man asked for a match he should have his ribs broken.—The defendants were fined 5/- and costs, or one month's imprisonment.

ALL ABOUT A DRESS.

Mary Ann Grieves, Consett, was summoned by Elizabeth Carr for having assaulted her at Consett on January 23rd.—Complainant said that defendant had made her a dress, which did not fit. She took it back to the defendant to have it altered, but she refused, and got her by the head and dragged her in the clarts.—Bridget Ann Quinn, for the complainant, and Mary Jane McCourt for the defendant, said they saw defendant pull complainant's hair on Jan. 23rd.—Defendant said when complainant went to her house with the dress she threw it at her father, and said "There to —— with you and it."—The Bench considered it a very trifling case, and should not have been taken to court. A fine of 6d and the costs was imposed. Mr. Balleny advised the whole of the girls not to fight again.

A WIFE'S WEAK APPEAL.

Ruth Mason sued her husband, Richard Mason, under the Married Women's Act for maintenance, alleging persistent cruelty. Mr. Dickinson appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Welford for the defendant.

Mr. Dickinson said the parties had been married about four years, and for the last two years cruelty had been going on, and more especially during the last six months. In September last the defendant used violence to his wife and struck her on the head with a bed key and cut her. A week following he again badly used her and blacked her eyes and made her nose bleed. In October he assaulted her again. He refused her food and locked the pantry door. One night in November at twelve o'clock, when it was raining heavily he put her out of the house when she had only a skirt, bodice, and stockings on. She made a complaint to Sergt. Dryden, who got her back into the house. In September he refused to let her into the house when snow was lying thick on the ground, and she had to stay with a neighbour. Since then he had given her nothing in the way of maintenance. She had had to live with a friend at Leadgate. He (Mr. Dickinson) understood the defendant was employed at the Iron Works.

Ruth Mason said she was the wife of Richard Mason, and was married in January, four years ago. The cruelty began two years ago and gradually got worse. In September last he got the clothes line and told her to go upstairs and he would hang her in the room. He struck her on the head with a bed key, and the wound had to be dressed by Dr. Macintyre. One night in October she went home and tried the door. She could not get in, and the defendant did not come home until twelve o'clock. He offered her two shillings to go to a model lodging house. She refused, and he asked her to go for a walk. She went part way down the road, but getting timid she turned back. He said "You ——— I'll finish you." She stayed at Mrs. Jackson's for above a week. On the night he put her out she just had a skirt and bodice on, and was in her stocking feet. He had several times put her out of the house. She stayed at any place where she could get a night's shelter. She had been black and blue many a time. When Sergt. Dryden came her husband said "for your sake, Sergt., I will let her in." When she got in he said she would have to clear out again in the morning. She was frightened of him.

Mr. Welford: You are not the best tempered woman in the world, are you?—I won't say I am.

Did the police lock you up?—No.

Now be careful. Have you been in the hands of the police?—Yes.

More than once or twice?—No, Sir.

How often?—Once.

What for?—Drunkenness I suppose.

Were you drunk?—No, I was not.

Were you fined?—Yes.

Who got hold of you that night?—No one.

Who proved the case?—P.C. Fraser.

Where did he find you that night?—Behind Coltman's.

Was there a man there named Jenkins?—No, there was not.

Was Jenkins asking you for a shilling back?—I don't know anyone of that name.

Was there a Jenks McNally?—I don't know him. There was no man there.

Do you remember a wedding in November?—Yes.

Did you go to that wedding?—Certainly.

Did you tell your husband you were going?—Yes.

Did you make his dinner ready before you went?—Yes.

Have you a nephew named Hagan?—Yes, Edward Hagan; he has always gone under the name of Cook.

Did he ask about your husband's dinner?—No.

Did you say "he can go to —— and get his dinner?"—No.

Did you go to the wedding?—Yes.

Did you get drunk?—No.

Had not your sister to be sent for to take you away?—No.

When your sister asked you to go back did you not say you would not go back to Mason?—No.

Did you go back to your brother's?—Yes.

Did you say you would not go?—No.

Were you not put out?—No.

Did you break the windows?—No.

Do you know John McVain?—I have seen him once.

Do you remember November 3rd—a Saturday night?—Yes.

Do you remember seeing McVain that night?—I remember seeing him and his wife.

Do you remember being with a man?—No, I do not.

Do you remember McVain telling you about it?—No.

Will you swear that he did not?—I will.

Who served the summons upon you?—P.C. Fraser.

Where were you; who were you in bed with?—With no one, I was sitting by the fireside.

Do you know P.C. Ayre?—I have never seen him.

Did you stay away for a week when you went to the wedding?—I stayed two or three days.

Did your husband refuse to take you in when you returned?—He put me out.

Did he not say it was on account of your conduct?—No, he did not.

What was it on account of?—Jealousy.

What did he say?—He said he would not give me a dog kennel.

Did he say it was because you had been misbehaving yourself?—He meant as much.

Do you remember being in the Fountain Hotel?—Yes, in January.

Has not Sergt. Toner frequently found fault with you?—Just once.

On Sunday, the 5th November, were you at Mrs. McQueen's house?—A few minutes.

Was there a young man with you?—No.

Did you ask her to let you in?—No.

Did you put down half-a-crown and ask her to send for some beer?—No.

Did you go to your brother's and commence a row there, and get put out?—No.

Sergt. Dryden (called by Mr. Dickinson), said the complainant had come several times to him about her treatment, but generally when she was drunk. He remembered her coming to him and saying she was only partly clad. He went back with her, and her husband said she was conducting herself so badly he would not take her back. Witness said it was a rough night, and he asked him to let her stay until the morning. Defendant said he would. She was very drunk. He had seen her with a black eye. She had never come to him in a sober state.

Mr. Dickinson said that was his case, and Mr. Welford called.

P.C. Ayre, who said he knew the woman. He went to serve a summons upon her. She was not in at the time, and Mason said, "I wish you would serve the summons personally, as she is sure to be drunk at the time." About twelve o'clock at night he saw her, but had not the summons upon him. She was then very drunk. He went to a house next morning, and found her in bed with a man. She was drunk then.

John McVain said he had known the complainant since last May. On the third of November he called at the house of a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, and saw Mrs. Mason there helplessly drunk. She asked him for money, which he refused.—In reply to Mr. Dickinson he said he was not an acquaintance of the defendant's. He was there voluntarily, because he did not think it was fair for a man to contribute to a woman of such a character.

The Bench at this point dismissed the case.

A LINTZ ASSAULT CASE.

Mary Elizabeth Carr was charged with having assaulted Janet Hardy and Elizabeth Hardy, at Lintz Colliery on January 25th.—Mr. Shaw prosecuted and Mr. Welford defended.—Mr. Shaw said Janet Hardy, daughter of the complainant, had been a message, and on returning, the defendant appeared on the scene, and without any warning or provocation took hold of the girl by the neck, and struck her several times on the face, and also kicked her several times. The girl screamed, and her mother came out. Defendant ran away into her house, but again rushed out, and threw a lemonade bottle at Mrs. Hardy, hitting her on the face, and causing a serious wound on the nose, which had to be stitched. There seemed to be no reason for the assault. The parties were neighbours, and there had been an amount of ill-feeling on the part of the defendant, but for what reason they could not tell.

Janet Hardy and her mother then gave evidence to bear out the opening statement. In cross-examination Janet said the defendant was returning from the direction of Burnopfield. She did not know what the defendant was wearing, or whether she had a mackintosh on, and was carrying a parcel. Witness did not get hold of defendant first. She had always been too much afraid of her. If she tore the defendant's waterproof, it was in self-defence.

Mrs. Hardy, in reply to Mr. Welford, said she did not hit the girl on the temple before she ran away. She saw her throw the bottle, and the injury was not done by a window shutter.

Mr. Welford said he was instructed that his client was coming from Burnopfield, and when she was passing the Hardy's house the girl Janet got hold of her by the throat, tore her mackintosh and box, and shouted for her mother who came out, and struck defendant on the temple. His client struggled and ran away. As to the bottle his instructions were that no bottle was thrown at all.

Evidence was then given by the defendant, Dorothy Elliott, Elizabeth Urwin, and Thomas Carr (father), after which the Bench consulted, and the Chairman said the charge of assault on Janet Hardy would be dismissed. For the assault on Mrs. Hardy a fine of 10/- and costs must be paid.

WHOLESALE LARCENY.

John Wm. Savage, William Miller, and Henry Morgan, youths, were charged on three separate accounts with larceny, and Thomas Lewis, an elderly man, was charged with having received property knowing it to have been stolen.—The evidence showed that the first three defendants had visited a number of shops in Consett on Saturday last, and on the plea of wanting to purchase articles had appropriated a number of mufflers, socks, handkerchiefs, and studs.—Sergt. Dryden said there were eight charges altogether, but they had not yet been able to trace the ownership of the articles recovered. He visited Lewis' house on the 4th, and there apprehended Morgan, who was lodging with Lewis. He searched the house, and found a number of the stolen articles in a room where Lewis slept. Lewis claimed the ownership of several mufflers, a shirt, and some socks which he said he had bought. Lewis, when he thought the Sergeant's back was turned, tried to hide a muffler under a chair.—Lewis pleaded not guilty, and denied having received the articles. He did not know they were in the house.—Morgan's father said his son had been an honest lad until he was led away by Savage and Lewis. After the new year, his son took a fortnight's pay to Lewis, who spent it in drink. He (Mr. Morgan) had been 47 years in Consett, and had never known trouble of this kind until now. It was all through Lewis and Savage. If he had his way he would punish Lewis himself.—In reply to the Chairman Mr. Morgan said if his son would promise to be a good lad he would take him back.

Miller and Morgan were then bound over to come up for sentence if called upon. In the case of Savage, the Chairman said his character was very bad indeed. He had been stealing right and left, and had already undergone three months imprisonment. He must now go back for a further term of three months, with hard labour.—With regard to Lewis his case was the worst of the lot, and he would be sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour.

SCIENCE AND INFLUENZA

The influenza is prevalent just now we all know. In some parts it has lost its old terror—so says the "Pontefract Telegraph." The reason of this, Mrs. Webb, of 24, Albert Street, Featherstone, in an interview with a reporter from that paper, states is due to a new remedy being able to combat with that most terrible of terrible ailments. This new remedy is an Australian preparation, called Charles Forde's Bile Beans. Mrs. Webb applied this remedy personally (on her chemist's recommendation), and the following is a description of the effects of the application:—

"Nine years ago," said Mrs. Webb, "I had a bad attack of influenza, and everybody knows what that means. My nerves were upset, my appetite left me, and altogether I was in a bad way. I seemed to be unable to throw it off, and, in fact, since then I have been ailing in one way or another. My liver seemed to be out of order, and I constantly suffered from indigestion and constipation. I had severe pains in the back and shoulders, which made my life a misery."

"I tried several doctors, but they were unable to cure me. In fact, I never seemed to have the doctor off the doorstep, and I have been put to no end of expense during the last nine years. The doctors agreed that I had chronic bronchitis and liver complaint, so you will understand how ill I must have been."

"But you appear to be in excellent health at present, Mrs. Webb?" said the reporter.

"It is many years," she replied, "since I have been so well as I am now. Whilst I was daily suffering, I had the good fortune to hear from Mr. Jack, the local chemist, about Bile Beans for Biliousness. He suggested that I might give them a trial, and said he could recommend them with every confidence. My husband had also been taking them, and as they had done him a great amount of good, I decided to give them a trial."

"With what result?"

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The reporter, investigating further, called upon Mrs. Hoyle, Wakefield-road, Purston, who fully bore out Mrs. Webb's story, and said that her changed and healthy condition was, indeed, the result of a wonderful cure.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE REV. FATHER FORAN.

On Thursday morning, the funeral of the late Rev. Father Foran, Pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and Rural Dean, took place in the churchyard belonging to that sacred edifice. The remains were laid next to the grave of the late Rev. Father Smith, a former pastor of that church, who passed into rest some years ago. The remains were encased in a leaden shell, the outer coffin being of polished oak, from the establishment of Mr. Wm. Suddes, undertaker, Consett. The grave was of fire-brick walls, 18 inches thick and concreted, while on the top of the coffin were placed two covers of flags, the mason work being carried out by Mr. Showdon, North View, Blackhill. Prior to the burial a Gregorian Requiem Mass, one of the most solemn services in the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, accompanied by Mr. E. J. Sloane, Mus. Bac., organist, Blackhill, was sung by a choir of priests, the cantors being the Rev. Father Holmes, of Chester-le-Street, and the Rev. Father Langshaw, of Ushaw College, while the choir of priests was composed of the Rev. Father Bryne (West Hartlepool), the Rev. Father Wilkinson (Wolsingham), the Rev. Father Foster, the Rev. Dr. Preston (Ushaw College), the Rev. Father Broadhead (Ushaw College), the Rev. Father Thornton (Durham), and the Rev. Father Costello (Sacriston), who were assisted by Mr. John Sloane, of Consett. The Rev. Father Laing (Croxdale, Durham) was the Master of Ceremonies. The chief mourners were the Rev. Father Edward Foran, Miss E. A. Foran, Miss Foran, Sister Mary Bridget Foran, Mr. P. Foran, Miss Hearne, Mrs. M. Flynn, and Mrs. A. Flynn (nephews and nieces), Ireland, and beautiful wreaths were sent by the Rev. Father M. Kelly (Tow Law), Mr. and Mrs. Marshall (Consett), Miss Hearne, Miss McKenna, Mr. Sloane, the members of the Household, and others. The underbearers were Messrs C. Chapman, E. Sloane, B. Mullen, J. McCann, P. Tumulty, J. Kempson, J. Harker, J. McPhillips, J. McNally, W. Suddes, D. Rafferty, and P. Duffy. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Coun. E. Sloane. The church, in which the body lay in state, was draped in black, and bore a very solemn and mournful appearance. The service was throughout impressive, and during the sermon, eloquently preached by the Rev. Dr. Burton, of South Shields, there were unmistakable evidences evinced in the faces of many of the congregation, amongst whom the late Father Foran had laboured, of his popularity with his large flock, who attended the service to show the last token of respect to a beloved pastor and father in Jesus Christ. Amongst the large company present were:—Couns. C. Parnaby, J. Heymer, and R. Eccles, representatives of the Benfieldside Council; the Rev. A. Baillie, the Rev. E. W. E. Jenkins, Messrs. J. Dowson, G. J. Robinson, J. Sloane, and R. G. Barclay, J.P., representative of the Benfieldside School Board; Miss Keenan, Consett; Mrs. and Miss Barclay, Shotley Bridge; Mr. J. D. Piercey-Taylor Smith, Colepike Hall; Mr T. Traynor, Medomsley; Mr. J. Ryan, Consett; Mr. F. Telford, Consett; Mr. J. Casey, Consett; Coun. G. T. Hyden, Consett; Mr. D. Rafferty, Consett; Mr. and Miss Coyle, Consett; Mr. J. McCartan, Durham; Coun. M. Cassidy, Mr Frank Bradley, Mr. E. Finche, Mr. Thos. Conway, of Walker-on-Tyne; Coun. Geo. Ainsworth, J.P., Consett Hall; Miss Sloane, Miss Dobson, Miss Lamb, Miss Black, Miss Boyle, Miss Mary Phillipson (housekeeper), and Miss Atkinson; Mr. W. W. Thompson, Lanchester; Mr. T. L. Gledstone, Consett; Mr. A. Russell, Consett; Rev. A. Baillie, Blackhill; Dr. Bratton, Consett; Dr. Moore, Blackhill; Mr. G. Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. W. Pallister, Blackhill; Mr. G. Wade, Consett; Mr. J. S. Murray, Blackhill; Miss Reacuel, Brooms; Mr. J. O'Connor, Mr. M. Hall, Coun. T. Dunne, Consett; Mr. J. T. Potts, J.P., Consett; Coun. J. Daly, Consett; Mr. J. Murray, Consett; Mr B. Mullen, Consett; Mr. J. and Mrs. Petherick, Consett; Mr. and Mrs C. A. Marshall, Consett; Mr. F. McCurley, Leadgate, and many others.

THE SERMON.

The Rev. Dr. Burton, of South Shields, who preached an eloquent, impressive, and appropriate sermon, took as the basis of his remarks the words contained in the Book of Job, 5th Chapter, and the 26th verse, "Thou shalt enter into thy grave in abundance, as a sheaf of wheat is brought in in its season." The Rev. Father, in addressing the congregation as Rev. Fathers and dear brethren, all in Jesus Christ, said once more they were met to perform that sad ceremonial together. Again the priests of the diocese lifted their mournful voices in bewailing the loss in the black roll of ministers of the Lord, and in offering the spotless Lamb of Salvation for the eternal repose of their pastor. Soon the doors of that church would open unto him for the last time. As their procession wended its mournful way that sweetly sad refrain would fall upon their ears, "Let the angel of the Lord lead thee into the Paradise of Heaven. Let the Martyrs welcome thee on thy coming and bring thee on thy way to the heavenly Jerusalem." Then the chorus would resound as they lowered him gently down to his last resting-place until the day when the Mighty Angel of the Judgment shall stand with one foot upon the sea and another upon the earth, and shall swear by him that liveth that time shall be no more. Genuine sorrow was in the breasts of each one of them that morning; none who knew him but loved him, none but felt their hearts drawn towards him through his gentleness, his simplicity, his love of nature, and, above all, his sincerity and unaffected humility. They did well to mourn for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still. His loss was one which must be felt, but should they not do well to recall to their minds that morning and apply to their present case the words with which St. Ambrose addressed his lost brother, "Wherefore shall I weep for thee my most loving brother." Would it not be wiser for them to hear the word of King David when he lost his boy, when he said, "Can I bring him back again; I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." So they wept a little for the dead for he was at rest. If from that day's mournful pageant—as he himself should wish—some profitable lesson, some high advantageous resolve, some precious memento of teaching to be stored up in the treasure-house of their hearts—and that lesson appeared to be that if in their heart of hearts they admired and loved him they should strive to emulate his pattern to be gentle and simple and humble, that as he toiled for many a long season, in wet and dry, in clear and cloud, they should work that which was good and not lay up for themselves treasure on earth where moth and rust corrupteth, and where thieves broke through and stole, but sow in sadness here that they might reap with joy, and be gathered with the wheat into their Father's barn. There was no need that he, the preacher, should rehearse at any length the chief events and changes of his long career as they were all familiar with them. His early pious training at Waterford, his earnest preparation at College, his early spell of missionary work at old St. Andrews', Newcastle, the ten years spent at Walker, which was fraught with benefit to the parish where his memory was cherished in the hearts of many of the older flock of his own parish. After obtaining what he believed a call from God, and after having received the sanction of the Bishop of his diocese, he set sail in the year 1875, now 52 years ago, for the South American seas to take with him the consolations of religion to the scattered Catholic families dwelling in the Falkland Islands. His work might be best described in the Apostle's words in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in labours often, and fastings often, and watchings often, how must he have been welcomed to the shores of those forlorn worshippers. He once chanced to meet a couple whom Father Foran had joined in wedlock, and nothing could exceed the warmth of affection with which they spoke of their old pastor. In a word it might be said of him as it was said of his Heavenly Master that he went about doing good, feeding souls that hungered with the Bread of Life, restoring the robe of innocence to such as had unfortunately lost it, of caring for the dead, and as they who had witnessed his daily life—of the unpretending piety, the constant devotion to duty, the love of the House of God, the unassuming gentleness and sweetness of his disposition, which had shown out so conspicuously during the last three years, were an example worthy of their imitation. When he attended the funeral of Bishop Carlisle three years ago it was seen that he was failing in health, but no one ever dreamed that it would be the last time they should gaze upon his face and grasp his honest hand. But the times and the moments were not in their own hands, and probably the Lord of the Vineyard in passing had seen that the fruit was already ripe upon the bough, that the Divine Husbandman lifting his eyes saw that the field was already white for the harvest and put the sickle in because the time of the harvest had come. They might confidently believe that a good store had been laid up there where rust doth not corrupt, and that whatever dross had clung to the sparkling metal had been purged away. He had passed away, and at a time when the diocese could so ill spare him. He had been taken away from them. The prudent die, and where in all respects could they find his equal. With the living they might not compare him, but were they called upon to form some parable, however imperfect, and to point to one of those holy old men whose life, some phases and features of whose life he reproduced in his own, they could not make a more fitting selection than point to one of those most pious and most loveable of old men whom Father Foran so much resembled—the elder Tobias. God gave him favour in the sight of the King, who gave him liberty to do what he had a mind. He went to those in captivity and gave them wholesome admonitions, and was careful for the burial of the dead. But when as they hoped their services would give way, as they hoped to the splendours of the never-fading day, might they not well imagine that the angel Raphael could now address him in the words which he addressed to the Patriarch of old when he had restored him said, "Give glory to the God of heaven." When he was escorted into the paradise of exaltation and beheld the King in his beauty, and his whole soul inebriated with the fulness of the House of God, might he not exclaim in the word of old Tobias, whom he so much resembled, "Blessed be the Lord that hath exalted it. Thou shalt descend into the grave in abundance, as a sheaf of wheat is brought in in its season, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

After the funeral a luncheon was provided in the schools for the clergy and friends by Tilley and Sons, Newcastle, which gave entire satisfaction.

Amongst the priests in the procession which preceded the corpse to the graveside were:—

Rev. Father Edward Beech, Crawcrook; Rev. Father Henry F. Berry, Walker; Rev. Father James Bradley, South Shields; Rev. Father Martin Brennan, Dunston; Rev. Father W. H. Brown, Ushaw College; Rev. Father Fras. Bulger, Monkwearmouth; Rev. Father G. C. Burton D.D., South Shields; Rev. Father Alfred Chadwick, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Rev. Canon Richard Collins, Newcastle; Rev. Father James Corbey, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Rev. Father Edward Costello, Sacriston; Rev. Father Charles Dunn, Amble; Rev. Father Jeremiah Foran, Sunderland; Rev. Father M. Forster, Castle Eden; Rev. Father P.C. Fortin, Waterhouses; Rev. Canon Henry Gillow, Monkwearmouth; Rev. Father Samuel Harris, Esh; Rev. Father Martin Hayes, Jarrow; Rev. Father F. Holmes, Chester-le-Street; Rev. George Edward Howe, Tynemouth; Rev. Father James W. Key, Newcastle; Rev. Father John Kelly, Blackhill; Rev. Father Francis Keyte, Scotswood; Rev. Father A. Magill, Brooms; Rev. Father Joseph Newsham, Newcastle; Rev. Father John O'Brien, Houghton-le-Spring; Rev. Father John O'Donoghue, North Shields; Rev. Father Richard Preston, D.D., Ushaw College; Rev. Father Edward Robert, Alnwick; Rev. Canon J. Rooney, M.R.V.G., Darlington; Rev. Father J. Russell, Darlington; Rev. Father Lawrence Ryan, Dunston; Rev. Father Wm. Ryan, Felling; Rev. Father John Sheehan, West Cornforth; Rev. Father Thomas J. Smith, Sunderland; Rev. Father William Smith, Newcastle; Rev. Father R. Taylerson, Stockton-on-Tees; Rev. Father W. Taylor, Whittingham; Rev. Father James Thompson, Stanley; Rev. Father Lewis Thomson, O.P., Newcastle; Rev. Father Joseph Thornton, Langley Moor; Rev. Father Robt. Thornton, Durham; Rev. Father G. Van-Kipperslins, Hartlepool; Rev. Father Rich. Vaughan, Newcastle; Rev. Father Edward Walsh, Wallsend; Rev. Canon G. W. Waterton, M.R., Carlisle; Rev. Father W. Wickwar, West Hartlepool; Rev. Father Adam Wilkinson, Wolsingham; Rev. Father J. A. Wilson, Byer Moor; Rev. Father Edward Witty, Gateshead; Rev. Joseph Broadhead, Ushaw College; Rev. Canon Greener, Gateshead; Rev. R. Laing, Croxdale; Rev. M. Langshawe, Bishop Auckland; and Rev. Ed. Foran, O.S.A., Callan, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, nephew of deceased; and Rev. Joseph Byrne, Hartlepool.

ACROSTIC WRITTEN ON THE DEATH OF FATHER FORAN, BLECKHILL.

F aithful pastor of his flock,
A ffable and kind;
T ruly rev'rent in Life's walk,
H is no narrow mind.
E verywhere, in spite of creed,
R ich and poor entwine

F lowers of love, devoid of weed,
O 'er the hallowed shrine.
R ound thy unassuming life,
A lways free from worldly strife,
N oble deeds are shining."

Interesting Presentation at Whickham

Honouring a Volunteer

In the Whickham Parochial Schools, on Wednesday evening week, Mr. J. Burrell, Conservative agent for the Chester-le-Street Division, delivered an interesting lecture on South Africa, which was pleasantly illustrated by lime-light views, and was listened to with great attention by a large and appreciative audience. At the close of the lecture the chairman (Coun. R. T. Swinburn), on behalf of the villagers of Whickham, made a presentation to Mr. George Easey, of West Farm, Whickham, who volunteered for active service in South Africa as a member of the Imperial Yeomanry. Coun. Swinburn in making the presentation said that as soon as it became known that their young friend was about to leave the district to do duty for his Queen and country in South Africa, it was decided by his friends that he should not leave the village in which he was born, and had lived all his life, without something being done to shew him their respect, and assure him of their best wishes, and to give him as hearty a "send-off" as the limited time at their disposal would permit. The movement only took practical form on Monday, and the large audience present that evening was sufficient proof of the spontaneous and ready response with which it had been met. They admired the spirit of patriotism that had actuated Mr. Easey, and felt sure he would do his duty as a good soldier and true citizen for the honour of his country. (Applause.) They all recognised the difficult task our gallant troops had in hand in South Africa, but were certain that success would eventually crown their efforts, and the British flag, which had always been the harbinger of peace and contentment, would float triumphantly in South Africa. Mr. Swinburn then asked Mr. Easy to accept a number of useful presents, comprising tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, cigarette case and holder, cigar holder, case of pipes, pocket knife, silver compass, tobacco pouch, and a purse of gold, and in doing so wished him God-speed, and assured him that he carried with him their very best wishes. They all hoped that the recipient and his gallant comrades would soon return safe and sound to their native land, crowned with victory, which he felt sure awaited them. (Applause.)

Mr. Easey feelingly thanked his friends for their kind presents, and the good wishes offered to him on his departure. He hoped to do his duty for his country in South Africa, and once again to be spared to mingle amongst them. (Applause.) The company then heartily sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." The meeting was most enthusiastic throughout, and concluded by the singing of "Red, White, and Blue" and "Rule Brittania." A collection was taken in aid of the Reservists' Fund, and amounted to £1 5s 8d. Mr. George Swinburn acted as secretary, and Mr. Edward Liddell as treasurer, who, together with the small working committee, deserve every praise for the successful manner in which they carried out the arrangements.

On the following evening Trooper Easey left the Central Station for South Africa. A number of friends were present to witness his departure, and gave him a hearty and enthusiastic "send-off."

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METHODISM AT CHESTER-LE-STREET

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY.

On Saturday afternoon, the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a new Primitive Methodist Chapel, to be erected in Red Rose Terrace, Chester-le-Street, was performed in the presence of a good gathering. The structure, which is estimated to cost about £500, and will accommodate 200 persons, is being supplied by Mr Harris, London. The proceedings were presided over by the Rev A. J. Campbell, circuit minister, Chester-le-Street, and in addition to those who took part in the proceedings there were also present Mr J. Smith, Birtley; Mr W. Hudson, Birtley; Mr B. Bolam, Birtley; Mr G. Urwin, Ouston; Mr Glenwright, Ouston; Mr John Simpson, Waldridge Fell; Mr J. Dixon, Pelton Fell; Mr Wm. Wilson, Chester Moor; Mr Fl. Pringle, Chester-le-Street; Mr J. Clark, Chester-le-Street; Mr R. Bush, Chester Moor; Mr and Mrs Grime, Newcastle; Mrs McLea, Chester-le-Street; Mr Storey, Chester-le-Street; Mrs Wm. Clark, and Mrs Lavender.

After devotional exercise, the Rev A. J. Campbell addressed the company. They were now, he said, according to the programme, at the most interesting part of the proceedings. He was very glad to see such a good turn up of members in that most eccentric weather. (Laughter.) It was then a time when they must all economise their speeches and abbreviate their utterances, and therefore would set the example of brevity. That day had been long looked for, but it had arrived at last. They wanted a house of their own, and that was what everybody wanted to have, and now they had arrived within measurable distance of the same. He was glad they were going to get a house of their own, and they were now about to lay the foundation-stone of that house. He was also pleased that so many had gathered around to witness what would mark the opening of a new chapter of Primitive Methodist history in that part of Chester-le-Street. He was also glad to find that the trustees had been fortunate enough in securing two ladies to grace that function. He was delighted to find that two stones would be laid by ladies, for after all they did occupy a very important place in their church life, church interest and church work; they always gave the place of honour to ladies. (Laughter.) One of the stones was to be laid by Miss Clark, a young lady who took a most active interest in the Christian work of the Primitive Methodist Society. (Hear, hear.) Her father was an honoured local preacher, and a class leader for more years than he would like the speaker to tell. (Laughter.) He referred to Mr John Clark. (Applause.) He now had great pleasure in asking Miss Mary Clark to lay the first stone.

Miss Clark then declared the first stone well and truly laid, and expressed the pleasure it gave her in performing such an interesting ceremony.

The Chairman next called upon Mrs W. Hindmarch to lay the next stone, which ceremony was gracefully performed by that lady.

