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Contracts.

WANTED, TENDERS for a BAND for Consett Swifts Sports on August 18th, 1900.
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TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TENDERS are required for the RE-CONSTRUCTION of Haughal Burn Bridge. Plans, Specifications, &c. may be seen at the residence of the undersigned on July 17th and 18th. R. HESLOP, Surveyor, Burnopfield, R.S.O.

TENDERS are invited for the whole of the WORK required to be done in the ERECTION of a House and Two Shops at Blackhall Mill, Ebchester.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the Office of the Architects, MESSRS BADENOCH AND BRUCE, 55, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or with the Proprietor, MR. ROBERT ARMSTRONG, Blackhall Mill Inn.

Tenders to be sent to the Architects not later than 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 28th inst.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. 211i

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY Ltd., are prepared to receive TENDERS for the ERECTION of 8 COTTAGES at Consett.

Plans and Specifications may be seen and quantities obtained upon application to the Company's Architect (Mr. C. E. Oliver), at their General Offices, Blackhill.

Tenders to be delivered before Saturday, 14th July, 1900, at noon, addressed to Henry Holliday, Esq., Consett Iron Company Ltd., Blackhill, Co. Durham, and endorsed "Tenders for Cottages," the lowest nor any tender necessarily to be accepted.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO CARTMEN, FARMERS, AND OTHERS.

TENDERS are invited for the CLEANSING of Privies and Ashpits in the Parish of Esh.

Particulars as to Districts, number of Houses, &c., may be had on application to the undersigned, to whom Tenders should be addressed, on or before Tuesday, July 24th.

J. R. LUPTON, Inspector and Surveyor.
Lanchester, Durham. 236i

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TENDERS are invited for the CONSTRUCTION of Bacteria Beds and Tanks at Esh Winning Sewage Disposal Works.

Plans and Specifications may be seen, and quantities obtained on application to the Engineer, Mr. J. E. Parker, A.M.I.C.E., Post Office Chambers, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sealed Tenders should be sent to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

W. H. RITSON, Clerk.
Lanchester, Durham. 237i

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE BENFIELDSIDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL invite TENDERS for LAYING DOWN about 300 Yards of GRANITE PAVING; also, 23 Yards of KERBSTONE and 14 Yards of CEMENT FOOTPATH.

Specifications to be seen at the Council Offices, Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge, and all information may be obtained by applying to the Surveyor, who will receive Tenders (sealed and endorsed "Paving"), from the 20th day of June till the 11th day of July, 1900.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Council.
JOHN DIXON, Surveyor.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TO LET, the several WORKS required to be done in the RE-BUILDING of two Houses at Kyo for Geo. Hobson, Esq.

Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender may be obtained at the Architect's Office, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent in to above Office, on or before the 18th inst, 1900.

No pledge is given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

GEO. THOS. WILSON, Architect.
July, 1900 162i

KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE above Board are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the ALTERATIONS and ADDITIONS to Oxhill Board School.

Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender may be obtained at the Architect's Office, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent in to above Office, on or before the 20th inst, 1900.

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GEO. THOS. WILSON, Architect.
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LOST, a dark Chequer Homer PIGEON, ruffle on breast and Pink under the wing, 5s. reward given.—JOHN ROBSON, 16, Dixon Street, Blackfine. 234i

LOST, between Blackhall Mill and Long Close Gate, a heavy TOP COAT, on Friday last.—Finder will be rewarded upon returning same to MRS. CAWTHORN, Long Close. 226i

LOST, between Lintz Green Station and Tantobie Stores, on July 3rd, 1900, a Green Check Tartan TRAP RUG.—Finder will be rewarded.—Apply to S. BIDGOOD, Co-operative Stores, Tantobie. 213i

FOUND, COLLIE DOG, Black and Tan.—Owner can have the same by applying to Shotley Park Lodge, Shotley Bridge. 244i

FOUND, a Lady's SILVER WATCH and CHAIN, owner can have same by paying expenses.—Apply *Guardian* Office. 266i

FOUND, a Black and Tan CUR DOG, if not claimed in three or four days will be sold.—Apply to Knitsley Mill, near Consett. 21?i

Wanted

WANTED, GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply 19, Queen Street, Blackhill.

WANTED, a Strong BOY for the Butchering.—Apply to R. LEE, Castleside. 195i

WANTED, strong LAD.—Apply MR. OLIVER, Hurbuck, Consett. 254i

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WANTED, a strong GIRL, able to milk and work out.—Apply 2, Baxton Burn, Blackhill. 227i

WANTED, GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply MRS. PATTERSON, 130, Allendale Cottages, Medomsley. 240i

WANTED, Smart YOUTH, for Office.—Apply NORTH EASTERN BREWERIES, LIMITED, Blackhill. 242i

WANTED, an APPRENTICE to the Dressmaking.—Apply 6, Edith Street, Consett. 225i

TWO good JOINERS WANTED.—THOS. REAY AND SON, Joiners, &c., Leazes, Burnopfield. 204i

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WANTED, Furnished or Unfurnished COTTAGE of about 4 Rooms, for one or two months, within 5 or 6 miles of Consett.—Apply, in writing, Office of this Paper. 184i

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WANTED, a Young Woman as ASSISTANT in Refreshment Department, not to be under 17 years of age, wage to commence 8s. per week.—To apply to the Committee on Monday Evening, July 16th, 1900, at 7.15 o'clock, confined to members' families.—THOS. WM. WM. RITSON, Secretary. 229i

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CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

WANTED, two Ex. P.T.'s (female), one for Mixed and the other for the Infants' Department, Salary £50 per annum.—Forms of application will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope on application to W. H. ORD, Solicitor, Swinburne Street, Gateshead, Clerk to the Board. 197i

WANTED, an additional TEACHER, (female), over 18 years of age; under Article 68 of the Code; for Infant's Department of the Waskerley Board School; Salary, £25 per annum.—Applications to be sent not later than July 24th, addressed GEO BAINBRIDGE, Cote House, Edmondbyers, Shotley Bridge. 177i

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CRICKET MATCHES.

WHITE-LE-HEAD v. STANLEY II.

Played at White-le-Head, and resulted in a win for the home team by 2 runs.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

J. Watson b J. Shield	15
W. Richardson c W Christopher b Harkness	3
J. Arthur b Harkness	1
T. Keiler b J. Shield	1
T. Mossom c T. Christopher b Harkness	3
E. Buglass b J. Shield	12
W. Keiler not out	6
J. Blaylock b J. Shield	0
J Mossom c Shield b Harkness	0
M. Richardson b Harkness	0
Jos. Arthur b Shield	0
Extras	2
Total	43

STANLEY II.

J. G. Sanderson c Buglass b Richardson	0
G. Shield c Arthur b Richardson	7
N. Summerbell b Richardson	0
J. Shield b Richardson	11
P. Harkness b Buglass	2
L. Errington b Buglass	2
W. Christopher b Richardson	3
W. Craig b Richardson	0
H. Christopher b Richardson	
H. Christopher c Arthur b Mossom	0
T. Christopher not out	7
H. Theobald c Watson b Mossom	7
Extras	2
Total	41

CRAGHEAD II. v. EPPLETON II.

Played at Craghead. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD 2ND.

W. Wilkinson c Meggs b Kelly	0
A. Howgate l.b.w. b Marshall	7
I. Hunter c Barras b Marshall	0
J. Cummings b Kelly	4
R. Gill b Marshall	45
M. Marshall run out	0
Dr. Fox not out	49
T. Strain l.b.w. b Kelly	2
J. Forster c Raine b Kelly	4
P.C. J. Johnson c Barrass b Marshall	0
M. Howard b Milburn	1
Extras	14
Total	126

EPPLETON II.

N. Barras run out	12
J. Milburn c and b Strain	11
G. Shaw b Johnson	67
J. Raine c and b Howgate	6
J. Marshall c Fox b Howgate	0
J. Kelly b Cummings	16
J. Tickling b Cummings	0
R. Hindle b Marshall	0
W. Hall b Strain	14
W. Meggs not out	11
W. Harker b Strain	4
Extras	14
Total	161

STANLEY v. PAGE BANK.

Played at Stanley. Score:—

STANLEY.

J. Thompson c Drake b Ruddock	24
R. Knox b Nichol	19
H. Curry b Hindmarch	10
M. Smith c Drake b Nichol	3
J. Benfold l.b.w. b Hindmarch	1
T. Jewitt b Nichol	3
J. Dixon c Lawson b Nichol	6
W. Rutherford c Lawson b Nichol	2
G. Stewart not out	28
T. Shield run out	16
G. Clough run out	0
Extras	5
Total	117

PAGE BANK.

J. Nichol l.b.w. b Smith	7
W. Ruddock c Shield b Smith	2
G. Hindmarch c Curry b Smith	1
W. Muse b Smith	4
G. Drake b Smith	3
J Franklin b Jewitt	0
R. Lawson b Jewitt	0
T. Ruddock b Smith	0
J. Fawcett c Thompson b Jewitt	1
P. Jackson b Jewitt	0
T. Harle not out	0
Total	18

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.
CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. TUDHOE.

Played at Blackfine on a good wicket. The visitors were in good form, and obtained an easy victory. Score:—

TUDHOE.

J. W Harrell b J. J. Raw	8
W. Booth b Eltringham	37
J. Cameron b Hurst	1
M. Barrass b Wood	36
A. G. Black not out	45
J. H. Wetherall b Wood	0
J. Urwin not out	7
Extras	10
Total (for five wickets)	144

W. Nichol, R. Hughes, W. Harrison, and J. J. Laidler did not bat.

CONSETT.

E. Pratt c Hughes b Wetherall	0
G. Hamilton b Wetherall	12
T. T. Grey c Black b Weatherall	1
A. D. Wood b Wetherall	0
J. Siddell c Urwin b Wetherall	16
T. C. Charlton c Black b Wetherall	2
J. Eltringham b Urwin	5
J. J. Raw b Wetherall	7
A. Hirst b Urwin	1
T. Young c Harrison b Urwin	0
I. Richards not out	0
Extras	8
Total	52

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. HEBBURN.

Played at Shotley Bridge on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Shotley. Score—

HEBBURN.

Adair c Williamson b Robson	0
Jackson b Robson	6
Hobson c Gorman b Robson	2
Adamson run out	17
Jamieson c Williamson b Seed	6
Collins b Robson	8
Charlton b Seed	0
Richardson not out	5
Myers b Robson	0
Mason b Robson	0
Maughan c Annandale b Robson	0
Extras	1
Total	45

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

M. Williamson b Myers	0
T. D. Dales c Jamieson b Jackson	6
A. J. Smail c Mason b Jackson	1
T. Lynn lbw b Jackson	3
T. Raisbeck b Adamson	0
T. Gorman b Collins	8
R. Robson b Jackson	1
J. K. Annandale run out	17
J. Postle run out	4
J. Seed not out	7
S. C. Knott b Adamson	0
Extras	2
Total	49

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE v. BLACKHALL MILL.

Played at Leadgate on Saturday. Score—

BLACKHALL MILL.

J. Wood c Snaith b Newton	1
E. Embleton c Atkinson b Newton	0
J. Oxley c Turnbull b Newton	7
J Brown b Snaith	4
W. Wood b Snaith	3
J. Greener b Snaith	0
J. Nichol b Snaith	0
T. Dodds b Newton	2
R. Wood not out	0
T. Little b Snaith	0
Railton b Snaith	3
Extras	1
Total	21

LEADGATE TEMPRANCE.

J. Monaghan not out	29
W. Brown b Greener	0
T. Greener b Nicholl	0
J. Birtley lbw b Greener	1
Sergt. Newton c Greener b Wood	23
J. Snaith b Wood	7
J. Kennedy c Railton b Oxley	3
T. Atkinson b Wood	0
G. Milburn c and b Wood	1
J. Turnbull b Wood	0
J. Maughan b Wood	0
Extras	3
Total	67

SOUTHILL v. DURHAM SCHOOL.

The visitors to Mr. C. Forster's ground were Durham School. Southill ran up 138 in their first venture, to which Capt. McKenzie (38), and C. Latimer (30) contributed greatly. The School replied with 60, and the home team going in again had 130 for eight wickets, when time was called. Score:—

SOUTHILL

1st Innings.

L. E. Woods c Hicks b W. Bell	5
R. C. Cumberlege c Jackson b Gough	23
H Spencer b W. Bell	3
Capt. McKenzie c and b Gough	38
C. Latimer c Hicks b Gough	30
A. J. Forster b W. Bell	13
E. A. Alexander lbw b Bell	6
C. V. Young b Fitzgerald	1
C. F. Cumberledge b W. Bell	6
C. F. Foster lbw b Gough	0
Stevens not out	8
Extras	5
Total	138

2nd Innings.

L E. Woods b Bell	9
R. C. Cumberlege b Bell	4
H. Spencer lbw b Pearson	33
Capt McKenzie b Henderson	2
C. Latimer st Richardson b Bell	9
A. J. Forster b Bell	0
E. A. Alexander b Bell	2
C. V. Young not out	41
C. F. Cumberledge b Henderson	18
C. F. Foster not out	4
Stevens did not bat	
Extras	8
Total (for eight wickets)	130

DURHAM SCHOOL.

D. G. Pearson b Latimer	22
G. Henderson b Latimer	8
H. A. De Crespigny run out	5
G. A. Hicks c McKenzie b Latimer	1
H. S Fitzgerald b Stevens	0
W. B. Bell c Young b Latimer	2
A. Richardson run out	1
C. S. Jackson b Latimer	1
F. B. Gough b Latimer	3
F. Callinan not out	0
B. Henderson b Latimer	4
Extras	13
Total	60

BURNHOPE 2nd v. BURNOPFIELD 2nd.

Played at Burnhope.

BURNHOPE II.

G. Cummings, run out	1
J. Dixon, c Elliot, b Douglass	5
H. Sugden, b Douglass	5
W. Jacques b Campbell	11
P. Cassidy, b Campbell	3
T. Smith, b Douglass	1
E. Jacques, lbw, b Douglass	4
W. Frazer, not out	16
J. W. Fish, b Douglass	0
T. Fish, b Douglass	0
F. Gair, b Douglass	4
Extras	0
Total	50

BURNOPFIELD II.

T. Campbell, c Jacques b Cassidy	2
W. Douglass b Cassidy	0
G. Simpson b Sugden	10
W. Handcock c Cassidy b Sugden	5
T. Turnbull b T. Smith	9
T. Elliott b Sugden	0
T. Fenwick b Smith	0
G. E. Potts b Sugden	0
G. Wood not out	2
J. Coulthard b Smith	0
B. C. Barcus b Sugden	0
Extras	3
Total	39

WINLATON v. GATESHEAD FELL.

shared the bowling, and Gateshead Fell, who batted first, were dismissed for the small total of 19, Blenkinsop taking five wickets for 6 runs, and Tebb four for 11. On going to the wickets Winlaton made a good show, and an aggregate of 136 Blenkinsop, by hard hitting, scored 56, which included a 5, four 4's, and five 3s. Harry Tebb also batted well for 23. Scores:—

GATESHEAD FELL.

W. Curry c H. Tebb b J. Blenkinsop	2
T. Gray lbw b H Tebb	0
J. Oliver c Blenkinsop b H. Tebb	5
B. W. Thwaites b Blenkinsop	0
F. Thwaites c H. Tebb b Blenkinsop	6
R. Wylie b H. Tebb	2
A. Green b Blenkinsop	0
T. Thwaites b Blenkinsop	0
W. Simpson run out	1
R. Dene b H. Tebb	0
J. Surtees not out	1
Extras	2
Total	19

WINLATON.

J. H. Reed c B. W. Thwaites b Curry	11
S. Bowran b F. Thwaites	4
J. Blenkinsop b Dene	56
P. G. Watson b Curry	3
H. Tebb c Gray b F. Thwaites	23
J. Pearson b F. Thwaites	1
D. Nicholson c Gray b F. Thwaites	2
H. Forster b Deane	12
T. M. Reed b F. Thwaites	2
A. Tebb not out	10
B. Spark c Gray b Deane	3
Extras	9
Total	136

ST. GEORGE'S II. v. CHESTER-LE-STREET II.

Played at Jesmond Towers, and resulted in a victory for St. George's. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND.

J. W. Hand c East b Ismay	0
W. Cowings b Every	0
W. Legg b East	22
W. Grieveson b Every	0
C. Nicholson c Mundle b Every	8
Granville Bell c Richardson b East	2
R. Robinson c Millican b Every	5
W. Ord b East	2
H. Gray c Ismay b East	1
T. Lodge not out	1
J. Grieveson b Every	0
Extras	10
Total	56

ST. GEORGE'S II.

A. Aitkin b Cowings	4
E. R. Mundle c W. Grieveson b J. Grieveson	10
W. D. Millican b Cowings	2
S. Richardson c Legg b Gray	2
A. G. Every c Cowings b Gray	8
H. B. Thompson c Cowings b Gray	6
G. R. East b Cowings	21
H. A. Ismay c Robinson b Gray	10
J. R. Helley b Ord	19
E. W. Ismay b Gray	10
F. Oliver not out	7
Extras	28
Total	108

WHITWORTH v. SWALWELL.

Played at Newcastle, and resulted in a win for Whitworth. Score:—

WHITWORTH.

R. Matheson b Robson	1
J. Lungslands c Lea b Chapman	3
R Taylor b Chapman	1
S Daws run out	2
W. Naylor b Robson	0
W. J. Gilhespy c Thompson b Chapman	5
G. Moxam b Chapman	9
F. Mathieson run out	17
Wheeler Taylor b Robson	10
G. Ham b Robson	2
J. Leathead b Chapman	1
Extras	8
Total	59

SWALWELL.

J. Robson b F. Matheson	5
W. Dodd b F. Matheson	0
A. Davison b Moxam	0
J. Lea b F. Matheson	14
J Chapman lbw b F. Matheson	13
W. Errington b R. Taylor	1
G. Bruce b Moxon	3
J. Charlton run out	2
M. Lea b Naylor	0
T. Jobling not out	3
A. Thompson b R. Taylor	2
Extras	8
Total	57

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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.
EPPLETON CHURCH v. CRAGHEAD.

This match was played on the ground of the Eppleton club on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine, and the game was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators. Craghead won the toss, and electing to bat sent in Peel and Holmes to face the bowling of Robinson, the home side's professional, and Archbank. Both batsmen played with considerable freedom, and runs came quickly. At 50 Peel was smartly taken at mid-on by Atkinson off one of Archbank's deliveries, and Evans filled the vacancy. Another long stand was made, and at 70 there was a double change of bowling, Horn going on in place of Archbank and Newsome for Robinson. Horn in his first ball badly missed a return from Evans, and after this both batsmen settled down to steady scoring. At 111 Evans was clean bowled by Newsome, and retired with a score of 25 to his credit. The redoubtable "Cud" Snowdon then partnerred Holmes, and the total advanced rapidly. Several changes of bowling were tried without success, and run-getting went on apace until at 166 Robinson disposed of Holmes, who had played excellent cricket for 59. Horne joined Snowdon, and when the first-named player was bowled by Newsome with his score standing at 26, the visitors declared their innings closed, the total being 237 for four wickets. After a short interval the Rev. R. Hindle and Horn opened the account for Eppleton to the bowling of Snowdon and Moorhouse. The total had only reached 12 when Snowdon clean bowled Horn. Scorer joined the captain, and runs came steadily. At 20 Faulkner supplanted Moorhouse with the ball at the top end, and the newcomer had not sent down many overs when he dismissed Scorer, who had knocked up 16. With two wickets down for 40 Newsome partnered the Rev. Mr. Hindle, and the fortunes of the home side improved somewhat. Both players hit out in good form, and although the fielding was smart and the bowling of good quality, they advanced the total to 101, when Newsome was bowled by Moorhouse. Atkinson joined the reverend captain, who though twice missed and once bowled with a "no-ball," was batting in capital form. Soon afterwards, however, the captain was cleverly stumped by Holmes, and retired with 37, his highest score during the present season. Railton, who had taken the place of Moorhouse at the pavilion end, sent back the next two batsmen for cyphers, and with six down for 105 and a good half-hour to play, the prospects of Craghead making a win of the match were promising. However, the advent of Cummings put a different complexion on the game, and by somewhat "sticky" tactics he and Atkinson managed to play out time and avert defeat. The game thus ended in a draw decidedly in favour of the visiting eleven. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD.

J. Peel c Atkinson b Archbank	27
R. Holmes b Robinson	59
S. Evans b Newsome	25
C. Snowdon not out	78
F. Horne b Newsome	26
Extras	22
Total (for four wickets)	237

N. Sheraton, M. Dodds, H. Moorhouse, W. Railton, W. Faulkner, and J. Johnson did not bat.

EPPLETON CHURCH.

Rev. R. Hindle st Holmes b Moorhouse	37
H. Horn b Snowdon	3
J. Scorer b Faulkner	16
A. Newsome b Moorhouse	38
N. Atkinson not out	13
J. Charlton c Evans b Railton	0
J. W. Whitfield b Railton	0
J. Cummings not out	3
Extras	12
Total (for 6 wickets)	122

Robinson (pro.), A. Wood, and W. Archbank did not bat.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. ST. GEORGE'S.

Payed at Chester-le-Street and resulted in a win for St. George's. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET

J. K. Bewick c Ainger, b Chambers	33
Jas. Bewick c Hutchins b Stanger-Leathes	36
Coyle (pro) lbw b Chambers	0
G. Halliday b Ainger	1
R. Bowery c Salmon b Ainger	2
R Maxwell b Chambers	2
J Clifford b Stanger-Leathes	11
T L. Gray c and b Chambers	17
H. Stephenson c Nesbit b Stanger-Leathes	2
J. Hand b Payne	13
F. Taylor not out	0
Extras	11
Total	128

ST. GEORGE'S.

Chambers (pro) b Gray	30
H J. Salmon c Bowery b J. K. Bewick	34
Rev. H. G. Hutchins c Halliday b Coyle	25
S. Nesbit b Coyle	34
F. Stanger-Leathes b Coyle	3
H. B. Steel b J. K. Bewick	4
H. O. Payne lbw b J. K. Bewick	2
F. W. Kemp c Taylor b Coyle	12
G. Holland not out	0
Rev. W. H. Ainger retired	6
Extras	6
Total	156

SOUTH TANFIELD v. BEAMISH.

Played on the Tanfield ground, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team, for whom Kent and H. Middlemast bowled magnificently. Jack Middlemast was chief scorer for the winners. Scores:—

SOUTH TANFIELD.

J. Robinson c and b Brayson	8
J. Kent b Ledger	4
G. Collins lbw b Ledger	5
R. Palmer b Brayson	0
J. Robson b Brayson	8
T. Irwin b Brayson	1
H. Middlemast run out	14
J. Middlemast not out	24
W. Hunter c Finlay b G. Laverick	0
M. Irwin c and b Ledger	3
J. Ledger c Clark b Ledger	2
Extras	2
Total	71

BEAMISH.

M. Ledger b Kent	1
J. Quinn b Middlemast	4
A. N. Clark b Kent	11
D. Laverick b Middlemast	0
J. Brayson b Middlemast	0
G. Kinlay b Kent	2
G. Laverick run out	1
J. Wrangham b Middlemast	0
C. Jackson not out	0
R. Dorling b Kent	2
W. Hewison c Palmer b Kent	0
Extras	6
Total	27

BURNOPFIELD v. WHICKHAM

This match was played at Burnopfield. Scores:—

BURNOPFIELD.

R. Brewis b W. Cook	2
G. Bell c W. Thynn b W. Cook	37
T. Robson b W. Cook	1
T. Southern c and b W. Cook	2
W. McIntosh c and b G. Cheesmond	8
W. Liddle not out	15
H. Lowe b G. Cheesmond	1
J. H. Cuthbertson b W. Cook	2
A. Wood b W. Cook	0
T Allen b G. Cheesmond	1
M. P. Allan b G. Cheesmond	0
Extras	2
Total	69

WHICKHAM.

T. B. Mowbray c Bell b McIntosh	21
R. Thynn l.b.w. b McIntosh	3
W. Cook b McIntosh	5
R. Mordue b McIntosh	3
T. M. Burn b McIntosh	2
G. Cheesemond c T. Allan b Bell	6
R. Cook b McIntosh	0
W. Thynn c P. Allan b Bell	1
A. Henderson b McIntosh	0
T. Cheesmond not out	5
H. Cook c Liddle b McIntosh	5
Extras	1
Total	52

MURTON COLLIERY v. LUMLEY.

Played at Lumley on Saturday. Murton batted first, and made a poor stand, W. Nichol being best for 11 runs. For Lumley, T. Carr made a good 24 and R. Carr 17. Scores:—

MURTON COLLIERY.

R. Allan b Ramshaw	5
H. Coates b Carr	2
H. Ambler b Ramshaw	0
G. Forster b Carr	4
H. Hall run out	2
J. Hall c Carr	2
D. Gaunt b Carr	6
T. Curtis b Carr	0
W. Nicholl c Iley	11
J. Laidler c Nicholson	0
G. Nichol not out	1
Extras	3
Total	36

LUMLEY.

R. Carr run out	17
R. Iley c Curtis	6
H. Carr b Forster	3
G. Iley b Allen	3
J. Turnbull c Laidler	8
R. Temple lbw b Forster	1
T. Carr st Hall	24
T. Moffat b Forster	0
Ramshaw c Nichol	6
M. Nicholson b Forster	0
Ramshaw not out	1
Extras	4
Total	73

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

CONSETT'S USUAL FATE.

Although Consett had a considerably improved team compared with that which faced Craghead, they did not fare much better at the hands of Tudhoe than they had done the previous week. The committee will probably be very pleased when the season is at an end, as there is nothing to tell of but a tale of defeat. One consolation certainly remains—that the men cannot possibly do worse next year. The visitors had an easy task on Saturday—by far the easiest task they have ever had when opposing Consett previously. Batting first, the Tudhoe men ran up 144 for half their wickets, when they put the "closure" into force. This was a thing they dare not have ventured upon in past years at Consett; but then the visitors were in all likelihood fully aware of the weakness of the home team. Black played a capital innings for Tudhoe, carrying out his bat for an excellent 45, whilst Booth (37), and Barrass (36) also showed up prominently, so that it will be seen that this trio did nearly all the mischief.

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Although they have lost Snowdon the Tudhoeites have still a pretty formidable set of bowlers. Wetherall especially being a good man. Only Siddell (16) and Hamilton (12) did anything of note for Consett, the attack of Wetherall and Urwin (particularly the former) being very effective. The whole of the home men were sent back for 52, so that the visitors were left with a very comfortable victory. To say that anyone expected a different result would be to state what is incorrect. The Consettonians are temporarily under a cloud, but next season we may hope for better things from them.

CRAGHEAD IN FINE FORM.

Craghead had the hardest of lines in not registering a victory at Eppleton on Saturday, the home men getting off with a very lucky draw. They were the superior team at all points, and time alone robbed them of a win. Craghead had the good fortune to win the toss, and they did not forget to profit by it. Peel and Holmes made a splendid start, taking the score to 50 before the former was well caught at mid-on for a useful 27. Another stand ensued with Evans in, the total being 111 when the last comer was out for 25. Snowdon came next, and the Eppleton men had a lively time. Frequent changes in the bowling were tried, but the pair had increased the score by 56 ere Holmes was dismissed for an exceedingly well-played 59. Horne joined the old Tudhoeite, and the scoring proceeded as merrily as ever. The second century was passed all right, and perhaps it would have been as well had the visiting captain "declared" here as he might safely have done. However, the innings was not closed until Horne was bowled for 26, the huge aggregate of 237 having been registered for only four wickets. Snowdon carried out his bat for a grand 78, and had the venture not been closed he would most likely have reached his century.

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The Rev R. Hindle took Horn in with him to open the Eppleton response, but they were not long associated, Snowdon bowling Horn with only a dozen on the board. Scorer and his captain advanced the score to 40 when the latest arrival found one from Faulkner too good for him after making 16. Hindle and Newsome then came together, and effected a stand which went far towards saving the game for the home club. The captain, however, had more than his fair share of luck, being twice missed, and once bowled with a "no ball." Just after the century was passed Newsome departed for a capital 38, and soon after Hindle was stumped for a useful innings of 37. Railton was here given a trial with the leather, and the old Consettonian quickly sent back Charlton and Whitfield, and with six wickets down for 105 and half-an-hour to go, the chances seemed to be in favour of Craghead. However, Atkinson and Cummings played purely defensive cricket, never attempting to force the game—which was certainly their best policy under the circumstances—and they succeeded in playing out time, when the total was 122 for six wickets. Thus the draw was overwhelmingly in favour of the visitors, who, had they "declared" an half-hour sooner, might have pulled off the game.

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"SAINTS" WIN AT CHESTER.

A capitally-contested game was witnessed at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, when the St George's team, of Newcastle, furnished the opposition. The home men were anxious to do something to atone for their heavy reverse at Philadelphia the previous week and they certainly gave an improved display, but all the same the verdict was against them. The brothers Bewick made a splendid start on behalf of the home club, James of that ilk hitting up 36 whilst his brother Jack compiled three less. This excellent commencement was not well followed up, although Gray (17), Hand (13), and Clifford (11) contributed useful scores. At the same time, in face of the fine opening made by the brothers Bewick, an aggregate of 128 was truly disappointing. The two players mentioned were responsible for more than half this total themselves. Coyle rather curiously succumbed to the opposition pro. (Chambers) for a "duck"—a rather unusual occurrence with the lengthy one. The visitors did not forget to ring the bowling changes pretty freely, Chambers and Stranger-Leathes being the most successful.

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Like Chester, the "Saints" commenced in splendid fashion, and their first four men won the game for them, the remainder doing very little. Salmon and Nesbitt tied for chief honours with 34 each, whilst Chambers was close up with 30 and the Rev H. G. Hutchins contributed 25. The only other double-figurist on the side was Kemp, who knocked up a dozen, and the innings concluded for 156. The home team were hardly at full strength—Robson being a notable absentee—although I notice that Stephenson once more assisted his old club. Coyle and J. K. Bewick were the most effective in the attacking department. The citizens are hardly fulfilling the expectations formed concerning them at the beginning of the season.

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SOUTHILL SUCCESSFUL.

The Durham School team visited Mr. Forster's ground on Saturday, but, like most teams who figure at Southill, they had to accept a defeat. The home men started the run-getting, and put together the creditable total of 138. Capt. McKenzie led the way with a well-played 38, whilst that useful all-round man, C. Latimer, had 30 to his credit. R. C. Cumberledge claimed 23, and A. J. Forster 13, these four doing the bulk of the scoring. The School—with the exception of Pearson—could not make much of the bowling of Latimer and Stevens. The player named showed good form for 22, but the total (with 13 extras) only amounted to 60. Latimer had seven wickets at a cheap outlay. Southill went in a second time, and their innings was chiefly remarkable for some extraordinary hitting by Spencer, who knocked up 33 in less than ten minutes—an example of Jessopian hitting that was much appreciated by those who witnessed it. Young made 41 (not out), and C. F. Cumberledge 18, the total, when stumps were drawn, being 130 for eight wickets. On behalf of the School Bell was easily the most successful trundler, capturing five wickets in each innings.

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EXCITING GAME AT SHOTLEY.

Probably the most exciting game ever witnessed in the Spa grounds was that played there last Saturday. What tended to make the match more than ordinarily interesting was the fact that neither the visitors (Hebburn) or Shotley, previous to the game, had suffered defeat this season. Thus we had all the elements for a great struggle, and those present were not disappointed. From start to finish the interest was well maintained, and the closing stages of the encounter roused the spectators to a fever pitch of excitement. Hebburn batted first, and after losing Adair cheaply they did fairly well for a time, Adamson subscribing 17, whilst two or three others put on useful scores. However, some effective bowling towards the close of the innings by Robson caused the total to assume somewhat smaller proportions than at one time seemed probable. Robson again came out with a splendid set of figures, his seven wickets only costing 18 runs. Seed had two for nine.

An aggregate of 45 seemed well within the compass of the home men considering what they have accomplished in the past, and more particularly as T. D. Dales was assisting owing to Medomsley having an off day. However, Hebburn possess some capital bowlers, and the Shotley men found runs difficult to obtain. Williamson was dismissed for a cypher, whilst Dales was out for only half-a-dozen. Other batsmen failed, and with half the side out for only a few runs the home club seemed likely to lose their unbeaten certificate. Gorman was shaping very well, but it was left to J. K. Annandale to do the best service for his side. He hit out in fine style, and had placed 17 to his credit ere he had the misfortune to be run out. Seed also came with a very valuable seven, and amidst tremendous excitement Shotley pulled through by four runs. It was a very narrow squeak, but "all's well that ends well." Jackson bowled admirably for the losers, who are a very capable team.

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STANLEY WIN EASILY.

Stanley have rarely had an easier task than that which fell to their lot on Saturday, when they entertained Page Bank. The visitors were outclassed and very badly beaten. Several of the home team enjoyed themselves at the expense of the Page Bank bowlers, with the result that they ran up the capital total of 117. Stewart led the way with 28 (not out), that excellent bat (Thompson) coming next with 24. Knox registered 19, Shield 16, and Curry 10. The visitors cut up very disappointingly in the willow-wielding department, not one of them getting into double figures. This was owing to the splendid bowling of Smith and Jewitt, who were in irresistible form. The visitors were all knocked down for 18, Smith's share of the plunder amounting to six wickets for 11 runs, whilst Jewitt took the other four for seven, the home team not giving away a single extra. Nichol was top scorer on the losing side with seven. Stanley seem to be experiencing a pretty successful season, having been on the winning side on several occasions.

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THE TEMPERANCE STILL WINNING.

The resuscitated Blackhall Mill team paid a visit to Leadgate on Saturday to meet the Temperance, but they had to accept the usual dose administered to visitors to that ground. Joe Snaith did some remarkable bowling for the winners, taking six wickets for seven runs, including four with successive balls. Newton also came out with a fine analysis, capturing four wickets for 13 runs. The total of the visitors only amounted to 21. The Temperance score of 67 was almost entirely due to the efforts of two men—Monaghan and Newton. The captain went in first and accomplished the rare feat of carrying his bat right through the innings, and his 29 was a most meritorious display. Newton also batted in good form for his 23, and is to be congratulated upon bringing off a fine all-round achievement. The last few wickets fell with startling rapidity, there being no fewer than five "ducks" in the innings, one of which was secured by the hero of the previous week's game at South Moor—viz. W. Brown. Blackhall Mill have no cause to be discouraged at their defeat, and with practice there is no reason why they should not come up to their old form.

