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SCHOOL BOARD.
ANING AND REPAIRING OF THE
SCHOOL.
al meeting meeting of the Heslefield
School Board was held on Tuesday
the Board Room, Castleside. County
J. Atkinson presided. Other members
W. Golightly, and Mr. M. Lee.—The
special meeting of the Board showed
nder of Mr. Robson of Blackhill, of
hem steps for the furnishing and
the school.—Mr. Golightly asked how
am's tender compared with the others?
replied that it was about 10/- below
t about 40/- below Thirwall.—He
marked that it was peculiar fact that
were nearly £100 more compared with
were three years ago when the school
thereabouts and colour.—The Clerk
ort given a tender for the painting and
of the Blackhill Board School caretaker
roved the services of a woman to assist
ng after the painting and whitewashing
suppose there is no objection. There
ot deal of work to do.—On the motion
seconded by Mr. Golightly it was agreed
the services of a woman to assist the
cleaning the school.—The Chairman
that the school yard had become very
was dangerous to the scholars during
ds the night it was left in the large stone
up and broken and laid level it would
improvement.—Mr. Lee moved that
Mr. Westgarth, mason, be procured
school walls and repair the school
Golightly seconded and it was carried.
ably required whether the repairs to
furniture had been completed?—The
Mr. Dinsdale may say that the work is
time to do it. Mr. Routledge of Consett
ome and finish it.—Mr. Golightly: It
encouraging for me to give work to local
they give it up.—The Chairman: That
the publishers been here?—The Clerk:
I sent them a postcard to-day asking
to do the work.—Mr. Lee: They might write
s might also see to it that the window
washed and repaired before the school
after their holidays.—The Clerk promised
to the matter.—The meeting then closed, Mr.
seconded, and it was agreed that cheques
ount of £23 13s 3d be signed.—This was
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nd, eldest son of the late William Leitney
Newcastle, to Polly, eldest daughter of
late William Hurst, of Winlaton.
LEY—WOOD.—On the 8th inst., at
Church, Consett, by the Rev. Richard son of Henry Pat, Bamburgh,
ary Ann, second daughter of John Wood,
ervants Grange.
MOFFATT.—At Prosterley Parish Church,
3rd inst., Robert Marsh, son of Robert
, Allendale, to Sarah, youngest daughter of
John Moffatt, Stanhope.

DEATHS.
, Consett, on the 3rd inst., aged 30 years,
Jane, the youngest daughter of John
Bramwell.
ON, Consett, on the 1st inst., aged 31, Elizabeth
wife of Benjamin Thomas Hewitt.
—Ryton, at the residence of her brother,
Taylor, widow of the late Thomas Collins,
merly, Newcastle.
SON—Whickham, Dent House, Mary, wife of
son Charlton.
ON—Consett, on the 4th inst., Ellen, daughter
n and Elizabeth Lamb.
SON—Winlaton, 5, Joan Place, on the 5th
aged 9, Joseph Dickinson.
ASS—Westgate, Weardale, at Providence
, on the 7th inst., Mrs. J. Atkinson.
—Chester-le-Street, on the 4th inst., aged 81,
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THE REV. A. E. SALMON, OF LEADGATE.

Amongst the changes which will take place in the ranks of our local clergymen, in the autumn of this year, none will be more sincerely regretted than the removal of the Rev. A. E. Salmon, of Leadgate and Consett. It may be said without the slightest invidiousness that Mr Salmon has established himself a prime favourite amongst those with whom he has come in contact, both in his sphere of work as a minister and in social circles in the district. Mr Salmon first took up his ministerial work some eight years ago, when he went from Great Yarmouth to a course of study at Didsbury College, where he remained for three years qualifying for his ministerial work. On the conclusion of his college course he was sent to Eastleigh near Southampton, under the direction of the Connexional Home Missionary Department. At the time of Mr Salmon's intiation there, the place was only a small village. Its dimensions, however, rapidly increased upon the removal of the carriage works of the London and South Western Railway, which had been previously situated at the metropolis, to the village. It soon developed into a thriving town of some six thousand inhabitants, and under Mr Salmon's guiding hand Wesleyanism progressed in the same ratio, until the community felt themselves of sufficient number to build a handsome church, capable of seating some six hundred people, and three years ago, the local authorities attached sufficient importance to the body to make what had been, a short time back a mere mission station, into an independent circuit. The foregoing facts will of themselves bear testimony to Mr Salmon's good work, sufficiently strong to need no remark from us. He then came to the Consett Circuit and whilst here his work has been one continuous success. He is an extremely capable preacher, a very excellent lecturer, and is a man of bread sympathies. His friends in the district comprising all shades of religious opinion are legion. Mr Salmon was invited to take charge of the Blenheim Street Mission in Newcastle 18 months since, and after due consideration decided to accept the call. His previous work both at Consett and at the Eastleigh mission makes him eminently fitted for the sphere of work into which he is about to enter, and under his care the mission in Newcastle will be in possession of one of the best mentors that it could possibly have obtained. Mr Salmon carries with him, to his new charge the most earnest good wishes of all his many friends in the district.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT CONSETT.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CHURCH.

On Sunday, special sermons were preached in the Primitive Methodist Church, Consett, by the Rev. J. Taylor, of North Shields. Large congregations were present, and collections were taken in aid of the Trust Fund.

On Monday evening, a meeting of the members was held in the church. There was a fair attendance presided over by Mr. Thomas Hull, of Consett. The speakers were the Rev. W Raistrick, Blackhill, Rev. R. B. Hanley, Consett, Rev. J. Taylor, North Shields, Mr. Wilson Clayton, Consett, and Mr. G. T. Egglestone, Consett.

After hymn and prayer, the Rev. W. Raistrick briefly introduced the chairman to the audience. He said he was very pleased to see such a good number of the members present, and he hoped they would have an enjoyable meeting. (Applause.)

The Chairman said there was no church or people that were so dear to him than the present church and its members. (Applause.) He made that statement with all sinagrity. During his 31 years connection with the church he had seen many changes, and many who used to worship in that sanctuary had now gone home to reap their well-earned rest. The last year's success in removing a considerable amount of debt off the church had been most gratifying, but the question which had come to his mind, was whether they were making the progress spiritually as they ought. He had sometimes thought they were not. No church could have accomplished more towards the salvation of men had they been more progressive. He did not wish to speak disrespectfully of the other churches; but he contended that had they had more progressive power, no other church would have accomplished more towards the salvation of the people. He trusted that God would show them all up to do their duty, so that the church would be a blessing to the district. (Applause.)

Mr. Wilson Clayton read the financial statement for the year ending December, 1895. He stated that although they held their anniversary in July, the statement he was about to read out to them was for the year ending last December. The amount of income was £115 0s 2½d. whilst the expenditure just exceeded £95, leaving a balance in hand of £20 5s 1½d. (Applause.) They had paid off a portion of their debt on their property to the tune of £300. Mr. Clayton proceeded to explain one or two items in the balance sheet. He said there was the smallness of the collections. Of course this was due to some extent to the bazaar that was in operation, and to other special efforts that were made from time to time during the year. Now that the pew rents had become a thing of the past, he hoped the members would be true to the cause, and assist the trustees in raising a sufficient sum during the present year that would meet the expenses. During the past year the money had been wisely expended, nothing being paid that could be avoided, and he would ask the members to support the work as they had done in the past. (Applause.)

Mr. George T. Egglestone presented the financial statement, showing the takings of each stall at the recent bazaar. He said the bazaar was conducted by five committees of ladies, each committee worked for its own stall. The total sum realised by that effort was £332 4s. (Applause.) The amount raised was a credit to the ladies, and also to the Methodists of that place. (Applause.)

Mr. Wilson Clayton proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the bazaar. They were deserving of their thanks, because nothing was spared to make the bazaar a success.

Mr. Douglas seconded, and the vote was carried by acclamation.

Rev. R. B. Hanley delivered a short address. He said he was glad to be present at the meeting. So far the proceedings had been of a financial character, and he could assure them he was not going to say very much about anything else. It was only right the members should know how the money was expended by the trustees. They did not wish to hide anything. They were all pleased that the late bazaar was so successful. The amount raised was beyond their anticipation, and showed that when they worked with a will, they could achieve great things. They had reason to be thankful for the success. They would have noticed that the amounts raised at the several stalls varied; but he could say that the ladies at some of the stalls that had raised the small amounts worked the hardest. Credit was due to all that took part in promoting the bazaar. It had been said they were always begging; but he could only say that when the church appealed to its members, she was simply testing their sincerity to the cause. There were a lot of people who could do plenty of talking, but when they made an appeal they were generally found wanting. They rejoiced over their success in the past, and he trusted that the work in that church in the future would go on and prosper. What they wanted was not drones but enthusiastic workers in the church of Christ. (Applause.)

Rev. W. Raistrick was the next speaker. He said they ought to be grateful at the financial statements which had been submitted to them. He thought it was creditable that they had so far succeeded in reducing their liabilities. He thought it would be well if they could sometimes get together and talk over the progress of the free churches of the district. Their aim as Nonconformists was the moral regeneration of the people. They had specified and defined purposes to fulfil. There were two things they had to keep in view. (1) The needs of the people, and (2) the special commission which had been committed to them as Nonconformists. At the present time there was a great need of an effort by the Nonconformists to reach the masses. It had been said that Methodism was going back; but he could say that it was not doing so in the Shotley Bridge circuit. Their Wesleyan friends in that town had erected a splendid block of buildings in order to carry on their work, whilst they, the Primitive Methodists of the Shotley Bridge circuit had raised in three years the sum of £6,000 for the erection of new churches. He supposed they were Nonconformists because they had read their Bibles, and conformed to the doctrines contained therein. They were in the right as they conformed to the highest standard of moral excellencies. They belonged, to a society which had been organised by religious life. They did not appeal to any power to sanction their religious orders. They had such from God. After referring to the gambling rage in the district, and the question of sacerdotalism, the speaker concluded by urging upon all the workers to be true to the cause of Christ. (Applause.)

Rev. J. Taylor followed, and said he did not know what to say. (Laughter.) He did not agree with all that had been said by the previous speakers; but he supposed as a Nonconformist he had a right to differ. He agreed with the principles of Nonconformity; but he thought that finance should be as much a part of Christian duty as prayer itself. (Applause.)

The usual votes of thanks were passed, after which the meeting terminated.

The singing was led by Mr. A. S. Coates, whilst Mr Thomas Jones presided at the organ.

Afterwards, a supper was provided in the schoolroom. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Milburn, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Summerbell, Mrs. Egglestone, Miss Grant, Miss Robson, Miss Ellett, Mrs. Haywood, and Mrs. Elliott.

THE REV. W. C. RANK, THE POPULAR PREACHER OF LANCASHIRE.

The Rev. W. C. Rank the popular preacher of Lancashire, who is preaching in the Free Methodist Chapel, Blackhill, on Sunday first, July 19th, 1896, is a native of Bodmin, Cornwall. He was born July 1st, 1850. He received his education at the hands of Mr. F. Dowing, head master of Lanivet Endowed School, and remained under his tuition for 15 years, attending at the same time the Science Classes held in his native town. As a youth he entered the offices of the Clerk of the Peace for Cornwall, and there he remained until 1871, when quitting the legal for the scholastic profession he obtained an appointment as head master of a school in his native town, having previously gained a government certificate, qualifying him for the office. This position he continued to occupy for five years, when he was recommended to the ministry by the Circuit Meeting, and after passing his examination in London, in November 1876, he received his first appointment to a Mission Church at Hull, entering upon his ministerial duties direct from school in Bodmin without any preparatory college training. He left Hull in 1878, for the Accrington Circuit, where he still resides, and though having had repeated "calls" from other circuits, nothing has succeeded in alluring him from the Accrington Circuit. He is a life abstainer, not knowing the taste of intoxicants, and is not ashamed of his principles, declaring them to the world by wearing the ribbon of blue in the button hole. He has held the position of District Temperance Secretary for a considerable number of years for the Manchester District, and is also secretary to the District Extension Committee. He is powerful and earnest in the pulpit and on the platform, being witty, humourous, and anecdotal. He is held in high esteem by the members of the various churches of his present circuit, being indicated by the fact that only three persons voted against him for his 20th year's invitation.

WINLATON SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the Winlaton School Board was held on Thursday evening of last week. The Rev. A. B. Tebb (vice-chairman), presided, and there were also present Mr. J. Howdon, Mr. R. Carr, and the clerk (Mr. Dalton.)

ACCOUNTS

Accounts were presented and considered. They showed that the total amount to be paid out of the General Fund was £338 15s 4d, and to pay this amount there was £25 in the bank.

The Clerk explained that £400 was due from the overseers and he expected the grant from the Blaydon School in the course of a few days. The examination was completed at the Winlaton School that week and the Board might expect the grant from the school before the end of the month. He had written to the assistant overseer asking him to pay as much as possible into the bank on their account.

The Chairman: However, I suppose we will have to pass these accounts to-night, to be paid as soon as we get the money.

The Clerk: There is £168 odd due for teachers' salaries and we will have to pay that to-morrow.

Mr. Carr moved that the accounts be passed for payment.

Mr. Howdon seconded, and it was carried.

THE DRAWING GRANTS.

Teachers' and caretakers' requisitions to the amount of £56 were presented, amongst them, being an item from Blaydon for £14 6s 9d for drawing.

The Chairman: That is a large sum for drawing.

Mr. Carr: But the drawing has more than cleared itself this year.

The Clerk: It does not generally do so.

Mr. Carr: The grant this year is £17 8s and the expenses incurred are only £14.

On the motion of Mr. Howdon seconded by Mr. Carr the requisitions were passed.

TEACHERS' REPORTS

Miss M. Rodgers, of the Winlaton Girls' School reported as follows:—I am pleased to report to you an increased attendance for the year just ended. The average attendance of last year was 140.5 (also an increase on the previous one) that of this year 153.6, being an increase of 13.1. The past month's attendances also shews an increase on the corresponding month of the last year. The girls' school was examnied and inspected by H.M. Inspector and assistants on Tuesday and they expressed themselves as well pleased with the work they had seen. I have not received the class from the infants' school, but have classified the school so far for the new year's work. Seeing that there was no difficulty with regard to the fees and that a higher grant is generally given per child on the average attendance in the upper school, I have thought that you might like the infants to be transferred immediately after the examination of the three schools, or, if all were exempt, on the 1st July, or as soon after as possible.

Mr. R. Adamson, of the Winlaton Board Schools, reported that the number on the registers for the school year ending June 30th last was 198 or 11 above the number for the previous year, and the annual average was 172. The school was reclassified on July 1st, and the boys were promoted to higher standards with a very small number of exceptions. The staff, which is inadequate has been distributed thus:—Standards one and three, two ex-p.t.s.; standard two, monitor; standards four to eight, one master and two p.t.s. (second and third years); another ex-p.t. was required, and it was absolved necessary to have the staff all of the same sex. The boys were attending well, and there was no sickness amongst them. The effective way in which the Board had re-drained the school premises had restored the school to its manual state of sanitation. The stoves which had been in use for the past 20 years were in a worn out condition and three of them out of the four were frequently useless during the roughest of the weather, owing to their smoky character. A better and more modern system should be adopted. An improvement in this direction would meet with the heartiest approbation from the parents who often complained of the comfortless schools during the winter months.

THE HEATING APPARATUS.

The Chairman asked the Board's opinion as to whether they could go into the question of an improved stove as suggested by Mr. Adamson.

Mr. Howdon: No, we cannot do anything to-night. Certainly we might have an improved system, but I think the matter will require further investigation before we can decide upon anything.

The Chairman stated that this was a matter which required the immediate attention of the Board, so as to have matters in a satisfactory state before the winter. The school would "break up" for a month and if anything was to be done it should be done during the holidays. A new stove had been erected and it was giving great satisfaction.

Mr. Howdon: That stove was got as an experiment to be put into the coldest part of the school, but instead, those whose had had the matter in hand had put it in the best place.

The Chairman: We erected it at the door, and surely that is the coldest place.

Mr. Howdon: You have done the contrary.

The Chairman: I don't think so. In fact I am sure.

Mr. Carr: It lies with the Blaydon members.

The Chairman: If Mr. Atkinson was here I am sure he would agree with what I say. However, we are now discussing the question whether or not these stoves should be re-placed by new ones before the winter sets in.

Mr. Carr said he endorsed what the Chairman had said, but he thought the Board ought to form themselves into a committee to look into the matter properly.

Mr. Howdon: Why has it not been done before? We don't profit by anything we do here. Things come up precipitately, and then it has to be done.

The Chairman: That is what we are trying to avoid. We want to take the matter by the forelock, and not do it precipitately.

Mr. Howdon: With three members. Surely three of us would not undertake to deal with the matter.

Mr Carr: We don't want to settle the matter to-night, but consider what is best to be done.

The Chairman: The reason I suggest that we should consider the matter to-night is to avoid doing it in a hurry.

Mr. Carr: Hear, hear.

The Clerk: There is another matter the Board might consider at the same time. The inspector told me that we would lose £12 or £13 because we had not got the desks in proper order at the Winlaton School. I think we might as well spend the money in desks and receive it, rather than allow the desks to go and lose it.

The Chairman concurred.