The Chairman, in asking Coun. Wm. Allison, of Birtley, to also lay a corner-stone, said that if they asked the Birtley people of the value of Coun. W. Allison, they would soon be told that that gentleman was always to the fore in anything appertaining to Primitive Methodism, and was a worthy member in his own society. He now asked Mr Allison to lay a corner-stone.

Coun. Allison, in acceding to the request, said they did not want to be long in their speeches. They were a Primitive Methodist body and their past was in the benefitting of their fellow-men. They were anxious to be courteous and respectful to all the kind friends who so kindly had come to help them, and he had no doubt but the friends of Red Rose Mission would meet with a hearty and ready response. What they were doing that day was only in co-operation with other churches to benefit their fellow-men and to espouse the cause of their Lord and Master—that was the prime desire of their various churches, and he trusted that peace and prosperity would attend that Mission, and that God's blessing would rest upon them.

Mr Thomas Crime, of Newcastle, also laid a corner-stone. He assured them that it was a great privilege to have been asked to do so. He heartily congratulated them upon their noble efforts in erecting a new chapel.

Mr John Hall likewise performed a similar ceremony.

The Chairman, in calling upon Mr John Wilkinson to lay a corner-stone, remarked that that gentleman was a tower of strength in himself, and a worthy class leader, surrounded by a vigorous Sunday School.

Mr Wilkinson then declared the stone well and truly laid.

The Chairman said it had been thought desirable that a stone should be laid on behalf of the members, and they had therefore selected a gentleman whom he considered to be the most fitting person to perform the ceremony. That gentleman was Mr Thomas Gibson, and the members had been one of the most active workers—(hear, hear)—in securing money for the purpose of erecting the new chapel.

Mr. Gibson, in performing the ceremony, said as Mr. Campbell had remarked, he was thankful to the friends for having given their object in erecting a new chapel, and he was thankful to have some names on his list. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Dodds, of Newcastle, and Lady Grey, of Stockton. He was thankful to count them as their friends, and they had generously given £5 each. (Applause.)

The Chairman said there was one section of the society, and a most important section. He referred to the members of the choir, and they had chosen Mr Wardle to lay a corner-stone.

Mr. Wardle then proceeded to lay a corner-stone.

A large number of bricks were next laid by the following young members:—John Sanderson, Mary Sanderson, Thomas Sanderson, Ralph Saunders, Edward Saunders, Elizabeth A. Stewart, Thomas Hindmarsh, Robert A. Sanderson, Margaret Sanderson, Isabella Sanderson, John Sanderson, Louisa Anger, Jane A. Anger, John Anger, Florence Anger, J. S. Usher, Mary Sleightholm, Hannah Wardle, Maud Wardle, Mary A. Wardle, Andrew Wardle, Joseph Hope, Annie Hope, Wm. Hope, John Armstrong, Mary Ann Clark, Clara E. Clark, Hannah Jane Clark, James Fletcher, R. H. Fletcher, John W. Woodward, Robert Shepherd, Susannah Spoors, Isabella Bewick, Isabella Newton, Annie Reay, Joseph Henderson, Matthew Ranson, Charles Powell, John Rice, Henry Bell, Margaret Howard, Margaret Eltringham, Mary A. Carter, Wm H. Campbell, Isabella Usher, Maggie Hamilton, Albert Gibson, James Proud, Annie Proud, Stella Cairns, Geo. F. Jennings, George Usher, Elizabeth Urwin, John Hay, Isabella McKie, John Blenkinsopp, Robt. Lamb, Misses Hutchinson (3), and Mrs M. A. Lamb.

The Chairman afterwards called upon the Rev. R. Shields, of Hartlepool, to address the gathering. He was glad to ask one of their own bairns—(laughter)—to do so. He was delighted to think that one of their own bairns was present with them that day. No man had had a nobler career. Mr. Shields had been enriching his life, and he had come back to them, glad to come back, delighted to come back, and they were pleased to have him amongst them that afternoon. He knew they would give him a hearty welcome.

The rev. gentleman, who was received with applause, said he thought that was a bit of the best Christian work that had been undertaken by him in that circuit during the last twenty-five years. His heartiest sympathies had been with that Mission ever since its inception. (Hear, hear.) He thought that the success which had already been realised, amply justified the efforts of the promoters. A true church was aggressive, and did its utmost to increase its membership. Now the erection of a suitable building in which to carry on the work and the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ was absolutely necessary if the work was to be successful. The church was a vigorous one; they could not boast of an ancient history, but better still they could rejoice in magnificent and successful work done for the Lord Jesus Christ. (Hear, hear.) They were a section of a great Methodist Church, and, numerically, they occupied the second position amongst the Methodist movement. He would not say that they were not a split from any church. They did not come into existence through strife or quarrel; they were a legitimate out-growth of early methodism. Society after society was coming into existence. They took their name; they framed their laws; they began their existence as a distinct section of the Church of Jesus Christ, and that would be near the year 1812. As a result of those 88 years of work they had 19,860 members. They were just touching 20,000 members; they had 1,100 ministers of the gospel; over 16,000 local preachers; over 10,000 class leaders; 4,341 Sunday schools, and almost half-a-million Sunday school scholars, and about 61,000 Sunday school teachers. Their church property amounted to almost four million pounds. They rejoiced in the possession of flourishing book rooms—(hear, hear)—and turned over every year just £45,000. They had more than 1,100 societies of Christian Endeavour. (Hear, hear.) Many of their chapels were at any rate built equal to those possessed by any other church in the land. (Hear, hear.) They had also a number of smaller places of worship—and they did not ignore the importance of the smaller places. He trusted that as men and women assembled in their new chapel to worship they might realise the santifying influence which came from personal contact with the living Christ—the Saviour of men, and in the great day when the books were opened, it should be said that this one or that one were born for glory here. (Applause.)

The Chairman intimated that the trustees decided some time ago to place in the hands of each stone-layer a small memento of the occasion, in the shape of perhaps the life of one of their founders. Unfortunately, owing to the heavy strain upon their book room they could not be procured at the moment, but would probably be sent by post later on.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a public tea was held at which a large company sat down to tables ably presided over by Misses Shepherd, Matthews, Batey (2), Leybourn (2), Forster, Luke, Newton, Anger, Bewick, Spoors, Carter, Howill, Green, Laight, Jude, Campbell, and Mesdames Hutchinson, Henderson, Armstrong, and Farrier.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1900.

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Evening, 6 }

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Public Notices.

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Consett Waterworks Company, will be held at the Company's Offices, Consett, on Friday, the 16th day of February, 1900, at one o'clock in the afternoon precisely, for the transaction of General Business.

The Books for the Registration of Transfer of Shares will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of February, to Friday, the 16th of February, both days inclusive.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1900.

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The following information should be supplied with each Application:—*Name of Parish, Full Name of Soldier, Age, Married or Single, No. of Children, Wife, Mother, or Relatives, Dependent; Regiment, Regimental No., whether in Receipt of any, and if so what Relief or Government Allowance.* 446g

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For further particulars see bills.

York, Feb. 1900. GEORGE S. GIBB,
737g General Manager.

Sales by Auction

By Mr. J. W. Vickers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.

FIRST SPECIAL SALE of STORE CATTLE and SHEEP.—Early entries for these Sales solicited. J. VICKERS, Auctioneer. 618g

By Mr John Crawford

MORROW Edge Farm, near Burnhope. Mr. J. CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Joseph Jewitt, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday first, February 14th, 1900, the whole of the FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., comprising—Horses: Grey Mare, 16 h.h., five years old, (by "Rule Britannia"); Grey Colt, about 15-2 h.h., 3 years old, (unbroken). Cattle: young Red Cow, close to profit; Black Cow, in calf, milking well; 6 well bred Store Cattle, rising 2 years old, (forward in condition); 6 Stirks, from 6 to 12 months old. Implements: Long Cart, 2 Coup Carts, Combined Reaper, Metal Roller by Gregory, Horse Hay Rake, Double Turnip Drill, Turnip Chopper, D.M.B. Plough, Double Furrow Plough, Single Plough, Zig-zag Harrows, Barrows, Scruffler, Scrubber, Grubber, Winnowing Machine, Weighing Machine, Wheel Barrow, Ladder, Corn Bin, Trestles, Grindstone, Cow Chains, Cow Tubs, Forks, Rakes, Shovels, Gripes, &c. Harness: Three Sets Cart Harness, Plough Gear, Trace Chains, Night Collars, &c. Stackyard: about 3 tons of Hay, about 40 Sacks well-won Black Oats, about 2 acres of Swede Turnips (unpulled). Part Household Furniture. 20 Poultry. Churn and Dairy Utensils. Other lots too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

The Auctioneer begs to draw the attention of the Public to the above. The Grey Mare is quiet in all Harness, and has grand action. The Unbroken Colt is very promising; both bred on the place. The Cattle are of a fine class, forward in condition, with good hair. Implements, Carts, &c., are in good order, some of them almost new; and the Harness is also in first-class order. Mr. Jewett is leaving the Farm, which has been let, and there is no reserve. Morrow Edge Farm is about 1 mile from Burnhope Colliery, Half-mile from South Moor, 2½ miles from Annfield Station, and same distance from Shield Row and Lanchester Stations. Full particulars, see posters.

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By Mr James Turnbull.

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Sale with Milk Cows at 11-30; Fat Stock at 1-15 p.m. Present Entries—

50 Prime Fat Cattle
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MR JAMES TURNBULL, F.A.I., having been instructed by the representatives of Mr. Jos Armstrong, will SELL BY AUCTION on Wednesday, February 14th, 1900, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, HORSES, CATTLE, HAY, TURNIPS, IMPLEMENTS, as under:

SIX HORSES.

Bay Mare, "Beauty," rising 4 years, 16-3 h.h., not been in shafts.

Bay Mare, "Bi[illegible]" 5 years, 16-2 h.h., by "Blue Blood," dam by "Wellingford," good in all yokes, and believed to be thoroughly sound.

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THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, February 9th, 1900.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Miners' Wages. It is a healthy sign of [illegible] that the miners of Durham County have just had their wages increased to the extent of five per cent. Considering the extremely brisk state of trade at the present time, and the price at which coal is selling, the men were quite justified in anticipating an advance. The decision was come to at the ordinary meeting of the Board of Conciliation for the Durham coal trade on Tuesday, and the increase takes effect after the pays commencing February 12th and 19th. It was further resolved that there should be no reduction until the August meeting under any circumstances, and wages are not to be advanced until the ascertained price reaches eight shillings per ton. This will no doubt be very satisfactory to the men. Some of them doubtless had looked for a larger increase to their earnings than five per cent., but the latter figure is fairly substantial. It proves beyond question that the coal trade is just now passing through a period of prosperity the like of which it has not experienced for some time. That continued success may smile upon the trade is our earnest wish.

25 per cent. wanted. Apropos of our note above we may mention that a circular is being issued to the members of the Durham Miners' Association from the following lodges:—Chopwell, Westwood, Spen, Hobson, Victoria Garesfield, Axwell, and Lily Drift. The circular reads:—"The undersigned lodges of the Durham Miners' Association have decided to issue to you the following facts and figures, believing that our members of the Conciliation Board should ask an advance in our wages of 25 per cent., and, failing to get the same, should appeal to the whole of the members of their association, asking them whether they are willing to accept less or not, as we are of the opinion that no trumpery, temporary advance in our wages will be satisfactory to the members. We give you sufficient facts and figures, including the former scale of 1884, so that you may compare the present quotations for coal and coke with that scale, which at that time we thought worked to our disadvantage, and therefore we refused to continue the same, with other matters connected with our wages." There is also appended the county miners' basis wages of 1879 for the different classes of workers in the mines in the county of Durham, for the reason "that various ill-informed persons and newspapers state the exceeding large wages of the miners in the United Kingdom at present is the cause of the high price of coal; it should be evident to unbiassed persons that the wages of the miners are not the cause of dear fuel." The facts and figures referred to are set out in tabular form, and make interesting reading to those connected with the coal industry. Twenty-five per cent. seems a big rise, but on the figures produced the men are entitled to this increase.

Blackhill Naturalists. The members of the branch of the Burnopfield Naturalists' Field Society formed at Blackhill last year have decided to become an independent body. In mentioning this it must not for a moment be inferred that anything but the most cordial friendship exists between the two societies. In fact, as Mr. Leybourne said, notwithstanding the separation the members of the parent society would render the Blackhill body all the assistance they could. It is pleasing to find such an excellent spirit existing amongst the members of the two bodies, and there is not the slightest reason why, even under the changed conditions, both should not go on and prosper exceedingly. Of course, the success of the Blackhill society has been of an almost phenomenal character, and we hope to see the interest manifested in the doings of the society last year more than maintained this season. It will certainly not be the fault of the hon. secretary, Mr. S. Leybourne (whom, we are gratified to see, has again accepted office) if this desirable state of affairs is not brought about. A well-merited tribute to the services rendered by Mr. Leybourne was accorded at the meeting alluded to, the Chairman (Mr. Wilson Clayton) speaking in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Mr. Leybourne had discharged his duties. Last season was a most pleasant and profitable one to the members of the club, who are looking forward with anticipation to the commencement of the ensuing season, which, we trust, may be equally as successful, or even more so.

An unjust tax. Many have been the attempts made to induce the Corporation of Newcastle to abolish the tax known as the thorough toll, but so far without the result required. However, it would appear as though the Town Council of Gateshead are not discouraged at the rebuffs they have received, as at the last meeting of the Stanley Council a letter was read from the Gateshead body, setting forth that, upon the invitation of the Town Council, a conference of representatives whose districts are adversely affected by the thorough toll, was held in Gateshead on June 10th, 1897, when a resolution was adopted to the effect that the thorough toll charged by the Corporation of Newcastle upon all goods taken either in or out of their city was most objectionable in its character, unfair in its incidence, operating most injuriously upon the trade of the district, and altogether opposed to the principles and methods adopted in carrying on the trade and commerce of the country. The resolution concluded by calling for the abolition of the tax. However, nothing has been done by the Newcastle Corporation, and the Gateshead Council intend to hold another conference, to which they invited four representatives from the Stanley Council. Whatever grounds may have existed to justify the introduction of the thorough toll at the time, none exist now, and it is a glaring injustice that the tax should still be imposed. One of the chief movers in this agitation for the removal of the toll is Coun. Kershaw, of Gateshead, father of Mr. John Kershaw, of Leadgate.

Mr C. T. Foreman, of Leadgate. This gentleman has been the recipient of numerous presentations upon his departure from the district, and by this means his friends have testified their high esteem and regard for him. At Shotley Bridge last Thursday evening the members of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club presented Mr. Foreman with a smoker's cabinet, at a very successful complimentary dinner. On Monday night, Mr. Foreman received a handsome gold albert at Leadgate, whilst the staff of the laboratory at the Consett Ironworks have also made him a present. In addition, Mr. Foreman will carry away with him several presents from private friends. He left Leadgate on Wednesday, and sails for India to-morrow (Friday.) The best wishes of his many friends and acquaintances follow him in his new sphere of labour, and all hope that he may be blessed with good health in our great dependency. Mr. Foreman goes out to assume a responsible position, but he has had a thorough training, and will, we feel certain, acquit himself right creditably. No doubt he will feel acutely the parting from home, relatives, and friends, but he has his own interests and welfare to take into consideration, and these decree that he shall for some years at least make his home in India. Mr. Foreman goes to Jamalpur, in the Bengal Presidency. We very sincerely wish him "Bon voyage."

The good news confirmed. It is our most pleasing duty to be able to confirm the rumours of the re-starting of the Delight Colliery, Dipton, which has been laid in since December 29th, 1894. On Wednesday afternoon of last week definite instructions were received by the under-manager of the Colliery, Coun. T. Clark, of Delight House, Dipton, that the owners had decided to re-open the pit as soon as it can possibly be arranged. A few extra hands have been employed to make the places ready for work, and although it will be a few weeks before coals are drawn to any extent, the news will be welcomed by the villagers and tradesmen as the portent of better days. Men are now busy replacing the timber on the rolley-ways, which has become unsafe, and shooting down stone in order to make as many "cavils" as possible. The greater portion of the coal lies up the fourteen fathom trouble to the east of the shaft, on the top of which the workmen are making an incline, and run the coals down the Hutton, Main Coal, Shield Row, Brass Hill, and Five-quarter Seams—which are expected to be standing good—to the shaft at the Delight Colliery, where all the coals for the present will be drawn. It is the intention of the owners, we understand, to open the Old Boundary House Pit Shaft, for the purpose of dropping the coals from the top seams, and run them down the incline to the Dipton Pit Shaft. The coke ovens are also to be re-started at once, and probably before these lines have seen the light of day the ovens will be in full working order. During the past week the railwaymen and others have been re-laying the rails on the oven tops and sidings about the pit and putting the hoppers into working order. The coals in the meantime for the purposes of coke-making will be sent from the Hobson Colliery. We understand that the new partners of the Marley Hill Coal Company are Sir Lindsay Wood, Mr Armstrong (Pelaw), and Mr. Pollock, gentlemen who are well-known in the coal trade as being enterprising and pushing business men.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

WAR AND WAR.

Of course war claims precedence. Our soldiers are fighting in South Africa, and our lawyers and churchmen are fighting at home. It is not exhilarating to find the heads of the legal profession at loggerheads with a dignitary of the church, and yet there is something appropriate about it. Clericals have to put down wrong doing, and where would the lawyers be if they succeeded? But that is not the reason why at present they are calling each other nasty names. The Dean of Durham may have been partly right in saying that to some extent the Army was recruited from men who had engaged in drunken revels, but, if by military discipline, they have been made better and steadier men, then the change has been one for the better, and ought not to be condemned by one whose calling it is to preach improvement and betterment in the morals and general conduct of the people. The Dean was indiscreet in his choice of words, and has brought down upon his devoted head the scathing remarks of a Lord Chancellor, and a Judge of the High Court. We now want the heads of the medical profession to step in with a good sized prescription which everyone can understand, and then we can turn our heads away and give heed to other matters of a more pressing nature.

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CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

Dr. Taylor, of Chester-le-Street, who is Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District, has an unruly set of people to deal with. In certain parts of the district scarlet fever is rampant, and it seems clear to be due to downright carelessness and a reckless disregard of professional advice. So outrageous indeed has become the neglect of many people that it has become criminal. No excuse can be offered, for warnings have been issued and disregarded as so much waste-paper. The result is an epidemic at Waldridge and at Edmondsley. If the mothers of the children in these places have a partiality for scarlet fever they have no right to force their predilections on others who have more regard for their own health, safety, and welfare. The seriousness of the offence is one which requires to be forced home with greater severity than the serving of formal or verbal notices.

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COOKERY CLASSES.

The cookery classes at High Spen under the Chopwell School Board have not been a success. The cause of failure lies entirely in the lack of pupils. Mr. Gilchrist says it is with the greatest difficulty that they can got a sufficient number to qualify, and, as he remarked at the Board meeting, it seems an extraordinary thing for a girl to say she does not want to learn cooking, for it is presumed that that is what it amounts to. It may be that the mothers prefer to teach them at home, but they are really adopting a short-sighted policy, for culinary hints are always valuable and more especially in the homes of working people, who might be taught to prepare substantial meals at a much less cost than they at present do. Again they might receive a few wrinkles in the way of really capital repasts being made from so called waste. There is nothing derogatory about a meal so made, and there is no reason why economy should not be exercised in every home.

ENTIRE HORSE SOCIETY.

Mr. Ramsay's financial statement to the members of the Derwent Valley Entire Horse Society at Shotley Bridge last Saturday night was an extremely satisfactory one, showing the Society to be in a flourishing condition. There can be no doubt as to the value to farmers of this and other Associations of the kind, and I sincerely trust that the show to be held on the first Saturday in March at Shotley Bridge may not only have a good entry, but that the weather may be fine and a large attendance of spectators attracted.

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DAYLIGHT SCAVENGING.

In his report to the Consett District Council on Wednesday night, Mr. Shell said the scavenging contractor persisted in doing his work during the day. The man's contract will shortly expire and evidently he does not care what harm may ensue from such foolhardy conduct. At the same meeting Dr. MacIntyre submitted his quarterly report which showed that the deaths almost equalled the births. He had reasons to advance for this state of affairs, some of which were unpreventible. In other cases he gave causes for which there is a remedy. There is a remedy for this scavenging nuisance and it should be adopted if the man's contract had only another week to run. As soon as the man was seen to be acting contrary to his agreement measures should have been taken against him in one form or another. He is supposed to attend to the houses every 14 days. His arithmetic on that point seems sadly defective, for it would appear that in many cases twice 14 days make three months. A cheque for half his contract price would have a tendency to bring out his arithmetical knowledge in another direction. In the meantime "prevention is better than cure" is a motto with its face turned to the wall.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

MALIGNANCY.

It is indeed a pity that the lasciviously disposed person or persons who have lately been revelling in exhibiting their pusillanimity by wilfully damaging the public urinal at Stanley have not been brought to justice. The water-pipes and doors of this convenience, which was erected at no little expense, have suffered considerable damage at the hands of some malicious disposed person or persons. The local authority now offer a reward of £1 in the hope of preventing further wanton mischief.

OVERCROWDING.

The deputation which recently waited upon our local authority in regard to the alleged overcrowding in the district, if it does not achieve the end in view, has, however, caused the Council to move in the matter, with the result that the Inspector has now been ordered to submit a return to the Council dealing with the alleged overcrowding. A rather bad case at South Moor was pointed out to the Council, but nothing was done to remedy the evil, and all will re-echo the statement made by the worthy chairman, "that the Council did not do its duty." However, now that the matter is now being enquired into, we may expect the members to do the duty demanded of them.

A SUCCESSFUL SHOW.

The members of the Stanley and District Poultry Society have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the success which attended their annual exhibition on Friday and Saturday. It was a huge success both in regard to quality and numerically. The number of entries outnumbered those of any previous show; and stock was received from the best-known exhibitors in the north. The poultry section was the leading feature, the birds on view being almost perfect in every detail. Rabbits were exceedingly good, some fine specimens being on exhibition, whilst the class for pigeons was well filled. Amongst the department for foreign birds were a couple belonging to Master Nicholson of Gateshead, which were the centre of much admiration. The show was one of the best that has been seen in the district for some time, and I trust that their next display may be equally successful.

A MISTAKE—AND ITS SEQUEL.

Socials and dances are just now being held galore, and their numbers might have been augmented had not a certain gentleman's bottle of whiskey gone astray. The teachers connected with a school which shall be nameless, but which is not situated a hundred miles from Stanley, have for some years past assembled annually to "trip the light fantastic toe;" **but, alas! that** pleasure must be forfeited, and all through the wanderings of a bottle of whiskey. The head master, who is a strong temperance advocate, was present at the last dance, and was shocked to find a bottle containing whiskey innocently reposing in his innocent pocket. Needless to say the bottle did not belong to that gentleman, but had been placed there in mistake by another individual. The teachers this year made the usual application to the head master for permission to hold their annual social, but the request has been refused for the foregoing reason. Teachers, like other human beings, need a little enjoyment, and I fail to see why their pleasant little annual gathering should be "knocked on the head" simply because a bottle of whiskey was owned by some member of the company. I am afraid that my friend must be little versed in the character of dances held at the present day, for as one whose business takes him to many, let me assure him that it is a rare thing if a bottle of whiskey does not find its way into the room, and certainly deserves to be chronicled amongst the world's unique records. Let him examine some of those innocent locked hand-bags and I am afraid that his moral susceptibilities will be rudely shocked.

WEARDALE NOTES.

(BY "STANHOPE.")

A FATALITY.

A Nenthead man, named Henry Stephenson, lost his life at Frosterley last week by shot-firing in the quarry. He was injured on Thursday and died on Sunday. He was 46 years of age and single. Some terrible accidents occur at these quarries from time to time. The quarrymen's lives are not worth much. Their's is a risky business. As a class of toilers they are badly paid, considering the risks they run every day.

A HEALTHY SPOT.

Wolsingham is a healthy place. They live to a big age there. Two old folks died there last week-end—man and wife—aged 84 and 86 respectively. There is a water race running through the fields in front of the high part of Wolsingham, in which the Agricultural Show is held. The other day an old man, 85 years of age, jumped over it. I believe there are more old people of great ages in Wolsingham than in any other town of similar size in England.

PRIMROSES.

Mr. Richardson, of Wolsingham, tells me he has had primroses flowering in his garden since Christmas. He plucked some in bloom on Sunday last.

"AT HOME."

Mr. Thomas Philipson, Stanhope, gives an "At Home" every year on behalf of one of our orphanages. This year's has been held this week and, as usual, was a success. It is a deserving object and should be well helped. Now with the war and so many orphan children left it has a greater claim upon us.

NOT YET REMOVED.

Wolsingham County Court was held on Saturday as usual. It seems they have not got it removed yet. It is to be hoped they will not, for the convenience of the dales' folk.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

It is to be feared the sliding and tobogganing in the streets of Stanhope will result in some accident. It is strange the authorities allow it. Old folks can hardly get out of the way, while the danger to horses with vehicles is great indeed.

ONLY ONE.

Out of 22 Stanhope riflemen who volunteered for the front only one has been accepted—Frank Lodge—and yet there is a talk of conscription. The Government that tries to enforce it on the nation will go down unwept, unhonoured, and unsung. The boast of our nation is our soldiers are all volunteers—no pressed men. In an emergency there are always plenty of volunteers—more than is ever wanted.

A SWEET SINGER.

The nightingale of the Wear Valley, Miss Turnbull, Stanhope, performed in her usual splendid style on Saturday night at the benefit concert. She is second to none in the valley, and her able services are always given heartily for a benefit. So are Mr. Bell's as pianist. His services are requisitioned for all classes, and are freely given.

Local and District News.

Consett.

VISIT OF THE REV. J. W. OGDEN.—Our readers will observe the Rev. J. G. Ogden, F.R.G.S., will lecture in the Wesleyan Hall, on Wednesday evening next. The lecture is a most interesting one, having been prepared for, and delivered to the members of the Geographical Society, Newcastle.

BRAKE CLUB.—A successful meeting was held at Mr. W. Kennedy's, Shakespeare Hotel, Consett, on Monday night, in connection with a Brake Club. Mr. D. Davies presided over a good company. Mr. James Jones was elected secretary, and Mr. W. Kennedy, treasurer. The committee consists of Messrs D. Davies, D. Wilkinson, J. Jackson, R. Parker, W. McCrer, S. Walker, and J. Willis. About 20 members were enrolled.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The Consett and Blackhill Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association held their annual meeting on Tuesday last in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Consett, when the election of officers and committee for the ensuing year took place. The report read by the secretary shows a very satisfactory year's work. The membership has increased, the funds are in a good healthy state, and the work done has been very successful. 22 meetings of various kinds have been held, including public meetings, cottage meetings, social gatherings, committee meetings, and one drawing-room meeting. Delegates representing the Branch have been sent to conventions at Darlington and Stockton-on-Tees. At the public meeting, Mrs. Henry Davison, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, gave an interesting address, Miss Routledge presided.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Wednesday evening an entertainment was given in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, Consett, by the children of the Wesleyan day schools. The large hall was packed with a very appreciative audience, who, from their frequent applause, evidently enjoyed the entertainment. The programme was a large and varied one, and included selections of music by the Wesleyan Orchestral Band, choruses, solos, duets, recitations, dialogues, pianoforte solos, bar-bell, dumb-bell, scarf and gun drill, and a ventriloquial and mimetic entertainment by Herr Bissto Mephisto, prestidigitateur. Prizes were also distributed for regular attendance, medals being awarded to Jennie Philipson and Jennie Cockburn, who were never absent last year, while other prizes were awarded to Masters W. Minto, W. Cockburn, R. Reay, and W. King; and Misses M. Pratt, J. Temperley, F. Almond, A. Heslop, E. Bailey, and M. Reay. The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne occupied the chair, and the proceedings were highly successful, the entertainment coming to a close with a quartet entitled "Tis evening's peaceful close."

INTERESTING WEDDING.—On Monday afternoon, at the Wesleyan Church, Consett, the marriage of Mr. G. Brown, hairdresser, Consett, second son of the late Mr. Wm. Brown, to Miss Annie George, only daughter of Mr. Thomas George, Consett, was solemnised by the Rev. J. Bishop. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of cream brocade silk, with chiffon and pearl trimming, and a cream hat trimmed with cream tips and orange blossom. The bride also carried a bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Pearson, Grangetown, and Miss Georgina Turnbull, who were very tastefully attired, the former wearing a dress of cream alpaca, trimmed with silk and a black velvet hat, while Miss Turnbull wore a dress of cream corduroy, and a black velvet picture hat, with black tips and white satin ribbon. The "best man" was Mr. Henry George, and Mr. Fred Brown was groomsman. The bridegroom presented each of the bridesmaids with gold dress rings. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Brown left Consett for Edinburgh, where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents received by the bride and bridegroom were both costly and numerous.

Annfield Plain.

PROPOSED LOCAL RESERVIST FUND.—On Thursday evening, about twenty-five local tradesmen and others interested in the South African campaign assembled in the Annfield Plain Infant Board Schools to discuss the proposal to form a local subscription fund for the relatives of reservists now engaged in warfare in South Africa. Mr. W. Rutherford occupied the chair, and after some discussion a committee was formed to solicit subscriptions.