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BEAMISH BEATEN.

The heroes of the sensational performance against Burnhope of the preceding week altogether failed to maintain their reputation, on Saturday, when they visited Tanfield. The South Tanfieldites gained an easy win, and thus seriously discounted Beamish's chances of premier honours. J. Middlemast came out in something like his old form for the winners, carrying out his bat for a well-played 24. His brother Harry was run out after making 14, and this pair were the principal contributors towards the total of 71. Mat Ledger and Brayson bowled very well, but did not find such ready victims as was the case the previous week. Against the fine bowling of Kent and H Middlemast the visitors made a very poor show, their aggregate stopping short at 27. Clark batted capitally for 11, but the others were completely out of it. Kent captured half the wickets, and his colleague four, and I am sorry that I have not their full analysis to publish. They must have been worth looking at, as only 21 runs came of the bat.

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A NEAR THING.

White-le-Head and Stanley 2nd played a very close game on the former's ground on Saturday, the home team just pulling off the match by the narrow margin of two runs. Watson (15) and Buglass (12) displayed the best form for White-le-Head, whose innings closed for 43. J. Shield and Harkness were to the fore in the bowling department. The visitors made a plucky struggle to get the runs, but the attack of Richardson principally was rather too good for them, and they had to be content with 41. J. Shield followed up his good bowling by making top score (11), and of the others G. Shield, T. Christopher, and Theobald did best, the last-named couple making a desperate attempt to give their side the verdict, but without success.

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A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

Pelton Fell accomplished a noteworthy achievement on Saturday in getting the better of the strong Whickham second string. The Fell total missed one of the half-century, thanks to some effective bowling by F. Mowbray, who secured seven wickets at a cheap cost. A. Barrass was chief scorer with 10, whilst H. Barrass carried out his bat for nine, and Urwin had only one less. It was not expected that 49 would prove too many for the Whickhamites, as they have some good batting talent. However, A. Barrass and Stoker were dead on the spot, with the result that the visitors were all dismissed for 36, so that Pelton secured the victory by 13 runs. F. Mowbray was again the most conspicuous figure, scoring a capital 10 but the remainder could do little or nothing with the attack. Stoker took half-a-dozen wickets for very few runs.

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MEMS.

Craghead put in a fine performance at Eppleton on Saturday.

Time alone robbed them of a victory.

Every man that batted for the visitors totalled over 20.

Snowdon was going strong for his century when the innings was closed.

Holmes played an excellent innings.

But for two or three mistakes in the field Craghead might have got the home men out.

Hindle (the reverend captain of the Eppleton team) had the unique experience of being missed twice and bowled by a "no ball."

His "lucky star" was decidedly in the ascendant.

Craghead are going along very nicely.

And showing a big improvement upon last season's record.

The presence of Snowdon makes a great difference to the team.

By the way, has Stephenson and Craghead parted company?

The old "citizen" was assisting Chester on Saturday.

But his presence did not bring victory to the side.

Chester are hardly showing as good form as they did at the beginning of the season.

What is the matter with genial George Halliday?

He seems dead out of luck.

The brothers Bewick set the team a splendid example on Saturday.

But it was only poorly followed up.

The first four men on the St. George's side won the game for their team.

The remainder did next to nothing.

Chambers is a capital pro.

Being good in every department of the game.

Everybody expected Tudhoe to beat Consett on Saturday.

And for once in a way the unexpected did not happen.

Consett are having a miserable season.

But what else can be expected with the team they have and the company they are figuring in?

Far better would it have been had they left the Senior League for a season at any rate.

What encouragement is it to young players to take part in overwhelming defeats week after week?

Even Siddell's play seems affected by the poor forces placed at his command.

And little wonder either.

Shotley Bridge are happy.

Why? Because they can still boast an unbeaten certificate.

They had a near shave on Saturday.

But managed to emerge without soiling that gilt-edged record.

They met another unbeaten team in Hebburn.

And the Tynesiders are now bewailing their first reverse of the season.

However, it was only by the narrow margin of four runs.

"Too close to be pleasant" thought the Shotley spectators.

Some hard hitting by J. K. Annandale turned the scale in favour of the Spa men

At a time too when the chances seemed against them.

Robson enjoyed himself in the old sweet way.

"Seven wickets for 18 runs was his little lot.

He must have an analysis worth gazing upon.

Perhaps Mr. Smail will kindly work it out for me for next week.

T. D. Dales played for Shotley.

But gave unusually small trouble.

Beamish came a sad cropper on Saturday.

And altogether failed to come up to their reputation.

South Tanfield beat them with something to spare.

Thanks to some splendid bowling by Kent and Harry Middlemast.

I was pleased to see Jack Middlemast doing himself something like justice.

Stanley had a bean-feast at the expense of Page Bank.

The Bankers could never go the pace.

George Stewart (the old Stanley captain) carried out his bat for 28.

That excellent player, Thompson, scored a couple of dozen.

Smith and Jewitt played old gooseberry with the visitors.

Mat claimed half-a-dozen victims for only 11 runs.

Whilst the old Tanfield had the other four for seven.

It is wonderful how Jewitt keeps up his form.

He has been playing for a long number of years now.

But still seems a good way from being done.

Leadgate Temperance further improved their record on Saturday.

At the expense of Blackhall Mill.

Who have just started again.

Sergeant Newton brought off a capital all-round performance for the Temperance.

Four wickets for 13 runs and 23 off the bat is a good afternoon's work.

Snaith was in rare form with the ball.

As six wickets for seven runs amply testifies.

Monaghan had a rest in the bowling line

But came out strongly with the willow.

The Leadgate skipper went in first and carried out his bat for 29.

Well done! Jimmy.

Kennedy, for a wonder, did not do anything prominent.

I notice that the Temperance have got sight-boards.

This is a great improvement.

Craghead 2nd went through an unusual experience on Saturday.

Suffering defeat on their own ground.

And this despite some fine batting by Dr. Fox and Gill.

Another strong second team in Whickham also went down last week.

Pelton Fell being their conquerors.

Stoker bowled very finely for the Fell.

As did F. Mowbray on the other side.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE

BEAMISH v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Match between the Beamish and Chester-le-Street Companies of the 4th V.B.D.L.I. on Saturday June 30th, 1900. There was a light wind but very tricky and variably light. The folowing were the scores, Bisley Rules:—

Beamish Team.

	200	500	600	Tt'l.
Corp'l T. Clough	29	33	23	85
Sergt. J. Grundy	29	23	29	81
Pte. F. Stephenson	29	24	28	81
Col. Sergt. F. Male	22	30	26	78
Pte. J. Laidler	27	23	27	77
L.Corp'l W. Lockie	30	25	22	77
Pte. J. Metcalf	22	23	27	72
Corp'l W. Early	24	21	27	72
Pte H. Wilby	22	28	22	72
Pte. I. Eland	24	27	18	69
Total				764

Chester-le-Street Team.

	200	500	600	Tt'l.
Corp'l G. Trotter	24	31	28	83
Sergt. J. Thompson	24	30	24	78
Sergt. W. Lowther	30	23	22	75
Corp'l I. Bonsall	24	21	29	74
L.Corp'l Bankhead	23	23	27	73
Sergt. R. Finlay	24	27	20	71
Col.Sergt. J. Usher	16	26	22	64
Sergt. W. Harle	29	19	16	64
Pte. Dixon	16	21	20	57
Sergt. R. Bevridge	14	11	22	47
Total				686
Counted Out				
Pte. E. Armstrong	17	16	14	47
Pte. Bankhead	23	7	13	43

BEAMISH RIFLE CLUB.

This club held their fortnightly Club Shoot on Saturday, July 7th, 1900. There was a very troublesome right front wind blowing. County positions, kneeling at 200 yds. and prone at 500 yds. and 600 yds. The following were the best scores:—

	200	500	600	St.	Tt'l.
Corp'l S. Clough	29	34	29	11	103
Corp'l W. Early	27	28	23	17	95
Sergt. J. Grundy	30	31	31	2	94
Pte. H. Wilby	29	30	26	0	85
L.Corp'l W. Lockie	31	32	20	2	85
Pte. F. Stephenson	32	28	16	2	78
Pte. J. Laidler	29	25	16	6	76

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

LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, BENFIELDSIDE.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN.")

SIR,—Allow me to express my disgust, and I am very certain the disgust of a large number of ratepayers, also, at the filthy condition of the public urinals in Blackhill. The long-accumulated filth is enough to breed an epidemic, and points out to all concerned neglect of the most flagrant kind.—Yours, &c., OBSERVER.

TOBOGGANING DOWN A VOLCANO.

"We were on the loftiest jut of Popocatepetl, 17,775 feet above the Gulf of Mexico, and nearly two miles below us were the clouds, where at the time another thunderstorm was booming out its reverberations along the cloud courts, and lashing the lower earth in rain. Through the rents in the clouds below, we could dimly see a pigmy patch of white, meaning the City of Mexico we had left, with its third of a million people, the day before. Then a jarring rumble came from under the cliff on which we stood, and groping to its brink, we looked full into the mighty maw of the fiery mountain. Out of its smoke-misted depths there came a sullen boom! boom! boom! like the exhaust pipe of some monstrous engine in the earth-depths, as the volcano snored and snorted out its strangling furies, struggling for a new outbreak to again roar down upon the hated world below in fiery floods and pelting death. The last destructive eruption occurred in 1802, but there is constant danger of another. Out of several great nostrils there fumed sulphurous smoke and pestilential gases, and dank vapours sweated out through teeming pores from the perspiring, giant carcass, which just about the rim of the vent made the fire-blasted rocks and ashes unbearably hot. The crater of Popocatepetl is 800 feet at its greatest depth, and a third of a mile in diameter; yet its flaming furies cannot hold against the oposing cold of that high altitude. An unmelting mail of snow and ice hoods the mountain save in the immediate vicinity of the fervent crater, and cloaks the giant for nearly 5,000 feet down its sides. Previous to starting up we made preparation for coasting down the snow and ice-fields on improvised toboggans from the summit. The guides had brought stron "petates," or reed-woven mats, for this exciting purpose, and my guide and I lead the way in the perilous undertaking. At the point we selected, the shoulder of the volcano dropped away rapidly; but the course down seemed fairly clear, if we could but guide the crazy craft with our alpenstocks to miss some menacing juts of rocks, and manage to keep out of the clutch of a yawning "baranca" away to the left. Pushing off, we moved slowly at first, until gravity laid its grip upon us, when we ripped and hissed down the mountain side with speed increasing at each moment. The knifing wind buzzed and burred at the ears as it reached out a pursuing arm and smote at us with angry lashings; and the spiteful ice splinters, flying up before us like tiny javelins, cut the face until the blood oozed. The wild race swung us down and down the perilous, dazzling stretches, and in a few minutes we made the descent, which had meant nearly as many suffering hours to mount."—Edward Page Gaston, in the March number of the "Windsor Magazine."

WOLSINGHAM.

TRAP ACCIDENT.—What might have proved a fatal accident occurred at Wolsingham on Monday aftrnoon. As Mr. M'Lachlan, coachman to Mrs. Rogerson, Holywood Hall, was driving the pony trap home the horse took fright and bolted. It continued its mad career for three hundred yards, and finally dashed into a house end. The trap was smashed, but the horse was uninjured. Mr. M'Lachlan was thrown violently to the ground and received serious injuries, including a deep gash on his head. Dr. Devey was soon on the spot, and the wound was attended to. Mr. M'Lachlan is progressing as favourably as can be expected under the circumstances.

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CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Wheeler."]

The usual monthly meeting was held on Tuesday last at the Metropole Hotel, Newcastle. There were present, Mr. Geo. Bartram (Sunderland), in the chair, Mr. W. C. Brown (Sunderland), Messrs P. M. Laws, William Cail, J. Wright, T. M. Grierson (Newcastle), G. Tyzack (Haydon Bridge), J. Spink and P. Blacklock (Gateshead), and Wemyss H. Atkinson (Newcastle), hon. sec. The Secretary reported that he was in communication with the N.E. Railway Company, with regard to the case of one of their employes refusing to open the gate at a level crossing between Harton Colliery and Boldon. With regard to the condition of Westgate road complained of, something had been done, but it was still unsatisfactory. Mr. Cail, however, explained that the laying of the new tramway lines was about to be commenced, and until the work was completed he was afraid no improvement of a permanent nature could be effected. The Secretary had received a letter from M de Pods (De Pode's Hotel and Pension) to Rue Saint Ferdinand (near the Arc de Triomphe and Champs Elysees), offering special terms to members of the C.T.C., visiting the Paris Exhibition. The Secretary will be pleased to communicate the terms to any member proposing to visit the exhibition. With regard to the admission to Parks, the Association had been fortunate enough to secure permission from the Marquis of Londonderry to pass through Wynyard Park on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from two to seven p.m. Members to produce their tickets whenever asked. Much satisfaction was expressed at this valuable concession. The question of the bad state of the level crossings on the main road from Birtley to Low Fell came up for consideration. Before taking any action, however it was decided that an inspection should be made and reported upon at the next meeting. The Secretary was directed to write to the Gas Company and Watch Committee, complaining of the action of the lamplighters in throwing broken glass about the streets.

"Swalwellite" writes me as follows:—The following outline of a cycling tour in the lakes by myself and two friends may interest your readers. Started on Tuesday (June 26th) at eight a.m. Rode to Hexham, Haydon Bridge, Langley, Whitfield, and Alston, etc., to Penrith. Distance about 70 miles. This concluded our first day's ride, the wind being contrary, and the roads wet. Wednesday. After spending several hours in Penrith (a visit to the old Parish Church is especially recommended, and a view of the famous fresco painting at the east end), rode through Dalemain Park to Ulleswater, turned aside to view Aira Force, and on to Patterdale. After dinner ascended Helvellyn by the striding edge, dropped down the Screes to the Red Tarn and had a swim in ice cold water, and returned to late tea at Patterdale. Thursday. Rode over Kirkstone Pass and down Troutbeck valley to Bowness, thence up the lake side to Ambleside, Grasmere, Wythburn, and Keswick. After tea at Keswick ascended Skiddaw. Friday. Rode round Derwentwater to Borrowdale and up Borrowdale to Seathwaite, where we left our bikes, and climbed the Sty Head pass intending to reach the summit of Sca Fell. Rain prevented us, and drove us back to Seathwaite. But riding hard out of Borrowdale we left the rain, and rode that evening from Keswick to Melmerby at the foot of Cross Fell. Saturday. Rode up Hartside Fells to Alston, and over Whitfield Fells to Haydon Bridge, Hexham, and home. A trip like this, costing as it did only about 5/- per head per day, including everything, is well worth the consideration of any cyclist. Nothing could be much more beautiful than the scenery passed through or magnificent than the roads traversed. The high road from Haydon Bridge to Penrith is especially to be recommended. Rising to 1500 feet above sea level on Whitfield Fell and 1750 on Hartside, it yet maintains throughout a perfect surface. The descent from the summit of Hartside to Melmerby, six miles long, with a 1500 feet drop, is one of the most magnificent roads for coasting down that can be imagined, and is only approached by the similar run down from the Kirkstone to Windermere. Needless to say, cyclists in this country should have a good brake on their machines. Alpenstocks for climbing the mountains can be obtained at most of the houses of call, and make the ascent much easier.

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If necessary could supply your readers with the names of houses of call where we put up, but it is quite possible in almost any part of the Lakes to get a good bed for 1/6, and meals accordingly.

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I make no doubt but that the brothers Black, of Leadgate, would be considerably surprised to see the following announcement in Monday's "Daily Chronicle":—"Cycling.—W. Davies, of Blackhill, hearing so much about the Brothers Black, of Leadgate wanting to ride anybody in the district, will ride either of them for their own stake and distance. Meet Tuesday first, between 6 and 7 at R. J. Brodie's, Royal Hotel, Blackhill.—Signed W. Davies." What the Messrs Black would particularly like to know is—who has been having Davies? Somebody has evidently been trying to "spoof" him. The Blacks have done scarcely any riding this year, and if they had they would not feel inclined to take on a rider of the class of Davies. Just at present they are not giving any money away.

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The arrangements are now nearly complete for the gymkhana to be held on the Football Field at Leadgate on Saturday first. Some excellent prizes have been secured, and there should be keen competition, and plenty of fun. A gymkhana is altogether a novelty in Leadgate, and there should be a good crowd present. The ladies especially are working hard for the success of the affair, and I trust that they will not be disappointed. The Leadgate Saxhorn Band will discourse sweet music, and the ladies will dispense tempting refreshments. The ball in the evening will afford lovers of the "mazy waltz" an opportunity of indulging in this fascinating recreation. Intending competitors are reminded to send in their entries at once to either of the secretaries. It is anticipated that with fine weather the gathering will be a big success. The sports are timed to commence at 2.30, and the prizes will be presented after the last event.

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I notice that some of our local cyclists were successful in the comical costume parade at the Tow Law Sports on Saturday. W. Skelton, who was first at Leadgate, secured a similar distinction at Tow Law, whilst that well-known competitor "Splash" Day, of Leadgate, was placed third. "Splash" was first last year, but was somewhat handicapped in his "make-up" this time.

ORIGINAL POETRY

SWALWELL UNITED WEDNESDAY CRICKET CLUB.

There are four teams in Swalwell Club,
Who have their name to make,
But to hear some talk "what we can do,"
The Wednesdays take the cake.

Some go along on practice nights
To have some sport and fun;
Some go away to play and lose,
But the Wednesdays take the bun.

The first team sometimes win a match,
And the second always try;
And the juniors will not be beat,
But the Wednesdays—take the pie.

The Wednesday team, they go away,
All starched up to the snout,
And when there's a chance to win a match,
They run each other out.

They couldn't beat the Shields Police,
Nor Tee-totalers at Leadgate.
They'll even go without their gear
To start an hour late.

They then will come all growling home,
Their whites all smeared with muck;
And blame each other for their loss,
Who'll retort, "It is bad luck."

In fact they are too good to play
At cricket or at balls;
For when the bowler's off the pitch
The wicket seldom falls.

There's one good thing about this team;
They seldom take their booze,
So we cannot blame the alcohol
For every match they loose.

So Wednesday men take my advice,
Never boast how you can play
Till you get lessons from the second team,
That plays on Saturday.

DANGER ON THE LINE.

One night when I was on duty
I was thinking of troubles abroad.
Then my thoughts changed to things that surround me,
Of the dangers there are on the road.

There are dangers most fearful in battle;
And Tommy's valour is grand and sublime;
But there's danger as well in Old England,
There is danger and death on the line.

But come I will tell you a story,
Of a tragedy that occurred in my sight.
And the scene comes so vividly before me,
It has set me on thinking to-night.

I am only a plain going signalman;
No good at composing you know.
Only the dangers I previously mentioned,
This tale will more plainly show.

A fast goods train had been signalled
From the man away in the rear.
Of course I acknowledged his signal,
As the line was then perfectly clear.

I then lowered all my down signals;
Indicating the line was all right.
So on came the mad rushing monster;
But! Oh heavens! what a most ghastly sight.

I saw the steam in the distance,
And knew it was travelling fast.
When I espied on the railway
A life that was courting its last.

The youngsters were carelessly playing;
But the mother was taking her breath;
Never thinking of impending danger,
That would surely end in her death.

Not far from my cabin, but yet too far
For me to get to get to her in time,
To save or to warn her from danger so near,
Nor to make her remove from the line.

The engine came on like a mad thing with life,
In a moment was up to my place;
When the sleeper woke up, and the last thing I saw,
Was the terrified look on her face.

The train rushed on and left its smoke,
And all its noise behind;
But I daren't look, else the lifeless corpse
Might unhinge my over-taxed mind.

When I had time to go and see
If life might still be found;
I looked, and not a sign could I see
Of death or life around.

It must have carried her away
On the guards that're placed in front.
But surely it must have left some trace,
For which I commenced to hunt.

At last to my great joy I saw
Not death; and quite unharmed.
The mother among her offspring dear,
Scolding and unconcerned.

Since then I've seen her on the line,
Keeping clear of us young men.
For this fortunate motherly old lass
Was the stationmaster's hen.

APOIL and STEEL PILLS for females, a French remedy for all irregularities and obstructions, superseding bitter apple, pill, cochiac, pennyroyal, &c. Price 4/6 post free. Obtainable only from MARTIN, Foreign Chemist, SOUTHAMPTON.

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WHICKHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE WORK OF THE SURVEYOR.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday evening week in the Council Chamber, Whickham, Coun. R. Winship, J.P., presiding. The other members present were Councillors G. H. Snowball, W. R. Handyside, H. W. Berkley, R. T. Swinburn, Wm. Blackbird, Wm. Fletcher, Ed. Taylor, Wm. Walls; the Clerk (Mr. Thos. Lambert), and the Surveyor (Mr. J. McGregor.)

SURVEYOR'S CLERICAL ASSISTANCE AND SALARY.

Coun. Walls said the Council had not yet received any report from the committee appointed to enquire into the question of the Surveyor's clerical assistance and salary.

Coun. Swinburn: Oh! yes.

Coun. Walls: I fail to find any report to this Board.

Coun Swinburn: I know what I have advocated in committee is that we should present a report which might be unanimous.

The Chairman: Present your report.

Coun. Berkley: Let the Board ask the committee to present a report or reports.

Coun. Walls remarked that the notice of motion he gave at the last meeting in regard to increasing the Surveyor's salary did not interfere with the committee's work. The question of clerical assistance did not arise out of an application for an increase of salary.

Coun. Swinburn: I beg your pardon. It was agreed that the whole question should be referred to the committee. If you look up the minutes——

The Clerk: Mr. Swinburn is right—the whole question was left to a committee.

The committee were instructed to report.

The matter then dropped.

PAVING AND CEMENTING AT SWALWELL.

The Surveyor reported that he expected to have the plans and specifications ready next month for the cementing and paving of Park Terrace, and Napier Road, Swalwell.

THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

The Clerk reported that the Tyneside Electrical Power Co.'s bill had been entirely thrown out. The result of the Council's opposition to the bill was that they (the Company) agreed that if the Bill got through Parliament they would acknowledge that the road at Dunston—and about which the Council had had so many fights in Parliament—was a public road. The deputation stuck out to the last, and the Company gave in. The bill, however, had been thrown out.

Coun. Fletcher: I think there is one clause that we want to watch in particular.

Coun. Walls: What is it?

Coun. Fletcher: "That local authorities are to make application for powers within a certain time, and if they fail to do that, then anybody and everybody can come if they like."

THE REPAIR OF ROADWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

Coun. Walls in accordance with notice of motion given, moved "That the Council give notice to all owners of land over which roadways and footpaths cross, and are not the property of the Council, but are under their jurisdiction, to put the said roadways and footpaths into proper repair; failing to comply with this request, that the Council execute the work, and charge the owners with the cost thereof." The resolution, he said, had stood upon the agenda for a good many months in his name. The reason he put the same on was, because there were a great number of roadways in their district which must be under the Council's supervision in some way or other, and which needed immediate attention. He could name two or three roadways which the members of the Council were acquainted with. The first he would mention was Eslington Inn Road, which had been partially dealt with; and the next would be that from Emmerson, Walker, and Thompson Bros.' works to Lindle Place, and also the roadway from there works to where the Hexham highway crossed, and also Lobley Hill railway. This was so far as the roadways were concerned. In their immediate neighbourhood—he did not wan to throw any unnecessary burden upon anyone—someone was responsible for these roadways, and he was under the impression, and he believed he was legally right according to their Clerk's decision, that the Council had the power,—it might be a costly method—to enforce or compel the owners of the land over which these roadways cross to put them into proper condition; failing to comply with the request, the Council had the power to do the work themselves, and charge them with the cost of the same. He thought the Council ought to put all the powers they had into operation so as to have these roadways put into decent condition. There was someone, he said, deriving benefit; the fact that there were roadways proved that. Revenue was being procured in some way, and which ought to put the roads into a proper condition. Coun. Walls instanced a case in which Mr. Anthony Stosper, farmer, Dunston, could not get to his farm without danger to both his cattle and vehicles, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the roadway. The speaker maintained that such was a great shame—for anyone to be put into that position. If the Council had the power to remedy that, let them use it. It might be costly; and it might not be costly. What was applicable to the roads at Dunston, was applicable to the roads at Swalwell, Whickham, and Marley Hill. Take the footpaths. Coun. Walls then instanced the footpath leading from Messrs Emmerson, Walker, and Thompson Bros.' works at Dunston, to the Dun Cow Inn, which he said was simply disgraceful in wet weather, and was almost impassable. Someone was responsible for this footpath and he believed, according to the recent Parish Councils Act, that the Council were responsible for seeing that these footpaths were put into proper condition. Another striking illustration was to be found—the footpath leading from Havis's farm right up through the fields towards Whickham. He thought the Council would agree with him that sometimes during the winter months this footpath was simply beyond getting over. He thought they ought to take the matter into careful consideration, and have the roadways and footpaths put into proper condition. He did not think, in the first instance, that it was the Council's responsibility beyond seeing that the work was done. He was glad that Mr. Taylor had previously mentioned a case from Windy Hill. At this place the people had to go through a field in order to get their water supply. The farmer had now ploughed the footpath up, and what was more, the people had to go over a miniature fence before they could get their water. He thought the Council had some jurisdiction over that footpath. In many cases the farmers, he said, ploughed up their footpaths not to their own disadvantage, but to the inconvenience of the public.

Coun Taylor seconded the resolution. In regard to the case in point mentioned by Coun. Walls he might say that he had received a letter from Mr. Cawthorn, a resident at that place, and from which he gathered that this sort of thing had happened once or twice before. He was given to understand tat Mr. Bolam was the agent.

Coun. Blackbird said they were told two months ago that the Council could not compel farmers to repair their footpaths.

Coun. Berkley: That was my opinion.

After further discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the Clerk that a circular should be sent to the farmers with a view to having the footpaths repaired.

Coun. Walls allowed his notice of motion to remain upon the agenda paper.

SURVEYOR'S SALARY INCREASED.

Coun. Walls pursuant to notice of motion given moved:—"That the salary of Mr. John McGregor, surveyor, be increased to £120 per annum." He did not need, he said, to multiply words in submitting the resolution to the Council. They at present paid their Surveyor £100 per year, which, he thought, was altogether inadequate considering the amount of work he had to do, resulting largely from the rapid development of the district. He did not want to keep the Council no longer than necessary. He could say a great deal in support of the resolution, but he thought it would be patent to all of them that the manner in which the district was developing meant that the Surveyor's work, and the demand upon his time, were developing likewise. There were a number of plans which they had also asked the Surveyor to provide, including the fever hospital plans, and others which might be mentioned. There were further, the plans for the sewerage scheme for Whickham and Swalwell, and he did not think it was necessary to say that the Surveyor's salary was very low. He thought that would be an acknowledged fact. It was certainly below the average of other Surveyors holding similar positions and responsibilities. It was not even the ordinary mechanics' wage, and yet the Surveyor's responsibilities were far exceeding those of the ordinary mechanic. He thought they ought to increase his salary as far as they possibly could for their own sake, and for the sake of the future of their district. Personally, he was very well satisfied with the work that had been done generally. He did not claim to be an expert on sewerage, but he had his own opinions which might be wrong, but putting the matter into a nutshell, the salary was altogether inadequate to the demands they made upon their Surveyor. (The Chairman: Hear, hear.)

The Chairman: Anybody second the resolution?

Coun. Berkley: Did you pass a resolution with regard to the committee?

The Chairman: Yes—to report.

Coun. Swinburn: Of course I accept your ruling, but I go against this resolution as being out of order. Of course you have rules against me.

The Chairman seconded the resolution.

Coun. Fletcher supported the resolution, while he must, at the same time, admit that it would probably have given him greater satisfaction if the other resolution relating to the consideration of the Surveyor's clerical assistance, etc., had been cleared off the board; but they must take things exactly as they stood. What was the position of the resolution in regard to the clerical assistance, etc. It was this: He thought it might remain for ever and ever on the agenda. He had a strong suspicion that the thing had been deferred only for one object—simply to thwart the thing and to put it off for an indefinite period. That committee failing to report, and individual member of the Council had taken upon himself to place the resolution upon the agenda giving due notice in order to force the hands of the committee. Now the position was that the members of the committee must not speak out upon this resolution—all members of the committee. (Hear, hear.) He was one of the committee; unfortunately he was not able to get to the meetings, and he did not know exactly what was done, but he was speaking; from what he heard at one of the Board meetings upon the question when it was brought forward. Here was the position. They employed the Surveyor and were asking him to do work that in the trade any man could command £3 per week. They asked him to prepare plans, to survey, get out quantities, prepare schemes of sewerage, and such like, and to attend to the daily routine work. They could not put it in any plainer language than they, the members of the Whickham Urban District Council, were sweating their surveyor to death. (Hear, hear.) Now look at it honestly and fairly. He knew what it was himself—every member of the Board knew—to make a plan. The thing was, were they going, as members of the Council, to be honest enough to pay a man a fair wage for the work done? The resolution, he thought, had struck everyone of them. They must either acknowledge, or otherwise, that the Surveyor was not receiving a fair wage in proportion to the amount of work done. He felt confident that every ratepayer in the parish was desirous that the Council's servants should receive a wage in proportion to the amount of work done. (Hear, hear.) He thought it was as clear as noonday that they were simply sweating the Surveyor for the amount of work he had to do. Let them either take some of the work off the Surveyor; or if it was to continue, then pay for it. Mr. McGregor's time he said, must be occupied every hour of the day in connection with his work. He asked them to adopt the resolution.

Coun. Blackbird asked if it would not be better if the matter was adjourned for a month until the committee met? He would suggest that.

Coun. Taylor said he would like to have supported the resolution, but thought it was a matter in which a lot of work might be taken from the ordinary work of the Surveyor. He believed they could not estimate the services of a good man. He was never one who would lower wages. He himself thought there was a lot of truth in what Mr. Fletcher had said, yet at the same time they had a great amount of assistance from scientists. He referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Spencer, and the clerk of works employed at Dunston. He thought there was a lot of work that might be done by subordinate servants.

Coun. Swinburn said that as a member of the committee he would like to say how pleased he was that Mr. Fletcher had admitted that he had not any idea of what they did discuss in that committee. They discussed the question of the whole reorganisation and their surveying and clerical work in committee. The meeting was constantly broken up because they could not come to a unanimous decision. He admitted that £100 was not sufficient but thought the resolution was out of order.

Coun. Walls said he did not think there had been much submitted in regard to not accepting the resolution. The main thing seemed to hinge upon the fact that the committee had not reported. That was not their fault; it was the committee's fault. He did not know what the report might be when it came; he did not care. If the report was there that might be suggesting that the Surveyor should have additional clerical assistance his resolution would still stand. As Mr. Fletcher had said they were simply sweating the Surveyor in the worst form. He was sorry that Mr. Blackbird had suggested that the matter should be adjourned for a month, as he did not see any advantage from that. They had it perfectly certain that there was no hope of the committee agreeing. They would have a report, and an adverse report. He thought they ought to take a definite stand, and trusted that those who had no definite feeling with regard to the resolution would kindly support the same. With regard to Mr. Clepham and his services that had been pointed out, they all knew how Mr. Clepham had been engaged. It was not a question of inability so far as Mr. McGregor was concerned; it was a question of wanting the work done at once in the interests of the public. That was the reason why Mr. Clepham had been called in; not because of Mr. McGregor's inability, but because he had not time to do the work. The Surveyor, he said, was putting all that was possible into his work, and working all the hours almost that God sent; therefore he thought they ought to pay him his wage. After they had paid a decent wage, and then thought that the Surveyor should have clerical assistance, then they ought to give him that assistance. They as a Council, were developing in every section of the district, which required the best and closest attention that could be given. He need not point out that they were suffering at present, as a district, by slip-shod methods—(hear, hear)—and the public were having to pay for neglect of 20 years ago. He did not want to have it said of the Council, 20 years hence, that the people were suffering in consequence of the existing Council overworking and over-doing their Surveyor. There had been no arguments brought forward against the resolution, because he thought it had been admitted all around the table that the salary was inadequate, and he maintained that Mr. McGregor was not able to cope with the work submitted to him. He hoped that everyone of the members would be generous. Of course it had been said that there were some officials who had been under the Board for some time who should have an increase, but this was no reason why they should not grant Mr. McGregor his advance, but it was certainly a reason why those officials should have theirs. If they could show him any official who was underpaid then he should be pleased to support them for an advance.

The motion was now put to the meeting and carried. Coun. Swinburn voted against the resolution, while Coun. Snowball did not vote.

THE LIGHTING OF MARLEY HILL.

Coun. Walls said in regard to the deputation that waited upon them on the survey day at Marley Hill, in regard to additional lights, he thought the matter ought to be put into the hands of a committee. He moved that the Marley Hill Lighting Committee be requested to investigate the whole question, and ascertain as to whether four lights would be sufficient; or what, in their opinion, would be sufficient, and to report to the next meeting.

Coun. Swinburn seconded the motion, which was carried.

COMPLIMENTARY.

The Chairman announced that as requested he had conveyed the Council's best wishes to Mr. Thomas Lambert, jun.—son of their worthy clerk—on his success, and he was pleased to say that he had received a telegram from Mr. Lambert, jun., which read "Please convey best thanks to the Council for their congratulation."

This was all the business of note, and the meeting soon afterwards terminated.

WHEN THE GOOD NEWS FIRST REACHED CONSETT.

It created considerable excitement. But as week after week went by many well-known and highly respected Consett people spoke out honestly and their statements were published in a Consett paper, and there was no longer room for doubt. Consett people said:—

"This must be true." Well here is just such another statement and it comes from Mr. B. Foreman, who lives at 38, Albert Row, Consett. He says:—

"I have been employed at the Iron and Steel Works here for some time, and my work is very hard. I am exposed to all sorts of weather and I have a good deal of bending and lifting to do.

"When I had been employed in this work for about a year it began to tell upon my back, and I was obliged to go under the doctor's hands. He put a plaster on my back and gave me some medicine which eased me for a little while, but I was soon as bad as ever.

"The trouble really lay in the kidneys for the secretions were dark-coloured and thick, and there was always a sediment. I used to have a pain right across the small of my back, and after stooping for any length of time I had great difficulty in getting straight again.

