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July 8th, 1892. 811i

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THE CATAPULT NUISANCE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to call attention to a very dangerous practice which is so common at Bradley Cottages. I understand the use of those catapults is strictly prohibited by law, and I have frequently wondered why the boys of this village are allowed to use them so freely? If the fowls of the air are allowed to be destroyed, I think that the inhabitants ought to be protected, and hope that the policemen will see that we get protected in the future, and put an end to this dangerous practice.—Yours, &c.,

An Inhabitant.

INEBRIATION AT WEST STANLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—As we are having so much drunkenness in Stanley, and with such serious results, I, as an inhabitant, ask the question—Who is to blame? Is it the police? the magistrates? or the publican? Only a short time ago one brother stabbed another, and the wound almost proved fatal. It is time that this point of law was sought into. Why are innkeepers allowed to supply men until they are drunk? We have men turned out of the public-houses into our streets as early as ten o'clock in the morning, just after what had happened the night before, which was a nuisance to the public. As men of Stanley, let us rise up to a sense of our duty, and say this cannot be tolerated any longer. Let us ascertain who is to blame, and that will put an end to it.—Yours, &c.,

A Citizen.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE "TEACHINGS OF CHRIST."

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Mr Nicholson, if we may accept his statement as being true, has made a discovery. The correspondent who did the report of the above discussion has disclosed his identity. Indeed! How delightfully entertaining. This is an illustration of the manner that characterises our friend in drawing his conclusions. The very fact that I dared to call in question the veracity of what he had written, was overwhelming evidence to justify him in designating me as the author of the afore-mentioned report. Try again, Mr Nicholson, but don't be disheartened when I say you may not fare even so well next time.

A word of counsel to this advising young man may not be out of place at this juncture—therefore, I would say to him, accuse a little more judiciously and be less prone to name as scurrile and petty spleen, that which is the plain unvarnished truth. In the next place I may observe that Mr N. will have also discovered ere this that he was beating the air with a stick, or erecting a shuttlecock to knock down at his own sweet will; in his expatiation upon what it turned out to be I had never written. Your advice to me in your last is fittingly appropriate to yourself. Reason more and let faith take a back seat, at least in this particular instance however.

Mr Nicholson then proceeds to say that I am affected with prejudicial blindness and that I don't know the true state of my mind, as the object of my letter was to prove that a challenge had been sent; and yet I seemed to express a doubt about the same. Now, Mr N. has made a serious mistake. The object of my letter was not to set myself the task of dogmatically attempting to prove anything of the kind. While at the same time I am prepared to say that it was regarded in spirit as such. If not so, why were two committees formed? A fact which he carefully ignored in his last letter. Imagine two committees being formed to carry out arrangements for the *usual opposition* after the lecture. But this is not where the boot pinches Mr Nicholson, or yet what I wished to draw the attention of your readers to in particular in thus trespassing upon your columns. It was to contradict the assertion that Mr Bradlaugh had been goaded into the debate by his own supporters; an assertion that I described as being untrue and the writer guilty of deliberate falsehood. Now, with a bold effrontery, Mr N. expresses a hope that I may tender an apology for what he feels disposed to term my baseless charges. I should have felt it incumbent upon me to have done so had I ceased to believe in their accuracy and truthfulness. Until then, I have nothing to retract. So Mr Nicholson can take one more of his lamentable poetical flights "Oh the rarity, &c." I was much amused at the evidence Mr N. adduced to prove the incorrectness of my statements. He says he attended the preaching service on the Tuesday night, after which the committees met to arrange details. During the sermon and after the correspondence alluded to had been read, the preacher proceeded to say that a little bird came and told him stories. He had been told that several of his friends had been making reference to him as not doing his duty if he did not turn up at the Thursday's lecture and oppose Mr Hunt. Now mark you, all his friends bear him out in this. I should think they would, and this is Mr Nicholson's reason for saying that Mr Bradlaugh was goaded into the debate. I find it necessary to add that it was customary during Mr Bradlaugh's mission at Catchgate, for a number of us to meet him to go for a walk. On the Tuesday morning he informed us that he had received a letter from Mr Nicholson with respect to opposing Mr Hunt. He there and then handed us a note expressing a desire that it should be delivered as soon as possible to Mr Nicholson, which of course was done. Any man, even Mr N., cannot fail to see that Mr Bradlaugh acquiesced readily, without giving anyone an opportunity to goad him. During the interval of Mr Bradlaugh sending the note and the evening service, some person or persons had been passing remarks about him not doing his duty if he did not meet Mr Hunt, which was quite reasonable, seeing that he had already consented to debate with him. It is something I cannot understand how Mr N. or any of his friends can see goading in this. But then there is no accounting for what some people can see.

I will now briefly touch upon that portion of Mr Nicholson's letter where he says he is afraid my rearing has been neglected. As he was penning those lines, I fancy a blush would mantle his cheek as he recalled to his remembrance the scenes of his bygone days. He does not say that *his rearing* has received *every* attention. Of course not; that would be apparent presumption. He very modestly leaves us to form our own opinion as to that. It is said that actions speak better than words. So we will let actions assist us. A few weeks ago several friends, along with myself, journeyed to Consett to hear Mr Bailey, from London, lecture on the "Life of Joseph Barker, or, dark scenes in the history of Atheism." Some of the Consett people will have a lively recollection of what transpired. During the delivery of the lecture, a young man arose, and with blanched cheek and quivering lip he shouted at the top of his voice, "It's a lie! It's a lie! It's a lie!" throwing the meeting into a scene of disorder. Now this conduct is not peculiar to the man whose rearing has been assiduously attended to.

I frankly acknowledge that my rearing has been neglected, Mr N., according to your line of thinking, or otherwise I might have been a Secularist, as ability and morality, as far as I can glean, happen not to be conditions of membership.

I may say in conclusion that instead of searching for the truths of Secularism—which will shine and illumine my darkened path—as exhorted to do by Mr Nicholson, I am satisfied with the Christian theism, which is sunny and full of social beauties, filling the atmosphere of my life with the light of love. Thanking you kindly for past and present favours.—Yours, &c.

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Cricket.

Secretaries of cricket clubs will greatly oblige by sending their list of fixtures to this office as early as possible.

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

Blackhill Juveniles and Blackhill Red Rose met on the former's ground, the home team winning by 44 to 37.

Crook 3rd and Stanley Star 2nd met on the ground of the former, the game resulting in an easy win for the home team. Score:—Crook, 82; Stanley Star, 10.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 15 runs and six wickets. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		CONSETT.	
G Halliday b Williamson	10	G Walton thrown out	2
A Routledge c Turnbull b Williamson	3	A Little b Bewicke	26
J Witherspoon c Little b Williamson	3	A S Godfrey b T Middleton	4
S Shepherd b Railton	3	A Maskrey b Witherspoon	3
J Bewicke b Railton	6	W Turnbull not out	20
T Hall not out	20	Rev R S Hay not out	12
L Gray b Godfrey	0	J Siddell to bat	
R Walker c Turnbull b Railton	0	A Wood to bat	
T Middleton b Railton	0	W Brears to bat	
W Wattsford c Wood b Godfrey	1	W Railton to bat	
J Middleton b Railton	8	M Williamson to bat	
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	57	Total	72

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2ND v. CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and ended in a draw. Score:—

CONSETT.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
J Raw b Garbutt	5	Garbutt b Robinson	13
W Gibson c Birley	17	Birley not out	8
J Richards b Bewicke	0	Kell b Robinson	1
F Garbutt b Bewicke	2	Bewicke not out	18
Dr Bibby c Wood	19	Pickering to bat	
M Hobday b Bewicke	0	Quillan to bat	
T Robinson b Bewicke	7	Halliday to bat	
G T Wilson c Birley	4	Wears to bat	
J Maddison lbw	8	Morgan to bat	
J Askew b Pickesing	1	Potts to bat	
J Spencer not out	19	Price to bat	
Extras	7	Extras	9
Total	89	Total	49

WHICKHAM v. ST. GEORGE'S (NEWCASTLE.)

Played at Whickham, and resulted in a win for the visitors by one run. Score:—

ST. GEORGE'S.		WHICKHAM.	
W Bendle b Hedworth	12	T Turnbull b Reid	4
J Walsham c Mordue	0	J M Burn c and b Statham	17
W Reid b Turnbull	9	R Mordue run out	3
C Featherstonehaugh b Turnbull	0	J Hedworth b Statham	3
J D Challoner b Turnbull	1	J Mowbray b Reid	2
F Brackenbury b Turnbull	5	R Cook lbw b Statham	11
J F Marshall b Hedworth	8	T A Snaith c Featherstonehaugh	0
G Statham c Turnbull	0	W Cook b Statham	0
W S Pennyfather b Turnbull	1	T Lee run out	1
A Leach b Turnbull	4	H Liddle not out	4
F Standish not out	2	W Thynn retired ill	0
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	49	Total	48

SOUTH SHIELDS v. MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Westoe, resulting in a win for the home team. Score:—

SOUTH SHIELDS.		MEDOMSLEY.	
A P Stainton lbw b W Cant	12	M Charlton c Wheldon	10
R Holmes lbw b R Cant	49	W Cant c Cooke	2
M Stainton c Cant	16	F Jackson c Wheldon	3
Copeland (pro) b R Cant	8	R Cant b Copeland	6
J Gowans b R Cant	12	Dr Mann c Copeland	1
A Cooke not out	27	G Milburn c Stainton	1
J R Wheldon run out	5	W Charlton st Gowans	7
W H Wilson not out	9	M Murphy b Copeland	0
W Carter did not bat		M T Milburn lbw b Wilson	1
T F Wilson did not bat		R Charlton b Copeland	8
W Scott did not bat		J Veitch not out	2
Innings declared closed.			
Extras	22	Extras	16
Total	160	Total	57

STANHOPE v. TUDHOE.

Played at Tudhoe in showery weather, and resulted in a draw rather in favour of Stanhope. Score:—

STANHOPE.		TUDHOE.	
J W Reddam b Snowdon	3	J Gilroy c R Pulleine b J Pulleine	11
J Curry run out	3	G Urwin lbw b Roddam	3
T Moore c Gilroy b Snowdon	0	E Wainford b Roddam	6
R Pulleine not out	46	M Barrass not out	3
V A Rippon b Snowd'n	1	C Snowdon c and b J Pulleine	1
J Pulleine c Taylor b Snowdon	0	R Hutchinson c Moore b J Pulleine	6
G Waller c Taylor b Snowdon	4	T Faulkner to bat	
J Moore b Snowdon	5	B Urwin to bat	
T Bainbridge b Snowdon	0	W Faulkner to bat	
J Walton b Barrass	1	M Taylor to bat	
W Watson b Barrass	0	R Soulsby to bat	
Extras	10	Extras	0
Total	73	Total	30

BLACKHALL MILL v. CASTLESIDE.

Played at Castleside, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

CASTLESIDE.		BLACKHALL MILL.	
W Toward b R Wood	2	J Greener run out	0
B Watson b R Wood	2	W Wood b Slack	1
G Fleming run out	3	J Wood not out	8
J Proud b Wood	1	T Greener b Hall	7
J Robinson b R Wood	0	J Holden b Hall	0
W Wilson b W Wood	0	E Jamieson not out	3
W Walton b W Wood	2	R Wood to bat	
R Hall b W Wood	3	T Embleton to bat	
G Ellison c Greener b Wood	2	J Fenwick to bat	
N Slack not out	2	P Charlton to bat	
R Grey b R Wood	0	R Moreland to bat	
Extras	3	Extras	3
Total	20	Total	22

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. v. CONSETT CLERKS.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team, the visitors being quite unable to stand against the excellent bowling of Watson and Hull. Score:—

Y.M.C.A.		CLERKS.	
C Cooke b Robinson	0	J Raw c Cooke b Watson	1
John Smith c Allison b Robinson	3	T Robinson lbw b Watson	0
J Hull c Allison b Raw	8	W Bell b Watson	2
J Colling b Robinson	9	T Longworth b Wats'n	3
T Skelton c Christer b Robinson	0	J Spencer b Hull	0
Wm Watson c Longworth b Raw	2	A Broadbent b Watson	0
T Carr run out	3	T Wood run out	3
Jas Smith b Raw	2	J Barrow c Colling b Watson	0
H Symington caught	1	J Harrison run out	0
W Loam not out	0	T Christer b Watson	0
A Johnson b Robinson	0	T Allison not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	27	Total	9

TANFIELD v. HASTINGS.

Played at Tanfield, the home team gaining an easy victory. Score:—

TANFIELD.		HASTINGS.	
W T Brown b Douglas	30	M Reay c Cole b Atthey	0
E Reay c Smith b Adamson	8	W Smith b Laidler	0
T Swinburn b Adams'n	7	J Dixon b Laidler	5
J Charlton c Reay b Adamson	6	T Clough c Charlton b Laidler	0
Rev G Cole b Douglas	7	W Adamson b Atthey	0
M Robson b Adamson	0	W Douglas b Laidler	9
J Laidler b Clough	6	R Agar b Atthey	0
T Atthey b Clough	7	J Robinson c Charlton b Laidler	4
J Robson b Clough	8	J Watson not out	7
N Wilkinson b Douglas	3	E Reay b Robson	4
M Pattinson not out	3	T Mossom b Charlton	0
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	91	Total	29

EAST STANLEY NOBBLERS v. WEST PELTON VIOLETS.

Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

STANLEY.		PELTON.	
T Shield c J Theobald b Brayson	8	J Pinkney b Henderson	10
J Bulman c Theobald b Brayson	5	J Lee b Henderson	3
A Atkinson b Barrass	6	R Williams b Shield	8
N Summerbell b Brayson	8	J Hall c Shield b Henderson	1
W Jackson b Brayson	6	A Barrass c Chisholm b Henderson	11
J Henderson b Brays'n	9	J Brayson b Henders'n	2
S Chisholm b Brayson	0	J Theobald b Shield	0
G Summerbell c Fewster b Hall	0	H Theobald b Henderson	0
J Dunn b Brayson	2	J Wales c Chisholm b Shield	0
W Watson c Pinkney b Hall	8	R Hearne b Shield	4
G Blogg not out	0	W Fewster not out	0
Extras	11	Extras	11
Total	63	Total	50

LANGLEY PARK v. EBENEZER MISSION (SUNDERLAND.)

Played at Langley Park, the home team winning by two runs. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		SUNDERLAND.	
T Moreland b Thompson	8	T Wake b J Lowes	6
J Lowes b Duncan	0	Duncan b J Lowes	9
F Moss c T Wake b Thompson	9	Burdis b J Lowes	0
T Dixon b Thompson	23	Thompson c and b G Lowes	16
M Moss b Duncan	0	Batey b J Lowes	0
J Rutter b Duncan	2	Bunting b J Lowes	1
E Eccleston lbw b Thompson	5	G Wake not out	15
G Kelsey b Thompson	0	Colman b J Lowes	0
W Cooper b Thomps'n	2	Howart c Cooper b G Lowes	1
G Lowes run out	0	Scott c J Lowes b Cooper	3
J Plews not out	2	Loughton run out	0
Extras	12	Extras	10
Total	63	Total	61

CORNSAY v. LUMLEY THICKS.

Played at Cornsay. The home team declared their innings closed, but after seven wickets had fallen the visitors refused to continue, the victory thus resting with Cornsay. Score:—

CORNSAY.		LUMLEY.	
J Slater b Ramshaw	9	G Carr c Hodgson	10
J Garbutt b H Carr	0	B Ramshaw c Grey	1
W Dawson run out	0	J Turnbull c E Aston	19
D Johnstone b H Carr	16	J English b Slater	2
J Milburn c Turnbull	11	T Carr b Milburn	1
W Grey b H Carr	16	H Carr retired hurt	3
J Hodgson c Ramshaw	23	C Carr b E Aston	1
J Aston not out	23	R Ramshaw not out	15
J Raw lbw b G Carr	5		
E Aston not out	22		
W Hodgson to bat			
Extras	12	Extras	2
Total	137	Total	54

LANGLEY PARK 2ND v. WATERHOUSES 2ND.

Played at Waterhouses, the visitors winning easily. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		WATERHOUSES.	
H Fairclough b R Robinson	5	H Holcombe b H Fairclough	1
R Angus b Stevenson	5	G McLane b H Fairclough	1
P Burns run out	1	R Robinson b H Fairclough	5
J Vickers c and b Stevenson	22	J Burnham b H Fairclough	0
T Fairclough b R Robinson	6	Wm Stevenson b H Fairclough	5
J Cooper b R Robins'n	4	J Robinson b H Fairclough	2
T Raper c and b G Robinson	11	M Burnham b H Fairclough	1
W Agar b R Robinson	11	G Robinson b T Fairclough	1
G Bell lbw b Robinson	9	R Hansom b H Fairclough	0
G Raper not out	4	W Holcombe c Angus b H Faiaclough	14
J Williams b Stevenson	1	G Campbell not out	1
Extras	18	Extras	5
Total	97	Total	36

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WEDNESDAY v. CONSETT AND DISTRICT WEDNESDAY.

Played at Shotley Spa on Wednesday week, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 48 runs. Score:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.		CONSETT.	
T Wilson b Williams'n	15	M Williamson c Forster b Seed	26
J Postle c and b Williamson	8	Dr Bibby b Seed	0
W Forster b Williamson	14	Dr Renton b Wilson	4
T Surtees b Williamson	5	W Foggon c Dunn b Wilson	1
H Barrass b Gibson	11	"Old Frost" c Seed b Wilson	2
A N Other b Williamson	2	J Siddle b Seed	2
J Seed b Williamson	15	W Gibson b Seed	2
A Mackey b Williamson	4	R Marshall c Dunn b Wilson	1
A Charlton b Williamson	6	Robinson b Wilson	1
T H Shaw not out	2	H Dowson run out	0
W Dunn b Williamson	0	H Heymer not out	0
Extras	13	Extras	2
Total	89	Total	41

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2ND v. CONSETT Y.M.C.A.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

Y.M.C.A.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
J Jones b Charlton	0	J Postle b Symington	45
W Heslop b Charlton	5	J Lancaster b Smith	20
J Smith b Surtees	13	J Archer not out	11
W Armstrong b Charlton	3	W Oliver b Smith	4
J Collins b Surtees	18	A Charlton not out	4
T Carr b Surtees	1	Jas Grant to bat	
C Cooke b Oliver	8	T Willis to bat	
A Johnson not out	17	J K Annandale to bat	
H Symington b Lancaster	4	J R Surtees to bat	
W Hagon b Lancaster	4	C Smales to bat	
J Smith b Surtees	1	T H Shaw to bat	
Extras	4	Extras	20
Total	78	Total	104

BURNOPFIELD 2ND v. CONSETT FELL 1ST.

Played at Consett, but had to be abandoned on account of the rain. Score:—

CONSETT FELL.	
Geo Charlton b E Potts	4
J Carruthers c Walton b Potts	9
R Lowes not out	37
T Charlton b Ramsay	6
T Hewitt not out	15
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wickets)	72

OXHILL v. THE LIZZIE.

Played at Annfield Plain, the visitors winning by nine runs. Score:—

LIZZIE.		OXHILL.	
J Stobbart b Murphy	0	J Middlemast (2) b Blakey	1
S Smith c and b Murphy	0	R Palmer lbw b Simpson	0
R Tindale b Raine	7	W Raine run out	0
W Taylor st Palmer	3	W Rutherford b Simpson	0
L Simpson run out	2	M Ledger lbw b Blakey	13
J Robinson b Raine	2	J Middlemast (1) b Simpson	0
B Smith run out	0	J Murphy c Smith b Simpson	12
A Blakey b Murphy	17	R Henderson b Blakey	1
W Porter b Raine	0	G Collins not out	7
J Smith run out	0	J Charlton b Simpson	1
H Herdman not out	1	J Middlemast (3) c Blakey b Stobbart	0
Extras	7	Extras	13
Total	39	Total	48

CRAGHEAD TONIC-SOL-FA v. KIP HILL BLUE BELLS.

Played at Craghead, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 14 runs. Score:—

CRAGHEAD.		KIP HILL.	
R Wood b A York	17	A York b Allen	5
M Maughan b A York	0	E Hill run out	1
M Dodds b Carr	5	J York b M Dodds	0
E Allen b Carr	0	M Cockburn c Brown b M Dodds	21
J Wells c Wallace b J Fairbairn	0	M Carr b M Dodds	4
G Grant run out	0	W Wallace run out	9
G Jones b Fairbairn	2	W Brydon b Allen	0
Brown not out	6	T Little b M Dodds	0
J Dodds b Wallace	2	J Fairbairn b Allen	1
R Hanzell b Fairbairn	0	J Bowman not out	1
Lindsay retired	0	H Fairbairn b Allen	0
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total	35	Total	49

LIZZIE WEDNESDAY v. BURNOPFIELD WEDNESDAY.

Played at Annfield Plain, The Lizzie winning by five runs. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		LIZZIE.	
W Hogarth b S Smith	0	T Hodgson b Hogarth	2
R Bell b S Smith	2	J Coyle run out	0
T Allen b S Smith	1	G Wood run out	1
R Dent b B Smith	1	W Stobbart b R Bell	3
G Cooper c and b S Smith	4	T Smith run out	2
H C Wood b S Smith	4	B Smith b Hogarth	1
R Davidson run out	0	T Pinkerton b Hogarth	0
T Allen b S Smith	0	Jas Stobbart run out	4
R Herdman b S Smith	0	S Smith not out	2
C Bell b S Smith	1	Argyle b Hogarth	0
G Donaldson not out	0	F Dodd b R Bell	0
Extras	0	Extras	3
Total	13	Total	18

USHAW MOOR v. WHITBURN.

Played at Whitburn, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Score:—

WHITBURN.		USHAW MOOR.	
G Hawley b Harding	3	Wm Harding c and b Scott	5
W Hogg c Hudson b Harding	25	R Hope c Hall b Batty	2
W Bowman b Harding	0	C Smith b Scott	6
J Scott c Tweedy b Harding	2	G Browning b Hall	13
R Spraggon b Harding	5	J Smith b Scott	29
J Wilson c & b Harding	2	R Tweedy c Wilson b Hall	2
J G Alder b Tweedy	14	J Harding c Hawley b Scott	10
J Batty b Harding	1	A Hudson not out	11
C Hall b Harding	0	W Tennick not out	6
W Allison b Harding	0	W Hill to bat	
H Price not out	0	T Lowery to bat	
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	55	Total	89

SOUTH MOOR v. WEST STANLEY AND DISTRICT 2ND.

Played at Stanley, and ended in a victory for the visitors by 24 runs. Score:—

STANLEY.		SOUTH MOOR.	
M Smith b Joyce	4	W Brass b Clough	4
J Curry b T Welsh	4	W Robinson b Clough	2
R Saunderson run out	5	H Joyce b Smith	4
J Foster b Joyce	3	E Smith b Clough	1
E Gaffes b Joyce	0	R Dixon run out	4
W Crabb b Welsh	11	J Elliott b Clough	0
J Weatherall b Welsh	1	J Bennison not out	10
T Curry b Welsh	6	E Graham run out	9
G Naisbitt b Joyce	1	T Welsh c Curry	5
G Clough not out	3	J Redhead c Clough	6
Macdonald b Joyce	1	J Low b Smith	9
Extras	1	Extras	19
Total	40	Total	64

LEADGATE WHITE STARS v. BRADLEY COTTAGES TRUE BLUES.

Played at Bradley Cottages, the visitors winning by nine runs. Score:—

BRADLEY.		LEADGATE.	
J Walton b Paul	5	L Westhorpe c Davison b Walton	4
J Wilson b Westhorpe	16	J Paul c Connelly b Walton	11
J Davison c Lamb b Paul	2	G Lamb b Walton	6
J Jackson st Turner b Paul	1	J Turner b Walton	18
T Henderson run out	1	A Goody run out	2
M Jackson st Turner b Paul	6	K Stockdale b Walton	6
J Walton b Paul	3	W Turnbull st Walton	3
P Connolly run out	0	R Winter not out	1
R Siddle not out	1	J Anderson st Walton	0
T Connolly c Turner b Westhorpe	0	W Jones b Jackson	0
Graham b Westhorpe	0	J Milburn b Jackson	0
Extras	23	Extras	22
Total	58	Total	67

ALLENDALE CYCLING CLUB v. BLACKFINE.

Played at Allendale Cottages, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. Score:—

ALLENDALE.		BLACKHILL.	
T Walton run out	50	R Nicholson b Hunter	0
J Brown b Telford	3	G Brown b Parker	1
J Hunter b Telford	4	R Graham b Hunter	12
T Burns b Telford	0	J Stevenson b Parker	5
J T Page b Stevenson	2	R Carr b Hunter	2
T Parker c Telford b Stevenson	2	J Hobday c Davison b Parker	1
R Davison b Telford	9	G Telford b Parker	3
E Jones b Telford	0	R Taylor b Parker	0
J H Stokoe b Telford	3	E Ripley not out	3
T R Robson b Telford	0	W Smith b Hunter	0
J Harrison not out	2	J Nicholson b Parker	0
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total	80	Total	29

LEADGATE TRUE BLUES v. CONSETT TULIPS.