Bradley Cottages

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The Choir of the above Church held their anniversary on Sunday. The morning service was opened by singing and prayer, after which Mr. W. R. Hetherington, of Medomsley, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from Phil., 4th chapter, and 11, 12, 13 verses, to a very attentive congregation, which consisted principally of young people. His main divisions were:—1—St. Paul's Christian independence; 2—how St. Paul acquired this secret of Christian independence; 3—the source of this Christian independence. Mr. Thos. Huddlestone gave a short practical address at the close of the service. The collection was taken by Miss Mary Welton and Miss E. Seccombe. Leader, Mr. Jos. Kell; organist, Mr. R. Graham. In the afternoon a service of song was given by the choir, entitled "The torn Bible." The reader was Mr. W. Hardy. There was a large number of people present to hear this very touching service of song, which made a very deep impression on the audience. Mr. T. Huddlestone made a few remarks, and said to him it had been a very solemn service. The collection was taken by Miss E. Nevin and Miss Jane Davison. In the evening the services were continued, when Mr. Thos. Huddlestone preached an up-to-date sermon, a sermon for the times. His subject was "Heroes of the Battlefield and Christian Heroes." He said one of the greatest needs of to-day was heroes for God, men that dared to be singular for the truth, men that tried to make miserable homes happy, that tried to persuade drunkards to become sober men. He invited the young people to enlist in the army of God, and come under the banner of the King of Kings, as their influence was wanted in the Church. He went on to say that they just got out of life what they put into it. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Collection was taken by Miss E. Smith and Miss Lily Smith.—On Monday night a grand concert was given by the Medomsley Wesleyan Choir. There was a very attentive congregation, and the performers did their parts splendidly, to the entire satisfaction of the audience. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Hardy. After the concert there was a knife-and-fork supper, of which over 100 partook. This was well managed by the ladies. The proceeds were in aid of the Choir Funds.

Burnopfield

CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB CO., LTD.—The fourth annual general meeting of shareholders of the above company was held in the club rooms on Monday—The balance-sheet and report for year ending Dec. 31st, 1899, were read and confirmed. The retiring directors, Messrs Braidford, jun., Hope, and Fail, were re-elected, with Mr. F. Maddison in place of Mr. Garbett, who resigns. The auditors, Messrs W. M. Handcock and J. H. Cuthbertson, were again re-elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and directors for their work during the past year. During the winter months the directors have held two political meetings, at which instructive and interesting addresses were given by Messrs Parry, J.P., Neale, and Cruddas, the meeting being further enhanced by songs capably rendered by Messrs Hogarth, Telford, Brough, and others. The directors were pleased indeed to have such good companies present (the club being open for the occasion), and seeing the meetings proved successful, have made arrangements to continue these meetings during the remaining winter months, when they trust the members will endeavour with them to make these meetings successful and popular.

Chester-le-Street.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Monday evening a large audience assembled in the Wesleyan Church, Chester-le-Street, to listen to the Rev. T. P. Watson, Wesleyan minister in the Transvaal, delivered an interesting lecture entitled "What I saw in the Transvaal," from 1889 to 1899. The lecture, which was profusely illustrated with a fine series of lantern-slides, was much appreciated.

ORGAN RECITAL.—The music-loving community of Chester-le-Street were on Tuesday evening afforded the opportunity of hearing that talented organist and composer, Mr. David Clegg, give one of his brilliantly executed organ recitals in the Congregational Church, Chester-le-Street. There was a crowded audience present, and the efforts of this famous musician were highly appreciated.

BREAKING HIS BROTHER'S WINDOWS.—At the Chester-le-Street Court House, on Wednesday morning, Joseph Goldsbrough, a well-known Chester-le-Street man, was brought up in custody on charges of being drunk and disorderly, and doing damage to his brother's windows in Front Street, on Saturday night.—P.C. Parkinson said defendant had to be ejected from the Queen's Theatre for his disorderly conduct. He refused to go home, and made a great disturbance in the street. He afterwards went to his brother's house and smashed the windows.—Defendant alleged that his brother had withheld moneys due to him on two contracts they were carrying out.—He was fined 5s and costs in each case, and ordered to pay the damages.

Frosterley.

INQUEST.—Coroner J. T. Proud held an inquest on Tuesday, at Frosterley, on the body of Henry Stephenson (46), quarryman, single, a native of Nenthead, who received fatal injuries on Thursday from blasting operations in Brown's House quarry, belonging to Messrs Ord and Maddison, from the effects of which he died on Sunday. Mr. Plummer, Government Inspector of Mines and Quarries, was present; also Mr. Toyn, of the Quarryman's Union. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Dipton

RESERVISTS' FUND.—At a ladies' meeting held in the Board Schools on Monday evening a committee of ladies was formed to collect wearing materials as well as subscriptions for the reservists and their families. At a meeting of gentlemen held in the Board Schools, on Tuesday evening, the committee arranged to canvass the village for subscriptions in aid of the reservists.

MARRIAGE OF MISS LILY MURRAY.—On Wednesday afternoon week the marriage of Miss Lily Murray, second daughter of Mr. George Murray, of the London House, Dipton, to Mr. John Hardy, jun., second son of Mr. John Hardy, brickmaker, of South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton, was celebrated in the Dipton Church, the vicar, the Rev. R. Tuson, officiating. There was a large company present to witness the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very neat and beautiful dress. Mr. Tom Hardy, brother of the bridegroom, acted as "best man," while Mr. Geo. Murray, jun., was groomsman. The bridesmaids were Miss Murray, sister of the bride, and Miss Hardy, sister of the bridegroom. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents. The value of the presents, which were both numerous and costly, amounted to some £230.

Leadgate.

BAND OF HOPE.—On Saturday week, the fortnightly meeting of the Leadgate P.M. Band of Hope was held in the schoolroom. Mr. J. Birkett (vice-president) occupied the chair. The programme was contributed to by the Chairman (who gave a solo); Miss Waters, who also gave a solo, "Grandma's advice;" Miss Gilbert, recitation; Master P. Pull, reading, "Harry Simpson and the baboon monkey;" dialogue, Masters C. Pull and W. W. Lee, entitled "The teetotal telescope," recitation, Miss A. Maughan; recitation, Miss Lily Turnbull. Mr. Ralph Daglish presided at the harmonium. The singing of the doxology brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD.—The death occurred on Sunday last of an old standard in the person of Mr. Titus Dalton, of Durham Road, Leadgate, at the age of 56. Deceased had only been ill for a little over a week, and his demise caused much surprise and regret. The late Mr. Dalton was a native of Cowshill, Weardale, but settled down in Leadgate over 30 years since. With the exception of a short period, he has during all that time worked at the Busty Colliery, Medomsley. He was of a quiet and unobtrusive disposition, and was much respected. In politics he was a Conservative, but did not evince much interest in the doings of the party in an active manner. He leaves a widow, but no family. The interment took place at St. Ives Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, and was numerously attended.

SOCIAL AT THE BROOMS.—On Monday evening, the first annual social promoted by the members of the Annfield Plain Catholic Institute was held in the Brooms Schools, Leadgate, under the supervision of the president, the Rev. A. Magill. Elaborate arrangements were made for the event, which proved to be one of the most successful held in the schools for several years past. Mr. James Flynn discharged the secretarial duties in a most capable manner. The music for the occasion was supplied by Messrs Burrell, of South Moor, and Mr. J. McCabe, of Annfield Plain, and gave every satisfaction. Messrs J. McCue and J. Flynn officiated as M.C.'s. In an adjoining class-room refreshments of a varied and excellent character were provided, the ladies in charge of the stalls being Miss Flynn, Miss Lavelle, Miss Gallagher, Mrs. Slattery, Miss McGee, Miss Gardner, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Hunt, and Mrs. Flynn. During the course of the evening songs were rendered by Miss Stoner, Leadgate; Mr. J. Wood, Stanley, Mr. J. Moreland, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. E. Wraugham, Mr. Mellon, Stanley; and others of the company. The gathering was attended by over a hundred persons from all parts of the district.

FIRE AT THE INFANT SCHOOLS.—About eleven o'clock on Thursday night, what might have proved a serious fire broke out in the National Infants' School in Church Square, Leadgate. A youth named John Robert Burnhope happened to be passing at the time, and noticed what he thought was a flame. He communicated his suspicions to two men named William Ker and Edward Milburn, who were standing at the corner of Front Street. They at once proceeded to the school, and soon discovered that something was wrong. Milburn hurried off for Mr. Wm. Hagan (the captain of the fire brigade), whilst Ker remained on the spot. Eventually, the latter was joined by others, and an entrance was effected into the building. Willing hands fetched pails of water, which were thrown upon the flames, and the fire was got under about two hours from the outbreak. It appears to have been caused by the stove, which ignited the adjacent woodwork. A portion of the floor and the joists of the roof were burned, as well as a number of books. Sergt. Newton, Mr. W. Hogan, Mr. J. Winter, Mr. W. Ker, Mr. E. Milburn, and others rendered valuable assistance.

Pelton

AN ENTHUSIASTIC "SEND-OFF."—On Sunday evening the inhabitants of Pelton and district turned out "en masse" to witness the departure of Mr. Thomas Fable, Mr. John Maddison, Mr. Anthony Marshall, and Mr. Hope Marshall, members of the 4th V.B.D.L.I., who have volunteered for active service in South Africa. They were accompanied to the station by the Pelton Fell Colliery Brass Band. Crowds of people followed these brave fellows to Pelton railway station, and at their departure by the 8.55 p.m. train the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The station presented a most animated appearance, and they were accorded a most hearty "send-off." During the early part of this week Mr. Thomas Weatherley, Mr. John Lowe, and Mr. Richard Findlay proceeded to the Newcastle barracks, where they presented to these four volunteers suitable presents and a sum of money equal to something like £14. Capt. Turnbull was also made the recipient of several gifts.

Swalwell.

ENTERTAINMENT.—Under the auspices of the Swalwell Band of Hope a most successful entertainment was given in the old Presbyterian Church, Swalwell, on Monday evening, by the members of the Enfield Glee Party from Elswick, who delighted a crowded audience by their sweetly rendered vocal selections. Mr. Taylor Bell gave an exposition of his skill upon the violin, whilst an ably rendered duet was given by the Misses Patterson. Mrs. Valance sang "Killarney" with great taste and feeling. Mr. Beveridge was equally successful in his vocal selection. An admirable sketch, "A sprig of holly," was given by the members of the glee party, which won hearty applause. Miss Walton proved an able accompanist. Mr. W. Beveridge (an old native of Swalwell) delivered an instructive and interesting address, which was listened to with great attention. The Rev. Wm. Dryburgh, B.D., was in the chair.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR WORK.—The members of the Swalwell Methodist New Connexion Y.P.S.C.E., celebrated "Endeavour Day" on Saturday evening, in the above place of worship. The proceedings were presided over by the Rev. Walter Scott, of Dunston. Miss F. Longstaffe sang "Abide with me" with much acceptance. Messrs T. Wright, J. Graham, F. Graham, and Miss Smith, sang an admirable quartette with great taste and feeling. Mr. J. Lee delighted the audience with an acceptable rendering of "Where will you spend eternity?" whilst Miss H. Game was equally successful in "Daddy." Addresses were given by Mr. J. Graham, the Rev. W. Scott, and Mr. Fletcher. Mr. W. Snow sang "Little memories" in his usual able manner. An excellent paper entitled "C.E. and the Quiet House," was read by Miss Mason, and which we publish in another column. A collection was taken in aid of Christian Endeavour work.

IN AID OF THE RESERVISTS.—A successful concert and social gathering, promoted by the workmen employed at Swalwell Garesfield Colliery was held on Friday evening in the Swalwell Board Schools, the proceeds being in aid of the Reservists.—The entertainment was presided over by Coun. R. T. Swinburn. An excellent programme was rendered by Messrs C. Higgings, Shepherd, Relton, Stokes, Coulton Hedley (Tyneside Jester), Bertram, J. Shield, Hepple, and Miss Gilpatrick. Mr. Robson, assistant-master, sang "The Absent-minded Beggar," after which a collection was taken and resulted in the sum of £1 8s being realised. Mr. Robson Thompson ably presided at the piano. Dancing was subsequently indulged in, a capital programme of dance music being discoursed by the Swalwell and Whickham String Band. The duties of M.C.'s were efficiently discharged by Mr. Wm. Little and Mr. M. Palmer. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. Wm. Neesam and Mr. J. Daglish, who were assisted by a strong committee.

BAND OF HOPE.—The members of the Swalwell Band of Hope celebrated their 21st anniversary on Saturday, when a public tea and concert was held. At the tea a very large company sat down to tables presided over by Mrs. Bradley, Miss A. Murray, Miss B. Banham, Miss P. Newton, and Miss I. Newton. There was a large attendance at the entertainment in the evening, which was presided over by Mr. E. Y. Spencer, in the absence through illness of Mr. W. Speers. Several addresses were delivered by old members who had signed the pledge twenty-one years ago, which shewed what temperance had done for them. The members referred to were Mr. J. Dobson, Mr. A. McGregor, Mr. W. Lumley, jun., Mr. W. Collingwood, Mr. G. Harrison, and Mr. W. Lumley, sen. An excellent miscellaneous programme was rendered by Miss Newton, Miss J. Banham, Miss J. Harrison, and Miss Maggie Watson. A capital dialogue was given by Misses M. Harrison, R. Harrison, P. Heaton, M. Heaton, and P. Oxley, which was listened to with rapt attention.

Stanley.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday Mr. Raymond Preston conducted special services at the Wesleyan Church, and will continue the same each evening until Wednesday first. In the afternoon a children's service was held. During the early part of the week good congregations have assembled at each service.

MANURIAL EXPERIMENTS.—The fourth of a series of lectures on "Manurial Experiments in the North of England" was delivered in the Shield Row Inn, on Monday evening, by Professor T. H. Middleton, of the Durham College of Science, Newcastle. There was again a large attendance, and the lecture was much appreciated by those present.

MISSION.—We should like to remind our readers of two special meetings in connection with Mr. Raymond Preston's mission in the Wesleyan Church, Stanley. A meeting for men only will be held on Sunday afternoon, at 2.30. A long and varied experience make Mr. Preston well qualified to deal with the peculiar difficulties and temptations of young men starting life. Don't forget to be present. Then on Monday afternoon, at 2.30, a meeting will be held for women only. Let the wives remember to go and take their grown-up daughters with them.

PRESBYTERIANISM.—The members of the Presbyterian denomination held their annual congregational meeting on Thursday evening, under the chairmanship of the Rev. A. King. The Secretary (Mr. R. Eltringham), and the treasurer (Mr. Wood) submitted their annual reports, which showed the society to be in a good position both financially and numerically. After these statements had been adopted the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, when the secretary and treasurer were both re-elected. The managers were elected "en bloc." At the close of the ordinary business the proceedings took the form of a social gathering. Solos, duets, recitations, etc., were given by several of the Sunday School scholars, which were highly appreciated. Refreshments were handed round, and the proceedings were of a most enjoyable nature. Votes of thanks to the chairman and others terminated a pleasant gathering.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—During the early part of the week this play-house has been almost packed to suffocation each evening by an appreciable audience to witness the production of that sensational drama, "The Face at the Window," by Messrs Armadale, Dempster, and Warren's powerful company. The piece, no matter where it is staged, always meets with an enthusiastic reception, and the present visit to Stanley has proved no exception to the rule. Sensational incidents are introduced which are watched with the keenest interest, and the admirable interpretation of the various characters calls forth the warm approval of the audience. "Paul Goufett" (Mr. E. Vivian), a detective, to whom failure is unknown, is ably portrayed, whilst Mr. E. Hoggon-Armadale, as "Le Loup, the Wolf," proved himself an actor of great skill. The rest of the company do full justice to their allotted parts, and the piece runs with great smoothness. The scenery is good, and the music bright, so that those who wish to spend an evening in enjoyment could not do better than pay a visit to this well-known place of amusement. Next week "Sons of Toil," will be staged, and should be a guarantee for equally packed houses.

COMFORTS FOR THE DURHAM SOLDIERS.—Mrs. Benson, secretary of the Stanley Ladies' Association, desires to thank all who have responded to the appeal for comforts for the troops. A second parcel has been forwarded to Col. Garstin, containing the following articles:—The children of West Stanley Board School, 2 dozen handkerchiefs and 4 pairs of socks; Mrs. Little, 7 helmets, 1 pair of socks; Mrs. Clark, Beamish, 4 shirts and 4 pairs of socks; Mrs. Atkinson, 1 pair of socks and 1 shirt; Mrs. Robinson, Leith Farm, 10/-; Mr. Raws, 1/-; Mr. Cumberledge, Catchgate, 2/6; Mr. Darrell, 2/-; Mr. Robinson, 2/-; Mr. Nevin, 6d; Mr. Gibson, 2/6; Mr. Saunderson, 2/6; Mr. Bainbridge, 2/-; Miss Hutchinson, 4 helmets; Mrs. Peart, 2 pairs of socks; Miss Hewitson, 2 helmets and 6 handkerchiefs; Mr. Hewitson, 3 pairs of stockings; Mr. Hogarth, 2 dozen handkerchiefs, and 1 shirt; Mrs. Lindon, 5 pairs socks, 3 chest protectors; Mrs. Armstrong, 2 bed jackets; Mrs. Ellis, 2/-; Mr. Leighton, 2/-; Mrs. W. Green, 2 pairs of socks; Mrs. Hutchinson, 1 muffler; Mr. Linden, 2/6; Miss Lindon, 1/-; Mrs. Geo. Forster, 2 shirts, 2 pairs of socks; Mr. Nicholson, 1/-; Mr. Palmer, 1/-; a Friend, 2 helmets; Mrs. Masterman, 2 pairs stockings and 2/-; a Friend, 6 helmets; a Friend, 1 dozen handkerchiefs, Mrs. Armstrong, 4 pairs cuffs; Mrs. Bell, 4 handkerchiefs, 3 pairs cuffs, 12 pairs socks; Miss Roxby, 4 chest protectors, 1 pair socks, 1 pair cuffs, and 6 laces. 50 helmets and 14 shirts were made from material purchased with the money given by the above mentioned contributors, and worked by the following ladies:—Miss Darney, Mrs. Pickersgill, Mrs. Annsley, Mrs. Cowen, Mrs. Hewitson, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. McKinley, Miss Roxby, Mrs. Peart, Miss Montain, Miss Armstrong, Miss Robson, Mrs. Agar, Miss Whitfield, Miss Storey, Mrs. Armstrong.

Spen.

CHOPWELL RESERVISTS FUND.—The committee of the above fund held their usual fortnightly meeting at High Spen on Tuesday last. The members present were Messrs J. R. Gilchrist, (chairman), W. Archer (hon. treasurer), A. Smith (hon. secretary), and Douglass, Noble, Laing, and E. Burton. The treasurer reported subscriptions as follows, viz., £26 10s, proceeds of social at High Spen per Mr. Douglass; Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, £2 2s; Mr. W. Richardson, £2 2s; workmen of Victoria Garesfield Colliery, £3 12s 11d; cokemen, Victoria Garesfield, £2 12s 4d; mechanics, Victoria Garesfield, 12/4; lecture with lantern views at Victoria Garesfield, per Mr. Barker, £4 5s; workmen, Spen Colliery, £8 3s 9d; and collected by Mr. E. Burton, 10/7; total, £56 16s 11d. The committee expressed much satisfaction with the treasurer's fifth report, and especially commended the action of Mrs. Douglass and her friends for their considerate kindness in promoting the social which gave such magnificent results. The hon secretary supplied collecting cards to members of committees in the hope that many outside who are not contributing weekly to the fund would be reached in this way. The next meeting of the committee was arranged to be held at Mr. Dobson's, Chopwell Hotel, on Tuesday, Feb. 13th.

South Moor

SOCIAL GATHERING.—On Saturday evening the members of the South Moor Methodist New Connexion Chapel held a successful social gathering in the Miner's Hall. Songs, etc., were rendered by several present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—On Saturday evening a well-attended supper was held in the South Moor Primitive Methodist Church, the same having been kindly given by the teachers. The tables were under the supervision of Misses Salsbury, Bruce, Sutherland, Bentley, and Wearmouth. A miscellaneous entertainment also took place under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Davison. On Sunday the pulpit at this place of worship was occupied by Mr. Forster, whilst in the evening Mr. Westgarth preached to a large congregation. In the afternoon the members of the Dipton P.M. Choir gave a much-appreciated musical service. The chair was occupied by Mr. N. H. Hardy, of South Moor.

Whickham

THE RECTOR AND HIS PARISHIONERS.—The Rector of Whickham (the Rev. Arthur Allwork) writes in the parish magazine for February as follows:—"As announced in our last issue the bazaar and sale of work in aid of the funds for improving and furnishing the chancel of our parish church is to be held on Wednesday, April 18th. One other matter I would like to mention—the attendance at our Thursday evening services. The church is heated, the organist is in attendance, the service itself is a short one—how is it that so few avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the House of God? Is it the hour that is inconvenient, or is it the religious apathy and indifference, or is it forgetfulness, or, what is the cause of the poor attendance? Anything that I can do to meet the views of the parishioners as to the time or character of the service I am willing to do; but I must say that it is nothing short of a disgrace that in a parish the size of Whickham so few can spare three-quarters of an hour to attend our week-day service. I am unwilling to discontinue this service, but unless there is a manifest improvement in the attendance I must do so. Then I suppose some who have never been present at a single service will retort that it is a disgrace to Whickham that there should be no service; and that I am unpardonably lazy not to hold one. Let each one who reads this letter simply ask himself or herself whether it is not possible for him or her to attend this service regularly."

Wolsingham

PETTY SESSIONS.—At these sessions on Tuesday—before Messrs C. J. Backhouse, C. Bainbridge, E. Stobbart, and Coun. W. Emmerson—the undermentioned persons were fined for drunkenness, Robert Hogarth, 10/; Andrew Hall, 7/6; John Lally, 7/6; James Vitty, 12/6; Robert Temple, £1; Joseph Proud, 7/6; John French, 7/6.—Joseph Alderson, Thomas Alderson, and Richard Adamwait were charged with rapping at peoples doors and then running away, thus annoying the public at Tow Law, on the 21st of January.—Fined 6d and 7/- costs each.—Ann French was charged by Jane Stobbart with assaulting her on Jan. 5th by throwing a painful of dirty water over her while passing up the street past her door, and thereby damaging her dress to the extent of 12/-, which she claimed as damages.—Mr. Moses, with whom she was servant, deposed to seeing defendant throw the water over her in the street.—Defendant, who did not appear, was fined £2, including damages and costs.

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the above flourishing club was held on Wednesday week, at the house of Mr. T. Traynor, Green Tree Hotel, Medomsley, when the worthy host and hostess placed a spread upon the tables which reflected the utmost credit upon them. There was a very large company present, amongst whom we noticed the following:—Messrs J. W. Jamieson, M. H. Wilkinson, Rev. A. C. Blunt, R. Moffitt, R. Charlton, J. Hamilton (Consett), A. M. Hedley, M. Hedley, T. R. Redpath, G. B. Morris, W. Robinson, R. Cant, W. Cant, M. Walton, I. Rutherford, I. King, J. Watt, G. Coulthard, J. Oxley, W. R. Cooke, R. Milburn, H. E. Milburn, M. T. Milburn, T. D. Dales, E. Wilson, T. D. Shaw (Consett), G. Fittock, R. J. Robinson, J. Hunter, T. Hunter, T. Bramley, Jos. Bramley, S. Wheatley, W. G. F. Thompson, Dr. Downs, W. Hunter, T. W. Vasey, J. F. Thompson, J. Walton, R. Veitch, Jos. Robinson, G. Dryden (Consett), T. Parker, R. F. Taylor, W. Lovatt, J. F. Taylor, J. Brown, J. Pattison, H. Chapman, T. F. Archer, C. Miller, Geo. Hunter, J. W. Daniels, M. Charlton, etc.

Upon the removal of the cloths, Mr. J. W. Jamieson took the chair, with Dr. Downs in the vice.

The Chairman read a letter of regret for non-attendance from Mr. H. Palmer, J.P., owing to suffering from a severe cold.

The Chairman next proposed "The Queen and the Royal Family," which was heartily received, after which the company sang the National Anthem, Mr. G. Dryden accompanying on the piano.

Mr. Daniels then gave "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," and referred to the harmonious manner in which those forces were working together, and were showing that Englishmen were not deteriorating. (Applause.) There was no doubt that in the near future the army would give proof that they were able to uphold the best traditions of the army. That part of the country was supplying men to the Transvaal, and they had one of their former curates shut up in Ladysmith at the present moment—viz., Mr. Macpherson. Although they had met with some reverses they could extract admiration from them at the calm and confident manner in which those reverses had been received at home. He believed that all Englishmen had faith in the officers who were managing affairs, and also faith in their men. (Applause.) The Boers were good fighters behind a big stone and at long range, but they had a mortal dread of cold steel. (Laughter.) The navy had always held a foremost place in their defence. These men had proved that they were not only capable of fighting on the sea, but could join hands with the soldiers, and equip their brethren in the service. (Applause.) As regards the reserve forces, their district was not behind in taking their share in supporting these forces. They had sons gone from North-West Durham to the front that week. (Applause.) Whatever had been wrong and short in their preparations, there was one thing not short—when men were ordered to the front they were not only willing to go, but many were anxious to go who were not there. (Applause.) He thought it would be a mistake if they left out the colonies, who were showing what they were made of, and that there was more than a name in Imperialism. (Applause.) Their sons had come from New Zealand, Canada, and Australia, and the people of those colonies supplied them with the means of fighting. (Applause.)

Mr. Cooke responded, and said never in the history of the country could they enter into the toast with such good feeling. They recognised they were passing through a calamity, and with the exception of a few carping critics—some of whom were, unfortunately, to be found in their own county—they were all proud of their officers and men in South Africa. (Loud applause.) He thought it had been an object lesson to the world at large to see the way in which the colonies had come to their aid. (Applause.) He was sure they would see the present trouble through, and see it through right in the end. (Applause.) Whilst drinking this toast they at home had a right to think of those whom "Tommy had left behind him," and do all they could for them. (Applause.)

Mr. King proposed "The trade of the district," to which Mr. Moffitt suitably replied.

Mr. Vasey then gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Medomsley Cricket Club," and said it was a great encouragement to see so many round the festive board, and it augured well for the future of the club. (Applause.) It was a long time since they had had so many present at their annual dinner, and he hoped he might take from it that the coming season would be a successful one. He had had some little to do with the club during the past year, and he knew what uphill work it had been. He trusted that the officers during the ensuing season would have a better time, and that the club would fare even better. (Applause.) He thought that there was every prospect of the club giving a good account of itself this year. Last season was rather unsatisfactory regarding fixtures, especially with respect to the 2nd team. He had much pleasure in submitting the toast. (Applause.)

The Chairman replied, and said that they were all as well acquainted with the doings of the club as he was. Sometimes the club had done better than the previous year, and sometimes they had done worse, but they could take it for granted that they were full determined to show the steel they were made of next season. (Applause.) Regarding this year's prospects they expected that all the old players would be available. Fixtures had been arranged with Craghead, Stanley, Seghill, Southhill, Eachwick Hall, and Consett and District. (Applause.) Speaking of the latter fixture, they would give Consett and District a hearty welcome when they came to Medomsley. (Applause.) Respecting their finances, a debt of £30 incurred four years ago had been reduced to about £7. (Applause.) This sum it was hoped to reduce before the beginning of the season by the organisation of socials, etc., by enterprising members. Amongst those who had supported them was Coun. J. Eltringham (president of the Consett club), who, as they all knew, had taken great interest in the club. (Applause.) He had given a handsome bat, and also a subscription of 10/6. (Applause.) He thought they had every reason to look forward with confidence to next season. (Loud Applause.)

The chairman then handed a pipe (given by Mr. Palmer) to Mr. W. Lovat, for the best bowling average in the first team; and a second pipe (also presented by Mr. Palmer) to Mr. W. G. F. Thompson, for the best bowling figures in the second team.

Mr. Moffit presented Mr. Eltringham's bat to Mr. M. Walton for the highest batting average in the second eleven. Mr. T. Walton wins Mr. Lambert's bat for the best batting figures in the first team.

Mr. G. Walton proffered the toast of "Neighbouring Clubs," to which Mr. J. Ross, jun., responded.

The Rev. A. C. Blunt, in giving "The visitors," hoped that they would see some of their visitors of that evening at their matches, where, he could assure them, they would not be overcrowded. (Laughter and applause.) However, in any case, they were very pleased to have their visitors with them that night. (Applause.)

Mr. Shaw replied to the toast in happy terms.

In a most eloquent speech Mr. G. E. Milburn responded to the toast of "The Ladies."

Mr. Jacob Walton gave the toast of "The Host and Hostess," to which Mr. Traynor responded.

Mr. J. F. Thompson proposed "The Chairman," and referred to the excellent terms existing between Mr. Jamieson and all who knew him.

Mr. M. Hedley proposed "The Health of the Vice-chairman."

During the evening capital songs were rendered by Messrs G. Dryden, T. D. Dales, J. W. Daniels, G. Fittock, and Jos. Robinson, Messrs W. Veitch and Dryden supplying the accompaniments in an excellent manner. The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

A collection on behalf of the Reservists' Fund resulted in the sum of £1 7s 6d being realised.

BIRTLEY.

PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday afternoon there was a large gathering at Birtley Parish Church to listen to an interesting address by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Yeld), who spoke upon "Eternal Hope." The rev. gentleman was listened to with rapt attention.

CONSETT.

NEW THEATRE.—At the New Theatre this week we have a visit from Messrs Marston and Buckstone's company in the musical comedy drama, "The Silver Cross." The play is well written and very interesting, and, as it is played by a most capable company, good business should be the rule. With regard to the individual performers it may be said that Miss Jenny Hallworth does very fine service as "Ida Adams," her acting being much above the average. Miss B. Western is good in the part of "Laura Beechcroft," whilst Miss L. Wingfield and Miss A. Jones leave no room for grumbling as "Sally Beadles" and "Mrs. Hemily 'Enrietta Fudge" respectively. As "Ben Adams" Mr. Fred A. Marston is splendid, and much of the success of the performance is due to the exceedingly fine manner in which he impersonates his part. Mr. J. McNarney is extremely amusing as "Tomkyns Quinton," and advises you to "have a bit on the man in the tub." Mr. M. King and Mr. H. Glenny do well as two half-brothers—"Arthur Merton" and "Philip Frewin." During the course of the play the Sisters Wingfield indulge in some spirited dancing, which is warmly applauded by the audience. Another novelty is the engagement of Leoni Clarke and her 170 Royal performing cats, rats, mice, canaries, rabbits, monkeys, and cockatoos. This is a marvellous performance, and should on no account be missed.