"This was the state of my health when I first came to hear of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills through reading about them in the paper and as they were recommended for bad backs I decided to see if they would do me any good. Well, I got some of these pills at Milner's, the chemist in Shakespeare Street, and began to take them. Now, I must say they are a wonderful medicine for they have quite cured me of these pains in my back and my kidneys are now acting freely and naturally." (Signed) B. Foreman.

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Be sure you ask for the same pills that Mr. Foreman had.

A NERVOUS VILLAGE MAIDEN

In the typical English village of Old Washington, in Durham, resides Miss Mary E. Oswald, and the other day she told an interesting story to a representative of the "Durham County Advertiser," which provides a powerful illustration of the efficacy of Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness. Here is the story:—"Between two and three years ago I had a severe attack of scarlet fever. I was supposed to have recovered from this, but instead of being well and strong as I was before the attack, I was fearfully weak and nervous. Nor did this effect disappear, as I at first thought it would. On the contrary, I got weaker, more nervous, and subject to fits of depression. I could not sleep, and ultimately became in so serious a state that a doctor was called in. He attended me for some time, but seemed quite baffled with my ailments. At any rate, he did me no good, and so we asked another doctor to look in. He treated me for insomnia. I had a lot of medicine, but the terrible depression did not leave me; and I lost hope. Instead of getting better, all the time I was getting weaker, and at last I was utterly prostrated. For three months I continued in this way, hovering between life and death. It was then I determined to try Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness. About three weeks after I had begun to take them I felt they were doing me good; so I obtained more and continued with the course. The result of that course you now see. I am no longer nervous. I can eat well, sleep well, and do my work. The depression, which was so serious in its consequences, has been entirely removed, and altogether, Bile Beans have set me to rights once more. I gladly recommend them to all who are troubled as I was."

It is the testimony of scores of women who had suffered from nervous debility, weakness, lassitude, constipation, piles, indigestion, bad breath, or headache that the vegetable remedy known throughout the world as Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness, which may be had from all chemists, or from the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company, 119, London Wall, London, E.C., upon receipt of one and three half-pence or two and nine, is the most effective remedy known for the ailments named. This is so because in operation, Bile Beans, ignoring mere effects, remove the cause of the ailments. So widely has this been proved that every night no less than 150,000 doses are now taken. To stand such a test as this is surely proof of great excellence.

DEATH OF MRS. JONATHAN PRIESTMAN

Of Shotley Bridge

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Jonathan Priestman, of Derwent Lodge, Shotley Bridge, which occurred on Friday last at the age of 70 years. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. Jonathan Richardson, one of the promoters of the Consett Ironworks, and was married to Mr. Jonathan Priestman, who died in December, 1888. She was of a retiring disposition but was a generous giver in cases of need among the community in which she lived. She was revered by all and her death is a source of great sorrow among all classes of the community. The interment took place on Monday afternoon in the family vault in Ebchester Churchyard and was not only attended by a large number of mourners, but in the village blinds were drawn and shop shutters were put up. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside, assisted by the Rev. George Gibson, rector of Ebchester, the Rev. R. G. Braund, rector of Goodmanham, Yorkshire, and the Rev. R. Hodgson, curate of Ebchester. The choir was in attendance and sang appropriate psalms and hymns. The principal mourners were:—First carriage, Mr. and Mrs. Pumphrey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Priestman, and Master Jack Priestman; second carriage, Miss Priestman, Mrs. Bridges, Miss Faith Priestman, Mr. Lewis Priestman; third carriage, Mrs. Peile, Mr. H. Peile, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Charles Richardson; fourth carriage, Mrs. Braund, Miss Peile, Mrs. Knott; fifth carriage, Miss Willis, Misses A. and H. Willis, Mr. R. Willis, Mr. T. Willis; sixth carriage, Miss T Willis, Mr. Sam Richardson, Mr. Knott, Mrs. Moirs. Other carriages contained Mr. H. Pumphrey, Dr. W. M. Renton, Mr. Percy Corder, Mr. Senhouse (representing Mr. Lazenby,) Mr. S. J. Leybourne, Mr. J. Cowen (Blaydon Burn,) Mr. F. Cole, Mr. Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Barclay, the Derwent Lodge maids, Nurse Balfour, Nurse Jardine, Mrs. Teasdale; old servants, Mr Whinney, Mrs Davis, Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Hunter. Among others present were Mrs. E. W. E. Balleny, Mr J. H. Beckingham, Mr L. Beckingham, Mr A. Hedley, Mr C. D. W. Balleny, the Rev C. S. Wilson, Gateshead: the Rev G. D'Eath, Greenside; Mr. M.V. Steggall, Elm Park; Mr W. M. Annandale, Mr J. W. Forster, Shotley Bridge; Mr W. Charlton, Ebchester; Mr W. Wilson, Shotley Bridge; Mr A. Charlton, Ebchester; Mr E. Dixon, Ebchester; Mr T. Surtees, Shotley Bridge; Mr Spraggon, Ebchester: Mr A. Houliston, and Mr W. Houliston, Shotley Bridge; Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak; Mr. L. Urwin, Shotley Bridge; Mr G Simpson, Ebchester; Mr T Anderson, West Lodge; Mr R. Ramsay, Ebchester; Mr Dryden (stud groom), Mr Wm. Ridley, Snow's Green; Mr J. Johnson, Shotley Bridge; Mr John Charlton, Dene House; Mr J. Ridley (gardener), Mr G Johnson (coachman), Mr W. R. Town, Shotley Bridge; Mr Hugh Wilson, Shotley Bridge; Mr Joseph Robinson, Shotley Bridge; Mr Scott, Benfieldside; Mr J. L. Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge; Mr J. Henry, Shotley Bridge; and Mr F. Osborne, Shotley Bridge. The underbearers were Messrs Thomas Clark, J. Brown, M. Redshaw, and T. Dryden. Many very beautiful wreaths were sent by the following among others: Mr L. Priestman, Mr and Mrs J. Pumphrey, Mr and Mrs H. Peile, Miss Faith Priestman, Mrs Richardson, Frank and Cecil Priestman, Master Jack Priestman, Louie and Kate Priestman, Mary Helen and Fanny Willis, Mr James Annandale, Mr and Mrs Beckingham, Mr C. and Mrs Richardson, the Misses Ruth and Beryl Morris, Mr and Mrs Elsom, Mr and Mrs R. G. Barclay, Mr and Mrs R. Willis, Mr and Mrs E. L. Beckingham, Miss Redshaw, "Connie and Lance." Messrs R. and W. Drydon, Mrs Dryden and children, the servants of Derwent Lodge, the servants at Shotley Park. The vault was adorned with evergreens and flowers. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr A. Houliston, and Mr G. J. Christopher provided horses and twelve coaches.

AUCTION MARTS

Blackhill Farmers' Mart.—There was another busy day on Monday when Mr. Jackson Green had forward 18 fat beasts, 234 sheep and lambs, 3 cows, 53 pigs, 11 horses (6 being from the Consett Iron Company, Limited), 2 donkeys, 9 calves, besides carts, harness, poultry, and agricultural implements. Trade was fairly good at last week's rates, and everything was sold. Prices.—Bull, £17 12s 6d, from Mr. Maughan, Minsteracres; fat heifers, £16 2s 6d from Mr. M. Anderson, Whitehall; £16 17s 6d, from Mr. J. Graham, Whittonstall Hall; £17 15s, from Messrs J. Annandale and Sons, Lintzford; £16 10s, from Mr. Stafford, Stagshawbank; and £16 17s 6d from Mr. J. Robson, Blackhill. Young sheep up to 55s, top Mr. W. Stonehouse, Hedley; lambs to 35s, top Mr. J. Angus, Healeyfield; blackfaced wethers to 40s, top Mr. J. Angus; blackfaced ewes to 26s 6d, top Mr Mackay, Eddis Bridge; fat ewes to 43s, top Co-operative Flour Mill, Low Waskerley. Pork pigs to 46s, keeping pigs to 29s 6d. Calves to 39s. Horses, from Consett Iron Company, to £16 5s; ponies to £12 5s; and donkeys up to 50s. The sale did not conclude until 6.15 p.m.

Tow Law.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 38 dairy cows and heifers, 7 fat cattle, 12 calves, 75 fat sheep, 50 fat lambs. Calved heifers, £13 to £15 12s 6d; calved cows, £14 10s to £20 15s; incalving heifers, £12 2s 6d to £15 15s; incalving cows, £15 2s 6d to £1 915s; calves, 14s to 30s each. Fat sheep to 41s, from Mr. J. J. Willis, Stonechester; 39s, from Mr. Parkinson, Nackshivan; 29s 3d from Mr. F. Holmes, New House; 40s from Mr. J. Forrest, Shittlehope Burn; 39s, from Mr. R. Wheatley, Mart Hotel; 28s 6d, from Mr. J. Nelson, Rear Dene; 24s 6d, from Mr. T. Sanderson, St John's; 34s 6d, from Mr. J. Craig, Elm Park; 36s 6d, from Messrs Turnbull, Bradley Hall. Fat lambs, 25s 3d, from Mr. T. Green, Hermitage; 26s, from Mr. R. Wheatley, Mart Hotel; 27s, from Mr. W. Angus, Burnley Row; 29s 6d, from Mr. J. Nelson, Rear Dene; 28s 6d, from Mr. Button, Wooley Farm; 29s 3d, from Mr. J. Gibson, East Park; 23s from Mr. T. Morrell, Standalone. Pork pigs to 37s each; young pigs to 17s 6d each. Cows in good demand. Beef to 8s 3d per stone; mutton, 8½d per lb; lamb, 9d per lb. A total clearance effected.

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WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Monday evening in the Board Room, Whickham, Mr. R. T. Swinburn presiding. The other members present were—Messrs. R. Rutherford, Ed. Taylor, Sept. Wright, Wm. Walls, J. A. Dixon, Wm. Neesam; and the Clerk (Mr. W. Willis.)

AN APPLICATION.

A deputation, consisting of Mr. James Bell (Old Sunniside) and Mr. J. Croft, waited upon the Board in reference to securing the use of the Marley Hill Schools in which to provide a free tea for about 300 adult people.

It was unanimously decided to grant the use of the schools free of charge.

DAMAGE TO SCHOOLS.

The head master at Swalwell (Mr. Wm. Speers) reported that much damage had been done to the roof of Swalwell Schools. Slates and sheets of lead had been pulled off the roof.

Mr. Neesam said that one of the lead gutters about three feet in length had been carried away.

It was decided to call the attention of the police to the matter.

THE AGE OF ADMISSION.

The head master at Dunston Schools (Mr. C. McIntyre) suggested in his monthly report that the age of admission should be raised from five to six years, seeing that so many children left school at an early age.

Mr. Walls: It's a question for the Code rather than the Board.

HOLIDAYS.

It was agreed that the holidays at both the schools at Marley Hill should commence from the 13th inst.

APPOINTMENT OF MONITORS.

Miss Agnes McIntyre and Miss Lily Wigham were appointed as monitors at Marley Hill, while Miss Annie Wright was given a similar position at Dunston.

PUPIL TEACHER OR MONITOR?

Miss Taylor, head teacher at the Dunston Infant School, wrote as follows:—"I shall take is as a favour if you will agree to the appointment of a girl from the mixed department to act as pupil teacher in this school. The name of the girl is Hannah Arkless. At present the teacher of the babies' class is without assistance, and as there are over 80 babies, she ought to have help, being responsible for only 45 children. I hope the idea will meet with your kind approval."

Mr. Neesam thought it ought not to be left in the hands of the teacher to recommend scholars, but to the parents.

It was surmised that the application was for a "monitor" and not a pupil teacher.

After discussion it was agreed that the Dunston committee should interview Miss Taylor as to what she did require, and should her application be for a monitor, then the committee might give her permission to put Miss Arkless in the Infants' School; and the same to be confirmed by the Board.

FUNDS WANTED AT DUNSTON.

Miss Taylor also wrote as under:—"Could the Board provide funds for a school treat of some kind each year. (Laughter.) At present the expenses of the Christmas party have to be defrayed by the teachers and the scholars themselves."

It was agreed to inform Miss Taylor that the Board had not the power to provide such funds as asked for.

PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF DUNSTON SCHOOL.

Mr. J. W. Rounthwaite, architect, Newcastle, waited upon the Board and submitted a pencil drawing showing the proposed enlargements to the Dunston Board Schools.

The Clerk intimated that he had received a letter from the Board of Education, which read as under:—"Adverting to your letter dated 29th May, I am directed by the Board of Education to state that he recognised accommodation as stated in the Blue Book is correct, viz., mixed, 459, infants, 351; total, 810.

Mr. Rounthwaite explained that one end of the present building was new, while the other was partly new. The middle part of the building was old. After considering the whole building, and also the number of children the Board had asked him to provide for extra accommodation—about 350—he had prepared a scheme for a two-storey building in the middle of the school. The approximate cost of the new school would probably be about £3,500. He thought the old material would cover the cost of taking part of the existing structure down.

Mr. Dixon: You are prepared to suggest from your plan that we don't require any land?

Mr. Rounthwaite: You don't require any land if you will agree to the playground not being equally divided.

It was decided that Mr. Rounthwaite should prepare a tracing from his plan, to be submitted to the Board of Education or their approval.

REPAIRS.

It was agreed that Mr. Rounthwaite should visit the schools at Marley Hill and Swalwell, together with the respective committees, to ascertain what repairs were necessary to the same.

THE EDUCATION OF LAMESLEY CHILDREN.

The Clerk intimated that on the 14th of May, he had levied a precept upon the Overseers for the Parish of Lamesley for the education of their children at Marley Hill, amounting to £364 18s 0d, payable by June 30th. This had not yet been paid.

It was decided that the Clerk should write asking when the Board might expect the same; failing a satisfactory reply, that the Clerk communicate with the Board of Education.

WROTE IN DUST.

Mr. Neesam complained of the unsatisfactory manner in which the Swalwell Schools had been cleaned out, and thought that something should be done. They could mark their name upon everything they came across.

Mr. Walls suggested that the best thing that could be done was to put the matter into the hands of the Swalwell committee for investigation, and to report to the Board.

Mr. Neesam: There will have to be something done; it's very disgraceful.

The suggestion of Mr. Wallis was agreed to.

THE LAMESLEY QUESTION.

The Clerk read the following letter from the Board of Education, under date of June 20th:—"Adverting to your letter dated the 16th inst., I am directed to forward copies of letters that have been received from Mr. Wallace, the correspondent of the Overseers of Lamesley, on the question of the contribution to be made by Lamesley to the Whickham School Board; and also the Board of Education's reply thereto. I am to ask whether under the circumstances the Board are willing to re-consider the amount of contribution? The Board of Education would be prepared to consent to a fresh order giving more favourable terms to Lamesley, if both parties could agree to the matter, and they consider it very desirable that if possible, some agreement or compromise should be effected." (Signed) C. M. Cowie.

The Chairman said that there was no new facts and argments adduced in the correspondence. They had had every point thrashed out before. The Board had the same proposals before them, and they passed a resolution to adhere to the terms of the contributory order. He thought the proper line to adopt would be to ask the Board of Education if there was anything wrong in their contributory order; or, if it required any amendment, and if so, in what respect?

Mr. Taylor asked why should the Board connive with the Department when they really gave an order. As a member of the Board he objected to the opening out of the question again with the Department.

The Chairman said it must not be forgotten that they had recorded in their minutes the statement of a claim that it was costing something like £180 per year to educate the Lamesley children, and the Board's claim to the Department was made out upon that basis. The Chairman also remarked that by accepting his suggestion they would get to know the reason why a compromise should be made.

Mr. Walls said that notwitstanding the contributory order Lamesley could build, and what then?

Mr. Taylor: Let them build.

Mr. Walls: My dear sir, if you are prepared to lose for the sake of carrying into effect something you have passed then say so.

The Chairman (to Mr. Walls): Are you, as a representative of this parish, after having got an order ordering 29s per head, going to advocate that we accept 12s?

Mr. Walls: I am not suggesting anything of the kind. I am suggesting this—that we ought to ascertain our position.

The Chairman: That is my suggestion.

Mr. Walls: The idea is to simply cut the thing off the Board.

Mr. Taylor: I think it's a sign of weakness on the part of the Department to ask us to compromise in the affair, after they have decided that Lamesley should contribute. I personally feel that it is not necessary to open the thing out.

Mr. Walls: But we have opened it out.

Mr. Taylor: Which way?

Mr. Walls: From the fact that we have got a reply from them to our letter.

Mr. Taylor: No; I don't think it is necessary to re-consider the thing.

Mr. Walls said that the difference between him and Mr. Taylor was this: that if he (Mr. Walls) thought that the Board were going to lose everything, he should certainly go in for a compromise, even at 12s per head.

The Chairman: How do you know what you are going to lose? Neither you nor I can answer that. We can only surmise?

Coun. Walls: By all means.

The Chairman: I think the first thing to do upon that letter from the Department is simply to refer them to their own order, and in view of the suggestion contained in their letter, to ask them to point out in what respect their order requires altering or amending.

Mr. Rutherford: They say, "With a view to compromise more favourably."

The Chairman: Yes. They don't say 12s.

Mr. Wright: I gather from the correspondence, especially from Mr. Wallace, that there is a misunderstanding somewhere. Is it a fact that the old School Board agreed upon 12s.?

The Chairman: It is a fact that the majority of the members of the Board did agree to take 12s., subject to the approval of the Education Department.

Mr. Walls: And this Board did not inform the Department.

The Chairman: But the other Board did. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wright: From this parish it was never communicated to the Department?

The Chairman: That is so. It was never ordered to be communicated, in fact at the time—I would like to give you an explanation—we were not in communication with the Education Department at all. Prior to that the Lamesley people had absolutely refused to recognise any claim whatever, and it was only when the Department issued their contributory order that Lamesley asked to be received here. Whickham was waiting the result of the order that had been issued. When this 12s arrangement was agreed to there was no correspondence going on between this Board and the Education Department, because they had then issued the order, and that was what made Lamesley ask to meet us. Prior to that they declined to meet us.

Mr. Walls: I don't think anybody will dispute that.

The Chairman said that there was only one way in which the Board could uphold it, dignity, and that was to ask the Department to let the Board know in what respect in their opinion the thing was wrong, or required amendment. In view of the Board of Education's suggestion it was only fair to ask them that.

Mr. Rutherford thought that the Board could not under any circumstances agree to 12s. per head. With regard to the letter, supposing the Board agreed not to open the question, what would be the most likely course that the Board of Education would take? That body could set aside the contributory order by going through the same process as they did when the order was made then it would be a case of the Whickham School Board opposing the withdrawal of that order. Supposing the Board of Education took the worst course possible, and that Lamesley built a school, well the order would still continue in force, so that if the Board lost the contribution of so much per head, the Board would still recover one-third of the cost of the building, as long as the order continued in force. That cost would cover any loss that would fall upon Whickham by losing so many of the children—that was assuming the school was built. So far as he saw at present he thought the Chairman's idea was the best one. If there was any "climbing down" the Whickham Board was in a sound position. He thought the business could not have been better conducted by the Board. The only point he saw was that if the Board did not consent to some modification the Department might at once issue their notices again and make a fresh order.

Mr. Walls: Does Mr. Rutherford think that, supposing Lamesley built a school to accommodate the children that we are already educating from that parish that the Education Department would allow that order to stand for one-third of the re-payment of the loan, and upon the children that did not leave that school?

Mr. Rutherford: I said this—that until that order is withdrawn—and it can only be withdrawn by going through the same process as when issued—they must pay one-third of the re-payment of the loan.

Mr. Walls: As soon as Lamesley provides accommodation it will be withdrawn.

Mr. Rutherford: It cannot be withdrawn until the Department goes through the same process, and we will have to be heard. Whickham would have an opportunity of appealing against the proposal to withdraw the order.

Mr. Walls remarked that Lamesley had had no say whatever in the building of the school at Marley Hill.

Mr. Rutherford: That is a ground for complaint for the other side.

The Chairman: I take it that you are all agreed that 12s. is altogether inadequate?

Mr. Rutherford: I have no hesitation in saying that I would rather see them build a school than agree to 12s.

Mr. Walls: If it was a question of compulsion I should not. If it was a question of being compelled to accept one or the other, I should accept the money.

Mr. Walls moved the following resolution:—"That the Clerk forward the following letter to the Board of Education:—Referring to your letter of the 20th ult, in which you ask under certain, conditions, are we willing to consider a compromise with Lamesley, kindly say what are the circumstances to which you refer."

Mr. Wright seconded the motion.

The Chairman moved as an amendment that the Clerk should forward a communication as worded by Mr. Walls, but with the addition, "and point out to this Board in what respect the contributory order requires amendment."

Mr. Neesam seconded the amendment, which, upon being put to the meeting, was carried, only Messrs Walls and Wright voting against the same. Mr. Taylor did not vote.

This was all the business of note and the meeting terminated at 10.5 p.m., having sat three hours.

CONSETT.

Occasional Court.—Mr. J. T. Potts sat at Consett Police Court on Tuesday, and after hearing evidence fined John Collins, labourer, Blackhill, 5/- and costs being drunk and disorderly.

SWALWELL.

Sweethearts in Trouble.—A couple of Dunston lovers have recently had just reason to believe that there is evidently some truth in the oft-repeated see-saw, "True love never runs smoothly"—at least such inference is to be drawn from an incident which lately befel them. These two lovers, whose names we think it perhaps best to suppress—decided to have a walk through Dunston fields, during the course of their peregrinations, on the 17th ult. At this particular place the Whickham Council have not as yet provided any seats for the accommodation of footsore travellers, and it is probably due to this fact that P.C. Kindred found them sitting upon some meadow grass. The sequel to the outing was a visit to the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, when the two lovers in question found themselves the poorer by 3/6 each, through having made the acquaintance of the Gateshead Bench.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

New Wesleyan Church.—On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. J. S. Pawlyn, of York (Chaplain to the Lord Mayor) preached two sermons in the new Wesleyan Church, Annfield Plain, to large congregations. In the afternoon the Catchgate Free Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Thos. Holland, rendered a service of sacred music. Mr. W. Collicott presided at the organ. On Monday afternoon Mr. Pawlyn preached, and in the evening delivered his popular lecture on "Man, Viceroy of Jehovah, victor over himself." Mr. John Buckham of Allerdene House, Lanchester, occupied the chair, and presided over a fairly good company. The lecturer dealt with the subject in a masterly manner, and from a physical and moral point of view showed the great possibilities in man. A silver collection was taken at the close in aid of the church funds.

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PRETORIA CELEBRATIONS.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Though late in the day for celebrating the fall of the capital of the late Transvaal Republic the inhabitants of Annfield Plain determined that whenever they should celebrate the event it would be done in no half-hearted fashion. Accordingly a committee of energetic gentlemen was appointed to make and carry out the arrangements. Mr J. F. Smith was elected president; Mr T. Parker, chairman of committee; Dr Graham, Messrs Wm. Black, Robert Moore, Thos. Wilson, J. Barrow, John Dixon, W. I. Mackay, G. Sterling, F. Welch, Jos. Bainbridge, T. F. Burn, P. Bell, H. Bates, J. Lazenby, Wm. Black, J. G. Jackson, M. Hobson, W. Norman, John Lumley, and J. Storey, committee, with Mr W. C. Hann, as treasurer, while Mr Bert Smith made an efficient secretary. The day's proceedings commenced with a huge procession of school children attending the Board Schools in the district, numbering over some 2,000. The procession, which met at Catchgate, passed through Annfield Plain about two o'clock headed by the Annfield Plain children, whose hero appeared to be General Baden-Powell, a beautiful banner with a photo of that gallant officer proceding the procession, followed by the Catchgate schools, with those of Hare Law and Kyo in the rear. The distinguishing features were that there were represented by the scholars of the schools, soldiers and sailors, the former being dressed in the popular khaki and carrying rifles. Having completed their walk the children were mustered in the Co-operative field, where the multifarious wants of the two thousand young Britons were supplied in the shape of a free tea. With such a large number to tea the committee were obliged to order 20lbs of tea, 22 gallons of milk, 1cwt of sugar, 520lbs of cake, and 2,036 buns, the latter of which were all put into 2,000 bags, each child receiving a bag of the good things. The whole of this vast grocery bill was disposed of in the orthodox fashion, after which the bairns amused themselves with games. Prizes for children under 14 years of age were given by Messrs W. T. Mackay, J. G. Jackson, Geo. Sterling, Robt. Moore, W. Rutherford, jun., C. Aitken, and T. Holland Stanley, while a silver watch given by Mr Surtees Armstrong, of Medomsley, for skipping the most turns in a minute, was carried off by Miss Eliz. Parkins, Wood Rows, Annfield Plain, who did 184 turns in the time stated. The procession in the evening was a most elaborate affair, and quite exceeded all the processions in the district for pomp. The village itself also wore a very gay appearance, the front street being covered with bunting and streamers. In the procession there were 118 cyclists, 154 horsemen, 3 pit ponies, 20 donkeys, 49 carriages, and about 80 men on foot. There were also the South Moor Band, the Annfield Plain South Derwent Band (under the leadership of Mr Snowdon), the South Moor Drum and Fife Band with Mr Geo. Cull as leader, and the Annfield Plain Mission Band, with Mr Reynolds as leader. The procession, which was formed promptly at the time announced, started on its route from the Railway Bridge, and proceeded to the Ox Inn, Oxhill, and on to East Kyo, West Kyo, Catchgate, Cornwall, Grasscroft, South Pontop, West Street, Front Street, Pontop Rows, on to Collierley Church, and returned by Catchgate and Pontops Rows to Annfield Plain. The following was the order of procession:—

Cycles.—Captain, Mr. W. Rutherford, Marshals, Messrs Hann, Cooke, and Ed. Wilkinson. Generals and horsemen.—Leader Mr. Thomas Parker. South Derwent Band.—Conductor, Mr. T. Snowdon. Britannia and her Colonies.—Guard of Honour under Masters Lumley and Arthur Little. Foot soldiers and Highland Brigade—Commanding Officer, (General Macdonald), Mr. J. T. Lazenby. Sailors and Naval Gun.—Commanding Officers, (Admiral Seymour), Mr. T. Wilson, and (Capt. Lambton), Mr. Robt. Moore. Armoured Train. Ambulance and Nurses. Waggons and traps. Annfield Plain Mission Band. Miners' Lodges. Pit ponies and tubs. The Celtic Football Club. Victoria Band (South Moor drum and fife)—Conductor, Mr. Geo. Cull. Donkeys. Comics on foot. Effigies of Kruger. Red Indians. Niggers on foot. Various.

The work of judging was then begun in the Store field, by Messrs J. W. Rider, Beamish; W. Foreman, Leadgate; M. H. Lindon, Stanley; Lloyd Clarance, Consett; Dr. Ingram-Johnson, South Moor; and J. E. Parker, Blackhill; with the following result:—Mounted Military, 1, Mr. Hindhaugh, Hobson, meerschaum pipe, given by Messrs Wilson and Sons, tobacconists, Annfield Plain; 2, Mr. M. Hobson, silver-mounted briar pipe, value 5/-, given by Mr. Selby Wilson. Best decorated waggon, flat, or cart:—1, Britannia, pair of boots given by Mr. J. T. Lazenby; 2, South Moor Coal Co.'s Car, a whip given by Messrs Teasdale and Sons, saddlers; 3, Mr. C. F. Cooke's Car, 5/- given by Mr. Forster. Fancy or comic cyclist, gents:—1, Mr. C. Taylor, gents umbrella, given by Mr. Bert. Smith, Annfield Plain; 2, Mr. Geo. Henderson, gent's hat given by Mr. W. C. Hann; highly commended, Mr. E. Rutherford; special prize, Mr. R. Foster. Lady's cycling costume and decorated cycle, 1, Miss Jessie Heslop, Loud, lady's umbrella, given by Mr. Bert. Smith; 2, Miss M. H. Hobson, 5/- given by Mr. M. Hobson; highly commended, Miss Armstrong and Miss E. Burdon. Nigger costume on foot:—1, P. Boyle, pair of boots given by Messrs Lazenby, Pearson, and Co.: Newcastle-on-Tyne. Comic costume on foot:—Mr. Jas. Littleton, cigar case given by Mr. Crease; highly commended, Mr. Ed. Reay. Lady Impersonator:—1, Mr. R. Jobling, 10/6 given by Mr. Burn; 2, Mr. J. Langsdale, 5/- given by Mr. Lumley; highly commended, Mr. J. Grey and W. Skelton. Best effigy of Kruger.—1, South Derwent Miners' Association, 5/- given by Dr. Graham, Annfield Plain. Best military costume on foot:—1, Mr. J. Bucklee. Best Naval gun:—1, Mr. Welch, South Moor, gent's umbrella, 10/6, given by Mr. C. Hall; 2, Mr. R. Wilson, Annfield Plain, 5/- given by Mr. Norman, of Annfield Plain. Best mounted pony:—1, Mr. John Storey, Catchgate felt hat given by Mr. Jonathan Jobes, Annfield Plain. Best Red Indian:—prize value 5/- given by Mr. Black, divided between Mr. Birtley and Dr. Graham. Indian Famine Fund Collection (for the most collected)—1, Miss Hetherington, who collected £3; 2, Miss Trelevan; 3, Miss Wilson. Best lady on horseback:—1, Miss Robinson, 5/- given by Mr. J. Barrow, Annfield Plain. The prizes were distributed by Mr. J. A. Ramsay, of Harperley Hall in the presence of a large crowd. In the evening, the business places of Messrs Welch, John Hall and Partners, Ltd.; Mr. Tho. Parker; Mr. C. F. Cooke, were illuminated while in the front street a torchlight procession, and fireworks were kept going until a late hour, several pounds worth of excellent fireworks being fired off at short intervals.

TO THOSE WHO WEREN'T THERE.

"I dearly love to share my joys with others
  now and then;
That's how we gain the friendship of our
  grateful fellow-men!
And certain thoughts came to my mind
  which I will now explain.
As I watched the grand procession as it
  travelled through "The Plain."
The old folks that were laid up with rheumatic
  pains or gout.
The poor things that were bedfast and could
  not get about;
In fact all those who could not get, or had
  no time to spare.
Should have our deepest sympathy, because
  they weren't there.
To see the bairns that afternoon with flags
  and bannerettes,
Would make the hardest heart of man
  warm to the little pets;
So clean and neat, so nicely dressed! perfection
  everywhere,
Drew forth a pang of sympathy for those
  who weren't there.
I thought about the little lads, each with
  a model gun,
It seemed to their sweet innocence a toy
  to make some fun
And then I scanned their future and saw
  them everywhere,
Fighting in the footsteps of those who
  weren't there
I saw them feasted in the field, I saw them
  in the race,
Their gratitude was beaming forth from
  every childish face;
They seemed to be quite satisfied with
  their sumptuous fare,
And I saw them taking something home
  for those that weren't there.
Then later on the scene was changed—simplicity
  had passed—
Rejoicingly we reached the realistic stage
  at last;
And there it was whilst gazing on that
  spectacle—so rare—
I thought of our brave Tommies—the lads
  who weren't there.
A train of cyclists, horsemen, followed by
  South Derwent Band.
Was a sight to be remembered, it was
  picturesque and grand;
When I looked upon those generals it almost
  made me swear,
For I thought they should be fighting with
  the lads who weren't there.
Britannia and her Colonies—a guard of
  honour, too;
Majestically passed along amidst red, white,
  and blue;
Foot soldiers under General Mac—a picture,
  I declare—
But safer from the shot and shell than Mac.
  who wasn't there.
The sailors and the naval gun with Admiral
  Seymour,
Reminded me of Lambton's feat, and how
  he held the Boer;
The armoured train—minus the slain—was
  fitted neat and square.
A tribute to our noble lads—the lads who
  weren't there.
The nurses touched a vein of thought, the
  noblest of the day
I saw a vision of the field where wounded
  Tommy lay;
Where ladies soothed the dying pangs with
  pure angelic care,
And raised a prayer to heaven for the lads
  who weren't there.
The waggons, traps and Mission Band made
  up a fine display.
The miners with their banner grand marched
  on in fine array;
Pit ponies, with their little tubs, enjoying
  the fresh air,
Was a simple mark of honour to the lads
  who weren't there.
The Celtic Football team was there with
  goal-posts raised on high,
The comic element had them, which attracted
  passers-by;
Their jokes and jests and timely shots were
  scattered everywhere,
And I thought they'd make a fine support
  to the lads who weren't there.
The South Moor drums and fifes were out
  to give a helping hand,
And the way they played along the route
  brings credit to the band;
Their presence proved the burden which
  they all would gladly bear;
And I wished their strains could only reach
  the lads who weren't there.
A troop of donkeys, gaily dressed, with
  harness strange to see,
Aye, some with bloomers fitted on looked
  sorrowful at me;
They tried to rip them right and left, but
  the linen wouldn't tear,
It seemed as tough as the khaki of the lads
  who weren't there.
Comics on foot and niggers, and Red
  Indians in warpaint,
Their antics were enough to make the women
  laugh or faint;
Some well-fed "Rodneys" slouched along,
  and one had a loaf to spare,
Which would have been a welcome treat to
  the lads who weren't there.
The effigy of Kruger, which South Derwent
  drove around,
With bible, shining hat, and pipe, was the
  best one to be found;
The sulky look he gave us made all the
  people stare,
Perhaps he knew we were relations of the
  lads who weren't there.
There were various other items, too numerous
  to name,
The whole thing was a huge success, not
  anything to blame;
Mr. Ramsay gave the prizes out in a manner
  just and fair,
To those who had excelled in honouring
  lads who weren't there.
Torch-light processions, fire-works, and
  Magic-lantern, too,
It was a sight full of delight to watch the
  jovial crew;
The Band struck up, the dancers sped
  around in torchlight glare,
And songs were sung in triumph of the
  lads who weren't there.
All praise to the committee, who managed
  well the show,
To Bertie Smith (the secretary) so full of
  pith and go:
For as I saw things carried out in which
  he had a share,
I saw the had the spirit of the lads who
  weren't there.
As time rolls on and years fly by, when we
  are old and grey—
We'll still retain in Annfield Plain sweet
  memories of this day;
With children gathered round our knees
  we'll smooth their silken hair,
And tell them how we honoured noble lads
  who weren't there."