Mr. Carr moved that a committee comprised of the whole Board be formed to consider the question of heating and desks at the Winlaton School and the cleaning at the Blaydon School, and that the committee meet on the 20th inst.

Mr. Howdon seconded, and it was agreed to.

APPLICATIONS FROM TEACHERS.

The Clerk read a communication from Miss Margaret Scott a teacher under the Board at the Winlaton School, who stated that she had now completed her apprenticeship, and as she was desirous of remaining upon the staff she would be obliged if the Board would take the matter into consideration.

Mr. Carr inquired what had been the general rule for dealing with these cases.

The Clerk replied that the applications were generally granted, but it did not follow that the Board should act so in this case if they deemed it proper to do otherwise.

The Chairman: We had better communicate with Miss Cockburn and see what she has to say about Miss Scott, and the case can be brought before the Board next month.

This course was decided upon.

Miss Ada Jeffery wrote that she had served under the Board for one year as an ex-p.t., and now wished her salary raised in accordance with the scale of the Board.

Mr. Carr: That will have to be put on the agenda.

The Chairman: And considered next month.

Miss Rivers and Miss Patterson, teachers under the Board, applied for leave of absence from school duties, so as to enable them to attend a certificate examination.

On the motion of Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Howdon, the requests were granted.

THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Carr moved, Mr. Howdon seconded, and it was resolved that the schools under the Board have four weeks' holiday, commencing on the 30th inst.

THE BOARD'S PETITION.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. James Joicey, M.P., acknowledging receipt of the Board's communication of the 10th May, about petitioning against certain clauses of the Education Bill, (which was before Parliament), and promised to present the petition to Parliament in due course.

The Chairman: That's over now.

The Clerk: Yes; as soon as they got to know we were petitioning they withdrew the Bill. (Laughter.)

THE NEW SCHOOL FENCE.

Mr. W. P. Grieveson, J.P., clerk of the works at the new schools at Rowland's Gill, presented the plan of a fence proposed to be erected round the new schools. A discussion took place at a meeting of the Blaydon Urban District Council, when it appeared that the Council could not allow the School Board the space that they desired between the schools and the fence, the latter not being a sufficient number of yards from the centre of the adjoining road. Accordingly instructions were given to this effect, and another plan, with less space from the schools to the wall was submitted. It was explained that the whole inconvenience had arisen through the fact that the plan for the wall was not sent in to the District Council until after the builders commenced to build the school.

Mr. Grieveson remarked that if the contractors and the Board had known that the District Council required so much space from the centre of the road they would have built the schools further back so as to get the desired yard space.

The Chairman: The matter cannot be helped now, and the wall on this plan must be erected.

Mr. Howdon: Who is to blame?

The Chairman replied that it was one of those cases which could not be accounted for. He did not know where the blame could be fixed.

Mr. Carr said he could not tell who they could blame.

The Chairman (looking at the plan): I don't suppose six feet less will make much difference in the appearance.

Mr. Grieveson: It is only at one end where it will be six feet less, as it gradually diminishes off.

The Clerk: Then there is the tender for the work. It was decided by the casting vote of the chairman at the last meeting to erect the wall and to seek a tender. Messrs Henderson and Chalmers' tender is £109.

Mr. Grieveson explained that through the delay in the wall the whole job had been considerably delayed.

The Clerk: I think the schools will be opened soon enough—after the holidays.

Mr. Grieveson: I don't know. I could not say when they will be finished.

The Clerk: Will anyone move that this tender for the work be accepted.

Mr. Howdon: I should liked to have seen more members here to deal with it.

The Clerk: They all got notice of the meeting, and we cannot let this matter lie over for another month.

Mr. Howdon: We have made an awful blunder in this. I tell you, we profit none by experience. Let the things go on their merits.

After further discussion,

The Chairman moved that the tender of Messrs Henderson and Chalmers be accepted.

Mr. Carr: Mr. Howdon seconds it.

Mr. Howdon: No I don't. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carr: Seriously, the work must be done now; I'll second your motion, Mr. Chairman.

The tender was accordingly accepted.

SATISFACTION.

Mr. Grieveson said now that his work connected with the erecting of the new schools was completed, he intended seeking another post, and he would esteem it a favour if the Board could give him a testimonial as a clerk of the works.

The Chairman: I think I can speak on behalf of the Board in this matter, Mr. Grieveson. I am sure we are satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out your portion of the work, and we will be only too willing to do anything we can for you in that way.

Mr. Carr: The Board is highly satisfied with you, Mr. Grieveson, and you must remember that we selected you without seeing you.

Mr. Grieveson thanked the Board for their compliments and withdrew, whereupon

The Chairman moved, Mr. Carr seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk be instructed to supply Mr Grieveson with a testimonial written in the best possible style, as to the value of Mr. Grieveson's services as a clerk of the works.

The Board then dealt with cases of irregular attendance of scholars, and shortly afterwards adjourned.

LILITH.

A SEQUEL TO "THE UNLOVED WIFE,"

BY MRS. E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH,

Author of "The Hidden Hand," "Nearest and Dearest," "Lost Lady of Lone," &c.

CHAPTER VI.

LILITH'S FIDELITY.

Lilith sat in one corner of the Pullman car, with her chair wheeled around, her shoulders to all her fellow-passengers, and her face fronting the large mirror on the wall. She sat quite still, and wept silently.

Now there happened to be in the same car a lady, a rosy-cheeked, handsome matron, of perhaps fifty years, of the class called "motherly;" affectionate, sympathetic and confiding towards every fellow-being.

She did not find much, however, in the seven men who shared the car to interest her so she turned her attention on the only woman beside herself in the car, and who sat in the opposite corner.

What she saw there was the red back of the chair, and a pair of pretty, sloping shoulders, in a grey coat and a little, graceful, bowed head in a grey hat and veil, and—*the reflection from the mirror*. It was this last that attracted and fixed the attention of the lady. She could not withdraw her eyes from the picture reflected there—a pale face, with soft brown eyes, suffused with tears.

The lady watched this picture with growing interest and sympathy. Then she turned her head around to look at the passengers to see if by any sign she could judge whether any one of them was related to or protector of this lonely and grieving child. But no; she felt sure that they were all strangers to her. Besides, two chairs behind hers were vacant. Still she watched the weeping girl, but hesitated to address her; the little lady might not like to have a stranger intrude on her distress.

"Suppose it were my own dear Edith or Clara left alone in the world, with no one to care for her, travelling alone, with no one to speak to her! Oh, dear!"

So saying to herself, the good woman arose and went and took the chair next behind Lilith.

Laying her hand gently on the girl's arm and speaking very tenderly and deprecatingly, she said:

"My dear, you seem to be travelling alone, and—"

Lilith lifted her head with a startled look, thereby embarrassing the good woman, who began all over again:

"You seem to be travelling all alone, my poor darling, and—and—and—you don't seem very well. Can I do anything for you, my dear?"

"Nothing, I thank you, ma'am. I thank you very much. You are very kind to notice me," said poor, solitary Lilith, in a grateful tone.

"I wish you would let me do something for you."

"There is nothing to do, thank you—nothing," sighed Lilith.

"Oh, yes, there is, plenty, plenty! Now I see you so pale and weak that you are scarcely able to sit up, and if you are going to New York—*Are* you going so far?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Well, New York is a long way off yet, and you are not able to sit up all the way. Now in the next compartment—a little compartment right behind us—there is a sofa and two chairs, all unoccupied, Let me take you in there, and you can lie on the sofa and I will sit in one of the chairs and keep you company. Will you come? I will carry your bag." Here conductor!" she said, turning to that officer, "this young lady is not well. Is there any objection to my taking her into that vacant compartment where she can lie on the sofa?"

"No objection at all, the compartment is not engaged," replied the polite conductor.

The lady arose and gave her arm to Lilith and took her to the sofa, where the exhausted girl was glad to lie down. Then she returned for her own and Lilith's light luggage, which she transferred to the new seats.

As the conductor passed through the drawing-room car on his return, a stout passenger with iron-grey hair, who had sat three seats off from Lilith and her friend, on the opposite side of the car, and had watched the interview between the woman and the girl, and had heard as much or as little of their conversation as their low tones would permit, and had formed his own opinions on the subject—beckoned the officer to approach, and looking solemnly over the top of his spectacles said, impressively:

"Conductor, I want you to keep an eye on that pair who have just gone into the next compartment. That young girl is travelling alone. That stout woman first accosted her. She has some evil designs on that girl, I am sure of it!"

"All right, sir! I know the whole party! She is Mrs. Ponsonby, of Baltimore. And she will be met at the station by her son-in-law, Mr. Saxony, of Number —— street," replied the amused officer.

"Oh, very well, if that is so! But her extraordinary proceeding of accosting a strange young lady in the cars very reasonably aroused my suspicions. I am glad it is no worse," said the amateur detective, in a tone of disappointment that illy accorded with his words.

In the meantime, Lilith reposed on the sofa and her new friend sat by her side and chatted to cheer her up.

With a rare delicacy she refrained from asking Lilith any questions as to the cause of that distress which had drawn the good woman to her side, until they were drawing near to New York. Then she inquired:

"Is there anyone to meet you at Jersey City, my dear?"

"No, no one," answered Lilith.

"Nor anyone the other side?"

"No, no one is to meet me anywhere," said the desolate girl.

"My dear child! Some one ought to meet you! It is not right or safe for a young girl travelling alone to enter a city at nightfall, with no one to meet her!—But I suppose you know exactly the number and street of the people you are going to see," said the good woman.

"I am going to no house. I have no friends or even acquaintances in the city," said Lilith.

"Then why on the face of the earth have you come here, my poor child?" inquired Mrs. Ponsonby, in surprise.

Lilith, like the baby into whose state she sometimes relapsed, burst into tears, covered her face with her hands and wept bitterly.

"Now what have I done? Now what is the matter? Oh! what is the matter? Tell me, my dear. I am very sorry for you. I will help you all I can. Indeed I will, for Edith and Clara's sake," said Mrs. Ponsonby, bending over and caressing the girl, who, between her sobs and tears, tried to answer.

"I came—" she gasped—"because I have lost everything in the world. I have suffered cruel, cruel reverses, and could not bear to stay in the place where I had seen such happy and prosperous days so suddenly turned to misery and destitution."

"Are you an orphan, my dear?"

"Oh, ma'am, I am much worse than orphaned," said Lilith.

"Dear me! Poor child! *How* worse than orphaned, my dear?"

"Oh, ma'am, I cannot tell you *now*. *Indeed* I cannot. It is not my fault that I am so desolate and that I must be so reserved about my past life," pleaded Lilith.

The lady fell to musing.

"I wonder what has happened to the child! That she is good I can see for myself. Nobody could make a mistake about *her*. I wonder what she means by worse than orphaned, now. I wonder if her father was hanged or sent to prison for life, or anything like that. There are so many men who ought to be gentlemen, but who come to that sort of end now, that I should not be surprised that it was so. Why, there is always something of that sort going on in some city or other, some bank defaulter, or some forger, or manslaughterer, or something. And so it seems more than likely that her father may have disgraced his family in that way, and be in prison, or in a felon's grave, and that's what she means by being worse than orphaned. But her mother—Is your mother living, my poor child?" she inquired, suddenly.

"No, ma'am. My mother left this world a few hours after I came into it," said Lilith.

"Poor, dear darling!" said the good woman, who then relapsed into silent thought, drawing her own conclusions.

"Yes, that is it!" she said to herself. "The mother gone, the father worse than dead! That must be it, or she would not talk of being worse than orphaned."

Lilith, perhaps mistaking her continued silence for mistrust, said at length: "You have been very kind to me, a perfect stranger to you, ma'am, and I thank you from my heart; but do not trouble your kind soul about me, ma'am. It is not worth your while, indeed."

"Oh, it is easy to say *that*, my dear; but I can't help troubling myself about you! Suppose you were my own Edith or Clara!—But don't be afraid, my dear; I won't ask anything about your past; what I want to know is your future. You said when you started for New York that you wished to get away from painful associations; now what I wish to ask is—Where do you intend to go in New York, and what do you intend to do?"

"I shall go first to some hotel, the only place a stranger can go to, I suppose, and then I mean to look out for some employment."

"Then, my dear, you are all wrong. In the first place, you must not go to a hotel," said Mrs. Ponsonby.

"But why?" inquired Lilith.

"Because you would go as a lamb among wolves. That is why."

"Then I suppose I must try to find a private boarding-house."

"Worse and worse! A respectable boarding-house would want references, and if you happened to apply to any *but* a respectable one—"

"That is the reason why I wished to go to one of the first-class hotels. They are always very respectable. No one can make a mistake about them, and they take strangers without references."

"Yes, my dear, at ruinous prices. Unless you have got a great deal of money, you would be quite penniless before you could get any employment. And, by the way, what sort of employment do you expect to find?"

"I hardly know. I might be an amanuensis for some lady or gentleman—"

"For no *gentleman*. I put my foot right down on *that*. Let the men alone, my dear—unless they happen to be your very nearest male relations. And to enter a lady's employment you would have to have good references. I do hope you have references, my dear?"

"No," said Lilith, "I have none; not one; and circumstances are all so adverse that I cannot hope to get one."

"Dear me!" said Mrs. Ponsonby, taking a long look into Lilith's face. "But you are all right. I am *sure* you are all right. You are not the sort of child to run away from your father or mother to seek your fortune. I tell you what I will do; *I* will be your referee. That is—Do you write a fair hand, spell words correctly, and compose sentences grammatically, as an amanuensis should do? For, you know, you may have to answer letters as well as to write from dictation."

"Yes, ma'am, I can indeed. I have been accustomed to do all that for my dear lost foster-father. The next time the train stops I will write a specimen and prove it," said Lilith.

"Very well, then," said the benevolent old lady, "I will be your referee. And as to your lodging in New York, I will take you to a cheap but very respectable house kept by the widow of a Methodist minister. She has no fashionable boarders, my dear, for she lives on —— street, near —— avenue, and fashion has left that part of the city these fifty years or more. She boards some of the public school teachers. I will take you to her house to-night before I go to my daughter's, mind you. If my son-in-law Saxony comes to meet me, and is in a hurry, he may go home in the street cars, and I will take the carriage and carry you to Mrs. Downie's" said the new friend, who had worked herself up into a benevolent fever on the subject of the desolate young creature.

"Oh, how good you are to me! How do you know that I am deserving of your goodness? How do you know that I am not an impostor?" said Lilith, catching her friend's hand and covering it with grateful kisses."

"Good Lord, child! how do I know anything, for that matter—how do I know light from darkness, except through my eyes and my understanding?"

"Now, here we are at Jersey City! Gather your traps, my dear, and be ready to get off," said Mrs. Ponsonby, as the train ran into the station.

"And there's Saxony's carriage, but I don't see him," she said, when they had crossed the ferry and passed out on Desbrosses street.

"Where's your master, Patrick?" she demanded, when she had dragged Lilith through the crowd to the door of the carriage.

"If you plaze, ma'am, Misther Saxony is dining out this evening, and Misthress Saxony requisted me to mate you in the carriage meself, ma'am," said the Irish coachman, who resented the term "master" as applied to his employer.

"Very well. I am glad of it. Get in, my dear. And, Patrick, do you drive first to Number 10 —— street, near —— avenue. It will not be much out of your way," said Mrs. Ponsonby, as she put Lilith into the carriage and followed her.

The short winter twilight was fading into night, and the streets were beginning to be lighted with gas.

"Suppose," said Lilith, "suppose that your friend should not have a vacant room for me?"

"Then you must put up with a bed for this one night."

"But if she has not an unoccupied bed?"

"Then she must find one for this night, anyway," persisted Mrs. Ponsonby.

It seemed a long ride through the crowded city streets before the carriage at last drew up before the door of a plain, dull-looking, three-storey brick house.

Mrs Ponsonby—without waiting for the coachman to get off his box, for, indeed, Patrick was so indolent that he always made an excuse that he "darn't" leave his horses to open the door—alighted, and assisted Lilith to alight, and led her up to the house and rang the door-bell.

A female servant answered it.

"Is Mrs. Downie at home?" inquired the elder lady.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the waitress, opening a door on the right, and showing the two ladies into the long but plainly furnished parlour, where they sat down.

"Will you tell Mrs. Downie that I would like to see her on business for a moment?"

"Yes, ma'am. What name?"

The lady handed the girl a card.

"Mrs. Downie is at tea now, but I dare say she will not be long," said the girl, as she left the parlour and ran down the basement stairs.

In a very few minutes the mistress of the boarding house came up, with a warm, exuberant welcome for an old friend. She was a short, fat, good-natured looking woman, of about Mrs. Ponsonby's own age, and she was dressed in a clean but rather dowdy black gown, all in keeping with her general aspect of careless good humour; and her pretty, soft, silvery grey hair was gathered into a knot behind, and as much dishevelled all over her head by nature as it could have been done by the most fashionable hairdresser.

"Why, goodness me, Em'ly Ponsonby! This ain't you! I never was so surprised in all my life as when Mary gave me your card! And we have just this minute sat down to tea; and you will come down and have some!" said the landlady, in the softest and most caressing voice, that seemed to be perfectly natural to her.