Is marriage a failure? Certainly not, if united with one of J. T. Castle's Wedding Rings.

CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD

A monthly meeting of the members of the Chopwell School Board was held on Tuesday evening in the Board Room at the High Spen Schools. Mr. J. R. Gilchrist (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Mr. W. Richardson, the Rev. G. D'Eath, Mr. J. W. Tucker, Mr. E. Stokoe, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ord.)

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. Coulson, headmaster, reported that the average attendance was 238. The attendance had been irregular on account of sickness.

The Chairman said there was a great deal of influenza in the district, he was sorry to say. That would account for the decrease in the attendance, which had gradually gone down in one school from 83 per centage to 77, then to 73, and now to 67. The results in the cookery class were also unsatisfactory, and it was with the greatest difficulty they could get a sufficient number to qualify. It was not worth having a teacher, as it just meant throwing money away.

Mr. Tucker said the classes were exceedingly popular in their part of the district. He rather thought they should have a special committee to go into the whole matter.

The Chairman said it had been the same with every teacher. He did not blame the teachers. He would have thought that a cookery class would have been a popular thing.

The Rev. G. D'Eath asked if they brought their own things to cook?

The Chairman said he did not think so.

The Rev. G. D'Eath said they did so at Victoria Garesfield, and it seemed very popular there.

Mr. Stoker said, in the case of some girls they did not seem to want it.

The Chairman said it was an extraordinary thing for a girl to say she did not want to learn cooking. The lessons for this year were practically over, and he thought before they were resumed they ought to consider the matter at a special meeting.

Mr. Tucker said even the Inspectors had tried to be at Victoria Garesfield on the cookery day in order to get their dinner. There was no elaboration about the process.

The Chairman's suggestion was then adopted.

Mrs. Melhuish, head mistress, reported that the average attendance was 155.3. During January it had been very poor indeed, many of the children being ill, and others kept away owing to the stormy weather. The progress of those in regular attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

Miss Ridley, Chopwell, reported the average attendance as 73.5. The attendance had been unusually low during the past two weeks, presumably owing to the state of the weather. She suggested that the elder girls should take needlework, and be supplied with the necessary articles.

The Board agreed to the suggestion, and the reports were adopted.

THE TEACHERS' SOCIAL.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the teachers had had the use of the schools for their social, but instead of being a private party among themselves, invitations had been sent out to many others, and the function partook of the nature of a ball.

The Chairman said when he was written to respecting the use of the schools he merely replied that he had no objection. He did not commit the Board or any member by his reply.

Mr. Stokoe said he was on an educational Board, and had asked for the use of the schools, but was refused.

The Chairman said the lectures proposed to be given were controversial and political, and for that reason they were refused.

Mr. Tucker said he did not object to the teachers having the schools, and he hoped they enjoyed themselves, but he thought others should have the use of them when they made application. He gave notice of motion to that effect.

The Chairman said Mr. Tucker was a member of the Board when the agreement respecting the schools was drawn up, and was a party to it. He thought it was rather hard for Mr. Tucker to turn round now upon people who were not parties to it.

Mr. Tucker said the Consett Iron Company were the people who put the clause into the agreement at the last moment, and they actually wanted the stone and mineral that might be under. They pushed that matter in when everything else was done, and forced it upon the Board. The Educational Department and everybody appeared to be down upon them. The Consett Company put it in when they had no power to accept it.

The Chairman: But you did accept it.

Mr. Tucker said the Consett Iron Company put it in to take away the liberty of the people.

The matter then dropped, and the meeting soon after terminated.

LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

On Tuesday evening the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the National Schools, Lanchester, under the chairmanship of Coun. A. Hartley, vice-chairman. There were also present—Couns. D. Champney, G. W. Wilson, U. A. Ritson, jun., A. Hartley, G. Neasham, G. Thornton, W. Jewitt, Summerbell, J. Innes; and the Clerk (Mr. H. Knowles).

PREPARING FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said the chairman would not be able to be present with them, because he was preparing to go to South Africa. They wished him every success and a safe return. (Hear, hear.) It was a critical piece of business, but they hoped he would be spared to return home safely.

THE NEW BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from Col. Eden granting permission, under the new bye-laws for the Inspector of Police to have control over the village green, and suggested that the Council should draw up a fixed scale of charges.

The Clerk replied that the Local Government Board would not allow the Council to make a fixed scale of charges, but the Council could make a private arrangement with the Inspector.

Coun. Neasham proposed, and Coun. Ritson seconded, that the matter be left over until the Council heard from the Local Government Board.—Carried.

QUESTION OF FOOTPATHS.

A letter was read from the Witton Gilbert Parish Council, asking the co-operation of the Lanchester Parish Council in their endeavour to re-open two old footpaths to the use of the public, which crossed the Langley Estate, from the Witton North Lane, one by way of West Hall, Leverick's Hall, Brown's House, to Nursing Field, and the other by way of West Hall to the Black Green. The Witton Council had succeeded as far as West Hall, but there their authority ended, and they asked the Lanchester Council to take the matter up at that point and finish the work.

The Chairman thought the parts referred to were not in the Lanchester Parish.

After several of the Councillors had concurred with the Chairman's views,

Coun. Ritson moved, and Coun. Thornton seconded, that the Clerk reply to the letter, stating that as the footpaths referred to were not in the Lanchester Parish they could do nothing in the matter.—Carried.

POSTAL FACILITIES AT MALTON COLLIERY.

A letter was read from the Postal Authorities, stating that the cost of an evening delivery and letter-box at Malton Colliery would entail so much expense that the request of the Council could not be granted.

Coun. Innes considered it ridiculous that the people should have to travel 1½ miles to post a letter. He suggested that the authorities be asked to place a letter-box in the village. There was one at Hollinside, where there was only about 20 houses, whereas there was a population of 200 at Malton, which was without one.

Coun. Neasham remarked that the authorities seemed only to attend to those people from whom they received a good revenue.

Coun. Champney thought a letter-box would satisfy the people.

Coun. Neasham thought the Council should press the matter, and try to obtain extra facilities for posting letters in the evenings at Malton. He had great pleasure in moving that the Clerk write the Postal Authorities pointing out the inconvenience suffered by the people of Malton Colliery, and asking for a letter-box to be placed at Malton Colliery.

Coun. Thornton, in seconding the motion, thought the letter was only an attempt to shelve the question.

Coun. Innes supported the motion, and thought the Council fully justified in pressing the motion.

The motion was carried.

MORE LIGHTS WANTED.

Coun. Neasham said there was a great feeling in Victoria Terrace, Lanchester, amongst the people for additional lamps to be erected in that street.

The matter was allowed to rest until next meeting.

A HEARTY SEND-OFF.

Coun. Neasham said he could only endorse the remarks which the Chairman made at the commencement of the meeting with respect to their chairman, Mr. Ritson, who was preparing for South Africa. He hoped he would soon come back crowned with glory, safe and sound, after the war was terminated, and join them in their meetings, and enjoy his friendship. Mr. Ritson was a brave young fellow, and he only regretted that he was not 20 years younger, as he would have gone with him.

Coun. Ritson returned thanks for the kind remarks made about his brother, and the meeting terminated.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

LEEK SHOW CONCERT.—Under the auspices of the Kyo Leek Show Committee, Mr. Miller's Concert Party from Crook gave a grand concert in the Annfield Plain Co-operative Hall on Saturday evening. The hall was crowded to excess, as Mr. Miller had been well taken with on the occasion of a previous visit to the village.

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Christian Endeavour Work at Swalwell

On Saturday evening Miss I. Mason, of Swalwell, a young lady who takes an active interest in the Christian Movement in that district, gave an interesting paper on "C.E. and the Quiet Hour" in the Swalwell Methodist New Connection Chapel, under the auspices of the Y.P.S.C.E.

Miss Mason, in the course of her remarks, said:—The subject allotted to me this evening, as you see from your programmes, is the "Quiet Hour." You can scarcely take up a paper bearing on Endeavour, or read the reports of our Conventions and Rallies, without seeing some mention of this important subject, the "Quiet Hour." What is the Quiet Hour? It is the time spent alone with God. The time that every Christian should spend in devotion, when we leave behind us the bustle and hurry of the world, and get face to face with the Father; the time when we enter into our closet, and commune with the Saviour, or "are retired unto God," as the beautiful Quaker phrase has it. But perhaps I hear some of you saying "an hour." Oh! I never could find time for that. No, perhaps you cannot. One hour without a break is a long time, and very few in this rushing 19th or is it the 20th century can obtain that; but wait. Do not come to conclusions so rapidly. Listen to what the Covenant Card for comrades of the Quiet Hour says:—"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it the rule of my life, to set apart every day fifteen minutes, at least, if possible, in the morning for quiet meditation and direct communion with God." Again we may hear that ever convenient excuse. Oh! but I am so busy I couldn't find time for that every day. I have just to read my bible when I can. Sometime one day, and sometimes another. Ah! Endeavourers, do not let us reason like that. We are busy, no doubt, but we can find time for everything else, and we ought, nay, we must find time to be alone with God, if we value our Christian life. Look at Mr. Gladstone's life, it was busy enough, and yet he found time to spend one hour each day in the presence of God. Who does not know of General Gordon's handkerchief; how that for half-an-hour at least every morning it was spread before his tent door, as a signal that he must not be disturbed. It was his time of devotion. George Muller, whose orphanages stand on Ashley Downs near Bristol, led an extremely busy life. He had scarcely any time to call his own, and yet he made it the rule of his life to dedicate the first hour of each day to quiet waiting before God. Martin Luther said he was always too busy to be in a hurry, and that the busier the day was, the more time was necessary for prayer. He sometimes spent as far as three hours. If these great men felt the need of the "Quiet Hour," surely we need it too, and the question, "Is it necessary?" need scarcely be asked. We would never dream of asking, if "to eat was necessary." "Of course it is," we say, "Any simpleton knows that, our bodies would not grow without food." Neither then, I say, "Can our souls." The Rev. G. H. C. McGregor, who preached the convention sermon at Belfast last year, declared the "Quiet Hour" to be of the utmost importance to the culture and growth of the spiritual life. As we look around us, do we not see that the tendency of the time is to action, rather than to worship, to busy toil, rather than the quiet sitting at the Saviour's feet. Pause a moment, think, is that just as it should be? Of course endeavourers want to be active in the struggle for right against wrong; for purity against corruption; for brotherliness against oppression; for the good against the dreadful forces of evil. We want to help the fallen, to bear the burdens of the afflicted, and to lighten the sorrows of the outcast. And to do all this we need power. Where do we get power? We get it in secret communion with the Master. We get it when we obey his command. "Be still and know that I am God." We get it when we wait upon the Lord. We believe in "waiting" upon the Lord. We believe in "work." Do we not? Believe in "waiting" too? "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall walk and not faint." Remember that Jesus not only said to his disciples in days of old, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," but he also said, "Tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high." Our danger to-day is, lest taking heed to the word go we forget to tarry. Oh, dear friends, let us tarry, tarry until we be clothed with power from on high. We must be much with God, if we would be much like God.

"My God is any hour so sweet,
From blush of morn to evening star,
As that which calls me to Thy feet,
The hour of prayer.
No words can tell what sweet relief,
There for my every want I find.
What strength for warfare, balm for grief,
What peace of mind."

Now that we have looked at the necessity for the "Quiet Hour," arises the question as to the time. The pledge say "If possible in the morning." Undoubtedly the morning is the best time, for it is the gate of the day and it should be well guarded with prayer. It is one end of the thread on which the day's actions are strung, and it should be knotted well with devotion. Morning devotion anchors the soul so that it will not readily stray far from God during the day. It perfumes the heart so that it smells fragrant with piety until nightfall. It girds up the soul's garments, so that it is less apt to stumble, and indeed it feeds all its powers so that it is not permitted to faint. It augurs for us a day of grace when we begin betimes with God. A short period spent in Christ's society, face to face, and heart to heart, will make everything different. Throughout the day, our actions down to the smallest detail will do homage to that early vision. But everybody cannot get this quiet time in the morning. The nature of their employment and of their home surroundings do not permit of it. But because we cannot get time for "meditation" in the morning, does that mean that we are not to find time for it at all during the day. Surely not, have it just before retiring if you cannot get it at any other time, but this I certainly would not advocate, for then you are wearied out and jaded with the toil of the day, and cannot concentrate your thoughts for any length of time. Many of us have to leave home early in the morning, for our factories, our shops, our offices, our schools, &c., and do not get back until ten, and some even later. Could you not retire then, and have your time of "sweet communion" your "Quiet Hour," before the evening engagements called you forth? I am sure they would benefit by it. Or if not then, have you any leisure during the dinner-hour? I know some have, and how better could it be spent than with your little pocket-bible, your Saviour and yourself. Those who have not tried it might just try it for a week and I feel confident that at the end of a week's trial, you will not give it up, but will count it one of your happiest times, and will be able to say in the words of that beautiful hymn:—

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief;
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return "Sweet hour of Prayer."

Maybe someone is saying: "That is all very well, but I am never free from interruption and intrusion in my home." To those I would say "Try to find freedom out of doors, in the open air. Get away into the fields and woods." The famous missionary J. G. Paton used to go out into a field behind his cottage here. Of this I am sure, "All can and will find a place where we can practise the "Presence of God," if we are in earnest about it." In Africa the earliest converts were very earnest and regular in this matter. They had no inner chamber into which they could retire, but each had a separate spot in the thicket to which he used to go. The paths to these little Bethels soon became distinctly marked by being trodden regularly, and if anyone began to neglect his place of secret Communion, it was soon seen by his fellows, who would remind him of his duty by saying "Brodder, de grass grow on your path yonder." Fellow Endeavourers, have you a place of "secret communion"? Have you a Bethel? Oh! I beseech you, for your own sakes, for the sake of your homes, your societies, and for the world at large, do not let the grass grow on the path leading to it. And now, how can we use the Quiet Hour most profitably? How best shall we spend the time? This question each one must answer for himself or herself. To quote the Rev. G. H. C. McGregor again, he said that certain acts of soul were necessary in every case, namely, detachment, recollection, adoration, confession, contrition, faith, bible-reading, meditation, prayer, intercession, and consecration. We are you see, to be still, to be silent before God, listening for the gentle voice of the Master speaking words of comfort and help; or again the louder tones of command. We are as it were to let Him first speak to us, and then we to Him. No hurry or excitement must pervade the "Quiet Hour" or the name would be misapplied. We must remember God never inspires men in a hurry. The vision is to none, save those whose heart and flesh cry out and wait for the living God. Fellow Endeavourers, you, upon whom so much depends; you, upon whom all eyes are at present turned, use this "Quiet Hour," so that at the end you will exclaim,

"Lord it is good for us to be
Entranced, enwrapt alone with Thee,
Watching the glistening raiment glow,
Whiter than Hermon's whitest snow.
Till we, too, change from space to grace,
Gazing on that transfigured face.

The Duke of Wellington is reported to have said, that the battle of Waterloo had been fought and won on the playgrounds of Eton and Harrow. I do not know about this, but this I do know, if you and I are to win the victory for our King, the battle must first be fought and won, in the inner chamber, alone with God, and realizing this, may the cry of each heart this afternoon be,

"Lord till I reach that blissful shore
No privilege so dear, shall be,
As thus, my inmost soul to pour,
In prayer to thee."

HOW SOME WOMEN FACE TROUBLE

With the newspapers full of stories of misery and crime, no apology is needed for reprinting a charming story of an English mother's happiness and courage. The "East Essex Times," from which it is clipped, reports the matter as a simple news item, emanating from its local representative in the pretty village of Stambourne. Here lives a Mrs. Richardson, with her daughter, a rosy girl of eighteen, named Eva.

This girl until recently had been ailing severely with anæmia and a common consequent ailment—indigestion. Her liver became affected, as was evident by frequent pains across the shoulders, and she suffered great pain in the back and in the legs. She had no appetite, and could hardly creep up and downstairs, and she was so weak; neither could she do any work, and she always felt languid.

Mrs. Richardson stated: "A few months ago, my neighbours told me they thought Eva was dying. I thought so too, for she was as white as a sheet, and I quite made up my mind that I should have to bury her. I have already buried four," added the mother with simple pathos, "but thank Heaven, she is all right now."

Mrs. Richardson continued to explain that the present splendid health and astonishing change in the girl was due to Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. Her daughter was attended by a doctor, but without any perceptible benefit. One day, however, a pamphlet was left at the cottage, containing a case similar to her daughter's which had been secured by Dr. Williams' pink pills. Mrs. Richardson immediately procured a box, and after Miss Richardson had taken them for about a week she felt better, and could eat her food in comfort. She continued to take the pills, and before four boxes had been exhausted she had quite regained her health, strength, and appetite.

Miss Richardson herself added, with evident pleasure and gratefulness: "Yes; I can eat and drink anything now, and enjoy it. I feel quite well and strong, and can do my work without difficulty." The young woman proceeded to say that she had recommended the pills to other sufferers, and she would continue to do so.

Mrs. Richardson declared that it was to Dr. Williams' pink pills that she owed her daughter's life, and the thankful parent went on to say that a Mrs. Lapwood, who was almost an invalid, living in the adjoining parish of Birdbrook, had derived great benefit from the pills. Her daughter's recovery had naturally caused great surprise in the village, and the pastor of the Congregational Church had alluded to it with astonishment.

Miss Richardson stated that she had not the slightest objection to the foregoing being published, and by this resolve she is rendering a great and public service to those of her sex, who, by reason of weakly constitution or exhausting conditions of employment, have been reduced to a sickly, anæmic state. Impoverishment and deficiency of blood are responsible for the weary eyes of thousands of matrons and young women, and by building up the blood fresh energy is imparted to the system through the veins. Dr. Williams' pink pills have become famous among countless grateful women, who are constantly recommending them for anæmia, pale and sallow complexion, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, palpitations, pains in the back, nervous headache, and neuralgia, early decay, all forms of female weakness and hysteria, and consumption of the bowels and lungs. Acting on the nerves also, serious ailments such as paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, and sciatica are cured. No pills are genuine except those bearing the full name, Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, and sold by most chemists, and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, at two shillings and ninepence a box, or six boxes for thirteen and nine. Pink pills sold loose or from glass jars are not Dr. Williams' pink pills; had Miss Richardson allowed herself to be deceived into accepting a substitute in place of the remedy she had in mind, it is probable that she would not now be alive to tell the story.

DIPTON.

WESLEYAN TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.—At a meeting held for the purpose of receiving additional subscriptions and promises for the above fund, in the Dipton Wesleyan Schoolroom, a few new promises were given, and a few signatures made to the historic roll. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. A. Barraclough, of Stanley, and Mr. J. F. Elliott, of Annfield Plain. Up to the present the members of the society have contributed twenty guineas to the fund.

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WHICKHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday evening in the Board Offices, Whickham, Coun. R. W. Berkley presiding. The other members present were Councillors R. T. Swinburn, Geo. Forster, Wm. Blackbird, Wm. Walls, R. Rutherford, T. Brabban, and E. Taylor; the Clerk (Mr. Thos. Lambert); the Surveyor (Mr. J. McGregor), and the Inspector (Mr. J. Dinsdale.)

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector reported that as regarded fever cases he had had none reported to him by the Medical Officer during the month. The offensive ditch and water course situated at Crookgate remained in the same condition as previously stated. This matter was allowed to stand over. The whole of the privies and ashpits situated in the district were being kept in a fairly good sanitary condition. He was not aware that anything had been done during the past month towards securing a proper water supply for the several tenants situated in the district named in a previous report. Mr. John Spoor, builder, Dunston, was now proceeding with the foundations of the new houses at Clip Hill, Dunston, on behalf of Messrs Frazer and Dougall. Likewise Messrs A. D. Garbutt and Co. were proceeding with the foundations of new houses in the Asylum Lane, Dunston. The foul and offensive privies situated in the poor house yard, Swalwell, which were reported at a former meeting had been cleansed and kept in better order, but no proper locks had been provided.—This was ordered to stand over, and the report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. A. W. Attwater) reported that during the past month there had been twenty deaths—six at Whickham, seven at Swalwell, one at Marley Hill, and six at Dunston, making a death-rate of 23.30 per 1,000 per annum. The number of births had been 38—nine at Whickham, 13 at Swalwell, three at Marley Hill, and 10 at Dunston, which was equivalent to a birth-rate of 40.77 per 1,000 per annum. The report went on to state that the case of erysipelas notified last month had died, but a fresh case, the result of a scalp wound, had now occurred at Crookgate, and was convalescent. This was the only notification for January. The Medical Officer was sorry to say that influenza was very prevalent, and there was a good deal of general sickness in the district.

The report was adopted.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF FIRES.

The Clerk reported that with regard to the extinguishing of any fires that might occur in the district, the Chief Constable of Gateshead (Mr. Trotter) had been in the district and along with certain members had made an inspection. The Chief Constable had made certain suggestions as to the best places where to erect hydrants. He (the Clerk) had written to Mr. Blackbird as regarded Swalwell, and to Mr. Winship for Dunston. The communication to Coun. Blackbird enclosed a list of the proposed hydrants, and asked the Swalwell committee to report to the meeting as to the additional hydrants required.

Coun. Blackbird said that the Swalwell committee had not yet looked into the matter.

Coun. Swinburn remarked that they did not require any more additional hydrants at Whickham than those that were supplied, or would be supplied by the Water Company. The only thing that the committee wished to request was that the Council erect notice boards as soon as possible.

It was resolved on the motion of Coun. Swinburn, seconded by Coun. Forster, that the Water Company should be asked to erect the necessary notice boards at once.

THE PROPOSED FEVER HOSPITAL.

The Chairman enquired what position the plans of the proposed fever hospital were in?

The Clerk replied that the Council's plans had been sent back to the Local Government Board for some alterations. That authority stated that the plans were not in accordance with their model plan. The Surveyor had stated that he made the plans in accordance with the suggestions and rules of the model regulations, and the objections which the Local Government Board were now raising were against their own previous recommendations.

The subject was left for further discussion at a later meeting.

DRAINAGE AT WHICKHAM.

Coun. Swinburn reported that the committee appointed in regard to the drainage of the Tethercock Estate and the Whaggs Estate had not yet met. Continuing, he said that the idea was to try and get the owners to meet the committee, but the owners would not do so—at least he had asked two or three and they said that they did not want any drainage. They had got a cesspool; and their plans were passed. However the committee would consider the matter, but he did not think they would be able to do anything.

THE KOPJES AGAIN!

The following letter from Mr. James Donnison, Dunston, addressed to the Clerk, was read respecting certain plans:—Dear Sir,—"Your letter to hand, I have seen them and the architect, and you will get the plans as soon as he gets them altered. I hope you are as strict with everybody else in the district as you are with us. Is there any particular colour the Council would wish to have the paintings before we start to paint, and I will fall in with their wish if they only don't choose green. (Laughter.) As regards the road we thank the Surveyor for putting such a good footpath down. It will do till a shower of rain comes and then we will have to take to the kopjes again till we get a few more ashes on again."

The Clerk laughingly remarked that he had written to Mr Donnison and informed him that the Council were not partial to any particular colour, but it was a matter which might be left to the discretion of the architect. (Laughter.)

IMPROVEMENTS WANTED AT SWALWELL.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr. John Gardner, Market Lane, Swalwell, in regard to the cementing and lighting of Park Terrace, and Napier Road, Swalwell, which stated that he had got an agreement drawn up in relation to the same. Some of the owners had signed it, whilst others had not. As about two months or so would elapse before the footpaths were kerbed he hoped that the Council would kindly let them have some lamps erected.

The Chairman said that the resolution passed at the last meeting was that the Council would erect lamps as soon as the kerb had been put in.

Coun. Blackbird said that Coun. Winship reported that there had been a lot of lamps put up at Dunston where there was no kerbing at all. He could not see why the inhabitants of these two streets should be excluded.

Coun. Swinburn: That is quite true, but it is no argument.

Coun. Blackbird: What is good for one can be good for another.

The Chairman: The point is; so many of the owners will not join, and the thing would fall through—that is the danger.

After further discussion it was decided that the Clerk should reply stating that as soon as the kerb was put in the lamps would be erected.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

The committee appointed to interview Mr. Tweddle, farmer, Whickham, in regard to his claim for damages alleged to have been caused by the Council's workmen taking water from his pond, recommended that he be paid £2 15s in settlement of the claim.

Coun. Walls said he would like to ask if the Surveyor ever instructed his workmen to enter upon Mr. Tweddle's land and to take the water?

The Surveyor: Which of the Mr. Tweddle's is it?

The Clerk: Edward Tweddle.

Coun. Walls: Is there more than one you have been engaged upon?

The Surveyor said there were two of them. He told his workmen to ask for permission before they took the water. The time before when they rolled the road they got water at the same place—they asked permission and got it.

Coun. Walls: He did not grant permission in this case.

The Chairman: Do you say that he was asked permission this time?

The Surveyor: The cartman got orders to ask him, but when I made inquiries he had not seen Mr. Tweddle, and he asked the hind.

The Chairman: I suppose that the hind did not give permission?

The Chairman thought that a letter might be written to Mr. Tweddle with an apology that such a thing had occurred.

Coun. Walls: It is no use putting that into a letter if the Surveyor knows that he saw Mr Tweddle and they had a "dust" over the matter. If he saw Mr Tweddle and he had some sharp words over the matter it is no use our suggesting that we were ignorant of the fact and that sort of thing. I think I remember the Surveyor saying that he had had an interview with Mr. Tweddle, and that they had a quarrel over the business.

The Surveyor: We had not much of a quarrel; he just said that we had treated him shabbily over the business—and he had not forgotten it yet—when we entered upon the tenancy of the farm.

The matter was left over for further consideration seeing that some of the members of the committee had previously left the meeting.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

The committee consisting of Councillors Taylor and Swinburn appointed to enquire into the condition of Whaggs Lane footpaths, etc., reported as follows:—(1) The committee recommend that the footpath from Mr. Thirlaway's house to Mr. Bulmer's house on the south be penned with quarry rubble and ballast. (2) That the drain pipes be put in per instructions previously given to the Surveyor—three of these to be put in immediately as the water is flowing over and destroying the path which has just been completed. (3) That those parts of the paths opposite the gateways to the houses and fields be levelled up with quarry rubble and ballast. (4) That thirty yards of footpath to the north of lamp No. 198, be raised above the level of the road with rubble and ballast. (5) That at the junction between the Whaggs Lane and the cricket field public footpath, the road be filled with quarry rubble and ballast, and a drain laid to convey the water which at present accumulates at that point, to the open channel on the opposite side of the Whaggs Lane. (6) That as soon as the weather permits that the whole of footpath from Mr. Mowbray's house to the north-end of Rectory Lane be re-made with rubble, penning, and ballast. The committee in conclusion cannot but again express their great dissatisfaction at the manner in which the work has been carried out by the Surveyor. Not only do they complain of the unnecessary delay of several months, but also of the inefficient and faulty way in which the paths have been made, which will result in the loss of a considerable sum of money owing to the defective work having to be re-done. Burn Lane footpath.—The committee recommend that a pipe be laid beneath the footpath to carry the surface water into the Brod-pool, and that the old drain which has been closed by rubbish deposit in the pond, be opened out, and further that no rubbish be allowed to be deposited in the pond hereafter. Post in Rectory Lane.—The committee have to report that the Surveyor has not yet carried out his instructions to have a post placed in the Rectory Lane. Ashing of Footpaths.—The ashes which were ordered on the 18th inst. to be put on the footpaths at the west-end of the village of Whickham immediately have not yet been put on, and the consequence is that the paths are in a filthy condition.

Coun. Blackbird remarked that all the paths which were not cemented were in much the same condition.

The Surveyor said there were one or two things in the report he would like to answer. He did not think that the Council were entitled to drain Whaggs Lane. They had nothing to do with the drainage of it; they had only to look after the footpaths. The deplorable condition was due to the fact that the contractor when he carried out the work did not put in a drain. The drain being right on to the footpath had caused them to raise the path twelve and in some places fourteen inches above what it used to be. As regards the ashing of the footpaths the same were ordered on the Saturday following the meeting, but they could not get ashes at Lobley Hill at a minute's notice; they must give them some time to fill them and get them down. Sometimes considerable difficulty was found in getting horses and carts to lead the same. The Council must keep their own horses and carts at the scavenging as far as possible. Hired carts and horses were bad to get just now; in fact they could hardly get them in the district.

Coun. Walls: There was one man complaining that he could not get any work to do.

The Surveyor: Perhaps he is one of those who will not work. (Laughter.)

Coun. Walls: I have heard you speak very highly of him once or twice.

The Surveyor: I don't know who he is.

Coun. Walls: I move that we adjourn the report until those persons who submitted the same are present.

The Surveyor said he was certainly disappointed with the report, as when he was along at the Whaggs Lane on Tuesday afternoon he was satisfied with the work. If they had all the footpaths in the same condition it would be satisfactory. As regarded the ashing of the footpaths they hah now got the ballast, and a good part of the work was done.

It was ultimately decided to leave the report over until Messrs Taylor and Swinburn were present.

WIDENING OF A ROAD NEAR NORWOOD.