Annfield Plain. T. McD.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT WHITE-LE-HEAD

On Saturday morning a coal-hewer named James O'Connor, aged 40 years, a married man, with four children, while following his employment in the Brass Thill Seam of the White-le-Head Colliery, was injured by the fall of a large stone, six feet long, by five feet wide, and half-a-yard thick. It appears that the deceased was in the back-shift, and was filling his last tub about eleven o'clock, when the "slip" came away and caused injuries to his face and head, which about two p.m. of the same day proved fatal. The deputy, named Thos. Rowan, of Dipton, had visited the place about 8.30 in the morning and set some props under a small "slip" which was observable. The slip by which the deceased met his untimely end was not, unfortunately, noticeable at that time. About 11.30 a.m. the putter sought him to go to O'Connor's place, and when arriving there he found that the accident had occurred, and that two men who were working in an adjoining place were doing their best to get the stone from off the deceased. The deputy gave his assistance, and had O'Connor conveyed to his lodgings in Quarry Row, Tantobie, where he succumbed as already stated.

On Monday afternoon Coroner John Graham held an inquest at the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of O'Connor. Mr. W. Holmes, J.P., was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr. Bell, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, was present, and Messrs W. A. Swallow, (manager), T. Adamson (assistant-manager), and Ed. Fawcett (under-manager), watched the case on behalf of the owners, Messrs Joicey and Co.

Mrs. O'Connor, wife of deceased, living at Bill Quay, identified the body as that of her husband, whom, she added, had come to the district a month ago, and was in lodgings at Quarry Row.

Thos. Rowan, deputy, Dipton, gave evidence to his finding the man, and the state of the place previous to the fall of stone. When he examined the place he could find no trace of the "slip," and had sufficient timber in the place, and had taken every precaution to make the place safe.

Wm. Brown and J. Doodlen, men's inspectors, reported that they had examined the place after the accident, and found that every precaution had been taken to protect the deceased. There was also a sufficient quantity of timber within easy reach of O'Connor, and they gave it as their opinion that the occurrence was a pure accident.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed."

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CHOIR FESTIVAL AT ANNFIELD PLAIN

On Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Catchgate United Methodist Free Church Choir, a festival was held in the Co-operative Field, Annfield Plain, in aid of the Catchgate United Methodist Free Church [illegible] new Free Church, whose foundation stones were laid on the new site opposite Victoria Terrace, Annfield Plain. There were five choirs present from the West Stanley Primitive, South Moor Wesleyans, Annfield Plain Free Church, Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist, South Moor [illegible] Free Church Societies. The festival opened with the rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus" by the United choirs, and was splendidly executed. Mr. Foster Prinn, of Consett, and Mr. Atkinson, of South Moor, occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of Coun. W. Down, of Catchgate. The West Stanley Primitive Choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. Batey, rendered the anthem, "I was glad"; the South Moor Primitive Choir, with Mr. Purvis as conductor, "The Lord is my Shepherd"; the South Moor Wesleyan Choir, [illegible] the Annfield Plain Free Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr. W. Reynolds, [illegible] the Catchgate Free Church Choir, with Mr. T. Holland as conductor, "Remember now thy creator," and "And the Glory of the Lord," all of which were well rendered. During the [illegible] of the Catchgate Free Church congregation. On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. A. Crago, of Blackhill, preached special sermons, and special anthems, amongst which were "The Lord is my shepherd," and "Jesus of Nazareth," were sung, while Mr. Holland rendered the solo, "Eternal Rest," in his pleasant and efficient manner. The proceedings were successful throughout, and it is expected that a substantial sum was realized.

STANLEY.

Wesleyan School Anniversary.—On Sunday the anniversary services in connection with the above school were conducted by Mr. W. Gordon, of Gateshead Fell. At each service the children recited their pieces in a creditable manner, and sang special music, assisted by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jos. Dixon, Mr. J. Russell, jun., presiding at the organ. The collection, which amounted to some £9, were in aid of the school funds.

North-West Durham I.O.G.T.—In connection with the sub-district of the North-West Durham Independent Order of Good Templars, the quarterly conference was held in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, Stanley, when a good number of representatives were present from Blackhill, Annfield Plain, Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street, Birtley, and other places, including some seventeen members of the North Durham Cycling Corps of Good Templars, hailing from Sunderland, Wheatley Hill, Hetton, South Shields, Felling, and Hebburn Colliery. The conference president, Bro. Joshua Phillipson, called upon Coun. J. Harrison, of Sunderland, to preside, and spoke of the good work that the cycling corps was doing in the district, and urged upon the representatives to commence a corps in connection with their own industrial lodges. Bro. J. G. Cooke, of Blackhill, introduced the subject of opening and reopening of new lodges, and discussion, in which the following gentlemen took part:—Bros. Jacques, Charlton, Potter, Boyd, Wilson, Tyndall, and J. Carr. It was subsequently resolved that a plan of visitor be made out to visit the places with the view of opening out lodges. It was also resolved that in the event of a Guardian election the conference urge upon the Stanley lodge to help to bring forward a candidate who would be in favour of total abstinence principles. It was also resolved that the conference urge upon the member of Parliament for the North-West Division of Durham to support Bro. Souttar's, M.P., Bill to prevent young children under 16 years of age being served with strong drink. Tea was afterwards provided in the school-room, when a good number sat down to an excellent repast. Pelton Fell was elected as the next place of meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr Harrison for presiding; to the members of the Stanley lodge for their kindness in entertaining the delegates; and also to the cycling corps for attending the session, and the meeting ended with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

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> May 24th, 1900.
> Received from Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., Piano, number 16383 (30040), as a Free Gift in accordance with the terms of the Archibald Ramsden Free Life Agreement Scheme, in full discharge of all Claims and Liabilities on Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., on account of the death of Mr. John Wilson, 4, Spencer Street, Consett.
> (Signed), SARAH WILSON,
> 4, Spencer Street, Consett.
> (Witness), GEO. A. WILLIAMS,

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

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572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

SHOTLEY GROVE & LINTZFORD PAPER-MAKERS' TRIP to SUNDERLAND, on Saturday, July 21st, 1900. The train will leave Blackhill 7·15 a.m., Shotley Bridge 7·20, Ebchester 7·25, and Lintz Green 7·37; Returning from Sunderland 9·20 p.m. Newcastle 9·55. Return fare, 2s. and 1s. 243l

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Public Notices.

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ANNUAL SHOW

AT AXWELL PARK, BLAYDON,

ON WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15th, 1900.

Entries close August 1st, 1900.

Schedules on application to
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Guardians of this Union, will, at their Meeting to be held on July 12th, proceed to the appointment of a REGISTRAR of Births and Deaths, for the Sub District of Tanfield.

They will, at the same Meeting, appoint a VACCINATION OFFICER for the same District.

Applications should be sent to the undersigned.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE 148th QUARTERLY MEETING of the Members of the above Society, will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Saturday Night, July 7th, 1900. Chair to be taken at 6.30 p.m.

For Agenda, — See Balance Sheets, and Notices in the Windows.

By Order of the Committee
142l EDW. HUNTLEY Secretary.

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SPORTS

Will be held in the Vicarage Field, Consett, on SATURDAY, JULY 28th, 1900.

When Upwards of £30 Will be given

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11l JOHN MOORE, Secretary, Blackhill.

LEADGATE HORTICULTURAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND LIVE STOCK SHOW.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1900.

Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Ducks, and Dairy Cows.

Plants, Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, and Works of Industry.

Driving Classes, Pony Hurdle Scamper, Comic and Fancy Dress Bicycle Parade.

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£34 10s. in cash and two Medals for BAND CONTEST: "Test Piece"; grand selection, "Songs of England" (Wright and Round) March Contest (own choice).

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A Splendid Bugle for largest Muster of Cyclists.

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SEE POSTERS

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110l GOOD STABLING.

Public Notice.

LEADGATE "BROTHERLY LOVE" FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

NOTICE.

THE MEETING of the above Lodge will be held on Friday, July 20th, from 5 o'clock until 7.

By Order,
249l JOHN MAUGHAN, Secretary.

BICYCLE GYMKHANA

AT LEADGATE,

ON SATURDAY FIRST, JULY 14th, 1900.

13 EVENTS, and BALL in the Evening.

LEADGATE SAXHORN BAND WILL ATTEND.

For further particulars see Posters.

BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW.

AUGUST 11th, 1900.

Trotting Handicap (Open), 1st, £3; 2nd, £1 10s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance 3s., to be sent with height and last two performances.

Scamper Race (Handicap) Open for Ponies 13-2 or under, 1st, £4; 2nd, £1 10s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance Fee 3s.

Entries close on August 6th, to Secretary,
J. L. WEEDY, 22, Park View, Burnopfield.

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LOOK OUT! for STANLEY and DISTRICT CRICKET and FOOTBALL CLUB SPORTS, to be held in Co-operative Store Field, on Saturday, JULY 21st, 1900.

£20 for 120 Yds. FOOT HANDICAP.

£3 for Trotting Handicap.

£2 15s. for Quoit Handicap.

£7 for Wrestling Competition (10 or 12 st. men)

Bowling at the Wicket, 10s.

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Handicapper (Foot Race)—J. CHARLTON, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green. 190

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The Directors of the above Company beg to give notice that in consequence of the great increase in the cost of Coals and other material, the price of Gas, (now supplied at 3s. 4d. per 1,000 cubic feet) will be increased to 3s. 10d. per 1,000 cubic feet, on and after the ensuing Quarterly inspection of Meters during the present month.

By Order,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
June 12th, 1900. 967a

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For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, July, 1900. General Manager.

Church Notices.

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SUNDAY, JULY 15th, 1900.

Morning 10·30 } MR. W. JACKSON.
Evening 6 } MR. ELLIOTT.

ALL SEATS FREE.

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SUNDAY, JULY 15th, 1900.

Morning, 10·30 } Rev. J. S. NIGHTINGALE.
Evening, 6 }

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OPENING SERVICES CONTINUED.

Sunday, July 15th.—Rev. WM. GOUDIE, from India. 10·30 and 6.

Sunday, July 22nd.—Rev. Dr. MARSHALL RANDLES. 10·30 and 6.

Thursday, August 2nd.—Rev. MARK GUY PEARSE. Sermon, 3·15; Lecture, 6·30.

Legal Notice.

Re MRS. ALICE CANCICK, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Estate of Alice Cancick, late of Benfieldside Road, Blackhill, widow, deceased, who died on the 18th day of June last, are requested to send particulars of their claims to us; and all persons owing money to the said deceased are requested to pay the same to us, on or before the 14th instant.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1900. JOHN G. MURRAY, RICHMOND, AND AYNSLEY, Taylor Street, Consett, Solicitors for the Executors.

Sales by Auction

By Mr R. D. Barlow

Sale of Freehold Properties at Blackhill, Co. Durham.

MR. R. D. BARLOW, Auctioneer and Valuer, is instructed and will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Friday, July 20th, 1900, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, the following

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Lot 1.—All those FOUR FREEHOLD PROPERTIES, being and situate Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5, Henry Street.

Each House consists of One Room upstairs, One Room downstairs, Pantry, and usual Conveniences. Gross Annual Rental of whole, £39. Frontage, 61 feet 6 inches or thereabouts.

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By Mr. Joseph Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART

EXTRA SPECIAL SALE.

At the request of several Farmers and others who have a number of Cattle on hand, an EXTRA SPECIAL SALE FOR STORE CATTLE AND SHEEP will be held on Friday, July 13th, 1900, early entries for which are respectfully solicited.

265l J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr A. Phillipson

Hill Top, Dipton, Monday, July 16th, 1900.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from the representatives of the late Mr. Wm. J. Turnbull, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, the Furniture is very good in condition and quality. See bills for particulars.

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Public Notices.

BENFIELDSIDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE BY THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ABOVE-NAMED URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General District Rate ..		1919 9 9½
Private Improvement Works		251 14 4
County Council		
In respect of Salary of Medical Officer of Health	13 3 11	
In respect of Salary of Inspector of Nuisances ..	35 0 0	
In respect of Main Roads, under Section 11 (2) of the Local Government Act 1888, and Establishment Expenses	993 16 2	
In respect of Main Roads under Section 11 (4) of the Local Government Act 1818	32 10 0	
		1074 10 1
Encroachment Rents ..		2 9 0
Local Authorities		
Consett U.D. Council proportion of Sewage Work's Expenses ..		28 4 5
Other Receipts		
Cleaning Ashpits ..	14 13 5	
North Eastern Railway Co., Damage to Glass	1 8 4	
	16 1 9	3276 7 7½
Shotley Bridge Gas Co. repairs to Roads ..	0 15 1	
Overcharge in Election Account repaid	1 0 0	
		17 16 10
Total Receipts,		£3294 4 5½
Balances in hand at commencement of Year		27 6 0
		£3321 10 5½

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sewerage		114 19 2
Sewage Disposal Works		110 9 7
Street Improvements (other than Main Roads)		35 8 11
Maintenance of Main Roads		667 10 8
Improvement on do.		9 4 3
Repairs of other Roads		508 13 3
Other Payments in respect of Roads :—		
Scavenging	48 13 0	
Watering	51 4 0	
		99 17 0
Public Lighting.. ..		280 15 7
Fire Brigade		9 10 7
Public Offices		15 7 6
Water Supply		3 15 0
Urinals		0 0 1
Drinking Fountains ..		3 1 3
Legal Expenses		5 11 8
Salaries		277 10 0
Establishment Charges		51 7 6
Lanchester Joint Hospital Board		167 0 0
Joint Burial Committee		24 2 0
Miscellaneous Expenses		24 10 10
Infectious Disease Act (Fees)		5 5 0
Rent of Refuse Deposit		10 0 0
Blue Bridge (Repairs)		0 2 3
		2424 1 8
Total Expenditure		£2424 1 8
Balances at end of year		897 8 9½
		£3321 10 5½

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I have compared the entries in the above Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the Expenditure of the Urban District Council during the year ended the 31st day of March, 1900, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is Two thousand four hundred and twenty-three pounds One shilling, and Two pence.

As WITNESS my hand this Eighteenth day of May, 1900.

(Signed), SAML. G. McBRIDE,
Assistant District Auditor.

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

J. B. LAZENBY,
Clerk to the said Urban District Council.

Sales by Auction

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

IMPORTANT SALE OF LAND for Building Sites, at Castleside. Particulars next week.
T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer.

Important Sale of Freehold Property, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, favoured with instructions from Mr. J. Johnson, Tasmania, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr. Couleon's Commercial Hotel, Consett, on Monday, July 16th, 1900, at 8 o'clock p.m. prompt, all that Valuable FREEHOLD PROPERTY in Flats, Nos. 28, and 28a, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. The Lower Flat contains Kitchen, Two Front Rooms Pantry, and Scullery, with separate Out-houses and Yard. The Upper Flat contains Kitchen, Sitting-Room, Bedroom, Scullery, and Pantry, Wash-house, Separate Yard with Out-offices. There is 24ft. Frontage, and the Rooms are 9ft. high.

The Property is in one of the most respectable parts of the town, and let to first-class tenants. The gross rental is £26 per annum. The tenants will show the property.

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Also—
10 Consett Water Co.'s Shares.
20 N.W.D. Laundry Shares.

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T. D. DRYDEN,
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By Mr Wm. Robinson

Alteration of Date.

MRS. TAIT'S SALE of Jewellery, Front Street, Annfield Plain, on Saturday and Monday, August 4th and 6th, instead of Friday and Monday July 20th and 21st. 238i

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
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July 13th, 1900.

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USHAW MOOR.

MARRIAGE OF MISS C. E. BRETT.—Miss Clara Elizabeth Brett, of Ushaw Moor, who for the past four years has been assistant matron of the Workhouse at Malton, Yorkshire, was married there on Tuesday to Mr. John Ebor Jackson, of the firm of Jackson and Sons, boot and shoe makers, Norton. The Rev C. J. Chapman, vicar of Norton, performed the ceremony, and the wedding breakfast was served at the George Hotel. Miss Brett was attended by two bridesmaids. Many costly presents were sent by the friends of both parties. The honeymoon is being spent at Bridlington Quay.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Esq., Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday.—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, July 13th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Sunday Music. It would probably come as a surprise to many people to find this question broached at the last meeting of the Consett District Council. Coun. E. Holliday was its sponsor, and he argued that Consett should be placed on a similar footing to South Shields, Hexham, and other places where music was a popular feature of the Sunday afternoon. Of course, the consent of the Consett Iron Company must be obtained before music in the park on the Sabbath can be allowed, and it will be interesting to know what their reply will be to the letter they will have received by now from the Clerk to the Council. Personally we can see no particular objection to an hour or two's music in the park on Sunday afternoons, always providing that the times will be so arranged that they do not interfere with the work of the various religious agencies in the town. At the same time we are inclined to support the view put forward by Coun. Hall, who suggested that Coun. Holliday should draw up a petition—and let those of the inhabitants sign it who choose—for presentation to the Consett Iron Company. This, in our opinion, would have had more weight with the Directors than a letter from the Council, and would also have been a much more satisfactory way of dealing with the question. We fully expect that there will be a good deal of opposition to the proposal, but with the proviso stipulated for above, we fail to see how any harm can be done by the performance of a suitable programme of music on Sunday afternoons.

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The Garden Nuisance Again This is the time of year when we frequently hear complaints from indignant householders respecting the damage done to their gardens and plots by persons who seem to take a delight in this form of wanton destruction. The mischief is generally done in the early hours of the morning, when the owners are calmly enjoying the sleep of the just. "A Disgusted Ratepayer" who has been the victim of a visit from these unwelcome gentry writes as follows:—"Where are the police? is a question often asked by residents in various parts of the Benfieldside Township, who have spent time and money in beautifying the fronts of their houses by the cultivation of flowers, etc., in the small garden plots, and who are so frequently subjected to much annoyance by the destruction of the same by evil-disposed persons. It is unreasonable to expect the police to be here, there and everywhere, but it is not unreasonable to expect that some steps should be taken by our local authorities to protect property and maintain the law. I am certain that those most particularly concerned would assist the police by prosecuting those thieves and vagabonds who climb our garden walls or rails in the early morning, and ruthlessly trample down and destroy plants, trees, flowers, etc., and carry off whatever takes their fancy. By the expenditure of a few coppers at any of the market gardens, such individuals might procure a good assortment of flowers without causing other people annoyance, doing damage to property, and constituting themselves thieves. I trust that this short note will act as a timely warning to guilty individuals, and that the Bench, the police, and householders generally will co-operate to put down this nuisance."

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A Noble Work. The scheme, so happily set on foot by Mr. Hopper, of the Felling, for providing homes for aged miners and their wives has met with a most gratifying amount of success. Haswell—where the movement was first practically put into shape—has turned out to be a most suitable spot. The houses have been fully tenanted by the deserving class for which they were purchased, and looked at from every point of view the scheme so unostentatiously but appealingly propounded has more than realised the expectations of those responsible for its inception. The provision for the aged was from the very first intended to apply to the whole of the county, and with this end in view the Miners' Association, in order to meet the requirements of the several large mining districts of the county, has entered into negotiations for the purchase or erection of homes at Ebchester, Hetton, Binchester, etc. It is pleasing to note that their brethren of Northumberland are taking a leaf out of the Durham miners' book, and that they also are considering the question of providing homes for the worn-out veterans of industry. It is a noble work, and one worthy of all the support that can be given to it.

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A Growing Village. The Consett Iron Company have, of late, done much to increase the prosperity of the Derwent Valley, and no more striking evidence of this is there to be found than by a visit to the charming village of Chopwell—Chopwell of the famous woods and sylvan glades. Within a remarkably short space of time a model colliery village has sprung up, where but not long since only a chance cottage or farmhouse existed. There hardy sons of toil live 'midst a picture of surpassing loveliness; but while they are permitted to enjoy the beauties of nature, their social and material conditions have been open to improvement. It is now satisfactory to learn that steps are being taken to improve the conditions of the dwellers of this prosperous village. The spiritual wants of the people are receiving attention, and in this direction the Primitive Methodists and the Wesleyan Methodists are deserving of every support in their endeavours to cope with the spiritual needs of the populace. The education of the children has always presented many difficulties, inasmuch as the little ones must journey to one of the neighbouring villages for their learning. Thanks to the forward movement of the Chopwell School Board complaint on this score will soon be removed. New schools are in course of erection, which are expected to be completed early next year. The work, which is estimated to cost about £9,000, is being rapidly pushed forward by the contractors—Messrs. Turner Bros., of Gateshead—and when the building is finished, Chopwell will be brought upon a level with its neighbours in this respect. The literary tastes of the inhabitants are to be catered for by the owners of the Colliery—the Consett Iron Company—who will commence with the erection of a Literary Institute at an early date. Chopwell has before it a bright future, and when all these improvements become an accomplished fact the population may be expected to rapidly increase. The village stands unrivalled for rustic beauty, and the view which can be commanded is unexcelled, especially south of the Derwent, which Bulmer describes in picturesque language:—

"The eye can wander far from here,
Can view the stretching plain;
The pretty hamlets far and near,
And fields of waving grain."

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Weardale Water. It is stated on good authority that the huge amount of excellent water for domestic purposes so long wasted in Weardale may possibly be early conserved and utilised, as the representatives of a local water company has been touring round the upper part of the valley, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Roddam, J.P., chairman of the District Council, and who is conversant with the moorland capabilities of supply. From the several sources of the mountain streamlets visited common acclamation points to Burnhope Seat, where in addition to a multitude of fine springs three rivulets rise beyond a plateau, where with a breast wall of a score of feet or so an excellent site for a natural-fed reservoir can be obtained. Should the survey prove satisfactory it is possible that the Wear and Teesside towns and neighbourhood may have the "aqua pura" of the Weardale Hills brought down for their use. All the way down to Stanhope such copious tappings as at West Backdean, Old Fall, and many others could be conveyed to augment the stored waters from the above, en route to the consumers. Much interest is manifested in the scheme in Upper Weardale, where it will give a fillip to labour and enhance the value of property.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

FOES AND FOES.

When two armies come into conflict the belligerents are not face to face with the clash of arms alone. There are enemies as insidious and deadly as the flying shells and bullets and the glittering steel. Especially so has this been the case in South Africa where enteric fever has been a more potent factor for death than all the combined powers of the heterogenous mass we call Boers. Many a home in England has been made sad by the ravages of enteric among the gallant men at the front. It is pitiful to go through the hard work of a hard campaign and to be stricken down with fever when victory and its attendant glory are within reach. Such has been the fate of many. Such has been the fate of Trooper Richard Aynsley, the youngest son of Consett's leading townsman, to whom the sympathies of all are extended.

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RED TAPE.

Trooper Aynsley died on the 20th of May at Winberg, and the official intimation did not reach his father until the 7th of July. Surely this must mean red tape or a gross neglect of all that is reasonable in the way of management. It may be that Mr. Burdett Coutts has some good grounds for his serious charges against the hospital management. Weeks ago the papers announced the death of Trooper Aynesley, sufficiently mistaken in the spelling to cause a doubt, and it took the officials exactly six weeks to remove the doubt by declaring in a coldly official way that the worst had happened. There may be an explanation forthcoming but I doubt it.

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BATHS NEEDED.

Sir Herbert Croft has been strongly urging the police at Scarborough to learn the art of swimming. I wonder whether he will give the same advice to-day (Thursday) to the police at Lanchester, where he is holding an inspection? I sincerely trust he may do so, and that the Consett District Council may be led into considering the need of public baths for the town. How badly they have been needed these last few sweltering days!

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THE TRAIN SERVICE.

The Joint Committee of the local District Councils keep fairly well peppering away at the North-Eastern Railway Company for greater facilities and improvements on the Annfield Plain Branch. Their latest request is really a modest one and may be summed up in a demand for a train at 9.30 in the mornings from Blackhill, and one at 6.15 in the evenings, and the running of the 10.40 p.m. train from Newcastle on Saturday nights in addition to Mondays and Wednesdays. Of the value of these trains to the public no one can entertain a doubt, and that they would be a source of revenue to the Company seems equally clear. It only appears, therefore, to be a matter of fitting in the trains. It is suggested to run the 9.30 as an express from Birtley and this would avoid clashing with the 10 train from Durham on the Team Valley line, while it would enable passengers from the North-West to change at Birtley for Durham. The request is a reasonable one, and should not require much argument on the part of the deputation who will wait upon the Company in due course. The question of so altering the rates on the Annfield Plain line as to make them uniform with the charges on the Derwent Valley line was properly left over as there is evidently no immediate prospect of the Company making such a concession. The local authorities will do very well if they gain the points they are now seeking.

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WEATHER AND PLEASURE.

This is the season of excursions and of pleasure parties to the seaside; it is the season of bathing and boating; and it is the season of drowning. We have heard of few drowning cases as yet. Let the number not be increased. Even the weather has lately become seasonable and the long arm from the seaside is beckoning more energetically than ever for patrons to come and enjoy themselves. There is no need to take your pleasures sadly, neither is there need to take them recklessly. There is a happy medium, and, if followed, accidents—especially drowning accidents—will be few and far between. Speaking of the weather I may say that Mr. T. Pallister caught a dragon fly in Front Street, Consett, on Wednesday, and I have heard of two others having been caught. This clearly indicates the greatness of the heat.

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ROWLEY."]

A SATISFACTORY DOCUMENT.

Seldom, if ever has it been within the province of Dr. Richard Brown, Medical Officer to the Blaydon Urban District Council, to place such a satisfactory document before the members of that authority as the one submitted on Thursday evening week. "With the exception of an outbreak of scarlatina at Victoria Garesfield (stated the report) your district has been most healthy during the past month; in fact, I never remembered less doing, from a medical point of view, than through the month." Such a statement must afford the utmost satisfaction to the inhabitants of this large and increasing district, especially when consideration is given to the large number of infectious cases that generally exist amongst the people resident in that particular locality, and most notably at Blaydon Haughs. Should Dr. Brown be able to continue his reports in such a happy strain, then Blaydon will acquire for itself a reputation as a health resort.

WESLEYAN METHODIST 20TH CENTURY FUND.

In connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Twentieth Century Fund meetings have recently been held at Swalwell, Fellside, Dunston, Lintz Colliery, Winlaton, and Marley Hill, which have been of a satisfactory character. It is interesting to learn that of the original promises made, £565, has been paid; but generous friends of Bensham Road Methodism have enabled the Treasurer to send, already, to the General Secretary in London, the sum of £1,050. This does not, however, afford ground for relaxed interest, as only three-fourths of the million guineas have yet been promised, and only one-third of the million is yet paid. The Fund is powerfully affecting Methodist thought and spiritual enterprise throughout the country, and hundreds are being cheered and heartened by the prospect of help in necessitous cases. The Wesleyan Methodists of Dunston are working with intensified zeal for a more commodious and suitable place of worship, and to which I have already made reference in this column. They are looking for special assistance, both from the Twentieth Century Fund and the Commercial Home Mission Committee. Lintz Colliery and Rowland's Gill, as new schemes of Methodist extension, are asking for large grants from this fund. It is regrettable to learn that, while the increase of population during the past twenty years has been, at least, 25,000, Wesleyan Methodist Church accommodation has remained almost stationary. An earnest appeal is now made, and no doubt the Fund will be liberally supported.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

SUMMER VISITORS.

The summer visitors from fields afar, like the swallows, are to hand. The village is becoming quite a pleasure resort. If we had a little better train service there is no doubt we would have a greater number of holiday-makers. There is no place in North-West Durham better suited for recouping the wasted energies of the city clerk, the over-worked housewife, or the hard-worked schoolboy than the village, with its bracing and balmy air, its mineral springs, its limpid streams and flowery dells, and craggy nooks. The humming bee and singing bird all contribute their little part in cheering the care-worn visitor. The beautiful landscape view of the Derwent Valley cannot well be surpassed. Added to all its charming scenery is its greater charm of the kindly smile of a social people, free from affection and show—a place and a people that the swallow and cuckoo visit annually.

FLOWER SHOW.

The Flower and Poultry Show at Castleside is likely to be largely attended this year, as the committee have been successful in securing an excursion train from Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Stockton, etc. If the committee can vouch for a fine day on the 11th of August, the success of the show is certain.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

It has been said, "A word to the wise is sufficient." Now a word to those who cater for the wants of visitors, and the stranger, that may pass by. Let me suggest that a larger stock of provender will be required this year at the annual gathering. During the "Whitsun Holidays" a friend and travellers passed through the village and could not get his wants supplied. My only advice to him was to come earlier, and appear respectable. Villagers as a rule are a little sceptical about appearances.

A SAD EVENT.

A very sad and touching occurrence took place a fortnight ago. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Raine, of Savile Town, Dewsbury, with their first-born, a fine, cheery little cherub of but one summer, came to spend their holidays with their father and mother and friends. The little prattler caught a chill, and after a few hours' illness it fell asleep, and was laid beside many of its ancestors in the quiet churchyard, and there rests until the morning breaks, when the dead in Christ are "called up yonder." The sorrowing parents had to return to their far-off home without their little one, which a few days previous they felt so proud to show to their many friends. Much sympathy was expressed for the grief-stricken father and mother in their sad bereavement.

THE LATE MR. LEYBOURNE.

We may be allowed here (though late in the day) to express our deep sympathy with the sorrowing family of the late Mr. Elliott Leybourne, of Healeyfield—a man who was respected by a wide circle of friends—a man who had lived so long and lived so well as to merit the name of the "Grand Old Man" in North-West Durham. In religion he was an ardent Baptist; in politics a staunch Liberal; in social matters a wise councillor. As a neighbour and citizen he was kind and true. For upwards of sixty years he was an overseer of the parish, and also a Guardian, and those who have not seen him in the flesh may see him in oils in the Board-room at Lanchester, where he sat as a member for such a lengthened period. He occupied a seat on the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board about eighteen years, and from personal experience I can say that his conduct thereon was that of an honest and upright representative of the people. His life was righteous: his end was peace.

SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held on Tuesday night, July 3rd, under the presidency of Coun. T. J. Muse. There were also present—Messrs W. Pattinson, J. W. Golightly, J. A. Lowdon, R. Jewitt; and the Clerk (Mr. J. Proud.) The Chairman gave Mr. Jewitt, the new member, a hearty welcome to which Mr. Jewitt suitably replied, thanking the Board for honouring him, and promising his careful and honourable consideration of all matters that might come before the Board from time to time. Mr. Pattinson gave an account of the interview Mr. Proud and himself had with H.M. Chief Inspector, Mr. Ward, of Durham, the other business being of a minute character. It has come to my ears that the Board of Education has intimated to Mr. W. H. Ritson, Lanchester, that the Knitsley Parish must become contributory to Healeyfield and Rowley School Board, which will be pleasing to the above parishoners and ratepayers.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Brodie, Consett ..		1 1 0
Sergt. Bellam, Consett		1 0 0
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Mr. Matthew Marley		0 3 0
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Mr. Thos. Bell, Leadgate		0 1 0
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Mr. J. Pescod, Consett ..	0 3 2	
Master Scott, Consett ..	0 4 0	
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Mr. Jos. Brown, Consett	0 1 0	
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Mr. J. Davison, Consett	0 1 7	
Miss E. Pallister, Guisbrough	0 6 0	
Miss Brown, Consett ..	0 1 10	
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Mrs. John Gowland, Waskerley ..		0 5 0
Mr. Thos. Raine, Maudville, Castleside		0 5 0
Mr. F. B. Raine, Savile Town, Dewsbury		0 2 6
Mr. Thos. Gray, Jun., Blackhill ..		0 2 6
Miss Tait, Consett		0 5 0
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Miss Turner, Allendale Cottages ..		0 4 0
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Mr. William Pattinson, Castleside		0 5 0
Per Mr. Jos. Dixon, Sec., Oxhill, Collection taken at Stanley Pretoria Procession		4 0 0
Per Mr. J. Ross, Leadgate :— Leadgate Pretoria Celebration Committee		1 10 0
Mr. Wm. Ripley, Castleside ..		0 10 0
Mr. Jos. Unett, South View, Consett		0 5 0
Mr. J. Waite, Blackhill, Collecting Box		0 8 0
Mr. Thos. Meddick, Old Sunniside, Gateshead		0 2 6
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Per Mr. Wm. Ramsay :—	£ s. d.	
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Mrs. G. Coulthard, Leadgate ..		0 3 0
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Per Mr. F. A. Coltman :— Consett Pretoria Celebration Committee		22 15 8
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April 14, 1900.

Messrs J. and J. Colman, London.

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" W. G. HOLMES.
" F. W. [illegible]
" C. NELSEN.
" JOHN A. NICHOLLS.
" H. PALMER.
" G. PELE.
" M. OLSEN.

Local and District News.

Consett.

P.M. ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—On Sunday last the anniversary services in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church, Consett, were held, when the Rev. H. Yooll, of South Shields, preached to large congregations. On Monday evening the rev. gentleman delivered a lecture to a good audience on "hymns and tunes," with illustrations by the choir. Collections were taken in aid of the trust fund.

MUSIC IN THE PARK.—On Wednesday evening the Consett Amateur Orchestra gave a concert in the Park, and went through an admirable programme, under the leadership of Mr. G. A. Williams. The weather was exceedingly fine and a very large number of people were attracted to the beautiful enclosure. The various items were ably performed, the last being a selection of patriotic airs.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the North-West Durham Caledonian Society, it was resolved to send the sum of £3 to the Countess of Sutherland's Fund for the "widows and fatherless bairns" of the men of the Highland Brigade who have fallen in South Africa; and that the sum of £2 be forwarded to "Quarriers Homes for needy orphans and waifs.

IRON AND STEELWORKERS' ASSOCIATION.—The half yearly meeting of the Consett Lodge of the Associated Iron and Steel Workers of Great Britain, was held on Saturday night, Mr. T. Swinscoe presiding.—Mr. Thos. Swinscoe was re-elected chairman, and Mr. J. Ellison secretary. Mr. Thos. Charlton was retained as the member of the Council.—The financial statement for the six months ending June 30th, showing the income to be £50 5s 9d, and leaving a credit balance of £22 14s 4d, was passed as satisfactory.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—In connection with the "John Wesley" Cadet Section (comprising Consett and Leadgate) of the Sons of Temperance a field-day and tea were held on Saturrday last in a field kindly lent by the Consett Co-operative Society, near the Hat and Feather Inn, Medomsley. In former years it has been customary to have a trip, but owing to the patrons being unable to come to satisfactory terms with the Railway Company, it was resolved to substitute a field-day, tea, and sports for the trip. The Consett Section met at the Gibson Street school at half-past one, and, headed by the Salvation Army Band, marched in procession to Leadgate, where they were joined by the Leadgate Section at the Wesleyan School, and all marched thence to the field. The day being beautifully fine the youngsters enjoyed themselves immensely with games and sports, and also partook of tea. A public tea was also provided at four o'clock, to which a goodly number sat down. The event passed off very successfully. We understand that for the future the Consett and Leadgate Sections will be separate bodies, each conducting their own affairs.