Played at Leadgate. Score:—

CONSETT.		LEADGATE.	
J Wilkinson b Temple	1	A Shield run out	3
E Pratt b Temple	16	T Temple b Wilkinson	0
J Birtley b Temple	1	G Temple b Wilkinson	6
R Rowe b Temple	12	W Crowther b Pratt	5
W Little b Temple	6	R Iley c Pratt	5
J Noble c Hall	12	T Johnson c Birtley	2
E Birtley not out	19	I Hall b Wilkinson	0
E Colling run out	1	J Crowther run out	0
N Nichol c Hall	6	Haggerstone run out	2
W McClusky b Temple	2	J Temple b Wilkinson	0
		G Temple not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	83	Total	23

BURNOPFIELD v. BEAMISH.

Played at Burnopfield, but abandoned on account of rain with the score as follows:—

BEAMISH.	
Fred Mole c and b Robson	9
A Kerr not out	28
R Hume b Robson	1
R Dorling not out	2
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wickets)	41

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

CHESTER-LE-STREET BADLY BEATEN.

For some time past a keen rivalry has existed between the Consett and Chester-le-Street clubs, and the games which annually take place between the two are looked forward to as amongst the best and most exciting of the season. Last Saturday's fixture at Blackfine was expected to furnish a close encounter, but such was far from being the case, as the home team qualified for the verdict with the greatest ease. True, the visitors had two or three good men absent, but then Consett were minus their captain (T. D. Dales) and I. Richards, so that things were about equally balanced. As the "citizens" arrived two short, W Wattsford and J. Middleton (of the Shotley Bridge team) kindly consented to make up the eleven.

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Chester-le-Street were afforded the first opportunity of exhibiting their prowess as willow-wielders; but it cannot be said that their display was calculated to send their supporters into ecstacies of delight. Only two men on the side seemed able to cope with the bowling—T. Hall playing a very nice not out innings of 20, while Halliday made ten in good style. One of the subs (J. Middleton) also shaped very well. All things considered, a total of 57 was a great deal less than one might have expected from such a strong batting team, and did not much enhance the reputation of the visitors. I must not omit to give a special word of praise to Railton for his splendid bowling, he taking five wickets for very few runs.

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The home team entered on their task of getting the necessary runs with the utmost confidence. Walton, Godfrey, and Maskrey were cheaply disposed of; but Little (who seems to have got back into his best form), Turnbull, and Rev R. S. Hay all batted excellently for 26, 20, and 12 respectively, the two last-named being not out. At the conclusion of hostilities, Consett had 72 to their credit for the loss of only four wickets, thus winning most decisively. The "citizens" (good word this) will have to improve on Saturday's form if they hope to reach a higher stage in the cup competition.

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WHICKHAM UNFORTUNATE.

Whickham appear to have been rather quiet of late, but they donned the "war-paint" again on Saturday, when they entertained the St. George's team of Newcastle. The visitors did not do anything startling with the bat, only compiling the moderate score of 49, towards which Bendle was leading man with a dozen. Turnbull (whose name I do not remember to have seen before in the Whickham ranks) trundled splendidly for the homesters.

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With only 50 runs to get to win, Whickham should certainly have pulled it off; but as it happened, they failed to reach their opponents' aggregate by one run. It must be admitted, however, that they were extremely unfortunate, as one of their men—Thynn (who is usually good for a few runs) was unable to bat, owing to being seized with illness. Had he been able to take his place, there is but little doubt but that the home club would have won the game. J. M. Burn played capitally for 17, as did R. Cook for 11. Statham was in admirable form with the leather for the "Saints."

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STANHOPE EFFECT A FAVOURABLE DRAW.

Stanhope are certainly showing up in great form just at present, and they will undoubtedly take a deal of beating. The dalesmen travelled to Tudhoe on Saturday, and did extremely well to have the best of a drawn game with the home club. The visitors' total of 73 was mainly due to the efforts of one man—R. Pulleine, who carried out his bat for a splendid 46. Most of the others were quite at sea with the really good trundling of Snowdon, the county colt.

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Unfortunately, the weather prevented the game from being definitely concluded. J. J. Pulleine and Roddam bowled capitally, and being backed up by creditable fielding, managed to dismiss five of the best Tudhoe batsmen for only 30. It was a great pity that the game was not finished, as we might have seen an exciting finish. Nevertheless, Stanhope are to be congratulated on a meritorious performance, as Tudhoe are a long way from being a weak eleven.

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LANGLEY PARK AGAIN WIN BY TWO RUNS.

For the second Saturday in succession, Langley Park have been able to claim a victory by two runs. Burnhope were the victims the preceding week, and the Ebenezer Mission, Sunderland (what a name), suffered a like fate on Saturday last. The home team (Langley Park) took first innings, and put together 63. T. Dixon—who went in when the second wicket fell and was bowled by the last ball of the innings—was seen to great advantage for 23. Thompson was in excellent form with the leather.

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At one time, the "Ebenezers" appeared likely to put a check on the long run of successes recently gained by the homesters, but the trundling of J. Lowes proved too much for them, and they were dismissed for 61. Thompson (16) and G. Wake (15 not out) displayed good form for the visitors, while J. Lowes took six wickets for 19 runs for Langley Park.

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CORNSAY AGAIN BAT WELL.

Cornsay followed up their admirable performance of the previous week with another equally good exhibition on Saturday. Lumley Thicks were the visitors to Cornsay, and they had an afternoon's leather-hunting. After two of the home wickets had fallen cheaply, Johnson (16), Milburn (11), Grey (16), J. Hodgson (23), J. Aston (23 not out), and E. Aston (22 not out) batted splendidly, enabling Cornsay to close their inning when eight wickets had fallen for 137 runs.

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After B. Ramshaw had been sent back, G. Carr (10) and Turnbull (19) made a capital stand for the "Thicks," and R. Ramshaw (15 not out) likewise did well. Six wickets were down for 54, when the visitors, for some reason unexplained, refused to bat any further, and thus the home men naturally claim the game. I consider they are entitled to it.

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OXHILL WIN AGAIN.

Oxhill were responsible for a very creditable performance on Saturday, when they visited Annfield Plain and beat the smart Lizzie club by nine runs. The home score amounted to 39, Blakey contributing a useful 17. The visitors, as stated above, topped the Lizzie total by nine—Ledger (13) and Murphy (12) showing very nice form. Murphy and Raine bowled well for the winners, as did Simpson and Blakey for the losers.

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A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE.

On Saturday last, Ushaw Moor accomplished about the best performance they have been credited with this season, when they travelled to Whitburn and beat the latter league club in hollow fashion. With the exception of Hogg (25) and Alder (14), not one of the home batsmen could do anything with the grand bowling of "Billy" Harding, who was in his best form, and accounted for nine out of the ten wickets, the Whitburn aggregate amounting to only 55.

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Although W. Harding, Hope, and C. Smith were pretty soon dismissed, Browning (13) and J. Smith (29) quickly placed the issue beyond doubt. J. Harding contributed 10, and Hudson 11 (not out), Ushaw Moor, with the loss of only seven wickets, topping the home effort by 34 runs. Whitburn were certainly without T. K. Dobson, but even if the latter had been playing, his services (valuable as we know they are) would scarcely have been sufficient to turn the tide in favour of the home side. Well played, Ushaw Moor.

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A CURIOUS OCCURRENCE.

A singular incident happened at Westoe on Saturday, in the match between South Shields and Medomsley. The latter were batting, and M. T. Milburn hit a ball to leg. The batsmen had run once, and were completing the second run, when Milburn, to his great astonishment, was informed that the umpire *had given him out—leg before wicket.* How's that for high?

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2ND WIN EASILY.

The Consett Y.M.C.A. were the visitors to Shotley Spa on Saturday, and although they compiled the respectable score of 78, they were easily defeated. Collins (18), Johnson (17 not out), and Smith (13) all batted well. Postle (45) and Lancaster (20) made such a splendid start for the homesters, as to practically put the issue beyond doubt, and the Shotley men finally totalled the excellent score of 104 for only three wickets. On this form, the trundling of the "Young Men" does not appear to be of a very deadly nature.

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BLACKHALL MILL BEAT CASTLESIDE.

Considering the excellent manner in which the former club have been playing this season, it was only to be expected that they would prove too good for Castleside, although the latter had the advantage of playing on their own ground. The home men made but a feeble stand against the bowling of R. and W. Wood, being all sent back for 20. Although having such a poor score to face, the visitors lost four wickets before they could claim the victory. J. Wood (8 not out) showed the best form.

A GOOD SECOND STRING.

Besides having such a good first team, Langley Park have also a capital reserve eleven. The latter journeyed to Waterhouses on Saturday, and defeated the home club in easy fashion. The Parkites put together the good score of 97—J. Vickers (22), T. Rogers and W. Agar (11 each), being the principal performers. On the home team taking up their stand at the wickets, they could do nothing with the excellent bowling of H. Fairclough—who took eight wickets at a very small cost—and were all out for 36.

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THE VIOLETS "NOBBLED."

There must surely be something the matter with the West Pelton Violets, as they allowed the Nobblers of East Stanley to beat them on Saturday on their own ground—a most unusual occurrence. Although not one of the visitors got double figures, Shield, N. Summerbell, Atkinson, Henderson, and Watson played very well, and their total reached 63. This turned out too many for the Violets, who could only manage 50. Barrass (11), and Pinkney (10), made a great effort to save the game, but they were not well backed up.

Volunteer Intelligence.

BLAYDON RIFLE CLUB.

The members of this club held a handicap competition on the Bues Hills range, near Blaydon, on Saturday afternoon. The conditions were the same as those in the first stage of the Queen's prize at Bisley, except that competitors were allowed to fire in mufti, instead of being required to complete in uniform. The weather was most unpleasant, being very wet, and the light was bad, especially at the longer ranges. The following is a list of the winners and their scores:—

	200	500	600	St.	Tl.
Priv R Chilton, Blaydon	27	30	26	—	83
Corp W Hunter, Blaydon	26	27	15	12	80
Sergt W V Shotton, Winlaton	27	28	24	—	79
Sergt J Moffitt, Gateshead	30	26	23	—	79
Corp J Dixon, Winlaton	28	25	22	—	75

MATCH AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Saturday afternoon, a match was shot on the Chester-le-Street Rifle Range between teams representing H and I Companies of the 4th V.B. Durham Light Infantry at Felling and E Company at Chester-le-Street, and after a keen contest victory rested with the visitors by 23 points. The conditions of the match were as follows:—Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots and two sighting shots at each distance; positions, kneeling at 200 yards and prone at the longer ranges. Bisley targets and scoring. Twelve men to shoot in each team, and the ten best scores on either side to count for the match. HPAS 1,050 points. The weather was most unpleasant, rain falling during the whole of the contest, while there was an awkward wind varying from right front to left front, and occasionally dying away entirely. The light was very dull, especially at 600 yards. The home team was captained by Sergt J Thompson, and Col-Sergt R. Gault captained the Felling men. The detailed scores were as follows:—

Felling.	200	500	600	Tl.
Priv T Miller	29	31	29	89
Sergt P Lynn	23	30	32	85
Priv J Cunningham	26	29	29	84
Col-Sergt R Gault	24	29	28	81
Corp T Stoddart	31	29	20	80
Mr J Smith	28	26	22	76
Sergt W H Ridley	31	29	16	76
Col-Sergt T Turner	23	29	23	75
Corpl J Wilkinson	22	28	22	72
Sergt J Stevenson	25	24	16	65
Total	261	284	237	782

Counted out:—Sergts G Brewis and J Briggs.

Chester-le-Street.				
Sergt R Finlay	29	28	24	81
Corp R Atkin	29	30	22	81
Corp J Ronsall	24	27	29	80
Sergt J Thompson	25	31	24	80
Priv R Armstrong	26	30	22	78
Col-Sergt J Usher	25	33	19	77
Sergt R Beveridge	28	28	19	75
Corp W Harle	26	28	20	74
Sergt L Spence	29	22	18	69
Priv W Curry	24	21	19	64
Total	265	278	216	759

Counted out:—Privs J Thompson and A Wilson.

Majority for Felling, 23 points.

The usual compliments were exchanged between the two captains at the close of the match. The Chester-le-Street team provided ample refreshments for their opponents on the range. Mr J Smith, who shot in the Felling team, is an honorary member of the detachment.

RIFLE MATCH AT BLAYDON.

On Saturday afternoon, a rifle match was shot on the Bues Hills range, near Blaydon, between teams from four headquarters companies of the 5th VBDLI at Gateshead, and the single company of the 1st VBNF at Hexham, and resulted in a win for the grey uniforms by 11 points. It had been intended to have 12 men in each team, counting only the ten best scores, but this was altered, and only ten men shot on each side, all of the scores being counted. The ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots and one sighting shot at each distance; positions, kneeling, prone, and any respectively; Bisley targets and scoring; HPAS, 1,050. Rain fell during the whole of the afternoon, and the light was dull. The winning team was captained by Lieut J Gibson, and Lieut A Henderson was captain of the Gateshead men. The scores were as follows:—

Hexham.	200	500	600	Tl.
Priv G A Dixon	30	30	29	89
Priv J Graham	26	33	27	86
Sergt J Purvis	30	29	26	85
Priv J Ainsley	28	29	25	82
Lance-Corp M Cowen	30	28	25	83
Priv W Cowen	27	21	29	77
Lieut J Gibson	24	27	18	69
Corp J Barton	31	24	14	69
Sergt J White	23	25	19	67
Sergt W Moor	18	21	24	63
Total	267	273	237	777

Gateshead.				
Lance-Corp J Robertson	27	30	29	86
Corp J Cruddace	29	30	26	85
Lance-Corp R Robinson	29	31	23	83
Lieut A Henderson	27	28	27	82
Sergt T Bowman	24	31	23	78
Sergt J Moffitt	30	26	22	78
Priv A Thompson	26	25	25	76
Lance-Corp O Olsen	26	28	13	67
Priv C Mossop	26	23	17	66
Lance-Corp R Dick	25	27	13	65
Total	269	272	218	759

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THE GENERAL ELECTION.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

MR ATHERLEY-JONES RETURNED.

GREATLY INCREASED MAJORITY.

The votes recorded in the election for North-West Durham were cast up on Friday morning, at the Lanchester Union, by Mr Francis Greenwell, J.P., the Under-Sheriff (Mr Ornsby), of Durham, and a staff of assistants. The candidates, Messrs L. A. Atherley-Jones and J. D. Dunville, with their respective agents (Messrs A. Brodie and J. G. Murray, of Consett), together with a number of supporters, were also present. A start was made at 9·30 punctual, and the result was ascertained at 12·45 as follows :—

Atherley-Jones (L)	5,121
Dunville (U)	2,891
Liberal majority	2,230

There were 17 spoiled papers. Out of a total of 10,330 on the register, 8,029 persons recorded their votes.

In 1886 Mr Atherley-Jones was returned unopposed, but there was a contest in 1885, when Mr Atherley-Jones polled 5,681 votes and Col. Wilbraham (C) 3,785—majority for Atherley-Jones, 1,896.

The declaration of the poll on Friday was greeted with the utmost enthusiasm by a large number of people who had gathered just outside the gates of the Workhouse.

Mr Atherley-Jones, who was accorded a most hearty welcome, said the result of the poll in North-West Durham would convey a message of great joy to the electors throughout the county of Durham, and the splendid majority they had obtained would afford encouragement to the constituencies throughout Great Britain. North-West Durham had maintained its reputation, and proved itself true to the cause of Liberalism by returning him on this occasion by a much larger majority. (Applause.) He returned his sincere thanks to the electors, friends, and supporters who had laboured so zealously on his behalf, and further expressed his thanks to Mr Dunville for his kindness and courtesy throughout the contest. In conclusion the hon. gentleman proposed a vote of thanks to the returning officer. (Cheers.)

Mr Dunville, who was also much applauded, said that although the defeated candidate, he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution. He thanked his friends and supporters for the earnest way in which they had worked for him. He thought the Unionists might take heart, and hoped they would have better success next time. (Cheers.)

The Returning Officer briefly replied, the candidates shook hands, and the crowd separated after giving cheers for Atherley-Jones and Dunville.

Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., afterwards drove to Consett, and received quite an enthusiastic ovation *en route*. On arriving at his central committee rooms in Trafalgar Street, Consett he stood up in his carriage, and addressed the assembled throng of men, women, and children as follows :—"Ladies and gentlemen, electors and non-electors of North-West Durham,—I must congratulate you upon the victory which you have achieved this day. (Cheers.) It will give encouragement to the other divisions of the county. I hope the result of this election will enable us to wrest South-East Durham from a Dissentient Liberal, and Houghton-le-Spring Division from a Tory. (Loud cheers.) We have fought a fair fight. (Cheers.) We have nailed our colours to the mast. (More cheers.) We have not trimmed our sails, but have gone straight for Home Rule for Ireland. (Great cheering.) The Tories, on the other hand, have trimmed their sails to every catching wind. They won at Newcastle, but they were not victorious on the ground of Toryism as opposed to Liberalism. They did not win at Newcastle on the injustice of coercion to Ireland as opposed to granting justice and freedom to the country by granting Home Rule. (Cheers.) The Tories caught at every little straw in order to secure the votes of the populace. This is no time for long speeches. I have had a pretty rough time of it this past fortnight. I thank you all, friends, for the splendid shew you made at the poll. About 80 per cent. of the electors in the division went to record their votes, therefore it cannot be said that you took no interest in the election. (Applause.) As long as I represent this constituency I shall ever prove myself true, I hope to the great cause of Liberalism. (Cheers.) I beg to thank the electors for their kindness, affection, and friendship, and hope soon again to be in the midst of the fray. I trust that in a short while we shall have our grand old leader once more at the head of affairs. (Much cheering.) When Mr Gladstone receives the result of the election of North-West Durham,—one of the first constituencies to be contested—it will be a message of great joy to him, and also glad tidings to the other constituencies in England who are preparing for the battle. (Cheers.) I hope to be amongst you again shortly in your New Town Hall, and I trust that when the time comes I shall be enabled to inform you that some of the measures offered in the Liberal programme of 1885 will have been granted to you. I believe we shall be able to carry this great measure of justice to the people of Ireland, and then pass legislation for the benefit of the people of England. My heart and my mental and physical powers are always at your service, and I thank you, and say, in conclusion, "God bless you." (Cheers.)

The hon. member then shook hands with his supporters, and drove away to Shotley Bridge, the crowd giving vent to vociferous cheers for Mr Atherley-Jones and the "Grand Old Man."

A large number of telegrams were received at the Liberal headquarters congratulating Mr Atherley-Jones on his magnificent victory.

The Tory and Unionist party are greatly chagrined at the crushing defeat they have sustained, as the prominent leaders confidently prophesied that Mr J. D. Dunville would considerably reduce Mr Atherley-Jones's majority, if he did not even "walk in."

NO. OF VOTES POLLED.

Subjoined is a table showing the number of electors registered in every polling district in North-West Durham, and the number who recorded their votes in each booth :—

Polling Stations.	No. of votes recorded.	Total No. on register.
Benfieldside No. 1 - - - -	423	1061
Do. No. 2 - - - -	363	
	786	
Burnopfield - - - -	390	537
Castleside - - - -	165	198
Catchgate - - - -	418	506
Consett No. 1 - - - -	371	1283
Do. No. 2 - - - -	401	
Do. No. 3 - - - -	258	
	1030	
Cornsay No. 1 - - - -	285	607
Do. No. 2 - - - -	160	
	445	
Dipton - - - -	407	509
Edmondbyers - - - -	71	101
Holmside - - - -	314	456
Lanchester - - - -	248	385
Langley Park - - - -	286	352
Leadgate No. 1 - - - -	324	722
Do. No. 1 - - - -	233	
	557	
Medomsley No. 1 - - -	295	834
Do. No. 2 - - -	320	
	615	
Quebec - - - - -	297	354
Satley - - - -	69	108
Stanley No. 1 - - - -	302	745
Do. No. 2 - - - -	326	
	628	
Tanfield - - - -	261	324
Ushaw - - - -	266	326
West Kyo No. 1 - - -	276	691
Do. No. 2 - - -	266	
	542	
White-le-Head - - -	237	289
Totals -	8,029	10,330

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

NOMINATIONS.

The nominations of candidates for the Chester-le-Street Division took place on Saturday at Gateshead Town Hall. There were fifteen papers for Mr Ed. Joicey, the Gladstonian Liberal candidate, and eleven for Sir Edward Sullivan, the Liberal Unionist candidate.

MR JOICEY AT BLACKHALL MILL.

Mr Joicey, Liberal candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, addressed three meetings last Monday night, and, as usual, met with a good reception at each. The first was held in the open-air at Blackhall Mill, and was presided over by Mr Armstrong.

Mr Joicey, in a brief address, told his hearers that ever since he had been in Parliament he had tried his best to advance the interest of every class in the community, and whenever any measure had been brought forward bearing on the welfare of the working classes he had always been in his place to support it. He criticised the acts of the recent Government, and asked the electors, who had received votes from a Liberal Government, to use those votes for the benefit of the party from which they might expect the most good. In answer to questions he said he had always been in favour of a certain number of working men magistrates being appointed. The only thing that debarred them now was the property qualification, and he considered that this ought to be abolished. (Cheers.) He had had the honour of mixing with men—intelligent men—from all classes and he had no hesitation in saying that men such as Mr Burt, Mr Wilson, and Mr Fenwick were as intelligent and had as good a character as any man on the Bench, and would do justice to all classes alike. (Cheers.)

A vote of confidence was put, and carried unanimously.

MEETING AT ADDISON COLLIERY.

Mr Joicey then drove to Addison Colliery, where a well-attended meeting awaited him in the school-room.

Mr R. Moody presided, and, after speaking of Mr Joicey's action in the House of Commons, said that the best evidence of the general satisfaction he had given there was to be found in the fact that most of the men who were opposed to and working against him in 1885 occupied a foremost position on his platform now. (Cheers.)

Mr Joicey, who had a good reception, congratulated his hearers on the success attending the Liberal party at the elections now proceeding.

On the motion of Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr W. Purvis, and supported by Mr A. Watson, a vote of confidence in Mr Joicey was carried with only two dissentients.

MEETING AT STARGATE.

Mr Joicey afterwards visited Stargate and addressed a crowded meeting of miners in the school-room. Mr J. H. Beckingham presided. Mr Joicey was listened to attentively throughout, and the declaration of his political views, and especially his explanation re the miners' strike, which he repeated here, was most frequently and loudly applauded. A vote of confidence was carried unanimously with great enthusiasm, and at the close cheers were given for the candidate and Mrs Joicey.

SIR EDWARD SULLIVAN'S CANDIDATURE.

MEETING AT CRAGHEAD.

An open-air meeting in support of Sir Edward Sullivan, had been arranged for at Craghead, on Saturday afternoon, but the weather conditions again made it impossible. Through the kindness of Mr Fairley, manager of Messrs Hedley's collieries, the use of a large building in connexion with one of the new collieries upon the estate was obtained, and in that the meeting was held. There was a very large assemblage. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Fairley, Shafto House.

Sir Edward, who was greeted with cheers, said the Unionist party, it was said by his opponent, had no programme. Well, during the time the Government had been in office they had crowded the Statute Book with 300 Acts, all bearing upon them the stamp of Liberalism large writ. He asked them to judge of the future by what had been done in the past, and if they did so they would easily come to the conclusion that they were likely to be more benefitted by returning the Unionist party than the Home Rule party. For after all what was Home Rule to them? ("Nowt at all.") If they did justice to themselves, to their wives, and to their families, they would vote for the party that would protect their industries, preserve peace, and govern with economy. That party was the Unionist party, of which he was the representative. (Loud cheers.)

After Sir Edward had answered a number of questions, a vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

SIR EDWARD SULLIVAN AT WEST PELTON.

At West Pelton, the use of the Iron Room had been obtained for a third meeting instead of holding it in the open air as had been arranged. The large room was densely packed. Mr Butchard, Birtley, presided.

Sir Edward, who was again received with continued cheering and applause, said there was far too much personal bitterness and personal animus thrown into political differences, and he, as a British citizen, would like to see it all left out. He desired to carry out that contest without any personality. (Applause.) If Home Rule had not been made the first and principal plank in his opponent's platform he should not have mentioned Ireland to them, as he knew that they must be as tired of listening about it as he was tired of talking about it. Sir Edward then dealt at some length with the question of Home Rule, which he characterised as unnecessary, unwise, and impracticable. He asked them to consider the great benefit conferred upon the working classes by the peace and prosperity which had been so conspicuous during the reign of the Unionist party. (Applause.) The time had now come, he continued, when it was for them to consider whether it was not wise for them to depart from the hard and fast lines of free trade laid down some fifty years ago. He (Sir Edward) thought that they might with great advantage tax many foreign manufactured luxuries, such as silks, expensive cigars, costly wines, and other articles in use by the rich and wealthy classes. (Applause.) If they did that, then they would be able to entirely abolish the duties upon the daily necessaries of life, which he considered should be entirely free from duty. (Loud cheers.) He asked them for their support on behalf of the Unionist party. (Loud and continued cheering.)

A large number of questions were handed in, and answered by the candidate.