The Surveyor reported that the widening of the road near Norwood was now completed.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SWALWELL.

The Surveyor reported that he had forwarded the specifications in connection with the work at Park Terrace, and Napier Road, Swalwell, to Mr. Gardner.

PROPOSED GREASE WORKS AT DUNSTON.

The plans submitted by Messrs Mawson and Clark for a proposed shed at Dunston were rejected because no access was shown to an earth-closet.

DAMAGE TO LAMPS.

Coun. Blackbird drew the Council's attention to the large number of lamps which had been broken in Swalwell. Upon a windy night half of the lamps were out. He thought that handbills should be issued. He pointed out that two large lamps at Swalwell had no rest upon which to place a ladder so as to clean the glass.

It was decided to supply these two lamps with rests.

HORSE PROVENDER.

The tender from Messrs. Slater and Co., for horse provender was accepted.

Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to adjourn the meeting for a fortnight.

CHURCH SOCIAL AT DIPTON

On Wednesday evening week the members of the Dipton Church Choir held their annual social in the Dipton Infants' Board School. Owing to a counter-attraction the company was notso large as it would otherwise have been, although a nice company turned up. The duties of M.C. were ably discharged by Mr. R. Thornton, while Mr. Geo. Thornton accompanied on the piano. The refreshments, supplied by Mrs. Tuson, of the Vicarage, according to custom, were of splendid quality. Dancing was kept up briskly until mid-night, after which the company dispersed to their respective homes, after having greatly enjoyed themselves. Amongst those present were:—

Rev. R. and Mrs. Tuson, Dipton.
Mr. J. T. Robinson, South Medomsley.
Mr. R. Robinson, Mountsett.
Mr. F. Turnbull, Dipton.
Miss Turnbull, Dipton.
Mrs. Mande, Dipton.
Mr. R. Mande, Dipton.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Hodgson, Dipton.
Mr. J. E. Davis, Dipton.
Mrs. and the Misses Coulthard, Dipton.
Mrs. Thornton, Dipton.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Thornton, South Medomsley.
Mr. John Bowes, jun., Dipton.
Mr. Jos. Bowes, Dipton.
Miss Bowes, Dipton.
Mr. Ratford, East Castle.
Misses Riddle, Dipton.
Mr. T. E. Rutherford, Catchgate.
Messrs Thompson, Catchgate.
Miss Riddle, Co-operative Terrace, Dipton.
Misses Oliver, Dipton.
Mrs. Johnson, Dipton.
Mrs. Clark, Dipton.
Mr. T. Worley, Tantobie.
Mr. J. Hunter, Tantobie.
Mr. R. Holmes, Tantobie.
Mr. M. Raine, Dipton.
Miss Raine, Dipton.
Miss Graham, Dipton.
Miss Harrison, Dipton.
Mrs. Daglish, Dipton.
Master W. Daglish, Dipton.
Mr. Dixon, South Medomsley.
Misses Dixon, South Medomsley.
Mr. R. Bottoms, Langley Park.
Misses Bottoms, Dipton, and others.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday afternoon in the New Board Offices, Chester-le-Street, under the presidency of Coun. P. Oswald. There were also present Councillors Jacob Sharp, J. Mitchell, J. Tully, M. Gilhespy, W. B. Harris, T. C. Renwick, W. Hedley, J. W. Bolam, W. C. Blackett, R. B. Clark, M. H. Douglass, E. Watson, Dr. Duncan, B. Radcliffe, R. H. English, J. Burnett, T. J. Brass; Mr. R. Dickinson (Clerk), and Mr. R. V. Dickinson (Assistant-clerk.)

A WELCOME.

The Chairman said that they had three new members with them that afternoon, to fill the places of the late Mr. Hay, Mr. Starford, and Mr. Henderson. The new members were Dr. Duncan, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Radcliffe, all of whom they were glad to see amongst them, and he trusted that these gentlemen would do credit as members of the Council, and be useful to the Board. There was one thing he would like to mention, and that was to give them a hint that the Council would be pleased to see them attend regularly. (Hear, hear.) It was rather a pity to find that their members dropped off in their attendance, which made it rather heavy for the others who had to do the work. When important matters came before the Board it was only right that the representatives of the people should be present. He hoped that the new members would remember this and be present at each meeting. They were glad to see them, and on behalf of the members of the Board he extended to them a hearty welcome. (Applause.)

The new members thanked the Board for their kindness.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Taylor) reported that during the past month there had been 210 births and 105 deaths, which was equivalent to a birth-rate of 54.1 per 1,000, per annum, and a death-rate of 22.7 per 1,000 per annum. During the same month eight deaths had occurred from zymotic diseases, equal to a zymotic death-rate of 1.72, and 38 children had died under one year of age, giving an infantile mortality of 181.0 per 1,000 born. He had received 71 notifications of infectious disease as compared with 40 last month, and 32 during the corresponding month of last year. The diseases notified were 57 cases of scarlet fever, two cases of enteric fever, one puerperal fever, two cases of diphtheria, one membraneous croup, and eight of erysipelas. At the hospital fourteen patients had been discharged and seventeen admitted. The number of patients at present under treatment was 25. He called the Council's attention to the number of cases of scarlet fever at Waldridge during the past twelve weeks, viz., 62 cases; and in Edmondsley during the last seven weeks, 36 cases. During the past ten weeks the average number of scarlet fever cases per thousand inhabitants throughout the district had been 5.4. In the most densely populated area there had been eight cases per thousand, but at Waldridge 47.5, and Edmondsley 30.0. It appeared to him to be necessary to exclude children of an infected house from the houses of non-infected people, and from non-affected children in the streets, and play-ground in the village, and likewise it was necessary to exclude them from school. He had to call attention to the marked overcrowding existing in many of the houses at Washington. At the cottages one house contained eleven people; three contained ten; two contained nine; and one contained eight. Ten houses kept one or two lodgers. He suggested that to remedy the evil to some extent notices be served on those who kept lodgers, to cease overcrowding from their houses by retaining the presence of such lodgers.

The Chairman said that some steps would have to be taken in regard to the cases of scarlet fever. They had sixty-two cases in one instance, and thirty-two in Edmondsley and Waldridge. Of course they gave the Medical Officer authority to prosecute in two cases which he would do in due course. Perhaps a word or two from the doctor would assist them.

Dr. Taylor said he had done all he could to prevent the spread of the disease, and now it rested with the Council to say whether anything further should be done in the matter. There was not much use talking to the people, as in some cases people had gone back into the house in half-an-hour, although he had told them not to do so. Children from infected houses ran all over the place, and there was no doubt that by that means the disease was spread to a great extent. He did not suppose that they could stop them from going into neighbours' houses, but they could stop them from running about the streets.

The Chairman said that the doctor could only carry out a certain section of the bye-laws in regard to the matter with the authority of the Council.

Dr. Duncan said that by serving the notices suggested good might be done in keeping the children in the houses. Scarlet fever had certainly gone on for a long time at Waldridge Fell, and to his mind there was certainly a peculiarity as regarded the length of time it lasted. He thought it was rather peculiar to find the disease subsiding and then breaking out afresh all over the village. For the information of the Council he thought it was advisable that a return of the number of cases of scarlet fever that had occurred, also the number of patients removed to the hospital, and the date of their dismissal from the hospital should be submitted to the Council at the next meeting. He moved that the information be obtained.

Coun. Clark seconded the motion.

Coun. Sharp thought that where there was a child infected in a house that the other children should not be "bottled up" in the house along with such a child, but should be isolated.

After further discussion, an amendment was moved "that the doctor's recommendations be carried out," and this, upon being put to the meeting was carried.

As regarded the overcrowding it was also decided that the Medical Officer's recommendation should be carried out.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. John H. Mole reported that he regretted owing to an attack of influenza he was not able to be present at the meeting, but as he was now somewhat better he expected to be about again in the course of a few days. With respect to the scavenging he found he had been able to get over the district and observed that the best done was in the parish of Birtley. Washington parish, where it was somewhat defective at the beginning of the month, was now considerably improved. There was also some improvement during the month at Usworth Colliery. In the other parts of the district, except for some isolated cases, scavenging was being fairly well done. The six-inch sewer to connect the flushing tank at Mount Pleasant, Birtley, to the recently made sewer behind Egton Terrace was now being put in, and was expected to be completed in the course of a week or so. He had again to complain to the North-Eastern Railway Co., about the number of pipes broken in transit, as there were twenty-nine pipes and one rush chamber out of 168 for the week. The sewer extension at Sunniside was reported to be making satisfactory progress, and would, he expected, be completed in about a fortnight. Nearly all the owners had on receipt of informal notices made their drain connections. The whole of the pipes in connection with the High Row sewer at Usworth had now been laid with the exception of an expansion drain at the bottom of Quarry Row; but there was a considerable amount of carting away of surplus soil and levelling to be done yet. He had had twenty-five yards where there was quicksand taken up and relaid, and hoped this would be satisfactory. This work ought to have been finished some time ago. In compliance with the Council's instructions the water main from new Washington to Usworth station had been duly advertised and he had given the quantities to nine contractors whose tenders he expected would be before them. He had received a letter from Mr. Wm. Hunter, of Springwell, which he herewith submitted asking for way leave rent for sewer and ventilators recently placed on property by the Council. He recommended the Council to pay Mr. Hunter the usual three-farthings per yard. At Washington Station the amended outlet was now being made, and would, he expected, be completed during the week. At this place the Washington Chemical Company's effluent pipe was still choked up, and had been in this condition for about a month. Both the fire-hydrants and the iron pipe for replacing bad service pipes at Lumley had now come to hand, and a commencement would be made with the laying of them as soon as he was able to get over there.

Mr. J. B. Brown reported that he had inspected the scavenging at the following places—Plawsworth, Lumley, Breeton Hill, Perkinsville, Beamish, West Pelton, Waldridge Fell, Edmondsley, Daisy Hill, Grange Villa, and Witton Gilbert, and had served notices where necessary. At Mr. Usher's property, Pelton Fell, occupied by Matthew Davidson, the pipe connecting the roof-water downpour to a drain belonging to Pelton Fell Colliery was causing a nuisance by projecting into the drain, and obstructing it. The water then overflowed and flooded the footpath. As this nuisance was likely to recur, he had got him to dis-connect the pipe from that belonging to the colliery, and make good the footpath. Several informal notices re choked drains and foul sinks at Chester-le-Street had been complied with. A good deal of his time during the past month had been taken up in looking after the making of the new drain connections to the recently made sewer at Handon Hold. All the pipe-laying in connection with this work was now being completed.

The reports were adopted.

LAMESLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Lamesley Local Committee reported that a meeting of the committee was held on January 29th. The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board asking for additional information with reference to the proposed connection of the sewers of Whickham U.D. Council with Sunniside sewer extension. Letters from Mr. Hy. Wallace to Mr. Mole were also read stating that the tenant of Marshall Lands Farm complained bitterly about the sewer from Sunniside being run into the burn through his farm. To avoid such complaint in future Mr. Wallace suggested a further extension of this sewer by carrying the sewerage in closed pipes into the Washing Well wood. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Council:—(1.) "That this extension be made from the "fox cover" to the top of Pugar House Dene in the Washing Well wood. Mr. Wallace gave permission for the laying of the sewer through Lord Ravensworth's land. (2.) That Mr. Mole be instructed to take the levels and make an estimate of the cost of executing the required works, and after completion of the plans, the Clerk to arrange for a joint meeting of the Whickham Local Committee and the Lamesley Local Committee to consider the proposed amended scheme, with a view to the new works being carried out at the joint expense of the two authorities, and to arrange how much of the cost of the work should be borne by Whickham, and that Mr. Wallace be invited to attend such meeting."

The report was adopted.

THE POLLUTION OF THE RIVER DON.

The Barmston, Harraton, Usworth, and Washington Local Committee reported that with reference to the action by Sunderland Rural District Council against the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council in connection with the pollution of the Don, the clerk read a brief report of the hearing of the case, when an order with costs on scale "B" was made requiring the Council to refrain from polluting the stream in question, but directing it to lie in the office for six months. After a lengthy discussion as to the best method of treating the sewerage complained of, it was resolved on the motion of Coun. Douglass, seconded by Coun. Richardson:—(1.) "That the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report and plan with estimates of cost of carrying the sewerage from Usworth Colliery to the river Wear. (2.) That the Surveyor also prepare a plan and estimate for conveying the sewerage of that part of New Washington, which is in Washington township, to the existing main sewer in Washington village for comparison with the present route via Usworth Colliery. (3.) In the event of the Council deciding to convey the sewerage from Usworth Colliery to the tidal burn of the Wear, in preference to treating it in tanks on the bacterial system, and the Clerk to write to the Local Government Board to enquire whether they would be prepared to sanction the loan to meet the expenditure."

The report was adopted.

NEWCASTLE THOROUGH TOLL.

A communication, which has already appeared in our columns, was read by the Clerk from the Town Clerk of Gateshead in reference to the proposed abolition of the Newcastle Thorough Toll, and requesting that four representatives be sent to a Conference to be held in regard to the matter.

It was resolved to send four representatives.

THE LATE MR. HAY.

A communication was read from Mrs. Hay tendering her sincere thanks for the Council's kind expression of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The Clerk read a communication from Messrs Huntley and Forster, solicitors, John Street, Sunderland, which stated that they had been consulted in regard to Mr. Adam Elliott's claim for alleged lead poisoning. In view of the Council's letter they presumed there was no chance of a settlement, therefore, in the meantime the case would have to go for trial at the next Assizes.

The Chairman: You came to the conclusion at the last meeting that this authority was not liable, and a letter was written to Mr. Elliott to that effect. He has employed a solicitor, and they have written to the effect you have seen.

It was decided that the Council should adhere to their former decision.

The meeting soon afterwards terminated.

WEST PELTON MINERS' AGENT IN TROUBLE.

At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday last—before Ald. Hindmarsh and Mr. W. Willson—Patrick Carling, miners' agent, Blaydon, was charged with "that he on the 29th day of November last, at West Pelton, in the County of Durham, then and there having in his possession certain property, to wit the sum of £40, money of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund Friendly Society, the same being a Friendly Society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, unlawfully did withhold the same contrary to the Statute in such case made and provided." Mr. Percy Corder, on behalf of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, prosecuted; and Mr. Thos. Lambert defended.

Mr. Percy Corder stated that on the 29th November, Carling, who was the general agent of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, attended a branch meeting of the committee at West Pelton for the purpose of investigating a fatal accident case concerning a man named Carr. At the meeting, Mr. Taylor, treasurer of the branch, told Carling that he had two fortnights balances in hand, amounting in all to £40, and he (Taylor) asked him if he would take it for him to the central office of the fund. Carling said he would not take it at first, but if the committee counted it he would take it. The money was counted by the committee, and Carling agreed to take it. Mr. Taylor then asked Carling for a receipt, showing that he had received the money from him, but Carling said it was unnecessary for him to give a receipt. He said he would take the money to the office, and get a receipt from Mr. Steele, the general secretary, and send it on in due course. No receipt being forthcoming, Mr. Steele got his clerk, Mr. Robson, to enquire as to whether any money had been paid in at Messrs Lambton's branch bank at Blaydon. Mr. Taylor made the enquiry as desired, and ascertained that no money whatever had been paid into the bank to the credit of the fund. Mr. Steele then sent Mr. Robson on Monday, December 11th, to see Carling, at Blaydon. Carling said he had banked the money with Messrs Lambton in his own name, and would either bring it or send it. No money had been received by the Central Branch, either from Carling or from anyone on his behalf. A letter was received from Carling on January 5th, in which he suggested, among other things, that he did not know whether the money had been taken out of his pocket on the night he received it, or whether he had lost it. It was impossible for him to say what had become of it. Now, proceeded Mr. Percy Corder, here arose a dilemma, for if he had paid the money, as he had stated, into Messrs Lambton's Bank, how could he possibly have lost the money, or how could it have been taken from his pocket. One of the stories, it was clear, must be untrue.

Hanson Taylor spoke to giving Carling the money.

Mr. Lambert: As treasurer, it would, I take it, be your duty to take the money to the Central Office yourself?

Witness: It is usual to send it through the Post Office.

Mr. Lambert: Is that the way you always did, save on this particular occasion?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Lambert: Then why did you not send it in the usual way on this occasion?

Witness said he thought the man could be trusted, and having been connected with the affairs of the business, he took him into his confidence.

Thomas Wishart, secretary of the West Pelton Branch of the fund, gave evidence as to seeing Carling recive the money, and as to him undertaking to send a receipt for the amount received.

Mr. Lambert, for the defence, said that if Carling had been anything else but an honest man, he could have submitted a perfectly good legal defence to the charge preferred against him. But Carling had admitted having the money, and he had told them frankly he had it. There was a perfectly good legal defence on the charge, and in considering that, he asked the other side to make some consideration as to the amount of penalty to be imposed, and as to how the money should be paid back. Carling had never denied that he got the money. The money, Mr. Lambert stated, was handed over to Carling in a public house, and it would have been a good thing for him and for the Society or Fund if he had refused to act as the messenger of the treasurer, instead of acting in the manner he had. But Carling took the money, and he unfortunately got on the spree, and, he (Mr. Lambert) expected, he lost the money or it was taken from him. For a weak moment there was Carling's fall, and there he stood in the dock that day in consequence of it. What he wanted to say in mitigation was that for 25 years, he believed, Carling had been associated with this particular Society, and for 11 years he had been one of their trusted and respected agents, which was a superior position to hold. There had not been up till now the slightest allegation made against him in so far as his character was concerned, but unfortunately now he had fallen. Mr. Lambert suggested to the Bench that an order should be made for the payment of the money in weekly instalments at 5/- a week, which he promised to pay as soon as he got work.

Mr. Taylor denied that the money was handed over to Carling in a public house.

The Chairman, after a short deliberation, said: We will make an order for the money to be paid, but not in the way you suggest, Mr. Lambert. We shall fine you, Carling, 40s and costs, and make an order for the fine and costs and the £40, which belongs to the Fund, to be paid within three months. We do this considering the position you have held in the Society; otherwise the fine would have been more.

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DERWENT VALLEY ENTIRE HORSE SOCIETY

On Saturday evening last, the annual meeting of the members of the Derwent Valley Entire Horse Society was held at Mr Morgan's hotel, Shotley Bridge, Mr Stonehouse, of Hedley, presiding over a large attendance. Among those present were Messrs T. Hamilton (secretary), J. Pattinson (assistant secretary), W. Ramsay (treasurer), M. Anderson, Angus, Swinburn, sen., Swinburn, jun., Hedley, Snowball (Hedley Grange), Todd (Greenside), J. Hunter, Walker (Medomsley), J. Pattinson, G. Morgan, J. Arnison, R. Innes, R. Dixon (Lanchester), Minto (Medomsley), and Simpson (High Bradley.) Mr Hamilton read the minutes which were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr Ramsay said he had pleasure in putting before them the most favourable balance sheet they had ever had. On the receipt side they had a balance from last year amounting to £4 7s 6d, to which was added £1 kindly returned by Mr Pattinson. They received £6 entrance fees for last year's show, £3 4s 6d gate money, £42 for 84 nominations at ten shillings each, and £12 subscriptions, giving a total of £68 12s. The expenditure, which included £50 prize money, amounted to £60 17s 10d, thus leaving a balance of £7 14s 2d. (Applause.) He thought that was a very satisfactory balance sheet when compared with previous years.—The Chairman said it was the best they had had since they started the society.—On the motion of Mr Walker, seconded by Mr Minto, the report was adopted, and on the motion of Mr Ramsay, seconded by the Chairman, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Pattinson for the return of the £1.

THE NEXT SHOW.

The question as to when and where the next show should be held was then discussed, a motion by Mr Walker, seconded by Mr Innes, that a show be held having been carried, and the Secretary having read a letter from Mr Richard Gledson, of Highfield, in which that gentleman expressed a hope that the show would be carried on as usual as it was a matter of importance to farmers. He was sorry he could not be present at the meeting.—On the motion of Mr Angus, seconded by Mr Swinburn, it was resolved to hold the show at Shotley Bridge, and after some discussion, on the motion of Mr Walker, seconded by Mr Innes, the date fixed was Saturday, March 3rd.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr L. Priestman was unanimously elected president, a number of gentlemen were appointed vice-presidents, Mr Ramsay was re-elected treasurer, Mr Hamilton secretar and Mr Pattinson assistant secretary.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr Hamilton and Mr Morgan were deputed to select a suitable field in which to hold the show.—It was resolved to advertise in the "Newcastle Journal," "North British Agriculturist," "Scottish Farmer," "Carlisle Journal," and "Consett Guardian."—A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD

On Thursday evening the monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Greencroft Schools under the presidency of Mr. H. Greener (chairman). There were also present Messrs T. U. Ord, J. Mason, R. Hall, Mr. W. H. Ritson (Clerk), Mr. R. Jackson, (Deputy Clerk), Mr. R. Tindale, (Attendance Officer).

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. R. Tindale, Attendance Officer, reported that during the month the attendance had been moderate owing to bad weather and sickness. After the necessary instructions had been given the report was adopted.

USE OF SCHOOLS.

Mr. Jonathan Charlton, of Annfield Plain, applied for the use of a room in which to hold Good Templars meetings.

Mr. R. Bates, Kyo, and Mr. H. Williams, Annfield Plain, also applied for the use of the schools at Eastertide for a bazaar and for the Catchgate Free Church.

The applications were granted on the usual conditions.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr. Ord, in accordance with his notice of motion moved that the salary of the attendance officer be increased to £16.

Mr. Hall said his idea for getting the census taken of the children in the Greencroft Parish was to get at those who had not attended. He knew that some children in the parish who were 6 years of age, and had not attended school at all, while another one who was 13 years of age had never been at school at all. The attendance at Greencroft was shocking. The children were running about the roads instead of attending school.

Mr. Mason seconded the motion, which was carried.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. W. J. Mackay, headmaster, of the Mixed School, reported that the average attendance for the month was 294. He asked the Board to consider the question of purchasing a musical instrument, which could be obtained at a reasonable price. Miss C. Knifton, head mistress of the Infant School, reported that the attendance had been affected by the bad weather, many of the children suffering from coughs and colds. She drew attention to the insufficient heating of the infant school. The average attendance for the month was 138.

Mr. Mason moved that a piano be purchased.

Mr. Hall moved as an amendment that tenders be obtained for the next meeting.

The Chairman seconded the motion, which was carried.

The requisitions were ordered to be obtained and the reports adopted.

SIGNING CHEQUES.

Cheques to the amount of £139 14s were signed by the Chairman and Mr. Ord, after which the Board rose.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR.—Polling took place on Wednesday week for a Rural District Councillor and Guardian for Chester-le-Street, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. Peter Hay. There were three candidates, and the contest resulted as follows:—Edward Watson, Mining Engineer, Chester-le-Street, 361; John Bewick, miner, Pelton Fell, 242; Thomas Storey, auctioneer, Chester-le-Street, 222. Upon the ballot having been counted it was seen that only a little over one-third of the electors had polled.

HOBSON COLLIERY.

RESERVIST CONTRIBUTIONS.—The secretary of the Tanfield Parish Reservists fund, Mr. James Gilliland, Hobson, has received the sum of £12 12s 9d, which will be forwarded to Lord Durham's County fund.

BLACKHILL TWENTY CLUB

(LATE BENFIELDSIDE GREEN CAPS.)

ANNUAL DINNER.

The third annual dinner in connection with the above club took place on Saturday night, Jan. 27th, at Mr. Geo. Morgan's Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, when a good company was present, including the following members and friends:—Messrs J. W. Young, E. H. Young, J. Greener, J. Ayton, W. A. Walker, S. Judge, H. Lishman, H. Bates, M. Williams, W. Leybourne, T. Nicholson, J. Walton, R. Charlton, G. Beck, R. Hall, T. Rawes, F. Jackson, F. Oliver, J. Wood, J. Tindale, T. Lynn, W. Fixter, J. Allison, W. Lisle, T. Leath, J. Leath, W. Barron, G. Glendenning. After all present had done full justice to the splendid dinner which had been provided by Mrs. Morgan, the cloths were removed. Mr. Fixter was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. Greener vice-chairman, and the short time which was left was utilised in honouring the various toasts, viz.:—"The Queen and Royal Family," "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces." The toast of the evening, "The Twenty Club," was proposed by Mr. J. Greener, who said that all present would be fully aware of the change in the club's name, and as there were new rules and regulations in connection with this new name, he hoped the members would all unite and help to make the club a greater success than ever. Mr. C. H. Young seconded this, and wished the club success, and a more prosperous year, and plenty of enjoyment. The other toasts were the "The Host and Hostess," the "Visitors," and "The artistes." The Chairman proposed the "Host and Hostess," and returned thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan for the splendid dinner which they had given all present that night, and said everyone was highly satisfied, and he was quite sure Mr. Morgan had scored another success. This toast was musically honoured. Mr. Morgan in reply, said he was pleased to hear they had all enjoyed themselves, and said he had done his best for them, and thanked them kindly. Songs were rendered by Messrs S. Judge, G. Hamilton, and J. Allison, and the members were once more indebted to their pianist, Mr. J. W. Young, who kindly acted as accompanist to the singers in his usual capable style. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

CHESTER-LE-STREET LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The annual general meeting of the Chester-le-Street and District Licensed Victuallers' Association was held on Wednesday week, at the King's Head, Chester-le-Street, under the presidency of Mr. James Wears.

The Secretary (Mr. Henry Lamb) read his annual report, which stated that nothing unusual affecting the trade had occurred during the year. At the end of January, 1900, there was a deficiency of £19 13s 7d, but, thanks to the help of several firms, and the aid of their own members, this deficiency had been eliminated, and they now had a balance in hand of £43 4s 11d. Messrs Fenwick and Co., Sunderland, had given £25; the Newcastle Breweries' Company, £10 10s; Messrs Cameron and Co., Sunderland, £3 3s; Tucker and Co., Gateshead, £5 5s; Lamb and Sons, Hetton, £3 3s; the Durham Licensed Victuallers' Association, £3 3s; and Mr. John Turnbull, £1 1s. These contributions showed the value the various firms set upon the association, and it was hoped that it would be the means of inspiring further confidence in the members. Mr. Lamb, in conclusion, referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death of its esteemed president, Mr. R. Wilson, who had been connected with them from the commencement, and was their first chairman. He had always taken a deep interest in the business of the association.

The balance-sheet, submitted by the treasurer, (Mr. Wm. Colledge), showed that the income during the year was £103 12s 5d, and the expenditure £60 7s 6d, leaving a balance in hand of £43 4s 11d.

On the motion of Mr. M. Gilhespie, seconded by Mr. Roscamp, the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The officers were then appointed as follows:—President, Mr. F. Leighton; vice-president, Mr. M. Gilhespie; treasurer, Mr. W. Colledge; secretary, Mr. Henry Lamb; committee—Messrs Jos. Montgomery, J. Ross, T. Simpson, R. White, J. Cummins, J. L. Anderson, Roscamp, J. Winn, Geo. Lovett, J. Wears, and W. Middleton.

A number of new members were next elected, and the meeting ended.

In the evening the annual dinner was held, when Mr. A. Trotter presided, in the absence, through illness, of Mr. C. R. Garvey. The chairman proposed "Success to the Chester-le-Street Licensed Victuallers' Association," and the toast was enthusiastically honoured. Mr. Henry Lamb responded. The toast of the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was proposed by the vice-chairman, and replied to by Captain Turnbull, who will shortly leave the town for South Africa, he having been accepted for service. Other toasts were also honoured, and a capital musical programme added to the enjoyment of the evening.

TOW LAW.

A SUCCESSFUL PUPIL.—At a recent examination for admission, Master Harrison Moses obtained the premier position among competitors for the scholarship tenable at the Wolsingham Grammar School. Master Moses was a pupil at the Tow Law Wesleyan School, and seeing that he has had no special preparation this reflects great credit upon the general efficiency of the work done in the school.

A VOLUNTEER FOR THE FRONT.—On Saturday evening a concert and public gathering took place in the Tow Law Mechanics Institute for the purpose of presenting Private Robert Grey with a pair of field glasses and a purse containing £3 5s. The singers were Miss Wetherell, Rev. J. Michael, Messrs R. Wilson, Geo. Elliot, J. Christison, and J. McGurk. The accompanists were Miss Ellison and Miss C. Christison. The presentation was made by Rev. T. H. E. Espin, who occupied the chair, Private Grey suitably responding. There was a large attendance of the general public.

LANCHESTER.

RESERVISTS' FUND.—A grand concert was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Lanchester, on Wednesday week for the above fund. Mr. Fred Lines was the conductor, and Mr. John Pickering the pianist. They were well supported by the Chapel Choir and others. It was a great success. When all expenses were paid, there was the handsome sum of £3 10s balance for the fund. Mr. G. W. Wilson took the sum to the committee on Friday. The choir received the hearty thanks of the gentlemen present for their noble effort. The total sum raised in this village so far is £101 13s 8d, which is deemed most satisfactory. There are four at the front from this village, and others from the immediate neighbourhood on their way.

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DERWENT VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO MR. C. T. FOREMAN.