SPECIAL WESLEYAN MUSICAL SERVICE.—On Sunday the anniversary services of the Consett Wesleyan Church were held, when the Rev. A. Woolliscroft, of Stanhope, preached to crowded congregations, morning and evening. In the afternoon a special musical service was held, when a most excellent programme was gone through. In addition to the church choir and orchestra there were present—Miss M. Williams, soprano, Blackhill; Miss Lottie Thomas, contralto, Middlesbro'; and Mr. Joseph Siddle, tenor, Consett. After a selection by the orchestra from Haydn's symphony in B flat, Miss Thomas gave an artistic rendering of "A voice that bids me come." The choir then sang the anthem, "Let the righteous be glad," and Mr. Siddle followed with "Bright Stars Above," which he gave with his well-known power and effect. Mr. W. Gardner played Mendelssohn's cornet solo, "O that I had wings," with band accompaniment, and then the choir rendered Goss' anthem, "The Wilderness." Miss Williams' rendition of "The plains of peace," was a delightful contribution, and most highly appreciated. A selection by the orchestra from Mozart was followed by Miss Thomas singing "The Better Land," and then the choir sang the closing anthem, "Crossing the Bar." Special anthems and hymns were sung at both morning and evening services, and collections were taken in aid of the building fund.

Blaydon

DEATH OF MR. WM. BRUNTON.—On Saturday morning a highly-respected Blaydon resident passed away in the person of Mr. William Brunton, whose death took place at his residence, 15, James Street, at the comparatively early age of 52 years. Deceased had only been in ill health for a short time, and his demise came as a shock to a large circle of acquaintances. He was churchwarden at Blaydon church for a number of years, and claimed the respect of all who knew him. Deceased leaves a wife and grown-up family who have the entire sympathy of the people.—On Tuesday afternoon the remains of the deceased were laid to rest in Blaydon cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends. As a token of respect a couple of muffled peals were rang upon the bells at the parish church, of which deceased was a member. The surpliced-choir were also in attendance at the funeral, and chanted several hymns, etc. The large number of people present testified as to the popularity in which deceased was held.

Leadgate.

BICYCLE GYMKHANA.—This event will take place on Saturday first on the Football Field at Leadgate. There will be 13 events (including bowling at wicket and kicking a hoop.) The Leadgate Saxhorn Band will attend, and there will be a ball in the evening. Refreshments will be provided on the ground.

CHOIR TRIP.—On Wednesday of last week the members and friends of the St. Ives Church Choir had their annual outing. The place fixed upon was Warkworth, where the Vicar and Mrs. Varley are spending their holidays. The party, numbering 50, left Leadgate by the 7.44 train for Newcastle, from whence they travelled to Warkworth by express, reaching their destination about 10 o'clock. Warkworth is an old-fashioned place, about a mile from Amble. The company were entertained at the Rectory by the Rev. Thos. and Mrs. Varley, and Miss Bonner, dinner and tea being partaken of. The party spent a very pleasant day in boating on the river at Warkworth, and in visiting the castle and the Hermitage, the latter of which—an old building—is uninhabited. The return journey was commenced about half-past seven, and home was safely reached about eleven o'clock, everyone expressing themselves as highly gratified with their day's outing.

Shotley Bridge

PAPERMAKERS' TRIP.—The annual trip of the Shotley Bridge and Lintz Ford papermakers has been fixed for the 21st of July, the place selected being Sunderland. The train will leave Blackhill at 7.15 a.m., Shotley Bridge at 7.20, Ebchester at 7.25, and Lintz Green at 7.37. The return train will leave Sunderland at 9.20 and Newcastle at 9.55.

Tanfield

PARISH PIC-NIC.—On Saturday afternoon the annual parish pic-nic was held in a field on Leith Farm, Tanfield Leith, kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Robinson. A splendid tea was provided on the green, the tables of which were presided over by the Misses Irwin, Miss Curry, Miss Swinburne, Mesdames Smailes, Robson, Robinson, Miss Arkless, and Miss Davison, who were assisted by Miss Robinson, Mesdames Clementson, Robinson, Smailes, Messrs Smailes, Robinson, Clementson, Watson, Lake, and Webb. The vicar, the Rev. T. H. Archdall, Mrs. Archdall, Miss Archdall, and the Rev. P. Duckworth (curate) were also present, and joined in the day's entertainment. The Tanfield Lea Band played several selections during the afternoon, while the young folks "tripped the fantastic toe," and took part in various games, such as football, cricket, etc. There was a goodly company present, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

THE BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

The forty-ninth annual report of this society has just been issued, and this shows that the business of the society during the past year has been of a satisfactory character—the total receipts having exceeded 18 millions sterling. The amount received from investing members on completed and uncompleted shares was £278,106 9s 9d, the amount repaid is £265,117 7s. 4d; and the total sum now due to investors is £947,258 11s 6d. The sum received on current and deposit accounts during the same period amounts to £15,569,074 4s 10d; the amount withdrawn is £16,685,621 19s; and the balance due to depositors, £9,000,108 17s 6d. The period under review has been in many respects an exceptional one, owing to the large demands for money arising from the requirements of the war in South Africa, coupled with an enormous increase in the exports and imports of this country. The reduction in the balance due to depositors, as compared with last year, is doubtless attributable to these general causes, and in particular to the increase of the Bank rate during the last six months, which at one time was as high as six per cent.—resulting in the leading London Banks paying four per cent. for money placed on deposit, or 1½ per cent. in excess of the interest allowed by the Birkbeck—and to the recent issue of the National War Loan, which was widely subscribed for by the depositors. The result of the year's working shows a surplus profit of £33,509 10s 3d. The Register of Shareholders now contains the names of 14,612 members. Besides these there are 20,201 current accounts, and 54,440 deposit accounts, thus making the total number of members and depositors, 89,253. The number of shares in existence at the close of the year was 67,[illegible].

"SMOKER" AND PRESENTATION AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Tuesday evening the Annfield Plain Patriotic Committee met at the house of Mr. J. Lumley, Annfield Plain, to present Messrs Bert. Smith, J. T. Lazenby, and T. Wilson with tokens of their respect for the services they rendered in connection with the Patriotic Carnival. Mr. John Orr, of Annfield Plain, was elected chairman. There were also present—Messrs J. G. Jackson, W. C. Hann, M. Hobson, W. Norman, T. Wilson, P. Bell, S. Wilson, J. Barrow, R. Moore, J. Lumley, Dr. Graham J. T. Lazenby, H. Bates, T. Parker, J. E. Smith, W. Black, and others.

The Chairman said he had no intention when coming to the meeting to fill the position of chairman; he had only gone to enjoy a smoke with his friends, and simply look on and learn what he possibly could from those who had taken a prominent part in the movement which brought about so very successfully their great procession in commemoration of the capture of Pretoria. He had no idea of being called upon to fill the chair and make a presentation, which to him was a very high honour and he accepted it as such because he had to make it to a representative of a very clever countryman of his own, viz., "Fighting Mac." (Laughter.) Although he belonged to the other side of the Tweed he was 15 years more English than Scotch, so that he might now fairly say he was a naturalised Englishman. But still he clung to the other side of the Tweed, and looked upon all subjects as men of his own country. He was sure that no person could have looked at the procession on Wednesday without saying that those Englishmen were proud they belonged to England. (Applause.) Before making the presentation to Mr Lazenby, whom he believed impersonated General Macdonald, he wished to make a remark as an onlooker who took very little part in the formidable procession. To the secretary and his staff great credit was due for the energy and work they put in to bring about a most successful and unique celebration of an event that could take place in a village like Annfield Plain. The children were a treat, and the procession itself was something the like of which the oldest men in the district had not seen since Annfield Plain received its name. A great deal of work must have been entailed upon the secretary and the committee, and Mr Lazenby was always ready and willing to tender his help and support to make the event successful. In commemoration of that event, and the noble manner in which he rode his charger—(laughter)—and the very efficient manner in which he impersonated General Macdonald, the committee acknowledging his ability as a horseman and his jolly good fellowship took the opportunity of making him a suitable present for his loyalty to Queen and country. (Applause.) Mr Orr then asked Mr Lazenby to accept a beautiful gold scarf-pin.

Mr W. C. Hann next presented Mr Smith with a gold ring, and in doing so said his own ideas about the carnival prior to its celebration had been entirely wrong, and Mr Smith's right. The present was made to Mr Smith for the very able manner in which he discharged his duties as secretary. Mr Smith had had the lion's share of the work. It was almost unnecessary to speak of Mr Smith's good qualities—(applause)—of his manliness, his kindness, his sympathy and impulsiveness. Should occasion arise at some future date for a procession, he honed Mr Smith would be able to join in it in even a better heart than he had done this time. He hoped Mr Smith would long live to wear it. (Applause.)

Mr Smith, in returning thanks, said he had done his best to make the undertaking a success, and hoped that day would be remembered for years and years to come. If at any time his services were required he would only be too pleased to assist and do more than he had done in the past. (Applause.)

Mr T. S. Parker next presented Mr T. Wilson with a gold appendage. In doing so he said after the eloquence of the previous speakers there was nothing left for him to state, only to say that without Mr Wilson as Admiral Seymour the procession would not have been complete. He had great pleasure in presenting him with the appendage. (Applause.)

Mr Wilson thanked the company for their appreciation of the services he had rendered. There was a great deal of work to do, and if some one had not taken the steps he took the thing would not have been what it was. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Smith proposed, Mr Hobson seconded, and Mr Hann supported the motion that a statement of accounts be published in the local press.

Mr Parker moved as an amendment, and Mr Barrow seconded, that no statement be made.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried by a large majority.

After loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured the rest of the evening was spent in harmony—Messrs Burdis, S. Wilson, H. Bates, T. Parker, P. Bell, W. Dodds, and W. Black contributing to the enjoyment of the company.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO CHILDREN.

In almost all parts of the country there is being raised a general outcry against the very deplorable and debasing practice of supplying intoxicating liquors to children of tender years. For years the Temperance Party has been clamouring for more power to deal with the drink traffic, and now that there seems a likelihood to be a Bill introduced into Parliament to make it illegal to supply children under sixteen years of age with intoxicating liquors for consumption on or off the premises, we shall see whether the Temperance advocates will practise what they have been preaching into the ears of the public for some considerable time, viz., of endeavouring to return only men to rule the destinies of the kingdom whose sympathies are on the side of Temperance and sobriety. Hitherto the party has been divided against itself, but it is just possible that it has seen the error of its ways and will be content with small things on the assumption that half a loaf is better than no bread. The Chester-le-Street Guardians, at their last meeting, did well to support the Richmond Union in its resolution to urge upon Her Majesty's Government the necessity of promoting such legislation as would make the sale of intoxicants to children under the age specified a breach of the laws of England, and kindred authorities would do a gracious act in following suit.

DETAINING TRAMPS.

The question of how to deal effectively with habitual tramps by our local unions has been one of concern and anxiety to them. Almost every week some of our Workhouses are pestered with these lazy parasites, whose profession it seems to be to live on the fat of the land at other people's expense. To prevent, or, at least, in some measure check this practice, the Coventry Union have passed a resolution, "That the Local Government Board be asked to give Guardians permission to detain tramps for a period of seven days, and that while such tramps are performing the legal task of work their children should receive such elementary education as could be given by the proper officials." With this object in view of strengthening their hands the Coventry Union are sending out a copy of the resolution quoted above to all Unions, and it was somewhat disappointing to dismiss the matter in such a summary fashion as did the Chester-le-Street Guardians on Thursday. Evidently the member who ventured to remark "that they had plenty of the tramps when they stayed overnight," has not given the subject much consideration and thought, or he would, I fancy, have seen that the proposal, if acted upon, would have been an effective way of amending the lives of those unscrupulous wretches who would not at all relish being compelled to "serve seven days" in any one particular Workhouse.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

The quarterly report of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society, which has just been issued, shows that the sales of that organisation is on the increase to the extent of some £1,156 over the corresponding quarter of last year. I understand that the Society has decided to pay a uniform dividend instead of each branch paying a separate one. The dividend for the present quarter is 4s in the £. Another very good scheme is that the society is now prepared to advance money to its members who may desire a house, either purchasing or erecting, on such security as may be satisfactory to the committee. The most important recommendation of the committee to the quarterly meeting appears to be, "That the maximum in all wage scales for all employees be raised 1s, and to give an immediate advance of 1s per week to all employees except those who have not been permanently appointed for twelve months." As wages are being raised in almost all branches of industry, I see no difficulty or hindrance to the carrying out of the committee's very wise and desirable proposal.

A NEW HEARSE.

The executive of the Dipton Mechanics' Lodge have been speculating some £40 or £50 on a new hearse, or, rather, in the re-modelling of the old one, which is now at the disposal of the general public upon reasonable terms, which may be obtained from the secretary of the Lodge, Mr. Thos. Bowes, Pontop House, Annfield Plain.

SOUTH MOOR CHURCH.

The churchwardens of St. George's Church of England are going in for an organ it would seem. In order to secure the "wherewithal" a gymkhana was held in a field on Stanley Burn Farm, and judging from the liberal responses they received for assistance, the church should not long be without its organ free of debt.

THE NEW TREASURER.

The vacancies for treasurerships to the Tanfield School Board and Council have been filled up, and it is my pleasing duty to congratulate my genial friend, Mr. Jos. Robinson, on his success. Under the management of Mr. Robinson the "bags" of the authorities mentioned will be in safe keeping, as they were in the hands of his able predecessor.

THE DANGERS OF THE PIT.

Another sad instance is recorded of the great dangers to which miners in the pursuit of their livelihood are exposed. It is the case of James O'Connor, who, I am informed, was just in the act of filling the last tub in his shift when he was killed, without a moment's warning—at least, received such injuries as brought about that melancholy event. It appears O'Connor was a stranger in the district, and had not been able to bring his wife and four children with him when he obtained employment at White-le-Head Colliery. Such are the dangers of mining, and if miners receive big wages they have to run great risks to secure them.

DIPTON SPORTS.

Judging by the number of people who attended the Dipton Diamond Jubilee Sports on Saturday the event will have been a huge success. The committee were fortunate in securing the services of the Spen Band, which played their pieces in a very sweet, melodious manner. There is one suggestion that I would like to throw out to the committee, and that is that they might find a more suitable time to pull down the tent than on the Sunday morning—a practice which has been characteristic of the committee for at least two years, to my knowledge. Surely the work can be done on week-days without having to desecrate the day which has been specially set apart for the spiritual welfare of the people of this great empire and the world generally.

THE VACANT GUARDIANSHIP.

By the resignation of Coun. J. Green as a member of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, a vacancy has been made on that body which will, in the usual order of things, have to be filled up. Up to the time of writing the matter seems to have been kept very quiet, for reasons best known to those whose office it will be to have the election in hand. The electors should satisfy themselves that the successful candidate will be a man who will reflect their views, and not those of a small clique whose ways greatly resemble those of the oligarchy of the late Transvaal Republic.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Tuesday evening as Mr. W. Pigg, secretary to the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society, was endeavouring to find out the leakage of gas on the Store premises with a lighted match, the gas took fire, and Mr. Pigg had a narrow escape of being burned about the face; indeed if it had not been for some grating by which a portion of gas made its escape, the probability is that Mr. Pigg would have lost his eyesight. Fortunately no damage occurred.

BEAMISH.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Wednesday afternoon the members and friends of Mr. Smith Bates assembled at the Beamish Wesleyan Chapel, to partake of tea kindly provided by that gentleman in aid of the new chapel building fund. It was one of a series of cottage tea meetings organised for the purpose of raising money with which to erect a new place of worship in that gowing district.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The business premises of the West Pelton Co-operative Society's No Place, Beamish, Branch, which were recently destroyed by fire, are about to be replaced by new buildings, which will be built on a different principle. The new buildings will face the road, and will have a large cellar underneath.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services in connection with the Beamish Wesleyan Sunday School were held on Sunday, the services being conducted by Mr. T. Bell, of Felling Gate. At each of the services the children recited portions of scripture, etc., in a very creditable manner, to the large congregations, and sang special hymns under the conductorship of Mr. Woodcock, who also officiated at the organ. The collections taken were in aid of the Sunday School funds.

BIRTLEY.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Monday a tea was generously given by Mrs. Thos. Ward in aid of the heating apparatus funds in connection with the Birtley Wesleyan Chapel. The tables were presided over by Mesdames Thos. Armstrong, Lawson, Smith, Ward, Misses Armstrong and Johnson. A fairly good company partook of tea, and a substantial sum was realised. It is gratifying to state that the debt is now nearly cleared off.

PRIMITIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday, Mr. B. Bolam, Birtley conducted the anniversary services in connection with the Birtley Primitive Sunday School. At each of the services the children recited their pieces in a creditable manner, and sang special hymns, Mr. Jas. Atkinson officiating as conductor, and Mr. W. Bloomfield as organist. There were good companies present.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS.—At the Chester-le-Street Court House, on Tuesday, Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest touching the death of Elizabeth Rutherford, a miner's widow, aged 63 years, which occurred through a fall downstairs, about half-past three on Saturday morning, at 24, Hopgarth.—John Rutherford, son of the deceased, said that he was awakened by his wife shouting at about the time stated. With a brother, who was in the house, he went to the foot of the stairs, and found his mother lying unconscious, and bleeding from both ears. They carried her into the room downstairs, and laid her down, but she died in about a quarter of an hour, never having regained consciousness.—A verdict of accidental death was returned. The jury recommended that a handrail be provided.

POLICE COURT.—At an occasional court held on Wednesday—Mr. Kerrich-Walker presiding—Wm. Hutchinson, a labourer, residing at West Pelton, was charged by his mother, Isabella Hutchinson, with having stolen a watch and chain belonging to her on Saturday. The defendant was remanded for a week.—P.C. Parkinson, of West Pelton, had charge of the case.—Geo. Holliday, a miner, of Chester Moor, was charged by Inspector McDougal with having used threats to his wife Mary Holliday, and done damage to a door to the extent of 2/6 early on Wednesday morning.—The officer stated that the defendant, who was a volunteer, put a bayonet through the door and used threatening language to his wife.—He was remanded for a week, bail being allowed.

ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT.—On Wednesday morning, before Mr. Kerrich-Walker, a man named Wm. Wilson, aged 50 years, was charged by P.C. Mechan, of Team Colliery, with having, on Saturday afternoon, committed an indecent assault upon Elsie Bland, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. Bland, saddler, of Team Colliery. Defendant was caught in the act by Mr. Walton, engineer, and Mr. Allen Elsdon, of Consett. Defendant made his escape, but Mr. Walton and Mr. Elsdon followed him up, and re-capturing Wilson, detained him at Wrekenton, and sent for the police.—Sergt. Gray and P.C. Coulson, of Birtley, who took him to Birtley Police Station, and charged him with the offence.—Defendant admitted having done wrong while under the influence of drink, and was remanded until July 18th.

WEST PELTON.

WEDDING AT EDEN TERRACE.—Miss Isabella Bennett, second daughter of Mr Geo. Bennett, Eden Terrace, was married to Mr. Robt. Pinkney, of South Shields, at St. Paul's Church West Pelton, on Saturday last. There was a large gathering of friends and relations of the happy pair at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. C. Tweedy, curate of that Church. The bride was given away by her father. Mr. W. A. Burns and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. William Pinkney, South Shields, acted as "best man" and groomsman, the bridesmaids being the bride's two sisters. The bride and bridesmaids were attired in navy blue costumes with white and blue trimmings, and white hats. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's father's residence, where the guests spent an enjoyable evening. There was a large number of presents.

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BLAYDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday evening last, in the new Board Offices, Blaydon, Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, J.P., presiding. There were also present—Councillors J. Cunningham (in the vice-chair), E. Aiston, J. Robson, W. Scott, A. Skidmore, W. Atkinson, G. Bullerwell, W. Latimer, J. Raine, A. Smith, W. Archer, J. W. Tucker, W. Douglass, A. B. Tebb; and the Clerk (Mr. H. Dalton.)

TRACTION ENGINES ON HIGHWAYS.

Coun. Archer asked for information as to the law in regard to traction engines. His reason for so doing was because when he was driving along the highway between St. Patrick's Church, and Hookergate, Spen, a traction engine came along driving a big load. The engine was travelling at a good speed; there was no one in front and he had to take his horse upon the footpath in order to get out of the way of the engine.

The Chairman said that there must be a man in charge at the front of the engine; otherwise they could be convicted.

Coun. Tebb thought that an example ought to be made of those who transgress the law. A great amount of destruction, he said, had been done by these traction engines.

The matter then dropped.

STREETS' COMMITTEE.

The Streets Committee (as a result of a special meeting) reported that they had inspected the site for two houses proposed to be built; one house to be constructed by Mr. Joseph Lowdon at Winlaton.—It was agreed to recommend that the plans be approved subject to Mr. Lowdon providing through ventilation to the reconstructed house, which means a suitable ventilation, and altering the line of the drain as pointed out. The Surveyor had suggested that the present would be a suitable time to approach Mr. Lowdon in order to secure the suitable widening of the road. Mr. Lowdon undertook to send a letter saying that he would give up the narrow strip of land.

The Chairman intimated that a letter had been received from Mr. Lowdon, who asked £5 for the land, but the committee thought that that gentleman should be asked if he would give the land as a great improvement would be made to the advantage of both Mr. Lowdon and the Council.

The report was adopted.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Health Committee recommended:—(1) That the Inspector call the attention of the owners of Victoria Garesfield Colliery to the defects at that place referred to by the County Medical Officer in his letter to the Council, and which had not been remedied. (2) That the Inspector be instructed to examine the drain at Lintz Ford. (3) That the Inspector be granted 14 days' holiday.

The recommendations were agreed to.

SCAVENGING.

The following teners were received for The following tenders were received for £216; Michael Callighan, £230; and Wm. Grey, £290.

Mr. Robinson's tender was accepted.

The following tenders were also received for the carrying out of similar work at Blaydon:—Wm. Patterson, £430; James Robson, £378; Reay and Pickering, £360.

Messrs. Reay and Pickering's tender was accepted.

STREETS' COMMITTEE.

The above committee reported that the Surveyor's report had been laid before them, when it was agreed to recommend:—(1) That the remuneration of the men employed to clean up paper, etc., at Blaydon on Sunday mornings be increased from 3s to 4s. (2) That the workmen in the employ of the Council be allowed holiday and pay for each Good Friday and Christmas Day. (3) That owing to so much damage having been done to the pailing at Shildon dene, the Surveyor be authorised to offer a reward for evidence which would lead to the conviction of the offenders. The committee also recommended for approval the plan submitted by the Consett Iron Company for a literary institute proposed to be erected at Chopwell.

Coun. Raine here drew the Council's attention to Mr. Lowdon's offer, remarking that when they were there as a committee they intimated that they would like to have the land, and that probably Mr. Lowdon would give them or sell them the land when they would build the wall. If the Council could get the land for £5, and Mr. Lowdon made all the alterations necessary he thought the Council had better accept the offer.

The Chairman: Is it at all likely that he will build the wall?

Coun. Raine: His offer to us is £5. We take the land, he takes the wall.

The Chairman: Was there any idea given to him that the Council would build the wall?

Coun. Tebb said he thought the committee agreed that it would be advisable to take the piece of land in order to widen the road, and build the wall providing they got the land free, because Mr. Lowdon would very materially add to his land and property. It would cost the Council not less than £50 to pull the wall down and rebuild the same, and they thought the least he could do was to put the land at their disposal in order that they could make these improvements to his property which would also be to the Council's advantage.

Coun. Atkinson thought the Council would be into pocket by paying the £5, and receiving the surplus ground.

The Chairman said that the matter would come up at the next meeting, and the discussion dropped.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. R. Brown) reported that with the exception of an outbreak at Victoria Garesfield of scarlatina, the district had been most healthy during the past month; in fact, he never remembered less doing from a medical point of view than during the month. The notifications received from June 1st to June 30th were as follows:—Scarlatina, 17; enteric fever, 2; erysipelas, 1; continued fever, 1; making a total of 21 cases. The scarlatina case had been of a very mild type, and although he had been to the infected area four times he could not induce the parents in a single instance to allow the removal of their children to the isolation hospital, so that all he could do was to insist upon isolation being carried out in the infected houses. As far as possible this had been done, and the Inspector (Mr Biggins) had kept them well supplied with a sufficient quantity of disinfectants. As regards the two cases of typhoid one was in Blaydon, and was completely cut off from the other parts of the house, but the patient was still very ill; the other case reported last week from the village of Rowland's Gill seemed to be of a very mild character indeed. For the quarter ending June 30th, with the exception of a scarlatina outbreak (and which now seemed subsiding) at Victoria Garesfield, the district had been very healthy during the unsettled weather that prevailed. Many of the deaths reported were the result of diseases contracted earlier in the year, especially influenza. From the returns he found there had been 73 deaths from all causes—38 males and 35 females, making a death-rate of 15.76 per 1,000 per annum. The number of births during the same period were 202—93 males and 109 males, which was equivalent to a birth-rate of 43.68 per 1,000 per annum; or a majority of 129 births over deaths—a very satisfactory state of affairs indeed. (Laughter.) The Medical Officer noticed at the new village of Rowland's Gill there did not seem to be any drainage between the rows of houses, unless a channel six inches wide, and about the same depth, running down the centre would come under that heading. The water after a sharp rain stood in large pools in all directions, and simply escaped by soaking into the ground and by evaporation. He had no doubt that this state of things would soon be remedied. The Medical Officer could quite understand that it was very difficult to keep pace in every department, especially with a village such as that which seemed to spring up as though by magic. The report concluded by stating that drainage was very necessary at that place as the foundation of the houses could not be much above the level of the river Derwent.

It was decided that the Surveyor should report upon the drainage of the new houses at Rowland's Gill, after which the report was adopted.

APPLICATION FROM SPEN.

A letter was read from the Secretary to the Spen Floral and Horticultural Society asking for the use of the Spen recreation ground on Saturday, September 22nd, in which to hold the annual flower show and sports in case they could not succeed in getting a more suitable field in the Spen. The society hoped the application would be granted, and that the Council would let them have the sole right.

The Chairman said it was doing away with the recreation ground if they gave it to people for the whole day.

Coun. Atkinson: If we are not tied to any hard and fast rule we cannot do better than let them have it.

The Chairman said if they granted the recreation ground it was a question as to whether the society had power to make people pay for admittance.

A member did not think there were any people in the Spen who would refuse to pay.

The Chairman: Well, they will have to take the risk.

It was decided to grant the use of the ground, on the motion of Coun. Tucker, seconded by Coun. Aiston, and to charge the sum of 2s 6d for the same.

THE TAXATION OF CYCLES.

A communication was received from the Ashbourne Rural District Council asking the Council to support a resolution in favour of the taxation of cycles.

The Council refused to support the same, and the letter was ordered to lie upon the table.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Clerk laid before the Council information in regard to the management of certain technical schools, and added that he would like to have something definite from the Council before long as regards the management, etc., of the new technical school which had been erected.

Coun. Aiston said he opposed the building of the technical schools, and he would like some of those members who were in favour of the technical schools to get up and say something about the schools, and to let them see how the same were going to work. The schools were ready, and some classes would soon have to be started.

Coun. Cunningham said that with respect to the technical classes they intended running the building would have to be furnished to suit the requirements of the classes. Technical classes had been run at Blaydon for perhaps over thirty years, and the money that accrued had all been spent upon education—they had made no profit. He dare say that the members of the committee would be out of pocket. The probable income was about £150 from different sources—Education Department and the County Council. All this money had been spent upon the salaries of the teachers, and other requirements.

Coun. Raine: Yearly?

Coun. Cunningham: Yes. Continuing, he said that the past session had closed with a balance of about 3s 6d to the good.

After further discussion it was decided that the Local Technical Education Committee should atake the management of the technical schools in their own hands.

STANHOPE.

RECHABITE CONFERENCE.—On Saturday the Independent Order of Rechabites, Durham county district, held their conference at Stanhope in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Delegates from various parts of the county attended. After business there was a public tea. This was followed by a monstre procession, with band and banners, through the streets to a field on Mr. Hugill's farm at New Field, where a public meeting was held. Hebburn Band, which led the procession, discoursed lively music, as also did the United choirs from various chapels in the district, Frosterley choir being prominent. The gathering, which was swelled by a heavily freighted excursion train from Newcastle and Sunderland districts, was addressed by Messrs G. Tomlinson, H. Patterson, Newcastle; S. Pilling, Scarborough; D. M'Millan and D. Davison, Sunderland; and Councillor Thomas Hardy, Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. J Longmoor, D.C.R., West Hartlepool, presided. On the Sunday the speakers filled the pulpits, Wesleyan, Baptist, and Primitive, at Stanhope, Wolsingham, Frosterley, Westgate, and St. John's Chapel. Two also spoke at Hill End camp meeting. Open-air services were held at each place.

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, July 5th.—Before Col. Leadbitter-Smith (chairman), the Rev. T. J. L. Warneford, Dr. Wilson, and Mr. W. Holmes.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with:—William Brown, 2/6 and costs; Joseph Moiser, 5/- and costs; Charles Fairless, one month to gaol, Joseph Cummings, 2/6 and costs; George Storey, 5/- and costs; Henry Wingfield, 2/6 and costs; Arthur Young, 10/- and costs; James Johnson, 10/- and costs; Paul Carrol, 10/- and costs; John McClutchie, 2/6 and costs; William Parker, 2/6 and costs; John Robinson, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Wigham, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Raine, 5/- and costs; John Doyle, 5/- and costs; Wm. Brown, 5/- and costs; Thomas Straughan, 5/- and costs; David Grant, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Grant, 2/6 and costs; Robert Forster, 2/6 and costs; John Thompson, 40/- and costs, for being drunk and assaulting P.C. Pemberton; Wm. Wilson, 5/- and costs for being drunk, and 5/- for assaulting P.C. Haw.

AN UNLICENSED DOG.

James Caygill, who failed to appear, was summoned for keeping a dog on June 25th without a license.—Sergt. Gillespie having stated the facts a fine of 7/6 and costs was inflicted.

MARRIED WOMEN'S ACT.

George Woodcock was sued by his wife, Isabella Woodcock, for arrears of maintenance upon a magisterial order.—Mrs. Woodcock said she was at the Court a month ago, and her husband was then given a month's chance to meet his payments. He was £9 7s 6d in arrears, and during the month he had paid her £1 0s 6d. That was insufficient for herself and three children. The order made upon him was 12/6 a week.—The Chairman, addressing defendant, said he would be granted two months. If he failed to pay in that time he would be sent to gaol.

GAME TRESPASS.

Joseph Ellwood pleaded guilty to trespassing in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of Messrs Thomas Hedley and Co. at Holmside, on the 6th of June.—P.C. Crisp said he saw the defendant put a greyhound on to a rabbit, which was killed. There were several other youths present, but they escaped.—Defendant was fined 7/6 and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Wm. Swanburgh, Robert Curry, and Edward Wardle were convicted of playing at pitch and toss in Thomas Street, Craghead, on the 23rd of June.—Swanburgh was fined 5/- and costs, and the others 2/6 and costs each.

John Geo. Gair, William Stephenson, Alfred Bell, and Robert Forster were all convicted on the evidence of Sergt. Gillespie, of playing at pitch and toss by candle light at New House Church, Waterhouses, on the 16th of June, and were each fined 2/6 and costs.

BETTING PROSECUTIONS.

Thomas Elliot pleaded guilty to having unlawfully frequented and used a public place at Kyo for the purpose of betting.—P.C. Pemberton said on the 16th of June he was on duty in plain clothes and concealed himself. He saw defendant make several bets. He again saw him on the 20th.—The Chairman: Did you warn him?—Witness: No, sir.—The Chairman said defendant had been three times fined, and he would now have to pay £5 and costs.

John Oldridge was charged with betting at Annfield Plain between June 7th and 20th. Mr. Oliver, Durham, defended.

Sergt. Macdonald said at 2.15 on the 7th of June he saw defendant on a public footpath at Annfield Plain, and he there received four bets. On each occasion defendant made an entry in a book.

Mr. Oliver: Is that the only case you saw?—Yes.

But we are charged with five days?—I have more witnesses.

Did you see any money pass?—I did.

Do you know any of these men who made the bets?—I know one of them.

Do you know the defendant?—Yes.

Do you know he had been for some time in South Africa?—I know that.

And is expecting to go back at any time?—I don't know that.

So far he has not followed any occupation?—Only bookmaking.

Is this place near a public-house?—It is beside one.

Did you see a paper handed to him by a little girl?—I did not. I only saw him receive money, put it in his pocket and make an entry in a book.

Do you know the amount of the money?—I do not.

The Chairman: Was it gold or silver or copper?—I saw it was silver.

P.C. Pemberton said he was on duty on the 13th of June at Annfield Plain, and he saw a man go to defendant and give him some money. Defendant made an entry in a book. He again saw him receive money and make entries on the 15th, 16th, and 20th.

Mr. Oliver: On the 13th you saw a man give the defendant something. Do you know what that something was?—No.

On the 16th you say you saw several men go to him?—Yes.

What did they give him?—I don't know.

Then you don't know whether he was betting or not?—They seemed to be bets.

How long have you been at Annfield Plain?—Since October.

Has defendant followed any occupation?—No.

P.C. Jackson said he was in West Road on the 20th, and saw two men go to defendant and pay him some money. Defendant made entries in a book.

Mr. Oliver, for the defence, said his instructions were that his client was for three years in South Africa, and came back to England when the disturbance arose. He made good money when in Africa, and since his return he had not followed any employment. He had merely been idling his time away, and denied having done any bookmaking. The mere fact of his being about the streets doing nothing for so long had no doubt aroused the suspicions of the police.

Defendant was then called, and said he returned from Johannesburg in October last, and was daily expecting to go back. He had never made a book. He had never received or paid money for bets. He had sometimes lent men a shilling and received it back.

Sergt. MacDonald: Were you in the habit a few months ago of frequenting Rowlandson's yard?—Yes.

Why don't you go there now?—Because there is no accommodation.

Have you heard any instructions given to the sub-tenant?—I have heard instructions given that the men would have to be stopped going there.

For what purpose did you go there?—For conversation.

Have you been spoken to by the adjoining licensed holder?—No.