A vote of thanks to Sir Edward was carried unanimously. At the end of the meeting, Sir Edward and his friends were loudly cheered as they left the village.

SIR EDWARD SULLIVAN AT BIRTLEY.

On Tuesday night, Sir Edward Sullivan, the Unionist candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, addressed a meeting of electors in the National Schools, Birtley. Colonel Sheppee presided, and amongst those present were Mr C. G. Renwick, Mr J. Sullivan, and Mr H. Southern. There was a crowded audience.

Mr C. G. Renwick proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Edward Sullivan, and said that he had taken part in three momentous contests.

Mr R. Sheppard seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

An overflow meeting was addressed by Mr C. G. Renwick and Mr Isaac Lyons, and earlier in the evening Sir Edward Sullivan addressed a large meeting at Ouston.

THE TEMPERANCE VOTE.

On Monday night, a meeting of the Political Action Committee in connection with the Good Templars, was held at Chester-le-Street. Bro. S. F. Wiseman, C.E.S., presided, and explained that both candidates had been written to respecting the direct veto, Sunday closing, and compensation to publicans. A letter was read from Mr James Joicey, but no acknowledgment had been received from Sir Edward Sullivan. The following resolution was carried :—

"That we, the representatives of Good Templar Lodges throughout the constituency of Chester-le-Street, urge all Good Templars and other temperance workers to do their utmost to return Mr James Joicey to Parliament."

It was also resolved to send the above resolution to each lodge and temperance society in the division and request them to take active steps in the matter at once.

SIR EDWARD SULLIVAN AT BLAYDON.

On Wednesday night, Sir Edward Sullivan addressed a meeting of electors in the Mechanics Institute, Blaydon. Mr Sowerby presided, and was supported on the platform by Ald. J. Lucas. There was a crowded audience.

LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION AT WINLATON.

SPEECH BY MR ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P.

On Monday night, a meeting of Liberals in support of Mr James Joicey's candidature for this division, took place in the Drill Hall, Winlaton. There was a crowded attendance, and the proceedings were very enthusiastic. The Rev A. D. Te'b presided.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings said they all must rejoice at the way in which the counties were going over to the Liberal side. (Cheers.) He hoped all the miners and workmen present had read Mr Joicey's defence in the papers that morning. (Cheers.) If Mr Joicey had taken any other side than that which it was now proved that he took he (the chairman) would not have supported him. But what were the facts? Mr Joicey had been the men's friend; he had fought their battle, and if the other coalowners had taken his advice—(cheers)—there would have been no strike. Instead of trying to wring out of the workmen the utmost they could get, Mr Joicey had in every way tried to befriend the men. (Cheers.) Where were the men who tried to wring out of them the utmost reduction of wages now? They were trying to oust Mr Joicey on behalf of a Tory candidate. (Cheers.) He could not believe, although he had heard it, that certain miners were going to vote against Mr Joicey because he was a coalowner. But he could tell them that in the Coalowners' Association the miners had a good friend in Mr Joicey. Mr John Wilson, their friend at Durham, would vouch for that. (Loud cheers.) They could not make a bigger mistake than to vote for the nominee of the Tory coalowners—(cheers)—who had fought Mr Joicey's efforts to get the strike avoided and settled. (Loud cheers.)

Mr W. Foreman (secretary of the Irish Railway Workers' Union) then addressed the meeting. Referring to the charges levelled against him by Mr Joicey's Tory opponents, he said that if he thought for one moment that Mr Joicey had not rendered some good service to the workmen at the Employers' Boards in connection with the strike, he, as a working men's representative, would not support him, but he knew otherwise. (Cheers). He had in his mind a recollection of a service that Mr Joicey rendered to the workmen some four or five years ago. About that time he (the speaker) had the privilege of sitting in the House of Commons gallery, and a debate was under way respecting the Employers' Liability Bill. Mr Broadhurst was striving against the right for employers to contract themselves out of their liability. On that occasion, in support of Mr Broadhurst, Mr James Joicey—(cheers)—delivered a speech that would have done credit to a Labour representative of the highest standing. (Loud cheers). No one could have spoken more strongly on behalf of Mr Broadhurst's proposal than did their friend Mr Joicey. (Cheers). On that occasion he formed a resolve that if ever the time came when he, as a working man, could do Mr Joicey a good turn, he would do so. (Cheers). That time had arrived, and he was amongst them to speak on behalf of the Liberal candidate. (Cheers). They could not repay Mr Joicey for his work on behalf of labour better than by returning him again to Parliament. (Cheers). Mr Foreman then, at considerable length, gave a description of his experiences in the course of forming branches of the Railway Workers' Society, and mentioned instances of police espoinage and shadowing which had been applied to trades unionists just as to political opponents of Mr Balfour. He asked the audience if they would stand such things in England —("Never")—and were they going to perpetuate it in Ireland? ("No, no," and cheers.) He could not see how they could do their duty any other way than by returning Mr Joicey. (Loud cheers).

Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P. for North-West Durham, who was received with loud and continued cheering, said there was a good old adage "that you should never holler until you are out of the wood." (Laughter.) He was out of the wood—(cheers)—and could holler, and he intended to do so on behalf of Liberal principles—(cheers)—and on behalf of his old friend Mr Joicey. (Cheers.) He had no doubt Mr Joicey would get out of the wood by a large majority, and then he could be able to holler. (Cheers and laughter.) He was not going to discuss Mr Joicey's position over the strike, that had been ably done by the chairman and Mr Foreman—(hear)—but to speak to them in upholding a noble cause. (Hear.) They wanted to see the county of Durham by the 18th inst. show "a clean bill of health." (Cheers and laughter.) They had won victories and achieved great results—they had won seats where they thought they might fail, and they had held seats that they had had fears about—(cheers)—and he believed that Durham would come triumphantly out of the ordeal. (Cheers.) He would like to refer for one moment to what was undoubtedly a disaster in Newcastle. (Hear.) They must not be downcast or dispirited. (Hear.) That defeat contained a lesson and a moral; and it showed them that they must not trust in an artificial organisation for the purpose of securing the triumph of Liberal principles. (Hear.) They must have something independent of formulas—something independent of creeds, they must have true Liberalism ingrained in the heart of man. (Cheers.) They had found, and they must take the thing to heart, that they must respond to the sentiments of the democracy of this country. (Cheers.) Turning to other constituencies, he said the exponents of Liberalism were being opposed by—well, what should he call them? (Voices: "Tory, Tory, Tory," cheers and laughter.) No—not Tory—for did not the gentleman opposing Mr Joicey talk of the pure stream of unadulterated democracy. But they wanted a man who spoke of the democracy as Mr Foreman had done, and not a man who, when he had to record his vote in the House, would consider of no consequence the declarations he had made upon the platform, and would not follow such a humble man as himself into the lobby, but would turn into the Tory lobby. (Applause.) He did not know exactly what description to give them—he found great difficulty in dealing with them. However, he met one—(laughter)—and he vanquished him. (Cheers.) The electors of North-West Durham had come to a conclusion about them, and that was they were piebald politicians—(laughter and cheers)—but they wanted a man of one colour—(cheers)—who would run straight and do his duty to the cause after he had left the platform. (Cheers.) The Liberal Unionists freely mixed the colours, he noticed, but he always found that the red was on the top. (Laughter and cheers.) He was perfectly sure of this, that however estimable a gentleman Sir Edward Sullivan might be in private life, if he went into the House of Commons he would also go into the Tory lobby to support a Tory Government. (Cheers.) Mr Atherley-Jones then reviewed the work of the Government in power during the past six years, and contrasted the harvest of Tory misrule with the splendid record of Liberalism which had given the people every liberty they enjoyed. He resumed his seat, after an exhaustive criticism of the Local Government Act, the Allotments Act, and Free Education, amidst loud and ringing cheers.

Other speakers followed, and eventually Mr W. H. Scott moved,

"That this meeting expresses its unabated confidence in our grand old leader, and pledges itself to return Mr James Joicey to support him in giving Home Rule to Ireland and passing much-needed measures of reform."

Mr Brown seconded.

The motion was eventually put and carried with great enthusiasm, and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks.

MR JOICEY AT WASHINGTON AND WEST PELTON.

On Wednesday night, in the Iron School, West Pelton, a meeting was held in support of the candidature of Mr James Joicey, for the Chester-le-Street Division. Major Humble presided, and amongst those present were Messrs John Armstrong, Mark Richardson, John Emmerson, and R. Ratcliff. There was a large attendance.

Mr Joicey spoke at a meeting at Washington on Wednesday night, when a vote of confidence was carried.

MID-DURHAM DIVISION.

UNIONIST MEETING AT WITTON GILBERT.

On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held in the school-house, Witton Gilbert, in support of the candidature of Mr Hunter, in Mid-Durham Division. Mr John Turnbull occupied the chair, and there was a numerous attendance. The speaker was Councillor Harrison, of Sunderland, who received a most attentive and evidently favourable hearing.

On the motion of Mr W. C. Blackett, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Councillor Harrison for his able address.

Thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings. Coun. Harrison subsequently addressed a large audience at Sacriston. Mr W. C. Blackett occupied the chair. Mr Harrison received an attentive hearing and the meeting was a successful one.

MR JOHN ORR AND THE WEST-DURHAM CONTEST.

A meeting was held in the Old Theatre, Willington, on Monday night, in furtherance of the candidature of Mr John Wilson for the Mid-Durham Division. Mr Matthew Fowler, M.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs John Gaines (Hunwick), John Orr (Annfield Plain), Patrick Carling (Newcastle), Ernest Foster (Durham), W. Foreman (Ireland), J. Middlemiss, F. Longstaff, Jas. Daley, James Lee, and Charles Thomas (Willington).

The Chairman, who was enthusiastically received, said he was pleased to be present that evening to assist his friend Mr Wilson in his candidature. During the present political campaign a great many difficulties had presented themselves, but there was only one deduction to be drawn from the present elections, and that was that the elections were enthusiastically in favour of Home Rule. He thought the enthusiasm of that meeting was an indication of the devotion of the people to the principles of Liberalism, and he ventured to say, too, that it indicated very clearly that Mr Wilson would be returned as their member. (Cheers.)

Mr John Orr said he had come fresh from the victory in North-West Durham, where they had given "Dunville's whiskey" the tip to move; still he was not so wearied of election work that he was not glad to come to the help of Mr Wilson. He did not know what they had experienced in Mid-Durham, but during the past twelve months he knew that the Tories had circulated ten tons of political literature in the North-West of Durham, at a cost of something like £10,000. (Applause). With regard to the literature circulated, the writers claimed that the Conservatives were the only common-sense people extant. They said they had pacified the Irish forever, and that when Mr Balfour went over to Ireland recently the old wives threw up their hats, and the old men their caps, and that he was greeted as a universal benefactor. (Laughter). Mr Orr afterwards referred to the Local Government Bill of the Government, which he described as a sham, and speaking with regard to free education, he said it was only assisted education, but it did not go far enough. Public money was expended, and certainly popular control ought to have been given. (Applause).

Mr W. Foreman, a trades union worker in Ireland, said most of the people in Ireland were looking with open arms for Home Rule. Mr Foreman went on to describe the difficulties which attended the life of the unionist worker in Ireland. He paid a tribute to Mr Wilson's work in Parliament and a great many labouring men in Ireland were cognisant of that too. Mr Wilson, besides directly representing the cause of Labour, was a sound Radical, and surely they were not going to send to Parliament a man who would represent capital and the interests opposed to workers. (Applause).

Mr Patrick Carling and Mr Ernest Foster also addressed the meeting. Afterwards a vote of confidence in Mr Wilson was adopted unanimously.

NOTES FROM TOW LAW.

[By "One of the Crowd."]

We have had a good deal of excitement lately owing to the general election, with its attendant public meetings, party feeling, &c.

Sir Joseph's meeting was a great success; this could hardly be said of Mr Rolley's. The meeting was advertised for 8·30 p.m., late enough in all conscience, yet it was a quarter-past nine before any of the expected party arrived, in the person of Mr Jeffrey, the forerunner of Mr Rolley, who himself finally succeeded in reaching Tow Law by ten o'clock.

Mr Rolley is a good speaker, with Radical ideas, posing before the public as the working man's candidate, and yet at the same time the paid agent of the Conservative party in the division. The fact is, not many years ago he was the Radical candidate for a Sheffield constituency.

The meeting would have been perfectly harmonious and orderly if it had not been for the behaviour of one of Mr Rolley's supporters, who was, to put it mildly, drunk! Yes! We have said it, and he was one of the respectable tradesmen, who ought to know better. We hope he feels ashamed of himself.

The Liberal meeting the night after was a marked contrast. Mr A. E. Pease, the late member for York, and Mr Wilson, of Darlington, delivered addresses that completely satisfied the minds of Liberal electors as to the soundness and justice of the Home Rule question.

The ungentlemanly behaviour of a gentleman who is said to belong to Consett has been much remarked upon. When Mr A. E. Pease, who had just been defeated at York, was stepping out of the train here, a person, who had just got into a carriage, put his head out of the window and shouted, "Send him back to York." The above speaks for itself.

We have often wondered how it is that the Tory Committee find it necessary to "liquor up" to such a degree when they have anything on hand. Sir Wm. Harcourt's phrase, "Pot-house politicans," seemed "so *very* appropriate" the other night as an inspection of the platform. Mr Rolley's reply to Mr Chubb, of the temperance party, was insulted in spite of his much boasted courtesy.

The election passed off very quietly with a single exception. Two gentlemen (I say this simply to distinguish them) were very much the worse for drink, and a striking illustration of Shakespeare's line: "O that men should put an enemy into their mouth to steal away their brains." It was a most glaring and disgraceful incident, and, in one case, will result very disastrously no doubt.

We have recently had a late train put on from Crook on Saturday nights, which we hope to see patronised, as it is simply an experiment in response to a request. Previous to this, anyone going down to Stockton for the Saturday afternoon had to leave at twenty minutes past four, now they can stay to twenty minutes past six; similarly at Darlington—instead of having to leave before five you can stay until half-past seven. I would like to point out too, that it is now possible to remain in Newcastle until half-past seven, and yet get home by train the same night. Formerly we had to leave at 5·20 p.m. This latter train is a genuine boon, and I predict its success.

The Tow Law Primitives have got a capital choir leader. The other Sunday evening I was present, and was delighted with the way in which the fine music in the service of song, entitled "Found at last," was rendered.

I am sorry that the Wesleyans had such a wet day for their Sunday-School treat on Saturday last.

I hear that the church choir are meditating another trip—this time to Redcar and Saltburn. Their experiences last Wednesday were not very lively owing to the wet, which precluded any inspection of the lovely district, except through the windows of the buses.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

How gladly would the writer, if only he could, fly to some distant secluded spot where politics are unknown and party strife a thing of the past, or something that has never been! At this juncture what a happiness, what a solace such a refuge would prove. But, alas, where is it to be found? Where, even in the remotest and least insignificant of country villages is to be discovered a disregard for, or a want of interest in the present Election and the issues involved? Why, the very hedgerows in the sweet country lanes seem to be weighted with the anxiety of it all, and for the time being there seems to be peace nowhere.

Durham has so far given a good account of itself, and the few days ahead are likely to repeat good results. At the moment of writing the figures in connection with the triple fight at Hetton-le-Hole are not known, but by the time these notes see the light they will be before readers. There is little fear that all will be well in that quarter in spite of the deplorable dissensions. The Chester-le-Street result will of course, be declared to-morrow (Saturday), and the old member for that division will as certainly be returned as the sun will rise to-morrow. It is only a matter of the majority Mr Joicey will be carried by. The misrepresentations made by the opposite party have disgusted the electors. The facts are now laid bare if indeed they ever were required to be. No such double-dyed calumny as the Tory party have indulged in in this division can serve any good purpose. The character of the Liberal candidate for Chester-le-Street is too well-known both as an employer of labour and socially. There is probably no more popular man in the county than Mr Joicey. Results to-morrow will show conclusively how disinclined we are to accept the views of strangers when they do not scruple to resort to the meanest and most cruel of personalities in the hope of thereby advancing their chances of success.

Just one short paragraph and I have done this week, for I don't want to encroach on the Editor's space. The Shotley Bridge Flower Show is announced once more, and the attractions are to be quite as great as ever. For a long time the committee seemed a trifle lax in the provision of items of interest to attract the people. That, however, was years ago—a thing altogether of the past. The committee now look well in front, and knowing how important a factor it is, strain every nerve to excel each year in novelty the past one. Amongst other "features" I notice Miss Nellie Reid, the world-renowned horsewoman has been engaged, as well as a troupe of lady-bicyclists, and the music will be given at the hands of Mr Robert Smith's Military Band. There will, of course, be the customary cricket match, this time of more than usual interest, the competing clubs being Shotley Bridge and Newcastle Constabulary.

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

STATIONS OF WESLEYAN MINISTERS

The Stationing Committee of the Wesleyan Conference has had to meet several cases of special difficulty this year, and the first draft of stations has been delayed beyond the usual time. The following are the appointments for this district :—

Chester-le-Street, William Sharpley, and William Ernest Quicke.

Wolsingham, J. Robinson Cleminson, and Albert Smith (Tow Law).

Weardale, Joseph Gibson (St. John's Chapel), and Albert Dickinson (Stanhope).

Shotley Bridge and Consett, J. Harrop Taylor Consett), John Crawshaw (B) (Annfield Plain), John V. Sutton (Shotley Bridge), Charles William Barber (Leadgate).

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting took place on Wednesday, under the presidency of the chairman (Mr G. Nicholson. Messrs C. F. Scott, Ed. Todd, J. Davison, W. Kinleyside, T. Keenleyside, M. D. Greener, W. Robson, John Parker, and J. Smith were also present, besides Messrs H. Coupland (Deputy-clerk), and T. Longstaff (Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector).

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Letters were read from Mr W. F. Lane, Wesleyan Schools, and Mr W. Brears, National Schools, thanking the Board, on behalf of the trustees, for the beautiful illustrations of natural grasses received from the County Council.

Mr Longstaff, in reply to the Chairman, stated that the set had arrived for the Brooms Schools; but in consequence of the holidays the teachers had not yet received the same. He further suggested that application be made for other three sets—one for the new portion of the National Schools, another to hang up in the Board Room (laughter), and the third to keep in stock.

The Chairman considered that this would be presuming upon good-natured generosity by asking too much.

On the proposition of Mr Scott, seconded by Mr Parker, the Clerk was directed to thank the Clerk to the County Council for the beautiful set of natural grasses already furnished.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT :

THE OUTBREAK OF FEVER.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

Gentlemen,—In my last report I mentioned a very sudden and inexplicable outbreak of enteric fever, and that seventeen cases had occured. The cases then under treatment are now convalescent, and have been under great obligations to the services of a trained nurse, most generously provided by Miss B. Jenkins. (Hear.) Four new cases have arisen during the month—viz., 1 at the Bantling Old Row; 1 at Plantation Street; 1 at Front Street; and 1 at Bottle Bank. The outbreak seems to be exhausted. Measles has prevailed to the extent of 180 cases, and mumps have shewn itself in twelve instances.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Geo. Renton, M.D.

Blackhill, July 11th, 1892.

The Chairman thought they might consider the report pretty favourable.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk announced the balance in hand to be £446 16s 4d, and the cheques to be paid represented a total of £230.

THE PUBLIC PARK.

Mr T. Keenleyside, thought the time had arrived when improvements should be carried out in the park. Mr Jenkins promised to do something some time ago, and he suggested that this gentleman be approached with a view of ascertaining what was intended to be done.

The Chairman remarked that Mr Jenkins had promised a bandstand. A plan and estimate of the cost was prepared, but it was found to be a rather enormous price. Mr Jenkins therefore advised that some other improvements should be carried out, and expressed his willingness to give about £50. He (Mr Nicholson) recommended that as trade had been somewhat disturbed and depressed, the present was not an opportune moment to proceed with improvements.

Mr T. Keenleyside strongly urged that something should be done in the way he had indicated.

The Chairman explained that the park as a recreation ground, was more adapted and suited them far better, than if it was properly laid out, when they would probably have to employ a park-keeper. As it was, a great many people went into the park and spent an hour or two on a summer's night.

Mr Keenleyside: Then you think the Park cannot be improved?

The Chairman: Very considerably. But it will cost us something to keep up a park like Benfieldside.

Mr Parker thought they would hardly get a band to play on the bandstand.

Mr Robson proposed that the question of improving the Park be left in abeyance till next spring when the members would have something definite in view.

Mr W. Kinleyside seconded the proposition, which was carried *nem con*.

Mr Scott said he was deeply interested in band music. The brass band at Leadgate had not a proper place to practice in. If a bandstand was only erected then it would be a suitable place for the members to practice, even if nobody was in the park at the time.

CEMENTING IN FRONT STREET.

The Building and Highway Committee reported that they agreed that the kerbing and channelling and cementing ought to be carried out as early as practicable, as follows :—Cementing from Wesleyan chapel to Mrs Lumley's arch, and from the Mason's Arms to John Lumley's house, kerbing and channelling and cementing from Queen's Head Inn to Annfield Plain Flour Warehouse, kerbing and channelling from John Lumley's house to Dr MacIntyre's. They instructed the Surveyor to advertise and receive tenders, to be laid before the Board that day. The Surveyor to be instructed to get a clerk of the works and other works.

Three tenders were forthcoming for cementing, kerbing, and channelling a portion of Front Street, and it was found that there was only a few shillings difference between the contractors.

Eventually, on the motion of Mr Kinleyside, seconded by Mr Parker, the tender of Mr Matthew Robson was accepted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr T. Longstaff) reported that the day workmen had been engaged in looking after the water courses, &c., in wet weather; but the most part of their time had been spent in watertabling by contract. A lot of team labour had been done, carting out rough limestone for *Durham Main Road*, 325 tons, 16 cwts, a portion of which has been broken, and for Redwell Hills Road 90 tons, 16 cwts were carted out. The accounts will be before you for the above-named works, also Messrs Ord and Maddison's, from whom the limestone had been bought. He hoped the bicyclists will have a smooth ride at present, as he considered the roads were pretty clear of loose stones rolling about.

Annexed are the monthly pay-bills :—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Durham Main Road—						
Manual labour - -	10	12	2			
Team do. - -	12	10	10			
				23	3	0
Other roads—						
Manual labour - - -	7	0	0			
Team do. - - -	3	8	1			
				10	8	1
Total - - - - -				33	11	2

The Highway and Building Committee had held a meeting and inspected the different places of the proposed kerbing, channelling, and cementing in Front Street, which had been advertised two weeks in the *Consett Guardian* and the *Contract Journal*. Tenders would come before the Board that day, when be expected the Board would let the work.

The Chairman said that bicycle riders would be doing very well in their district. (Laughter.)

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector of Nuisances reported that, as ordered, he had served a notice on Mr S. Quinn, of Newcastle, for carrying out sanitary improvements to his property in St. Ive's Road, which had been attended to and the repairs executed. Their day workmen had repaired the ends of the settling ponds, and several ponds, and several private sewerage drains have had improvements done. Accounts would be presented for the scavengers' quarterly salary and for street watering for the quarter, likewise for carting a truck of clot lime all over the district. The bellman was around giving notice for whitewashing all outhouses, and those not yet done he hoped would be so before the Sanitary Committee's next inspection. He thought there had not been so much sickness in the district as there was last month. One ton of disinfectants had come to hand, and he considered it had been fully used. He had had the main sewerage flushed out. He anticipated the Gas Company's agreement would come up at the next meeting, so as to prepare for lighting the street lamps, also prices for oil for Iveston lamps. The sanitary pay-bill for three months amounted to £2. 11s.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Longstaff had collected and paid to the treasurer the sum of £349 1s 3d, on account of the general district rate.

The reports were adopted.

THE SURVEYOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Surveyor applied for a fortnight's holiday.

Mr Robson said he would not have objected to the Surveyor having his holiday, if other persons employed by the Board had got theirs. When he proposed that the road-men should have holiday, he was told that the thing was impracticable, and could not be done on account of the expense. He asked if there was any cost in connection with the Surveyor's holidays?

The Chairman: No additional cost. But the ordinary cost will be to pay.

Mr Robson said that the Surveyor's salary would be running on, and that practically they would be paying for something they were not receiving. He failed to see how they could say "yes" in this instance, and "no" in the other. In both cases they were servants of the Board, with just this difference. The Surveyor had applied for his holidays, while the road-men had not. Could they reasonably grant his application?

Mr Parker stated there was a good deal of common-sense in Mr Robson's remarks. He understood, however, that it was illegal to grant the road-men holidays, but it was the usual custom to give a fortnight's leave of absence to the Surveyor, whether they were empowered to do so or not, he could not tell. It might be that the Surveyor had a fixed salary, while the road-men were paid every week.

The Chairman observed that if the road-men made application to the Board, they might be granted the customary holidays in the neighbourhood.

Mr W. Kinleyside: Do the other Boards give them?

The Chairman: I can't say.

Mr Robson said it was all very well to say that the road-men had not made application for a holiday, but it was not treating a member of the Board with due respect when such an excuse was put forward for rejecting the motion.