"No, thank you, Sophie Downie," replied Mrs. Ponsonby, as she arose and embraced her fat little friend. "I am in the greatest hurry that ever was, and only called here on my way from the station to Sam Saxony's to bring you a new boarder, a very dear young friend of mine, who came with me from Baltimore to get something to do in New York here. Miss—(Good Lord of mercy! I don't know the child's name!)" said the good woman to herself, as she arose and went to Lilith, and whispered:

"What name, dear—what name?"

"Wyvil," answered Lilith, in the same low tone.

"My young friend, Miss Wildell, wants a quiet, respectable home just such as you could furnish her," resumed Mrs. Ponsonby, rejoining the landlady.

"Oh! Another Southern orphan, ruined by the war!" said kindly Mrs. Downie.

"Ah! poor thing!" replied the Baltimore lady, in a non-committal way. "I hope you can take her. She has some little money left, I think."

"And she wants to get in one of the public schools? Poor girl! there ain't the least chance."

"No, I don't think she wants to teach—but the question is, can you accommodate her?"

"I must 'commodate her somehow or other. I haven't got a room; but if she could put up with a cot in my room—"

"*Of course* she could, until you can do better for her. And now I must go, for I am keeping you from your tea, while they are waiting for me on —— street. Miss Wilde, my dear, I leave you in good hands, and if you ever want a friend, call on me. Sophie Downie, you see I am due in Boston, at my daughter's, to-morrow. That's why I am in such a hurry now. Good-bye!"

And so saying, the dear woman kissed her old friend, and then kissed Lilith and left a card with her address in the girl's hand.

The next instant she was gone, and Lilith was alone with the landlady.

"Come, my dear, come upstairs to my room and take off your things and wash your face and hands, if you wish; and then we will go down and get some supper. My dear, I hope you will feel at home here. Most of my boarders are young people. Two young ladies who are public school teachers, and one who is a colourer of photographs, and then I have a young Methodist minister who has a parish near this. He is going to be married soon, you know, and then we shall lose him. And then, my dear, if you are still with us, you shall have his room and be comfortable."

So talking, the landlady led Lilith upstairs and so installed her in the home that was to be hers for many months to come.

(To be continued).

THE BRIDESMAID'S PERIL.

In the village of Newhey, between Rochdale and Oldham, there lives at 3, Travis-street, Mrs. Maria Crossley. Having resided there ten years, she is known and highly respected by the inhabitants.

Twelve months ago her daughter was taken ill, and despite the care bestowed upon her by her mother and sister, became worse, until a physician in consultation with the family doctor declared that there was no hope of her recovery. In this extremeity the anxious parent, having witnessed the beneficial effects of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, put them to the test, with the result that her daughter has now recovered, whilst at one time she had to be wheeled about like a child.

To a "Rochdale Times" reporter Mrs. Crossley said:—

"About twelve months ago my daughter Polly was taken ill, and was obliged to come home. I sent for a doctor, who said she had erysipelas in her body. He continued to attend her, but she did not seem to improve, and in October last year he said it was no use his calling any more. She had five abscesses on one leg and many on her face, and for months was unable to walk or raise herself. She lost her appetite and could not sleep, for pain. Her sister slept near her for five months. About Christmas I got some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When she had taken two or three boxes she began to feel the benefit, and with a little help could walk across the floor after being unable to walk for nine months. She continued to take the Pills, and gradually gained strength. Her leg has healed up beautifully. A few weeks ago she was bridesmaid for the sister who nursed her."

"Her recovery is due solely to the Pills?"

"Certainly! She has had no other medicine. I recommended a woman who I saw to get some for her daughter, who had been ill for years. She followed my advice, and says they have done her daughter a lot of good. I told the doctor so, and he said he was not going to run them down, as there was a great deal of strength in them."

The reporter spoke to several people, who confirmed in every particular the story told him by Mrs. Crossley, and he found Dr. Williams' Pink Pills praised amongst all classes, as a strengthing and tonic medicine, for men, women, or children. They are not like other medicine, nor can they be imitated, as is sometimes dishonestly pretended; take care that the package bears the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and in case of doubt send direct to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C., as the Pills can be had post-free at 2s 9d., or six boxes for 13s 9d. They have cured numerous cases of erysipelas, influenza, anæmia, palpitations, and the disorders which arise from impoverished blood, such as muscular weakness, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, pain in the back, nervous headache, early decay, all forms of female weakness, hysteria, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, and sciatica.

USEFUL HINTS FOR THE HOME.

[By an Old Correspondent.]

According to promise, I sit down to pen a few lines on the "Remedial value of foods." Space will not permit me going to any length, so I will briefly mention a few of the best known foods. Celery is a most valuable article for those suffering from any nervous diseases, or any form of rheumatism. It has been asserted, times without number, that the latter is impossible if celery be cooked and freely eaten. Certain physicians tells us that its therapeutic powers are prevented from becoming known through it being nearly always put on the table raw. A medical gentleman, who has several times tried the experiment, and with uniform success, states that celery ought to be cut in pieces and boiled in water until soft, and the water drunk by the patient, or the celery may be boiled in new milk, with a little flour and nutmeg and served warm with pieces of toast or potatoes, and the painful ailment will soon yield. This gentleman adds, also, that cold or damp never produces, but simply developes the disease, of which acid blood is the primary and sustaining cause, and that while the blood is alkaline there can be neither rheumatism nor gout. Peanuts are especially recommended for corpulent diabetes. They can be made into a wholesome and nutritious soup, or browned and used as coffee, as they may be eaten as a relish simply baked, or are prepared and served as salted almonds. I am glad to note that the tomato is becoming such a favourite among fruit eaters. This American annual which was known before its introduction into England as the "Lycopersicon," has been found to be a very powerful aperient for the liver, and a sovereign remedy for those who may be suffering from any derangement of the stomach. There has, however, been rumours afloat which threatened this luscious fruit. It is bruited that the tomato, predisposes its consumers to cancer; and this report carried additional weight with it owing to it being whispered that it proceeded from an eminent specialist connected with the cancer hospital in London. Why tomatoes should produce cancer more than any other fruit is not easily understood: but in regard to so mysterious a disorder anything might seem possible. I am glad to state for the sake of the popular tomato and those who love it as an ingredient in a sauce, or a materal for salad, or for medicinal purposes, that there is no truth whatever in the reports circulated. The medical staff of the cancer hospital (says a contemporary) emphatically deny that any such opinion as that mentioned has emanated from them. Onions are said to be one of the best medicines that has ever been known. They have been proved to be the most useful medicine in cases of nervous prostration, and I believe there is nothing else that will so quickly relieve and tone up a worn-out system. If they are eaten, say about every other day, they will soon have a clearing and whitening effect on the complexion. If those troubled with colds and coughing will take about one cup of sliced onions, and one and a half cupfuls, each, of treacle and vinegar, and let them simmer on the stove for about fortyfive minutes, or until the onions are soft, afterwards straining, they will find that they have got an excellent cough syrup. A teaspoonful should be taken very frequently when troubled with a cough, and unless very deep-seated, it will speedily be removed.—Parents who have children suffering from whooping cough, will alleniate them—considerably by using the herb thyme. The quickest and perhaps best way of making an infusion is by taking an ounce of fresh thyme to one pint of boiling water, which must stand to draw for about half-an-hour, then sweeten with a little sugar, and it will be ready for use. The dose is from one to two teaspoonfuls every hour or two, according to the age of the child and the severity of the attack. Figs from the earliest ages have been held in great repute. In a primitive condition of society they seemed to furnish the nations of the East with an article not of occasional luxury, but of daily and constant food. So highly were they esteemed by the Athenians that their exportation was prohibited under a very heavy penalty. Perhaps the best kind of figs, is that which grows in Attica (or which was known by its ancient inhabitants as Hellas), with Athens as its capital and with a population, including its port, at the present day of nearly one hundred thousand souls. In the Roman Territory, which is situated on the western coast of Italy, and with a population of about nine hundred thousand, figs are considered one of the best of fruits. So much were they esteemed by the Romans in ancient times, that they were carried after the wine in the processions in honour of Bacchus, and the old gentleman himself is supposed to have owed his corpulence and rigour to the fig. A bad fig year was regarded by the Jews as a most serious calamity. Figs when fresh and ripe, are soft and succulent, and are a digestible, wholesome, and delicious fruit, and should be used very frequently by those who are troubled with habitual constipation. It is very doubtful whether any fruit has been so much appreciated as the grape, by those who have been confined to the sick-room. The lovely grape, which is compared principally of mineral and carbonaceous substances, such as water, salts, and sugar, is a powerful remedy for quenching the thirst of the patient and very valuable for diluting thick blood, and sending the circulation to the surface, removing obstructions from the liver and lungs, and bringing the stomach to a healthy condition. This delicious fruit aids greatly in warding off scurvy, and should be eaten very freely during the season.—I am afraid that I have trespassed too much for one week, and will continue my notes in another issue.

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Wonders will never cease we are told; but it cannot be denied that Holloway's Pills are the greatest wonder of modern times. They correct bile, prevent flatulency, cleanse the liver, and purify the system, strengthen the stomach, increase the appetite, invigorate the nerves, promote health, and reinstate the weak to an ardour of feeling never before experienced. The sale of these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, convincing the most sceptical that there is no medicine equal to Holloway's Pills for removing the complaints incidental to the human race. They are indeed a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to those who suffer from disorders, internal or external. Thousands of persons have testified that by their use alone they have been restored to health, after other remedies had proved unsuccessful.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, July 9th.—Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, (presiding), Mr. William Logan, Dr. John Wilson, Mr. Jon. Green, and Rev. T. L. J. Warneford.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Two miners named John Charlton and Peter Kyle were charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Stanley, on the 26th ult.—Sergt. Wood attested to seeing the two defendants fighting in Front Street.—Defendants pleaded guilty.—Bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and defray the costs.

DRUNK WHILST IN CHARGE OF A PONY AND TRAP.

Edward Stephenson was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a pony and trap at Craghead, on June 27th.—P.C. Ferguson alleged that the defendant was drunk and incapable of taking charge of a pony and trap. He might also state the defendant used the pony shamefully. Witness had to hand over the pony and trap to a boy to take home.—The Bench considered this a bad case, and fined defendant 10/ and costs.

DAMAGE TO OATS.

John Boak and Robert Potter were proceeded against for doing wilful damage to oats, the property of Mr. Joseph Watson, farmer, at West Stanley, on the 21st ult.—P.C. Iceton stated that he saw the two defendants trespassing in a field of oats.—Mr. Watson valued the damage at 1d each.—Boak was fined 2/6, the damage, and costs, whilst Potter was let off with a fine of 1/-, the damage, and costs.

DAMAGING A WALL.

Thomas Richardson and William O'Brien were summoned for doing wilful damage to a wall abutting a bridge at Flass Hall, the property of Col. Leadbitter-Smith, J.P., on the 21st June.—P.C. Robinson (103) averred that he saw the two defendants pull down about 1½ yards of coping stone off the wall.—Mr. Leadbitter-Smith assessed the damage at 6d each. He stated the damage to this wall was extensive, and they were continually repairing it.—Defendants were each fined 5/-, the damage, and costs.

DAMAGING A BRIDGE.

Charles Clark was proceeded against for causing wilful damage to the bridge at Flass Hall, the property of Col. Leadbitter-Smith, J.P., on the 28th June.—P.C. Robinson deposed that he saw the defendant go on to the bridge, and commence to shake it, thus doing considerable damage to the spars.—Mr. Leadbitter-Smith valued the damage at 6d.—Fined 5/-, the damage, and costs.

John William Grant was accused for committing a similar offence at the bridge at Flass Hall, on the 28th inst.—P.C. Robinson said he saw the defendant on the bridge, and watched him shake it for fully ten minutes.—The damage was assessed at 6d.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5/-, the damage, and costs.

ASSAULT AT HOLMSIDE.

Mary Hunt was summoned for assaulting William and Mary Ann Wallace, at Holmside, on the 1st. July. Defendant did not appear.—William Wallace averred that defendant came into the house, and gave him the contents of a pail of water. When he endeavoured to put her outside, she took up a shovel, and dealt him a blow on the right arm.—A witness named Joseph Ridley spoke to seeing the assault committed.—The other complainant adduced that on this particular morning, between four and five o clock, the defendant struck her several times, and then threatened what she would do. Defendant then took up a kettle of boiling water and attempted to throw it over her.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs in each case.

WILFUL DAMAGE TO A WINDOW.

Jane Foster, little girl, was summoned for doing wilful damage to a window, the property of Elizabeth Fairless, married woman, at West Stanley, on the 28th ult.—Prosecutor adduced that the defendant threw a stone which broke two pains of glass in the window of her dwelling house. There was a disturbance going on amongst the neighbours.—The Chairman: Did the girl throw the stone intentionally or not?—Prosecutrix: What is the damage?—Prosecutrix: The damage is valued at 1/-.—The Chairman: What? Do you mean to say that two panes of glass cost 1/-.—Prosecutrix: The colliery officials charge 1/- for the two panes.—Defendant explained that the complaint was going to throw a stone at her mother, and she (defendant) threw one at complainant, and it accidentally went through the window.—The magistrates dismissed the case.

ASSAULTING AN OLD MAN.

Robert Hudson, youth, of Castle Dene, was charged for assaulting an old man named Anthony Hodgson, who follows the employment as a farm labourer, near to Little Greencroft, on the 6th inst.—Complainant, who appeared in court, wearing his hair at a considerable length, gave his evidence in a rather eccentric manner. He stated that he was sitting by the roadside near to Little Greencroft on this particular evening, when the defendant and other youths pelted him with stones and sods for a considerable distance. The Chairman knew all about the facts, and the defendant was a very bad lad.—A witness named Coulthard spoke to seeing the defendant throwing the stones and sods at the complainant. There were a number of other youths present.—The defendant pleaded not guilty.—The Chairman said the case was proved against the defendant. It was very wrong to assault the old man, and he would be fined 5/- and costs. He would ask the police to caution the other youths.

ASSAULT AT WEST STANLEY.

John Young, a powerful built man, was charged for assaulting Catherine Grundy, at West Stanley, on the 28th June. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant averred that she was going down the street when she met the defendant, who became abusive. After a few words, defendant doubled his fist and struck her two or three times.—By the defendant: She did not "square" herself up to him just like a man. (Laughter.) Her father did not come on the scene, and pull her away.—A witness alleged that he saw the defendant strike the complaint in the face.—Defendant stated that it was complaint's mother that commenced the row by calling his child a b—— bastard. After arguing for a time complainant "squared" herself up to him, and she was in the act of striking him, when he merely pushed her to one side.—Samuel Wilson gave corroborative testimony.—The Chairman said the magistrates did not believe that the complainant would "square" herself up to a man like defendant. He (defendant) was guilty of a cowardly assault, and he would be fined 2/6 and costs.

BREACH OF THE MINES ACT.

Thomas Wilson, miner, was summoned for a breach of special rule 108 of the Mines Regulation Act at South Tanfield Colliery, belonging to Messrs James Joicey and Company, on the 15th ult.—Mr. W. H. Oliver (Durham) who prosecuted, stated that defendant was proceeded against for a breach of this special rule by having his lamp fixed within two feet of the swing of his pick, whilst following his employment at this colliery. When the defendant was at work, the deputy heard a noise, and surmising something had gone wrong, he went into the defendant's working place and found the defendant had had his safety lamp projecting from a prop, which he had knocked down. Fortunately the light went out, and there was no explosion.—Thomas Thorn, deputy, stated that when near the defendant's working place, he heard the pick strike something. Surmising that it was the lamp, he went into the place, and found the lamp was out. The lamp had been hanging close to the face, and was within the two feet limit, and ti was a very gassy colliery.—Defendant stated it was an accident.—The Bench imposed a fine of 7/6 and costs, and advised defendant to be more careful in the future.

A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER.

Thomas Fenton, aged 11 years, was brought up on remand on a charge of stealing £1 10s, the property of Mr. William Aynsley, grocer, and provision merchant, Front Street, West Stanley, on Friday night, June 26th. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett and Stanley) defended, and pleaded guilty.—William Aynsley, jun., deposed that he was a grocer, and manager of a shop in Front Street, Stanley for his father. He remembered Friday afternoon, 26th June, about 4.40 p.m., he was at the back of the shop. When he came back into the shop, he saw the prisoner hiding in the office. Defendant replied "That is all I have got," and gave him half-a-sovereign. Witness then searched him, and one sovereign dropped from his clothes on to the flour. After examining the till he found £1 10s had been taken.—The money belonged to his father, Mr. William Aynsley, of Consett.—Mr. Welford: You caught the boy before he got out of the shop.—Prosecutor: Yes.—P.C. Iceton deposed that from information he received he apprehended the prisoner on Saturday night, June 27th. He charged him with stealing £1 10s in gold from Mr. Aynsley's shop at Stanley on the previous night. Defendant replied: "I know nothing about it. I was never in the shop. Witness then took the boy to the manager of the shop (Mr. W. Aynsley jun.) who said "That is the boy who took the money." On the road to the Police Station defendant said: "I only got half-a-sovereign and a sovereign, and he got it back."—By Mr. Welford: The boy's father was a respectable man, and there was nothing known against him.—Mr. Welford said he had to plead guilty to this offence. They were very sorry for what the boy had done, and he could only plead with the Bench for leniency. It was unfortunate that the boy had yielded to this temptation. He entered the shop and got the money. The boy was captured by Mr. Aynsley, and a portion of the money taken from him before he left the premises. The father was a respectable man, and he would ask the Bench to order the defendant to be berched, and not inflict a fine.—The Chairman, after consulting with colleagues, said the magistrates were inclined to be lenient with the defendant, on account of his youth. They would order him to receive six strokes with the birch rod.