As might naturally be expected the proceedings in connection with the complimentary dinner and presentation to Mr. C. T. Foreman, of Leadgate, on Thursday night, were of the most enthusiastic character. Mr. Foreman has fulfilled the duties of hon. sec. to the Hockey Club ever since it was formed some years since, and his departure for India, to take a most important position under the East India Railway Company, means a big loss [illegible] held at the [illegible] headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, and, as usual, the worthy host and hostess (Mr and Mrs G. Morgan) placed a spread upon the tables which gave the utmost satisfaction to all present. Amongst the company we noticed:—Rev. A. C. Blunt (Medomsley), Rev. T. W. Ransom (Leadgate), Mr T. D. Dales, Mr C. T. Foreman, Coun. W. J. Foreman, Mr J. E. Parker, Mr J. M. Nicholson, Mr J. O. Todd, Mr H. H. Wattsford, Mr John Kershaw, Mr Asquith, Mr T. Longworth, Mr S. Leybourne, Mr Jos Askew, Mr John Sloane, Mr E. J. Sloane, Mr J. Eltringham, Mr D. H. C. Balleny, Mr H. O. Foreman, Mr Jos. Hamilton, Mr P. Douglas, Mr R. Heymer, Mr J. M. Aynsley, Mr J. P. Walton, Mr W. Douglas, Mr Scott, Dr Moore, Mr J. Ross, jun., Mr Edwards, Mr Spence, &c.

The cloths having been removed, Mr T. D. Dales took the chair, being faced by Mr J. E. Parker in the vice.

The Chairman gave "The Queen and Royal Family," which was loyally honoured.

Mr Asquith, in giving "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," said he rose with great pleasure to propose this toast, as he was sure that no toast would be more heartily drank that evening. (Applause.) He would liked to have been in Newcastle that evening to see the Yeomanry leave. Many were going to the front whom they all knew, and amongst these was a well known hockey player, Mr Willie Morgan, of Auckland. (Applause.) Although they had suffered reverses, they were not down in the mouth yet. (Hear, hear.) There was no doubt that before their men came back victorious they would lose a lot of brave fellows, but if others were wanted to fill their places he felt sure that the Government would not have to ask twice for men to go to the front. (Applause.)

Mr Walton responded, remarking that they all felt proud of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces. He must be a cold-blooded individual indeed who did not feel some tingling of enthusiasm at the doings of our brave men out in the Transvaal. (Applause.) There had been some trifling reverses, but there was no doubt but what they would eventually relieve Ladysmith, and ultimately annex the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. (Loud applause.) The army was doing its duty in a manner which had never been excelled. The navy had also done good service, and they felt proud that a Durham man, Capt. Lambton, had so signally distinguished himself. (Applause.) Many of the volunteers had had a good physical training at some branch of athletics, and they were sure to render a good account of themselves. (Applause.)

The Vice-chairman said it fell to his lot to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to their old friend, Charles Foreman." (Loud applause.) He thought it required few remarks of his to commend the name of Charlie Foreman—he felt he could not call him by any other name—to that company, because he was so well known. He believed he had been asked to propose that toast because he had known their guest longer than anyone else in the room. He remembered seeing him go up the church as a choir boy. When he came to embark on a business career they had seen him making a name for himself in the athletic world, in connection with football and hockey. (Applause.) And they saw now that he had obtained one of the best appointments that could fall to the lot of any Englishman. (Loud applause.) The complimentary dinner that night was to give him a good send-off. He thought it was a source of satisfaction that after all their friend had gone through in the cricket field, the football field, and the hockey field, that he could go and pass the doctor with flying colours. (Applause.) They hoped that when he came back to the old country they would see him in the same state of good health—and also with plenty of money. (Laughter and applause.) It afforded him (the speaker) pleasure as an old friend to think that he came of a good stock. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he wished their old friend Charlie the best of happiness, health, and prosperity. (Loud applause.)

Mr Nicholson, in supporting, said he felt very pleased to be associated with that toast. He was sure it would be drank with the enthusiasm it deserved. (Hear, hear.) He thought that the most memorable gathering ever held by the members of the Hockey Club. They had been defeated on several occasions, but they always took it in a sportsmanlike manner. (Applause.) However, the balance of success was in their favour. They had a captain second to none—(loud applause)—but there was one man upon whom the lion's share of the work fell, and that was Charlie Foreman. He had always worked hard. (Hear, hear.) He (the speaker) was pleased to see such an excellent company present to give him a send-off. He was going to a lucrative position, and he (Mr Nicholson) thought he would acquit himself with credit. (Applause.) He was a man of many parts, and they all hoped that every success would attend him. However, he thought that Mr Foreman's mind would often wander back to the many happy hours that they had spent together. (Applause.)

Mr Todd also supported the toast, saying that he could only endorse everything that had been said by his two friends. As they all knew, they had been practically brought up together, and there were now not many of the original seven in Leadgate. It was a sort of bachelors' club. With regard to the Hockey Club, he hoped that they would be able to go on. They were losing their mainstay—the man who had done all the work. He and the captain had really run the show. (Laughter.) He asked them to drink to the health of the guest of the evening, Mr Chas. Foreman, their old friend. (Loud applause.)

The toast was honoured in a most enthusiastic fashion, with musical honours, hearty cheers being raised at the finish.

The Chairman, in rising to present Mr Foreman with a handsome smoker's cabinet, said after the eloquent speeches of Messrs Parker, Nicholson, and Todd, there was little left for him to say. He would like to remark, on behalf of the members of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club, how very much they appreciated the services Mr Foreman had rendered to the club, not only as secretary to the club—which was a place hard to fill—but also as one of the most active of playing members. (Applause.) He had also done good service as a member of the Durham County hockey team, and also in connection with several social gatherings. His services had been thoroughly appreciated. (Applause.) He was extremely sorry they were going to lose him, but they were very pleased to know that he was going to greatly improve his position. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that Mr Foreman would go on until he reached the height of his ambition, viz., to make the steelworks of Jamalpur equal to those he was leaving behind. (Applause.) On behalf of the members of the Hockey Club, it afforded him pleasure to offer Mr Foreman that small present. He trusted that he would be spared for many years to use it, and that in his far-off Indian home it would serve to remind of many pleasant days spent amongst the dear old boys of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman, rising again, said he had been requested, on behalf of Mr Scott—to whom he alluded as a warm supporter of the Hockey Club, and a former member of the Fighting Fifth—to present that cigar case (which was well filled), and a silver-mounted cigar holder to Mr Foreman. (Applause.)

Mr Chas. Foreman, who was warmly received on rising to reply, said he rose to respond to the toast which had been so ably proposed and supported by his three oldest friends, and received by the company enthusiastically. He stood there that night in a vastly different position to that which had been his privilege to take on any other occasion in connection with the Hockey Club. He was there as their guest, and not as their secretary. He had had the honour of being their secretary since the formation of the club, some eight years since—(applause)—and the experience of those years had taught him the great secret of their success with their unfortunately always limited number of members. It was the result of the way in which the members had always stuck to each other—(hear, hear)—and supported each other through thick and thin, that had given them their fame in the hockey field. (Applause.) Many occasions he knew of on which players had had some preferable occupation for a Saturday afternoon, yet when they knew that he was unable to get an eleven together, they waived their preference and took their places on the hockey field. (Hear, hear.) That was the secret of the successful career of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club—a club which he had heard alluded to by members of other clubs, on more than one occasion, as the ideal club of the county. (Applause.) When the members co-operated in this manner it was no wonder that the team were always in the front rank. He had been proud of the position which had been entrusted to him in the Hockey Club, and he trusted that the D.V.H.C. would continue to add successes to its already lengthy roll for many years to come, and he should look forward with pleasure to accounts in the "Consett Guardian" of his old club, although the distance between them would be so great. He wished to offer to them his sincere appreciation of the esteem in which they held him, of the many kindnesses which they had shown him, of the great friendship that had existed between them and himself, and he heartily thanked them for the great honour they had conferred upon him that night, for the good wishes expressed and endorsed for his future. (Applause.) Lastly, he thanked them for that very handsome and useful present, which, he could assure them, would remind him at all times of his happy association with the members of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club. (Loud applause.) Addressing Mr Scott, Mr Foreman said:—I hope you will forgive me if my remarks are brief in replying to you and thanking you for these handsome tokens of your esteem for me, but I assure you I am truly sensitive to your kindness, and they will keep fresh in my memory the many considerations you have shown me here, and I trust it will be my privilege to meet you again in good health when I return from the sunny shores of India. (Applause.)

Rev. A. C. Blunt, in giving "The Visitors," thought it was about the second most important toast of the evening. (Hear, hear.) They all knew about their visitors, and he would not expatiate on their good qualities. Esprit-de-corps had been the great feature of the Hockey Club, and he thought that feeling had spread to the whole of Englishmen throughout the world. (Applause.) They all stuck together more than any other nation. That was a sad occasion in one way, yet not in another, as Mr Foreman was going to better himself. (Applause.)

Messrs Leybourne and Aynsley replied in appropriate terms.

Mr John Sloane proposed "The Host and Hostess," Coun. Foreman supporting the toast.

"The Chairman" and "Vice-chairman" were warmly pledged, with musical honours.

During the evening excellent songs were rendered by the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Coun. W. Foreman, Mr R. Heymer, Mr J. Kershaw, Mr John Sloane, and Mr J. O. Todd, Mr Dales's first song, dealing with the war, making a great hit. Capital recitations were given by Dr Moore and Mr H. Balleny. A collection for the reservists realised £1 3s 6d, which was handed over to Coun. Foreman for the Leadgate fund. Mr E. J. Sloane played the accompaniments in his usual finished style; and the enjoyable and enthusiastic proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem.

PRESENTATION TO MR. FOREMAN AT LEADGATE.

On Monday night a large company gathered at the house of Mr. Ralph Calvert, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate, to take part in a presentation to Mr. Charles Foreman. The committee who carried out the work connected with the presentation had not much time at their disposal, but they met with a most generous response from the many friends of Mr. Foreman. Dr. Henley acted as chairman of the committee, which also comprised Messrs R. Calvert, J. E. Kinleside, J. Kershaw, J. Winter, and J. Lowther, with Mr. J. Ross, jun., as secretary and treasurer. At Monday night's gathering Mr. W. Whitfield took the chair, whilst Mr. J. E. Parker occupied the vice-chair. There were also present—Dr. Henley, Messrs C. T. Foreman, R. Calvert, T. D. Dales, G. Dryden, jun., T. Longworth, J. Kershaw, W. Brears, G. W. Goulden, A. Graham, J. E. Kinleside, R. Birtley, D. H. C. Balleny, W. Goody, A. Burnhope, C. Lockwood, J. Winter, J. Lowther, Thos. Foreman, W. J. Foreman, J. Green, J. O. Todd, R. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. Day, F. Lockey, Jos. Askew, C. Stephenson, J. Ross, and others.

The Chairman gave "The Queen and Royal Family," which was warmly received, the company singing "God save the Queen."

The Vice-chairman gave "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," and said he was sure that toast would be warmly received, and that it would commend itself to all present. (Applause.) When they saw how their brave men were conducting themselves in South Africa they could but admire the splendid troops sent out from that country. They had been checked a few times, but had never been beaten. Their troops were only eager to be at the enemy, and avenge those who had fallen in a just cause. (Hear, hear.) He thought that toast was dear to all of them, because there were few of them but what had friends or acquaintances at the front. He was sure the next message they would receive would be that Buller had relieved those gallant men defending Ladysmith, and no doubt Methuen would raise the siege of Kimberley. (Applause.) The navy was looked to as the bulwark of England. Napoleon had said that with British infantry he would not be afraid to face the whole world, but they could not forget that the navy was the first line of defence. Sir George White and his men had shown themselves worthy of the best traditions of the British army. (Applause.) The country had every confidence in its army and navy, and also in its reserve forces. (Hear, hear.) These men were giving up homes, friends, and comforts to go and face the arduous work at the front. The difficulty was at the present time to make a selection, as there were so many applicants eager to go to the Transvaal. They knew what a splendid send-off the yeomanry had the other night. Coming nearer home he was in the streets of Newcastle the other day, and saw a body of troops marching along amongst whom was their old friend, Mr. Wm. Dotchin. (Applause.) He thought there was another point that should not be missed, and that was the help coming from their colonies. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Goulden responded, and remarked that he thought their men had done their level best up to the present. (Hear, hear.) They had met with one or two checks, but he believed they would come out at the top in the long run. (Applause.) They would see their uncle at Pretoria and bring him back. (Laughter and applause.) He thought the navy had done great service, especially at Ladysmith. He believed if it had not been for the naval guns of Captain Lambton they would not have been as well off. Both the army and navy were always ready to respond to the call of duty. (Applause.) However, he thought the authorities were rather too strict with respect to volunteers for the front. (Applause.)

Coun. W. J. Foreman proposed "The trade of the district," which, he said, was in an excellent condition, and he hoped it would long continue so. (Applause.) He could not remember a time when trade was so prosperous as it was at the present time. At Consett they had one of the most prosperous concerns in the country. (Hear, hear.) The results were seen in the amount returned to the people for their investments. The coal trade and all other trades were in a flourishing condition. (Applause.)

Mr. Kershaw, in reply, said as a tradesman he knew that there was considerable activity in the commercial world. In spite of the war trade remained brisk, and there was plenty of work and good wages. (Applause.) It would be the earnest wish of all present that this happy state of affairs might continue for a very long period. (Applause.)

Dr. Henley then rose to make the presentation. He said they had assembled that night to make a presentation to a gentleman whom they all honoured and esteemed. (Hear, hear.) The majority of those present that night had known him from his infancy, and had watched his progress. Now there had come a time when Mr. Foreman had reaped the fruit of his diligent studies. He had accepted an appointment in India which would have been grasped at by any man in the position of Mr. Foreman. (Hear, hear.) The competition was very keen, but with the reputation he had at the works, and the many testimonials he received, Mr. Foreman had secured that position. (Applause.) He was not a man that had pushed himself forward, but if there was anything promoted in the neighbourhood he was always willing to take an active part. He thought that by gathering there that evening they showed that they appreciated his services in forwarding every movement he had taken in hand. As a cricketer, footballer, and hockey player he had proved his worth. (Applause.) Also at tennis, and in connection with anything promoted by the Guild. Mr. Foreman was going out to India to fulfil an important engagement, but he felt perfectly sure that he would carry out that engagement and fulfil his duties as well as any man possibly could. (Applause.) He was sure that when two or three years had gone by, and Mr. Charlie Foreman came back with all those rupees—(laughter)—he would still be the same old Charlie. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in presenting Mr. Foreman with that handsome gold albert and seal. He thought it would have been unworthy of Leadgate if they had let Mr. Foreman depart without presenting him with some token of their respect and esteem. (Applause.) He thought that when in India, and wearing that chain, Mr. Foreman would often think of old Leadgate, and he might also thing that there were worse places than Leadgate. (Hear, hear.) He was leaving old friends and associations. He hoped that when Mr. Foreman wore that chain he would sometimes think of his many old friends in Leadgate and district. (Applause.) He would now ask Mr. Foreman to accept the albert, and wished him long life and that he might enjoy good health. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Brears supported, and said he had had as much to do with Charlie Forman as any one. He had known him from infancy, and had watched his career with interest, and also that of his brothers. He was pleased to support the testimonial. If Mr. Foreman had taken up cricket as he had done football they would have had a first-class club in Leadgate. Whether he played football, cricket, or hockey, he always played it in a gentlemanly manner. (Applause.) The opportunity had now come for him to make a name for himself. They would miss his kindly face at church. He only hoped that Mr. Foreman would make a fortune, and come back to Leadgate, and that they would be able to introduce him to the new institute. (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Foreman had the good wishes of everyone in Leadgate, and they were sure that he would be a credit to the place. (Applause.)

The health of Mr. Foreman was then enthusiastically pledged, with musical honours.

Mr. Chas. Foreman, on rising to respond, was heartily cheered. He said that during the last few months they had been accustomed to read in their newspapers accounts of the hearty sends-off which had been given to their soldiers going to the front, and he ventured to say that on none of the occasions to which he alluded had a heartier send-off been accorded than that which they honoured him with that night. (Hear, hear.) When he looked round the room and saw faces—some of which he had known all his life, some of which had watched him developing from childhood, whose careers had developed alongside his own—when he looked round and saw these faces, which it had been his pleasure to meet daily, it was a matter of regret to him that the curtain was almost drawn which would debar him from coming into social contact with them; but he must counterpoise that by looking at it from the standpoint of his welfare, which, as they understood, was to his interest to go, and he sincerely trusted that when it was his privilege to return to that, his birthplace of Leadgate, he should find in good health and prosperity those whom he left behind on Wednesday. He could assure them that he should look forward with pleasure to greeting them all again. (Applause.) He should look forward with pleasure to meeting them all again. (Applause.) He should never forget the many happy Saturday afternoons he had spent with the members of the Leadgate Park football eleven—how on those occasions he had the honour of taking part in what, he thought, were some of the greatest fights the Park ever had—(hear, hear)—and also he could not forget the enjoyable evenings he had spent in the Guild rooms, of the very exciting games occasioned by either handicaps or "50 up;" and lastly, but certainly not the least, he should never forget his many happy associations with Leadgate, and the great consideration which had been shown him and his family. (Applause.) And now, how should he thank them for the way in which they had pledged his health. Words failed him to express to them his sincere appreciation of their esteem for him; but might he assure them he was deeply sensitive to the way in which they had honoured him. It was very gratifying that they had honoured him in that fashion on the occasion of his leaving for the great dependency of Her Majesty the Queen—India. By giving him that handsome chain they had linked their friendship to that of his, which he much reciprocated. (Applause.) It would ever remind him of his truly happy associations with them and his native home. He raised his glass and drank to the health and prosperity of the people and town of Leadgate. (Loud applause.)

Other toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. Brears, and responded to by Mr. Dales; "The Committee," proposed by Coun. Foreman, and replied to by Dr. Henley and Mr. Ross; "The Host and Hostess," given from the chair, and acknowledged by Mr. Calvert; "The Chairman and Vice-chairman," proposed by Dr. Henley.

During the evening excellent songs were rendered by Messrs Parker, Dales, G. Dryden, Kershaw, Burnhope, Lockwood, R. Wilson, W. J. Foreman, C. T. Foreman, Ross, etc., Mr. Kinleside playing the accompaniments. The very enjoyable and enthusiastic proceedings concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

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STANLEY.

POLICE COURT.—At an occasional court held at the police-station on Thursday morning before Mr. Jonathan Green, J.P., Thomas Andrews, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with being drunk at Stanley. The accused was fined 1/- and costs. At the same time Wm. Clark, John Allen, Patrick Meegan, George Grey, and George Robson were charged under the Vagrancy Act with sleeping at Stanley Colliery on the 1st inst. P.C.'s Parkinson and Phizacklea proved the charges, and the defendants were sent to prison for 14 days, with the exception of Clark, who was dismissed on promising to leave the district.

DIPTON.

WEDDING.—A marriage in which much interest was evinced was solemnised, on Wednesday afternoon, in St. John's Church, Dipton, the contracting parties being Miss Lily Murray, second daughter of Mr. George Murray, provision merchant, Dipton, and Mr. John Hardy, an engineman at South Medomsley Colliery. The sacred edifice was filled, and the Rev. R. Tuson (vicar) performed the ceremony. Miss Murray was the bridesmaid. Mr. Thomas Hardy acted as best man. Miss Murray was a member of the church choir, and formerly held the position of teacher in the Collierley Board Schools.

Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club

On Saturday evening the monthly meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Burnopfield, under the presidency of Mr. G. Ord, president. There was a large attendance of members. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. W. Gray, Hobson Colliery; and Mr. W. Thompson, of Burnopfield. The president read the following interesting paper on the

"REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS OF PLANTS."

The anther is the first part of the stamen to be developed, so that in a moderately young stamen we find the anther almost full-grown while the filament is still quite short. If we cut a very young anther across, we find that the transverse section is nearly oblong, with rounded corners. At each of the four corners two or three of the periblem cells next below the epidermis divide by walls parallel to the surface. The inner cells produced by this division form what is called the archesporium, i.e., the layer from which the spores, here called the pollen grains, ultimately arise. Each archesporium thus consists at first of a single strand or layer of cells running the whole length of the anther. The archesporial cells grow and divide up in all directions, and we thus have, in place of the original layer, a solid cylindrical column of tissue, consisting of large cells which are densely filled with protoplasm; and have large nuclei. In the meantime the cells immediately outside the archesporium have undergone several divisions so that the wall of the pollen sac becomes about four cells thick, including the epidermis, which does not itself divide. The cells which are actually in contact with the archesporium become elongated radially, and form a well-marked lining (internal) to each pollen-sac, called the tapetum. The tapetum extends all round the sac. Its cells are at first rich in protoplasm. The function of this layer is to feed the developing pollen-grains, by which it is entirely used up.

To return to the archesporium: After its cells have divided a great many times the divisions cease for a while, the pollen-sac continues growing, its cavity becomes more roomy, and so the cells derived from the archesporium become isolated from one another and round off their corners. These cells now bear the name of the pollen mother-cells, because each of them divides up into four pollen-grains. The division takes place as follows: At the time when the mother-cells begin to be isolated, the nucleus in each divides into two, and the two daughter-nuclei at once divide again, so that there are four nuclei in the mother-cell. New cell-walls are formed between the nuclei, and the mother-cell is thus divided into four distinct cells, each with its own nucleus. These four daughter-cells are arranged like four cannon-balls in a heap, the whole group having roughly the form of a four-sided pyramid or a tetrahedron. Each daughter cell next forms from its protoplasm a new cell-wall of its own. The wall of the mother cell is dissolved, and the four pollen-grains are set free. The cavity of each pollen-sac is now filled with a host of free pollen-grains, four times as numerous as the original mother-cells. The grains are at first immersed in a half-fluid substance derived from the protoplasm of the tapetal cells, which break down during the formation of the pollen. This substance is soon used up by the pollen-grains to complete their growth.

The ripe pollen-grain is somewhat oval in shape. Its wall is considerably thickened, but there are three thinner bands, indicated externally by shallow grooves which run lengthways of the grain. The pollen grain in figure is shown as if in cross-section, so that it appears round, with three depressions, and the three thin places in its walls at the depressed points are seen.

The pollen-grain at first, like most other cells, has a single nucleus. This nucleus divides while the grain is ripening, and one of the two daughter-nuclei divides again. Thus in the mature pollen-grain there are three nuclei, one of which is larger than the other two; the two smaller nuclei have risen from the second division.

The two layers of cells next outside the tapetum, like it, become absorbed. One of them often disappears even before the tapetum itself. When the anther is ripe, the wall of each of the four pollen-sacs consists on its free outer side of one or two layers besides the epidermis. These persistent layers are distinguished by a strongly-marked spiral or netted thickening on their membranes. These cells form the fibrous layer. It completely surrounds each pollen-sac, except at the point just opposite the partition which separates the two pollen-sacs in the same lobe. Here the fibrous layer is interrupted by one or two thin-walled cells. It is thinnest (one cell thick) next the partition, and attains its maximum thickness (about five cells) on the side towards the connective. This layer is of great importance in the dehiscence of the anther. It is owing to the hygroscopic contraction of the fibrous layer, when the ripe anther is getting dry, that the wall is ruptured and dehiscence takes place. If the anther is kept from drying, as sometimes happens in very wet weather, dehiscence may fail to take place.

THE PISTIL FERTILISATION.

All three nuclei travel down the pollen-tube with the protoplasm. The vegetative nucleus, however, i.e. that which was the product of the first division becomes disorganised and disappears, having nothing further to do with the process of fertilisation. The two generative nuclei alone remain, and when the pollen tube has penetrated the micropyle of the ovule and reached the embryo-sac, these nuclei are to be found in the protoplasm at the extreme end of the tube. The cellulose wall of the pollen-tube is very soft, and allows the passage of the generative nuclei. Sometimes one, sometimes both, leave the tube. One of the two generative nuclei passes on, usually between the synergidae, and reaches the protoplasm of the ovum itself. It must be remembered that these cells have no cell-walls, and so no resistance is offered to the passage of the nucleus. Ultimately the generative nucleus reaches the nucleus of the ovum. The two nuclei then fuse together into one, and fertilisation is effected.

Development of the embryo. The effects of fertilisation are, that the ovum develops into the embryo, the ovule into the seed, and the pistil into the fruit. We will first consider the development of the embryo or young plant, for this is the really important process, to which the changes in the ovule and pistil are subservient.

The immediate result of fertilisation is that the ovum surrounds itself for the first time with a cell-wall. Its nucleus, which, as we have seen, has been formed by the fusion of a generative nucleus of a pollen-grain with the original nucleus of the ovum, next undergoes division. This division of the nucleus is followed by that of the cell, which divides by a transverse wall into two cells. Repeated transverse divisions then go on, until we have a row of several cells attached at one end to the wall of the embryo-sac near the micropyle, while the other end of the row hangs freely in the interior of the sac. The last cell at the free end is nearly spherical, and larger than the rest. The whole structure at this stage is called the pro-embryo. The round cell at the end is called the embryonic cell; the rest of the row is the suspensor. From the "embryonic cell" the greater part, but not the whole, of the young plant is formed. This cell first divides by three walls, two longitudinal and one transverse, cutting each other at right angles, into eight cells, the octants. Next, each octant divides by a wall parallel to the outer surface into an inner and an outer cell. The eight outer cells thus cut off form the dermatogen of the embryo. Their further divisions take place entirely by walls at right angles to the surface, so that the layer remains one cell thick. It gives rise to the entire epidermis of the shoot, and to no other tissue. The eight inner cells then divide in their turn, forming a central group and an intermediate layer. The central group becomes the plerome, from which the central cylinder of the main stem is developed, while the intermediate layer between plerome and dermatogen becomes the periblem from which the cortical tissues arise. The last cell of the suspensor immediately adjoining the embryonic cell also contributes something to the formation of the embryo. It divides by a transverse wall, and the daughter cell next the embryonic cell by its further divisions forms the root cap and periblem of the root, while the plerome of the root is formed from the same central group as that of the stem. We see, then, that the apex of the root is turned towards the suspensor and the micropyle, as is always the case in the embryos of flowering plants. The apex of the stem is placed exactly at the opposite end of the embryo. As growth proceeds, the embryo ceases to be spherical. It first becomes flattened at the top and then heart-shaped, forming two lateral protrusions. These are the cotyledons, and the two first leaves of the embryo. The growing point of the stem lies between them. The class to which the Bean belongs derives its name, Dicobyledons, from the fact that its embryo always has two seed-leaves or cotyledons. The growing point of the embryonic stem in this class is constantly terminal (i.e., in the middle line of the embryo at the end farthest from the micropyle), and the two cotyledons lateral (i.e., one on each side of the growing point.)

As the embryo attains its full size it gradually occupies the whole of the curved embryo-sac, and therefore of necessity become curved itself, so that the cotyledons are bent back, and lie parallel to the young root or radicle.

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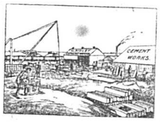

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CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL

On Wednesday evening, the members of the Consett District Council held a monthly meeting in the Council Chamber,—Mr. W. Aynsley, J.P. (chairman) presiding. There were also present:—Messrs. G. T. Hyden, N. Elsdon, J. Lowes, J. Kempson, R. C. Roster, T. Dunne, G. D. Powell, the Clerk (Mr. T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr. W. S. Shell.)

FINANCES.

The Gas and Finance Committee reported that the treasurer's book showed a balance of £965 10s 3d in favour of the Council. Accounts amounting to £612 11s 4d were recommended to be passed for payment. A memorial from the abutting owners on Back Bellevue and Stratford Terraces, and Balfour Street, having been read asking that the streets should be taken over, the committee recommended that they be taken over as far as made. A letter was read from Mr. H. Squance, County Accountant, adhering to his decision not to allow the Council's claim for a moity of Dr. Allen's salary seeing that the Local Government Board had never sanctioned that gentleman's appointment.

On the motion of Coun. Dunne, seconded by Coun. Kempson, the report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Shell, as Inspector, reported that during the month of January the contractor for the removal of house refuse attended to more houses than in the preceding month. At the same time he would not carry out the conditions of his contract by attending to the houses every 14 days as he agreed. On Jan. 24th he gave the contractor a list of houses requiring attention, and at the same time he gave him the required 24 hours' notice as per contract. Some the contractor attended to, others he (Mr. Shell) attended to by engaging horses and carts and seeing that the work was done himself. Further, contrary to both written and verbal instructions, the contractor persisted in doing his work through the day, and for nearly a fortnight he had done so. At the present time there were 375 houses which had not been attended to.

The Chairman in reply to Coun. Powell, said it was thought that as the end of the contract was so near it would be as well for the Council to do the best they could under the circumstances.

Coun. Powell asked the Surveyor if he was doing the work during the day as well?

The Surveyor said he was compelled to do so.

Coun. Powell said in that case they could not complain. If they did the work themselves they must do it at the time they would expect the contractor.

The report was adopted.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee reported that they had had before them the tenders for the erection of the new stables, and they recommended the acceptance of the following:—Mason work, Mr. J. Atkinson; slating, Mr. J. Hewitson; plastering, Mr. D. Ormerod; joinering, Mr. J. Tully; painting, Mr. J. Siddle; plumbing Mr. J. Smith.