The Surveyor said it had been the usual custom during the past 17 years for him to have a holiday. Mr Nicholson (their chairman) looked after his work while he was away. If he was getting the worse for wear, they had better pension him off.

Mr Robson: It is not because you are getting the "worse for wear." I distinctly said that it was because one man could get a holiday while others could not.

Mr Longstaff explained that he had been working late at nights, collecting in as much of the rate as he possibly could, before he went away.

The Chairman said there was a good deal of sound argument in what Mr Robson had said, and if the roadmen only made a proper application to the Board, no doubt their request would be acceded to.

On the motion of Mr Davison, seconded by Mr T. Kinleyside, it was agreed to give the surveyor a fortnight's holiday; Mr Robson's amendment that the surveyor's request should not be acceded to, not being seconded.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Chairman gave notice to move at the next meeting that Dr Geo. Renton be re-appointed Medical Officer at the present salary.

ELECTION OF LOCAL BOARDS BY BALLOT.

The Clerk mentioned that he had written to all the Local Boards in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, enquiring if they were in favour of a memorial being transmitted to the Local Government Board for amending the law so that Local Board elections should be conducted by ballot, in lieu of the existing system of open voting. Replies had been received from Newbiggen-by-the-Sea, Bishop Auckland, Consett, Spennymoor, Blyth, Cowpen District, &c., all expressing willingness to join in such a memorial, but the Auckland Board pointed out that Local Boards, it was anticipated, would shortly be supplanted by District Councils, and then it was hoped the elections would be by ballot.

Mr W. Kinleyside said there would not be so many spoiled votes if the elections were by ballot.

The Chairman stated that, so far, all the answers were favourable. When the clerk had obtained replies from every Board, then they must get the memorial in readiness to forward to Parliament or the Local Government Board, and whenever District or Parish Councils came into operation, the petition might guide the promoters of such a scheme to carry out the wishes of the electors, and have the District Councils elected by ballot.

This ended the business.

QUEBEC.

Revival in the Coke Trade.—It is understood that a number of coke ovens are already in operation, and it is anticipated that more will be started shortly. This is welcome news to the inhabitants of the district many of whom were thrown out of employment, when they were laid in.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

At a brass band contest held at Freatham, the first prize in the selection contest, value £27, was won by the South Derwent Band, which also took second prize for the march, and a silver medal for the best trombone solo. The band was conducted by Mr Anthony Snowdon.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

Sudden Death. — On Sunday night, at 25 minutes to 12 o'clock, Thomas Holden, a miner, aged 57 years, and married, died very suddenly at Allendale Cottages. It seems that Holden retired to rest at 11·15 p.m. Ten minutes afterwards he came downstairs and complained of a pain in the region of the heart. The doctor was sent for, but the man expired before the arrival of a medical gentleman.

FROSTERLEY.

Garden Party at Frosterley Vicarage.—A garden party was held in the gardens and grounds of Frosterley Vicarage on Monday evening. A sumptuous tea was served on extemporised tables on the lawn in front of the house. Frosterley Saxhorn Band was in attendance, and discoursed sweet music all the evening. A sale of useful and ornamental goods, or a bazaar on a small scale, was held, and was fairly well patronised. Later on in the evening, a number of young folks attended, who enjoyed themselves very much by tripping the light fantastic until the sombre mantle of darkness fell on all. Various other games were indulged in, and a very enjoyable time was spent. A similar gathering is to be held on Saturday evening first. The object of these gatherings is to raise funds for the Sunday School children's trip. At the conclusion, the band played the National Anthem, after which three hearty cheers were given for the Rev F. C. Jagg, and another round of cheers was lustily given for Mrs Jagg.

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LOOK OUT for BRASS BAND CONTEST at West Stanley, on Saturday, August 27th, 1892. Tenders for Swings, Roundabouts, Stalls, &c.—Apply, THOS. COWEN, 52, West Stanley, Co. Durham.

BROOMS SPORTS, July 30th. Handicap, £15. Entries close July 26th, to ROGER CURLEY, Leadgate. Corresponding Secretary, JOHN COSTELLO. Stands, Shows, &c., J. E. KINLESIDE, Leadgate. See Posters. 673i

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th July, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett at 1·45 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert), for SUNDERLAND.

See Bills.

Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 822i

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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EDMONDBYERS WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

A BAZAAR will be held in the Board School, Edmondbyers, for the benefit of the Chapel Improvement Scheme, on Wednesday, July 27th, to be Opened by Mrs U. A. RITSON, Newcastle, and on Saturday, July 30th, to be Opened by Mrs T. J. MUSE, Castleside House. The Proceedings will be Opened each Day at Three o'clock. 822i

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ELECTION, 1892

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that all CLAIMS against Mr. JOHN DUNVILLE DUNVILLE in respect to the above Election must be sent to me at the undermentioned Address on or before the 22nd day of July instant, in default of which the same will (under Section 29 of the Corrupt Practices Act, 1883) be barred, and cannot be paid.

(Signed) JOHN G. MURRAY, Election Agent,
Mount Pleasant, Consett.

Dated 8th July, 1892. 800i

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH-WEST DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

GENTLEMEN,—I have great pleasure in according my most hearty thanks in the first instance to all those who have so actively and enthusiastically worked for me during the contest in which I have been engaged. Secondly, to the 2,891 Voters who supported me at the Poll, and last, but not least, to my opponents for the kind and considerate manner in which they received me on all and every occasion on which I had the pleasure of addressing them.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
JOHN DUNVILLE.

Springfield, Shotley Bridge, 12th July, 1892.

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(Signed) ADAM BRODIE, Election Agent,
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Dated 8th July, 1892. 832i

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MANOR HOUSE RACES and PIC-NIC will be held on Saturday, July 30th, 1892, when £5 will be given for Horses, 15 h.h. and under; and £3 for Ponies, 13½ h.h. and under. £2 for 120 Yards Handicap Footrace. Refreshments will be supplied on the Field. A Grand Ball will be held in the Evening. The Slaley Brass Band will be in Attendance. All entries to be made to Mr JOSEPH ROBINSON, Manor House, via Blackhill, or WILLIAM MOORE, Bridge End, Shotley Bridge. Admission to Field 6d each. 792i

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By Mr. J. Vickers.

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MONDAY, July 18th, 1892.—40 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers, 12 Fat Cattle, 125 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 7 Store Cattle; 10 Finger Calves, 6 Young Pigs, Coup Cart, Horse Hay Rake, quantity new Hand Hay Rakes.

Entries to day of Sale.

Sale at 10·30.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

MONDAY, JULY 18TH, 1892.

A number of Fat Cattle.
120 Prime Fat Sheep and Lambs.
A number of Prime Veal and Keeping Calves, including several Sucklers.
10 Mule Ewes and Lambs and 10 Shearlings.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers.
Store Cattle.
Poultry, Harness, Stack Nets.
Ladders, Coup Cart, Flat, &c.

Sale at One o'clock.

839i J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,

AUCTIONEER, AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888,

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

MR G. R. HOBSON will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, July 20th, 1892, at Mr J. LUMLEY'S, Annfield Plain, a Quantity of HORSES, COWS, FAT and GRAZING CATTLE, SHEEP, &c.

Entries solicited and taken to day of sale.

Sale Offices, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 749i

Hanging Stone, near Greencroft Cottages.—Monday, July 18th, 1892.

MR G. R. HOBSON, instructed by Mrs REAY, who is declining Housekeeping, will OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of the excellent Household FURNITURE and MISCELLANEOUS EFFECTS.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 750i

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

10, William Street, Tanfield Lea.—Friday Evening, July 22nd, 1892.

MR A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by the representatives of the late EDWARD FLETCHER, will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, the whole of his Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Sale to begin at Five o'clock in the Afternoon Prompt. 834i

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By Mr. John Crawford.

Front Street, Dipton.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION on Friday and Saturday, July 15th and 16th, the valuable STOCK of JEWELLERY HARDWARE, &c., belonging to Mr H. BUDEWALD. Sale to commence on Friday Night, at Five, and on Saturday, at Two o'clock.

For full particulars see Posters. 845i

John Crawford's Sale Rooms, 6, 18, & 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

THE USUAL SALE at these Rooms on July 18th, is POSTPONED on account of the Auctioneer having the Important Sale of Furniture at 12, East Parade, Consett. 844i

Short Notice! Short Notice!—Monday and Tuesday, July 18th and 19th, 1892.—12, East Parade, Consett.—Sale of very Substantial Mahogany and other Household Furniture, Steel Grey Pony, Trap, Harness, Superior American Organ, Secretaire, Sewing Machine, Wringing Machine, and other Effects.

MR J. CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, No. 12, East Parade, Consett, on Monday and Tuesday, July 18th and 19th, 1892, the whole of the excellent Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including—Substantial Mahogany Sideboard with Plate Glass Back, Mahogany Bookcase and Cheffioneer, 2 Sets Mahogany Drawers, 2 Sets Painted Drawers, Superior Quaker Suite in hair, Sofa in hair, Mirrors in Walnut and Gilt Frames, Mahogany Duchesse Washstand and Dressing Table, Ash Washstand and Dressing Table, Swing Glasses, Mahogany Secretaire, Card Table, Centre Table, Kitchen Dresser, 2 Kitchen Tables, Wringing Machine, 8-Days' Clock, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets, Oilcloths, Hearthrugs and Mats, Brass-mounted Fender, Kitchen Fender and Irons, Bedsteads and Spring Mattresses, Feather Beds, a large quantity of Books, together with the whole of the Kitchen Utensils and a large quantity of lots too numerous to mention.

Also, excellent American Organ, with 11 stops, Couplers and Knee-swells, Music Cabinet, Music Stool, First-class Oil-Paintings and Artists' Proof Steel Engravings, Singer's Sewing Machine, Steel-Grey Horse Pony, 13h.h., been driven by a lady. Bay Cob, 14·3 h.h., been regularly running in Phaeton, Whitechapel, and Harness.

Sale to commence at One o'clock each day precisely. Pony, Cob, Trap, and Harness, will be sold on Monday at Four o'clock.

Sale Office: 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 842i

Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from Mr WILLIAM WILES, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, July 20th, 1892, the whole of his superior Mahogany Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

DRAWING ROOM includes Magnificent Iron-Framed Piano, in Rosewood, by Grover and Grover, Inlaid Music Cabinet and Work Table, Mahogany Sideboard, Centre Table, and Bookcase, Gentleman's and Lady's Easy Chairs, Sofa, and Six Balloon-backed Chairs, in hair, Large Mirrors, Marble Timepiece, Bronzes, Oil Paintings, Brussels Carpet, &c.

DINING ROOM.—Cheffioneer, Mahogany Drawers, with Desk, Ash Press, Sofa, Painted Table, Chairs, Sewing Machine Drugget, &c.

No. 1 BED-ROOM.—Splendid Brass Parisian Bedstead, with Copper Wire Spring Mattress, Pedestal Dressing Table, Washstand, with Marble Top and Tile Back, Pedestal Cupboard and Drawers, all in Ash, 6 Balloon-backed Cane Bottom Chairs, also 3 Iron Bensteads, 2 Child's Cots, Painted Drawers, Washstand and Dressing Table, Large Painted Wardrobe, Chamber Ware, Carpets and Hearthrugs, Stair Carpets and Oilcloth, Ash Hat and Umbrella Stand, Kitchen Drawers, Delf-Rack, Crockery Ware, Brass and Iron Fireguards, Mahogany 3-fold Screen, Hip Bath, American and 2 Gas Stoves, Wringer, 2 Spring Mattresses, Crockery, and other Requisites too numerous to mention.

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Sale to commence at One o'clock.

The Auctioneer begs to inform the Public that the Furniture is of the highest class, and no worse than new.

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High Felling, near Gateshead.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL on July 25th, the FURNITURE, &c., belonging the Late J. MILLER. 846i

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE. — JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. 889h

CATCHGATE.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The anniversary services of the Catchgate Christian Lay Church Sunday-school were held on Sundays July 3rd and 10th. On Sunday, July 3rd, the services were conducted by Mr C. Pears, of Newcastle, and on the following Sunday by Mr R. Fisk, of South Pontop. The children recited scripture, poetry, dialogues, &c., at all the services, in a very praiseworthy manner to themselves and the teachers. The chapel choir was in attendance, and rendered excellent services. Miss E. Anderson, of Catchgate, presided at the harmonium, and Mr A Coulson conducted. On Saturday, July 2nd, a tea was provided for the children at 3·30, and afterwards a public tea was held, which was fairly well attended. The whole of the services were excellently rendered, and the congregations large. Collections were taken at each service. This has been one of the most successful anniversaries ever held in connection with this place of worship, the total proceeds amounting to £6.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JUSTICE" and also "COLD WATER" complain of a disgraceful sight witnessed at Tow Law during the late elections. The letters are too personal for insertion; but the principal performers will, we are sure, see this notice, and will have no difficulty in recognising themselves. If they "see themselves as others see them" they will blush for their unenviable position.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH, 1892.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

TRIUMPHANT.

I never risk my reputation by posing as a prophet otherwise I might preadventure awaken some fine morning to find myself famous. I am by no means an extreme partisan in politics, and that fact accounts no doubt for my reference the other week to the ghost of a shadow of a chance that my Conservative friends had of wresting the seat of North-West Durham from Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones. My observations were based purely on the lines of the past and the apparent prospects of the future—subsequent events proving that my deductions were correct. Not in the Blackhill and Consett district only, but all over North-Western Durham the population is largely composed of people of Irish birth or descent, and as Home Rule was the pivot upon which the choice of sides turned, the result could hardly have been otherwise than it proved.

MUSIC IN THE PARK.

This was one of the subjects to which I was requested to draw public attention on the occasion of the visit to Consett to which I last week referred. I was given to understand that there were some three bands in the district, and as the members thereof were nothing more nor less than working men, it was not for a moment to be supposed that they could afford to buy music and give their time and talents to benefit an admiring public. Music is expensive, and programmes are not to be gathered as the ancient Israelities gathered the manna in the wilderness—without money, and without price. It is understood, however, that so wishful were the bands to minister to the wants of the people that they themselves went to the expense of circulating programmes in the vicinity of the bandstand at the stereotyped charge of one penny each. There was surely nothing objectionable in the adoption of such a course, as the same usage is closely adhered to alike in indoor and outdoor musical celebrations. But strangely enough the sale of programmes was prohibited, and from that date up to the present there has been little or no music in the park. The members of the respective bands are certainly not to blame. It was too much to expect them to waste their sweetness in an atmosphere in which there was no responding voice, and hence the air of melancholy which at present rests on the circular structure underneath which the followers of Jubal—from whom, as we are told in the Lutherian version of Holy Writ, descended fiddlers and pipers—are expected to ply their charming art. There is an impression current in the district that the Consett Iron Company ought to bear the cost incurred in the purchase of music in addition to some measure of reward to the performers themselves. Another class of thinkers are of opinion that a special rate of a trivial character might with advantage be imposed to cover the cost referred to above. Personally, I am at variance with both ideas. I would remunerate the musicians by all means, but I would scorn either to beg from the Consett Iron Company, or tax the ratepayers, however slight, for pleasures past or prospective. Such a rate would fall very unevenly upon the people—the Consett Iron Company would have to pay two-thirds, and the middle-class inhabitants of the town the remainder, the majority of the inhabitants going scot free. In a word, folk who long for luxuries ought to pay for them, and to that end the paltry sum of a penny per week from the workmen employed at the ironworks and living at Blackhill and Consett would not only provide music in the park, but also provide not only music but gay uniforms for the performers. I commend this idea to those immediately concerned, knowing well enough that it could be carried out satisfactorily in the event of a few active workers taking the matter up. To simplify matters the subscriptions could be stopped off monthly at the office, it being by no means an uncommon occurrence for firms to accommodate their workmen on the lines indicated.

WATER IN THE PARK.

This was not a question of "water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink," for except glistening dew which lay diamond-like on leaf and bud, there was not a drop of water to be seen within the borders of the Consett park. I paused beside a miniature fountain, in the centre of which a semi-nude cherub stood with a water vessel under its arm, as if in the act of pouring freely into the basin at its feet. But it proved an empty show, and reminded me very forcibly of the parable of the fig-tree, the fountain being as dry as the passing winds could make it. I lingered for a few passing moments in the immediate neighbourhood, and as there was an aperture in the orifice of the vessel carried by the pretty little cherub, I had recourse to my pencil, which I took the liberty of inserting into the cavity, but the water came not, the sublime art of causing the pellucid stream to issue from stocks and stones having evidently died with Moses. My temperance friends might do worse than make a note of this, seeing that it is undesirable that men should be led into temptation.

EXTENDING THEIR BORDERS.

The Wesleyan body resident in the Consett district is flourishing like the green bay tree. Its members were the first to build a day school under the wing of their own denomination, and from that day to the present the borders of their fruitful domain has extended as naturally as the rising tide. The bazaar held in the Town Hall several months ago proved a tangible manifestation of their wealth and influence, and between that auspicious event and the stone-laying ceremony on Wednesday there is a well-defined connecting link. One of our poets says:—

> "Base envy withers at another's joy,
> And hates the excellence it cannot reach."

But to my certain knowledge no such unworthy spirit exists in the minds of the members of the sister churches and chapels at Consett. The Wesleyans deserve success, simply because they have worked to obtain it. The sacred edifice—the foundation stone of which was laid this week—will be an ornament to the town and district, as it is a credit to those whose untiring zeal has been the direct means of carrying the work to its present stage of completeness.

CONSETT WESLEYAN NEW CHURCH.

THE FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY.

AN IMPOSING SIGHT.

In the annals of Methodism in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Wesleyan Circuit, Wednesday will be held in long and grateful remembrance as the day on which the foundation stones of a new Wesleyan Church, schools, &c., at Consett, were laid. It might be added that the day marked an important epoch in the rise and progress of Methodism in the town, and well might the district be *en fete* for the auspicious occasion. For a long time now this important ceremony has anxiously been looked forward to with considerable interest, inasmuch as it was the sole topic of conversation indulged in during the past week or two by the majority of the inhabitants of the district. Naturally so important an event was made the occasion of great rejoicing, and no effort was spared by the united townspeople to show their keen appreciation of witnessing the imposing ceremony of the laying of the foundation stones of buildings which, when completed, will be an ornament to the town and the street in which they are erected. Dame Nature saw it was prudent to dry up her tears during the forenoon, and let her light shine brightly upon the auspicious gathering. The town was gaily decorated with flags and banners, which were suspended from the leading and public buildings and business establishments, whilst strings of bunting were also hung across the main street, and the town never looked so gay since the opening of the park in July last. Many of the leading business places were closed during the afternoon. Let us look back to the time of the

THE ORGANISATION OF THE SCHEME.

This occurred on Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 1889, when the first meeting of the members and congregation was held in the present chapel to take into consideration the advisability and practicability of providing additional accommodation for the congregations, the society having increased so greatly during recent years that the present place of worship was becoming too small to meet the requirements. The gathering was under the presidency of the late Rev Thomas Broadbent, who, at that time, stated he had not been very long in the circuit before his attention was called to the necessity for increased chapel accommodation. Everyone at this meeting seemed to be of the unanimous opinion that a new place of worship was necessary, and consequently other meetings followed, after which sewing meetings, concerts, lectures, &c., were held, and the proceeds realised were handed over to a building fund. In October, 1890, a public meeting was held to launch the scheme. At that time Messrs Bainbridge, of Newcastle, had promised £400, and an authorised subscription list was opened. There was a noble response to the appeals, and the meeting closed with the announcement that £1,657 had been given or promised. After this other subscriptions were given, which went to show that the society and congregation had a practical interest in the enterprise. During the whole of this time a building committee was working most arduously, at whose head was the Rev J. H. Taylor, the present superintendent. Through the efforts of the ladies, &c., in order to further augment the scheme a four days' Egyptian bazaar was held in the New Town Hall in September last, and the sum realised was over £1,000. After many meetings, plans in competition were at last presented before the Building Committee, and after some notifications the designs submitted by Messrs Lamb, Armstrong, and Knowles, architects, of Newcastle, were fixed upon. The site for the erection of this extensive scheme at this period was the one at the corner of Delves Lane, but owing to some unavoidable circumstances the committee were at last persuaded to change their minds and turn their attention to the present site in Middle Street.

PROGRESS OF METHODISM IN THE TOWN.

Over 51 years have passed since the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit was formed, and everything around seems calculated to bury the glorious past by being as unlike it as possible. Among the various religious bodies that have cared for the spiritual well-being of the town, the Wesleyans were not only first in the field, but they have maintained ever since an honourable place. Their first place of worship was built in 1849, costing the handsome sum of £300, being replaced by the present one in 1871, which seats about 500 people and cost £1,400. The building of this place of worship and the raising of the necessary funds was a great undertaking, yet it was when opened too small for the requirements of the society, as it amply proved by the fact that every sitting except those reserved as free was let on the opening day, and since then hundreds of applicants for sittings have had to wait their turn or go elswhere. This state of affairs became increasingly irksome as years went by, and all debt having been cleared off the present chapel, it was unanimously resolved to arise and build this time on a scale at once worthy of the town and of a religious body that claims not to have forgotten that its mission is to all classes. Although the religious needs of the town as a whole have been well looked after, yet the Wesleyans feel that their share in this work has not been adequate, and will not be until the present undertaking is carried to completion. Since this body was formed in 1842, marvellous progress has been made both in the material and moral condition of the people. Streets, no better than quagmires, have given place to well-paved and lighted thoroughfares. Houses, little removed from hovels, have been replaced, for the most part by well-built rooms—though there are a few left on one side of Middle Street, near to the commanding and central site for the scheme, which has been secured on good terms from the Consett Iron Company, to show the curious visitor what early Consett architecture was like. The open-air service has not been replaced, but rather supplemented by beautiful places of worship; and instead of roaming the streets "wild as the untaught Indians' brood," the children are gathered into substantially-built and well-appointed schools, where they are carefully trained for the duties of life.

THE BUILDING SCHEME.

The contract for the carrying out of this scheme has been secured by Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor (Benfieldside.) The place of worship will be a spacious building, with comfortable sittings for 850 persons. The architects (Messrs Lamb, Armstrong, and Knowles, of Newcastle) have adopted the late periods of the Gothic style, with a chaste and pleasing effect. It is only intended to build the chapel at present, and the Lecture Hall, &c., next year. The buildings, when completed, will be as follows:—

The Chapel.

A chapel of convenient shape and size, and acousticly well proportioned. The accommodation on the ground floor being for 500 people, and on the gallery floor 330, making together sitting accommodation for 830 people. To each floor there are four separate entrances and exits (doubly shut off to avoid draughts), with additional staircases at the pulpit end for officials and choir only, excepting in case of panic, and for communication with the Lecture Hall and vestries. The seating of the choir is arranged near the organ, and are accessible from choir staircases. The arch opening for organ is of ample dimensions, and will not retain sound—a defect so common where insufficient outlets are allowed. No portion of the plan is crowded or inconvenient. The floor of the chapel slopes one foot from the entrance end to the pulpit. A separate entrance from the side street admits the ministers, office-bearers, choir, &c., and gives access to the minister's vestry.

Class-rooms.

Some class-rooms are placed near to the latter, and have fire-places for use when the heating apparatus is not working.

Cloak rooms.

The cloak-room, with lavatories for ladies and gentlemen, adjoin, for use of either chapel or Lecture Hall. Continuing along the corridor, we reach the Lecture Hall and tea kitchen, with ample crush lobby, and if we return to the opposite end of the chapel, by crossing the open porch, we get similarly from chapel to hall.

Lecture Hall and Class-rooms.

The Lecture Hall is 65ft. by 43ft., and affords accommodation for 500 persons, with platform at one end; class-rooms for 40 and 25 children, all open off the hall, so that the children, if assembled together, may go direct to and return from the class-rooms without travelling far; the class-rooms are indeed part of hall, and should be considered as such, the children, if desired, being enabled to assemble at once under their own teacher. There are three entrances, with good crush space to each, to the Lecture Hall.

Infants School.

The Infants School is arranged as a continuation of the Lecture Hall, with common and separate entrances, and yields accommodation for 150 children. Book closets and an additional lavatory are provided.

Caretaker's house.

The caretaker's house is between the chapel and the hall.

Warming.

The heating chamber is in the basement, under easy supervision of the caretaker, although entered from the yard. The apparatus will be of hot water, on the low pressure system, and valves placed on the run of pipes, would shut off or open to the various rooms at will.

Ventilation.

Ample means are provided for the admission of fresh air without draughts, and for the extraction of iated air.

Materials.

The external walls are of stone, faced with blockers, having dressed facings. The roofs are covered with slates, and the windows filled with slightly tinted glass in lead quarries. The whole is lighted with gas. The style of architecture adopted is late Gothic; the elevation towards Middle Street, shews both the chapel and the Lecture Hall gables, connected by means of an open arched porch; the entrance to the chapel is by a double door, with four centred arched heads and large traceried windows over of six lights. At the south-west angle is the tower, the top stage of which is pierced with traceried windows, and lowered openings. The side windows are of three lights, and the school buildings designed to harmonise.