ADULTERATION OF MILK IN THE LINTZ GREEN DISTRICT.

William Fenwick, farmer, Syke Lane, near Burnopfield, was summoned for selling in the parish of Tanfield a pint of milk, on June 12th, which was found to be adulterated with added water.—Mr. Laidlaw, Inspector of the Food and Drugs Act, Chester-le-Street, explained that the prosecution was taken under section six of the Food and Drugs Act.—John William Wilson, Assistant Inspector, stated that on the 12th June, he was instructed by Mr. Laidlaw to proceed to the farm belonging to the defendant, and obtain a pint of milk. He was served with the milk by the defendant's wife, and paid 2d for it. He then informed Mrs. Fenwick what the milk was for, and accordingly divided it into three parts, and sealed the bottles. He left one at the house, and handed the other to Mr. Laidlaw, who then appeared on the scene. The next day he took one of the samples to Darlington, and handed it over to Mr. Stock, the analyst for the county. He might state that the defendant complained of the cows having been in the byre that day.—Mr. Laidlaw deposed that the last witness carried out his instructions. On the 23rd June he received the certificate (produced) which showed that the milk had been adulterated with added water to the extent of 11 per cent.—Defendant stated he was not guilty of adding water to the milk.—Mr. Laidlaw said if the defendant disputed the analyst's certificate he was prepared to offer him a challenge to have a sample of the milk taken direct from the cows.—Defendant: The cows that day had only been fed on straw and water. We do not give them hay when they are out feeding on the grass.—Mr. Laidlaw: I am prepared to offer the challenge if the defendant will again feed the cows on straw and water.—Defendant: I have nothing more to say.—The Chairman: Will you take up the challenge.—Defendant: Any way you like?—Mr. Laidlaw: It is for you to decide not me.—Defendant: I dare bet you there was no added water.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5/- and costs.

Another farmer named Forster Hall, of Toftgate Farm, The Leazes, Burnopfield, was summoned for selling a pint of milk which was found to be adulterated with added water. Inspector Laidlaw prosecuted, whilst Mr. Parry (Gateshead) defended. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Mr. Laidlaw said this case was similar to the last one.—John Wilson, assistant inspector, stated that on the 12th June he was instructed by Mr. Laidlaw to take a sample of milk at the defendant's farm. He was supplied with a pint of new milk by the wife of defendant, and paid 1½d for it. He told Mrs. Hall that he had purchased the milk for the purpose of having it analysed. He then divided it into three parts. He handed one of the samples to Mrs. Hall, and gave the other two samples to Mr. Laidlaw, who came to the door. The next day he took one of the samples to Darlington, and left it with Mr. Stock, the county analyst.—By Mr. Laidlaw: It was new milk he asked for.—Mr. Laidlaw said he sent the assistant to the farm for a pint of new milk. The milk was divided into three parts, and one sample left with the defendant's wife. On the 20th June he received the certificate (produced) showing that the milk had been adulterated with added water to the extent of 14 per cent.—Mr. Parry, for the defence, said it was a mystery to his client how the water had got into the milk. Defendant was a respectable man, and had occupied the present farm for seven years. In fact his own father was the tenant before him. He could say conscientiously that no water was added to the milk. It could not be explained how the water got there; but it was there according to the certificate. Mr. Hall had only instructed him since he was served with the summons, and therefore they had not had the opportunity of having the other sample analysed.—Defendant stated that he had occupied the present farm for seven years. It was the first time that he had been in the court. He remembered the 12th June. Mrs. Hall told him that the Inspector had been at the house and got a pint of milk. He could not explain how the water had got into the milk. He carried on a large milk business, and had received no complaints about the quality of the milk. It had always been his endeavour to get the best milk possible.—By Mr. Laidlaw: Sergeant Thornton had got the milk from him, and his father for 16 years, and did not know whether he ever analysed it or not.—In answer to Mr. Parry, defendant said he would accept the challenge thrown out by Mr. Laidlaw in the last case.—Mr. Laidlaw: I am not prepared to offer it to you. If Mr. Hall doubts the analyst's certificate, I would suggest that the sample be sent to Somerset House.—Mr. Wilson: The more water there is in the milk, the sooner the butter will come to the top.—Defendant: There was no water added to the milk.—Mrs. Hall deposed that she assisted to milk the cows on this particular day. When the Inspector called she gave him the pint of new milk. There was never any water added to the milk.—The Chairman: I find the analysis is taken on the lowest standard.—Mr. Laidlaw: That is so.—In answer to Mr. Laidlaw, witness said she looked after the dairy. The boy took the milk to the customers.—Jane Benneson, servant, said she was present when the Inspector was supplied with the pint of milk. There was no water added, and they were not guilty of the practice.—Mr. Laidlaw: Did you ever put any milk into the water?—Witness: No. (Laughter).—The boy Swinburne also adduced similar testimony.—Mr. Laidlaw said if the Bench had any doubt, he would ask for the sample to be sent to Somerset House.—Mr. Parry: You cannot do it. The sample has stood too long.—The Chairman: Do you press for the sample to be sent.—Mr. Laidlaw: If you believe the evidence, and I have no reason to dispute it, I would ask you to send the sample to Somerset House.—Mr. Parry: You cannot send a sample six weeks' old. I would not object to a fresh sample being taken.—The Chairman: The Bench are inclined to convict, and the defendant will be fined 10/- and costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. W. Logan (presiding), and the Rev. T. L. J. Warneford.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Samuel Cordingly was also charged with refusing to quit the Queen's Head Hotel, Lanchester, on the 5th June.—Mr. Joseph Towns prosecuted.—Defendant was fined 10/- and costs.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following were convicted for this offence: —John A. Murray, Stanley, 2/6 and costs; Robert Hall, Stanley, 5/-; George Egglestone, Stanley, 5/-; Napier Robinson, Stanley, 5/-; Joseph Armstrong, South Moor, 2/6; George Carter, Craghead, 2/6; and Robert Taylor, Burnhope, 2/6.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

The following were proceeded against for this offence:—Matthew Tinion, Burnhope, 2/6; John Eldon, Annfield Plain, 2/6; James Ross, Catchgate, 5/-; Richard Marsh, Esh, 2/6; Robert Forster, Quebec, 2/6; John McGowan, Shield Row, 2/6; James McCabe, Shield Row, 2/6; John Laville, Shield Row, 10/-; William Foreman, Shield Row, 5/-; Mary McCall, Craghead, 2/6; Ralph Hutchinson, Craghead, 2/6; John Henderson, Craghead, 10/-; Robert Allison, Stanley 10/-; George Murphy, South Moor, 5/-; Samuel Herdman, South Moor, 5/-; Matthew Gillagan, South Moor, 10/-; James Halsey, South Moor, 5/-; William Storey, Stanley, 2/6; Patrick Leary, Lanchester, 10/-; Moses Leary, Lanchester, 10/-; and Samuel Cordingley, Lanchester, 2/6.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY,— July 13th.—Before Messrs James Annandale, J. W. Walton-Wilson, Jno. T. Potts, and J. W. Davison.

WILFUL DAMAGE TO GRASS.

Alfred Brown, youth, was charged with doing damage to grass in a field at Delves Lane, the property of James Conway, Consett, on the 2nd inst. The damage was assessed at 1d.—Mrs. Brown alleged that her boy only went into the field to seek a ball.—Fined 1/-, the damage and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Seven youths named John Hawkins, Owen and Martin Gilroy, Thomas Lodge James Thorpe, James Morris, and Albert Taylor, were all charged with playing pitch and toss at at Blackhill, on Saturday afternoon, July 4th.—P.C. Wall and P.C. Lawson both spoke to seeing the defendants gambling in a back street at Blackhill. The saw money change hands repeatedly, and they got within ten yards of the school, before the men discovered them.—Defendants were each fined 1/- and costs.

SATURDAY'S TIPLERS.

Robert Orr was charged by P.C. Maplethorpe for being drunk and disorderly at Consett on Saturday night.—Fned 2/6 and costs.—Richard McGuinness was proceeded against by P.C. Lawson for being drunk and creating a disturbance at Blackhill on Saturday night.—The officer alleged that he put the defendant into the house, but he came into the street again, and he was compelled to look him up.—Fined 5/- and costs.—Ivor Roberts was fined 2/6 and costs for being drunk and causing an uproar in Middle Street, Consett, shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday night.—P.C. Wardell said defendant wanted to fight a man named Collins.

A LEADGATE WOMAN'S AMUSEMENT.

Esther Frazer, a Leadgate woman, was charged with using abusive language towards Jane Noble, another resident of Leadgate. The complainant stated that on June 19th the defendant used some very bad language towards her and detailed the various expressions used.—Mrs. Foster, of Leadgate, said she was present at the time and had heard the defendant use very bad language towards the prosecutrix.—Mrs. Hedley said that she had been in Mrs. Noble's house when the defendant came in and offered to settle the case. This they refused to do, the defendant admitting the offence. The defendant denied the offence, when asked by the Magistrates and called Mrs. Jane Haggan on her behalf, but this witness said she had heard none of the words used in the affair. The Bench inflicted a fine of 5/- and costs.

A BURNOPFIELD ATTENDANCE CASE.

Seymour Meddick, attendance officer, supported a summons against Geo. Minto, on account of the non-attendance of his child Elizabeth. The officer stated that on Wednesday last the defendants child had been absent from school, and he found the child going about the house carrying water for her mother. The girl was 13 years of age and had only reached Standard three. She was a very irregular attender and had been allowed to run about. Prior to the issue of the summons she had not been to school for five weeks. He had served six notices upon Minto. The defendants wife appeared in answer to the charge. She said that the child had not been able to go to school, regularly, for the last four years. The girl was not able to do any work and the doctor had said she had better not go to school. She produced a medical certificate of recent date, in support of her statement.

The Bench: Has she ever told you the child was ill.

The Officer: Yes, but a peculiarity of the illness is that though she can not walk to school she can run about the house.

The Bench told the officer that he must only give evidenc and make inquiries as to the child's fitness on the day in question. The certificate had been produced and in view of the approaching holidays they would adjourn the case for two months. They must try and get the child to attend more regularly in future.

THREATENING A WOMAN AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Stephen Parker, miner, of White-le-Head, pleaded not guilty to a charge of threatening a married woman named Elizabeth Farray, at White-le-Head, on the 5th July.—Complainant attested that on this particular night, she was sitting in the kitchen of her own house rocking the cradle, and reading the newspaped, when the defendant came to the door, and threatened to fell her with a boot. She never spoke to the defendant, and he went away. Presently he returned again, and used threatening language towards her.—By the Chairman: The defendant was drunk.—In answer to the defendant, complainant said: Parker was drunk. She was afraid of him, and when defendand was in liquor he would think little of levelling her to the ground.—Defendant explained that when he went home on this night his mother informed him there had been some difference against the children. The complainant's husband was always nterfering with a child that he brought out of the Workhouse to bring up. He was vexed at the time and only said that he would mark the monkey; but neved used any threatening language towards the complainant.—Defendant's father gave similar testimony.—Defendant was bound over on the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and pay the costs.

THE POLICE DID THEIR DUTY.

George Makepeace, an old man, was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart in Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday night, June 27th. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Wardell averred that shortly before 11 o'clock he came across the defendant, who was very drunk in charge of a horse and cart. Previous to this he heard about the defendant falling off the cart against the pony's feet. Witness was going to take charge of the horse and cart, when Mr. Hand, butcher, promised to see the defendant home.—P.C. Maplethorpe corroborated and stated the defendant was very drunk. The defendant was standing on the road opposite to Mr. Hand's stall, and he informed defendant that he would have to take charge of him, when Mr. Hand stepped forward and said he would see the defendant home.—Defendant stated he was innocent of the charge. He generally sat on the far side of the cart head, because it suited him better. When he got to Mr. Hand's stall he was in the act of stepping from one shaft to the other when he slipped with the result that he fell down. When he gathered himself up, he found the two officers had hold of the horse's head.—Mr. Hand stated that on this particular night the defendant called at his shop to see what time he wanted the van brought along home. He told him, and when he got along Middle Street, he found the two officers had hold of the defendant. There was a large crowd, and he ordered the people away. The defendant was 74 years of age, and in his opinion defendant was not intoxicated. It was smply an accident, and he considered it a most frivolous case. After the police went away the defendant took the van home, unloosed the horse, and took it to the field.—Mr. Nicholson: A man 74 years old, in stepping down off the cart might simply stumble. As a rule inebriete men were generally indebted to the police for taking care of them, whilst in charge of horses and carts.—Mr. Hand: Yes, I know; but it is no advantage to me to come here to tell you anything else than the facts.—The Chairman stated the Bench had decided to dismiss the case; but at the same time they wish to state they consider the police did theid duty.

ALL ABOUT A CLOTHES LINE.

Rebecca Rowell, married woman, was summoned for using threatening language towards Mary Lipton, married woman, at Blackhill, on the 1st inst.—Complainant averred that she was hanging a clothes line out in the yard when the defendant interfered with her, and told her that she had no right to put the cloths line out in the yard. Defendant declared she would cut it down. Complainant told her to do so. Defendant came with a knife and cut the line down, and then declared she would put the knife through her. Defendant had the knife close beside her when she made the threat, and she was afraid of defendant.—Cross-examined by Mr. J. L. Leadbitter, who defended; She was a tenant in the same yard. There was no pantry that divided the houses. She asked Mr. Armstrong, the landlord, if she had as much right to the yard as Mr. Powell, and he replied "Yes, the yard was for the three tenants." She did not cut Mrs. Powell's line down. The defendant caused the mischief.—Sarah Hall deposed to hearing the defendant threaten to put the knife through the complainant. She was standing at the top of the yard when the row started.—By Mr. Leadbitter: She was standing in such a position so as to see the defendant cut the line down. Mrs. Powell cut her own clothes line down. She was in such a excited state, that she did not know what she was doing.—Eliza McDonald attested that she saw the defendant sharpen the knife, and cut the two lines down. The defendant then threatened to put the knife through the b——.—Mr. Leadbitter contended there was no evitence to convict. The complainant had no right in the yard, and consequently was trespassing. No threats were used. Defendant stated that on this particular day there was a little disturbance; but she never threatened the complainant. She was washing, and hanging her clothes line out, when the complainant came and hung her line out. After a few words complainant threatened her with a pail, and then cut her clothes line down.—Defendant was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and pay the costs.

A BAD CASE FROM BLACKHILL.

Wm. Lilly and Jas. Adams, hawkers, of Gateshead, who did not appear, were proceeded against for cruelty to a horse, by working it whilst in an unfit condition.

Inspector Kennedy said that on the 18th of June he was on duty in Derwent Street Blackhill and he saw the defendant Adams in charge of a horse and flat cart which was full of old lime and rags and bones. The mare was in a very poor condition and was incessantly lame on both fore and hind legs. It was also suffering from contracted feet and the hind leg had a suppurating wound; the muscles were relaxed and the leg was in a very bad state. The anmal was totally unfit for any work. The horse belonged to a Gateshead man who was lodging at Graham's. A man named Monaghan was the owner of the horse and he saw him, but when taxed with letting the horse out, he denied that he had done so. He saw Lilly for whom Adams was working when apprehended and who was really the senior partner in the rag and bone business. Monaghan took to him and when there, Lilly confessed to having taken the horse out without the owner's consent. The mare was about 15½ hands high and was a fairly well bred animal. Monaghan told him that he had bought it for 15/- to kill, and had never intended to work it.

Sergeant Tones said that on the 18th of last month, he was in company with Inspector Kennedy in Derwent Street about 5 o'clock. They saw Adams driving an old bay mare attached to a rag and bone cart. The mare was covered with sores and only fit for the "knacker's" yard.

The Magistrates after deliberation, said that this was a very different case to the former one, Lilly as being the chief offender would be fined 40/- and costs and Adams 20/- and costs, the alternative in each case being one month's hard labour.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES AT THE LINTZ.

Catherine Watson applied for a separation from her husband, Lawson Watson, a miner of Spen Colliery, under the Married Women's Summary Jurisdiction Act.—P.C. Pemberton proved the service of the summons on the husband, who did not appear.—The Defendant said that on the third of July she was washing the children and putting them to bed, when she spoke to her husband about his going drinking with another woman. He became enraged and jumped out of bed, and hit her a blow on the back of the head with a chair. She ran into a next door neighbour's house and she went and complained to the policeman, who told her to cease living with him. She went to the next door neighbour's and stayed till the following Monday, when she went in to clean the house, her husband being then in prison. He very often went to Newcastle and never leaving any food or any money in the house. She had two children, and he would be making about £2 10s a fortnight.

An old man, named Richards, who was very deaf, stated that the complainant had taken refuge in his house on several occasions, when illtreated by her husband.—When asked by the Bench as to what condition the woman was in when she came into his house, the witness caused much amusement by loudly affirming "She was quite sober, and I have never seen her the worse for drink." On the question being explained to him he said she was much distressed. On one occasion her husband had followed her towards his (witness's) house, with the intention of assaulting her.