Have you not put your book into your pocket when you have seen me and other policemen aproaching?—No.

Fred Crowley, miner, said he was a friend of the defendant, and had never known him to make a book.

Sergt. Macdonald: Have you been to race meetings with him?—Yes, last week at Gosforth.

What were you carrying on the course?—Nothing.

No bags, books, or opera glasses?—No.

Did you see defendant make or take any bets?—No.

Have you seen defendant and others in Rowlandson's yard?—Yes.

Since being stopped going there where has defendant gone? Have you seen him in a shoemaker's shop?—Yes.

The Chairman said they were satisfied there had been betting, and defendant would be fined £1 and costs.

"MISCHIEVOUS SAVAGERY."

Robert Hunter, Thomas Morley, and Thos. Evans, boys, were charged with having done wilful damage at Esh on the 17th June.—Sergt. Gillespie said that on Sunday night, the 17th ult., he saw the boys in the siding at Esh Colliery between the crossing and the New House Church. They pulled a number of tickets off the waggons which were ready for transit. Altogether there were thirteen tickets lying about. Numerous complaints had been made by the Hamsteels Colliery Company, and Mr. T. Lowdon, the manager, said the North Eastern Railway Company refused to take waggons away unless they were properly labelled.—P.C. Robinson said he had been given to understand that the parents of the boys had severely thrashed them.—The Chairman characterised the offence as one of mischievous savagery. They would each be fined 5/- and costs and the damage amounting to threepence. The Bench were sorry that the parents should suffer.

A SERIES OF ASSAULTS.

Thomas Grant and David Grant were charged with having assaulted Frederick Gardner on the 23rd of June. They were further charged with having assaulted Thos. Forster and Moses Fraser on the same day, and the latter was charged with assaulting Frederick Gardner. Frederick Gardner was charged with having assaulted Thomas Grant and David Grant; and Thomas Foster was charged with having assaulted David Grant, Thomas Grant, and Moses Fraser.

Mr. Oliver said Forster for whom he appeared, was a deputy at South Moor Colliery, and on the 23rd of June he went into Mr. Aitchison's public house at Annfield Plain. There was a friend with him, and they each had a glass of beer and entered into conversation with the landlord. Fraser and the two Grants came in, and the former took up Forster's glass of beer. There was a dispute over it. Part of it was spilled, and Fraser drank the remainder. To avoid a quarrel Forster and Gardiner left the house by the back door, and intended going on to South Moor. Thomas Grant, however, came out and knocked Forster down. He got up and walked away, but was followed by the Grants and Fraser, and when near the railway arch he was set upon by the three men, and so badly treated that he became unconscious. The Grants and Fraser were the worse for liquor, and appeared to have gone into the house with the intention of creating a disturbance.

Thomas Forster gave evidence in support of the opening statement. He had not been able to attend to his work since. He did not say or do anything to provoke the men.

Cross-examined by Mr. Aynsley, who defended the three men, he said he had been at the Brooms Sports, and when at Leadgate he had four or five gills of beer. He had two gills at Annfield Plain.

Further evidence was given by Fred Gardner Wm. Aitchison (the landlord), Mr. Russell (draper), Matthew Phillipson, and Thomas Elliott.

Mr. Aynsley said his instructions were that a dispute took place between Forster and Frazer as to whom the glass of beer belonged to. It had been a case of one man challenging the other, and there was a stand up fight. He thought their worships would meet the case by ordering each party to pay his own costs.

The Chairman, after hearing the two Grants, said they had not the slightest hesitation in concluding that there had been a gross assault. The Grants would each be fined 10/- and costs, and Frazer 7/6 and costs.

The other casees were not gone into.

William Lowe and Annie Lowe were charged with having assaulted Jane Ann Lowe at Dorman's Row, Lanchester, on the 1st of July. Mr. Dickinson prosecuted, and Mr. Aynsley defended.

Mr. Dickinson said the defendants went into the complainant's house at about a quarter past ten on Sunday night, the 1st of July. The male defendant used a filthy expression, and struck complainant on the head, knocking her down.—Jane Ann Lowe said Wm. Lowe seized her by the throat, struck her on the head, and knocked her down. She fainted, and when she recovered consciousness, Mrs. Lowe struck her on the side with a coal-rake.

Mr. Aynsley, for the defence, said there was a quarrel with a man named Hudspith, and Wm. Lowe went in a brotherly way to get the man away. Defendant had had to complain of the way in which his name had been mentioned in connection with quarrels and requested the complainant to desist from such a course. He was set upon in the house, and Mrs. Lowe was told that her husband was being killed. She went to his assistance and saw the complainant striking her husband with a coal-rake. He submitted that the case ought to be dismissed.

The Bench bound the two defendants over for twelve months, and ordered them to pay the costs of the Court.

Catherine Hudspith for assaulting Jane Ann Lowe at the same time and place was fined 10/- and costs.

James Walker and Elizabeth McDonald were each bound over to keep the peace for assaulting each other at Catchgate on the 23rd of June.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, July 9th.—Before Mr. J. W. Walton-Wilson (presiding), Mr. J. T. Potts, Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. Geo. Ainsworth, and Mr. E. W. E. Balleny.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Ann Wynn was charged under the Town's Police Clauses Act with having used obscene language in Consett on the 28th of June. P.C. Parkinson said he heard the defendant using very bad language in Sunderland Row to a man named Prescott.—Defendant said she was only chastising her daughter for speaking to a bad young man. P.C. Parkinson said he did not see defendant's daughter there.—P.C. Richardson said he saw defendant in Middle Street. She was making use of very bad language indeed. He followed her to a house in Sunderland Row and he drew P.C. Parkinson's attention to her conduct. Witness did not see either Prescott or the daughter there.—P.C. Frazer said when he served the summons upon her she said her daughter was standing with a young man and it was the latter to whom she used the language.—Defendant said her daughter was 16 years of age.—The Chairman said there seemed to have been some reason for her conduct, and she would be dismissed. She must not, however, in the future use bad language in a public thoroughfare.

Martha Ward was also charged with using bad language in William Street, Benfieldside, on June 23rd.—P.C. Simpson said he heard a disturbance and on going to see what it was about he heard defendant using very bad language. She slammed the door in his face. There was a disturbance every Saturday night with pokers, tongs, and other things flying about.—P.C. Ellwood corroborated, and defendant said the disturbance was not in her house but in the house next door.—She was fined 2s 6d and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

Robert Richardson was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on July 1st.—P.C. Frazer said he was on duty in the Consett Park at about seven o'clock and saw the defendant near the rails overlooking Blackfine farm. He had a collie dog with him and he put the dog among some whins and raise a rabbit. Witness went round by the top of the Park and met defendant in Aynsley Terrace. Defendant said he could not keep the dog out. Witness saw him leaning over the rails and waving the dog in. When defendant saw him coming he whistled on the dog.—A youth employed on the the farm said he was concealed and saw the defendant put a rabbit out. He saw him waving his hand to the dog.—Defendant said he was taking a walk out and the dog was on in front of him. As he was going along the dog went through the rails. There were two young men about and they saw and chased a rabbit and his dog went after it. That was all he saw. He had been in Consett for 18 years and he had never had such a charge brought against him before.

The Chairman said they were satisfied that defendant was guilty and he would be fined 5s and costs.

CIVIL DEBT ARREARS.

George Whittle was summoned for being £1 12s 6d and costs in arrears on an order made on the 11th of June, and also for being £1 10s 6d and costs in arrears on a further order made on the same day.—Supt. Benzies said in 1896 the defendant had three children sent to an Industrial School, and an order for a shilling each was made, but defendant had never paid anything. Defendant had very small wages but he would not work.—Defendant: I work every shift but look at the way they work.—The Chairman said defendant had had every opportunity given him and he must now go to prison for a month in each case.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW AGAIN.

John Thomas Winter was charged under the Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women's) Act, with ill-using his wife Florence Mary Elizabeth Winter. Mr J. M. Aynsley appeared for the complainant, and Mr Balleny for the defence.

Mr Balleny said his client would be willing to take his wife back, and he thought they might be able to arrive at a compromise if the case were to be adjourned.

Mr Aynsley said there was no necessity to adjourn at all. What he suggested was this the man had undoubtedly been guilty of an offence, but his wife was prepared to go back to him if he would in open Court express his sorrow for what had taken place, and promise that it would not occur again. If he was not prepared to do that then the case must go on.

Mr. Aynsley, after speaking to his client, now said that in consequence of what had taken place since Saturday she was not prepared to accept the compromise.

Mrs Winter said she resided at 33, Queen Street, Consett, and had been married nine years to the defendant. There were four children, aged 8, 6, 3, and one year. At about the time she had the third child her husband came home drunk, put her out and locked the door, and used some very bad language to her. That was about four years ago.

Mr Balleny thought that was an unreasonable period to go back to for a charge of that kind.

Mr. Aynsley said he must take a date to commence from. (To witness) You remember that instance?—Yes.

What did he do to you at that time?—He knocked my two front teeth out.

Now about two months ago what happened?—The child had inflammation and asked for some soda water. When I got the soda water defendant, who was in the same bed as the child, cursed me and knocked me down on the floor. He was drunk then. He is in the habit of coming home drunk.

Answering further questions she said her husband used some very bad language to her on the 26th of June, and hit her on the stomach and knocked her outside the door. He locked her out. She tried several times to get in but he would not let her until some time after. On the subsequent Saturday evening he came home drunk, and hit her and put her out. She got in again by bringing a policeman. Next morning she went to her monther's, and had been there ever since. Defendant came to her mother's when he was half drunk and kicked the door in. He wanted to take the children away, but she refused to let him have them. He, however, took one away on the Monday evening, and she followed him over. He told her to go back to where she had been. He struck her and threw a box of matches at her. She was afraid to live with him. He was a blast-furnaceman, and made good wages. He was a good husband when he was sober.

Cross-examined, she said he accused her of going with men and that offended her. She had not given him any cause whatever to accuse her in that way. She had done no such thing as go out and stay out night after night. That was not the reason of a good many quarrels between them. She knew about the scar on his head. She did it herself when he knocked her down twice.

The Chairman: When was that?

Witness said it was about two months ago. She did it in self defence.

Mr. Balleny: Did you not do it when he was lying in bed?—No, I did not. He knocked me down twice, and was going to do so a third time.

You say you brought a policeman when you were locked out?—Yes.

Is it not a fact that you went out and stayed out against his wishes?—No, not such a thing.

Were you not out shopping with him that night?—No, I was not.

You have nothing to complain of in respect to money matters?—No, nothing of all.

Has there not been repeated disturbances over his mother-in-law?—No.

Does she not go down to the house, and is there not mischief?—She goes to the house when he is not sober.

And she gets drunk at the same time?—No, she takes a gill of beer.

Does she not get drunk with him?—No, she does not. What my mother does has nothing to do with me.

When he is sober does she not send him on to buy beer for her?—No, never.

You mentioned the 26th of June. Did you not mix up all the dinner—meat, gravy and pudding—and fling it at him?—No. I put it in the oven.

Did you not mix it so that it was not fit to eat, and then put it in?—No, I did not.

Has you brother not said you ought to be ashamed to go on with such a case as this?—No.

Mrs Charlton said she lived next door to the Winters, and had resided there for 18 years. She had known defendant and his wife ever since they came there. She had seen defendant assault his wife and mother-in-law. That was in June. He "hammered them both right and left." He did that in the street.

Mrs Carey said she lived at 34, Queen Street. One day in June she saw the defendant strike Mrs Winter's mother. Defendant was "kind of tight" at the time.

Mr Balleny, for the defence, admitted that his client did not come to court with clean hands. He had been a man who had made fairly good money but had unfortunately been led away to drink partly by his own fault and partly through others. His wife said he was a good husband when he was sober. He would tell them that when he was lying in bed she split his head with a glass. But they were wishful to let bygones be bygones if she would return. His mother-in-law had been in the habit of going to the house, and prevented him from getting his meals in comfort.

Defendant went into the box and said his wife cut his head when he was lying in bed. He had never ill-treated her as she had alleged. He have done something to her when he was in drink.

Cross-examined: He was drunk on the 26th of June, and he might have assaulted her without knowing it. He was in drink on the Saturday night when she cut his head but he was not altogether drunk.

Mr Balleny asked to have the case adjourned for a month to see if an arrangement could be come to.

Mr Aynsley said his client would not agree to that.

The Chairman asked the complainant if she would agree to live with him if he gave a pledge to lead a sober life? She had admitted that her husband treated her properly when he was sober. It was a very painful thing to remove the children.

Defendant said he was willing to be sober, but he would not sign a pledge. He "could like take a pint." (Laughter.)

At this point it was agreed to adjourn the case for half-an-hour to give the parties an opportunity of conferring. In the interval an arrangement was come to, defendant promising to sign the pledge and act better towards his wife.

On this understanding the case was withdrawn.

A CONSETT ASSAULT CASE.

John Strong was charged with having assaulted Ellen Heslop, wife of J. T. Heslop, joiner, No. 1, Aynsley Terrace, Consett. Mr McCartan prosecuted, and Mr Aynsley defended.

Mr McCartan said the defendant came into Mrs Heslop's kitchen on Wednesday, the 27th of June. She had never seen him before. He had some sort of a quarrel with her husband, and she ordered him out and got him into the street. Next morning she heard some disturbance, and saw Strong trying to pick a quarrel with her husband. Defendant followed Mrs Heslop into the passage and struck her a blow on the eye. It was a most treacherous thing that a powerful man like the defendant should lift his hand to a woman with whom he had no relations.

Mrs Heslop said defendant came into her kitchen at about 8.30 on the Wednesday night and asked her husband to go out. She ordered him out, and told him her house was not a public house. Next morning she saw the defendant in the act of striking her husband. Defendant came into the passage and struck her. He afterwards took his handkerchief out and rubbed the blood from her face, and appeared to regret what he had done. She never saw the defendant before the Wednesday.

Mr Aynsley: I think you know what the quarrel was about—was it about a bet?—Not that I know of.

You heard your husband and the defendant quarrelling?—No.

When he came in he addressed himself to your husband by saying "Oh, you are there?"—Yes.

Was there anything said about a bet?—No, nothing.

Did you not say to the defendant "If you have any quarrel go into the passage and away from the street?"—No, never.

Joseph Heslop, son of the complainant, said he saw the defendant strike his mother with his fist. His mother did not give him any provocation. Defendant was wanting to hit his father. He saw defendant stumble over the kerbstone and fall back over. Defendant was partly drunk.

Mr Aynsley: You father is a bookmaker?

Mr McCartan: No, no. He is a joiner.

Mr Aynsley: Yes, but he does a bit of bookmaking.

Mr McCartan: I never heard of it. (A laugh.)

Sergt. Dryden said he went along and saw that Mrs Heslop's face was swollen. She made a complaint to him. Defendant walked away towards the Park gates.

Mr Aynsley said his case was that defendant had some beeting transaction with complainant's husband, and for some reason the husband would not pay. The defendant went to the house to try and get payment. He knocked at the door, and getting no answer he walked in. He began talking about bets, and when told by the complainant to go out he went out. On the following day he would state that he was asked to go into the passage by the complainant.

Defendant was then sworn, and bore out Mr Aynsley's statement. He was in front of the Park Hotel about dinner hour, and Heslop was there. They had some hard words, and Heslop said he would never pay the bet. Mrs Heslop came out, and he told her she had nothing to do with it. He was told to go into the passage to see what Heslop owed him. Complainant shut the door as soon as he got in, and "they all at him and knocked him down." He did not deliberately strike her.

Cross-examined: Are you a man of violent temper, and has your wife had you up for assault?—No.

The Bench inflicted a fine of £1 and costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr Ainsworth and Mr Palmer.

THE DRUNK LIST.

Robert Hewitt was fined 5s and costs for being drunk, and the following charges of drunk and disorderly conduct were dealt with:—Robert Malaghan, John Pringle, Joseph Simpson, Bridget Clark, Mary Clare, Frank McGurk, Daniel McGurk, Charlotte McCue, Frank Ross, James Doolan (two charges), Charles Cain, Richard Potts, Wm. Lamb, Robert Lamb, Joseph Sewell, and Phillip Ward all 5s and costs each; John O'Neil 10s and costs, or 14 days.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

John Allan, for doing damage to a corn field at Town Head Farm, on June 20th, was fined 1s, 1d damage, and the costs, and William Cain for similarly offending at the same place was also fined 1s, the damage, and costs.—George Nicholson and George Armstrong for damaging grass at Bush Blades Farm on June 21st, were each fined 6d, the damage, and costs.

GAMING AT LEADGATE.

Peter Boyle was convicted of gaming at Leadgate on June 23rd, the day of Brooms' Sports, by playing the game of "under and over" with dice, and was fined 5s and costs.—Thomas Grant for gaming on the same day by means of round-about tin horses was also ordered to pay 5s and costs each.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Isaac Lamb, Thomas Fullerton, Sidney Seymour, and Robert Lamb were convicted on the evidence of P.C. Rispin of playing at pitch and toss at Broomhill on June 22nd, and were fined 2s 6d and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

The following were all convicted of committing a breach of the peace by fighting:—Patrick McHugh and Robert Ross at Dipton, Hill Top, on July 1st; Joseph Layton, William Smith, and Christopher Fisk at Lintz, on June 30th; Matthew Fullerton, Arthur Hume, James Snowdon, and Thomas Snowdon at Iveston, on June 23rd. They were all bound over in the sum of £5 for three months, and ordered to pay the costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

John Slavin was summoned by Mr. M. Hall respecting the irregular attendance of his daughter at School. It was stated that she was persistently absent on Mondays and Fridays—Mrs. Slavin put in a medical certificate, but as it was undated the case was adjourned for the production of a proper certificate.—Matthew Stephenson was summoned by Mr. Seymour Meddick for an offence under the Education Act, and he was ordered to pay 2s 6d.—George Nixon, on a like charge was ordered to pay 5s.—A case against George Coates was adjourned for two months.

ASSAULT AND DAMAGE.

John O'Neil was convicted of an assault on Mary McGurk at Leadgate, on the 23rd of June, and also of wilful damage to furniture to the extent of 10s on the same day. He was ordered to pay the damage and fined 10s and costs on each charge.

THE SEAMY SIDE OF A PUBLICAN'S LIFE

Long hours and the many anxieties attending the proper control of a licensed house help to make a publican's life something more than an easy career, to say nothing of the usual worries of matrimony. At Droitwich, the quaint old Crown Inn is held by a Mr. Truss, whose wife is a buxom lady of thirty-seven years, and the mother of seven children. Four years ago, so a report in the "Worcester Advertiser" states, the wife was suffering very bad health, as she had suffered for three or four years previously.

That this was a constant anxiety to her husband is evident from an observation made to a reporter of the above paper on a recent occasion. "I was so weak," Mrs. Truss said, "that I hadn't the strength to walk. Various doctors in Droitwich, Worcester, and Bromsgrove were consulted, and they all said I was suffering from general debility and chronic dyspepsia. For six weeks I was kept on a diet of milk, without even an atom of bread in it, and I fell into such a melancholy and exhausted state that I felt convinced I was going to die. I could hardly drag myself across the room; I was unable to eat or sleep, and my health seemed to be utterly shattered. I was nursing a baby then, but the doctors told me to wean it at once, or it would kill me.

Customers at the house had noticed the terrible state I had fallen into, and from time to time spoke of marvellous cures effected by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, and urged me to try them. At last I consented, and sent for a box. When I had taken only half the contents I found I could eat better. Then I sent for another box, and when this was empty I could eat so heartily and sleep so well that for a time I took no more. Since that time I have had nothing whatever to complain of, but desiring to make the cure permanent, I subsequently took two more boxes. I now feel strong and enjoy the very best of health. I am sure Dr. Williams' pink pills saved my life, for I told the doctor once when I went to see him that I feared I would die before I got home. I constantly recommend the pills for general weakness."

Worn out, haggard, unhappy, and continually suffering, is the lot of too many women, and in the majority of cases this unenviable existence arises from sheer weakness. When the system is revived and the blood enriched by the tonic influence of Dr. Williams' pink pills, digestion becomes possible and nourishment is derived from the food taken, while the nerves are soothed and regular sleep obtained. These pills are universally recommended for the cure of anæmia, general weakness, loss of appetite, palpitation, shortness of breath, early decay, all forms of female weakness, hysteria, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, sciatica, scrofula, rickets, erysipelas, and consumption of the bowels and lungs. But they are genuine only with the full name, Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, and are sold by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, at two shillings and ninepence a box, or six boxes for thirteen and nine, post free.

TOW LAW CATHOLIC SPORTS

There was every reason to believe that this annual event fully maintained its usual popularity, for on Saturday there was perhaps the largest attendance of people that has been seen at least during the past four or five years. There was a large following of Consett and Blackhill people, for whose convenience a special return train was run from Tow Law at 9.10 p.m. The sports as usual were held in the Pit House Field, where the centre of attraction was the 120 yards handicap, for which £20 was offered. There were about 120 entries for this event, only about half the number of those entered, however, putting in an appearance. The quarter-mile, for which £2 was offered in prize money, excited some interest, as also did the handicap trotting competition. The judge was Mr. M. Donaghy, the marksmen being Messrs P. McGough, and J. McIntyre. The duties of pistol firer were carried out by Mr. Henry Foster, Tow Law. Mr. J. Fineran ably discharged the secretarial duties. During the day the Tow Law Model Band was in attendance, whilst the usual complement of roundabouts, swings, etc., were in evidence. Appended are the details of the various events:—

120 Yards Flat Handicap.—First prize, £15; second, £3; third, £1 10s; fourth, 10s.—Heat 1—T. Bates, Wolsingham, 26; H. Dunn, Medomsley, 26; J. H. Gibson, South Shields, 25. Heat 2—T. Talbot, Burnhope, 24; W. Tait, West Stanley, 22; F. Russell, Blackhill, 26; J. Grey, West Stanley, 21½. Heat 3—J. Suddes, Old Cornsay, 25, w.o. Heat 4—M. Clayton, Blackhill, 24, w.o. Heat 5—J. Linsley, Ferryhill, 25; Dunn, 24½; D. Elliott, Consett, 26. Heat 6—J. Dixon, Tudhoe, 24; T. Marley, Tow Law, 24½; J. Much, Lanchester, 24; J. Gibson, Howden-le-Wear, 16; T. Todd, Crook, 22. Heat 7—W. Gibson, Witton Park, 15; John Ellison, Waterhouses, 26. Heat 8—L. Smith, Stanley, 24; A. Butterfield, Crook, 17. Heat 9—J. Winter (boy), Crook, 25, w.o. Heat 10—R. Joys, Catchgate, 23½ w.o. Heat 11—J. Fenton, Shotley Bridge, 25; R. Knight, Blackhill, 21; W. Adamson, Howden-le-Wear, 24. Heat 12—J. Archer, Newcastle, 17; F. Nall, Cutlers Hall, 25; J. Brown, Blackhill, 25; J. Taylor, Consett, 25; J. Rowell, St John's Chapel, 26. H. Bruce, Byker, 17; T. Ryan, Consett, 25. Heat 14—Void. Heat 15—F. Cairns, Consett, 21½, w.o. Heat 16—J. Jennings, Blackhill, 25; N. Marley, Tow Law, 26; B. Rodgers, Leadgate, 24. Heat 17—Hodgson, Shotley Bridge, 23; W. Wall, Waterhouse, 23. Heat 18—J. Flowers, New Shildon, 22; J. Watson, St. John's Chapel, 22. Heat 19—Gilbertson, Shotley Bridge, 25; S. French, Blackhill, 25; M. Connor, Stanley. Heat 20—E. Nestop, Evenwood, 22. Heat 21—S. Walker, Cockfield, 23½; J. Arnold, Blackhill, 25. Heat 22—F. Ferrey, Hedley Hope, 26, w.o. Heat 23—C. Wearmouth, Willington, 25; F. Cairns, Blackhill, 24½; Miller, Blaydon, 19. Heat 24—J. Jones, Blackhill, 25; J. Jones, Wallsend, 18½. The semi-finals were afterwards run, the respective winners of which were:—Dixon, Archer, Hodgson, Walker, and Talbot. The final resulted as follows:—1, Dixon, Tudhoe; 2, Talbot, Burnhope; 3, Archer, Newcastle; 4, Hodgson, Shotley Bridge; 5, Walker.

Comic Cycle Parade.—1, Skelton, Consett, £1; 2, McDonald, Tow Law, 7s 6d; 3, J. Day, Leadgate.

440 yds. Handicap.—First prize £1 10s; 2nd, 7s 6d; 3rd, 2s 6d. There were 15 entries and three heats. The following won their heats:—T. Nall, Crook, scratch; R. Joys, Catchgate, 20; F. Jones, Blackhill, 30. The final resulted: 1, Joys; 2, T. Nall; 3, F. Jones.

Handicap Trotting Competition.—First prize, £3 10s; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. The prizes were given by Mr Douglas Piercey Taylor Smith, Colepike Hall. There were 9 entries. 1, Pearson, Gateshead; 2, Wilson, Frosterley; 3, Widdis. Pearson, who had the benefit of the handicapping, won by 30 yards.

There was also a quoit handicap. Two or three juvenile events were abandoned.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR CONVENTION AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Saturday last the annual Convention of the Consett and District Christian Endeavour Union was held in the Primitive Methodist Church, Shotley Bridge. The Rev. A. Crago presided over a fair attendance of members and after devotional exercises gave the members a hearty welcome to Shotley Bridge and expressed a hope that their proceedings would be fruitful and profitable. A solo having been rendered by Miss Wright

Miss Raw, Rowley, read a paper on "Thy Kingdom Come." She pointed out the duties and advantages of Christian Endeavour Societies. Had they not found the Christian Endeavour Society an admirable place to attend? It had been the means to many of changing nervous, fearful young men into valiant soldiers of the Cross. Their duty was to try and banish all evils. The drink traffic must be dealt with and a mighty blow given to it for the havoc it was making was terrible. Gambling was another matter they must try and suppress. The need for labour was great but the labourers were few. Yet, looking upon the great world and comparing it with a hundred years ago, the wonderful progress which had been made by the glorious Gospel gave them great cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving and hope for success in their future work.

Mr. J. Leadbitter having contributed a solo,

Miss L. Robson read a paper on "Christian Endeavour Privileges and Obligations." She said it had been remarked that the word "privilege" occurred but once in the Bible, and that was in a marginal note to the 12th verse of Chapter 1 of St. John, "But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name." (Marginal note, "power"—or the right, or privilege.) That right which Christian Endeavourers shared with all who loved Jesus Christ was the greatest of all their privileges. Christian Endeavourers had peculiar privileges. There was a bond of love and union amongst them. They were thankful for the spread of Christian Endeavour principles in their native land, and rejoiced in the happy and helpful intercourse it had established in the way of their free churches in their towns and villages. Undenominational fellowship was one of their most cherished acquisitions, and was the outcome of loyalty to denomination which was the fundamental principle of the Christian Endeavour movement. The second privilege that deserved attention was the opportunity of training afforded by Christian Endeavour Societies. One distinguishing feature was the regular Methodistical system of working on lines laid down in the model constitution. The duties attaching to Christian Endeavours were not acquired in a day, and the training received in the societies would be found useful when the claims of church and town had to be met. There was but one other privilege she would mention, and that was the provision Christian Endeavour Socieites made for the spiritual needs of its young people. They had freedom in public worship alone with the elders, and in addition there was a special mid-week prayer meeting. As a class they must arrange to carry the gospel to those who did not go to hear it in their chapels by holding open air meetings, cottage meetings, and by house visitation.

The Chairman, in thanking the ladies for their papers, said the greatest needs of there life were spiritual needs. If they gave due attention to those needs other things would fall into their places. As Christian Endeavourers they were glad to have that uppermost in their minds.

The afternoon conference was then concluded with prayer, after which tea was provided in the schoolroom, and subsequently an open-air mission was held at the Fountain, addresses being delivered by the Rev J. Taylor, Mr Williams, and others.

In the evening a meeting was held in the chapel at which the Rev D. Kyles, Annfield Plain, president of the union, occupied the chair.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, said the material temper of the age was very significant. It found its expression in the lust for lucre and the greed for gold, as well as in the thirst for empire by nation. They had these exemplified around them on every hand. They found the gambling evil eating like a cancer into the heart of society, and drink, not content with its large pile of victims, was still prosecuting its work with insatiable thirst, making manly men into demons and transforming sweet females into fiends. There was need for Christian work, and there was plenty for Christian Endeavour Societies to do.

The Rev C. Humble, Tow Law, said their Christian Endeavour movement was serving to bring the different churches together. Of course there was not the slightest chance of their losing their denominational standing, because as a Primitive Methodist he thought they were the best. (Laughter and applause.) They were all Endeavourers. The great St. Paul himself was an Endeavourer. In writing he said, "Endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." The very meaning of the word was to do their duty and put forth their utmost energy. They were servants of Jesus, their duty to Him and their fellow-men.

Miss E. G. Fishburn sang a solo, after which an address was delivered by the Rev T. A. Wolfendale, of Durham, on the subject of "Shut the door."

Miss Bulmer, Tanfield Lea, then called over the roll affecting the following societies:—Allendale, Annfield Plain, Blackhill, Consett, East Stanley, Greencroft, Oxhill, Shotley Bridge, South Moor, Tanfield Lea, and West Stanley.

The pronouncement of the benediction terminated the proceedings.

SWALWELL.

CO-OPERATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Swalwell Co-operative Society was held on Saturday. The Secretary (Mr. John Gardner) submitted the 145th quarterly report and balance-sheet, which stated that the sales showed a satisfactory increase of £220 over last quarter. The net profit in each department was as follows:—Grocery, 3/7; drapery, 3/5; and butchering 3/3½ in the £, which enabled an all round dividend of 3/6 in the £ to be paid, and to carry £5 to the educational fund, and £10 to the reserve account. The appointment of two committee men resulted in the election of Mr. E. Y. Spencer and Mr. Wm. McGregor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A MIDNIGHT PROWLER.—On Monday, at Chester-le-Street, George Millar, a well-known character, was brought up in custody charged with being found on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose at Chester-le-Street on Saturday night, and also with damaging a fence.—George Richardson, hack-master, informed the Bench that he and his brother were attending to their horses just before midnight, when they heard somebody in Mr. Watson's garden, which is close by. They entered the garden and found prisoner hidden in the hedge, and pretending to be asleep. Mr. Watson and the police were informed, and Millar taken into custody.—He told the Bench first that he was so drunk he knew nothing about the affair. Then he said some men knocked him through the garden fence.—The Bench believed neither story, and after allowing the charge of damage to be withdrawn, ordered him to prison for three weeks with hard labour.

BICYCLE GYMKHANA AT SOUTH MOOR

With the view to raising money for the South Moor Church Organ Fund, a small committee, consisting of Dr and Mrs Ingram-Johnson, and Miss Smith organised a gymkhana on the suggestion of some Dipton friends. The event was brought off on Saturday afternoon in a field at Stanley Burn Farm. Prior to the racing a parade of cyclists was held. The course selected was from South Moor [illegible] up the lane by Oxhill to the Morrison Pit, down to Stanley, and back to South Moor to Stanley Burn Farm, where the judging took place for best decorations. The judges were Mr James Fairley, of Shafto House, Craghead; Mr Jos. E. W. Fairley; Mr W. Welsh, South Moor; Rev R. Tuson, Dipton, Mr John Smith, South Moor; and Mr R. Tindale, of Annfield Farm. The clerks of the course were Messrs T. Wilkinson and W. H. Fairley; starter, Mr G. Sterling, Annfield Plain. During the afternoon and evening the South Moor Prize Band, under the leadership of Mr Jas. Ward played several selections, while tea was attended to in a tent by Mrs Rosher, **Mrs. Youll, Mrs. Hutchinson,** Miss Swinhoe, M. F. Smith, Miss Oxley, and Miss Darney, while Mr Youll attended to the ginger beer counter. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Dr Ingram-Johnson, upon whose shoulders the onus of the work devolved. The weather was fine, but bitterly cold, and militated against the success of the venture, which, by the way, was quite a novelty in the district. After the racing was over Mrs Ingram-Johnson distributed the prizes in a most gracious manner to the successful competitors, following which Dr. Ingram-Johnson in a short speech said one or two [illegible] had put themselves to great inconvenience in attending the sports, Rev R. Tuson, of Dipton, Mr Tindale, Mr Smith, and Mr Fairley, as judges, Mr. Sterling as starter, and Mr Wilkinson and Mr Fairley of South Moor. They were particularly indebted to the South Moor Band, which had intended to go to a contest elsewhere. They had given their services without charge, but he was glad to say a collection amounting to some 30s had been made on the field for them. There were really too many to mention by name, but as one of the starters of the gmykhana he was very much obliged to those who had helped them so well, and also to all who had supported them. The only wish was that there had been a good many more.

Rev R. Tuson, in reply, expressed pleasure at being present to help to give the decisions. He advised the competitors not to accept the decision of the spectators in the races, but wait until the umpire had given his decision, and not dispute amongst themselves. He would be glad to go back and help them at some future date.

Mr Sterling also replied, and moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Ingram-Johnson for so kindly distributing the prizes. The following are the results:—

Best decorated cycle — First prize, double album, given by Miss Ingram-Johnson; second prize, pair of salts—1, Miss M. Graham, South Moor; 2, Miss Lizzie Morrison, Oxhill.

Neatest costume—A jam dish, given by Mrs Smith, South Moor—Miss W. Smith, South Moor.

Best comic costume—Box of cigars, given by Mr Jos. Robinson, of Stanley—1, Wm. Rainbow.

Hand-in-hand race—First prize (for gentleman) a flask; for lady a revolving butter dish, given by Miss Gray, South Moor; second prizes (for gentleman), cigar holder; for lady, a purse.—Heat 1—Mr. J. E. Davis and Miss E. Coulthard Dipton; heat 2, Mr Purvis and Miss Graham, South Moor; heat, 3, Mr E. Rutherford and Miss A. Coulthard, Dipton. Final—Mr E. Rutherford and Miss A. Coulthard, 1; Mr J. E. Davis and Miss E. Coulthard, 2.

Costume race for gentlemen—First prize, a brief bag; second prize, a felt hat—Heat 1, R. Maude, Dipton; heat 2, Mr. E. Rutherford, Catchgate; heat 3, Mr. E. Purvis. Final—R. Maude, 1; E. Rutherford, 2.