The works are being executed by Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor, contractors, of Benfieldside, from the designs and under the supervision of the architects, Messrs Lamb, Armstrong, and Knowles, Newcastle; Mr J. Routledge, of Consett, being the clerk of the works. Many other interesting features will appear from an inspection of the plans. The complete scheme will make full provision for Sunday and week-night services, for educational and evangelistic work, and all the varied agencies of a fully organised Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. It is estimated that the cost of the complete scheme, including the cost of land, will be from £9,000 to £10,000. The scheme is so arranged that it can be carried out in two parts, but the committee anticipate that sufficient funds will be raised to justify them in having the entire block of buildings erected whilst the contractor is on the ground.

THE LUNCHEON.

Prior to the ceremony, a luncheon was provided in the New Town Hall, by a Newcastle firm, which was presided over by Mr T. H. Bainbridge. There was a large and fashionable company present.

THE CEREMONY.

SPEECHES BY MRS DAVID DALE, ALD. U. A. RITSON, J.P., AND OTHERS.

Shortly after 2:30, the ceremony of laying the memorial stones was commenced before a large assemblage numbering some hundreds from all parts of the circuit. On the platform were:—Mrs David Dale, Darlington, Mr T. H. Bainbridge, Newcastle, Mr and Mrs R. Walton, Stanhope, Ald. U. A. Ritson, J.P., Newcastle, Mr J. E. Rogerson, Croxdale Hall, Mr J. W. Davison, Mr T. Swainston, Mr F. Jones (Consett), Rev D. C. Ingram (Chairman of the Newcastle district), Revs E. Brentnall, M.A., Newcastle, J. H. Taylor, Consett, J. Crawshaw, Annfield Plain, J. V. Sutton, Shotley Bridge, C. W. Barber, Leadgate, F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, T. J. Watson (Primitive), Consett, T. Dunn, Newfoundland, H. H. Ashby, Didsbury College, Mr and Miss Buckham, Lanchester, Mr R. Robinson (senior circuit steward), Lanchester, Mr and Mrs Richardson, Shotley Bridge, Mr and Mrs J. Palliser, Mr T. Swainston (junior circuit steward), Consett, Mr W. Thompson, Newcastle, Mr A. Phillipson, Dipton, Mr W. Palliser, Blackhill, Mr and Mrs C. P. Douglas, Consett, Coun. and Mrs T. J. Muse, Castleside, Mr Knowles (architect), Newcastle, Mr and Mrs J. Oliver, Stanley, Mrs J. Scott, Mrs T. Swainston, Mrs C. Lumley, Consett, Mr Wm. Jenkins, jun., Consett Hall, Mr J. Routledge, Consett, Mr T. Foster, Consett, Mr Stephenson and party, Newbiggen Hall, Blanchland, Miss Evens, Beech Grove, Consett, and others.

The proceedings commenced with the hymn "O Lord of hosts, whose glory fills," after which the Rev C. W. Barber read the cxxxii Psalm. The Rev J. Crawshaw then offered an appropriate prayer, followed by the hymn "Thou, Who hast in Zion laid."

Mr JOHN DAVISON (secretary) next read the contents of the bottle, which had to be placed in a cavity under the first stone. It was as follows:—

"A list of the trustees, designs of the buildings, names of donors of donations already given and promised, circuit plan, *Bazaar Gazette*, *Circuit Magazine*, the Consett Sunday-school *Banner o Hope*, three photographic groups of teachers and scholars at the Sunday-school stone, *Consett Guardian*, Newcastle Daily papers, two coins of the realm, a circular of the proceedings of that day, names of the architects, contractor, and clerk of the works."

MRS DALE, who was vociferously cheered, laid the first stone. After having been presented by the Rev J. H. Taylor, on behalf of the trustees, with a bible, this lady expressed the pleasure it afforded her to be there that afternoon. She was especially interested in the building of that chapel, because she officiated at the opening of the bazaar held to raise the money to enable them to build that edifice. That stone, she observed, was only the first of a series to be laid that afternoon, but no church was merely built up of stones. A church was composed of living stones—the souls of the earnest men and women who worshipped therin. She was glad to see such progress in religious work in Consett, and trusted that the erection of that chapel would be attended with all the elements of success. (Applause). They could all work for good or for evil, but they had more opportunities in the present day of doing good or evil than their forefathers had. They must work, not only to do good to themselves, but for the benefit of their neighbours, so that they might in the end win the glorious crown in the kingdom of Christ. (Applause).

The next stone was laid by MRS T. H. BAINBRIDGE, of Newcastle, who pronounced the same to be truly laid in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

MRS R. WALTON, of Stanhope House, laid the third stone, and the manner in which she did her allotted task, proved her to be an expert. This good lady wished the scheme every success, and trusted that Methodism in Consett would continue to prosper. (Cheers).

ALD. U. A. RITSON, J.P., of Newcastle, having laid another stone, said:—"It affords me great pleasure to be associated with those now present in the promotion of so interesting and important an enterprise as the erection of an edifice to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God in Consett: that worship, in its constituent parts, so distinctive of the Wesleyan community. Its inspiring hymns, fervent prayer, and prominent maintenance of the word of God read and expounded. I cannot find that Mr Wesley ever preached at Shotley Bridge. In his day no appreciable population would dwell here in Consett. In connection with his frequent visits to the North—and to Newcastle in particular—for which he expressed a strong affection—Mr Wesley preached at the Spen, Burnopfield, Blanchland, and Hexham; also at Gateshead Fell on the one side, and at Wolsingham and Allendale farther west; but no mention is made in his journals of Shotley Bridge. As it was very usual for persons to travel many miles to hear the famous evangelist, it is most likely he had in his audiences at the places I have named, many who would be attracted from this locality. My grandfather walked from the Park, Muggleswick, to Wolsingham on June 9th, 1790, when he was 16 years of age to hear Mr John Wesley preach—and he was never tired of telling his friends of this memorable occasion, and he used to tell us the secret, Isaiah xxxv, 8 verse:—"And an Highway shall be there, and a Way, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those, the way-faring men, though fools, shall not err therein." We know that early in the history of Methodism the efforts of John Wesley's labours took a firm hold of Tyneside—north and south—for a great many miles. In 1812, Gateshead was established as the head of a circuit, having care of the extensive tract of country included in this present Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit, so that the good influences of Methodism upon them first began to be felt quite 150 years ago. Those influences have never ceased, but grow in extent and intensity—to-day we celebrate another epoch. The complete project is to include Sunday-school premises, lecture hall, class-rooms, and the handsome and commodious chapel which is to sea. —verily a magnificent undertaking. During my own life-time the character of this immediate locality has marvellously changed. Instead of a few houses sprinkled here and there, a population numbering many thousands has sprung up. The main cause is undoubtedly the establishment of the flourishing Consett Iron Works, and recent Steel Works. It adds significance to this occasion that it is graced by the presence and patronage of many of those who hold prominent positions in connection with that great industrial undertaking—Mr Dale, Mr Bainbridge, Mr Henderson, Mr Mark Fenwick, Mr J. G. Fenwick, and Mr W. Jenkins, the energetic and much-respected general manager. Long may Consett flourish. What is our work to-day. These foundation stones are not for an exchange. Commerce has claims we by no means treat lightly in this country. Certainly not in this immediate district, which has earned for itself distinguished honour and fame throughout the world. Neither are the stones the base of a Hall of Science, or Education, or of a Free Library. These institutions have a peculiar value, and contribute largely to the true advancement and well-being of the population. Our present work surely is nobler; we are engaged in the erection of a spacious and beautiful edifice, which is to be consecrated to the worship and service of the true and living God, our Father and Saviour. It is to be a Christian temple, a sanctuary in which the noblest powers of our being will find "their sweet employ," their needed repose, their most sacred education. In this utilitarian age there is no danger of our deprecating institutions, the objects and uses of which are more especially commercial or educational. Nor would I for a moment indulge in such a line of remark. Those objects are, as they ought to be, noble and far-reaching in their manifold benefits, but still a limit can be assigned to them, for they effect man's material, temporal, and, more or less, transient nature and requirements. Now the purposes and uses of a Christian sanctuary, call it church or chapel as you please (and I see in your circular you use the word church) while affecting for good man's welfare in the present life, man especially stretches away into the mighty future. It is its grand prerogative to educate man for God, and eternity, and heaven. We cannot assemble on an occasion like this and reflect upon the instinct or craving which has started this undertaking without being impressed with the fact of its prevalence and power in our land. Hence the almost countless number—ever increasing—of places of worship in this land. If this be an evidence of the high point civilisation has reached, it is also of the persuasive influence of Christianity, which really more than anything else—more than commerce, education, or statesmanship—has placed this country in the forefront of the Eastern. Our very patriotism should impel us to advocate and help forward such work as this. I will not myself advert to the doctrines to be expounded in this chapel, except to say that they are deduced from the holy scriptures as that great evangelist and scholar John Wesley believed them to be contained therein, and that is what I, as a layman, hold to be a wise and satisfactory enactment by the founder of Methodism, sustained and perpetuated by that body he constituted to stand in his stead, I mean the Wesleyan Conference. We need not fear that any doctrinal vagaries of whimsical or daring, or self-opinionated men will be proclaimed in this chapel to the disquietude and mischief of the worshippers, and the families that attend it. It is a comfort in these exciting and fast-living times surely to find not only a Sabbath day, but Sabbatic worship, rest for the body, rest for the weary brain, rest substantial and nourishing, repose for the soul. That precious rest will be found here in the services to be conducted within its sacred walls. I wish not to be tedious, but just let me say public worship, when entered into devoutly, and observed systematically is a factor of some of the sturdiest elements of the British character. You see I am not entering int. the domain of the spiritual life (that I leave to the ministers). It is notorious that the levity with which the people of certain nations treat God and His worship, and conspicuous for frivolity and shallowness, they trifle with truth and honour. Their very patriotism is selfish and spasmodic. A Brition as such owes more than he thinks to the tossing influences of divine worship with all that it imparts. As one having a hereditary interest in this neighbourhood, for my name has its representatives in the registers of births and deaths; in the homes and in the churchyards of this district, I hope I may be permitted to whisper a word to fathers and mothers. Let me as having seen a good deal of active life, and of family life, appeal to parents to train their children from childhood to a love of the house of God. Be sure to train them to come with you to chapel—to put it in a homely way. What picture is more winsome than to see the parents with their children wending their way to the house of God—and to their own pew. Yes, I am old-fashioned enough to say that provision should be made—and in Wesleyan chapels always is largely made—for those who visit it occasionally, and for those who may not be able to have a fixed pew. All right and proper, still as I see the untold advantages to the family and the household in the quiet effective training of the children from being little ones, to the habitual and, let me add, punctual attendance at the house of God. I desire to urge this upon all who hear me this day in Old Shotley and New Consett Circuit—reverence for that which is sacred is a grand quality of our character, filial obedience and family sympathy are links that weld hearts together, hallowed memories are precious treasures which survive the ravages of disease, the vicissitudes of adversity, and the wreckage of death—and these are produced and consolidated by the edifying and ennobling ordinances which constitute the worship of God our Father and Saviour in the "place where His honour dwelleth."

The next stone was laid by MR W. JENKINS, jun., who expressed the pleasure it gave him to render assistance, as a substitute for his father, who was indisposed.

MR J. E. ROGERSON, of Croxdale Hall, also laid a stone, and pointed out that as the town increased in population and wealth it was gratifying to note that all classes of religion progressed. He wished the cause every success, and he would have great pleasure in forwarding a cheque to be placed on the stone by the post on the following day. (Cheers.)

MR C. P. DOUGLAS, who laid the next stone, stated that he was pleased to think that they were launching forth a scheme in the building of a church, schools, &c., that would meet with the requirements of the town. It was a worthy effort, and he was glad to join in the same. Although he was a member of another church in the town, yet they were all aiming for the same goal, and he wished the society every success. After the present buildings were erected he thought the same would meet the spiritual requirements of the town for some time to come. (Applause.)

MR DAVISON, after pronouncing another stone to be truly laid, said that he trusted the building would be safely erected without accident or injury to anyone. (Hear.) When the building was completed the doctrine of the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ would be preached, and he hoped that it would be the birth-place of many souls for the Master. His mind, on that occasion, went back to the time when Methodism was first established in the town, and dwelt at length upon the progress it had made up till the present time. He (the speaker) happened to be one of the three young men who came from Shotley Bridge to Consett to hold the first religious service. They got a good congregation and this was the first time that the people in that locality had the opportunity of hearing the gospel. After this a man named Joseph Phillipson who lived in one of the Company's rows opened his house as a sort of meeting-house, and from that time up to the present Methodism in the town had gone on step by step, and they now saw what they were contemplating by the laying of the present foundation stones. (Applause.) He wished the society, along with the Church of England, and all the other denominations, every prosperity in the future. (Applause.)

MR T. SWAINSTON next laid the circuit stone, and placed upon the same the result of a special collection throughout all the places of worship in the circuit. He stated that it was an honour to him to have the privilege of laying one of the stones on behalf of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit. The sum he had to place upon the stone amounted to upwards of £43. (Cheers.) He thought everyone present would agree with him when he said that there was no place throughout the circuit that required more ample accomodation so that the masses might come together to worship, than the present town. When the buildings were completed they would be an ornament to the town in which they lived, and he had no doubt their efforts would receive the support of all good men and women. (Applause.) Consett stood second as the head of the circuit, and they were going to have such buildings erected that would enable them at some future date to be in a position so as they could be able to have the district meeting held in their midst. If all went well, he hoped to see the time when they could have the conference held in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, and the place fixed for holding the session at Consett. (Cheers.)

MR F. JONES, one of the oldest teachers of the Sabbath-school, laid a stone on behalf of the school, and placed upon the same the sum of £100, raised by the scholars and teachers. He (the speaker) stated that he was proud of having the honour of representing a very large majority in the Sunday-school, and he laid the stone in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. His mind went back to the time when he came to Consett in 1848, and the inhabitants of the place had no chapel to worship in. They had to be content with holding their meetings in a school-room. He remembered going to one of the services and the preacher on that occasion was a Mr Wm. Armstrong, of Castleside. Some of the congregation were offended on this night at what the preacher said, but he might tell them that he was glad. In the year 1849, he was invited to the Sabbath-school, and he had ever since been engaged in the good work of teaching the children. They were largely represented by the little ones, and he was pleased to think that their efforts in collecting the pennies had been the means of placing them at the top of the list in the shape of donations.

At this stage of the proceedings the teachers and scholars marched past the stone, and placed upon the same another special collection amounting to over £5.

Other stones were afterwards laid by several friends, including one by Mr Stobart (Consett.) Messrs J. Joicey, Longhirst, C. W. Henderson, Hexham, Fenwick, Newcastle, E. M. Bainbridge, J.P., Sheffield, and T. E. Fenwick, Wolsingham, were likewise expected to lay stones, but sent letters regretting their inability to attend and enclosing cheques.

A suitable address was given at the ceremony by the Rev D. C. Ingram, the chairman of the Newcastle district, who made an earnest appeal for support.

The choir and children rendered several of their choice selections during the proceedings.

It might be stated that each of the stone-layers were presented, in turn by a minister, with a most handsome Bible, on behalf of the trustees and building committee, in commemoration of the occasion.

After a collection, and the rendering of the National Anthem, this part of the ceremony was brought to a conclusion.

During the proceedings the vehicular traffic had to be temporarily stopped in Middle Street in consequence of the immense crowd.

THE TEA.

The large company then adjourned to the Co-operative Hall, where a public tea was provided. The trays were given by Miss Swinburne, Mesdames T. Carr, T. Watson, Lowes, Lynn, Siddle, Lamb, Skelton, Lowrie, F. Swainston, Little, T. Swainston, Pescod, Henry and Charles Davison, T. Jones, and J. Cummings, J. Hall and S. Wright, J. Whitehead and W. Milburn, J. Allison and Walton.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

In the evening, a monstre and most enthusiastic meeting was held in the New Town Hall. The spacious building was crowded. The front of the platform was most richly decorated with plants, ferns, &c., kindly lent for the occasion by Mr John Moon, Blackhill. The chair was occupied by Mr Thos. H. Bainbridge, Newcastle. On the platform were:—Mrs T. H. Bainbridge, Newcastle; Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett; Rev D. C. Ingram, chairman of the Newcastle district; Rev E. Brentnall, Newcastle; Rev T. Watson (Primitive), Consett; Rev J. H. Taylor, superintendent; J. Crawshaw, J. V. Sutton, and C. W. Barber, circuit ministers; Rev T. Dunn, of Newfoundland; Rev H. H. Ashby, of Didsbury College; Coun. and Mrs T. J. Muse, Messrs G. Richardson, J. Oliver, J. Palliser, R. Robinson, and T. Swainston, circuit stewards; J. W. Davison, J. Lowes, V. Dunn, F. Swainston, J. Lynn, T. Carr, J. Davison, J. R. Maxwell (secretary), W. Jenkins, jun., Stobart, and other ladies and gentlemen.

The proceedings commenced with the hymn, "Now I have found the ground wherein," &c., followed by a short prayer by the Rev T. J. Watson.

The CHAIRMAN said they honoured him by asking him to preside over such a splendid gathering. He was pleased to be present on such an occasion. Having made reference to his (the speaker's) father taking a deep interest in the scheme through the Consett Iron Company, he went on to say that he was thankful to be able to follow in his footsteps. (Applause.) He (the speaker) was interested in the town of Consett through the Consett Iron Co., and also through Methodism. (Applause.) He hoped the day would never come when he was not interested in Methodism—(hear)—and he hoped that his children would follow his example. He was going to say that he ought to be happy, because two of the speakers on the platform were ministers who belonged to the circuit. (Laughter.) He might state that he could not speak too highly of them, because they deserved it. (Applause.) What other remarks he had to say he would reserve till another stage of the meeting. (Applause.)

Rev J. H. TAYLOR gave a brief *resume* of the building scheme they were engaged in. He stated that for many years the need of a church and Sunday schools had long been felt by the members of the society, and all who were engaged in the work would admit that it had long been desirable. He would not argue the need for the enlargement, because he felt sure that all present would concur in saying that they were engaged in a scheme that had long been needed. The scheme was first started two years ago, and a site was found at the corner of Delves Lane. A public meeting was held to inaugurate the scheme, at which promises to the sum of £1,800 was received. This they thought was very a encouraging beginning. Through the winter, sewing meetings and other gatherings were held, followed by a bazaar in September, which greatly increased their funds. The committee found that the site fixed upon could not be procured for two years, but the directors of the Consett Iron Company met them in a very liberal manner by granting them the present site at a cost of £700. (Applause.) They had entered into a contract to build a place of worship, which the committee had decided to call a church—(hear) with sitting accommodation for 850 persons, three class-rooms, and a caretaker's house. The total expenditure already committed amounted to £6,000. They were further contemplating to build on a site adjoining the present one, which they would come in possession of in April next, schools, along with eight class-rooms adapted for Sunday-school work. When the whole scheme was completed they would have the most commodious buildings for carrying on the work of God, and would meet the requirements of the people. He might state that the committee were not going to contemplate anything less than what he had laid before them, and nothing less would meet the requirements of the town. (Applause.) They had not yet committed themselves to any contract for the latter part of the scheme, but at the same time it was a strong desire of the committee for to go forward with the work, and have the whole scheme completed. Their funds, without the proceeds of the day, stood out something like £3,300, leaving a balance of £2,700 to be cleared of the £6,000 which they were already committed to. If their funds were satisfactory, and they worked hard during the coming winter, and with the opening services, he thought they would be able to defray the cost of the first part of the scheme. (Applause.) If this was the case he thought the committee would be justified in tendering for the carrying out of the other portion of the scheme, because they wished to have the full scheme completed. (Applause.) After the whole scheme was carried out, they would be able to make a claim upon their connexional fund, which would help them a great deal. If the Conference would give him other three years in the circuit and the friends desired it, he had no hesitation in saying that he would have the buildings completed, and he would be able to leave them free of debt. (Cheers.) He hoped that with perseverance in the winter their expectations would be realised, and the money would be forthcoming. He might mention that Mr Robert Robson, of Brandling Park, had forwarded a cheque for £20; also a cheque from Ald. Stephens, J.P., Newcastle, for £5 for the collection. Another gentleman named Mr Thos. Spencer, The Grove, Ryton, had sent a cheque for £50, and a letter regretting that owing to ill-health he could not come to Consett to lay one of the memorial stones In conclusion, he (the speaker) said it was a generous act on the part of Mr Spencer to send uch a cheque, and [illegible] they would all join in rayer that Mr Spencer's health would be speedily restored. (Applause.)

MR J. DAVISON next gave the financial statement of the days' proceeds, which was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Proceeds of stone-laying, including collection of afternoon and cheques handed in at evening meeting	478	12	4
Proceeds of tea	24	0	0
Evening collection	18	18	8
Total	522	11	0

Rev E. BRENTNALL delivered an appropriate address, in which he stated that he was glad to be present at the inauguration of the scheme, which showed that the Methodist people of Consett were alive to the needs of their age. They were going to obtain a class of building that would enable them to carry on the work of God to the fullest extent. (Applause.)

At this stage MR J. W. DAVISON rose to make a presentation to the Rev J. H. Taylor for the services he had rendered in connection with the scheme. He (the speaker) stated that ever since Mr Taylor came into the circuit he had taken a deep interest in the scheme. The trustees and building committee thought that they could not do better than give the rev. gentleman some token in recognition of his services, and so encourage him to put further efforts into the scheme during his stay amongst them. (Applause.) There was no doubt but what Mr Taylor had worked hard, and spent hours over the scheme. He would now hand Mr Taylor the bible which bore a suitable incription, and he had no hesitation in saying that Mr Taylor would cherish the same, and use it as a gift presented to him for services rendered in a noble cause. (Cheers.)

Rev J. H. TAYLOR acknowledged the gift, and said that he was grateful to them for the recognition they had given him for the manner in which he had only done his duty. (Applause.) He would willingly devote his energy to the scheme whilst he remained amongst them. A scheme like the present one did invovle a great deal of care, and took away the time which should be devoted to other purposes, yet he was glad to say that whilst attending to this duty he had not neglected his other work. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN remarked that Mr Taylor was a man that knew how to carry out the scheme, and they were going to get a splendid lot of buildings, and when completed would be opened free of debt. He would now apologise for the absence of Mr W. Jenkins, the esteemed manager of the Consett Iron Works, who had the scheme at heart. (Applause.)

Rev F. STEGGALL also delivered an address, and stated that he was glad to think that they had laid the foundation stones of a building which would in days to come be named the cathedral of the town. (Applause.)

Rev D. C. INGRAM also delivered a stirring address, in which he urged upon all classes what their duty to God was, and said that the day had not yet arrived when Methodism could be dispensed with. (Applause.)

During the proceedings, the choir, children, and string band rendered several choice selections of music. Mr C. Stelling presided at the organ, whilst Mr W. Lowrie conducted.

The enthusiastic meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks. The whole proceedings were a financial success.

[We have to state that the Rev J. H. Taylor has had forwarded to him yesterday (Thursday) morning a cheque from Mr T. E. Fenwick, of Wolsingham, for £50, and that his son, Mr Featherstone Fenwick, of Newcastle, who was prevented from laying the stone at the ceremony on his behalf by unpunctuality in train connections, also contributed £15, making a total of £65.]

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

We learn that Mr Edmond W. E. Balleny, of Little Greencroft, Consett, has been placed by the Lord Chancellor on the Commission of Peace for the County of Durham, and will take the oath shortly.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday evening, the pulpit of this place of worship was occupied by the Rev Thos. Dunn, of California, who is at present on a visit to this town, after an absence of 10 years. There was a large congregation present, and a collection was taken in aid of the new chapel building scheme.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday evening week, the usual quarterly meeting of this society was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, under the presidency of Mr Geo. Lowes. The balance-sheet was read and confirmed, and a dividend of 2s 9d in the £ was declared.

A LOCAL DIVORCE CASE.—In the Divorce Court last week Sir F. Jeune decided the case of Close v Close. The wife was the petitioner, and sought a dissolution of her marriage with Mr John Close on account of his bigamy and misconduct. The parties were married at Sunderland in 1889. They lived happily together, but at the end of last year Mrs Close read an advertisement in a Consett paper announcing the death of Alexandrina Close, the wife of John Close, and then giving the respondent's occupation and place of business. She then instituted inquiries, and learnt that her husband had gone through a bigamous form of marriage at the registry office, Sunderland. He had this year been sentenced to five years' penal servitude for embezzlement of moneys belonging the Consett Iron Company. His Lordship granted a decree *nisi* with costs.

BLACKHILL.

UNITED METHODIST ASSEMBLY.—The annual assembly of the United Methodist Free Churches commenced its sittings on Tuesday in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London.

DEATH OF REV A. KEMPSTER.—The news of the death of Rev Arthur Kempster, formerly of Blackhill, has been received with much regret in the Consett district. Mr Kempster, who was only 31 years of age, went into the Primitive Methodist ministry from Blackhill some eight years ago, he having up to that time been employed in the Consett Ironworks. After studying for twelve months in the Manchester Theological Institute, he entered the regular ministry, and at the time of his death on the 6th inst. was stationed at Baldock, Herts. He was a young man of considerable ability, and it was expected that he had before him a successful career.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—The schedule and prize list for the annual show of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society has just been issued. Mr J. Lovatt, Blackhill, is the local secretary, and the show is to be held at Shotley Bridge, on the 17th August. There are classes for shorthorn cattle, Leicester sheep, down sheep, horses for agricultural purposes, horses for field and road, dogs, swine, butter, eggs, poultry, ducks, and agricultural implements. All communications are to be addressed to the secretary, Mr A. Atkinson, Causey Arch, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O., county Durham.