The magistrates made an order for 12/- a week and the custody of the children.

THE ALLEGED THEFT AT BLACKHILL.

Six defendants, all boys, entered the box in answer to the charge of stealing a number of antimacassors towels, dresses, shirts, etc., the property of Mr. Dawson Robson, of Blackhill.—The defendants were Hy. Knight, Geo. Knight, Jno. Moss, Sidney Barron, A. W. Nicholson, Wm. S. Jacques, and Thos. Johnson, all of whom resided at Blackhill.—Mr. Welford appeared on behalf of the boys Jacques, Johnson, Nicholson, and Barron.—Sergeant Tone said the prosecutor had promised to be at the court at noon, but he had not yet appeared.—Witness then related the circumstances of the case. On account of information received on the 6th of July, he visited the houses numbers 63, and 64, Durham Road, Blackhill. He found the coal-house door of No. 64 open, and the wash house door also open. The outer door which connected the building with No 64 was fast. He then visited the houses of the defendants in turn. In most cases the clothes were lying about and were readily given up.—Mr. Welford said Mr. Shell had lived in the house up to recently and on the date in question, the house was in the tenancy of Mr. Shell. The wash-house from which the articles had been taken, was really belonging to Mr. Shell at that date.—In answer to Mr. Welford the Sergeant said that Mr. Shell had written to him telling him that his wife had authorised the boys to go into the washhouse and bring her a fender which had been left there, and in return they could have anything that was lying about.—Mr. Welford asked that the case should be dismissed, and as the prosecutor had not put in an appearance the Bench dismissed the case.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny (presiding), and Mr. George Nicholson.

POWER GOT DRUNK.

John Power, was next charged for having been drunk and disorderly conduct at Burnopfield, on the 5th inst. P.C. Hudson proved the case.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

HE HAD TO BE TAKEN HOME.

Peter Darowen, miner, was charged with being drunk at Crookgate, near Burnopfield, on the 22nd ult.—P.C. Hudson stated that the defendant was very drunk, and he had to take him home.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

HE WAS GUILTY.

Richard Dawson, miner, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness preferred against by P.C. Curtis, at Dipton, on the 26th ult.—The officer spoke to seeing the defendant drunk, and the Bench imposed a fine of 2/6 and costs.

HE USED A BAD TONGUE.

William Hewitson was summoned for being drunk at Leadgate, on the 5th inst.—P.C. Crabb attested that on this particular night the defendant was intoxicated, and used a very bad tongue.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 2/6 and costs.

HE GOT TOO MUCH LIQUOR.

Robert Richardson, who was represented by his wife, was next charged with being drunk in Church Street, Consett, in company with last defendant.—P.C. Wardell proved the case.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

HE CREATED A DISTURBANCE.

Joseph McNamee was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the 4th inst.—P.C. Carruthers attested to seeing the defendant drunk and creating a disturbance by interfering with an old man. There was a large crowd.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs.

HE USED VERY BAD LANGUAGE.

Thomas Lowes, miner, who did not appear, was proceeded against by P.C. Curtis for being drunk and creating a disturbance at Dipton, on July 3rd.—P.C. Curtis attested to the defendant being drunk and using very bad language.—Fined 5/- and costs.

A TWO HOURS' ROW.

John Rickle, labourer, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on the 27th ult.—P.C. Wall deposed to seeing the defendant drunk in Bottle Bank, at midnight. The defendant caused a row which lasted for two hours.—Fined 5/- and costs.

HE CAUSED AN UPROAR.

Edward Murray, miner, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Burnopfield, on the 22nd June.—P.C. Hudson alleged to seeing the defendant drunk at the Leazes, and causing an uproar by shouting and swearing. The defendant had been at the court many times for this offence.— Fined 2/6 and costs.

JULIA TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

Julia Bell, married woman, was next charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance in William Street, Consett, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Wardell said defendant was drunk, and blackguarded everyone that went up the street.—The Chairman: The defendant was at the court last fortnight. She will be fined 2/6 and costs.

THIS WAS HIS FIRST OFFENCE.

William Atkinson was proceeded against by P.C. Maplethorpe with being drunk at Consett, on the 27th ult.—The officer alleged that he found the defendant in a drunken condition.—The Chairman. Have you been here before?—Defendant: No; this is my first offence.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

A HARD WORKING MASON.

Duncan Forbes, mason, was accused by P.C. Wardell for having been drunk at Consett, on the 4th inst.—The officer averred that shortly after seven o'clock in the evening, he found the defendant in company with another mason, named Robert Richardson, drunk in Church Street.—Supt. Benzies explained that defendant was a hard working mason.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

A VERY GOOD RECORD.

Hugh Riley was next charged by P.C. Wall for being drunk and causing a disturbance in Derwent Street, Blackhill, on the 28th ult.—The officer proved the case, and stated the defendant had been convicted four times in seven months for similar offences.—Defendant had nothing to say, and was fined 5/- and costs.

GONE FOR TRAINING.

Robert Harris, labourer, was accused for having been intoxicated and creating a disturbance in Middle Street, Blackhill, on the 5th July.—P.C. Wall stated the facts of the case.—Mrs. Harris explained that her son was a member of the Militia, and had gone up for his usual training.—The Bench ordered a fine of 2/6 and costs to be paid when defendant returned home.

THE RESULT OF DRINKING.

Joseph Britton, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and creating a disturbance in Middle Street, Blackhill, on the 5th inst.—P.C. Wall said the defendant was drunk and caused an uproar. The defendant and others generally got a lot of drink supplied to them before closing time, and after it was consumed, there was a fight.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

HE ASKED FOR TIME.

Robert Storey, miner, was proceeded against for having been drunk at Dipton on the 27th ult. Defendant pleaded guilty.—P.C. Curtis adduced to seeing the defendant intoxicated in the streets.—The Chairman: Have you been here before.—Defendant: Never.—Fined 2/6 and costs.—Defendant asked the Bench to allow him time to pay the fine.—The Chairman: Are you a householder?—Defendant: No; but I will pay the fine in twelve days.—The magistrates granted the application.

CONVICTED SEVERAL TIMES.

Edward Wilkinson, labourer, was summoned for being drunk at Consett, on the 27th June.—P.C. Mapletborpe stated he found the defendant drunk in Raglan Street.—Defendant was represented by his wife, who pleaded guilty.—Supt. Benzies: Defendand is and old offender, being convicted several times for this offence.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs.

PUT OUT OF THE HOUSE.

William O'Hanlon was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the 28th inst.—P.C. Wardell adduced that about one o'clock in the morning, from a complaint he received, he had to eject defendant out of the house through his disorderly conduct.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 2/6 and costs.

SHE SHOULD SIGN THE PLEDGE.

Elizabeth Doran, married woman, who appeared at the table with two little children by her side, was charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance in William Street, Consett, on the 27th ult.—P.C. Wardell said defendant was drunk, and made use of some disgraceful language.—The Chairman, said it appeared defendant was often at the Court, and had been married something like 10 years. She would be fined 2/6 and costs.

THE RESULT OF A SPREE.

Patrick Smith, labourer, was proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on the 23rd ult.—P.C. Wall stated to finding the defendant drunk and creating an uproar in Derwent Street. This was the result of a three weeks' spree.—In answer to the Chairman, the officer explained the defendant had been fined once for drunkenness.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 2/6 and costs.

RECENTLY MARRIED.

Peter Grant, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on the 27th ult.—P.C. Lawson adduced that whilst on duty in Park Road, he came across the defendant who was drunk, and wanting to fight.—The Chairman: You are an old offender, always at the court.—Supt. Benzies: That is so.—The Chairman: It is true that you have got married recently.—Defendant: Yes.—The Chairman: We will let you off this time with a fine of 5/- and costs.

A BAD CHARACTER.

Patrick Farrell was next charged with being drunk and disorderly conduct at Consett on the 27th ult.—P.C. Maplethorpe averred that the defendant was intoxicated, and creating a disturbance in Havelock Street.—Supt. Benzies: The defendant is a very bad character.—Fined 5/- and costs.—Defendant, who was represented by his landlady, with a child in her arms, asked the Bench for time, but the Chairman stated that if the money was not forthcoming at once, defendant would be sent to gaol for seven days.

LEADGATE TIPLERS.

Edward Hanlon was accused for being drunk and creating a disturbance in Plantation Street, Leadgate, on the 27th June.—P.C. Crabb proved the case.—Fined 2/6 and costs.—John Brown, miner, was proceeded against for committing a similar offence at Leadgate, on the 4th inst.—Sergt. Nicholson stated the facts of the case.—The Chairman: Do you know anything about him?—Sergt.: Nothing more than he was convicted at Lanchester last fortnight for being drunk.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

HE ANNOYED THE DANCE.

Mrs. McQuade appeared before the magistrates, and explained that she desired the charge against her son Edward to be adjourned, as he had gone up to the Militia for training before the summons was served.—Supt. Benzies: Your son is charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the 29th ult. Do you say whether he is guilty or not.—Mrs. McQuade: I say he is not guilty, and I want the case adjourned for three weeks, so that my son can answer the charge. The summons was served after my son had gone.—Supt. Benzies: We will hear the evidence.—Sergt. Dryden alleged that on this particular night he found the defendant drunk in Victoria Street. There was a dance going on, and defendant was causing the party considerable annoyance.—Mrs. McQuade: It was not defendant that was causing the disturbance. It was two boys. Three or four witnesses can be brought to prove that he was not drunk.—The officer: Were you at the dance.—Mrs McQuade: I was present, and saw what took place.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2/6 and costs.

HE WAS NOT GUILTY.

John Turner, miner, of Blackhall Mill, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on the 4th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Wall adduced that whilst on duty in Derwent Street, he came across the defendant who was drunk, and created an uproar by shouting and swearing. Witness got hold of defendant, and asked him what he was making all the noise about. Defendant said: "I am only shouting for those b—— mates down the street." Witness accordingly took his name and address.—By the defendant: It was perfectly true that he gave his name and address, and the name of the policeman that was stationed at the village he belonged.—P.C. Dryden corroborated the officer's statement.—Defendant stated he had some business at Consett. He called to see a sister in Medomsley Road, and after this came to Blackhill, where he made another call and received a parcel. He was in the company of Councillor Storey and another man named Murphy who went on before him when he made the call. After he came out of the house he shouted to see where his mates were, and before he knew wat had occurred the police had hold of him. All the drink he had was two bottles of beer at the Rose and Crown Hotel.—The Chairman said they could not go past the evidence of the two policeman, and defendant would be fined 1/- and costs.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADESMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THE PRICE OF GAS.

A meeting of this Association was held on Thursday night of last week in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett. Coun. R. C. Foster presided, and amongst those present were: —Messrs E. Lockey, Gibson, H. Nicholson, H. Davison, R. Hand, C. Lumley, J. Dowson, Jas. Kelly, G. Cooper, G. Pattrick, T. Crick, G. Harrison, J. O'Connor, John Murray, and Jos. English (joint secretaries.)

The Chairman after having apologised for his late arrival, referred to the business on the agenda, and thought they should try to prevail upon the Gas Company to reduce the price of gas. (Applause.) The Chairman then alluded to the satisfactory fact that tradesmen in Leadgate, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge had joined the Association, and gave them a hearty welcome. The interests of tradesmen were common to all, and he thought if they only united for their own interests, and tried and realised what could be done, they might do a considerable amount of good. (Aplause.)

THE PRICE OF GAS.

The Chairman said the price of gas was certainly too high. The question was—could anything practicable be done in the matter?

Mr. Kelly asked if the Chairman did not promise at the last meeting to bring forword some facts and figures?

The Chairman explained that something had happened which prevented him from doing this. The contracts with the Gas Company were now being let, and the Gas Committee of the Council were endeavouring to re-model the contracts.

Mr. Pattrick said he looked upon the Tradesmen's Association as a sort of second chamber, with the Council as a first chamber. He had seen the report of the Council meeting lately, and thought they had been rather diffident about pushing the gas question forward. He thought all questions affecting the interests of the town ought to be brought before their Association, and then submitted to the Council. He did not intend to go largely into the gas question. He thought the Gas Company could supply gas at less than 3/4 per 1,000 and still have a good profit. (Applause.) They were well situated as regards coal, and he thought they would get their coal at quite half —if not less—than the price paid by the London Gas Companies. The Company said they had not a sufficient gas consumption to allow of lower prices. There were a lot of people who had gas laid on to their premises, but did not use it because it was 3/4 per 1000. At the recent cookery lectures it was shown that they could cook a dinner for 1½d. If the Gas Company lowered the price of gas no doubt many people would go in for stoves, which were a great boon in the summer. Gas was first introduced in 1792. In 1815 there were in London 4,000 argand burners and 26 miles of mains laid. In 1885 the number of feet of gas consumed was 56,903,060,785; tons of coal, 5,595,371; miles of main, 12,806; number of consumers, 1,115,223; and public lamps, 250,404. This did not include small undertakings. Although prices had been lowered all over the country, theirs had not been reduced. One ton of coal produced ten or eleven thousand feet of gas, equal to about 32,000 candle power. Then there would be 60 per cent, of coke, or eleven cwt. per ton, ten or eleven gallons of tar, and 13 gallons of gas liquor. There was also sulphide of ammonia, which was advertised at £8 15s per ton, and he would certainly advise ten farmers to go in for sulphide of ammonia. Ten thousand feet of gas meant £1 13s 4d; coke, 3/8; tar, 2/6; gas liquor, 6d—making a total of £2 for one ton of coal, which he thought would enable the company to lower their prices and still pay a good dividend. (Applause.) There was a lot of talk about the electric light, but he for one did not believe in it, although if the Gas Company refused to lower the price they might do this. He saw the matter was brought forward at the Council meeting by Coun. Dunne, and he was glad that gentleman had the pluck to bring it forward. Another member said they had written the Gas Company several times on the matter, but had received no satisfactory reply. He thought when the Gas Company saw the opinion of that representative meeting there would be something done. (Applause.)

Mr. Kelly said some ten years since the Gas Company allowed ten per cent. reduction to consumers. The price then was 3/4 per thousand, and probably not half as much was consumed then as now. They were still paying 3/4, and got no reduction, although they were using a great deal more gas. He thought this was a question for the Gas Company to explain. They complained that the reason of the high price of gas was the poor consumption, and yet they allowed ten per cent. off when the consumption was nothing like what it was now.

The Chairman said the price of gas had been the same for sixteen years. He remembered that there was a substantial discount allowed at one time, but he believed it was only allowed once.

Mr. Dowson thought it was allowed for some years.

Mr. Kelly siad in many towns consumers were allowed 5, 7½, and 10 per cent.

Mr. Davison thought this discount was only allowed after so many feet had been consumed.

Mr. Kelly remarked that it seemed peculiar that with a larger consumption the price of gas was actually higher.

Mr. Dowson suggested that they try to get all the Councils in the district to co-operate with them on this matter. Let the secretary write each Council, and perhaps the latter would appoint some member to act on the deputation to the Gas Company. The ten per cent. dividend seemed sacred. (Laughter and applause.)

The Chairman pointed out that they represented as the Tradesmen's Association the places supplied by the Gas Company. Would it not be well to pass a resolution, and then write each Council on the subject, so as to strengthen their hands?

Mr. Dowson moved—"That this meeting thinks the time has now arrived when the Gas Company should be approached with a view to having the price of gas reduced, and that the District Councils of Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate be asked to appoint a deputation to co-operate with the Association in attaining such an object."

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE TRADESMEN'S TRIP.

A proposed trip for the tradesmen was the next item on the agenda, and Mr. Lumley, speaking in support of the same, stated that this matter had been talked about for many years. He generally met several friends going in by train to Newcastle on Wednesdays, and the subject had very often been discussed. He would certainly advocate that they have a trip. (Applause.) Everyone had a trip except the tradesmen. It had been suggested to have it on Bank Holiday in August, but he thought that was not a good day. A Wednesday, would be much better in every sense. (Hear, hear.) He thought they would get better terms from the Railway Company on a Wednesday than on Bank Holiday, as the latter was a general holiday, and the Company's officials had as much as they could manage on this day. He would suggest that the trip take place on the first Wednesday in August, and that they go to Rothbury. If they could secure permission from Lord Armstrong to have a look through his grounds, he (Mr. Lumley) had no doubt but that the trip would be a great success. (Applause.) He thought the trip would not cost more than 2/6 or 3/-. He proposed that they have a trip on the first Wednesday in August.

Mr. Dowson seconded.

Mr. Pattrick asked whether, supposing several tradesmen did not agree to the trip, would it be carried out?

The Chairman said the matter appeared on the agenda, and they were discussing it in a legitimate manner.

Mr. English did not think there would be much opposition.

Mr. Kelly asked what they would do if three or five or seven tradesmen refused to join in and kept their shops open?

The Chairman thought in these circumstances that they could hardly ask those others who wanted to go to close their shops. He regretted that one or two tradesmen could upset every arrangement they made. Of course they could not compel them to go.

Mr. Kelly said they might pass many resolutions, and then they would perhaps be of no use at all.

Mr. Nicholson thought they ought to have the holiday independent of the trip. He pointed out that nearly all the shops closed for half-a-day on the Wednesdays. They might get signatures for the half-day, but not the full day.

A member thought it would be well to limit the charge to 3/-.