Fast race for ladies, once round the course—First prize, a lady's companion, given by the maids of Ivy Terrace, South Moor; second prize, a beautiful clock, given by Rev W. C. Cooke, of Holmside—1, Miss E. Coulthard, Dipton; 2, Miss Graham.

Bun, ginger beer, and cigarette race—First prize, a box of cigars, given by Mr T. Oxley, of South Moor; second prize, a pipe rack, given by Mr M. Martin, of South Moor.—Heat 1, Mr L. Fletcher, Newcastle; heat 2, Mr C. Todd; heat 3, Mr R. Maude, Dipton. Final—1, R. Maude; 2, C. Todd.

Tandem ribbon race—First prizes, carvers (gent), given by Messrs E. and F. Turnbull; china clock (lady), given by Mr R. Lumley; second prizes (gent) inkstand; bottle of scent (lady), given by Mrs Hutchinson—1, Mr E. Rutherford and Miss A. Coulthard, Dipton; 2, Mr J. E. Davis and Miss E. Coulthard.

Flower pot and potatoe race—First prize, butter dish; second prize, an ash tray, given by Mr Hepplewhite—Heat 1, Mr E. Rutherford; heat 2, Mr M. Hobson, Catchgate; heat 3, Mr R. Maude, Dipton. Final—1, Mr E. Rutherford; 2, Mr M. Hobson.

Costume race for ladies—First prize, a butter dish, given by Mr J. T. Castle, of Stanley; second prize, a placque, given by Miss Smith, of South Moor—1, Miss A. Coulthard, Dipton; 2, Miss Graham, South Moor.

Obstacle race (for gentlemen)—First prize dressing case, given by Mr R. B. Pringle, Stanley; second prize, cigar case—Heat 1, Mr F. Moore; heat 2, Mr E. Rutherford; heat 3, Mr J. Hardy. Final—1, E. Rutherford; 2, J. Hardy.

Rescue race (for gentlemen)—First prize, set of links, given by Mrs. Handcock; second prize, a pipe and case, given by Messrs T. Wilson and Sons, Annfield Plain—Heat 1, J. Todd; heat 2, M. Hobson; heat 3, R. Moore, heat 4, R. Maude. Final—1, J. Todd; 2, R. Moore.

Obstacle race (for ladies)—First prize, egg stand, given by Mrs Fairley, of Shafto House, Craghead; second prize, handkerchief boxes—1, Miss A. Coulthard, Dipton; 2, Miss Graham, South Moor.

Slow race—First prize, a silver medal, given by Mr Hobbs, South Moor; second prize, pair of pictures, given by Messrs Davison and Sons Stanley—Heat 1, Mr L. Fletcher, South Moor; heat 2, Mr Bowman; heat 3, Mr R. Maude. Final—1, Bowman; 2, Fletcher.

Consolation prize for gentleman who had not won a prize, an album, given by Mr and Mrs. W. Wright and won by Dr. Ingram-Johnson, South Moor.

Consolation race for the lady who had not won a prize, an umbrella, given by Mr. and Mrs W. Collins, won by Miss Proudlock.

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CATHOLIC BAZAAR AT ESH

On Thursday afternoon a bazaar was opened in the St. Michael's Roman Catholic Schoolroom, Esh Laude, in aid of the fund for the erection of a Roman Catholic church at Lanchester. The parish of Esh is one of the largest and most populous in the Hexham and Newcastle diocese, and the Rev S. Harris has laboured earnestly and perseveringly for several years past. The need for a place of worship at Lanchester has long been felt, and it is anticipated that in the course of a few years this will be an accomplished fact. A luncheon was held in the schools.

At the inaugural ceremony Father Harris presided, and explained the object of the bazaar.

In the absence of Col. S. A. Sadler, of Middlesbrough, one of the owners of Malton Colliery, near Lanchester, Dr. Preston, Bishop Electorate for the diocese, opened the bazaar in an appropriate speech. There was a large and fashionable audience. The stalls were heavily filled, and the sales proceeded briskly. A variety of supplementary attractions were provided. The stalls were attended by the following:—No. 1, fancy stall, Miss Seed, Miss Waugh; No. 2, china and fancy stall, Mrs Collingwood, Miss Suddes; No. 3, khaki stall, Miss Leadbitter-Smith, Flass Hall; No. 4, Mrs W. Owston, Mrs J. Liddell, Prudhoe Hall; No. 5, Miss Cordizan, Miss Fowler, Miss Glennyn.

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WINES AND SPIRITS

Messrs J. R. Parkington & Co., 24, Crutched Friars, London, report:—During the past month no branch of our trade has presented any particular feature. Business continues to be transacted on the most modest lines, and contracts of any considerable importance are rare indeed. Nor can any improvement be reasonably expected until the political horizon has cleared, and peace once more established on a sound and, it is to be hoped, permanent basis. Some few enquiries for Clarets of the better descriptions have been noted, but prices have to be arranged to suit buyers, who are, for the present, clearly masters of the position. Champagne holds its own fairly well under the adverse circumstances, and substantial parcels of 1893's and 1895's have changed hands at good rates. The shipments of Port for June amount to 6,692 pipes (Great Britain 2,300 pipes) making 50,449 pipes for six months against 53,791 pipes in 1899. The Sherry shipments were 3,167 butts, making 24,234 butts for six months as compared with 23,144 for the corresponding period of last year. The whiskey market continues quiet, and it is evident that the after effects of the late financial difficulties are being felt in many quarters. The rum trade is scarcely so active as in the preceding months, but quotations remain very firm with a continual upward tendency. Reports from the chief vine growing centres are most hopeful; climatic conditions have been all that could be desired, and though traces of cryptogamic diseases are noticeable in some districts, these are evidently merely isolated instances, which only serve to demonstrate the fine condition of the large majority of the vineyards. Now that the critical period of the "florisson" has safely passed many good judges unhesitatingly assert that the vintage will exceed in quantity the prolific yield of 1893; the question of quality must remain open for the present, though indications are certainly favourable.

CATCHGATE.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday afternoon the public field day and tea was held in a field adjoining the chapel, kindly lent by Mr. Geo. Hobson, of Harperley Mills. The children received their free tea, after which they enjoyed themselves with sports. On Sunday morning Mr. J. H. Woolcock, of South Moor, gave an address to parents, teachers, and scholars. In the afternoon and evening the children recited their portions of scripture, dialogues, etc., and accompanied by the choir sang a choice selection of hymns, conductor, Mr. J. Underwood, organist, Mr. Isaiah Hall. Collections were taken up in aid of the school funds.

RYTON.

THE HOSPITAL QUESTION.—On Wednesday evening a special meeting of the Ryton District Council was held to consider the question of providing an isolation hospital for the district. Mr. J. B. Simpson, J.P., presided.—The Surveyor said that as a result of the visit of the Council's deputation to London to see the officials of the local Government Board, the plans submitted were so amended that the cost of the erection of the hospital in accordance with the suggestions made would be about £5,000, and besides that the local Government Board would require an undertaking that they would not treat smallpox patients in an hospital erected on the site proposed. He had drawn alternative plans, but the one he would suggest that they should adopt was the one with one ward block. This plan would require 2½ acres of land.—Mr. Archbold said that was far too great an expense for a district like theirs.—Mr. Middleton thought so too. The question was, could they build an iron hospital without going to the Local Government Board by paying for it out of the rates over two or three years? If they took £5,000 as the first cost, that would mean a charge of nearly 3d in the pound for 30 years.—The Chairman thought if they could get a permanent hospital for not more than £3,000 the members would be practically unanimous. £5,000 was a heavy sum.—After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the members of the Council should visit the hospitals at Hexham, Hebburn, Jarrow, Easington, and Chester-le-Street before a final decision was come to.

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DIPTON DIAMOND JUBILEE SPORTS

This popular event came off on Saturday in delightful weather, and in consequence there was a very large attendance. The venue, as usual, was the ground of the old Dipton Wanderers Football Club, and a better spot could not be desired. There was a large and varied assortment of stalls, etc., and these seemed to be pretty liberally patronised. The chief event on the programme was the 120 yards handicap, for which the handsome sum of £30 was offered in prizes. This attracted no fewer than 170 entries, and some capital sport was witnessed. H. Robertson (Gateshead) won the final somewhat easily off 22 yards, a fellow-townsman in J. Mack (19½) following him home. Robertson was a warm favourite for the final. There was a number of the bookmaking fraternity present, and they plied a busy trade. One or two duels in the arguing line between disappointed backers and the bookies were a lesson in the way of choice Billingsgate. Other events included wrestling, footballing, bowling at the wicket, and a bicycle parade, all of which were well patronised. Tea was provided in a marquee on the ground. Mr. J. Charlton, of Victoria Garesfield, acted as handicapper and judge. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Messrs. T. Laverick and J. Adams, who were assisted by a hard-working committee. Details appended:—

120 Yards Handicap.—1st prize, £20; 2nd, £7; 3rd, £2; 4th, £1.—Heat 1—R. Perron, Rainton, 22½, 1; J. Kelly, Westwood 20, 2. Heat 2—J. Dagmer, Consett, 23, w.o. Heat 3—Void. Heat 4—J. Beck, Gateshead, w.o. Heat 5—T. Soulsby, Mickley, 20½, 1; J. Crawford, Lanchester, 20½, 2. Won easily. Heat 6—J. Pearson, Benwell, 21, 1; G. Dunn, Sherburn, 21½, 2; W. Bell, Kimblesworth, 20, 3; J. Smith, Monkseaton, 19, 4. Won easily. Heat 7—T. Camp, Blackhill, 17½, 1; R. Ferguson, Hexham, 18, 2. An easy win. Heat 8—J. Grey, Spen, 23, 1; T. Wherley, Tantobie, 23, 2; R. Nixon, Lintz Colliery, 23, 3; G. Dodds, Westwood, 23, 4. Won after a good race. Heat 9—J. H. Hood, Gateshead, 21, 1; E. Nelson, Newcastle, 22½, 2; E. Gofton, Windy Nook, 17½, 3; B. Robinson, Springwell, 19, 4; E. Bruce, Thornaby, 15, 5. Heat 10—A. Flynn, Annfield Plain, 23, 1; F. Redford, Newcastle, 19½, 2; M. Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 22, 3. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 11—W. Wilde, Newcastle, 23, 1; J. Handyside, Carrs Hill, 22, 2; W. Goodfellow, Lintz, 23, 3; J. Thompson, Maiden Law, 22, 4; G. West, Dipton, 23, 5. Won by a foot. Heat 12—I. Ross †, Newcastle, 22, 1; F. Johnstone †, Winlaton, 18, 2. Won after a dead heat. Heat 13—W. Richardson, Blyth, 18½, 1; W. Bell, Gateshead, 18½, 2; J. Eltringham, Consett, 17, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 14—E. Dryden, Winlaton, 17½, 1; J. Ord, Leadgate, 20, 2; J. Talbot, Lintzford, 20½, 3; W. Robinson, Tudhoe, 22, 4; J. Todd, Newcastle, 19½, 5. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 15—J. Mack, Gateshead, 19½, 1; J. G. Smith, Hamsteels, 19, 2; D. Swan, Newcastle, 20½, 3. Only the winner trying. Heat 16—W. Bennett, Newcastle, 21½, 1; J. Fisk, Newcastle, 18½, 2. Won easily. Heat 17—R. Jordon, Newcastle, 18½, 1; J. Younger, Greencroft, 21½, 2; W. Nevins, Lintz, 23, 3; H. Dawson, South Moor, 22½, 4; E. Hart, Gateshead, 22½, 5. Won by a yard. Heat 18—W. Wilson, Newcastle, 17, 1; W. Burns, Langley Park, 21½, 2. Won by a yard. Heat 19—H. Robertson, Gateshead, 22, 1; W. Fisk, Newcastle, 21, 2; W. Amos, Blaydon, 22, 3. Won easily. Heat 20—Old Hurst, Tyne Dock, 20, w.o. Heat 21—R. Frazer, Prudhoe, 17, 1; W. Rowe, Elswick, 22½, 2; J. Maughan, Beamish, 21, 3; A. Crisp, Stanley, 22½, 4; H. Burton, South Moor, 23, 5. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 22—J. Johnstone, Blackhill, 20, 1; R. Armstrong, Stanley, 21, 2; W. Prest, Derwent Cottages, 21, 3; J. Lowther, Wrekenton, 21½, 4; T. Thirlwell, Dipton, 23, 5. Won comfortably. Heat 23—J. W. Bellsmore, Hexham, 18½, 1; J. Johnstone, Gateshead, 22½, 2; J. Smith, Blaydon, 20½, 3; D. Watson, Elswick, 22, 4. Won by a yard. Heat 24—E. Sutherland, Elswick, 16½, 1; J. Carr, Beamish, 22, 2; C. Hunter, Winlaton, 19½, 3; I. Thompson, Leadgate, 22½, 4. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 25—W. Willis, Blackhill, 18, 1; W. Hansom, Annfield Plain, 20½, 2; A. Slater, Dipton, 23, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 26—W. Dobson, Blackhill, 19½, 1; W. Wandle, Whickham, 23, 2; J. Anderson, Stanley, 23, 3; J. Dunn, Consett, 23, 4. Won comfortably. Heat 27—M. Murphy, Blackhill, 21½, 1; C. Currey, Stanley, 22, 2; T. Gregory, Swalwell, 21½, 3; J. Rogers, Winlaton, 21, 4. Won easily. Heat 28—T. Stephenson, Ryton, 14½, 1; G. Telford, Consett, 22½, 2; W. Lockwood, Medomsley, 22½, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 29—C. Allison, Elswick, 21½, 1; J. Rudd, Hamsterley, 23, 2; J. Thompson, Percy Main, 20½, 3. Won easily. Second Round—Heat 1—Soulsby † 1, Beck † 2, Barron 3. Won by six inches, after a dead heat. Heat 2—Hood 1, Camp 2, Flynn 3. Won by a foot. Heat 3—Mack 1, Wilson 2, Jordan 3. Won by a foot. Heat 4—Robertson 1, Johnstone 2, Frazer 3. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 5—Stephenson 1, Allison 2, Murphy 3. Won on the tape. Final—Robertson 1, £20; Mack 2, £7; Hood 3, £2; Stephenson 4, £1; and Soulsby 5. Won by a good yard, a foot between second and third. Betting: 6 to 4 on Robertson, 5 to 1 each against Mack, Hood, and Stephenson, and 10 to 1 against Soulsby.

Bicycle Parade, for silver bugle—Dipton and District won with a muster of 50, Consett Forget-Me-Not being second with 14.

Quoiting on the Sward—J. Surtees, Spen, 1, 3, and 4; S. Curry, Dipton, 2.

Schoolboys' Race (under 13 years).—Final—J. Foster 1, W. Turnbull 2, J. Askew 3, J. Armstrong 4.

Girls' Skipping Contest—A. Watson, 179 turns, 1; A. Stonehouse, 159, 2; M. J. Cooke, 158, 3; Janet Brown and F. Parlett, 157 each, equal 4 and 5; F. Atken, 156, 6.

Wrestling Competitions—Light weights—D. Liddel, Ashington, 1; McDonald, Annfield Plain, 2; Atkinson, Ashington, 3. Heavy weights—J. Little, Carlisle, 1; Atkinson, Ashington, 2; T. Temple, Annfield Plain, and D. Liddle, Ashington, divided 3 and 4.

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.

11,629.—June 27th, 1900. A. Purvis and W. Harbinger, South Shields. Improvements in and relating to metallic packing for piston and like rods.

11,631.—June 27th, 1900. J. Dobbing, Stockton-on-Tees. An improved hay-making machine.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

On Thursday afternoon the ordinary meeting of this authority was held in the Union Buildings, Chester-le-Street, Col. J. Humble presiding. There were also present—Messrs P. Oswald, T. Renwick, J. Mitchell, G. Middlemas, C. J. Banks, J. W. Bolam, T. Richardson, Dr. Duncan, E. Watson, R. E. Purves, W. C. Blackett, Errington, and Mr R. Dickinson (clerk.)

THE LATE MR. GEO. RIDLEY.

A letter was read from the widow of the late Mr Geo. Ridley expressing her sincere thanks for their expression of sympathy with her and her family in their sad bereavement.

The letter was ordered to be entered in the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee recommended that cheques be signed for accounts amounting to £1,256 0s 4d.

The report was adopted.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee ordered that a new greenhouse be erected.

Mr Banks said they should have a motion on that subject before the work was proceeded with. He moved that the greenhouse be erected.

Mr Purves seconded the motion, which was carried.

VACCINATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In pursuance of the Guardians resolution adopted on June 7th, 1900, the committee met on June 28th to consider the statement proposed by the Clerk, showing the amount of fees paid to the public vaccinators and vaccination officers of the Union under the new general order of 1898 and previous orders. After a full consideration of the question it was unanimously agreed to recommend that they give the public vaccinators and vaccination officers notice that their fees, as agreed upon in Nov., 1898, would be reduced from June 30th to the minimum fees as fixed by the Local Government Board in their amended vaccination regulations which came into force on Jan. 1st, 1899, and that the Local Government Board be asked to introduce a change in the scale of vaccination fees as contained in their general order dated Oct. 18th, 1898, in the direction of reducing them, such request to be accompanied by a copy of the Clerk's statement referred to.

Mr Errington: What is the minimum fee?

The Clerk: The Board decided to give them 5s for each case under two miles, and 7s 6d over two miles.

The report was adopted.

MR TROTTER'S INCREASE SANCTIONED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the increase of Mr R. Trotter's salary as collector of poor rates for the parish of Chester-le-Street of £10 per annum.

VACCINATION OF CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to the vaccination of the children of soldiers and other persons resident in the War Department Buildings.

AGRICULTURAL RATES ACT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that it was proposed in future to make the half-yearly payments to Guardians from the grant under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, through the London Agents or head offices of the Local banks, where the Guardians' treasurers keep their accounts, and requesting if that Board had no objection to that arrangement that the accompanying form might be signed by the treasurer and clerk and returned to the Board as early as practicable.

SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO CHILDREN.

A letter was read from the Richmond Union with a copy of a resolution urging legislation as should render it illegal to Her Majesty's Government to promote such supply children under 16 years of age with intoxicating liquors for consumption on or off the premises.

The meeting decided to support the resolution.

DETENTION OF TRAMPS.

A letter was read from the Coventry Union with a copy of the following resolution:—"That the Local Government Board be asked to give Guardians permission to detain tramps for a period of seven days, and that while such tramps are performing the legal task of work, their children should receive such elementary education as could be given by the proper officials."

Mr Bolam moved that the matter lie on the table, as in his opinion they had sufficient of the tramps when they stayed over-night at the workhouse.

FILLING A VACANCY.

Mr Renwick moved that the Clerk take steps to have the vacancy at Lumley, caused by the death of Mr Selby, filled up. The motion was carried.

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THE LANCHESTER COMMONS AND ENCLOSURES ACT.

North-Eastern Railway Co. v. Oliver

A Rule Granted.

Before Justices Grantham and Phillimore sitting as a Divisional Court in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice on Friday, Mr. Simey, on behalf of the North-Eastern Railway Company, moved ex-parte, in the matter of the Lanchester Commons and Enclosures Act, and with regard to certain orders made by the Quarter Sessions of the County of Durham in June and October, 1899, for a writ of certiorari quashing such orders. The case arose out of certain provisions in the Lanchester Commons and Enclosures Act. It appeared, he said, that one Jas. Oliver went to the Quarter Sessions, and, behind the back of the railway company, obtained certain orders. He sat upon them until March of this year, and then made demands upon the railway company for payments under them. They were ex-parte orders, the first being made on June 20th of last year, and declared that James Oliver had sustained damage to the extent of £800 by the making of certain mains and borings underneath the common, and the second order imposed on the railway company a liability to pay a proportion of the damages that the company was alleged to have been instrumental in causing, or a proportion of it. The position of matters appeared to have been this: Prior to 1773 the Bishops of Durham were lords of the manor of Lanchester, and had certain ordinary rights over the surface of the land. The mines and minerals all belonged to the Bishop of the diocese with the absolute power of mining and working them, and also absolute powers with regard to subsidence. The section of the Act had been decided by the Court of Appeal to mean what it said. The Lanchester Common and Enclosure Act was passed in 1773, when the mining rights were not so valuable as they are now. The effect of the act was that what were improvable properties were set out and divided in allotment among copyhold tenants, who held certain rights, but it was expressly provided that the Bishop and his lessees and assignees should have full power to work the mines without being liable for the payment of damages, or without payments to anyone for loss occasioned thereby. On the 27th March of this year the Railway Company received a demand for the payment of a sum amounting to £119 19s 1½d to James Oliver. Mr. Justice Grantham: We have heard sufficient to enable us to grant the rule asked for.—Rule accordingly granted.

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ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT NEAR SATLEY.

PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

On Monday, at Consett Police Court, James Duffy, a miner, was charged with unlawfully and indecently assaulting Mary Ann Blood, on Whit-Monday, near Satley. Mr. J. M. Aynsley (Consett) appeared for the defence.

Complainant said that she was a single woman residing with John Disberry at Satley. She was a farm servant. On Whit-Monday, the 4th June, about 5 o'clock in the evening, she was coming from work when she met the prisoner, James Duffy, at the bottom of the Back Lane. He had his trousers down, and was holding them up with one hand. She was going to pass him when he caught hold of her arm, and asked her who she was running away from. He kept hold of her arm, and she struggled to get away from him. He threw her down, and she screamed. He said if she did not shut up he would stab her, and he repeated this three times. When on the ground he acted indecently towards her. He afterwards got up and told her to get up. She could not get up for a minute or two, but when she got to her feet she ran away, and Duffy ran after her. He followed her between 30 and 40 yards, and got hold of her again. He said he would do it, and she screamed and shouted for help. She again got away, when she missed her watch, and she shouted to prisoner that she thought he had got it. He shouted back that he would give her a crown. She met a lad named Thomas Walker and made a complaint to him, and then went on to Satley. She afterwards went back with her master's son to where the struggle took place. She looked for her watch and found it. Witness afterwards applied for a warrant against Duffy. She had never seen him before in her life. The assault took place between Satley and Broadwood.

By Mr. Aynsley: It was after five o'clock that the assault took place. It was about five minutes past five. She knew this because of her watch. She had a look at her watch when working in the field, and left off at five o'clock. She was on her way home. Duffy was dressed in a dark suit of clothes, with a red silk handkerchief tied round his neck in a sailor's knot, and he wore a plaid cap. She had never seen him before. From the description she gave P.C. Waterson the latter found the prisoner. Duffy had had some drink, but he knew what he was doing. She was sure that prisoner was the man who assaulted her. He was making believe to be drunk. He was holding his trousers up by one hand. She did not see him unfasten his trousers. There were some people working between 200 and 300 yards away. Some of them heard her scream, but thought it was children playing.

Thomas Walker said he was a farm labourer residing with his parents at Satley. He remembered last Whit-Monday. He was leading manure near Satley Village. Prisoner passed him on the road about half-past four. He was going towards Cornsay. He was going down the Back Lane in the direction the girl said he met her. About half-an-hour afterwards he heard someone scream. Witness did not go as he had his horse to look after. About 10 minutes later he saw complainant, who came towards where he was. She made a complaint to him, and was crying. He afterwards saw the place where the assault was alleged to have taken place, and it showed signs of a struggle. He did not take much notice of the man, but thought prisoner was the man. The man was a stranger to him.

By Mr. Aynsley: Witness saw prisoner on the road. He was staggering about the road when witness saw him first. When Duffy passed him he was keeping his trousers up with one hand. He would not swear prisoner was the man, but he was very like him. He did not notice his tie or cap. From where he saw him to where the alleged assault took place would be about 300 yards. When complainant came past she was crying. He did not notice her dress. She said a man had taken her watch from her, and asked if witness had not heard her shout. She did not really complain of being indecently assaulted.

By Supt. Benzies: Complainant seemed excited. She did not say what she had shouted for.

Complainant (re-called) said she saw several men at the Police Station, and she picked the prisoner out as the man who assaulted her. There were three other men—two about the same height as prisoner, and a taller one.

By Mr. Aynsley: When she came past the man she did not speak to him first.

Edward Gargett, a labourer, living at West Street, Cornsay Colliery, deposed that on last Whit-Monday he met the prisoner about a quarter past five near the Pont Burn at Satley. He was coming up the beck side. Witness knew prisoner by sight. Duffy was about half-a-mile off Satley and was going in the direction of Cornsay. He asked witness the road to the nearest station, and he told him it was Cornsay Colliery he wanted to be at, and prisoner said that was the place. Prisoner walked about 200 yards in witness's company. Witness did not take particular notice of his dress. When Duffy left him he went in the direction of Cornsay. Witness did not know where he belonged to then, but knew he had lived at Cornsay before. About five minutes afterwards Mr. Disberry asked him if he had seen anyone go along the road. He answered that he had met Duffy.

By Mr. Aynsley: When he met Duffy the latter seemed as if he had had some drink. He was not staggering. He was not holding up his trousers with one hand. Witness thought he had had some drink because he lay down on the grass. From his conversation also he judged that prisoner had had some drink.

P.C. Waterson said he was stationed at Satley. On the 5th of last month, from information received, he went to see complainant, who made a complaint to him about having been indecently assaulted. From inquiries made he came to the conclusion that it was James Duffy. He went to prisoner's house, but he was not there. He had absconded. He went to the place where the assault occurred about eight o'clock on the 5th of June. The grass was all trampled down, and he saw signs of a struggle. He was away on the day of the alleged assault. He was not there when the watch was found. The girl gave him a description of the man. Witness then read the description he had taken down as follows:—"Dark complexion, dark moustache, dark hair, dark suit, black and white plaid cap, red silk handkerchief round neck. About 5ft. 4in. or 5ft. 5in. high."

By Mr. Aynsley: He heard from inquiries made that the man was working at Cornsay Colliery the next day. He had never seen prisoner before.

By Supt. Benzies: He could not find Duffy at his home or at the Colliery. That was why he said he had absconded.

P.C. Robinson deposed that he was stationed at Hill Top, Dipton. On the seventh of last month, about 9.30, from information received, he apprehended prisoner at Hill Top on a warrant charging him with committing an indecent assault on Mary Ann Blood, near Satley on the 4th June. Prisoner replied, "I was drunk; if she had not spoken to me first I would never have interefered with her." Duffy had been working at the Lintz Colliery at the time he arrested him under the name of James Smith. Prisoner also said, "You have just got me in time; if I had got my pay I would have been off into Scotland."

By Mr. Aynsley: Prisoner said he was drunk at the time.

Prisoner, in reply to the charge, pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence.

Mr. Aynsley said it was the duty of their worships that day, if they thought there was sufficient evidence to send prisoner for trial, to do so. He would like to point out one or two things. As the complainant and the witness Walker had admitted, prisoner had had drink. He thought there was no doubt that the man was drunk. Prisoner, for some reason or other, was holding his trousers up. The girl denied speaking to him first, but if she had spoken to him first, and saw the condition he was in, he thought complainant had caused something of what was alleged to have taken place. The girl admitted that the man's trousers were down, and that they were rolling on the grass together, and what she described might have occurred without the man having purposely done it. He thought there was a great amount of doubt in the case.

The Magistrates committed prisoner to take his trial at the next Assizes.

Mr. Aynsley applied for bail; but Supt. Benzies pointed out that the Assizes would commence on Friday first.

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WEARDALE.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FEATHERSTONE.—The remains of Mrs. Ann Featherstone, of Weardale, were interred at the cemetery on Wednesday amidst every mark of esteem and respect. Relict of the late Joseph Featherstone, who predeceased her by eight years, she was very widely known, being very closely connected with the Primitive Methodist Society. Not only has the church at Weardale sustained a great loss, but the circuit and district a very warm supporter, for under her roof every minister found a very hearty welcome and hospitable home. The chief mourners and relatives present were Mrs. and Rev. E. Thompson and family, Mrs. and Rev. T. J. Watson, Mrs. Ridley (daughters of the deceased), Mrs. Featherstone, Stockton (sister); together with a large number of friends. All the blinds were drawn as the cortege passed through the village from the chapel, where the service was held, at which addresses and reference were made by the Revs. W. D. Judson and R. Huddlestone, who also conducted the committal service at the cemetery.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Sunday School held its anniversary on Sunday last. Special sermons were preached by Mr. Batey, of Gateshead. Mr. Batey is a youth of great promise, and gave great satisfaction. The children recited catechism and portions of scripture, having been tutored by Mr. G. Johnson, with excellent results. The singing by the children, assisted by the choir, is always a feature, and this year they acquitted themselves well, Mr. T. Pinchin being leader. Mr. Thomas Nixon's orchestra was in attendance, and accompanied the singing. They also gave a selection from "Tannhauser," during the collection. Mr. John Thomas presided at the organ, and gave several voluntaries. This is the last Sunday that Mr. Thomas officiates as organist at Shotley Bridge. He was appointed about 12 months ago, and during that time has given satisfaction to everyone. Mr. Thomas is an excellent musician. He has made many friends, and certainly no enemies, among the Wesleyans at Shotley Bridge. We believe that Mr. Thomas has secured a good appointment under Messrs Curry, the music-dealers at Houghton-le-Spring. The services were thinly attended morning and afternoon, but a good congregation was present at the evening service. The anniversary was a success in all respects, and the collections, which were above the preceding year, were for the school funds.

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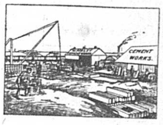

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Patriotism in its best form was witnessed at Shotley Bridge on Wednesday week. The inhabitants of the district rejoiced when Pretoria had been won, and as an expression [illegible] feelings, they decided on having [illegible] day. The members of the [illegible] shown by their previous [illegible] were capable of devising [illegible]ing expression of loyalty. [illegible] arrangements for the children [illegible] old people's field day, it was generally expressed that they had excelled themselves. The committee was composed of everyone willing to help, and rich and poor laboured unremittingly to achieve the success that was accomplished. Voluntary gifts as prizes were secured, and on Tuesday over 100 prizes for the little ones and old people above fifty were shown in the window of Mr. Wilkinson Forster. There was also noticed a fine enlargement of the splendid photo of the bonfire, which caused so much amusement while on view at the "Guardian" Office, Consett. The day of celebration will long be remembered in the annals of Shotley Bridge. The writer remembers the late Mr. Joseph Oley describe the joy with which the victory of Waterloo was received. He told how every pane of glass in the windows of his father's house, the old Cutler's Hall, were illuminated with tallow candles, and with what exultation the news was then received could not rightly be imagined, until the present South African war celebrations occurred. The village was once more gay with bunting and everyone put on holiday attire. The children each possessed flags while many of the adults wore national favours.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession was formed on the top of the Church Bank. It is generally computed that nearly 600 children were present. The Hamsterley Brass Band led the procession, in front being the standard bearer (Master Jack Priestman) arrayed as a gentleman in Khaki, with bandolier and carrying the national standard. The band played military and national airs, and both during the procession and the sports contributed largely to the enjoyment of the day. Next came the Britannia car, and this was an excellent representation of the favourite processional tableau. Miss Nellie Farrel represented Britannia and was surrounded by representatives of the Sister Isle, Scotland, and Wales. At each corner of the car marched a bodyguard of boys dressed as soldiers in khaki costumes. A company of infantry followed, representing the Durham Light Infantry. Next came the school children above 11, each carrying a Union Jack and marching in step with the music. After the school children came a detachment of the Handy men with "Long Tom" borne shoulder high on a stretcher or hand barrow. This was followed by the Naval Brigade and this representation of England's Hearts of Oak was deservedly popular. Capt. The Hon. Hedworth Lambton came next with a model of H.M.S. Powerful following. The junior boys were placed after them. The summer car which followed deservedly received much commendation for seldom has the public seen so admirable a tableau in a procession. The car was draped in white and adorned with roses and ivy, with six village maidens, typical of the brightness and vitality of summer. Certainly Shotley Bridge never had lack of types of English beauty at any time, and on the present occasion they were not behind. The young ladies on this car were Misses Scott, Gibson, Clarkson, E. Henderson, Clark, and Hall. The company of Gordon Highlanders were acclaimed favourites, the crowds at all points cheering them, they certainly did credit to the procession. What wonder if certain members of the crowds could scarce keep back tears of pride perhaps mingled in sorrow, when they remembered the glorious history of this favourite regiment. Few deeds will stir the patriotic feelings of generations yet unborn to such depths as the sublime sacrifice they have offered in this South African Campaign. The junior girls came next and as they marched along, the thought arose that often on the field of the Empire's trial would the tired, gore-stained Tommy ponder of the little prattlers at home. Therefore how fitting that they should be associated with the rejoicings at success. The ambulance car was a masterly representation of the deeds of mercy that have been performed too often alas! in warfare. A wounded soldier was attended by the Red-Cross Nurse, and the medical man. The little fellow who impersonated the doctor caught the exact professional poise and altogether this was acclaimed by a vast majority as the best tableau. Then followed the general public. The route taken was Benfieldside Edge Road, Cutlers' Hall Road, along the Slonks to the Fountain. Large numbers of delighted spectators witnessed the procession. When it arrived at Shotley Bridge a great crowd had assembled. It was a brilliant and never to be forgotten spectacle, and many such sights have been witnessed in North-West Durham lately. A great crowd of children in a mass, bright, joyous, and happy, each carrying a Union Jack added to the scenic effect and altogether it was a galaxy of patriotic fervour.

A halt was made at the fountain, and "Soldiers of the Queen" was sung. It has taken this country nearly twenty years to rise to the beauty of this song. But if the appreciation has been dilatory the author now can solace himself with the thought that it has won not national fame alone but universal recognition. It has struck the National chord of loyalty which lifts British dominions above those Powers where national existence is crushed out for the aggrandisement of the conqueror.

FANCY COSTUMES.

As prizes were offered for the best costumes a great deal of interest was shown in the apparel of some of the children. The best dressed boy according to the judges, and their decision was endorsed by all the spectators, was Master Jack Priestman, of Shotley Park. Master Tommy Cooke was awarded second. Both were attired as Gentlemen in khaki and Kipling's poem was suggested to several in the line:—

"Cooke's son, Duke's son."

Other costumes seen were Mr. F. Osbourne as nigger, and Mr. H. Oswell as Red Indian. But the girls far outshone the boys in the fancy dress, and the public were treated to a sight of what artistic designers can do, when they try. Miss Annie Brown was first, and was very much admired. She was dressed to represent Harvest, and her attire was a model of suggestive adornment. Miss Katie Raisbeck was second depicting an Italian Peasant Girl. Mention must also be made of Miss T. Brown's representation of "Summer" and the Misses Garbutt who were much admired as "Milkmaid" and "Flower Girl." The flower girl sold boquets, the results being given to the Indian Famine Fund.