WEST STANLEY.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the above school was held on Sunday, July 3rd, when Mr W. Thompson, of Newcastle, conducted the services in the afternoon at two o'clock. A service of song, entitled "The pilgrim's progress," was recited and sung by the scholars, assisted by the following able instrumentalists:—Messrs Robson, Pearson, Hewitson, Dixon, and Blaylock, violinists; Mr C. Blaylock, violincello; Mr Waugh, clarionet; Mr Trotter, cornet; Mr Scorer, euphonium; Mr Thos. Chandler, tenor horn; conductor, Mr John Carr, ably assisted by Mr Thomas Jones with his cornet. Mr W. E. Simpson presided at the organ.—On Sunday last, services were continued, when the Rev C. W. Barber preached morning and evening, and gave an address in the afternoon. During each of the services the children recited poetry, scripture, and dialogues, and sang a choice selection of hymns, assisted by the above band. The collections taken were very satisfactory. The teachers feel very grateful to those ladies and gentlemen that has helped to make the services a success.

STANHOPE.

There are a number of visitors in Stanhope just now who are loud in their praises of this little pretty picturesque and romantic country town among the Weardale hills.

DEATH OF MR R. S. JOHNSON, OF SHERBURN HALL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Richard Sheraton Johnson, of Sherburn Hall, Durham, which occurred at his residence at an early hour on Tuesday morning. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time, but not to a serious extent. On Friday last a blood vessel broke, and Mr Johnson gradually got worse. He was attended by Dr Lionel Booth, of Sherburn Hospital, but never rallied, and died at two o'clock on Tuesday morning. Mr Johnson was a mining engineer and coalowner, and some years ago was connected with a considerable number of collieries (including the Hamsteels Colliery) in the county of Durham, and occupied a prominent position amongst northern coalowners. A few years ago adverse circumstances overtook him, and he had to relinquish several of his appointments. Although very corpulent he took an exceedingly great interest in sport, especially fox hunting, and was at one time one of the props of the North Durham Hunt. The deceased gentleman took a great interest in political matters, and was a staunch Conservative. He was bordering on 70 years of age, and leaves a widow and a grown-up married family, with the exception of one son, who is in Canada.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr J. S. Murray had forward on Monday, a good supply of sheep and lambs, pigs, &c., but only a short number of cattle. Sheep and lambs were a fair trade, but cattle a slow trade. Lambs, to 34s 6d; sheep, to 51s. Cows, to £12 10s; stirks, to £3 17s 6d. There was only a small company present on account of the commencement of the hay harvest.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 39 dairy cows and heifers, 12 fat cattle, 6 store cattle, 15 calves, 126 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £19; fat cattle, to £17 15s; store cattle, to £7; calves, to 40s; fat sheep, to 46s—top lots, Messrs Pease and Partners, Crook, and Geo. Alder, Cornsay; fat lambs, to 30s—top, Mr Furness, Westgate; fat black-faced ewes, to 25s 6d—top, Mr Dixon, West Brandon; fat black-faced wethers, to 29s—top, Mr Topham, Armond Carr.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held a special sale of grazing stock, in conjunction with the fat stock sale on Monday, and had forward 35 fat cattle, 22 black-polled cattle, to one-and-a-half years old; 40 S.H. and other grazing cattle, to two-and-a-half years old; 1 yearling bull. 10 milch cows, 2 calves, 100 fat sheep and lambs, 25 keeping hoggs; 1 three-parts bred brown mare, with filly foal at foot; 8 cobs and ponies, 4 to 6 years old, 14 to 15 h.h.; 2 pork and bacon pigs, 40 young pigs, harness, brushes, blocks, 2 dogs, &c. There was a fair attendance of buyers, but trade for fat cattle was not quite so good. Sheep trade was dull at considerably reduced prices. Pigs sold well. Buyers for grazing cattle were not in such strong demand, owing to many of them being busy with their hay. The following are the prices obtained for fat cattle: Bullocks, to £22; heifers, to £23 10s—top, Birtley Iron Co. Cows to £14 10s—top, Mr Turnbull, Twizell. Black-polled cattle, to £7 10s; S.H. grazing cattle, to £8 10s; young bull, £2 15s; calves, to 30; milch cows, to £17 10s. Fat lambs, to 32s—top, Earl of Durham. Fat sheep: Shearlings, to 53s—top, the Earl of Durham; fat ewes, to 50s—top, Birtley Iron Co. Young pigs, to 24s 6d; pork pigs, to 29s. Three-parts bred mare and foal, to £13 10s; cobs, to £17; cream-coloured pony, to £15 15s. Cur dogs, to 17s 6d; blocks, to 15s; harness, to £13 10s.

DURHAM SUMMER ASSIZES.

The business of the Durham Summer Assizes was opened at the Assize Courts, Durham, on Tuesday, before Mr Justice Day in the Crown Court, and Mr Justice Grantham in the *Nisi Prius* Court. The gentlemen of the Grand Jury, of whom Mr Hedworth Williamson was the foreman, having been sworn, His Lordship delivered his charge. After referring to the number of prisoners on the calendar, His Lordship said that the diminution of crime was, he had no doubt, due to poverty brought about by the late strike. That was conclusive evidence that drunkenness was the cause of the greater part of the crime of the country. He then referred to the cases on the calendar, and with regard to the Hebburn miners said that he had no doubt one of the four men was guilty of engaging in rioting, and that the case was one which ought to be dealt with in that court. Having spoken of the smallness of the room in which male prisoners were detained in the court, characterising it as altogether insufficient, he dismissed the jury to their duties.

THE HIGHWAY ROBBERY CASE AT LANCHESTER.

ESTREATMENT OF RECOGNISANCES.

In the case of *Joseph McGill* (22), miner, charged with feloniously robbing William George Hetherington, and stealing 14s 6d from his person, near Lanchester, there was no bill, the prosecutor having absconded. The recognisances of the prosecutor were estreated.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER AT WEST STANLEY.

The grand jury ignored the bill against *Matthew Palmer* indicting him with the manslaughter of Isaac Watson McGlasson, at Stanley, on the 1st of July, and prisoner was discharged.

THE CHARGE OF ROBBERY AT CATCHGATE.

The grand jury also threw out the bill charging *Joseph* and *Samuel Waggott*, father and son, of South Moor, for stealing a gig at Catchgate.

CIVIL COURT.

Before Mr Justice GRANTHAM.

THE SILKSWORTH "BATON CHARGE:"

NON-APPEARANCE OF PLAINTIFFS.

The actions of Burlinson *v* Oliver and another, and of English and others *v* Oliver, were claims for damages for assaults, alleged to have been committed by Supt. Oliver during the Silksworth baton charge, a matter which has been the subject of numerous law cases. When the cases were called,

Mr Strachan said he had made enquiries, and found that the plaintiffs were not represented at all. He, therefore, asked that judgment be entered for the defendant.

His Lordship said the defendant was entitled to judgment. The cases were, however, not yet in order, and until they were, they could not be struck out.

Mr Strachan said he would wait till they were in order, and renew his application.

Subsequently, Mr Strachan informed his Lordship that he had been instructed by the plaintiffs that they did not intend to enter an appearance.

His Lordship thereupon entered judgment for the defendants, with costs.

Football.

MATCHES WANTED.

Lizzie Celtics have the following dates vacant for moderate 1st or good 2nd teams:—Nov. 5th, 19th, 26th, Dec. 10th, 17th, Jan. 21st, Feb. 11th, March 4th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd. Apply to John Carroll, South Pontop, Annfield Plain.

South Pontop True Blues would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Agerage age, 12 years. Apply to Wm. Snaith, South Pontop, Annfield Plain, via Lintz Green.

Beamish True Blues are in want of matches for the coming season, and would like to arrange with moderate second or good junior teams. Apply to F. Kay, 18, Eden Place, Beamish.

Oxhill Slashers would like to arrange matches with junior teams in the district. Ages, 9 to 13. Apply to Robert Lumley, 17, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

AN EXPLANATION WANTED.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Perusing the pages of your valuable paper of last week, I noticed that the Consett Young Men's Christian Association Football Club were applying for dates for the coming season. I have sent for dates twice for our team, both times receiving answers that they would not arrange fixtures with us. What their reason is I cannot understand. Is it because they are afraid of being defeated to the tune of nine goals to four, or is it because we may be thrown out of the Durham County Association if we enter, for arranging matches with them. Perhaps their secretary will throw a little light on the subject, for I cannot understand the treatment they have given us. Hoping you will give this publicity—I remain, yours, &c.,

FRED. KEMPSTER,
Hon. sec. Blackhill Park A.F.C.

[We would remind our correspondent that the Consett club or any other club are not compelled to arrange matches with every team that applies to them for fixtures.—ED. C.G.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT-OVERSEER AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Saturday afternoon Chester-le-Street was all excitement over the election of an assistant-overseer for the township. A great deal of political feeling was thrown into the contest. The three candidates representing respectively—Mr John Smith, the Liberals; Mr John Geo. Morson, the Unionists; and Mr John Crawford, the Labour Federation. Polling went on steadily during the afternoon, and when the result was declared shortly after eight o'clock, the figures were:—

	Votes.
John Crawford	351
John Geo. Morson	332
John Smith	254

Mr Crawford was declared elected.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, July 11th—Before J. T. Potts, Esq.

A REAL SPREE.

Selina McEvoy, a Scotchwoman, who seemed to be suffering from a severe headache, and apparently had a remarkable preference for "auld kirk," was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Middle Street, Consett, on the 9th inst.—Accused pleaded guilty, and Inspector Bennies explained that the woman was taken before Councillor Annandale on a similar charge a few days previously, and fined 2s 6d and costs. She had been tipsy ever since.—Prisoner was again mulcted in a penalty of 2s 6d and costs, or seven days' hard labour.

A KEEPER REQUIRED.

William Wilson, miner, was charged with going about the streets on Saturday evening, in a drunken state and with his trousers hanging down.—Defendant, who acknowledged his guilt, stated that he belonged to Burnhope, and came on Saturday to Consett to purchase groceries. He had had nothing to eat since eight o'clock in the morning, and a sup of drink had taken effect upon him.—The Magistrate: Don't you think it would have been better if you had got something to eat.—A fine of 5s and costs was inflicted.

ALLEGED WOUNDING AT CONSETT:

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Thomas Farroll, labourer, of Front Street, Consett, was brought up, charged with cutting and wounding his wife, Mary Farroll, on Saturday night.

Complainant said that about eight o'clock her husband came home the worse for liquor. He went to bed, and soon after complainant and her daughter retired to rest. Farroll accused them both of laughing at him, and he got out of bed, and used very abusive language. She pushed him on one side, and went into the passage, where, she said, he cut her wrist. She could not tell whether he used the knife produced or not. Complainant said she did not want her husband sent to prison, because he was under the care of a doctor, being suffering from asthma.

Defendant denied that he used the knife produced. His wife, he said, caught her wrist against the door-sneck, in slamming it to. His wife called him a "lousy consumptive b—," and declared that she would have him "pinched" before the night was over. The knife he picked up was one without a haft, and he threw it upon the mat.

Sergt. Tones deposed that he was called into the house, and found that Mrs Farroll had sustained a nasty cut on the wrist. He took the woman to the doctor, who dressed the wound. Witness also arrested the accused and charged him with wounding his wife. He answered, "I did not use the knife," but I would have done so had I got at her." Mrs Farroll told him that her husband used the knife produced.

Supt. Oliver applied for a remand, which was granted, accused being admitted to bail.

DESERTING HIS WIFE AND FAMILY.

George Coulson, miner, of Biggen Drift, near Lanchester, was charged by Mr Ralph Walton, relieving officer to the Lanchester Union, for deserting his wife and family, who have become chargeable to the common fund of the Lanchester Union.—He was remanded till Thursday.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Matthew Nicholson, (24), miner, Tanfield Moor, was charged on a warrant with assaulting Catherine Doolan, at White-le-Head, on Sunday night.—Accused was likewise remanded till Monday next.

DRUNK AGAIN.

Wm. Gibson (43), a mason, of Lanchester (who was up at Consett on Monday), was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Lanchester, on Monday evening.—He was fined 5s and costs, or 7 days' imprisonment.

DURHAM MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT WATERHOUSES.

On Saturday afternoon Mr W. H. Patterson (secretary of the Durham Miners' Association), along with Mr W. Johnson and Mr S. Galbraith, attended at the Primitive Schoolroom, Waterhouses, for the purpose of unfurling a new banner belonging to the Waterhouses Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association. Mr T. Y. Greener, manager of the Peases West Collieries, presided, and there was a large attendance.

The banner has been purchased by the lodge at a cost of over £30, and is very effective in appearance. In the centre is a painting of the late Mr Crawford and "Tommy" Ramsay. Both are pronounced to be very good likenesses. Around the painting is a framework of brocaded ruby satin, and encircling this is a bordering of blue silk. On the other side of the banner are representations of justice, peace, and industry, each of which are cleverly worked.

The CHAIRMAN, who was heartily received, said he had just heard that Sir Joseph Pease had been returned for Barnard Castle. He hoped that Mr John Wilson—(cheers)—would be returned for Mid-Durham by even a greater majority. He was glad to be present and to meet their representatives from the Miners' Hall upon a neutral platform. There would, he supposed, always be differences of opinion between them, but he thought it would be distinctly to the advantage of all, both master and servant, for them to meet on occasions of that sort. He might oftentimes seem at cross purposes with them, but he assured them that he always endeavoured to treat them fairly and honestly. (Cheers).

Mr W. H. PATTERSON, who performed the ceremony of unfurling the banner, said it was twenty years ago since Ramsay and himself visited Waterhouses and formed a lodge of the association. At that time it was not pleasant work, and the association had been built up by hard and persistent effort. The fruitage was pleasant. There was no organisation in existence either so complete or that had accomplished so much for its members. (Cheers). He wanted to impress upon those present the necessity for justice and fairplay. He urged them not at any time to stop the mine unless they had received instructions from the proper source. That was to his thinking the only weak place in their association. They wanted more discipline among them. That was the first law of nature, and if they wanted trades unionism to flourish, they would have to be obedient. They had every advantage for improvement. They had household suffrage, and, so far as their association went, manhood suffrage, placing all power in their hands. He hoped they would use the power wisely. Education had brightened their intelligence, and they ought to succeed. He had only had six months' schooling, but he knew sufficient to appreciate the value of education. He did not want to deny them their games of football or cricket, but he would like to see the young fellows before him spending an hour or two a day in educating themselves for their work. Instead of wasting their time at the street ends, he urged them to cultivate the sciences that would enlighten their minds upon mining questions. There was no reason why they in these matters should not become as erudite as their masters. While developing their muscles they must not forget to develope their brains, for the brain directed the muscles into proper channels and to success. (Cheers). He advised them, too, to be frugal. Speaking with regard to the candidature of Mr John Wilson, he said that all of them would admit that they had been very well represented by him. He was one of themselves, and knew what they wanted. He felt quite certain that Mr Wilson would be returned by a large majority. However, they must not hold their opponent too cheaply, but must be certain they voted for him themselves, and saw to it that their friends voted for him. (Cheers).

Messrs JOHNSON and GALBRAITH also spoke.

In the evening a concert was held, which was largely attended.

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Sporting Items.

TANTOBIE PIC-NIC AND SPORTS.

The annual pic-nic and sports under the auspices of the Tantobie Reading Room and Literary Institution took place on Saturday afternoon, in a field connected with the Tanfield Leith Farm. The weather was of a wretched character, a drizzling rain falling during the afternoon, yet despite this circumstance, the popular fixture was largely supported by the public. The under-mentioned officers contributed towards the success of the gathering:—President, Mr W. Holmes; vice-president, Mr. Joseph Gray; secretary, Mr W. C. Hindmarsh; treasurer, Mr H. Scott; handicapper and referee, Mr. Geo. Kennedy. A splendid programme of music was performed by the Tanfield Lea Silver Model Band, under the direction of Mr E. E. Keskey. The tea was provided by Mr. W. Rowe, of Leadgate, and at night the customary ball was held, Messrs J. Steel and W. Bell acting as M.C.'s. Details of the sports:—

Old Men's Race—J Wood, Tanfield, 1; James Farrage, The Spen, 2.

Boys' Race (under twelve years)—Greener, 1; Gray, 2.

80 Yards Boys' Race (under 16 years)—Trewick, 1; Ward, 2; Gray, 3.

£10 15s 120 Yards Foot Handicap. 60 entries—Heat 1—W Arkless, Whickham, 20 yards, w.o. Heat 2—J W Robson, Pontop, 10, w.o. Heat 3—M Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 12, 1; T Collins, Streetgate, 17, 2; J Johnson, Blackhill, 19½, 3. Won by a foot. Heat 4—T Johnson, Tanfield, 19, w.o. Heat 5—T Hodgson, Consett, 15, 1; M Laidler, New Hartley, 16, 2; G Watson, Benfieldside, 23, 3; J Hymers, Blaydon, 19½, 4; J B Emmerson, Tanfield, 18, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 6—H Newman, Swalwell, 15, w.o. Heat 7—T Laycock, Newcastle, 20, 1; T Cockburn, Catchgate, 14, 2; J W Robson, Winlaton, 18½, 3; E Dodds, Quebec, 15, 0; W Evans, Dipton, 23, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 8—F Johnson, Winlaton, 15, 1; H Davison, Gateshead, 16, 2; J McWater, Burnopfield, 20½, 0; C Elliott, Tantobie, 23, 0; E Miller, Blackhill, 21½, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 9—J B Railton, Newburn, 20½, 1; T Wilson, Winlaton, 18, 2; J Lennox, Quebec, 19, 0; W Henry, Tanfield Lea, 22½, 0; R Thompson, Blaydon, 16, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 10—W Carr, Blaydon, 18½, w.o. Heat 11—W Batey, Tow Law, 20, 1; R Henderson, Winlaton, 16½, 2; T Brown, Dipton, 22½, 3; W Bennet, Newcastle, 17½, 0; E Myers, Whickham, 21, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 12—W Hutchinson, Newcastle, 19½, 1; A Coulthard, Byer Moor, 20, 2; H McDine, Dipton, 22, 3; T Newlands, Winlaton, 16, 4; F Hall, Cutler's Hall, 21½, 0. Won by a foot. Second round—Heat 1—Robson 1, Ellison 2, Arkless 3. Won by 6 inches. Heat 2—Newman 1, Hodgson 2, T Johnson 3. Won by a foot. Heat 3—F Johnson 1, Railton 2, Laycock 3. Won by a foot. Heat 4—Batey 1, Carr 2, Hutchinson 3. Won by half-a-yard. Final heat—Batey 1, £7 10s; F Johnson 2, £1 10s; Newman 3, 10s; Robson 4, 5s. Won by a foot; a yard between second and third, the fourth man being almost close up.

Quarter-Mile Foot Handicap. 33 entries—F Johnson, Winlaton, 42 yards, 1; H Newman, Swalwell, 46, 2; T Laycock, Newcastle, 49, and M Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 38, ran a dead heat and divided third money.

Cycling Notes.

NEW CYCLING AND RECREATION GROUND FOR PELTON FELL.—In connexion with the Literary Institute at Pelton Fell, the committee have secured a pleasantly situated and convenient field for a recreation ground. The field is six acres in extent, and is near both the institute and the new railway at Pelton, on the New West-Durham Railway. A portion of the field has been set apart, and is being used, as a cricket ground. A cycling track, five laps to the mile, is in the course of construction, and hopes are entertained that it will be ready for use at the forthcoming annual sports, which will this year, for the first time, be held in their own field. In this connexion the committee feel themselves rather handicapped, owing to the stringent regulations of the N.C.U. and A.A.A. They have on their annual sports programme an open 120 yards handicap, a popular and payable fixture, which they cannot very well expunge. It appears that so long as this remains they cannot have any amateur cycling, which is a matter of much regret both to the committee and to the members of a strong cycling club in connexion with the institute and grounds. The remainder of the ground is to be laid out for football and other athletic sports, the only prohibition being that dog-racing must not be held there. It is pleasing to know that the colliery owners and managers take the most active and practical interest in both the institute and all that pertains to its success and welfare; and Mr R. G. Wilson is untiring in his efforts to make the new recreation ground one of the best of its kind in the county. All the workmen on the colliery are members of the institute, for which a small subscription is deducted by the cashier at the colliery pay office, an additional nominal charge being collected in the same way, at the same time, for the recreation ground. This populous and important colliery district will thus in a short time be in possession of one of the best and finest grounds, as they already have one of the best institutes of its kind.

Trade Notes.

WEARDALE AND SHILDON DISTRICT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

At a meeting of the directors of this company on Monday, an interim dividend for the past half-year was declared at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum.

WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held on Friday, at Stanhope—Dr Livingstone, C.C., presiding. There were also present:—Messrs G. Wooler, W. Love, W. Vickers, Dr Wild, V. A. Rippon, W. Rippon, and M. Reid.

RESIGNATION OF A MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr Bourne wrote tendering his resignation as Medical Officer of the Union, and also as Medical Officer of Health, on account of physical infirmities and old age. He said he had served 44 years, and asked to be recommended for the usual pension. His resignation was accepted, the new appointment to be made that day month.

Mr VICKERS asked if the pension had to come out of the ratepayers' pockets.

The question was left adjourned.

PARISH OFFICERS AS POLLING CLERKS.

A lively discussion took place respecting the custom of parish officers who were fully employed by the Board, and generally well paid, taking part in elections as polling clerks, &c.

A Guardian said that they came and gave their labour gratuitously, and the men whom they paid were absent. The thing could not be tolerated any longer.

Mr V. A. RIPPON moved, and Dr LIVINGSTONE seconded, a motion to the effect that in the future no parish officer who is fully employed by the Board of Guardians be allowed to take part in any election to the neglect of his own duties.

Intimation is to be given to the officers by the Clerk.

HIGHWAY BOARD.

Mr C. J. Backhouse, J.P., presided over the monthly meeting of the Weardale Highway Board at Stanhope, on Friday.

Two tenders were received for the improvements to be made to Ireshopeburn Bridge, that of Mr John Maddinson, at £7 5s; and that of Mr E. Fairless, at £24 12s 6d. The former was accepted.

A letter was also read from Mr G. Watson, a visitor in Stanhope, respecting the dangerous condition of the wooden bridge over the water at Unthank Mill.

The Board decided that the bridge did not belong to their jurisdiction at all, and so handed on the letter to the Local Board.

A NEW ROAD WANTED.

The Rev Mr Hartley (the new vicar of Rookhope) attended, and asked if the Board would assist in the making of a new road from Rookhope to Eastgate, as by the old road over Bewley Top there is an ascent of 600 feet from Stanhope Market Place, whereas by the one proposed up Rookhope Burn it would only be 300 feet. He also wished to know if, when the road was made, would the Board take it over.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that at present they could not give him an answer. A full meeting of the Board would have to be called, and the matter laid before them, which probably would be their next monthly meeting.

The rev. gentleman then withdrew.

Leave was granted to Mrs Rippon, of Rogerley Hall, to put a drain through under the turnpike road at Frosterley, to take surplus water away from a cottage there.

A complaint was also laid before the Board respecting some water getting into the turnpike and doing it damage below Mill End.

It was ordered to be remedied at once.

EDDA'S BIRTHRIGHT.

By MRS. HARRIET LEWIS,

Author of "Her Double Life," "Old Life's Shadows," "Lady Kildare," etc

CHAPTER XXIX.

THE EARL DANGEROUSLY NEAR.

In a wild and breathless excitement, the occupants of Lord Ronald's vessel watched the perilous descent of Letty and the sailor down the steep face of the cliff.

A second rocket was sent up from the earl's vessel lying out in the channel, and in its red glare they could see signs of activity about the hostile yacht, men moving on her deck and unfurling her sails.

And now suddenly lights gleamed from the windows of the chateau far above them. The boat's crew could not have reached the dwelling. The inmates of the chateau must have been aroused by the firing of the gun on the earl's yacht. Lights gleamed in the windows of Hellene's tower-chamber, and in their bright glare two men were seen looking outward and downward.

"My father and the earl!" breathed Hellene. "They are pulling at the topmost ladder. They will descend! No, they dare not. They leave the window. They will go down through the wood to the bottom of the cliff and take the boat to their yacht. Oh, Ronald, they will intercept us yet!

"They shall not take you from me, Hellene," said Lord Ronald, in a tone that calmed her fears, as he drew her slender figure yet closer. "Trust in me, my darling."

The sailor, with Letty on his back, looking like a mere black spot on the face of the cliff, continued to descend swiftly, yet to the eager watchers below he seemed to move slowly.

"There's a footpath through the wood from the chateau down to the beach at the foot of the cliff, which is not one-tenth of the distance by the road," said Hellene in a whisper. "I think my father and Lord Charlewick must be half-way down the cliff."