Mr. Kelly suggested that a small committee be chosen to discuss three or four likely places, and chose a place the cost of which would not exceed 2/6 or 3/-.

It having been unanimously carried that a trip should take place, Mr. Kelly's suggestion was adopted, and Messrs Pattrick, J. Murray, English, and Lumley were appointed a committee to deal with the arrangements—Rothbury, Barnard Castle, and Keswick being among the places mentioned.

On the motion of Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. English, it was decided to have a whole day trip.

Mr. English: I suppose the trip will be open to all who care to pay the fare?

Several members: Yes.

THE LIGHTING OF THE STREETS.

Mr. Pattrick referred to the lighting of the streets. He said this matter had been discussed before, and he had an impression that the streets were not properly lighted in winter. He moved that in future every night in the winter lighting season when the moon did not rise till nine o'clock that the lamps be lit till then, and that the lamps at the fountain and the Church be lit every night.

The Chairman said, speaking on behalf of the Gas Committee and the Council generally, they were very anxious to keep the rates down. They must remember that every resolution passed would have to be weighed by the Gas Committee. Of course, they were all large ratepayers.

Mr. Lumley thought the lamps ought certainly to be lit on Saturday nights whether there was any moon or not. If the moon did not rise as expected there might be a row, and they might have have their windows and other things smashed without knowing anything about who did it.

The Chairman thought the Sunday nights really worse than any other night, as there were no tradesmen's shops lit up on that night. He explained that the lighting of the streets rested with the Gas Committee, and that the Surveyor simply carried out what the committee instructed him to do. However, the Surveyor was allowed to use his own discretion with regard to very dark nights.

After some further discussion, Mr. Pattrick altered the first part of his motion to the effect that three nights before and three nights after when the moon was not visible that the Surveyor should light the lamps till ten o'clock.

Mr. Nicholson seconded.

Mr. Kelly thought a deputation would have more effect than a resolution.

Mr. English moved as an amendment that a deputation consisting of Messrs Pattrick, Hand, and Kelly, wait upon the Gas Committee of the Council with reference to the lighting of the streets.

This was seconded, and carried.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

THE HOOLIGANS AT THE SNEEP.

A correspondent supplies us with the following:—That pretty little local pleasure resort the Sneep, by the side of the river Derwent has ever and anon been visited by many a jovial party, since the spot was discovered, but I question whether a merrier number of young people than that mysterious group, commonly know in the district as the Hooligans, have visited the place. This club—if by that name it can be called—journeyed to the Sneep by brake last week, numbering about 30 ladies and gentleman. The conveyance had not long been started until it was discovered that amongst the "crew" there were a number of artistes (!) who were willing to extend their vocal powers to the fullest limit. Jokes of course went free and in these the ladies took no mean part. The "medicine chest" a valuable cargo indeed, was under the personal supervision of Mr W. Redshaw, and it almost goes without saying that the ailments of the party—ladies excepted—were extremely numerous. Mr Redshaw, however, was true to his charge, and the company arrived without mishap. A capital programme was performed at the Sneep, Mr T. Kirkleyside, Mr H. Rawes, and Mr H. Wood being the recepients of a fair share of appreciation, as the result of their efforts to entertain. The ladies at this juncture introduced a welcome friend in the shape of something to appease the inner man. Mr Rawes led forth to the group a harmless goat, but thanks to the fact that the hungery appetites were satisfied, the goat was not slain—neither did it eat. Afterwards the party were entertained by a acrobatic performance by H. Wood, but it came to a sudden termination by almost a collapse into a hen roost. In the possession of Mr T. Emmerson was a box which caused much wonderment, en route. Some eyed it as a dangerous bomb, while others inclined to persuade their partners that nothing more or less than a number of fireworks and a baloon were contained therein. Naturally, some anxiety was felt as to the contents of the box, and it was not until after tea that its interior was revealed, when it soon became known that the instrument was nothing more or less than a camera. Almost instantaneously the party vainly set themselves for "copy," and two or three prints were taken. These are now in great demand, but nowhere can be found. It has since been suggested—and there is every reason to believe that there is some truth in it—that some of the ladies destroyed the negatives owing to the fact that they were not attired in their best, and had not displayed to the photographer their happiest smile. Ultimately a start was made for the homeward journey, every one in a happy mood, but ere the brake reached Allansford, several of the gentlemen again became suddenly ill—fortunately, however, not with a serious complaint. To the invalids' surprise the "medicine chest" was minus its "mixture," and although some fear was felt the party fared none the worse, unless only a little disappointment. Mr Prior here delivered a striking address in which he put forth several arguments in favour of "every man his own doctor," and was cheered again and again by a large number of ladies and gentleman as an assurance of their good faith in the doctrine of their genial secretary. At about 10.30 p.m. the Hooligans and their partners arrived safely at Consett. Although from these particulars of the pic-nic several conclusions might be drawn it would be unfair in the fullest sense of the word to imagine anything but a harmless outing, in which the most sanguine might have taken part, and one in which some thorough enjoyment was experienced.

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J. WHITEHEAD, Chairman.
J. GIBBISON, Secretary.

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THOS. STEPHENSON begs to inform the public that he has commenced the Hacking Business at the above address, where all orders will have strict attention. 672b

THE "HUMAN RESTORER" PILLS, recipe by guide of J. J. H. B. Moss, Gateshead. Hundreds of Testimonials. Sold by all Chemists. For Nervous Headaches, Indigestion, Lumbago, Kidney and Liver Complaints, Pain, &c. 32 pills, post free, 1s 1d; 3 for 2s. 9d.—Sole Agent, GEO. GREENER, Blackett House, Consett. 672b

T. REAY & SON,

JOINERS, CONTRACTORS, UNDERTAKERS, AND GENERAL BUILDERS,

HAVE OPENED THE SHOP as Lessee, Recently occupied, re-occupied by Mr. Geo. Andrews, and trust by strict attention to Business, Good Work, and Reasonable Charges, to merit a Share of Public Patronage and Support. 357c

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THE

OPENING SERVICES

Of the above Schools, continued ON SUNDAY, JULY 19TH, by the

REV. D. B. STOTHARD,

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Will Preach Morning and Evening, 10:30 and 6.

Collections in aid of the New Schools. 672c

WILLIAM S. SHELL, M.S.A., ARCHITECT AND SURVEYOR

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ENTIRELY ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT

AT

TAYLOR STREET, CONSETT.

APRIL, 1896. 912b

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANFIELD.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held July 1st, 1896, it was resolved,

That the Council do approve and adopt the Specifications and Estimates for the making of the Streets at Tanfield, and Sheep Hill, Burnopfield, and that the Surveyor be instructed to give the Owners of Property the necessary notices under the Act."

The said Specifications, etc., are deposited at the Council Rooms, Tanfield, and may be inspected for one month from and after the date of the first publication of th e resolution.—Signed,

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

July 2nd, 1896.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

TWO, FOUR, and FIVE DAYS' EXCURSION TO LONDON.

ON MONDAY, the 20th July an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 12.5 a.m. (with bookings from Blackhill, Lintz Green, etc.,) for LONDON (St. Pancras), Kentish Town, and METHODIST FREE CHURCH, BLACKHILL

REV. W. C. BANK, of Lancashire, will preach HERE on Sunday next, July 19th, at 10.30 and 6 o'clock. Collections. 607c

ST. AILEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd, 1896
ANNUAL TEA AND MEETING

Preacher:—REV. M. COOPER, of Durham.
Chairman at Meeting—ALD WM. STOTT, Newcastle 632n

THE Members of the First Stobsley Bridge and St. Ignatius Irish Sisr Sons Building Society will hold their 100th APPROPRIATION BY BALLOT on the 1st July, 1896, at 7.30 p.m. and all Books to be clear on the First Tuesday in the Month to be entitled to the said of Appropriation at or they cannot participate. By Order,

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Dated this third day of July, 1896.

C. Burney, Chief Clerk. 552a

WILLIAM RAW, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, Land Steward, House, and Commission Agent. Auction Sales conducted with expenseless, liability, and care. Property Estates, appointed by His Honour, Judge Meyrell, to levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888; also, Architect and Surveyor. Plans for Estates prepared, and Buildings carried out for Conscience, Ease, and Comfort. Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 102a

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

TAYLOR'S HOUSES, ANNFIELD PLAIN.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON is favoured with instructions from Mr. Taylor, of Stanley Durham, who are relinquishing, will SELL BY PUBLIC SALE, at their Premises, Annfield Plain, on Saturday, August 29, 1896, the whole of the TIMBER etc., used as the above Shops, Particulars in due course. 612b

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Estate Agent, begs to intimate that he has AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and condensed on the best rates. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for Cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYRELL, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Office—Front Street, Dipton by Lintz Green Station

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Broadwood Park, near Lanchester.—Important and Attractive sale of Carriage Horses, Carriages, Pony-carriage, Saddles and Bridles, Horse Clothing, &c. Also, a large quantity of the Superior Stock, Furniture and Sundry Effects.

JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with a commission from Thos. Taylor Smith, Esq., who is going abroad, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at Broadwood Park, on Wednesday, July 22nd, 1896, at 10 o'clock, built by Cornwall of Manchester, Display of HORSES, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, SADDLES AND BRIDLES, FURNITURE, &c.

Inspection:—

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Lot 1—A Splendid Brown (or Dark Bay) Carriage Horse, "Stanley," 5 y.o., 16.1 h., by Knight Templar.

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Several Valuable PICTURES, and a quantity of very Excellent FURNITURE and other Sundry Effects.

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Clerk. 562a

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Tuesday, July 21st, 1896

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Sale to begin at 11'30

Terms Liberal as if first class quality, than now. See Bills for Particulars.

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and Pontop Agricultural Show. Handles and Sticks.

Ground, Consett.

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Yet, the result is the point—the be-all, and the end-all. Well now, ejected from the old and cheap house, the people have no alternative but to enter the town or growing village, and rent superior houses for which they have not the means to pay, and to which they have not been accustomed, they resort to taking in lodgers. Such, good readers, is the cause and effect of the latest public question in a nutshell. Comparatively few families possessing the working classes seek to themselves the pleasure of the house, and benefit which it is for they are chary of adding to the general income, although they may sometimes be constrained to do so. Such are the circumstances the great central fact ought not to be overlooked but while the cheap dwellings are being pulled down there are no houses being provided by the local authorities to meet the wants of the people, so as fails out that the thousands whose dwellings ought to bring in their rents, are being turned into a great public grievance,—if not a curse—and in the process of sanitation are clearing the bank in front, the microbe which they are striving to extirpate, is quietly ascending on silent wing and seeking a local habitation unobserved in the elysian preserves in the rear.

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The overcrowding question.

North-West Durham is not the only part of the country in which the social life of the people is blighted through overcrowding. It is a question that it has ever occurred to the reader that the present state of the land are responsible in no small degree for much of the overcrowding which at present exists, and to which exception is rightly taken. Personally I am not in a position, other than ordinary attention, and I can scarce those who in many instances, are the poor man and woman in the land—that the present condition of things prevails. I am in receipt of reports from responsible local authorities, who are not wilfully, but through ignorance, in the habit of making celebrated issue of Dropcon:—

How the evil is wrought.

Urban District Councils have their Medical Officers of Health, who, as a rule, are responsible for the carrying into effect of the Sanitary Acts, and the Public Health Act, 1875, of sanitation. Reports are submitted monthly by these gentlemen, representing the number of houses unfit for human habitation—not, be it observed, houses that ought to exist, because they not because there is a danger of the walls and roofing falling in, but simply because the sanitary ceilings are low, and the rooms consequently, before the passing of the Act, which is now law, the law on the point has been carried out with the utmost rigour, with the result that the poorer class of working men who, on account of low rents, were obliged to live in these dwellings, have suffered very severely. I remember visiting a number of these condemned dwellings some time ago, and the occupants were all hale and hearty, and the interior of the house clean and comfortable, the aged couple had lived in the same house since the day of their marriage, but still, rumours the land and brought up a large family of sons and daughters, who, in their turn, married and left home. They expressed the hope that the Council would not pull the house down till after her death, as she

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Dancing in Burnopfield.—In recent form at the cricket club, a handsome pavilion has been erected by the local organisers and players turned into his bay field in the evening, and put all to the test.

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Sudden Death.—We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. John Waddell, of Mr. John Waddell, of Medomsley Edge, which sad event took place on Saturday last. Deceased, who was a native of Ireland, had been in the employ of Mr. Hall, Davis, & Burnopfield. A very interesting service was conducted by the Rev. Jacob Hogg, of Wrakenton, and Messrs Bradford and Hall, of the "Ark" and "Old Cross" Mission. On the large congregation. In the morning the members of the Sunday Schools assembled in the village of Byer Moor, and in the evening repaired to their respective places of worship, when the Rev. Mr. Storey preached. Collections were taken to defray expenses incurred by the visit of the scholars, and £2 was realised.

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DIPTON.

Death of Mrs Wm. Lawson.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Lawson, grocer and draper, Dipton, which took place on Wednesday afternoon about 4-30. He had been suffering for a long time, but took his last on Monday. For many years he has been an active member of the Methodist New Connexion Church, and that body will have just cause to mourn the loss of one who has been prominent in the religious life of the village. Mr Lawson, who is 56 years of age, leaves a widow and seven children.

The Rev. Arthur Tyson.—The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. Arthur Tyson, Curate of Howdon-on-Tyne, who preached very forcible sermons morning and evening to crowded audiences, people from all parts of the town having come to hear the newly made Clerk in Holy Orders.

FELLSIDE.

Wesleyan Services.—The anniversary services of the above school were held on Saturday and Sunday last. The former day children were treated to a free tea, after which they adjourned to the field, kindly lent by Mr. Thomas Bell, J. Clarke, and were regaled with biscuits and sweets, after which games of various kinds were indulged in. After the scholars' tea a public tea was provided in the schoolroom for friends of the village. Mr Lawson, who is 56 years of age, leaves a widow and seven children.

The Rev. Arthur Tyson.—The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, was occupied on Sunday by the Rev.

Cricket.

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SENIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION.

WHITBURN v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

WHITBURN.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
T K Dobson c Middleton b Child	53	D Crichton c & b T K Dobson	51
C W Hawley st Thompson b Child	8	J Thompson b Scott	9
C L Dobson b J K Bewick	31	G Halliday run out	1
J Scott c Crichton b Child	10	E F Hutchinson st Thompson b Allison	14
W Copeland c Donnison b Child	33	R Walker b T K Dobs'n	0
W Hogg st Thompson b Child	18	J K Bewick c T K Dobson b Allison	8
W Dobson c Thompson b Middleton	4	J Middleton b Allison	0
J Batty c Crichton b Hutchinson	31	Child b Allison	0
W D Allison c Middleton b Child	8	T Hall b Allison	16
J Smith b Child	10	G Donnison b T K Dobson	4
P Thompson not out	0	J Cowings not out	0
Extras	18	Extras	2
Total	214	Total	105

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

MEDOMSLEY v. DURHAM CITY 2ND.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

DURHAM.		MEDOMSLEY.	
J J Howe b Robinson	34	M Charlton b Thomps'n	19
H J Mohun c Robinson b Lowes	27	W Cant c Crossley b Thompson	13
A J Prince b Robinson	5	R Cant b Howe	2
R Hope b Robinson	4	M Hedley lbw b Howe	6
Dr Hill c R Charlton b M Charlton	53	J Robinson not out	26
F Scott not out	28	R Charlton b Hill	24
W Thompson not out	23	R Campbell c Hope b Howe	28
A Cooper to bat		W Hunter to bat	
T Smith to bat		J Veitch to bat	
W Crossley to bat		J R Lowes to bat	
Rev Wolfendale to bat		S Wheatley to bat	
Extras	27	Extras	5
Total (for 5 wkts)	201	Total (for 6 wkts)	123
Innings closed.			

CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND v. BURNHOPE.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		BURNHOPE.	
R Garbutt b Heckels	0	J Peel b Garbutt	19
H Stephenson c Ironsides b Peel	64	J Newton run out	20
J W Morgan run out	18	J Ironsides c Thomps'n b Dickinson	31
J Thompson b Dyson	1	J Dyson c Morgan b Grieveson	0
R Bowery b Heckels	1	A Heckels c Davidson b Garbutt	27
W Grieveson b Peel	15	J Robinson not out	29
J Davidson b Robinson	2	J W Moffatt c Grieves'n b Dickinson	1
S Kell b Robinson	6	T Dyson not out	3
E Bowrey not out	11	T S Charlton to bat	
V Dickinson c Dyson b Robinson	9	W Liddle to bat	
J Grieveson run out	0	G Heslop to bat	
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	133	Total (for 6 wkts)	137

DURHAM WEDNESDAY LEAGUE.