The adoption of the report was approved of.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

Dr. McIntyre submitted his report for the quarter ending 31st December, 1899. During the quarter there were 69 births and 55 deaths registered, giving a birth-rate of 30.6 and a death-rate of 24.4 per 1,000 per annum. The birth-rate was lower than last quarter, and, he regretted to say, the death-rate was very much higher. The cause of the latter, however, was readily explained by the fact that during the last three months of the year the district was visited with a most extensive and widespread epidemic of influenza, virulent in its type and showing marked tendency to the development of inflammatory attacks of the respiratory organs. As a consequence they found 18 of the total deaths registered, or 30 per cent., ascribed to diseases of the lungs and air passages. The marked debility characterising the after effects of the disease, more particularly of the heart, also accounted to some extent for the high mortality, especially in persons of advanced years. He need hardly point out that this extraordinary high death-rate had been very general throughout the country, but no doubt their high altitude and exposed situation might have something to do with their exceptional figures. During the quarter, of notifiable diseases, ten cases of scarlet fever were reported, namely, two in October, four in November, and four in December. Enquiry tended to show that in none of the cases was infection imported, and all appeared to have been of a mild and benign character, no fatality having been recorded. As usually occurred at that period of the year, five cases of typhoid fever were reported, one in Albert Row, two in Queen Street, one in Bellevue Terrace, and one in Medomsley Road. In the case in Albert Row an open channel ran along close to the back wall of the house and a large sink stood close to the back door from which a foul smell was emanating. Proper cleansing and disinfection of this sink was carried out, but the condition of the back channel would require the attention of the owners as at present percolation would readily take place into the basement of the dwelling houses. The examination of the surroundings of the remaining cases did not divulge an insanitary conditions. The disease had been of a very severe type, two deaths having occurred out of a total of five cases which was exceptionally high. Nine cases of erysipelas were notified and a few had been of a critical character. The zymotic death-rate was 1.7 for the quarter. The deaths of 13 children under one year of age were registered, giving a rate of 18.8 per cent. of the whole of the deaths. Six of the 13 were due to the respiratory organs, one to enteritis, and four to exhaustion and congenital debility. The first-named cause was, therefore, the most prominent and was doubtless associated with the prevalence of influenza, which appeared to attack infants as readily as persons of maturer years.

Coun. Powell thought they ought to take notice of the channel and sink referred to.

The Chairman said they were bound to do so.

The Surveyor stated that Dr. McIntyre and himself were going over the whole district, and he would report upon this and other matters at the next meeting.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from Mr. A. E. Clarke, of Grainger Street, Newcastle, informing the Council that a company was being formed for the purpose of putting down electrical works in the neighbourhood of Annfield Plain, and their tender had been accepted by the Annfield Plain Council to supply electric lighting to the district. He should like to know if the Consett Council intended doing anything as the Company's wires would extend to South Medomsley, and they could be carried on to Consett. The Company were prepared to state terms, or send a representative to interview the Council.

Coun. Powell was of opinion that they could not improve upon their present incandescent light—either in the nature of the light or the cost.

Coun. Foster thought they ought to get the prices and all the information they could. By getting that information they would not be committing themselves.

Coun. Dunne said that seeing the incandescent light was giving satisfaction he thought it would be as well to let the matter stand over, and see what the Gas Company would do next season.

Coun. Hyden was satisfied with the present light, but he agreed with Coun. Foster that they ought to get all the information they could.

Coun. Foster moved that they request the Company to send a representative to wait upon the Council.

Coun. Elsdon seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Clerk read a letter from the relatives of the late Dr. Renton, thanking the Council for their vote of condolence.—On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Coun. Hyden, Dr. McIntyre was re-appointed Medical Officer of Health.—The Surveyor was instructed to have sand placed on the footpaths where they may be found dangerous during the present frosty weather.

The meeting then terminated.

Hobson

W. J. Joicey Lodge of United Druids.—At the annual meeting of this lodge, held at the Hobson Hotel, Bro. Aynsley congratulated the sec. and treasurer on the well-kept accounts. Some 19 new members had been elected, while the balance-sheet showed a net gain of £68 13s 2½d. The sum of £50 11s 6d had been added to the banking account. The auditors' report was highly satisfactory. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Bro. H. Aynsley, A.D.; Bro. M. Nicholson, V.A.; Bro. Thos. Swinburn, treasurer; Bro. J. Keen Bell, secretary; Bro. J. Jackson, sick visitor; Bro. J. Ward, Guardian; Bros. R. G. Wells and J. Oliphant, auditors. Four new members were made at the meeting, and six others were proposed.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES AT CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

Alleged Wholesale Bribery.

Consett Co-operative Manager Implicated.

But proves his Innocence

On Wednesday morning, at the Consett County Court, before His Honour Judge Meynell, the Consett Industrial and Provident Society, of Market Street, Consett, claimed from George Bell, their drapery manager, of 28, Green Street, Consett, the sum of £24. Messrs Aston, Harwood, and Somers, solicitors, of 2, Cooper Street, Manchester, were for the plaintiffs, while Mr. Temperley, barrister, instructed by Mr. Ed. Clark, of Newcastle, represented the defendant.

The plaintiffs claimed from the defendant the sum of £24, being moneys alleged to have been paid during the years 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897 by Hickson, Lloyd, and King, of Manchester, through their agent, Ambrose Barker, to the defendant, when drapery manager at the plaintiffs' stores, as bribes to the said defendant, with the view of the defendant using his influence with the Committee of Management of the plaintiff society to obtain orders for Hickson, Lloyd, and King, and which sum was alleged to have been added to the price of the goods bought by the plaintiffs from Hickson, Lloyd, and King, during the years 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897; such extra price was alleged to have been paid by the plaintiffs. The amount alleged to have been paid to defendant as bribes in 1894 was £5; in 1895, £6; in 1896, £9 10s; and in 1897, £3 10s.

Mr. Somers, in opening the case, said the society was registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies' Act of 1893, which had been in existence for many years. By Section B of that Act, all societies were presumed to be registered under that Act. Rule 3 stated the objects of the society were to carry on trade both as wholesale and retail general dealers. The plaintiff society conducted a large drapery business, and it was in respect of their drapery business that that action was brought on. The facts were that in 1894 the plaintiff society gave orders to Mr. Ambrose Barker, a commission agent, of Sunderland, who represented Hickson, Lloyd, and King, and during the years Barker was dealing with the plaintiff Society, he was alleged to have paid to Mr. Bell, the drapery manager, various sums as bribes, with the view of getting Bell to use his influence to have the goods of Hickson, Lloyd, and King accepted by the society. The manner in which the discovery was made was that in the month of July of last year Mr. Barker underwent his public examination in Newcastle in bankruptcy, and during the course of his examination he was asked as to his remuneration, when he made the startling announcement that he obtained his remuneration from his employers by commission at the rate of 5 per cent. on all orders which he received from shops, but 7½ per cent. on all orders received from Co-operative Societies. Asked why he received 2½ per cent. extra in respect of orders received from Co-operative Societies he said that it was paid in order to give 2½ per cent. as bribes to the managers of the societies to get the orders of the societies. Inquiries were made into the matter, and it was found from inspection of the bankruptcy books that some seven or eight societies were named as having received the bribes, amongst which was the Consett Society. It was a matter of great difficulty to him to call any evidence beyond that of Mr. Barker, for the reason that he was to a certain extent dealing with hostile people. The society went there that day not to press a verdict from Mr. Bell, unless His Honour was satisfied that Mr. Bell had received the money. They had taken the action with the view to having the matter fully investigated and exposed, and if it was found that the managers had been doing that thing would expose them, but he was still in that position only to call Mr. Barker that day. He invited him to make that statement now, and if he made it then Mr. Bell, the defendant manager of the plaintiff society, could be called to admit or deny it. So far as the allowance of the extra 2½ per cent. as bribes was concerned, there could be no question at all about it. Hickson, Lloyd, and King had deliberately entered into an arrangement to bribe the society, but whether Barker had paid over that money to the society's managers was a very different matter. The co-operative movement, in bringing the matter before the Court, was to have it exposed.

Mr. Gibson, Official Receiver, Newcastle, produced the books and papers which came into his possession from Mr. Barker, and the letters between Barker and Hickson, Lloyd, and King, of July 29th, 1893, Nov. 11th, 1893, and Dec., 1893.

Mr. Temperley objected to the letters, as they were not evidence against his client.

His Honour ruled so.

Mr. Ambrose Barker, living at Sunderland, said during the years 1893, 1895, 1896, and 1897 he represented Hickson, Lloyd, and King, of Manchester. The terms upon which he was remunerated by that firm were 5 per cent commission from the drapers for all the business he did and the stores, and in addition he got 2½ per cent. extra for all business he did with Co-operative Societies. The firm gave him the 2½ per cent. to give the buyers of the Co-operative Societies as bribes, in order to secure their orders, with instructions to recoup themselves by charging extra for goods sold by the Manchester firm to the Co-operative Societies. During the years mentioned he had done business with the Co-operative Societies to the extent of £1,171 10s 4d, the amount paid to Hickson, Lloyd, and King for goods supplied by them to Co-operative Societies. During those years he had paid to Mr. Bell certain sums of money amounting, with presents of a box of cigars and two pairs of blankets, to £26 12s, £24 of which was paid in hard cash, at the premises at Consett, or in Newcastle at his office. Messrs Hickson, Lloyd, and King marked his goods fully 2½ per cent. more than the ordinary price quoted to drapers in order to recoup themselves, the 2½ extra per cent. being charged to the Consett Co-operative Cociety. Mr. Bell went to see him on Aug. 23rd, 1894, when he gave him the money, £2, and bought goods from him on that day. So far as he knew the accounts were sent from Hickson, Lloyd, and King.

Cross-examined by Mr. Temperley, witness said that his employers by instructing him to charge 2½ per cent. more than to other people were cheating the Co-operative Societies. The Consett Co-operative Society had 2½ per cent. more charged upon their purchases by the firm, so that the latter could recoup themselves of the bribes paid to the manager of the society. He had not paid any bribes to any official of that society but Mr. Bell. Mr. Bell received 2 per cent. of the commission which amounted to £26 or £27 odd, the other ½ per cent. going to him in presents. His employers knew nothing at all about that arrangement; they expected that he was giving 2½ per cent to the managers. It was not true that debarring some presents of some cigars, shirts, and blankets, he had kept the whole of the money; he gave it to Mr. Bell. The blankets were sent by passenger train from Manchester, for which the firm received the money. They were not sold by him to Mr. Bell at a reduced price. Mr. Bell paid nothing for them, as witness put it to his commission account in which it appeared the shirts were a present to Mr. Bell from himself. Asked what a letter dated Jan. 26th, 1896, which read "made a present to Mr. Bell, not entered against him" meant, Witness replied that he wrote those words on a few days ago. He never sent the letter to Hickson, Lloyd, and King. When examined in bankruptcy he did say that he had given a good many presents in addition to the bribes, and he did set up a claim against his employers in respect to the presents. He also said that througout the whole of his time his expenses had been very large; as a matter of fact the firm knew nothing about the presents, and therefore in consequence of his travelling expenses and presents together the expenses had been more than his commission came to. His expenses were about £44 a month, and with the presents £48, and that as his commission earned did not amount to that sum, he had been losing money the whole time more or less. Ultimately, the firm discharged him, after being on salary for eight months, and brought an action against him for monies, which they alleged he had not accounted for. They sued him for money owing from his monthly balance sheet, monies which they said he had received from customers on their behalf. The amount they claimed amounted to £96, judgment being entered by them by default. He never debited them with any bribes, but paid all the money he had received from them for that purpose and more.

Re-examined by Mr. Somers, witness said he made a distinction between the bribes and presents. In his evidence before the Official Receiver he said he paid 3½ per cent. away. He had no reason for making such a damaging statement against Mr. Bell. He had told the truth all through his bankruptcy examination, and he was telling it there. He always regarded Mr. Bell as his friend, and did so yet.

For the defence Mr. Temperley stated that Mr. Bell gave an absolute denial to the story. He had received a box of cigars as a present, and a pipe and blankets and shirts, for which he paid half-price. At any rate those things were bought from the man in quite a different way. The plaintiffs very rightly had not included them in the claim. They had only included the money lost. He quite appreciated the spirit in which his friend had opened the case. They had not pledged themselves to the story of Mr. Barker, but with regard to that he only wished to call attention to the fact that by his own admission he undertook to do a dishonest thing for the purpose of getting money to bribe his buyers. To put it into plain English he undertook to cheat the Co-operative Societies of 2½ per cent., and the man who would do that was just as likely to cheat his own employers by putting the money into his own pocket. When a man went into Court and admitted cheating one party of 2½ per cent., his story should be taken with reserve. He said that his employers knew nothing about the presents, and admitted in the bankruptcy proceedings he had a moral claim against them. The firm thought he was spending 2½ per cent. in bribes to the buyers. He said that the bribes to those Co-operative Socities were put to more than 2½ per cent. By his own admission from ½ to 1 per cent. which ought to have been paid was never paid at all, excepting in presents, of which his employers knew nothing at all, and from which he tried to gain some advantage in the bankruptcy proceedings. The whole of the money alleged to have been paid to the manager must have been put into his own pocket. He would call Mr. Bell, who would tell them that he had never received one penny of the money.

George Bell, drapery manager for the Consett Co-operative Society, said although the society was perfectly well aware of the charges they had retained his services. He was first engaged as manager in June of 1893, and had been in the employment ever since then. He had known Barker as a seller for Hickson, Lloyd, and King, and had been on friendly terms with him. It was true that he received a box of cigars as a present, and that he had exchanged drinks with him in Newcastle. The shirts referred to were half-a-dozen special shirts for himself. Mr. Barker said he would get them made for him specially by placing the order in the hands of the shirt-makers. To this witness agreed, and he quite expected to pay for them. When in Mr. Barker's office one day following Barker showed him an invoice of the shirts, when witness said, "All right, I'll pay you," to which Barker replied, "Oh, I'll stand half the cost." Witness thereupon paid half-price for them. In December, 1896, he received two pairs of blankets by a similar arrangement. He never received the money or monies from Mr. Barker mentioned in the particulars, either as bribes or anything else.

Cross-examined by Mr. Somers, witness said Mr. Barker had been a business friend for over seven years. He could not give any reason for Mr. Barker doing such an unkind thing as to put that charge on his shoulders. He had received no monies, and if he had he would have had no hesitation in admitting it. Mr. Barker's statement was untrue.

[illegible] judgment, said it was a case of oath against oath. Barker, who supported the plaintiffs' case, had set up a case of dishonesty on behalf of his employers to which he was a party, and they were parties to cheat the Consett Stores, and no doubt they might pay the money which had been recovered by charging extra upon the purchases. Considering the circumstances of the case there should be some corroboration of such a charge as had been made by Ambrose Barker against Mr. Bell, who charged him with gross dishonesty. On the other hand they had Mr. Bell's evidence, in which he distinctly denied it all. The evidence on the one side was dishonesty, and he would therefore find for the defendant with costs.

Leadgate Park Cricket Club.

Tea and Presentation.

The members and friends of the above club, to the number of about 30, assembled on Tuesday night at headquarters, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate, to partake of an excellent knife-and-fork tea, followed by presentations to two of the players. Dr. Henley was unable to be present and occupy the chair, but sent Mr. John Nicholson, of Lanchester (formerly sergeant of police at Leadgate) to represent him and preside over the gathering. Mr. W. Goody occupied the vice-chair, and others present were Messrs J. Burnhope, A. Burnhope, R. Birtley, R. Wilson, Jos. Crowther, Jos. Snaith, Jos. Wilson, J. Kershaw, F. Lockey, A. Graham, W. Tinkler, R. Calvert, J. Haggerston, J. Walton, M. Speeding, F. Jackson, J. E. Kinleside, J. Day, J. Veitch, G. Rogerson, W. Johns, jun., L. McClutcheon, T. Walton, and others.

The Chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts.

Mr. R. Calvert, in presenting a splendid "Demon Driver" bat (kindly given by a friend) to Mr. A. Burnhope, as highest scorer in the first team, said that he did not profess to know a great deal about cricket. He believed that in days gone by there was a good club in Leadgate—(hear, hear)—but it seemed to have died away. He thought that in the future, with the fresh blood they had, and the assistance of old hands, they might again have a good club. (Applause.) It gave him pleasure to hand over the bat to Mr. Anty Burnhope. He had won it honourably, and it was to be hoped that he would live long to use it. (Applause.)

Mr. Burnhope, in replying, said he was very pleased to receive that handsome present. He had done his best, as he always did, for the Park. (Applause.) When he heard tell that a bat was going to be given for the best batting, he decided to do his best to win it. As long as Leadgate Park was a cricket club he would always do his utmost for it. (Applause.) He had been in the Leadgate Park above 20 years, and hoped to be connected with it for many more years. (Applause.)

The Chairman next rose to make a present of a pair of cricket trousers to Mr. Frank Jackson, for the best bowling average. Mr. Nicholson said when he first came to Leadgate he did not know much about football or cricket; but one day he went to see a football match, and heard the people shouting, "Man on, the old man." (Laughter.) On inquiring for the "old man" he found it was their friend, Frank Jackson. (Applause.) Frank had always been a good servant to the Park, and he (the chairman) was very pleased he had won that prize. He hoped that Frank would long continue to take an interest in the Park club. (Applause.)

Mr. Jackson, in responding, said this was not his first present. It was 25 years since he received his first prize in Leadgate, and he had got other three since—all for using the ball. (Applause.) He hoped to be able to do it again next season. Mr. Burnhope had told them he had been in the club 20 years. Well, he (the speaker) was his teacher. (Hear, hear.) The club was like the British army—it was seeking volunteers. (Laughter.) He thought that there were a lot there that evening who would volunteer their services next season. He was one of the first captains of the Leadgate Park Football Club, and used to be named "the old horse." (Laughter.) It was not then the scientific game it was now—there was a little bit of knocking out. (Laughter.) They often did without football boots, playing in what were called "beetle-crushers." (Renewed laughter.) Cricket was a grand old English game, and he hoped to be spared to play many more years. (Applause.)

The Vice-chairman offered a few remarks. He said the two players who had received presents were thorough amateur sportsmen. They had played the game of cricket and football for many years past. They played it for the love of the game, and not for any gain they got out of it. (Applause.) He knew but little about cricket, but took an interest in it solely for the young men of the place. (Hear, hear.) He was always willing to do anything he possibly could either for the cricket or the football club. As regards cycling, the chairman and himself were the two oldest cyclists in the place. (Laughter and applause.) The chairman had rendered great service to the young men of the place. (Hear, hear.) He was pleased, when Dr. Henley told him that, not being able to attend himself, he would send the sergeant. (Applause.) He alluded to the fact that they were going to lose one of their players (Mr. Veitch) and suggested that they drink his health. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, and songs were rendered by Messrs Haggerston, R. Wilson, Day, Johns, Speeding, McClutcheon, A. Burnhope, and Kershaw, Mr. Kinleside acting as accompanist.

A pleasant evening terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

THE AVERAGES.

Played 16 matches, won 8, lost 6, drawn 2. Park, 790 runs, against 873 by opponents.

BATTING.

	Inns	not out	Most Inn.	Total	Aver.
A. Burnhope ..	6	1	33	54	10.80
J. Crowther ..	15	1	19	99	7.1
J. Veitch ..	11	0	24	78	7.1
J. Snaith ..	12	0	16	76	6.4
F. Jackson ..	5	1	11	18	4.2
J. Snowdon ..	9	0	12	41	4.5
W. Graham ..	8	0	17	36	4.4
J. Walton ..	12	1	12	39	3.6
J. Kershaw ..	6	0	14	32	5.2
W. G. Robson ..	9	1	16	28	3.4
J. Day ..	7	2	18	21	4.1

BOWLING.

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Avr.
J. Crowther ..	120.2	27	292	55	5.17
Jos. Snaith ..	118.4	33	241	43	5.26
F. Jackson ..	26.4	2	84	17	4.16
J. Wilson ..	14	4	29	4	7.1

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN ATHLETE

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mr. Robert Forster, the sad event taking place last Thursday morning at his residence in Palmerston Street, Consett. The deceased, who was only 23 years of age, was a season or two since a prominent member of the Leadgate Park Football Club, for whom he played centre half. He captained the reserve for a season, but afterwards assisted the first team. He also acted as financial secretary for a time. Mr. Forster was very popular with the supporters and players of the club. He was likewise a capital cuist, and last season acted as captain of the Town Hall team in the Billiard Tournament. Deceased had also indulged in sprinting. He was a fine, open, manly young fellow, highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his early death has called forth general regret. The funeral took place last Sunday, and was very numerously attended, despite the wintry state of the weather. Deceased was borne shoulder high by four of his companions—Messrs. C. Burnhope, F. Lockey, J. Williamson, and J. Kell—to the Wesleyan Church, where the Rev. J. Bishop conducted an impressive service. The hymn, "Lead, kindly light," was sung, Mr. Bishop saying that this was deceased's favourite hymn. The coffin was then placed in the hearse, which was followed by three mourning coaches, and the "cortege" moved off to Benfieldside Cemetery. The relatives present included:—Mr. and Mrs. Forster (father and mother); Mrs. Routledge, Mrs. Curry (Littleburn), Mrs. Oates (Daisy Hill), and Mrs. Hood (Consett), sisters; Mr. Tom Forster (brother); Mr. Wm. Shield, Hexham (uncle); Miss Curry, Miss Lizzie Curry (nieces.) Amongst those present we noticed:—Coun. J. Heymer, Blackhill; Mr. W. Clayton, Consett; Mr. S. Leybourne, Blackhill; Mr. J. Stephenson, Prospect House, Leadgate; Mr. D. Jones, Consett; Mr. W. Redshaw, Consett; Mr. J. J. Raw, Blackhill; Mr. Ralph Calvert, Leadgate; Mr. G. Teasdale, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, High Pit, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. W. Forster, Leadgate; Mr. J. Collinson, Consett; Mr. S. Aynsley, Mr. H. Wood, Mr. C. Prior, Mr. H. McNair, Consett; Mr. J. E. Kinleside, Mr. J. Kershaw, Mr. J. Ross, jun., Mr. W. Johns, sen., Leadgate; Mr. F. A. Coltman, Mr. E. Lockey, Mr. J. Pescod, Mr. J. Merritt, Mr. C. Davison, Consett; Mr. R. J. Robinson, Medomsley, Mr. A. Burnhope, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. R. Wilson, Mr. J. Burnhope, Mr. T. Greener, Leadgate; Mr. W. R. Shaw, Villa Real; Mr. H. Cornforth, Mr. J. Bennison, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boustead, Consett; Mr. W. Goody, Mr. A. Graham, Mr. B. Cook, Mr. J. Haggerston, Mr. W. Johns, jun., Mr. S. Thompson, Mr. R. Coombe, Leadgate; Mr. F. W. Brodie, Mr. E. Tindale, Blackhill; Mr. J. Dobson, Mr. H. Stanton, Consett; Mr. John Day, Miss D. Burnhope, Miss L. Winter, Mr. R. Birtley, Mr. J. Teasdale, Leadgate; Miss Shipley, Malton Colliery; Mr. E. Rawes, Consett; Mr. W. J. Forster, Consett; Mr. Wilf. Bell, Mr. T. Reed, Mr. W. Hagan, Leadgate; Mr. Jos. Walton, Mr. John Emmerson, Mr. W. T. Gillies, Mr. C. Stelling, Mr. A. Richardson, Mr. T. W. Davies, Mr. Chas. Tate, Mr. Thos. Bates, Mr. E. Collin, Mr. W. Tilley, Mr. W. Henderson, Mr. E. Whitehead, Mr. A. Wallace, Mr. F. Vickers, Mr. Jos. Vickers, Mr. A. Atkinson, Mr. R. Goodie, Mr. A. McCluro, Mr. O. Brodie, Mr. R. J. Hyden, Mr. J. Moon, Mr. J. T. Symington, Mr. A. Robertson, Mr. E. Carlill, Mr. A. Broadbent, Mr. J. Barrow, Mr. C. W. Nicholson, Mr. R. Byres, Mr. H. Walton, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. J. Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Siddle, Mr. E. Elliott, Mr. McLaren, Mr. W. Ward, and others. Wreaths were forwarded from the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms, Leadgate Park A.F.C., Misses Burnhope (Leadgate), Miss Redshaw (Consett), Mr. Davison, Misses Shipley (Malton Colliery), and Mr. W. Shield (Hexham.) A cross was sent by Mrs. Fullerton. Messrs. T. C. Rawes and Co. acted as undertakers, and also supplied the hearse and mourning coaches.

LINES WRITTEN ON HEARING OF THE DEATH OF BOB FORSTER OF CONSETT.

"No more he'll punt the leather in
From centre-half to goal;
No more he'll figure with the Park,
And both his wings control;
No more he'll rouse spectators with
His fair and manly game;
No more he'll cause us to admire
His tall, athletic frame.

No more he'll chalk his billiard cue
And cannon off the red;
No more he'll make a brilliant break
And take the winning head.
No more he'll knock the balls about
And score all round the board;
No more he'll feel "quite out of form,"
And see his colours lowered.

His football togs are laid aside,
His billiard days are past;
Poor Bob has gone in youthful prime
Beyond life's wintry blast.
Peace and repose be to his soul—
His troubles now are o'er,
And yet withal 'tis hard to think
Bob Forster is no more."

Ebchester Rowing Club

On Tuesday night, at Mr. Temperley's, Chelmsford Hotel, Ebchester, a good company assembled to make a presentation to Mr. "Bob" Tiffin, the gentleman who has done the excavating for the new boat-house of the above club. Mr. J. Charlton (the chairman), in the course of his remarks referred to the many excellent qualities possessed by Mr. Tiffin. He said he had built a wall around the boat-house that would do credit to any mason, and he had now much pleasure in asking Mr. Geo. Temperley to make the presentation.—Mr. Temperley, in doing so, said he was placed in a rather awkward position, as he was not prepared to perform such a pleasant duty. However, he would do his best, and he hoped they would overlook any failings on his part. Mr. Tiffin had spent a lot of valuable time in making the necessary preparations for the new boat-house, and after it was built he had put on the finishing touches, such as bridge building and other things, that were necessary to the access to the building, and he had now much pleasure in handing over the present to Mr. Tiffin, and he hoped he would long be spared to wear it. (Applause.) The present was a solid silver albert and medal, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to R. Tiffin by the members of E. R. C. Feb. 6th, 1900."—Mr. Tiffin, in replying, said the little he had done was for the benefit of the club, and he never expected to be rewarded in any shape or form whatever. However, as the members of the club appreciated the little he had done for the club, he hoped to do much more in the future. (Applause.)—The rest of the evening was spent in harmony. The present was supplied by Mr. C. A. Marshall, Shakespeare Street, Consett.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The monthly meeting of the above league was held at the Coach and Horses, Leadgate, on Thursday night. Mr Arthur Smith occupied the chair, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr J. Ross. Representatives were present from Park Juniors, Consett United, Shamrocks, Catchgate, St. Cuthbert's Reserve, St. Cuthbert's Juniors, and Leadgate Exiles.

PARK JUNIORS v. CONSETT UNITED.

The first item on the agenda to be considered was the letter from the Park Juniors against the committee's decision at the previous meeting re their game with Consett United.—It was decided by seven votes to two that United go back to Leadgate and play the remaining 15 minutes.

A RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Annfield Plain Juniors was accepted.

REFEREES' CLAIMS.

Mr F. Jackson claimed expenses from Annfield Plain Juniors, as did also Leadgate Exiles.—It was decided to divide 5s deposit between them. Other claims for expenses will be considered at the next meeting.

REFEREES.

Referees for February were next appointed—

Second Division.

February 10th.

Allendale W. S. v. Blackhill Juniors—J. Lock.

First Division.

February 10th.

Blackhill Reserve v. Leadgate Park Juniors—J. Overall.

A RYTON MAN IN SOUTH AFRICA

BOERS RETURNING ENGLISH SHELLS.

The folowing is a letter from Private English, of West Ryton, to his sister:—

Bushman's Hock,
Via Sterkstroom,
Cape Colony,
January 4th, 1900.

Dear Sister,—I write these few lines hoping you are all well, as I am at present. You know I am a soldier in the Kaffrarian Rifles, and am on active service here. Yesterday morning, at seven o'clock, our captain took about a dozen of the best shots in the camp to shoot at the targets at 2,500 yards, or about 1½ miles. I was one of the crowd, and we shot well indeed, landing the bullets all around the target. We had just finished firing when we heard the boom of big guns away to the other side of Cyphergat, which is five miles from here. The bugle sounded the alarm, and we ran to the forts with our rifles. After about an hour we could see men moving on the top of a big mountain at Cyphergat, and before long they turned out to be Boers, for they began firing down into Cyphergat. They were firing at the Cape Police, Cape Mounted Rifles, Frontier Mounted Rifles, and the Kaffrarian Mounted Infantry and Royal Berks. Our men sent in volley after volley, and at 10.30 a.m. the firing was terrific. I never heard anything like it in my life. The Boers were firing their big guns, and as we found out to-day they were using seven different kinds of rifles. They sent shells after our men all over the veldt, the shells bursting and throwing up clouds of dust. The Royal Scots Regiment advanced from our camp in extended order, that is, a long line of men two yards apart, and extending about two miles. Our mounted patrol came down past a little hill about 1,200 yards from our camp, when the Boers landed a shell over the top of them, which came within 1,000 yards of the camp, and only 200 yards from a cottage, where we had 30 men posted. It burst, and we got the pieces and found that it was one of our own shells, which was lost at the battle of Rooi Kop at Stormberg, where our men were led into a trap, and the Northumberland Fusiliers were cut up. I may say that during all this firing we were mostly playing cards, but as soon as our big guns started firing from the right of our camp, we couldn't play any longer, for we wanted to watch the effect of our shells. Our big guns were firing at 7,000 yards; the first shell burst about half-way up the mountain, the next one burst right amongst the Boers at the right of the hill, which cleared them over the ridge like greased lightning. The next landed close to one of the Boer cannon, which cleared them away down the other side of the mountain. After we had fired four or five shells, there wasn't a Boer to be seen; they all went helter-skelter down the other side of the mountain, taking their big guns, killed, wounded, and everything, while the Mounted Berks galloped around the mountain and chased them for miles back to Stormberg. Our artillerymen shot splendidly. The Boers can blaze away with their big guns as long as our guns are not firing, but as soon as we get them into action then the Boers clear off. We gave them a clean licking; we lost only five horses, having two men wounded. There were 3,000 Boers. We went to sleep in our clothes, and were awakened by our officer at two the next morning. We had to march to Cyphergat mountain, and take possession of it. Of course, if there were Boers at the top we would have to charge them with our bayonets. We got there before daybreak, and extended out in a long line two paces apart, and took the mountain right along, and started climbing, and it was a stiff climb. It took us half-an-hour to climb half-way up. When the day broke and the cloud that had been all along the mountain, which (by the way) is three miles long, rose up and showed us the top, we could not see a Boer. Some parts were vertical, and what with our bully beef, biscuits, bayonet, gun, 100 rounds of ammunition, water-bottle and revolver, the sweat was pouring out of us. We got quickly to the top, where we found little heaps of stones built up by the Boers to shoot from behind, and hundreds of empty cartridges lying all around. We found a big accordian, which had been left by the Boers in their hurry, a pair of boots, a mackintosh, and lots of things. We came across a lot of blood and flesh where our guns had been giving them "socks;" pieces of our exploded shells were lying about. We use the Lee-Metford rifle, which will kill at three miles. The Boers use the following different sorts of firearms:—The Mauser, which has a small bullet 1½ inches long, and ¼-inch diameter; Lee-Metford, a little longer bullet, these rifles our men lost at Stormberg; the Geudis, the same rifle as I have got at East London, which has a little larger bullet than the Lee-Metford; the Martini-Henri; the Snider, and the Elephant gun, which has a bullet two inches long, 1-inch diameter. We could tell all these guns by the cartridges lying about. We marched back to Cyphergat and found there a train awaiting us saving us the five mile march back to camp. While the train was standing at the station, where the wires have been pulled down by the Boers, a chap climbed on to the foot-board and began chatting. He belonged to Cyphergat, and was in his house when 250 Boers came to loot the Stores. They asked him who he was; he said a Britisher. They asked him who he was going to fight for. He said the English, so they told him to clear out, or they would shoot him. He told them his wife was sick and they asked where she was. She came out of the other room and spoke to them in Dutch, and they took off their hats and shook hands with him and her, and then went away to the Stores. A Boer would be eating a loaf of bread in one hand, and at the same time pulling on a pair of boots with the other. When our men started firing and the bullets began to fly around the Boers, they cleared off up the hill; how they got their horses up I can't tell. A Boer youngster was hiding behind a heap of coals close to the railway, when an old Boer came tearing past. He shouted to the kid to run. The boy said he dare not, as the Rooineks were shooting too fast. Rooineks are English.