Letty and the sailor were now rapidly descending the lowermost ladder. Not a word was spoken now on the little vessel. And three minutes later, Letty and her rescuer dropped heavily upon the deck.

As if the sound were a signal, the little vessel bounded forward like a hound slipped from the leash.

A brief series of manœuvres, a few moments of time, and the little craft was out in the channel, her sails bellying in the wind, and speeding forward like a seagull.

Lord Ronald's yacht went very near to the earl's, but not a word was spoken on either vessel. Gazing shorewards, Ronald and his friends could see the row-boat pushing off toward the earl's yacht, and could hear the earl's voice in command.

"They will be after us directly," said our hero, calmly. "But they are too late. We shall have ten minutes start. We are safe."

Letty crept forward to claim her young mistress's attention. Hellene spoke to her, and ascertained that she had made the descent in ease and safety.

"But the sailor's hands are bleeding, Miss Hellene," said the maid. "Oh, it was awful, that descent! I was that giddy I had to shut my eyes. They are giving the sailor brandy, for my weight and the long strain upon him made him as weak as a child."

"And he a sailor used to climbing," said Hellene. "His hands must be as hard as horn. If his hands bleed, how must yours be, Ronald? Let me see them dear."

She caught at them and held them close to her eyes in the dim light. Lord Ronald would have hid them from her but that her quick movement prevented him. They were cut and raw and bleeding, as if they had been hacked with knives. Under cover of the gloom, Hellene pressed the wounded hands to her lips. Lord Ronald flushed deeply, as Hellene did not see, and drew his hands away abruptly, as if such caresses from her were too great condescension.

"They were wounded for me," said Hellene simply.

"And I would die for you, Hellene," he answered, in an ardent whisper, "and count it happiness so to die."

Hellene looked backward over the waters. The row-boat had gained the earl's yacht, and the rowers were following Lord Charlewick and the baron to her deck. And even while she looked, the row-boat was drawn up to the davits, and the yacht moved forward slowly and with staggering motion in pursuit.

The captain of Lord Ronald's yacht, a hearty English skipper, came forward, touching his hat.

"'A stern chase is a long chase,' my lord," he said. "If the earl's vessel can beat the *Will o' the Wisp* I'm mistaken. And so, my lord, you may safely trust me to outrun the vessel yonder; and if you will go down to the cabin with the young lady, you will find a little collation spread for you, and the steward in attendance."

As Ronald could do no good by remaining on deck, he concluded to follow the advice of the skipper and go below. Giving Hellene his arm, he conducted her across the deck to the companion-way, Letty following.

And now Hellene could see what she had before been too excited to observe—that she was upon a graceful English yacht of some thirty tons burden, which was manned by English seamen. She passed down the companion-way with her lover, and entered a luxurious little cabin, with state-rooms opening from it.

The cabin was large for a vessel of the size, and was lighted with mellow swinging lamps and wax candles in sconces, similar to those used on ocean steamers. As the cabin windows were in the form of a skylight, no light could escape from the cabin to guide the pursuing vessel. A wide Turkish divan, covered with scarlet satin, was on two sides of the room. There was a long stationary table, with sofas on each side of it, and a hanging rack for glasses and decanters above it; there were two or three easy-chairs, plenty of cushions, and there was a handsome buffet on which was a liberal display of silver. The carpet was of scarlet velvet, with scarlet and gold border. The woodwork of costly polished woods was set with exquisitely-painted panelings, representing bits of wild scenery on the Irish, Welsh, and Scottish coasts. There was a book-case filled with choice works of history, poetry, and fiction, and various other articles of comfort and luxury were scattered about lavishly.

The table was spread with a delicious little supper, and a tall steward was in readiness to wait upon the guests.

As Hellene looked about her, feeling as if she were in the midst of a dream, the door of one of the state-rooms opened, and an elderly woman of lady-like appearance, and dressed in deep black, emerged and came forward to meet the new arrivals.

"Miss Clair," said Lord Ronald, "this is Mrs. Bliss, an English lady, and a curate's widow, who has kindly consented to matronise you while you remain in my charge."

Mrs. Bliss bowed politely, but Hellene held out her hand with a pretty impulsiveness that won the lady's heart.

"Would you like to see your room before supper, Miss Clair?" asked Mrs. Bliss, in a low, quiet voice. "You can examine it while Lord Ronald is having his wounded hands attended to by the steward," she added, with a glance at the young lord's hands.

Hellene assented, and was conducted by Mrs. Bliss to the state-room that had been prepared for the young lady's occupancy, Letty following.

It was of unusually large proportions, was carpeted with pale blue velvet, and furnished with a low, wide sofa; an unusually wide berth; curtains at the window; pictures; the daintiest of white linen and blue silk bed-covering; great frilled pillows; and a toilet-stand fitted up with all toilet appurtenances, including perfumeries, toilet-vinegars, dainty soaps, ivory-backed brushes, and other delightful luxuries. Across a narrow passage was a maid's room, which Letty took possession of with satisfaction. By the time Hellene had investigated and duly praised her new quarters, Lord Ronald's hands had been cared for, and his toilet had received attention.

"It seems all a dream," said Hellene, as the lovers at last took their places at the table, and were waited upon by the attentive and silent steward. "I have a hundred questions to ask you, Ronald. I hardly know where to commence. But, first of all, what vessel is this?"

"The *Will o' the Wisp*, of the Royal Yacht Squadron," answered Lord Ronald.

"To whom does she belong?"

"To Lord Canby, a particular friend of mine," replied the young lord. "He has very kindly placed the vessel and all its contents at my disposal for the very purpose I now have in hand—namely, your rescue from your enemies."

"But where did you encounter Lord Canby? How did you discover where I was imprisoned? How did you know even that I was in France?" asked Hellene. "I know now that the letters I wrote to you were intercepted."

"I have received no letters from you since you left Charlewick-le-Grand," said Lord Ronald. "I discovered that you had been seen in Paris, and I came over the other day hoping to find you there. From certain indications, I conceived suspicions of the fidelity of my valet, who is John Diggs of Little Charlewick—you may remember the Diggs family. Mrs. Diggs was the Spanish maid of the mother of the present Earl of Charlewick, and I have reason to believe that John, despite his professions of attachment to me, is in the pay of the earl. I sent him back to England upon the very day of our arrival in France—by the return mail train, in fact—ostensibly upon a mission to a friend, and determined to continue my search for you alone. Upon the very day of my arrival, then in Paris, almost directly after I had rid myself of Diggs, I encountered Lord Canby at Gallignani's. He was stopping at the Hotel Maurice with Lady Canby, her ladyship's companion, Mrs. Bliss, and a retinue of servants. They were intending to go to Vichy for a fortnight and then to the Pyrenees. They had been to Norway in their own yacht, which now lay off Cherbourg, and later in the season they intended to traverse the Mediterranean in her. Canby was a very dear old friend of mine. We were together at the University, and were always considered a second edition of Damon and Pythias. Of course Canby was full of sympathy at my loss of my grandfather, and at the adversity that has fallen upon me, and equally, of course, I have told him all my story. His indignation was beyond bounds. It was well that I told him all, for no man in the world could have given me more prompt and generous assistance. And it so happened that he could place in my hands the clue to your retreat."

"How could he know where I was?" asked Hellene, wonderingly. "I never knew that we were to go to La Tour de St. Pierre until we arrived at our journey's end. I was kept in the dark from the first, and I know that my father and the earl were secret as the grave."

"They were, Hellene; but the Count de St. Pierre was also an acquaintance, it seems of Canby. He had encountered Canby the day previous to my arrival in Paris, and had asked Lord Canby down to his chateau in the hunting season, saying that he should have a delightful party, including a couple of English noblemen, Lord Clair and the Earl of Charlewick. Lord Canby and the French count adjourned to a cafe in the Palais Royale, and over his absinthe the count boasted of his extensive English acquaintance, and stated that a noble English family was even now at his chateau, enjoying the grandeurs of his ancestral home. Lord Canby repeated this statement to me. I was shrewd enough to suspect the truth. Canby shared my suspicions, and begged to assist me as far as was in his power. The rest was simple enough. Canby telegraphed to the master of his yacht, ordering him to report to me at a village twenty miles up the coast above La Tour de St. Pierre, and his lordship gave me a letter to the captain which placed vessel and men under my orders."

"I begin to understand," said Hellene. "But you did not know beyond all doubt that I was at the count's chateau until this evening."

"No, I could not be sure that you were until I saw your face at the tower-window far up against the light background. I picked up the little Tyrolean in Paris, and procured a costume suitable for my part, and came on to meet the yacht at the rendezvous appointed. Mrs. Bliss, at Lady Canby's own request, accompanied me to matronise you. I placed her on board the vessel, had a long conference with the captain, and then went ashore with my little Tyrolean. We hired a French charette and drove to the fishing-hamlet nearest the chateau. We walked thence to the chateau, and played our part as we had previously arranged. You know the rest."

"Not all," said Hellene. "But I can guess that you hurried down through the wood, and went to the hamlet, and found there the yacht—"

"Not exactly, dear. I did go to the hamlet, and left my young Tyrolean there. He is on his way back up the country in the charette, with a good sum of money in his pocket. I hired at the hamlet a little fishing-smack, which conveyed me six or eight miles up the coast where the yacht was lying. I returned in her. I made myself acquainted in Paris with the situation of the chateau. I learned that the old feudal tower was situated on a jutting rock overhanging the channel. I knew that if you were a prisoner, as I feared, that you would be confined in the tower. So I procured the fire-escapes in Paris. It was well I did, for in no other way could I have effected your rescue."

There was a brief silence, during which the two finished their supper.

"It is very still on deck," then said Hellene. "I wonder if the earl's vessel is still in pursuit."

"We will go up and see," replied Lord Ronald. "Letty, an extra shawl, please, for Miss Clair."

Letty looked dismayed, having brought no extra shawl for her young mistress, but Mrs. Bliss brought from Hellene's state room an Indian cashmere, and folded it about the girl's slender figure, saying:

"Lady Canby sent a supply of clothing to you, Miss Clair, with her compliments begging you to make free use of it. She feared that you would not be able to bring away your own clothing."

Hellene expressed her thanks, and taking Lord Roland's arm, ascended with him to the deck.

The breeze was blowing from the right quarter. The yacht was was scudding onward under a full press of sail. The gloom of the night had greatly lightened, and far or near Hellene could see nothing of the pursuer.

"We have escaped!" she cried. "We have outrun them!"

The skipper, who was pacing to and fro on the deck, and who chanced to be near at the moment, pointed to a white gleam in the dim distance, and said:

"There she is, Miss Clair, coming after us under a cloud of sail. She's a better sailor than I thought, but we'll shake her off in an hour or more. She won't make much by chasing the *Will o' the Wisp*."

He raised his hat and walked on.

"Does the earl own the vessel, Ronald?" asked Hellene. "Do you know how he came to have her at the chateau?"

"He does not own her. Our captain says the earl was up at Cherbourg lately, and made inquiries for a yacht. He found this one, succeeded in chartering her. He said that he was summering on the coast and found it dull, and would like to be able to make excursions to the channel islands, and even to England at pleasure. The fact that a signal gun was fired and rockets sent up from his yacht when you were seen to be attempting to escape, shows that the earl, through excess of prudence, had placed his yacht to guard the tower and its prisoner."

Hellene's mind now reverted to her former perplexities and anxieties.

"I have been locked up for weeks in that lonely tower," she said, shuddering. "My father said that he would never release me until I should consent marry the earl. Of course I could not consent. Letty shared my imprisonment. All our food for weeks has been black bread, sour wine, and water-cresses. But my deepest anxieties were about you, dear Ronald. The earl said that he had give you a sum of money to relinquish my hand and to leave England, and that you had accepted his terms, and had stolen away secretly to Australia without settling with your creditors. And he showed me a hand-bill advertising your disappearance, and notices in newspapers referring to your absence. I feared that he had secretly harmed you."

"It is not owing to any kindness on his part that I am now alive," said Lord Ronald, gravely. "As to evading my creditors, I have no creditors. You may wonder that I should have been so prompt and thorough in my plans to rescue you before even ascertaining the amount of your peril. I knew the demon nature of the earl, Hellene. Your father is plastic as wax in his hands. I knew that the earl had set his heart on marrying you, and that he would stop at no obstacle in his path. And so I came prepared for the desperate move I have this night made."

Then he told her of all that he had suffered at his uncle's hands—of the attempted murder in Charlewick Park, and his rescue by Hartson—of his long illness—of his entrapment into the villa at Hackney, and his long imprisonment there—and concluded:

"You see, Hellene, that the Earl of Charlewick is an incarnate demon who would even stoop to murder. Do you wonder that I feared for you? I have had many wild apprehensions, but, thank God, they are past. Your father has proved himself an unfaithful guardian, and the most highly-strained sense of duty cannot impel you to remain under his charge. He is but the instrument of the Earl of Charlewick's evil will."

"But where am I to go, Ronald?" asked Hellene. "Where are you taking me?"

"To England, darling—then to Scotland. I am going to take you to Storm Castle and to your great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Vavasour. I shall appeal to her to protect you. She hates Lord Clair—she is a woman of strong antipathies—and she never forgave your mother for marrying him. I think she will delight in annoying your father, and will gladly assume charge of you. Lord Clair will not think of looking for you there. Then I shall have Hartson make proper application in your name for a new guardian for you."

Hellene drew a sigh of relief.

"Mrs. Bliss will attend you to Mrs. Vavasour's very presence," continued Lord Ronald. "The most censorious person cannot cavil at this journey of yours since Mrs. Bliss is with you. Not all the malignity of the Earl of Charlewick can avail to throw a sinister light upon your flight from your father. Lady Canby has taken good care of that. But that her health was infirm she would have come to chaperon you herself."

"You have been thoughtful, Ronald," said Hellene, gratefully. "I fear my grandmother will not receive me; but as she is my only living relative, I will go to her. You will go with me to Storm Castle, will you not?"

"Yes. I shall not leave you until I place you in Mrs. Vavasour's charge. We are to make a quiet landing on the south coast of England, and to proceed to Scotland by the swiftest express. It may even be advisable to make the land journey in disguise, for you know that I may be arrested by my enemies for abduction, if they can prove that I took you away from the chateau, and the abduction of an heiress is visited in England, with severe penalties," said Lord Ronald, smiling, yet with bitterness.

"We are not caught yet," said Hellene, "and we shall not be.' But, Ronald, is not the wind changing?"

The sailors were busy with the sails, and the captain was giving orders in energetic tones. Presently the commander strolled toward the lovers, and, raising his hat, said:

"The wind is changing, and I'm inclined to think that little shark of a Frenchman is a better sailor close-hauled than we are. She seems to be gaining on us in the last few minutes."

Lord Ronald and Hellene looked eagerly in the direction in which they had last seen the pursuer. There she was in the far distance, but certainly she was more distinct than before. Beyond all doubt she was gaining on the yacht.

"If this wind holds," said the captain, "she is certain to overtake us. It's likely to turn out a bad business, I fear, my lord—a bad business!"

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CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, July 13th.—Before H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq. (chairman), and GEO. DUBERLEY, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Several persons hailing from Chester-le-Street, Ouston, and Streetgate, were fined in sums ranging from 5s and costs to 20s and costs for the above offence.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Thomas Falloon was charged with refusing to quit the Monean's Arms at Birtley, on the 1st inst.—Joseph Urwin, landlord, said defendant refused to leave the house at eleven o'clock, and defied witness to put him out.—Fined 5s and costs.

John McKernan, for refusing to quit the Red Lion Inn at Ouston, on the 2nd inst., was fined 2s 6d and costs.

A FOWLER.

John Lowery was charged under the provisions of the Wild Birds' Preservation Act.—P.C. Dodds said that on the 27th ult., he saw defendant with birds in cages, acting as decoy birds. He set lime twigs on the hedges and bushes near him, to catch linnets, some of which he had in his possession. It was the close season.—Lowery was ordered to pay costs.

STRAYING CATTLE.

John Hope was charged under the Highway Act with allowing his goat to stray at Craghead, on the 26th inst.—P.C. James said he saw the goat on the highway, and afterwards in a meadow. There were numerous complaints about defendant's goat doing damage to garden and field crops.—Fined 1s and costs.

Thomas Burton was charged with allowing three cows to stray on the highway at Craghead.—P.C. James proved the charge, and a fine of 1s per cow and costs was imposed.

PUGNACIOUS PITMEN.

Joseph McKenna and *Thomas Lewis Coyle* were bound over to keep the peace for three months, and pay costs, for fighting at Ouston.

Patrick Dolan and *John Rowan*, for a similar offence, were bound over for six months.

John Robinson, *Robert White*, *Thomas Atkinson*, and *John McLee* were also bound over for fighting, and ordered to pay costs.

A MIXED ROW AT PELTON FELL.

James McGorrigan was charged with assaulting Catherine Carling at Pelton Fell, on the 1st inst.—*George* and *Catherine Carling* were charged on a cross-summons with assaulting Elizabeth McGorrigan at the same time and place.—The evidence adduced, which was of a most voluminous character, showed that the parties were under the influence of drink, and had a regular row, during which blows had been struck on all sides.—The Bench, after listening patiently to all the hard swearing on each side, decided to fine James McGorrigan 5s and costs for the assault on Catherine Carling, and to bind the whole of the parties over to keep the peace for three months in their own recognisances of £5 each.

A SAVAGE REVENGE.

Thomas Cullen was charged with assaulting Geo. Cummings at Pelton, on the 1st July.—Complainant said that a short time before the assault he reported Cullen for having matches down the pit. On the 1st inst., he met Cullen in the lane, and defendant knocked him down by a blow on the eye. He could give no other reason why defendant should strike him.—A witness who was with Cummings at the time corroborated.—The Chairman said that complainant's action in reporting defendant for the matches was most commendable. Defendant would be fined 10s and costs.

THE LADIES.

Mary Buxton said she did not assault Frances Dunn at Pelton, on the 4th inst., as stated in the charge. Mr John Turnbull (Chester-le-Street and Durham) appeared for complainant, who stated that on the day named she, with her husband, went to Chester-le-Street. During their absence, their lodger, a man named Welch, made some improper overtures to her sister, who was in the house. Her husband took Welch to task about his conduct, and high words ensued between them. The quarrel between the two men continued outside. Witness went out and asked her husband to come in, telling him at the same time that he was "only filling people's mouths." Defendant was present among others, and said she did not want her mouth filled. Complainant remarked, "If the cap fits you can put it on," whereupon defendant seized her by the throat, struck her, knocked her down, and then struck her again while on the ground.—This evidence was corroborated by several witnesses.—Fined 5s and costs.

A SUNDERLAND CONTRACTOR AND HIS HORSE.

Joseph Henderson, cartman, *Thomas Thornton*, foreman, and *Edwin Hirst*, contractor, were charged—the first two with ill-treating a horse by working it in an unfit state, and the latter with causing the horse to be worked at Ayton Banks, on the 27th ult. Inspector Aplin, R.S.P.C.A., prosecuted, and Mr John Turnbull defended.

Inspector Aplin was proceeding to open the case by addressing the Bench, when Mr Turnbull objected. He said Mr Aplin was not a solicitor, and although he might examine and cross-examine witnesses, he had no right to address the Bench.

The Bench upheld Mr Turnbull's objection.

Inspector Aplin then described the condition in which he found the animal. There was a large sore upon the back, under the saddle, which caused the animal much pain; blood and matter issued from the wound upon the slightest pressure. The horse was very much underfed, and looked as if it had not had any food on the day he saw it. He told the driver (Henderson) and the foreman (Thornton) not to work the horse again. He proceeded to Sunderland, and saw Mr Hirst, who admitted that he knew the horse was bad, but did not know it was so bad as witness described. Witness reminded him that he had discharged a man the previous week because he refused to work the horse in its bad state.

Cross-examined: He did not know Mr Hirst was a member of and a subscriber to the R.S.P.C.A., and had been for 20 years, and if he had known it would have been all the same. The rich must suffer with the poor if they offended. He did not know that Mr Hirst had other twenty or thirty horses working every day, and had never been summoned before.

Mr Wm. Temple, M.R.C.V.S., of Chester-le-Street, said he examined the horse, and found it suffering from a very aggravated sore on the back. It was in very low condition, and in his opinion had not been fed for two or three days when he saw it. It was totally unfit for work.

Mr Turnbull admitted the charge as far as Thornton was concerned, and urged that if he was punished the case would be met.

The Bench considered that all the defendants knew the condition the horse was in. Henderson and Thornton would each be fined 10s and costs, and Mr Hirst 20s and costs.

A CANDIDATE FOR ANTWERP.

William Ritchie and *Thomas Hunter* were charged with ill-treating a horse at Lamesley, on the 24th June. Inspector Aplin prosecuted, and Mr John Turnbull defended.

Inspector Aplin said on the 29th ult. he saw the horse in a field near Ayton Banks; it was standing on three legs. He noticed maggots dropping from the off-side hind foot. On lifting the foot, he found hundreds of maggots in it. The foot was completely rotten from a discharging quitter, and the animal was suffering great pain. He saw defendant, who said that all they wanted was to get the horse to the Antwerp boat.

Cross-examined: He was quite sure that he did suggest the Antwerp boat. Defendant Ritchie did.

P.C. Reynolds said that on the Friday he saw Ritchie driving the horse along the road in the direction of Newcastle. The animal was so lame that it was hobbling along on three legs. Its off hind foot was very bad, with blood and matter oozing out between the hoof and the shoe. The foot was completely rotten. Defendant said he was taking the horse to Gateshead to be slaughtered. Witness sent defendant to Gateshead to bring the slaughterman out to kill the animal there. Witness remained with the horse for an hour, and during that time it never put the bad foot to the ground. He had occasion to leave the horse for a few minutes, and found when he returned that it had been taken to a field near Eighton Banks, where it remained some days.

Cross-examined: Defendants never said anything to him about the Antwerp boat. They said they were going to take the horse to Gateshead to be slaughtered.

P.C. Dodds deposed to seeing the horse on the Saturday night standing on three legs in a field. He saw the maggots dropping from its foot.

William Temple, an assistant with his father, saw the maggots drop from the foot, which the horse could not put down to the ground.

William Temple, M.R.C.V.S., described the condition of the horse, which had cancer and a quitter in the off hind foot. It was certainly not fit to travel, and had not been for a week or a fortnight.

Mr Turnbull, for the defence, urged that there was nothing in the story about the Antwerp boat as suggested by Inspector Aplin. He would willingly admit that the horse was in the condition described on the Wednesday. There was no evidence to show that the horse was unfit to travel on the Friday. His clients were only carrying out a humane act by driving the animal to the slaughter-house.

Sergeant Hutchinson said he saw Ritchie pass Birtley with the horse on Friday. He thought the horse was going sound enough then.

P.C. Million said he saw Ritchie leading the horse along the road towards Newcastle. It had a singular limp, and he was told it was going to be slaughtered.

Ritchie was fined 5s and costs, and Hunter 40s and costs, the expenses of the witnesses and the veterinary being also allowed.

EDUCATION ACT.

Proceedings under the Education Act were taken against the following persons:—

John Appleby, adjourned for the production of registry of birth.

George Maddison, fined 5s.

Roger Bell, adjourned for the production of a medical certificate.

William Gorden Dawson, said that his boy was over 13 years of age and was in the fifth standard. He maintained that a boy could not be in the fifth standard until he had passed the fourth.—Attendance officer Parkin said that the boy had not been examined in all subjects in the fourth standard. That was never done unless the parents desired it, and made a request to that effect.—The Chairman: That is a most extraordinary thing. It seems like keeping a boy back for the benefit of the school.—The officer: I don't look at it like that.—The Chairman: You may look at it as you like; it is so, and it is not right.—Defendant: If your Worships like I will bring the boy, and prove to you to you that he is a great deal more intelligent than Mr Parkin is.—The Chairman: Thank you. We've something else to do. The case will be dismissed.

Margaret England was fined 2s 6d.

Frederick Holliday (two cases) was fined sixpence in one case, and in the other an attendance order was made.

William Wade, order to attend.

Thomas Swinburne, dismissed.

A BAD LAD.

Charles Clifford, a boy belonging to Chester-le-Street, was charged with stealing six pigeons, the property of Isaac Oates, at Pictree, on the 29th ult.—Frederick Oates said he saw the pigeons all right on the night of the 28th ult., and the next morning they were gone. He identified the pigeons produced as his father's property. There were only three then, but the others had come back since the boy's arrest. They were worth 3s.—John Hunter, a putter in Harraton Pit, said that on the morning of the 29th Clifford asked him to take care of six pigeons for him until he went home at night, which witness did. Prisoner gave him one for himself for doing so. Witness was afterwards told that he was likely to get wrong for having one of Mr Oates' pigeons, and being frightened he let the pigeon, given him by Clifford, out of his cote, and it went home to Pictree.—P.C. Armstrong said he found the pigeons in Clifford's dove-cote at Chester-le-Streets, and he admitted having stolen them from Mr Oates' dove-cote at Pictree.—The Chairman said prisoner was making a bad beginning, and would not be sent to prison as he deserved, but would be fined 10s and costs.