BISHOP AUCKLAND WEDNESDAY v. CROOK WEDNESDAY.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

CROOK.		AUCKLAND.	
J Thompson lbw b Hirst	14	W Lodge b Seymour	16
G Powell c Duthie b Hirst	13	R Watson c Clemitson b Smurthwaite	56
J Batey c Brown b Hirst	19	E Tutin b Smurthwaite	26
A Wilson b Hirst	1	W Hirst run out	2
A Lax c Lodge b Hirst	15	J Strachan b Powell	15
J W Clemitson b Hirst	0	F Gray c Clemitson b Powell	36
T Seymour not out	27	J Brown not out	51
R Turner c Gray b Hirst	0	W Strachan b Turner	5
PC Smurthwaite b H'st	2	T Turnbull b Turner	3
W Storey b Brown	1	G F Duthie absent	
G Harper b Brown	0	W Dowson b Turner	0
Extras	7	Extras	18
Total	99	Total	229

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

BURNOPFIELD v. BLACKHALL MILL.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the homesters. Score:—

BLACKHALL MILL.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
J Lonsdale run out	0	not out	0
J Greener b Allan	0	b Mackintosh	20
T Embleton c Cuthbertson b Allan	1	st Weedy b Reay	0
T Greener b Allan	3	run out	1
J E Taylor c Brewis b Allan	4	b Allan	0
J Wood c Reay b Bell	1	c Cooper b Allan	0
W Turnbull c Cuthbertson b Bell	3	b Mackintosh	11
T Bell b Allan	0	b Reay	9
W Wood c Wood b Bell	2	c Allan b Mackintosh	4
G Emmerson c and b Bell	0	c Dent b Allan	0
W Mason not out	1	did not bat	
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	21	Total	59

BURNOPFIELD.

H C Wood b J Wood	1
J Potts b J Wood	13
J H Cuthbertson not out	27
R Brewis b Taylor	0
G Bell b Embleton	12
J Weedy b Embleton	0
W Reay b Embleton	0
R Dent b Embleton	1
W Mackintosh b Embleton	8
G Cooper c Emmerson b Embleton	4
J G Allan b J Wood	0
Extras	5
Total	71

SOUTH MOOR v. OUSTON.

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

SOUTH MOOR.		OUSTON.	
W Robinson l b w b Elliott	20	C Gray b Rutherford	6
J Morton c Carr b Cockburn	2	J Elliott b Joyce	0
T Gibbon b Elliott	2	J Clark b Joyce	1
J Shaw b Cockburn	3	J Carr b Joyce	6
E Smith b Elliott	0	H Dixon c Morton b Rutherford	0
H Joyce not out	8	W Clark b Rutherford	6
J Rutherford b Cockburn	0	W Cockburn c Robins'n b Joyce	4
T Welsh c Carr b Elliott	1	J Dixon b Rutherford	0
J Dixon b Elliott	1	J Melville b Rutherf'rd	0
W Dixon c Carr b Elliott	0	W Parker b Joyce	2
M Baker b Elliott	0	J Robson not out	0
Extras	11	Extras	1
Total	48	Total	20

SOUTH TANFIELD v. STANLEY AND DISTRICT 2ND.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Score:—

STANLEY.		TANFIELD.	
J Robinson b Raine	2	R Henderson c and b Shield	16
W Hammond b Raine	0	J Middlemast b Henderson	1
S Chisholm b Smith	16	R Palmer c Hutchins'n b Shield	22
J Shield b Raine	6	W Raine c Chisholm b Shield	3
J McKinley c Palmer b Raine	5	G Collin c Robinson b Shield	7
J H Benfold b Raine	0	J E Smith b Shield	6
T Rendall c Ledger b Smith	8	J Siddell c Hammond b Shield	7
J Henderson b Raine	8	J Ledger run out	0
I Harkness not out	0	H Middlemast lbw b Benfold	3
A Hutchinson c Collin b Smith	8	J Wilson not out	14
J T Castle lbw b Raine	1	G Morris lbw b Harkness	19
Extras	6	Extras	6
Total	60	Total	104

BEAMISH v. CRAGHEAD 2ND.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

BEAMISH.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
F Harvey b Cummings	11	not out	1
H Cook c Dodds b Cummings	3	b Curry	16
J Scott b Cummings	0	c Dodds b Curry	5
J Brayson b Cummings	22	lbw b Cummings	9
D Laverick c Dodds b Cummings	7	c Whiteman b Hann	6
M Laybourne b Cummings	1	run out	31
W Stoddart run out	3	not out	13
F Mole not out	7	b Curry	1
G Finlay b Cummings	3	b Fairley	2
J Lee b Cummings	4	c Foster b Curry	0
J Mason b Cummings	1	c Curry b Dodds	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	66	Total	89

CRAGHEAD.

R Hann c & b Finlay	14
M Dodds c Lee b Cook	2
M Whiteman b Finlay	1
R Curry b Finlay	3
M Liddle b Cook	3
W Dodds b Laybourne	27
J Fairley c Lee b Brayson	1
J Johnson b Laybourne	0
R Peacock c Brayson b Cook	0
J Cummings c Laybourne b Finlay	24
J Foster not out	8
Extras	3
Total	85

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v. BLAYDON.

Played on the ground of the first-named and resulted in a very easy victory for the home team. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		BLAYDON.	
W Brown b Ryding	2	T Adamson c Charlton b Irving	1
J Hunter b Ryding	11	R Hope c Bramley b Irving	9
W Simpson c J Pelle b Hope	9	A Brownless b M Hunter	0
M Hunter b Ryding	9	J W Pelle b M Hunter	0
J Irving b Hope	3	R Scott c Simpson b Irving	6
T Bramley lbw b Ryd'ng	1	J Pelle c J Hunter b Irving	2
W T Hunter c Hills b Ryding	8	T Ryding b M Hunter	4
M Murphy run out	18	J English b M Hunter	1
W E Charlton b Hope	0	W Raine run out	1
J Walton b J Pelle	11	J Wilson b Irving	0
W G Thompson not out	1	T Hills not out	0
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	70	Total	27

CONSETT 2ND v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

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

CONSETT.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
G T Wilson c Leadbitt'r b Seed	6	G Hall b Raw	4
T Lynn b Robson	6	J Leadbitter b Robins'n	9
E Pratt b Seed	0	W Oliver c Robinson b Raw	2
W Wilson b Robson	2	J W Forster run out	10
J J Raw b Hanning	19	E Hall c Pratt b Wils'n	20
L Stephenson b Charlton	5	J K Annandale b Robinson	26
T D Robinson b Hanning	0	J Seed b Raw	2
T Sheldon not out	5	R Robson b Raw	0
J Askew c Surtees b Hanning	0	A Hanning c Wilson b Robinson	4
J Carr c Surtees b Hanning	1	A Charlton b Robinson	11
W Fixter b Hanning	0	J R Surtees not out	0
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	48	Total	90

TANFIELD v. TANTOBIE.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

TANFIELD.		TANTOBIE.	
W G Robinson st Athey b Keilor	7	J Brown b Bowes	11
T Christopher not out	32	W Hall b Bowes	0
W Armstrong b Keilor	9	J Bowes c Handcock b Bowes	13
M Robson b Atthey	7	T Morton b Robinson	9
M Ledger not out	19	W Charlton b Robins'n	0
J Watson to bat		T Atthey b Bowes	1
P Rockett to bat		J Tyson b Ledger	0
E Gailes to bat		G Keilor c Robinson b Ledger	1
T Irwin to bat		N Atthey c Robinson b Ledger	2
J E Bowes to bat		H Rockett not out	0
W Handcock to bat		J Beck c Christopher b Ledger	2
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total (for 3 wkts)	77	Total	41

STANLEY AND DISTRICT WEDNESDAY v. CONSETT WEDNESDAY.

Played at West Stanley on Wednesday. Score:—Stanley, 175; Consett, 38. S. Wood, for the home club, made 100 runs not out.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. ELSWICK WORKS.

These teams met on the ground of the Works at Benwell on Saturday, in splendid cricket weather. The home team were strongly represented, whilst the visitors had only a weak eleven. The home captain won the spin of the coin, and elected to bat on a wicket that played much better than it looked. Cochrane and Jeffrey commenced the run-getting to the bowling of Martin and Lindsay, the first-named batsman cutting Martin to the boundary for four, and served him the same way in the next delivery, and after a bye cut Lindsay for three. Cochrane drove "Jim" hard for four in the next over, while his partner got Lindsay away for a trio. Cochrane then cut Martin for one, and Jeffrey placed one of Lindsay's deliveries to leg for a single, and with the first ball of Martin's next over Cochrane was bowled after making 19. One for 32. Fawcett filled the vacancy, and singles ruled for a time. Gray displaced Lindsay, and Jeffrey sent his initial delivery to leg, following with a four boundary off Martin—a beautiful late cut. Martin gave the ball to Leybourne, and Fawcett banged his fourth delivery to the ropes for a quartette. After Gray had sent down a couple of maidens Wood relieved him, and off his second ball Jeffrey was caught behind the wicket after compiling 25 in good style. Two for 64. Bacon was the next man in, and Siddell relieved Leybourne, and off the last ball of the over Fawcett cut him for three, Wood beating him immediately after with a "yorker." Three for 67. Spencer arrived, and saw Bacon get Siddell to leg for a brace, following with a three. A single resulted off Wood's third over, while Martin took the ball off Siddell, Spencer dispatching him to the ropes twice in the over. The home pro. now cut Wood for three, Spencer serving him in a like manner, and off Martin's next over got one to the ropes, Bacon following with a single off Wood, while Spencer cut the same trundler for a quartette. Bacon placed Martin to the boundary for a similar number, and another change was made in the bowling, Lindsay displacing Martin, the Consett pro. going on at the opposite end. This change proved effective, as Martin caught Bacon off one of his own deliveries soon after. Four for 108. Wilson came in and sent Lindsay to the boundary for four, and after a couple of singles Lindsay disarranged Wilson's sticks. Five for 113. George arrived, and Lindsay bowled him with the succeeding ball. Six for 113. Newitt now took his stand at the wicket, and Spencer got Martin to the boundary for four and three. The new-comer cut Lindsay twice in one over four, while Martin sent down a maiden, and after a single by Newitt, Spencer got Lindsay to leg for four and one, and then cut Martin for a quartette, Newitt following with a trio, and banged Lindsay the same way. After Newitt had cut Martin for four, he was bowled by the same trundler with 19 to his credit. Seven for 152. Noble arrived to see Spencer bowled by Lindsay, the latter making 41 by hard hitting. Eight for 152. Swinburne was next in, and his partner cut Lindsay for four, while the new arrival cut Martin for a single, after which Noble was clean bowled by the Consett pro. Nine for 161. Robinson was last man, and scored 10 off Martin in one over. Williamson, who had relieved Lindsay, caught Swinburne off his third delivery, Robinson being not out with 19 to his credit, while the home total reached the creditable number of 188.

After a short interval, Siddell and Williamson were deputed to open the visitors' innings, opposing the deliveries of Robinson and Cochrane. Both bowlers sent down a couple of maidens, and then the home skipper beat Williamson before he had troubled the scorers. One for 0. Lindsay arrived, and saw Siddell's timber disarranged by Robinson. Two for 0. Wood filled the vacancy, and after a leg-bye, Robinson beat Lindsay with a beauty. Three for 1. Martin now partnered Wood, and Cochrane sent down a maiden, while Martin got Robinson to the boundary for three, and Wood cut Cochrane for a brace. The Consett pro. got a four and a single of Robinson, and then cut Cochrane for two and a single, while Wood got Robinson away for one, and after a bye Wood followed with a three, and then drove Cochrane for one. Robinson was cut for a single by Martin, while Wood served Cochrane in a similar manner, followed by a three from Martin. The batsmen were now playing good cricket, and were applauded by the spectators on many occasions—especially Martin. The left-hander, with a beautiful stroke, drove Cochrane for four, and Martin returned one of Robinson's deliveries back to him, but that trundler failed to hold it, and off the succeeding ball Martin added four to his score. Swinburne now took up the bowling in place of Cochrane, and sent down a maiden, Robinson following suit. Martin cut Robinson beautifully for three, while his partner drove the next delivery for one, and off the last ball of the over the former got a single. The Consett pro. now punished Robinson severely, sending him to the ropes for four thrice in succession. After Wood was credited with a single, Bacon relieved Robinson, and Martin got his initial ball to leg for three, while Wood drove the next to the boundary for a quartette. The visiting pro. succeeding in getting two and four off Swinburne, and his partner scored three from Bacon's next over. After Martin had sent one of Swinburne's deliveries to leg for a single, Wood was caught at point by Wilson after compiling 20. Four for 75. The vacancy was filled by Milburn, and Robinson, for a second time, went on to bowl in place of Bacon, and after a couple of singles had been added to the score, Martin, who only wanted one to complete his fifty, was run out. Five for 77. Vivian was next in, and Cochrane, who had displaced Swinburne, sent down a maiden. The new-comer placed Robinson to leg for a single, and then Cochrane disarranged his wicket. Six for 79. Parker followed, and Robinson clean bowled Milburn. Seven for 79. Hall partnered the sub, and Robinson sent down a maiden. Parker got Cochrane to the boundary for four, a maiden following from Robinson. After scoring a brace of Cochrane, Parker sent Robinson to the ropes for three. Swinburne again relieved his captain, and bowled Parker after he had made 10. Eight for 91. Leybourne joined Hall, but was bowled by Swinburne's next delivery. Nine for 91. Geo. Gray did not bat, and so the Consett total remained at 91. Score:—

ELSWICK WORKS.		CONSETT.	
A H J Cochrane b Martin	19	J Siddell b Robinson	0
H Jeffrey c Vivian b Wood	25	M Williamson b Cochrane	0
Fawcett b Wood	13	T Lindsay b Robinson	0
Bacon c & b Martin	14	A D Wood c Wilson b Swinburne	20
R Spencer b Lindsay	41	Martin run out	49
Wilson b Lindsay	5	M T Milburn b Robinson	1
George b Lindsay	0	J Vivian b Cochrane	1
L Newitt b Martin	19	Parker (sub) b Swinburne	10
J H B Noble b Martin	4	J Hall not out	0
W Swinburne c and b Williamson	8	W Leybourne b Swinburne	0
W Robinson not out	19	G Gray did not bat	
Extras	21	Extras	10
Total	188	Total	91

MEDOMSLEY CHURCH v. SHOTLEY CHOIR

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
E Wilson c Fixter b Ayton	12	F Fixter c George b Bell	2
W Wheatley b Fixter	9	N Ayton c Bell b Thompson	4
T Bell c Jewers b Fixter	13	G Richardson c & b Bell	1
W Thompson c Ayton b W Ayton	0	B Stevens c & b Bell	1
J Wilson c Fixter b Ayton	1	J Osborne b Bell	4
J Hutchinson c Rich'rdson b Ayton	8	C Ayton b Bell	1
A Thompson b Fixter	1	J Jewers b Bell	4
J Pattison c Ayton b W Ayton	0	C Inglis b Bell	0
H George c Richardson b Ayton	9	Sub b Thompson	12
N Middleton run out	0	J Hughes c Thompson b Bell	10
J W Milburn c & b Fixter	3	J Angus b Thompson	4
R Pratt not out	2	W Ayton not out	0
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total	65	Total	47

CONSETT WHITE STAR v. CONSETT TULIPS.

Played at Consett, and resulted in an easy win for the White Star. Score:—

WHITE STAR.		TULIPS.	
McCone b Hull	3	J Bridgewater lbw b McCone	16
Liddle b Bridgewater	0	T Williams b McCone	4
McArdle run out	1	J Minto b McCone	5
Lovatt b Bates	0	T Elliott c Liddle b Lovatt	19
Lamb b Bates	0	J Winter c Wilson b McCone	2
Sul'ivan b Bates	0	T Minto b Liddle	3
Spencer b Bates	5	T Bates c Oliver b Liddle	0
Curtis b Bates	0	T Robson b Oliver	0
Wi'son b Bates	0	Whittaker b Liddle	1
Oliver not out	3	Hull lbw b McCone	0
Nichol b E'liott	0	Fraser not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	19	Total	53

DIPTON P.M. v. LEADGATE.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the homesters. Score:—

LEADGATE.		DIPTON.	
J Day b Coates	1	R Coates c Robson b Harrison	27
J Todd b Coates	9	J Allan b Harrison	2
J Snaith c Bell b Thompson	0	W Mosley c Snaith b Harrison	0
J Crowther b Thomps'n	0	W Ellis c Williamson b J Snaith	8
F Harrison b Coates	0	W Thompson b J Sn'ith	8
W Robson run out	0	T Burton b Harrison	0
S Thompson st Allan b Coates	3	J Spinks b J Snaith	0
W Williamson b Coates	0	Jas Allan b J Snaith	0
J W Winter not out	8	W Bell not out	14
R Westhorpe b Coates	5	Jas Peel b Thompson	2
G Snaith c Thompson b Coates	0	W Lawson run out	4
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	31	Total	65

NEWCASTLE P.S.A. v. ROWLAND'S GILL.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

P.S.A.		ROWLAND'S GILL.	
J Bowman b Sewell	3	J Hetherington b Bowman	0
A Cook c Oliver b Hetherington	0	J Sewell b Wright	4
J T Marshall b Sewell	2	J Stewart run out	0
W Yale b J Oliver	11	G Goodall b Wright	0
G Skeldon c Foster b Goodhall	18	B Oliver c Weightman b Wright	0
J Y Scott not out	26	G Forbes b Wright	0
J Roche b Hetheringt'n	1	R Pattinson c Bowman b Wright	0
J Dixon b Sewell	2	R Wilson c Bowman b Wright	0
G D Taylor b Hetherington	0	S Foster b Bowman	0
G Weightman c and b Sewell	3	J Oliver not out	0
J Wright b Hetherington	9		
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total	80	Total	12

WHITE-LE-HEAD Y.M.C.A. v. TANFIELD 2ND.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

TANFIELD.		WHITE-LE-HEAD.	
J Cloe lbw b J Pyle	17	L Reay b Cloe	13
M Irwin b Atkinson	3	W Saunders b Hughes	0
T Sword b Saunders	3	J Atkinson b Sword	22
R Armstrong b Sand'rs	15	J Adams b Sword	1
J Nicholson c Saunders b J Pyle	9	J Dawson run out	13
Rev C E Hughes c Reay b Saunders	0	J Pyle b Cloe	1
W Richardson b J Pyle	0	W Harrison c Irwin b Hughes	5
W Curry b J Pyle	0	J Cochrane b Cloe	11
M Bell c Atkinson b J Pyle	8	T Kellor not out	4
J Bell b Saunders	8	W Pyle c Hayes b Cloe	0
M Hayes not out	0	S Wood c Irwin b Hughes	5
Extras	4	Extras	15
Total	67	Total	90

SOUTH MOOR 2ND v. BURNHOPE 2ND.