From your loving brother,
W. ENGLISH.

Death of an old Medomsley Standard

There passed away on the 24th of Jan. one of the oldest standards in the village of Medomsley, viz., Mr. Joseph Robson Golightly. Deceased was the first checkweighman appointed by the workmen of the Derwent Colliery, and held the position until compelled to relinquish it through ill-health ten years ago. He was for a great many years secretary to the "Rose of the Valley" Lodge of the Independent Order of Mechanics. In fact, he was one of its founders. He was also of a musical disposition, and was for a considerable time a member of the Church Choir. He was of a kind and cheerful nature, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The funeral took place on Jan. 26th. The Rev. W. Cockin offered up prayer before the cortege left the house, and also very impressively conducted the service in the church and at the graveside. The Church Choir attended the funeral in their surplices, and sang hymns A. and M., 236 and 536. The chief mourners were Mr. J. Golightly (son), Misses E. E. and C. Golightly (daughters), Mr. M. T. Milburn (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Milburn (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Milburn (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Milburn (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Milburn, Mr. Jas. Davison (brother-in-law), Mr. G. Milburn (nephew), Mr. R. Milburn (nephew), Mr. Milburn Hunter (nephew), Master J. W. Milburn and Master W. Milburn (nephews), Miss Lena Milburn (niece), Miss E. A. Milburn (niece), Mrs. J. Ridley, (niece), Mrs. W. Stockton, (niece), Mr. and Mrs. G. Walton (niece), Mrs. J. Seed (niece), Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gibson (niece), Mrs. Jos. Davidson jun., (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. G. Robson (cousins), Mrs. Garbutt (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. T. Calvert, and Mrs. R. Calvert (Leadgate). Others present were—Mr and Mrs J. Bell, West Farm; Mrs. G. Bell, East Farm; Mr. W. Robinson, sen., Mr. W. Robinson, jun., Mr. T. Robinson, Mr. Jos. Robinson, Mr. T. D. Dales, Mr. J. Pattison, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, Nurse Bridgeman; Mr. J. W. Jamieson, Town Farm; Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. R. Moffitt, Mr. W. Topham, Mr. and Mrs. C. Miller, Mr. R. P. Golightly, Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walton, Mr. H. Cranston, Mrs. M. Rippon, Mr. W. Freek, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pickering, Mrs. R. Taylor, Mrs. W. G. F. Thompson, Mrs. Christie (Grange Terrace), Mrs. W. Cawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitfield, Mrs. J. Charlton, Mr. R. Berwick, Mr. R. Charlton, Mrs. W. White; Mrs. W. Hetherington, Blackhill; Mr. T. Huddlestone, Blackhill; Mrs. W. Robinson (Fines), Mr. W. Hetherington, Mrs. J. Bramley, Mrs. Pattison, Mrs. Howell, Gateshead; Mrs. G. Bell, jun., Mr. W. Edgar, Mr. S. H. Liddle, Mr. Jas. Smith. The coffin, which was of wainscot, was made by Mr. R. Moffitt, who carried out the funeral arrangements. Wreaths were sent by Mr. G. E. Milburn, Mr. M. T. Milburn, Mrs. Golightly and family, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Calvert. The bidders were Mr. J. Steel and Mr C. Miller, and the underbearers were Mr. J. Walton, Mr. R. Veitch, Mr. R. Wilson, and Mr. J. F. Thompson. Mrs. Golightly and family wish to express their gratitude for all the sympathy shown them in their bereavement.

DIPTON.

Colliery Accidents.—On Monday week, as a driver lad named Michael Kelly, of Hill Top, Dipton, was following his employment at the White-le-head Colliery, he received injuries to his foot. He was conveyed home and attended to by Dr. Fraser, of Dipton.—On Tuesday afternoon week, at the same colliery, a putter lad named Joseph Turnbull, living at Dipton, while working in the Busty Seam, was severely crushed by some tubs. It seems that the lad was "helping up," when he was caught by a tub and had his head crushed between his legs, and receiving serious injuries to the back. He was conveyed to his lodgings, where medical attention was given to his injuries.

CONSETT PARISH CHURCH

The annual parish tea and concert meeting was held, the former in the boys' schoolroom and the latter in the Church Hall, on Tuesday evening, February 6th. At five o'clock and onwards a large assembly continued to gather into the boys' school, where a bright and tasteful scene was presented by the several tea tables, adorned with plants and flowers, and well laden with eatables. The following ladies gave and presided at the tables:—Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. Croudace, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lockey, Mrs. Murray (for Mr. Aynsley), and Mrs. Petherick. Music was rendered during the course of the tea by Miss Ainsworth and Miss Jones, and as one relay succeeded another many took their seats in the Church Hall, which was open to them. When 7-30 arrived, and Mr Aynsley took the chair, the hall was packed beyond its utmost limits, many being unable to gain admission. Mr Aynsley, in his opening remarks dwelt on the long time in Church matters his memory carried him back, on the anxiety which perhaps was in the minds of many a year ago; on their present situation; and then called for the opening piece of the musical programme. A most excellent programme was given during the evening, the enjoyment of which was shown by the continued and frequent applause. It consisted of many songs, musical pieces, and a recitation. The following members of the choir and friends taking part:—Mrs. Petherick, Mrs. T. D. Dryden, Miss Ainsworth, the Misses Surtees, the Misses Elliott, Miss Jones, Mr. J. Cant, Mr. C. Stephenson, Mr. T. D. Dryden, Mr. R. Pearson, Mr. A. Wilson, and Master Shell. Glees were also rendered by the united choir. Dr. Moore gave in the uniform of the Red Cross Corps a recitation entitled "The Red Cross." Every item was rendered without any hitch and pleased much the large and enthusiastic audience. The whole must have given much satisfaction to Mr. G. T. Hyden, who arranged the programme, and to Mr. W. Surtees who accompanied throughout. Too much cannot be said in eulogy of the untiring efforts of these gentleman and of all who so kindly gave their services.

During the evening, the Rev. H. A. Mitton, Master of Sherburn Hospital, said he came there with much pleasure. He knew something of Consett—on the one hand of its world-renowned works which taught many men the dignity of labour, and on the other hand of its beautiful surroundings, which led up our thoughts to the great Creator. He recalled with pleasure his long acquaintance with and knowledge of their Vicar, who years ago was with him in work in Auckland. He urged upon all the giving of unstinted and willing help in all the temporal and spiritual affairs of the large parish, relieving his excellent and uplifting address with happy illustrations to show how unless a clergyman was heartily supported and worked with he could not do what he would. He referred in convincing language to the firm and scriptural teaching of the Church, illustrating from the Book of Common Prayer how they were led on from one Christian doctrine to another, as season by season went by, and so obtained a broad and comprehensive view. He urged upon all not to rest satisfied with as it were the rudiments of Christianity, but to go on from strength to strength.

Mr. Geo. Ainsworth, in rising to speak, dwelt upon the past and present, and the natural thoughts which filled their minds at the time of transition. He was glad to be able to say that though they had had some alterations in matters external, as regards the doctrine, they had had the same main lines and thoughts continued. He referred in kindly terms to the personel of their clerical staff, and felt that firm friendship would continue and increase. They felt deeply indebted to Mr. Mitton for coming amongst them, especially in such weather, and concluded by moving their best thanks be given to the Master of Sherburn Hospital.

The Vicar rose to give some retrospect of the past. He referred to their kind reception a year ago, and thanked one and all for the continued kindness they had extended to him and help given in the various works of the parish. He would remind them briefly of several useful pieces of work they had accomplished in things external, viz., the proper furnishing of the chancel, the completion of the church seating, the proper and efficient ventilation of the church, the provision of a surpliced choir, and the erection of a temporary vestry for the same. All this had been happily and harmoniously accomplished, and their liberality as regards chancel, choir, and vestry had about freed these three from any debt. Many of them had readily come forward and enrolled themselves as visitors in districts and Sunday school teachers and members of the choir. They still wanted and needed workers, as there was much to be done. He wished them all to bear in mind they each had their part and place in the Church—to realise their responsibilities, and live up to their high vocation. Unless, as Mr. Mitton had told them, they each one, as they had ability and opportunity, put their hands to the plough, their clergy could not accomplish much. Organisation must go on, and each department of work must have its head and body of helpers. He was thankful for the progress in the Sunday schools, choir, and districts. He referred in terms of gratitude to the help rendered in all departments. The Day Schools were no mean part of their work, they would need substantial help here, and they (the Managers) had had an anxious but successful year. He could not speak too highly of Mr. Dawson and Miss Cooper and their valued body of assistants. Let them all resolve to be united, loving, harmonious, at work, and all would be well. Each do their part in the proper spirit and nothing could possibly fail. He concluded by urging upon them true worship and spirituality of life—regularity in seeking strength in the means of grace, and their own silent communion with God.

Votes of thanks were heartily tendered to the ladies who gave trays, the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme, the Rev. H. A. Mitton, and the Chairman.

The National Anthem concluded a most happy and enthusiastic evening.

COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—May I request you to be so good as to publish for the information of all interested the list as under, of articles of clothing, &c., received, since the publication of the previous one, for dispatch to the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry now serving in South Africa. Permit me on the part of the Regiment to add my thanks to the kind givers:—7 pair socks, 1 pair drawers, 2 under shirts, F. Thompson, 22, Westbrook Villas, Darlington; 6 pair socks, 1 dozen handkerchiefs, Mrs Wane, Sunderland; 3 Tam o' Shanters, 2 mufflers, Anon; 2 pair socks, Miss Hopper, School House, Broomhill; 1 pair sock, Anon; 12 pair socks, 7 helmets, 2 mufflers, Mrs Stone, Milfield House, Newburn; 12 helmets, 4 pair socks, 4 night shirts, Miss S. Harrison, Haldane Villa, West Jesmond; 9 comforters, 3 pair drawers 4 dozen socks, 6 shirts, 5 caps, 6 handkerchiefs, boot laces, Mrs Simon Tate, Mrs Scott Moncriff, Mrs Armstrong, Miss Barkus, Mrs F. Robinson, Mrs Metcalf, the Misses E. and F. Fowler, Miss Gatt; 10 pair socks, 1 box pipes, 2 parcels books, &c., W. Wood, Esq., 6, Eslington Terrace, Newcastle; 6 pair socks, Mrs Smith, Hencotes House, Hexham; 4 Tam o' Shanters, 1 cap, 2 pair mufflers, 2 mufflers, 2 pair socks, Mrs Nicholson and maids, Halliwell Dene, Hexham; 48 pair socks, 12 comforters, 12 caps, G. Henderson, 16, Framlington Place, Newcastle; 8 helmets, 6 flannel belts, 1 pair socks, 1 muffler, 2 housewives, Mrs Foster; 10 pair socks, 1 pair stockings, 1 cap, Mrs Sample, Maften, Corbridge; 6 caps, the Misses S. and M. Wasteney-Smith, West Jesmond Villa; 3 caps, Mrs Wm. Moffat; 6 caps, Miss Cameron, 53, Frederick Street, Sunderland; 4 Tam o' Shanter, 4 cap, 1 pair socks, Anon; 6 pair socks, Mrs G. Allison, Backworth House, Backworth; 6 caps, Mrs Duncan, 27, Waterloo Road, Blyth; 6 mufflers, Miss Galloway and Miss White, Hexham; 6 pair socks, Mrs Brown, Newbiggen, Cambo; 6 pair socks, Mrs Walker, Bedlington; 1 box pipes, 20 pair socks, Mrs Wood, 6 Eslington Terrace; 26 shirts, 21 pairs socks, 2 pair stockings, 50 shirts, Lady Londonderry, Wynyard; 3 caps, 3 pair mittens, 2 pair socks, 1 muffler, 6 handkerchiefs, 50 sheets of paper, 50 envelopes, Mrs Tarken, Wear Valley Junction, Hewden-le-Wear; 1 parcel magazines, Mrs Wood, 6, Eslington Terrace; 2 pair socks, 12 handkerchiefs, 6 cushions, 1 flannel jacket, Earlswood, Low Fell, co. Durham; 1 large bale of socks, shirts, &c., &c., Mrs Johnson Smythe, Ingram, Lishburn; 13 shirts, 24 pair socks, 2 night shirts, 10 caps, 41 handkerchiefs, 24 cholera belts, Mrs W. O. Wood, South Hetton, per Mrs Treckman, Castle Eden; 29 glass covers, Mollie and Kathleen, Summerdale, Shotley Bridge; 7 caps, 13 d'oyleys, writing paper, Mrs and Miss Middleton, Seaham Harbour; 8 dozen handkerchiefs, 12 pair socks, Mrs Stevenson Haggie, Highfield, Osborne Road; 6 caps, F. M. Galbraith; 6 pair socks, Mrs Todd, 31, Brandling Park; 100 pair socks, 29 handkerchiefs, 27 Balaclava caps, 8 Tam o' Shanters, 7 mufflers, 7 shirts, 8 pair pants, 7 singlets, 5 flannel shirts, 5 pair muffatees, 4 pair slippers, 3 caps, 1 white jacket, 2 night shirts, 1 bundle old linen, Miss Kirtley, 2, Ashley Villas, East Boldon.

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FOOTBALL.

Fixtures for Saturday.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.
LEADGATE PARK v. SUNDERLAND A.

At Roker Park.

Leadgate Park—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, G. Temple and J. Wilson; half-backs, P. Daly, R. Wilson, and J. Bowes; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, W. Crowther, S. Thompson, G. Forster. Leave Leadgate by 11-35 train.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
STANLEY v. GATESHEAD N.E.R.

At Stanley.

Stanley—Goal, Spinks; backs, Saunders and Devine; half-backs, Crute, Ellis, and Allison; forwards, Green, Armstrong, Riley, Robson, and Masterman.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
ALLENDALE PARK v. MICKLEY.

At Medomsley.

Allendale Park—Goal, W. Seettrey; backs, G. Scott and M. Walton; half-backs, T. Taylor, T. Walton, and W. Gillender; forwards, T. Brown, J. Robinson, Ingledew, J. Lynop, and J. Yeats.

Kick-off at 3.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
HAMSTERLEY v. BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

At Hamsterley.

Hamsterley—Goal, Rudd; backs, Carr and Swinburn; half-backs, Dodds, Andrews, and Fenwick; forwards, Parker, Johnson, Ferry, T. Seath, D. Seath.

Kick-off at 2-30.

MARLEY HILL v. TANTOBIE.

At Tantobie.

Marley Hill—Goal, T. Grant; backs, B. Davison and J. Prinn; half-backs, J. Gilbert, R. McDermott, and P. Keenan; forwards, J. Warnaby, R. Lyall, B. Croft, J. Tighe, and R. Patterson.

DIPTON UNITED v. CONSETT BAPTIST.

At Dipton on Saturday first. The following will represent—

DIPTON.—Goal, W. Thompson; backs, A. Gill and J. McCabe; half-backs, W. Smith, Brankston, and Harrison; forwards, F. Rumson, A. Rumson, Sables, Panting, and A. Slater. Reserve, G. Storey.

Social and Dance at Pelton

On Tuesday evening a successful social and dance was held in the Co-operative Hall, Pelton Lane Ends, the proceeds of which are to be handed over to the Reservists. The building was kindly lent for the occasion. A capital programme of dance music was drawn up, and this was ably discoursed by Mr. John Wishart (cornet), Miss Stockburn (piano), Mr. Cranston (violin), and Mr. C. Linck (piccolo). The duties of M.C.'s were efficiently carried out by Mr. G. Curry and Mr. Wm. Carr, whilst the secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr. John Wishart, who was assisted by a strong committee. Dancing commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and was kept up with much spirit till the early hours of the following morning. Songs were ably rendered by Miss Condon and Mr. Maddison. The gathering was under the patronage of Lieut.-Colonel Humble, Capt. Humble, Alderman Stout, Capt. Crossling, Dr. Simpson, and Dr. Johnson. Amongst the large company present were:—

Mr. Belton, Pelton Fell.
Mr. Maceldery, Pelton Fell.
Mr. Davison, Grange Villa.
Miss Christer, Hunwick.
Miss Condon, West Pelton.
John Graydon, Parkinsvilla.
Will Maddison, Ouston.
M. Burns and Misses Burns, Chester-le-Street.
Mr. Armstrong and Miss Armstrong, Beamish.
Mr. Kelty and Miss Hogarth, Beamish.
Mr. W. Carr and Miss Gibson, Beamish.
Mr. W. Witty and Miss A. Gibson, West Pelton.
Mr. T. and Miss Smith, Beamish.
Mr. Murray, Pelton Lane Ends.
Mr. Quinn and Miss Richardson, Brown's Buildings.
Mr. F. Martin and Miss Kell, West Pelton.
Mr. T. Kell and Miss Kell, West Pelton.
Mr. T. Talbot and Miss Murray, Grange Villa.
Mr. T. White, West Pelton.
Mr. Jas. Gardiner, West Pelton.
Miss Pattison, Urpeth.
Miss Duffy, Urpeth.
Misses Geldert, Pelton Fell.
Mr. T. Anderson, Pelton Fell.
Mr. O. Conner, No Place.
Mr. G. Bennitt, West Pelton.
Miss Newton, Heaton.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, West Pelton.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Turnbull, Beamish.
Miss Tweedy, Beamish.
Miss Reay, Beamish.
Mr. Chapman, No Place.
Miss Chapman, No Place.
Mrs. Grey, No Place.
Mr. P. Gladstone and Miss Dixon, Beamish.
Mr. J. Riddell, West Pelton.
Mr. C. Thornton, Ouston.
Mr. Weigell, Pelton.
Mr. Duffy, Pelton.
Mr. John Crosier, Pelton.
Misses Kennedy, West Pelton.
Mr. and Mrs. Howe, West Pelton.
Miss Hewison, West Pelton.
Miss Holland, Pelton Fell.
Miss Hall, Pelton Fell.
Misses Dobson, Pelton Fell.
Mr. Forest, Pelton Fell.
Miss Jackson, Pelton Fell.
Mrs. Nesbit, Waldridge.
Mr. Pattison, Chester-le-Street.
Mr. G. Harker, Pelton.
Mr. Carr, Pitt Hill.
Mr. G. Craven, West Pelton.
Misses Langley, Newfield.
Miss Carr, Newfield.
Mr. G. Curry, West Pelton.
Miss Wears, Hett Hills.
Mr. R. Carr and Miss Greener, West Pelton.
Mr. T. Wears, West Pelton.
Misses Wylam, Twizell.
Mr. J. Smith and Miss Hope, Beamish.
Mr. J. Jackson, Pit Hill.
Mr. R. Ellison, No Place.
Mr. T. Chator, No Place.
Mr. Pattison and Miss Punchon, Chester-le-Street.
Mr. and Miss Cooke, West Pelton.
Mr. J. Jobling, Pelton.
Mr. Robinson, South Moor.
Mr. G. Farrell, Pelton Fell.
Mr. H. Scott, Stanley.
Mr. D. Johnson, Stanley.
Mr. A. Howden, Pockerley.
Mr. G. Edgell, Beamish.
Mrs. Grundy, No Place.
Dr. Simpson, Pelton.
Mr. James Caveney, West Pelton.
Mr. T. Gray, Pelton.
Mr. John Harrison, Pelton.
Mr. J. Hanlon, West Pelton.

CASTLESIDE.

Wesleyan Chapel.—On Sunday last, professor Betts, of Newcaste, preached special sermons in the above place of worship. The collections were on behalf of the trust funds.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Reading Room Quarterly Meeting.—The quarterly meeting of the above society was held on Friday evening. There was a large attendance. Mr. W. Urwin was voted to the chair. The society continues in a highly satisfactory state, and financially is a success. The meeting decided to take the following additional papers:—"Yorkshire Post" "Evening Leader," and "Glasgow Weekly Mail," in addition to those already subscribed to, namely—"Newcastle Leader," "Chronicle," "Journal," "Evening Chronicle," "London Daily Telegraph," "Weekly Chronicle," "Athletic News," "Consett Guardian," "The London Illustrated News," "The Sketch," and "Black and White." At the conclusion the papers were sold, and brought fair prices. Mr. J. Collinson proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Henry, and carried unanimously.

Wesleyan Band of Hope.—The above Band of Hope held in the Wesleyan School-room was filled with an appreciative audience. The Rev. J. Bishop presided. Miss Nellie Rippon recited "The outcast's return" very creditably, and was well received. A new feature was introduced by Miss S. J. Lamb by playing "Lead, kindly light," on the "auto-harp, and she deserved the very enthusiastic reception she received. Miss Annie Rippon gave a telling recitation on the evils of drink, which was all the more emphatic because of a hidden voice representing the drink fiend boasting of the havoc he would make. Miss Mamie McKeith made her "debut" as a soloist, and gave evidence of a sweet soprano voice capable of development. Mr. John Harbotte is always sure to score a success, but on this occasion he excelled himself in quaint, original humour. "The curfew shall not ring to-night," was recited in excellent patois by Miss Lillie Ormston. A dialogue by thirteen girls was next rendered. Miss Lamb gave another auto-harp solo, entitled "Rock of Ages," and Miss Lizzie Lawson recited "Sweeper Jack" to the satisfaction of all present. Mr. Thos Nixon gave a solo on the violin in his inimitable style, and was loudly applauded. Miss Lamb then brought the entertainment to a close by playing the National Anthem.

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WEARDALE.

Wearhead New Institute.—In aid of the above Institute a grand concert of vocal and instrumental music was given in Wearhead Board School to a crowded audience on Saturday, Jan. 27th, by the following artistes:—Mrs. Leithead, Miss Ripley, Miss Stephenson, of Castleside, and Miss Pickering, of Frosterley; Mr. J. Ripley, Mr. G. Stephenson, Mr. T. Ripley, Mr. J. Beverage (Newcastle), Mr. John Stephenson and Mr. J. Stephenson, Castleside. The chairman was Mr. John Ripley, sen., Castleside. The artistes received several encores. Afterwards a splendid meat supper was provided, and was well patronised. On Sunday, Jan. 28th, the above artistes gave a sacred concert, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ripley, to a very large audience, which was highly appreciated, as a very fine spirit pervaded the whole of the performance, and the hope is expressed that the artistes will again visit the dale, when they will receive a hearty welcome. Total proceeds of the effort, £13 6s 7d.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

SHEPHERDSON.—St. Mary's Terrace, Ryton-on-Tyne, on the 4th inst., the wife of Joseph Shepherdson, of a daughter.

Marriages.

RITSON—WALLACE.—At Wolsingham, on the 27th ult., Joseph Ritson to Miss Wallace, daughter of Mr John Wallace, signalman, N.E. Railway.

MINNIKIN — ROWELL.—Newcastle, at St. Andrew's Church, Feb. 6th, 1875, by the Rev. Bernard East, Arthur, son of the late John Minnikin, of Birtley, to Annie, daughter of the late Robert Rowell, of Newcastle. Silver wedding.

SMALLWOOD — ROSS. — At Gosforth Parish Church, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. W. Maddison, M.A., Rector of Gosforth, the Rev. Robert Henry Smallwood, M.A., curate of Chester-le-Street, to Ada Florence, daughter of the late George William Ross, of Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Deaths.

ARTHUR.—Stargate, 5th inst., aged 23 years, Selina Arthur.

ARMSTRONG.—Dunston, 14, Liddell Place, (residence of George [illegible]), William Armstrong.

ATKINSON.—Dunston, 4, Brompton Place, at the residence of R. W. A. Dotchin, on the 3rd inst., aged 81, Jane Atkinson.

BELL.—Iveston, Leadgate, on the 2nd inst., aged 76, Jane Bell (late Shearer.)

BROUGHAM.—[illegible] Gateshead, on the 7th inst., [illegible] Brougham.

BOWMAN.—Ebchester, Blackhall Farm, on the 4th inst., aged 54, Sarah, widow of the late William Bowman. Interred at Hamsterley.

BELL.—Leadgate, 469, Church Square, at the residence of her son-in-law, on the 31st ult., aged 50, Elizabeth Bell.

CLASPER.—Crookgate Old Pit, 5th inst., Jas. Clasper.

COATES.—Cornsay Colliery, 4th inst., aged 3 years, Elizabeth Hannah Coates.

CHARLTON.—At Whickham Park, on the 5th inst., aged 54, Eliza Charlton.

CARR.—37, Joicey's Terrace, Oxhill, 5th inst., aged 15 years, Arthur Carr.

DALTON.—Leadgate, Durham Road, 4th inst., Titus Dalton, aged 56 years.

GREENWELL.—Usworth Colliery, at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas Stokoe, on the 2nd inst., aged 81, Thomas Greenwell.

HAMILTON.—Tow Law, on the 25th ult., aged 73, Thomas Hamilton.

JONES.—Dunston, Skiff Inn, on the 30th ult., aged 66, Caroline Jones.

KENNEDY.—Hammer Square, Beamish, on the 3rd inst., aged 26, Elizabeth Ann Kennedy.

LEE.—High Spen, 15, West Street, on the 6th inst., aged 64, William Lee.

MOSES.—Chester Moor, on the 6th inst., aged 36, Jane Moses.

MALLABURN.—South Moor, 81, Elm Street, on the 31st ult., aged 72 John Mallaburn.

OXLEY.—Park Hill, 6th inst., aged 24, Jane Oxley, late of Edmondsley.

PATTISON.—Pelton, Hunt's Buildings, on the 2nd inst., aged 70, Robert Pattison, late of Chester-le-Street.

PARKER.—Winlaton, Prospect Place, on the 31st ult., aged 85, Margaret Parker.

PAYNE.—Dunston, Seymour Street, on the 5th inst., John Payne, aged 74.

REAY.—White-le-Head, on the 3rd inst., aged 74, Jane Reay.

RATTCLIFFE.—Beamish, Eden Place, aged [illegible], Hannah Rattcliffe.

RAMSAY.—Pelton, 5th inst., aged 59, George Ramsay.

SMITH.—Durham Road, Waterhouses, aged 54, Mary Ann Smith.

URWIN.—Leadgate, 11, West Street, on the 6th inst., aged 77, Mary Urwin.

WAIT.—Wolsingham, 10, Attwood Terrace, on the 4th inst., aged 86, William Wait.

WAIT.—Wolsingham, 10, Attwood Terrace, on the 3rd inst., aged 80, Isabella Wait.

WATSON.—Spring House, Greenside, on the 2nd inst., aged 1 year and 11 months, Mary Watson.

WILSON.—5, March Terrace, Blaydon Bank, on the 6th inst., aged 10 months, Nelson Wilson.

In loving memory of my dear mother, who died at 21, Edith Street, Consett, on Feb. 10th, 1899, aged 71 years.

Thou art not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor ever will thou be,
For with a daughter's fondest love
I will remember thee.

Henrietta, her daughter.

In affectionate remembrance of James Walker, beloved son of William and Charlotte Walker, Delight Rows, Dipton, who was killed by a fall of stone at Delight Colliery, on Jan. 31st, 1893, aged 25 years.

I left my home with sudden care,
And to my work I went,
Not thinking of the danger there
That made my friends lament.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Morgan, who died Feb. 12th, 1891.

Gone, dear mother, but not forgotten,
Nor ever shall thou be;
As long as life and memory lasts
I will remember thee.

Annie.

The Rev. J. Kelly tenders his sincere thanks to all kind friends who have expressed condolence and shown sympathy with him upon the death of Father Foran.

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