A FILTHY FELLOW.

Edward Common, a plasterer, was charged with assaulting Edith Jane Jobling, a little girl aged ten years, at Pelton, on the 11th inst.—The charge had been reduced from one of a much more serious nature, and after the girl had described what took place, the Bench ordered the prisoner to jail for fourteen days' hard labour as a filthy fellow.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Charles Simpson, *Charles Miles*, *John March*, and *William Coates* were charged with damaging underwood, the property of George John Fenwick, at Graghead.—P.C. James proved the charge, and defendants were fined 2s 6d each, 1d damages, and costs.

HE WANTED A WHIP SHANK.

James Turnbull Dochin did not appear in answer to a charge of damaging a tree, the property of John Kirkup, at Pelton House, on the 21st ult.—P.C. Cameron said he saw defendant climb the boundary wall at Pelton House, and cut one of the main branches off a young tree growing inside of the wall. Defendant told witness he wanted a whip shank.—Mr Kirkup laid the damage at 1s.—Fined 5s, the damage, and costs.

A FARMER'S FIELD.

Benjamin Hope was charged with damaging grass, the property of Robert Ryle, at High Flatts, near Chester-le-Street, on the 19th ult.—Robert Ryle, the younger, said defendant and another man were crossing a grass field, when witness went to them, and told them not to go that way. The other man went back, but defendant refused. They suffered no end of damage through such-like conduct.—Fined 5s and costs.

MORE DAMAGE.

William Elliot, *John* and *Charles Starwood* were charged with damaging underwood, the property of Col. Fife-Cookson, on the 28th ult.—Fined 1s each, 1d damages, and costs.

Elias Burnside was charged with doing damage to grass, the property of Mr Goldibrough, at Chester-le-Street, on the 30th ult.—Fined 1s, 6d damages, and costs.

Thomas Rowell for damaging corn, the property of Septimus Kirkup, at Urpeth, on the 2nd inst. was fined 2s 6d, 6d damages, and costs.

A CHESTER-LE-STREET ROW.

Margaret England, was charged with damaging a window, the property of Robert Hall, at Chester-le-Street, on the 28th ult. Mr Fred Harle, Chester-le-Street and Newcastle, defended.—Robt. Hall said that defendant rented a room in his house. When he came home from work on the day named, Mrs England was drunk and began to abuse him. He ordered her out of the house. She knocked a pane out of the window, and her son threw a stone through another pane. The damage was 2s.—The Bench dismissed the case.

A FARM HAND AND A HARE.

Thomas Appleby, was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of Peter Oswald, at Harraton Hall.—Ed. Harle, gamewatcher, proved the charge.—Defendant said he was not trespassing, but going his usual rounds amongst the stock.—The Chairman: There is no doubt about it, and being employed on the farm makes it worse; you will be fined 10s and costs.

A WORTHLESS FELLOW.

John Dixon, was charged with threatening his wife, Isabella, on the 7th inst, at Birtley.—From the evidence of complainant it appeared that defendant made his children go and beg, and he drank the money. On the day named he wanted money from her, and said he would have it, if he had to kill her for it. Many a day they never had a bite to eat, and they were all terrified of him.—Sergt Hutchinson said he knew defendant to be a worthless fellow, but one who could make a lot of money when he had a mind to work. He had received many complaints from the neighbours about his conduct towards his family.—Bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of £10.

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Burnley	J. S. Balfour	L	6450
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	Sir A. H. Grant	C	3640—80
Buteshire	A. G. Murray	C	1666
	R. M. Smith	L	1301—365
Banffshire	R. W. Duff	L	2293
	M. Barry	C	1424—869
Fifeshire—East	H. H. Asquith	L	3743
	J. C. Gilmour	U	3449—294
Forfarshire	J. Rigby	L	4943
	J. W. Barclay	U	4077—866
Kirkcudbrightshire	M. Stewart	C	2485
	A. Young	L	2454—31
Kincardineshire	J. W. Crombie	L	3444
	J. Stephen	U	1376—1068
Lanarkshire—Govan	J. Wilson	L	4839
	N. Spens	U	3839—1000
Partick	J. P. Smith	U	5005
	E. P. Tennant	L	4278—727
North-East	D. Crawford	L	5281
	A. Whitelaw	C	5184—97
South	J. H. C. Hozier	C	4032
	T. E. Edderwick	L	3664—368
Perthshire—West	Sir D. Currie	U	3422
	A. E. Ure	L	3053—369
Peebles and Selkirk	W. Thorburn	U	1603
	Sir T. Carmichael	L	1367—236
Ross and Cromarty	G. Weir	L	3171
	Provost M'Lean	U	2413—758

IRELAND.

BOROUGHS.

Belfast—East	N. W. Wolf	U	——
North	Sir E. J. Harland	U	——
South	W. Johnston	U	——
West	Arnold Forster	U	4266
	T. Sexton	N	3427—839
Cork City (2)	W. O'Brien	N	5273
	M. Healy	N	4759
	W. H. K. Redmond	P	3186
	D. Horgan	P	3077
Dublin City—College Green	Dr. J. E. Kenny	P	2568
	Sir H. Cochrane	C	1441
	T. D. Sullivan	N	1166
Harbour	T. Harrington	P	4482
	J. M. M'Donnell	N	1376—1106
St. Patrick	W. Field	P	4091
	W. M. Murphy	N	1494—2597
St. Stephen's Green	W. Kenny	U	2893
	Alderman Mead	P	2878
	W. L. Pearson	N	615
Galway	J. Pinkerton	N	644
	A. Lynch	P	593—51
Kilkenny City	Thos. Curran	N	744
	J. O'Connor	P	604—140
Limerick	F. A. O'Keefe	N	1878
	P. O'Brien	P	1490—388
Londonderry	J. Ross	U	1982
	J. M'Carthy	N	1954—28
Newry	P. G. Carvill	N	907
	H. Thompson	U	744
	R. Johnson	P	54
Waterford City	J. E. Redmond	P	1638
	D. Sheehy	N	1248—390

COUNTIES.

Antrim—Mid	Hon. R. T. O'Neill	C	——
South	W. G. Macartney	C	——
Armagh—Mid	D. Plunkett-Barton	C	——
North	Col. E. J. Saunderson	C	——
South	E. M'Hugh	N	3439
	C. L. Faulkner	U	2242
	A. Blaine	P	59
Cork—East	Captain Donellan	N	——
Mid	Dr. Tanner	N	——
North	James C. Flynn	N	——
North-East	William O'Brien	N	——
South	E. Barry	N	——
Donegal—East	A. O'Connor	N	3546
	E. T. Herdman	C	2783—763
West	T. D. Sullivan	N	——
Down—East	J. A. Rentoul	C	——
North	Col. Thomas Waring	U	——
West	Lord Arthur Hill	C	——
Dublin—South	Hon. H. Plunket	U	4371
	Dr. F. Mullen	P	2261
	Sir T. Esmonde	N	1452
Fermanagh North	R. N. Dane	U	2793
	J. Jordan	N	2488—305
Galway—North	Col. Nolan	P	2040
	Dr. Tanner	N	1651—389
Kerry—West	Sir Thomas Esmond	N	2461
	E. Harrington	P	1135
	Palmer	U	42
Kilkenny—North	P. MacDermott	N	2898
	W. N. Kavanagh	U	314—2584
Kildare—North	P. J. Kennedy	N	2153
	J. L. Carew	P	1707—446
King's County—Tullamore	Dr. J. F. Fox	N	——
Limerick—East	J. Finucane	N	2903
	W. Noonan	P	1174—1729
Louth—South	D. Ambrose	N	2451
	J. Nolan	P	1126—1325
Mayo—South	J. F. X. O'Brien	N	——
West	J. Deasy	N	3456
	O'Connor Power	P	609—2847
Roscommon—North	M. Bodkin	N	3250
	J. J. O'Kelly	P	3198—52
Sligo—South	T. Curran	N	5400
	Col. Ffolliott	C	548—4852
Tipperary—East	T. J. Condon	N	2998
	P. R. Dennehy	P	891—2107
Tyrone—Mid	M. J. Kenny	N	3667
	Dr. Thompson	U	2698
	C. Plunkett	P	173
Waterford—West	Alfred Webb	N	——
Westmeath—South	D. Sullivan	N	2523
	C. O'Donoghue	P	1076—1447
Wicklow—East	J. Sweetman	N	1433
	Captain Halpin	U	1195
	W. J. Corbett	P	1115

UNIVERSITIES.

Cambridge	Professor Jebb	C	——
	Sir John Gorst	C	——
Dublin	Plunkett	C	2188
	Carson	C	1609
	Lowery	N	897
Edinburgh and St. Andrews	Sir C. Pearson	C	——
Glasgow and Aberdeen	Dr. J. H. Campbell	C	——
Oxford	Sir J. R. Mowbray	C	——
	J. G. Talbot	C	——

MONDAY'S POLLINGS.

UNCHANGED.

ABERDEENSHIRE.
EASTERN.

P. Esslemont (L)	5115
Col. Russell (U)	3922—1194

Last election : P. Esslemont (L), 4952; W. H. Lumsden (U), 2544.

ANTRIM.
NORTH.

C. C. Connor (C)	4666
W. H. Dodd (A P)	2027—2639

Last election (February 11, 1887): Sir C. E. Lewis (C) 3858, S. C. M'Elroy (L) 2526, W. A. Trail (Ind. C) 424.

BEDFORDSHIRE.
LUTON.

C. Flower (L)	5296
Col. O. T. Duke (U)	4277—1019

Last election : C. Flower (L) 4275 ; Capt. W. G. Bartlelot (C) 3602.

CAITHNESSSHIRE.

Dr. G. B. Clark (L)	2134
Dr. W. J. Bell (U)	693—1441

Last election : G. B. Clark (L) 2034, R. Niven (U) 584.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
NEWMARKET.

G. Newnes (L)	4391
H. A. Giffard, Q.C. (C)	3168—1223

Last election : G. Newnes (L), 3,405, Marquis of Carmarthen (C), 3,105 ; W. Hall (U), 298.

CARNARVONSHIRE.
ARFON.

J. B. Roberts (L)	4567
W. Humphreys (C)	1973—2594

Last election : J. B. Roberts (L), 4,241 ; G. Farren (U), 1,267.

CHESHIRE.
KNUTSFORD.

A. De T. Egerton (C)	4754
G. Latham (L)	2792—1962

Last election : Hon. A. Egerton (C) unopposed.

CORNWALL.
LAUNCESTON.

T. Owen (L)	3897
Sir L. Molesworth (U)	2913—984

Last election : C. T. D. Acland (L) unopposed.

DERBYSHIRE.
NORTH-EASTERN.

T. D. Bolton (L)	5206
F. G. Barnes (C)	3036—2170

Last election : T. D. Bolton (L) 5678, C. Markham (U) 3158.

DEVONSHIRE.
TORQUAY.

R. Mallock (C)	4157
Sir A. D. Hayter (L)	3763—394

Last election : R. Mallock (C) 3135, L. M'Iver (U) 3050.

DOWN.
SOUTH.

M. McCartan (N)	4207
J. W. Craig (C)	3436
— Magenis (—)	42

Last election : M. McCartan (N), 4786 ; R. S. Corbett (U), 3816.

HAMPSHIRE.
BASINGSTOKE.

A. F. Jeffreys (C)	4064
G. Judd (L)	2555—1509

Last election (July [illegible], 1887) : A. F. Jeffreys (C), 3,158 ; R. Eve (L), 2,426.

HANTS.
FAREHAM.

Sir F. Fitzwygram (C)	6686
J. G. Niven (L)	4547—2139

Last election : Gen. Sir F. W. Fitzwygram (C), unopposed.

HEREFORDSHIRE.
ROSS.

M. Biddulph (U)	4326
J. Pulley (L)	3869—457

Last election : M. Biddulph (U), 3956 ; T. Duckham (L), 2394.

KENT.
SEVENOAKS.

H. W. Forster (C)	6036
T. Johnston (L)	3958—2078

Last election : Hon. C. W. Mills (C) unopposed.

KERRY.
EAST.

J. D. Sheehan (N)	2600
J. M'Gillycuddy (C)	253—2347

Last election : J. D. Sheehan (N) unopposed.

LANCASHIRE.
NEWTON.

T. W. Legh (C)	[illegible]
W. Hall (L)	[illegible]

Last election (August, 1886) : T. W. [illegible] (C) 4,058 ; D. O'C. French (L) [illegible].

LINCOLNSHIRE.
SPALDING.

H. Stewart (L)	4660
H. F. Pollock (U)	4334—326

Last election (July, 1887) : Halley Stewart, (L), 5110 ; Viscount Tryon (C), 4363.

LONDONDERRY.
SOUTH.

T. Lea (U)	4554
E. Walker (A P)	4053—501

Last election : T. Lea (U), 4707 ; T. M. Healy (P), 4619.

MAYO.
NORTH.

D. Crilly (A-P)	2311
H. Egan (P)	1472— 839

Last election : D. Crilly (N) unopposed.

MIDDLESEX.
BRENTFORD.

J. Bigwood (C)	4417
H. Heldmann (L)	2625—1792

Last election (December, 1886) : J. Bigwood (C) 2,572 ; Haysman (L) 1,316.

HARROW.

W. Ambrose (C)	6047
T. Sedler (L)	3428—2619

Last election : Ambrose (C), unopposed.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.
SOUTHERN.

Col. F C Morgan (C)	5421
Baron Profumo (L	4700—721

Last election : F. C. Morgan (C), 5,235 ; O. Bryant (L), 3,60.

NORFOLK.
SOUTHERN.

F. Taylor (U)	4200
A. G. Kitching (L)	3535—665

Last election : F. Taylor (U) unopposed.

NOTTS.
BASSETLAW.

Sir F. Milner (C)	4446
J. H. Yoxall (L)	4044—402

Last election (December, 1890): Sir F. Milner (C), 4,381 ; J. W. Mellor (L), 3,653.

RENFREWSHIRE.
WEST.

C. B. Renshaw (C)	3773
R. Wallace (L)	3322—451

Last election : Sir A. Campbell (C), 3434 ; W. Dunn (L), 2881.

SHROPSHIRE.
WELLINGTON.

A. H. Brown (U)	3964
J. H. Sanders (L)	2681—1283

Last election : A. H. Brown (U) unopposed.

STAFFORDSHIRE.
LEEK.

C. Bill (C)	4576—
J. O. Nicholson (L)	4213—363

Last election : H. T. Davenport (C), 4,334 ; C. Crompton (L), 4,669.

NORTH-WEST.

J. Heath (C)	5638
L. K. Shoobridge (L)	5406— 232

Last election : Captain Heathcote (C) 5252, G. L. Gower (L) 4,469.

SURREY.
EPSOM.

T. T. Bucknill, Q.C. (C)	5023
T. A. Brassey (L)	2723—2300

Last election ; G. Cubitt (C) unopposed.

SOMERSET.
SOUTH.

E. Strachey (L)	4330
H. M. Imbert-Terry (C)	3925—405

Last election : Viscount Kilcoursie (L), 3,739 ; H. M. Imbert-Terry (C), 3,582.

SUSSEX.
RYE.

A. M. Brookfield (C)	4699
G. M. Ball (L)	3988—711

Last election ; A. M. Brookfield (C), 4582 ; G. J. de Reuter (L), 3094.

TYRONE.
EAST.

W. J. Reynolds (A P)	3430
T. L. Corbett (U)	3222—208

Last election : W. J. Reynolds (P), 3611 ; M. G. Megaw (U), 3375.

YORKSHIRE.
MORLEY.

A. E. Hutton (L)	5818
W. Carr, junr. (C)	3656—2162

Last election : C. G. Milnes-Gaskell (L) unopposed.

YORKSHIRE.
NORMANTON.

B. Pickard (L)	6134
P. Tew (C)	3803—2331

Last election : B. Pickard (L), 4771 ; A. H. Charlesworth (C), 3,724.

LIBERAL GAINS.

CUMBERLAND.
EGREMONT.

D. Ainsworth (L)	3849
Lord Muncaster (C)	3378—471

Last election : Lord Muncaster (C) 3583, D. Ainsworth (L) 3419.

DERBYSHIRE.
CHESTERFIELD.

T. Bayley (L)	4249
A. Barnes (U)	4069—180

Last election : A. Barnes (U), 3567 ; T. Bayley (L), 3453.

OXFORDSHIRE.
WOODSTOCK.

G. R. Benson (L)	4278
G. H. Morrell (C)	4167—111

Last election (April 21, 1891): G. H. Morrell (C), 4148 ; G. R. Benson (L), 3760.

YORKSHIRE.
DONCASTER.

C. J. Fleming (L)	5831
W. H. W. Fitzwilliam (U)	5552—279

Last election (February 23rd, 1888): Hon. W. H. W. Fitzwilliam (U), 5,634 ; J. S. Balfour (L), 5,423.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING DIVISION.

The result of the voting in the Houghton-le-Spring division was declared at the Town Hall, Sunderland, on Tuesday, as follows :—

Capt. Fenwick (GL)	Gladstonian gain	6,256
Mr Nicholas Wood (C)		4,823
Mr Hargrove (Direct Veto)		814
Majority		1,433

JARROW DIVISION.

The result of the voting in the Jarrow Division was declared at the Corporation Offices, Jarrow, on Thursday, as follows :—

Sir C. M. Palmer (GL)	No change	7,347
Mr E. Dillon Lewis (Labour)		2,416
Majority		4,927

HEXHAM DIVISION.

The result of the voting in the Hexham Division of Northumberland was declared at Hexham on Wednesday, as follows :—

Mr N. G. Clayton (C)	Conservative gain	4,092
Mr M. McInnes (GL)		4,010
Majority		82

CRICKET.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, July 16th.)

Consett and District 2nd v Greenside, at Greenside.

Medomsley v Ushaw Moor, at Medomsley.

Medomsley 2nd v The Lizzie 2nd, at Annfield Plain.

Consett Fell 1st v Shotley Bridge 2nd, at Shotley Bridge.

Consett Fell 2nd v Erskine (Newcastle), at Newcastle.

Shotley Bridge v Blaydon, at Blaydon.

Whickham v Ovingham, at Ovingham.

Whickham 2nd v Burnopfield 2nd, at Whickham.

Shotley Grove v Castleside, at Shotley.

Langley Park v Ebenezer Mission (Sunderland), at Sunderland.

Beamish v Blyth, at Beamish.

Cornsay v Esh Winning, at Cornsay.

The Lizzie (Annfield Plain) 1st v Usworth 1st, at Usworth.

Wolsingham v Shildon St. John's, at Wolsingham.

Oxhill v Oakenshaw, at Oakenshaw.

Blackhall Mill v Scratch Team, at Blackhall Mill.

CUP-TIES.

Consett and District 1st v Bill Quay 1st, at Consett.

Durham City 2nd v Chester-le-Street 1st, at Durham.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP.

THIRD ROUND.

Consett and District 1st v Bill Quay 1st.—The above teams will meet on the Blackfine ground to-morrow (Saturday), and as the visitors have materially improved since last year's cup-tie, an exciting game is expected. Wickets pitched at two o'clock. The following team will represent Consett :—T. D. Dales (capt.), G. Walton, A. S. Godfrey, A. Wood, Alex. Maskery, J. Siddell, Wm. Turnbull, W. Railton, M. Williamson, A. Little, and I. Richards. Reserve, R. Watson.

Consett and District 2nd v Greenside.—This match will be played at Greenside, the Consett team leaving Blackfine at 1·30. The visitors will be represented by the following :—M. Hobday (capt.), T. D. Robinson, J. Spencer, R. Watson, J. J. Raw, G. Wilson, W. Gibson, Dr Bibby, T. T. Gray, J. Maddison, and J. R. Richards.

Medomsley 1st v Ushaw Moor 1st.—These clubs will meet at Medomsley. The following team will probably do duty for Medomsley :—R. Cant (captain), G. E. Milburn, M. Charlton, W. Cant, M. Murphy, M. T. Milburn, R. Campbell, W. E. Charlton, Dr Mann, Jas. Veitch, and R. Charlton.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

The new vicar of Rookhope appears to be a good appointment. He is a pushing persevering, indomitable sort of chap. He is ever and anon pushing into something likely to benefit the people among whom he resides. He was present at the meeting of the Weardale Highway Board on Friday last, trying to enlist the sympathies of the Board and their co-operation in making a road from Eastgate up the valley to Rookhope. He met with fair success, inasmuch as a full meeting of the Board is to be called to consider the question next meeting day.

The new road would be a veritable boon, as the present one has a rise of 600 feet from Stanhope Market Place to Bewley Top, whereas the new road would only have an ascent of some 200 feet. It would be much easier for horses ; not only so, but it would be much more sheltered in the valley during winter than over the hill top. Mr Hagtley is pushing the thing, and the commissioners have been communicated with, and it is just possible that before long the road may be commenced with.

I like to hear of people rising in the world, especially those from the ranks of the horny-handed sons of toil. I hear that Mr Wm. Jacques, of Crawleyside, one of the late employees of the London Lead Company, has got a situation in some lead works on the Tyne, as manager in some of the departments in connection with the manufacture of lead, which his long experience at Stanhope Lead Works has eminently qualified him for.

The Weardale railway, according to report, is to be commenced with shortly. It is even said that an engineer has taken a house for two years at St. John's Chapel. This week a man also arrived in Stanhope with his family who, it is said, is to commence with it forthwith. These are mere reports. Let us hope they are true, and that the line up the dale will ere long become an accomplished fact.

Three desciples of Isaac Walton met at the Wearside, Wolsingham, the other evening, to allure from its hiding-place the spotted trout, the fox of the water as it has sometimes been called. They were stationed on the banks of the river, only a little distance from each other. One of them shouted to the other : "How way, lad, aw hev a salmon in this hole here. He keeps chewing of maw worms as fast as aw can put them in!" He stopped at that place until all his worms were gone. Then he cries again to his mate : "Thou'd better come and see if thou can get him." So he did ; and strange to say the salmon went with all his worms too. Said he : It's a strange thing aw cannot get im!" The third complete angler now drew up. Says he : "Come out'ed road ; aw'l try im." He flogged the water a good while. The salmon had a ravenous appetite ; he went with his worms one after another. Three hours were thus spent by this trio of king fishers in flogging this piece of water. At last number three of these complete anglers shouts : "How way wi that net ; aw hev him this time. Now, get the net nicely under him ; dinna miss im ; aw believe he's a wapper." They landed him. He turned out to be a horned fish—not a devil fish, although he had horns ; but a Tommy loach, or Tommy lodger as he is dubbed in the Wear Valley.

The three king fishers looked smaller than the Tommy loach. They had spent three full hours in catching Tommy, and wasted three tin fulls of worms in getting him. He weighed half-an-ounce and an eighth, and after that was not of the eatable kind. Mettle up ye Wolsingham anglers, these three mates of yours have beat the record.

A merry night was spent in the gardens and grounds of the Frosterley vicarage on Monday night by the young folks assembled. There was supper of a princely character, dancing, games of various kinds, and excellent music by the Frosterley band, a fancy fair, and all the rest of it.

Baptist Sabbath School Anniversary.—On On Sunday, the members of the above society celebrated their Sunday-school anniversary. Mr Jno. Raw conducted the services, which were exceedingly well attended. The scholars recited portions of scripture, dialogues, and select pieces of poetry, in a manner which reflects much credit on the superintendent and teachers of the school. Special hymns were sung by the choir assisted by the scholars. Collections were taken at the close of each service in aid of the Sunday-school fund.

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BIRTHS

Castleside—3rd inst., the wife of J. Hall, of a son.

Cornsay Colliery—11th inst., the wife of P.C. Newton, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Toowong, Queensland, Australia—Baptist Church, 15th April, by Rev W. Richer (father of the bride), assisted by Rev J. Kingsford, John George, eldest son of George McLean, late of Blackhill, Co. Durham, England, to Lilian Pringle (Lily), eldest daughter of Rev W. Richer, Sylvan Oaysh, Toowong, Queensland. 8031

DEATHS.

Consett—19, Puddlers' Row, 8th inst., Phœbe, beloved wife of Matthew Simpson, and eldest daughter of Frances and the late Robert Scott. 8411

27, Sherburn Terrace, 13th inst., aged 63, Sarah, beloved wife of James Bidwell. Interment on Sunday at Four o'clock at Blackhill Cemetery. *Cortege* to leave the house at 3·30. Friends please accept this the only intimation. 8261

Blackhill—4, Eltringham Street, at the house of Thomas Mayfield, aged 52 years, Joseph Willis. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday, at Three o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

Leadgate—Front Street, 14th inst., aged 25, Williamson Davison. Interment at St. Ive's Saturday, 16th July. *Cortege* to leave 3·30 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation. 8371

Birtley—Northside, 9th inst., aged 71, William Mackey.

Ouston Springs—7th inst., aged 77, Joseph Tate.

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Graham, who died July 1889, at Consett. Emma.

In affectionate remembrance of Mary, the beloved wife of Nathaniel Herdman, Colpike Mill Farm, who died June 28th, 1888, aged 67. 8281

In loving memory of Mary Jane, beloved wife of George Charlton, who died at Tanfield, July 13th, 1891.

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