THE TEA AND SPORTS.

The procession then marched to the Shotley Spa Grounds where Mr. Simon Rowe catered for the children and adults. The children were seated on the grass and were provided with mugs and bags of buns, fruit cake, etc. The quality of the tea was on all hands said to be excellent. The children were attended to by the school teachers and ladies of the neighborhood, among whom were Mrs. Barclay and the Misses Barclay, Mrs. Lazenby, Mrs. Town, Mrs. Garbut, Miss Kinnear, Miss Robson, and several others. The adults were entertained to an excellent sandwich tea in the pavilion.

During the afternoon Mr. W. Wilson delighted the crowds by setting up a number of large balloons which as they sailed away evoked the delighted cheers of the little ones, and doubtless puzzled the good people away in the Whittonstall district as they passed over their heads.

During the afternoon a very lengthy programme of sports was gone through. The boys had handicaps, obstacle races, three-legged races, tug of war, etc., while the girls also had races and skipping contests. But the interest was largely in the old people's sports. It was amusing in the highest degree to witness the adult ladies' race. How many would remember the gambols of youth as they sped with breathless haste and amusement over the turf. The spectators were convulsed with laughter, and never has such pure enjoyment been surpassed. Mrs. Gornal won the 30 yards handicap, Mrs. Connolly was second, and Mrs. Robert Glendinning third. The egg and spoon race was won by Mrs. R. Glendinning, Mrs. Wilson being second. The men also had a tug of war and races, and caused hearty enjoyment.

The old favourite of Punchinello was also in the grounds, and admiring crowds witnessed the heartless deeds of Punch which in the good old days gave so much fun and still continues to do so.

Although the day was cloudy and threatening, the rain fortnately kept off until about 8 o'clock and by that time all the sports were finished. The Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin presented the prizes, and this concluded the day's proceedings.

The committee have worked hard and deserved the success of their labours. They were ably served in their secretaries, Messrs W. Forster and T. H. Surtees. These gentlemen having accomplished an abnormal amount of correspondence and other necessary work in carrying out the details. The splendid programme of sport was suggested and supervised by Mr. Steggall, of Elr. Park, and Mr. W. Wilson, who was chairman at the committee meetings also deserves honourable mention. The following gentlemen have all through the different celebrations taken an active interest in the work:—Messrs Surtees Leslie, Leybourne Urwin, W. Anderson, W. Urwin, Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, Rev. J. Bishop, R. G. Barclay, Henry, T. H. Frown, Moffat, Town, Drs. Diver and Allen, J. Grant, W. Houliston, J. G. Richardson, F. Osborne, J. Nixon, T. Wivey, Bruce, Willis, and several others. The teachers of the Catholic School also contributed very largely to the success of the procession, the children representing the Naval Brigades, the Infantry, the Gordons, and the fine tableau of the ambulance car, being trained by them, and attired in costumes which they had procured.

DIPTON.

On Wednesday, the people of Dipton celebrated the capture of Pretoria in a most enthusiastic fashion. For some time prior to the celebration day the various forces have been preparing to make the event as successful and interesting as those in other neighbouring districts. One of the distinguishing features of the rejoicings was the illustration of the siege of Ladysmith, which had been organised by Mr J. E. Davis and a strong committee of local gentlemen and ladies. At 5.30 p.m. the procession assembled in a field between South Medomsley Colliery and Mr. A. Mason's house, and headed by the South Derwent Band, consisted of mounted police, Lord Roberts, Britannia seated in her car, with bodyguard, followed by the representatives of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales; nurses and ambulance, amongst which was the South Moor Ambulance Car and nurses; the naval gun with Captain Lambton and his men; "Wrata's Raggy Rovers, with a large effigy of President Kruger; a company of soldiers, Indians, mounted soldiers, Red Indians, mounted Boers with "Long Tom;" the children of the Collierley Board Schools, with their banner, with photo of Queen Victoria; the School Drum and Fife Band, playing a favourite air; more mounted soldiers, followed by young Britons, dressed in soldiers' and sailors' costumes, and junior Red Cross nurses, "Uncle Toby" (Mr. Robt. Aitken), and his bairns; pit lads; Chinese with their pigtails; fishermen, Boxers, and a Maypole mounted on a hay-car looked very nice, the girls being suitably dressed. Then came the school girls under the charge of their teachers, followed by a large company of cyclists in comic costume, and the general public. Prominent in the procession were Mr. F. E. Turnbull (Gen. French), Mr. M. Hobson (Sir Chas. Warren), Mr. W. J. Foreman (Cavalry Officer). The route of procession selected was through Dipton, up to Hill Top and Flint Hill, passing the Wood Houses on the right, and wi[illegible] round at Hare Law, passed up the Fon[illegible] Avenue, down the Delight Bank, C[illegible] Terrace, and down Front Street, [illegible] Brown's field, which was very [illegible] placed at the disposal of the com[illegible] with a substantial donation. [illegible] short concert had been rendered [illegible] local artistes, the event of the ev[illegible] siege of Ladysmith was illustrated [illegible] Mr. J. A. Castle represented General [illegible] W. Young General Buller; M[illegible] Robinson Lord Roberts; Mr. Geo. [illegible] General Dundonald, Mr. T. E. Rut[illegible] Captain Lambton; Miss Robinson, Britannia; Mrs. Hodgson, Miss Robson, a[illegible] the Misses Riddle, nurses; while the Misses C[illegible]hard (3) and Mrs. Davis impersonated [illegible] character and dress the countries of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Wrata's Raggy Rovers with their mechanical Kruger, amused the spectators [illegible]. By the kind permission of Mr. Jas. Fairley, of Shafts House, Craghead, the South Moor "Long Tom" Naval Gun and Ambulance Car was placed at the disposal of the committee, while there were waggons from the Collierley Board Schools, representing the Maypole, Uncle Toby and children on foot were attired in smart military and naval dresses, and represented all sorts of flowers. The British force, under his bairns, and British sports, while the Gen. Dundonald, were encamped on the western slope of the hill, and at an opportune time attacked the Boer force under Messrs J. Hardy and J. Murray, who represented Gens. Botha and Synman respectively in the rear. Captain Lambton and his men succeeded in penetrating the Boer lines, while Dundonald's men retired. Then the British in Ladysmith started with a general bombardment of the Boer forces, investing the town, after which the Boers made two attacks from the north and south sides, but were repulsed with heavy loss. At that stage the wounded British were carried into a hospital close by, where one of the wounded, recognising one of the nurses, told her that a certain soldier for whom he knew she entertained a deep respect was lying on the battlefield wounded. Contrary to the army regulations she secured the assistance of two or three soldiers, and made her way to the place, where she was told her friend was lying. On their way, under the protection of the white flag, they were fired upon by the Boers, who shot the two stretcher-bearers. The news having reached the Ladysmith garrison of the outrageous act a small detachment of the British force rushed out and cleared the Boers from their position, and the British flag was hoisted amid vociferous cheering. Then Gen. White, feeling himself hard pressed, asked for a couple of scouts to endeavour to get through the Boer lines to Dundonald, and these managed very well for a distance, but when passing the last position were captured, and commanded by the Boers to reveal the despatches, which, however, they had destroyed. Having refused the information the Boers tied them up, and again demanded the information contained in the despatches, which, on again being refused, a Boer commander rode up and shot them. Gen. White then asked for other two mounted volunteers, who, after an exciting chase, reached Dundonald. Those episodes happened after McDonald had succeeded in an attack in entering Ladysmith. Then the British, having cleared the one position, attacked and took the central position out of Ladysmith, where the Boers had a "Long Tom" placed. Then in the distance the guns of Dundonald were heard booming, who soon reached the top of the kopje, and in conjunction with the British garrison attacked the Boers on their only remaining position. In the fight several Boer prisoners were taken and were marched round the streets of Ladysmith, and the siege ended with the triumphal entering of Gen. Buller at the head of his army. The fireworks were then put into operation, and they made a very brilliant display.

PATRIOTIC DAY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN

Last week our rhyming men related
What before they had anticipated,
We might expect to see
On Patriotic Day.

And really after all one saw
Their painting was without a flaw,
At least it was to me
On Patriotic Day.

In point of fact, their high ideal,
Was surpassed by the true and real,
On Patriotic Day.

Right nobly did the schools aspire
A treat to see! in their gay attire!
And though they were in stature least,
They did their duty, in march and feast
On Patriotic Day.

At night the cyclists led the van,
My word, they were a curious clan!
Including the funny "Glazier Man."
On Patriotic Day.

Captain Willie, led out of camp
(A captain of a Sterling stamp),
Followed by Indians, Highlanders, and tramp,
Whose ardour nothing seemed to damp,
On Patriotic Day.

Next in order came the band,
With Conductor Snowden in command,
Discoursing music sweet and grand,
With inspiring strains nought could withstand.
On Patriotic Day.

The horsemen then drew to the front,
Ready to face the battle's brunt,
With leader Parker looking larger
As mounted on his sprightly charger,
Upright he sat, with ease and grace,
The very man to fill the place
On Patriotic Day.

Then there was our friend, Billy Black,
A real Buller, in "front" and "back,"
The best personation on the track
On Patriotic Day.

Following their leaders to the war,
Came MaNaburn (Lancer) and Copley (Huzzar),
And all came back without a scar
On Patriotic Day.

The Naval Brigade, you may be sure,
Represented by Wilson and Bob Moore,
Inspired the crowd with pride and fun,
As they saw their four-point seven gun
On Patriotic Day.

The ambulance van was quite a treat,
With Nurses Fairley and Welsh, elite,
Followed by damsels just as sweet,
Who somehow didn't get a seat
On Patriotic Day.

In real war, a real worth!
This fact remembered, quick drew forth
A hearty, loud, spontaneous cheer
That did one's soul good to hear
On Patriotic Day.

To mention all who took a part
Would take more time, and space, and art;
Than I have at my command.
Suffice to say, from what I saw
I can heartily join in Hip, Hip Hurrah!
The scene being so grand
On Patriotic Day.

But I mustn't forget, in my rhyming verse;
To mention that on his sturdy horse,
Was P.C. Simpson, latest addition to the force!
Whose duty was to clear the course
On Patriotic Day.

Now some may censure sights like these
(But some of us are hard to please);
Yet after all, they tend to show
What all of us are glad to know:
That we prize our country's real worth!
That proud we are of our land of birth!
And subscribe to Cowper's dictum, with goodwill,
"England, with all thy faults, I love thee still."

Annfield Plain. S. NICHOLSON.

CASTLESIDE.

Election of an Overseer.—At a special meeting of the Healeyfield Parish Council held on Tuesday evening, Mr. Thomas Raws, of Middle Heads Farm, Rowley, was unanimously elected overseer in place of the late Mr. Elliot Leybourne, Coun. J. W. Colghill presided.

THE REPORTED DEATH OF TROOPER R. AYNSLEY.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

It will be remembered that some time ago the list of casualties in South Africa contained the name of Trooper R. Aynsley, of Kitchener's Horse, together with his regimental number, as having died of enteric fever. The name, however, was spelled "Aynesley" and the official number not having been communicated to his friends in Consett there was room for doubt and hope. Time passed on and on the principle that no news was good news the hope brightened only, however, to be dashed to the ground on Saturday last when an official intimation was received by Mr Wm. Aynsley J.P., of Hill Crest, Consett, stating briefly that his son had died of enteric fever at Winberg, Orange River Colony, on the 20th of May last, the message being sent by the Camp Commandant.

Mr. Aynsley left England in September last year for Capetown, owing to the state of his health, his intention being to make his way to Johannesburg, and there join a number of relatives. He had only been on African soil about a fortnight when President Kruger's first move towards "startling humanity" was issued in the shape of an ultimatum to the British Empire. Imbued by the training he had had in the Northumberland Yeomanry and being one of the first to give force to that great wave of patriotism which swept the whole Empire and startled the world, if not humanity, he volunteered and was accepted for service in the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Cape Mounted Rifles. He remained with that regiment until Lords Roberts and Kitchener arrived when drafts were taken from the various colonial regiments and became what is known and celebrated as Kitchener's Horse. From then up to the taking of Kimberley and the surrender of Cronje he was all the time with Lord Roberts. It is presumed that on the march from Kimberley to Kroonstad Trooper Aynsley became one of the many victims of enteric fever, and was placed in hospital at Winburg, from which it may be gathered that he never reached Kroonstad. In his last letter to his friends in Consett, which was originally dated Feb. 24th, 1900, he began by saying, "Still in the land of the living, but very much to my surprise that I am." He described the progress made from Feb. 3rd by way of De Aar, through Belmont, Graspan, and Enslin. At De Aar they disentrained, where they were working until twelve at night. They had just got nicely to sleep with the sky as a covering when at 3 a.m., they were called and left at once with a convoy of waggons and the Highland Brigade under General Hector Macdonald. They marched to Rooidam and stayed all night. He got his first taste of real warfare there, and described the contaminated water they had to use there, but were glad of. Next morning the march was continued. He described their finding a large body of Boers, and a battle ensuing which lasted eleven hours. He himself fired 360 shots but he could not tell whether any took effect, as during the whole day they could not see one of the enemy. That would give an idea of the sort of fighting they had to do. On the Sunday morning they got to Jacobsdal, which they took after a short fight. On Monday evening, they got to Paardeberg, where Cronje and his men were fighting bravely. The daily rations at that time were two biscuits and one pound of bully beef per man. Lord Roberts said he was proud of their squadron and the way they had behaved under fire, and said he would mention them in despatches. They had the enemy fairly hemmed in, and it was only a matter of time.

Before concluding this portion of his letter he said it was all very well for people at home to talk bravely, but if they were out there they would get to know something about the hardships of war. He hoped they got the chocolate box he sent as he wanted them to take great care of it.

(Unfortunately the box never reached its destination, and probably was lost in the Mexican collision when the mails were lost.)

On March 3rd he wrote that he still had the letter waiting for an opportunity to post it. Cronje and his men had surrendered, and they were a motley crew. He then described their march and arrival at Kimberley, which he said was a fine place, and would not object to being left there for good.

Trooper Aynsley was 21 years of age in January last, and his numerous friends will regret his sad death after serving his country so nobly and well.

A Consett Hotel in the Market

Mr. J. G. Smith, instructed by the trustees of the late Mr. Patrick Coyle, offered for sale by public auction on Tuesday afternoon, at Bayer's Royal Exchange Rooms, Hood Street, Newcastle, the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, together with a double-fronted shop and a stalled stable and coach-house. The property is situate in Newmarket Street, Consett, the main building having a frontage of 93 feet to Newmarket Street, and a frontage of 55 feet to Green Street. The late owner carried on a lucrative business for about 25 years. There was a very large attendance at the sale. The auctioneer stated that a complete record of the business was not available, but they knew that the net purchases for the year ending June last reached £1,993. The hotel comprises a spirit and beer cellar on the basement; a large bar, with bottle and jug department, three sitting rooms, and two kitchens on the ground floor; a large club room, five bedrooms, sitting room, club room, etc., on the first floor, with bathroom, conservatory, etc. The auctioneer set the property away at £10,000. There was only one bid of £11,000 from Mr. James Daly, of Consett, and the property was withdrawn, the auctioneer stating that they would deal privately with prospective purchasers. Mr. J. McCartan was the solicitor for the vendors.

Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Show

The Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society's show this year is to be held on August 25th at Axwell Park, Blaydon. The prize list has just been issued, and includes nine classes for cattle, eight for sheep, twenty-eight for horses, four for butter and eggs, one for horse-shoeing, sixty for poultry, pigeons, and rabbits, and twenty-eight for dogs. The prizes are of ordinary value, and there are many specials. The entries for the show close on the 1st of August, and forms may be had on application to the secretaries, Mr. Alex Atkinson and Mr. James A. Hodgson; or to Mr. J. Marshall, Axwell Park, Blaydon, the local secretary.

FOOTBALL.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

A full meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18th, at Stanley Hotel, at 7 o'clock All clubs that have played through the close season will be admitted in the above league by writing to the secretaries, or send two representatives to the meeting.—J. Jobson, 63, Poplar Street, South Moor, via Chester-le-Street; and T. Shepherd, 18, Ramsey Street, Stanley, secretaries.

BYER MOOR ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday evening last, the annual meeting of this flourishing club was held at the Pack Horse Inn, Crookgate, a fair number of members being present. Mr. Jas. Bennett occupied the chair.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The secretary (Mr. W. H. Dawson) in his report, stated that on the whole the season had been a very fair one, considering the misfortunes the committee had to face during the first part of the season, owing to players being hurt and illness amongst the various members. During the season 27 games had been played in all, of which 15 were won, 8 lost, and 4 drawn; the goals being 62 for, against 31 for opponents. In the Derwent Valley League on the games played they were virtually champions—(applause)—and when September came round they would no doubt maintain their position when the unplayed games were finished. E. Leighton headed the list of goal scorers with 18 to his credit, Weedy (the captain) coming next with 12, and Sep Lamb third with 11. Financially the club was in a better position than last season. The income had been £36 9s 4d and the expenditure £34 14s 0½, leaving a balance of £3 15s 3½d. (Loud applause.)

The report was unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was next proceeded with and resulted as follows:—Patrons, Messrs R. W. Berkley and H. F. Bulman; president, Mr. E. Saunders, sen.; vice-presidents, Messrs A. T. Watson, J. Pickering, G. Barkiss, R. Armstrong, G. Humble, H. C. Wood, T. Davidson, J. L. Weedy, Wm. Charlton, Jas. Brabban, J. Welch, W. Tweddle, Messrs Turnbull Bros., E. Saunders, jun., Dr. H. Wynne Boland, T. Wright, L. L. Thirlwell, T. Goulson, Rev. E. H. Birtwhistle, Wm. Cuthbertson, J. Watson, Jas. Lough, and Mrs. McElduff, captain, Mr. G. Bennett; vice-captain, Mr. G. H. Weedy; treasurer, Mr. T. Hall; secretary, Mr. W. H. Dawson (re-elected); assistant sec., Mr. J. Parker; committee, Messrs Jas. Bennett, Tom Leighton, G. W. Biggins, R. Hodgson, H. Lowe, and Sep Lamb, with the captain and vice-captain; league representatives Messrs Lowe, Weedy and Bennett.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to the officers for past services were carried with acclamation.

On the conclusion of the business the worthy hostess (Mrs. McElduff) entertained the members to refreshments a pleasant evening being afterwards spent with songs, etc.

LEADGATE WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of this club was held on Tuesday evening, at the headquarters, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate. Coun. J. W. Winter was voted to the chair, and amongst those present were—Messrs J. E. Kinleside, F. Lockey, T. Greener, W. Forster, B. Saunderson, F. Lowes, J. Kennedy, J. Prest, J. Day, J. Steel, C. Todd, J. Hunter, and others.

The Chairman, at the outset, congratulated the club upon the successful season they had passed through, and urged them to strive and improve even upon that satisfactory record.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. J. E. Kinleside (hon. sec.) read his report as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In presenting my annual report it affords me much pleasure to congratulate the team upon a very successful season from every point of view. For the first time we took part in league football and cup-ties, and the results were such as to afford us every right to hope for high honours in the future. In the second division of the Northern Wednesday League we finished up in a prominent position, and had we been able to complete our fixtures it is possible that we should have headed our division. (Applause.) A noteworthy feature of the season was the splendid manner in which the team acquitted itself in cup matches, only losing one game. In the Walton Cup I think I may fairly say that we had very hard lines. We first beat East End Harriers away, and were then drawn to meet that famous organisation, Sunderland West End. Most people put this tie down as a good thing for the Wearsiders, but our men gained a brilliant victory after a hard game. We reached the final stage of the competition, the champions of the first division (Gateshead Wed.) being our opponents. We duly met at Birtley, and the official verdict was a draw of one each. In the replayed tie on the following Wednesday the official verdict was against us by a goal to nil, although almost everybody who saw the game admitted that we would have received no more than our due had we captured the trophy. (Applause.) For our position as runners-up we receive eleven silver medals with gold centres. If the players stick together I see no reason why in the near future we should not pose as one of the most conspicuous Wednesday teams in the north. We have a good stock of players, all of whom are very enthusiastic, and it only needs a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether to enable us to reach the top of the tree. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Forster, the report was adopted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

In the unavoidable absence of the treasurer (Mr. J. Kershaw), Mr. Kinleside stated that the income had been £7 15s 6½d, and the expenditure £6 10s 2d, leaving a balance of £1 5s 4½d.

PRESENTATION.

As a token of their sympathy with him in his accident against Sunderland West End, Mr. Kennedy received a handsome present from the members, and suitably acknowledged the gift.

Prizes for training were awarded to J. Steel (presented by Mr. Kershaw), J. Kennedy (presented by Mr. Kinleside), and to the trainer, J. Day (presented by Mr. T. Greener.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Coun. M. D. Greener; vice-presidents, Dr. Henley, Rev. T. W. Henson, Coun. Winter, Coun. R. Robson, Coun. W. Foreman, Messrs R. Calvert, L. Todd, J. Thompson, T. Sinclair, J. Power, T. S. Longstaff, J. Lumley, J. Burnhope, Jas. Teasdale, J. B. Nicholson, G. W. Goulden, W. Brears, M. Keenleyside, Jas. Brown, J. Jobling, W. Whitfield, Jas. Kelly, J. Jacobson, G. Cooke, and J. O. Todd; hon. sec., Mr. J. E. Kinleside; treasurer, Mr. J. Kennedy; captain, Mr. W. Bell; vice-captain, Mr. J. Hunter; committee, Coun. Winter, Coun. Greener, Coun. Foreman, Dr. Henley, and Mr. Jas. Brown; auditors, Messrs T. Greener and Lowes; trainer, Mr. J. Day.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

CRICKET

KIMBLESWORTH v. MEDOMSLEY II.

Played at Kimblesworth, in the Challenge Cup competition, and resulted in a win for the home side. Score:—

KIMBLESWORTH.

M. Gregory b Whiteley	27
F. Moss b Lovett	19
T. Grant b Parker	0
J. Moss b Lovett	8
S. Haddon l.b.w.	13
F. Scott b M. Walton	4
T. Kaye not out	0
J. Smith c Parker b Whiteley	0
T. Bamlett b Whiteley	2
H. Kirton b Whiteley	5
J. Kaye b Whiteley	0
Extras	6
Total	84

MEDOMSLEY 2ND.

M. T. Milburn b Smith	0
W. Lovett b Haddon	0
T. Walton c J. Kaye b Smith	16
W. Cant c Gregory b Smith	5
S. Wheatley c Haddon b Smith	4
W. G. F. Thompson c Gregory b Smith	12
A. T. A. Whiteley b Smith	0
W. T. Hunter c T. Kaye b Smith	1
M. Walton not out	23
J. Marks b J. R. Moss	1
T. Parker b J. R. Moss	1
Extras	2
Total	55

MEDOMSLEY 2nd v. STANLEY 2nd.

At Medomsley. Medomsley will be chosen from the following:—M. Walton, S. Wheatley, J. Hetherington, W. T. Hunter, W. Lovat, W. G. F. Thompson, T. Parker, Jos. Marks, A. Whiteley, Jos. Walton, W. Wheatley, G. Scrivens. Wickets pitched at 2.30.

MEDOMSLEY v. STANLEY.

At Stanley. The following will represent Medomsley:—Rev. A. C. Blunt, M. Hetley, T. Walton, R. Cant, R. Campbell, R. Charlton, W. Cant, R. J. Robinson, J. R. Lowes, M. T. Milburn, M. Charlton. Brake to leave Medomsley at 12.45 prompt.

LOCAL RAILWAY FACILITIES

MEETING IN CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon a meeting of the Committee representing the various local District Councils, convened by Councillor Dunne, on behalf of the Consett Council, was held in the Consett District Council Chamber. Coun. Dunne (Consett) presided, and there were also present—Councillors G. T. Hyden and E. Holliday, representing Consett; W. F. Lane, representing Leadgate; Jonathan Green, J.P., Stanley; and the Clerk (Mr. T. W. Welford.)

The Clerk read over the following minute which had been passed by the Consett Council:—"A train leaves Durham at 5.25 p.m. arriving at Blackhill at 6.5, the next after this leaving is at 8.35 p.m.; thus parties wishing to come from Durham to Consett and forward on the Annfield Plain branch have to wait 2½ hours. Suggested, that it be so arranged that passengers travelling from Newcastle to Blackhill, Darlington to Blackhill, and Durham to Blackhill, should be able to go on to Consett and forward at about 6.15. We express our regret that the fare from Consett to Newcastle via Annfield Plain has not been reduced to the same rate as the journey to Newcastle by the Derwent Valley branch, and again request that the rates be made uniform."

The Clerk expressed an opinion that they would not get the rates altered.

Mr. Holliday: We want a uniform rate.

The Clerk: You cannot get it.

Mr. Green: We will back you up, but you wont get it.

Mr. Hyden moved that 10.20 a.m. train starting from Annfield Plain on Saturdays should start from Blackhill at about 9.30 and run daily, and be express from Birtley.

Mr. Lane seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. Green and agreed to.

Mr. Green moved that it be so arranged that passengers travelling from Newcastle to Blackhill, Darlington to Blackhill, and Durham to Blackhill, should be able to go on to Consett and forward about 6.15 p.m.

Mr. Lane seconded the proposal, which was approved of.

Mr. Lane pointed out that there were three trains arriving at Blackhill, one at 3.25 p.m. from Newcastle, one from Durham at 3.18, and one from Crook at 3.12, and there was no train to Consett until 4.53. That meant a wait of an hour and a half.

The Clerk suggested that they should leave that over for eight or nine months.

The Chairman said if they got the trains they were asking for would it be more satisfactory.

Mr. Green said they should not ask for too much at a time or they might get nothing.

Mr. Holliday drew attention to the fact that there was a late train from Newcastle to Blackhill on Wednesday nights, which was very useful to tradespeople and others, but of no advantage to workpeople. If they had a late train on Saturdays as well it would give the industrial classes a chance of spending a good day at Tynemouth or elsewhere.

The Chairman said they were not there to discuss any line except the Annfield Plain branch.

Mr. Holliday said the same thing occurred on the Annfield Plain branch. There was a train from Newcastle at 10.40 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, but not on Saturdays. If they could get these trains run on Saturdays it would be a great boon to the working classes. He moved that they ask to have both trains put on on Saturdays.

Mr. Green and Mr. Hyden thought they ought to confine themselves to the one line, and Mr. Holliday thereupon moved that the Company be asked to run the 10.40 on Saturdays as well, via Annfield Plain.

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

On the motion of Mr. Hyden, seconded by Mr. Green, the Clerk was instructed to arrange for a deputation to meet the Company.

The meeting then ended

STANLEY.

New Primitive Minister.—On Sunday the Rev. J. A. West, newly appointed minister, preached his first sermons in the Stanley station in the Stanley Primitive Chapel, to large congregations.

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DEATH OF MR. WM. HOGARTH

of Burnopfield.

A feeling of intense and widespread sorrow was cast over Burnopfield and district on Tuesday morning, by the receipt of a telegram announcing the death of Mr. William Hogarth, the esteemed head master at the Burnopfield National School, which sad event took place at Stanhope, at the residence of his father, about 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. For some time past the deceased gentleman has been in ailing health, and suffered from a kidney complaint, but despite this malady he stuck manfully to his duties, and had perforce to drive to and from school during the last three months. His demise was somewhat unexpected, Mr. Hogarth being at school as late as Friday, the 29th ult., and when the news of his demise was made known expressions of heartfelt regret were heard on all hands. His career was an honourable one, and Burnopfield is the poorer by his death. It is indeed the privilege of few schoolmasters to be able to boast of a record service of nineteen years at one school, yet such an honour fell to be lot of Mr. Hogarth. The deceased gentleman was a great favourite amongst those placed under his care, and the manner in which he imparted knowledge to his scholars gained for him the confidence of his pupils, as well as their esteem. Ample testimony of this was to be found when we mention that the scholars never allowed Christmas to pass by without showing in a tangible form, their esteem for Mr. Hogarth. That the deceased gentleman found a warm place in the hearts of his scholars was evidenced on Tuesday morning, when the news of his death was imparted to them. The tears that stood in many an eye spoke of the love between pupil and teacher, and it can truthfully be said that his demise has left a void which it will indeed be difficult to fill. He was an ideal master and never failed to use his knowledge for the advantage of others. Mr. Hogarth was a comparatively young man, being only 42 years of age, which makes his death all the more regrettable. He was born at Stanhope, and by a singular coincidence he passed away 'midst the scenes of his childhood days, where he will also be laid at rest. Throughout the entire district he claimed the admiration and respect of all who made his acquaintance—and his admirers were legion. He was kindness personified, and hospitality itself, and as such he will be greatly missed. Everything that had for its aim and object the improvement of the people claimed his attention, and in this direction his efforts were unremitting. The deceased gentleman was an ardent Churchman and a member of the choir at St. James' church, where his genial presence will be greatly missed. He was a man of excellent moral character—generous, hospitable, and consequently stood high in public estimation. Mr. Hogarth loved everything that was manly, and held that muscular recreation was synchronous with with mental study. He was a clever all-round athlete, and well-known as an ardent devotee of both our winter and summer pastimes—football and cricket. Of the former he was a capable exponent, and for years he was associated with the Derwent Valley Rangers as an active member, and also with Hobson Wanderers, which he represented on the Tyneside League. He also for a time acted as treasurer of the Derwent Valley League. Locally he was regarded as one of the best authorities on football, and as referee his services were constantly in demand. He was a member of the Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association. He was likewise a clever local cricketer, and shone equally well with either bat or ball. He fulfilled the office of secretary to the Burnopfield Cricket Club for many years, in which position he ably guided the fortunes of that club. In the political world he was a staunch Conservative, and while doing much good towards the cause of Conservatism, he never forced his opinions in any offensive manner, and naturally he was the friend of all, no matter what their views, politically, might be. Mr. Hogarth was a member of the local Conservative Club and for some time acted as secretary to the Conservative Association. The deceased gentleman leaves behind him a well-spent life. There were many other minor movements with which the name of Mr. Hogarth was associated. He took a great interest in the welfare of the Burnopfield Flower Show, and at a meeting of the members held on Tuesday evening a vote of condolence was passed with the wife and relatives of the deceased. Mr. Hogarth was the embodiment of honour and uprightness, and he will live in all memories as a gentleman in the fullest sense of the term. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday) at Stanhope.

LAWN TENNIS.

BENFIELDSIDE v. MR. COLE'S TEAM.

Played at Benfieldside, July 7th. Wattsford and Steggall beat Blunt and Wilkinson—10-12, 6-2, 9-7; beat Willis and Birt, 6-3, 6-3; lost to Cole and Town—6-0, 2-6, 7-5. Spence and Heymer lost to Blunt and Wilkinson—3-6, 6-3; beat Willis and Birt—6-3, 6-3; beat Cole and Town—1-6, 7-5, 7-5. Edwards and Walton lost to Blunt and Wilkinson—2-6, 2-6; lost to Willis and Birt—3-6, 5-7; lost to Cole and Town—3-6, 0-6.

Benfieldside ...... 9 sets and 103 games.
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FROSTERLEY.

Police Promotion.—P.C. Wm. Proud, of the Durham County Constabulary, who has served for five years at Hebburn Colliery, has removed to Southwick, having been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Proud, who has seen 15 years service, is a native of Frosterley in Wear'sle. He succeeds Sergt. S. Frazer at Southwick, that officer having been removed to [illegible] Plain, in succession to Sergt. Kirkup, who has retired on a pension.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

LEE.—Castleside, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. B. Lee, butcher, of a son.

PARKER.—At Primrose House, Blackhill, on the 12th inst., the wife of J. E. Parker, A.M.I.C.E., of a son.

ROSS.—Grey Horse Hotel, Pelton, July 3rd, the wife of John A. Ross, of a son.

Marriages.

GIBSON—PENMAN.—Satley, on the 7th July, 1900, by the Rev. T. L. J. Warneford, William Waymouth Gibson, eldest son of William Gibson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Anna Mary Penman, eldest daughter of Lancelot Tulip Penman, of Gateshead, and Broadwood Park, Lanchester.

PEARS—JAMESON.—At Hunstanworth Parish Church June 16th, by the Rev. P. C. Jones, John William, second son of Mr. Thomas Pears, to Hannah Dorothy, only daughter of the late Mr. William Jameson, Hunstanworth.

WILLIAMS—MIDDLEMAST.—Wallsend-upon-Tyne, St. Peter's Church, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. Canon Henderson, M.A., Charles Raymond Williams, of Newcastle, to Mary Louisa Magdalene, eldest daughter of Edward William Middlemast, of Wallsend.

Deaths.

AYNSLEY.—Winburg, South Africa, on the 20th May, Richard Aynsley, Trooper, Kitchener's Horse, aged 21 years, youngest son of William Aynsley, Esq., J.P., Hillcrest, Consett.

BIRD.—Pity-Me, 7th inst., aged 80, Robert Bird, cartwright.

BLACK.—Birtley, 9th inst., aged 54, Annie, wife of late Robert Black.

BELL.—At Usworth Colliery, Durham, on the 9th, Isabel, wife of Arthur Bell.

BROWN.—9, East Street, East Stanley, 8th inst., Thomas, husband of Annie Brown.

BRUNTON.—Blaydon, 15, James Street, 7th inst., aged 52, William, husband of Elizabeth Brunton.

BENNEWORTH.—3, St. John's Terrace, Jarrow, on July 4th, suddenly, Rev. Jno. Benneworth, Wesleyan Minister.

DAVISON.—Mickley Square, on the 5th inst., aged 77, Elizabeth, wife of John Davison.

HOGARTH.—At the residence of his parents, Stanhope, on the 10th inst., after a long illness borne with Christian fortitude, William, beloved husband of Mary D. Hogarth; for nearly 20 years head master of the Burnopfield National Schools. Interment at Stanhope on Friday, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

JEAVONS.—Winlaton 2, Amen Corner, July 5th, aged 75, Mary, wife of Isaac Jeavons.

LOWSON.—Oxhill, 15, Joicey's Terrace, 5th inst., aged 39 years, Susannah, wife of George Lowson.

MOODY.—Chapel Row, Ouston, July 9th, 1900, aged 67, George, husband of Isabel Moody, for 37 years under Ouston Coal Company.

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