Played on the ground of the latter, and after a pleasant game ended in favour of the visitors. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.		BURNHOPE.	
E Graham c Buckton b Richardson	0	G Elliott b Vyne	13
T Nixon b Cassidy	0	J Richardson b Ridley	0
J Harrison b Cassidy	20	J Dobson c & b Moss	4
J Morton c & b Richardson	0	J Spencer b Vyne	1
T Ridley c Irwin b Richardson	4	T Smith b Ridley	3
G Harrison c Clarkson b Cassidy	8	T Blackburn b Ridley	0
J Vyne b Cassidy	5	W Irwin b Vyne	0
J Moss c Richardson b Spence	10	W Buckton b Ridley	0
J Nixon b Cassidy	14	P Cassidy run out	2
J Nixon not out	4	T Clarkson b Vyne	5
J Moss b Cassidy	4	W Ward not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	10
Total	74	Total	38

TEMPLETOWN v. SOUTH TANFIELD 2ND.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the former. Score:—

TEMPLETOWN.		TANFIELD.	
C Lowes run out	0	R Palmer c C Lowes b Watson	0
R Lowes c Palmer b Hunter	1	J Middlemass c Watson b C Lowes	0
T Charlton c Wilson b Kent	22	W Thorne run out	0
G Charlton c Palmer b Hunter	0	J Benfold b Watson	1
J Brown b Hunter	0	J Kent c R Lowes b Watson	5
R Thompson b Kent	4	I McVittie c M Lowes b Watson	1
T Young c & b Hunter	3	W Wilson b Watson	28
M Lowes b Kent	3	T Shield b Watson	1
J Mason c Palmer b Kent	0	W Hunter b Watson	10
T Watson not out	13	J Collins not out	4
J Hildreth b Kent	0	W Tiplady b Watson	1
Extras	10	Extras	1
Total	53	Total	52

MR J. W. RODDAM'S (STANHOPE) TEAM v. AUCKLAND DISTRICT GENTLEMEN.

This annual fixture, which is played at Stanhope at the invitation of Mr J. W. Roddam, J.P., took place on Saturday in fine weather, and ended in a draw. Score:—

AUCKLAND GENTLEMEN.		MR RODDAM'S XI.	
C H Hollis c & b Robs'n	45	T Moore not out	44
W Archer c Heath'rington b Pallister	22	G P Roddam st H Roddam b Smith	2
J C Morgan l b w b Pallister	2	Robson b Archer	10
W Wilkinson c Rippon b Robson	1	Green c Wilkinson b Archer	6
F H Livesey c and b Pallister	5	Pallister b Archer	3
W E Morgan c Rippon b Pallister	0	V A Rippon c Farthing b Livesey	0
A Smith c & b Robson	0	J W Roddam b Archer	2
G Farthing b Robson	4	R Bainbridge not out	2
H Roddam b Pallister	4	J Dixon to bat	
J Manners st G Rod'm b Pallister	1	A Johnson to bat	
P Douglas not out	13	T Bainbridge to bat	
C Walker b Robson	3	W Heatheringt'n to bat	
Extras	2	Extras	10
Total	102	Total (for 6 wkts)	73

LANCHESTER POLICE v. CORNSAY.

Played at Lanchester on Wednesday, resulting in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

POLICE.		CORNSAY.	
Inspector F Best c Hodgson b Garbutt	2	A Dodds c Johnson b Newton	30
PC Newton b Dodds	1	J R Atkinson c Best b J Johnson	5
PC J Johnson b Dodds	0	J Coates run out	0
PC W Johnson c Wint'r b Dodds	21	J Chambers c J Johns'n b Newton	0
PC Warwick run out	3	E Taylor c Newton b W Johnson	2
PC Morgan c Hodgson b Dodds	3	W Hodgson b W Johnson	0
PC Robson c Hodgson b Garbutt	4	W Smith c Robson b W Johnson	6
PC Clark b Taylor	4	J Hodgson b Newton	22
PC Eland b Garbutt	7	J Garbutt b J Johnson	0
PC Robinson b Taylor	14	H Winter not out	13
Sergt Gillespie not out	2	R Town c Robinson b J Johnson	2
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	62	Total	85

CONSETT (A TEAM) v. LEADGATE.

Played on the ground of the former on Friday night, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

LEADGATE.		CONSETT.	
C Foreman c Williams'n b Raw	2	J Siddle retired	51
A Burnhope b Raw	0	M Williamson c Snowdon b Jackson	4
J Snowdon b Leyb'rne	1	J J Raw c Foreman b Jackson	11
J M Nicholson b Raw	1	J Hall c Harrison b Jackson	0
F Jackson b Raw	6	T Hall c A Burnhope b Jackson	0
J Brown b Robinson	8	E Wilson c Nicholson b Crowther	15
F Harrison b Robinson	3	T D Robinson c C Burnhope b Snowdon	11
J Crowther c Petrie b Williamson	2	J Petrie run out	7
W Jenkins not out	10	W Leybourne st A Burnhope b Jackson	12
C Burnhope b Williamson	4	Gallagher not out	7
W Robson run out	1		
Extras	0	Extras	0
Total	38	Total	118

BROWNEY v. SACRISTON.

Played at Sacriston, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

SACRISTON.		BROWNEY.	
F Robson run out	1	Jackson b Robson	0
Shepherd c Hepple b Beck	19	Hepple b Robson	5
Jameson c Maddison b Hepple	34	W Robson b Shepherd	4
Fawcett b Robson	0	Kennedy b Shepherd	4
Greene c Kennedy b B'ck	0	Johnson c Henderson b Robson	0
Rev W McIntosh b Beck	1	Dixon c R Taylor b Robson	4
J Taylor c Maddison b Johnson	9	Maddison b Shepherd	1
Henderson c Dixon b Hepple	0	Beck c Turnbull b Shepherd	0
Turnbull not out	10	H Robson b Robson	0
R Taylor b Beck	9	Bloomfield b Robson	0
Rowe b Beck	0	Wynn not out	0
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	89	Total	21

CRICKET MATCHES AT HAMSTERLEY.

The following matches were played in connection with the Hamsterley sports on Saturday:—

HAMSTERLEY WHITE STAR v. DENE ROW.

WHITE STAR.		DENE ROW.	
J Bewley b Bilcliffe	0	T Gardiner b Bewley	10
J Gray c & b Briggs	0	J Bilcliffe b Armstrong	0
A Bewley b Bilcliffe	0	R Pattison b Gray	0
R Kenleyside b Bilcliffe	0	T Walker run out	14
Eggleston b Bilcliffe	1	Oxley b Gray	0
M Armstrong c and b T Fenwick	1	J Hetherington b A Bewley	5
J Radd b Oxley	1	J Briggs b A Bewley	3
Dickinson run out	3	R Robson b Gray	0
W Filbert c & b Walker	1	T Fenwick b Gray	8
Apply not out	0	J Jacques b Gray	0
W Howard c & b Robs'n	8	J Tunnon not out	3
Extras	7	Extras	2
Total	17	Total	64

HAMSTERLEY STARS v. SCHOOL ROW.

STARS.		SCHOOL ROW.	
R Bilcliffe run out	0	R Jones c Bilcliffe b Robson	15
W Jones b Nicholson	2	J Ivison b Robson	0
J Howard run out	3	J Greener b Jones	5
W Howard run out	0	G Greener c Robson b Jones	4
T Bell b Nicholson	3	J Clark b Jones	0
R Little b Jones	1	T Nicholson c & b Jones	3
W Little c Clark b J'nes	1	T McKenzie run out	8
J Maughan b Richardson	4	R Cawthorne b Robson	9
J Bilcliffe b Richards'n	0	J Richardson run out	0
T Robson not out	0	Brown run out	0
J Laidler c Ivison b Nicholson	0	J Allison not out	4
Extras	11	Extras	11
Total	25	Total	61

CRICKET NOTES

[BY "L.B.W."]

A WEAK TEAM—AND THE RESULT.

It is greatly to be regretted—both from a cricket point of view and for the reputation of the club—that Consett cannot manage to get together anything like a representative team for their "friendlies" away. As my readers will all be aware, Elswick Works, with their full strength at command, are one of the most powerful combinations in either Northumberland or Durham, and it would take the very best eleven that Consett could place in the field to have any chance with the "Works" on their own ground at Benwell. What chance, then, could the heterogeneous lot—of course, I am speaking in a cricket sense—that did duty for the local club on Saturday have? There were really only six first team men playing, while, in addition, a "sub." had to be picked up on the ground. Such a state of affairs is by no means creditable to a club with a reputation like Consett, and neither is it fair to their opponents, or to those men who go away. Of course, one can understand this thing happening now and again during the course of a season—in fact, it is unavoidable—but with Consett it is more the rule than the exception. It is in no carping spirit that I write thus, but because I am anxious that strangers should not run away with a false idea of the club's capabilities, and that I am jealous that that reputation I have spoken of—and which has been so deservedly won—should be maintained.

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Having thus given vent to my little grumble—which, I feel sure, will be accepted in the same spirit as it is given—I should like to say something anent the game. Elswick had, I should say, just about the strongest team that they can muster, and, considering the composition of the opposition, it was in no way surprising to me that Consett were beaten by 97 runs. The only matter that astonished me was that the defeat was not of a very much more severe nature. Not to speak of its bowling, the home team was a batting one throughout, and this is proved by the fact that the last man made 19 not out. Any one of the first six men were likely to be good for 50, whilst the remainder could all handle the willow to some tune. Under the circumstances, I consider the performance of the Consett men in dismissing this formidable batting side for 188 an extremely creditable one. As the Elswick captain won the toss, and took first innings, it would have caused me no surprise had the "Works" retained possession of the wickets during all the time available for play. Cochrane (the old Oxford University captain) and Jeffrey (the well-known Association football back) made a pretty good start, the former being beaten by Martin at 32 for a capital 19. Fawcett (13) and Bacon (14) both reached double figures, the catch by Martin—off his own bowling—which got rid of the latter being a superb effort. Jeffrey compiled his 25 in excellent style, but the best display on the side was that of the old county man (R. Spencer), whose 41 was the result of pretty and correct cricket. Newitt (19) and Robinson (19 not out) did best of the others, the venture finally closing for 188. Martin took four wickets, Lindsay three, and Wood two, and no less than seven of the ten wickets were clean bowled.

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Anything more inauspicious than the commencement of the visitors' innings could not well be imagined. Siddell and Williamson were both bowled before a run had been registered. Then, as was the case at Wallsend, Wood and Martin rose to the occasion in rare style, and delighted the spectators with some fine, free cricket. The pro. especially got in some beautiful strokes, and with the score rising rapidly various bowling changes were resorted to. However, these did not check the run-getting. Fifty appeared amid applause, the onlookers fully appreciating the great effort the two men were making for their side. At 77 Wood did not get fairly hold of a ball from Swinburne, and was taken at point for an invaluable 20—a display which, coming at a time when it did, cannot be too highly praised. Shortly after Martin, in his anxiety to reach his 50, ran himself out, and thus just missed his talent money—a reward which he thoroughly deserved for his brilliant and plucky innings when everything was going against the team. Only Parker of the remaining did anything, and, with Geo. Gray absent, the end came with the total at 91. There was only a few minutes left for play when the last wicket fell.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET SUCCUMB TO WHITBURN.

Whitburn are going wonderfully strong in the Senior League competition this season, and are looked upon as likely to finish at the head of affairs. This being so, Chester-le-Street would scarcely travel to meet the [illegible] on Saturday with much hopes of victory, although cricket is truly a most uncertain game. However, the unexpected did not happen on this occasion, albeit the game was a most interesting one and fought out under conditions of an extremely pleasant character. The home team batted [illegible] and after Hawley had been quickly dismissed, T. K. Dobson (53) and his brother Charlie (31) added 59 for the second wicket. Copeland (33) and Batty (31) also showed up prominently, whilst Hogg (18), Scott (10), and Smith (10) still further added to the big total of 218 realised by the villagers. Child, the visitors' pro., bowled splendidly, getting a lot of work on the ball, and his feat of taking seven wickets at a cost of only ten runs each in such a lengthy innings is deserving of more than a passing word of notice.

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Thanks mainly to the grand batting of Davie Crichton (51), Chester-le-Street at one time appeared likely to run their rivals very close. Seventy-five were totalled for the loss of only three wickets, but after Crichton had been dismissed the batting broke down badly, and, with the exception of Tom Hall (16), none of the batsmen could do much with Allison, who quickly finished off the innings, securing five wickets at a small expense. Although defeated, Chester-le-Street made a very favourable impression upon those present, and will always be welcome visitors to the picturesque ground so kindly granted to the Whitburn club by Sir H. Williamson.

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LEADGATE BEATEN.

Leadgate appeared on the Blackfine ground on Friday night to play their return match with Consett 2nd, the latter also including two or three first teamers. The visitors opened the run-getting, but fared so badly against the bowling of Raw that six wickets were down for 16 runs. Jenkins (10 not out) improved matters somewhat, but still all was over for 38. The home team rubbed the runs off without much difficulty, Siddell playing well for 51—which included three fours, twelve threes, and only three singles—before he retired. Wilson (15), Leybourne (12), Raw (11), and Robinson (11) also got into double figures, the innings closing for 118. Jackson and Snowdon accomplished the best work with the ball for Leadgate, their figures being:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
F. Jackson	8.1	0	52	5
J. Snowdon	6	3	6	1

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THE P.M.'S AGAIN WIN.

Unfortunately, Leadgate were only able to take a moderate team to Dipton on Saturday—the captain (F. Jackson), C. Foreman, J. M. Nicholson, W. Brears, A. Burnhope, and others being unable to play—so that the "P.M.'s" gained a fairly easy victory. When Leadgate went in they found Coates almost unplayable, and although Todd contributed a creditable nine, only 17 appeared on the board when the eighth wicket had gone down. Then Coun. Winter and Westhorpe added a useful dozen, and with two more added, the last man was out. Coates secured seven wickets at a very cheap cost. Not content with being the chief cause of the visitors' dismissal, Coates went in first for Dipton and rattled up the top score of the match (27), so that he may be fairly said to have borne off all the honours, and is distinguishing himself quite as much at the summer pastime as that of winter. Bell (14 not out), Ellis, and Thompson rendered material assistance, the Leadgate total being ultimately headed by 34. Harrison and Joe Snaith both bowled well for the losers, who were lucky in getting off with such a moderate defeat considering the team they had to take away.

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BLACKHALL MILL AGAIN GO UNDER.

Burnopfield can certainly lay claim to having had the crow over Blackhall Mill this season, as they have won both away and at home. Almost as much interest was taken in Saturday's return game as the first one between the teams, and the play throughout was followed with the closest attention by the large company on the ground. Although the home team were naturally favourites for the event, it was scarcely expected that the visitors would have succumbed so easily, and I must confess that I, for one, did not think that there would be such a big margin as 50 runs between the teams.

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Blackhall Mill won the toss, and decided to bat, but their display with the willow was disappointing in the extreme. Allan and Bell always held the upper hand of the batsmen, and the innings was a procession to and from the pavilion. Three wickets were down for six runs, whilst a magnificent catch with the left hand by Brewis sent back Taylor at 13. It is quite unnecessary to dwell at length on the feeble exhibition of the visitors. Suffice to say that all were out for 21—15 from the bat and six byes. Too much praise cannot be given to the home men for their work in the field, as nothing was missed, and I am told by a native that has watched the game for over thirty years that such fine fielding has never been seen on the ground before. W. Reay was often prominent, and was frequently applauded. Allan and Bell were at their best in the bowling department, and runs were only obtained from them with the greatest difficulty. Their analyses read as follows:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
J. G. Allan	6	1	5	5
G. Bell	6	1	10	4

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Burnopfield sent in H. C. Wood and Potts, the attack being shared by Mason and J. Wood. With five runs scored Wood was beaten by his namesake, but when Cuthbertson joined Potts the winning hit was made without further loss. After making a careful 13 Potts also fell a victim to J. Wood. Brewis caused no trouble, but Bell showed very good form until Embleton bowled him with a fine ball. Afterwards, Cuthbertson could get no one to stay with him for any length of time—although Mackintosh made a few good hits—and the innings closed for 71. The "grand old man" (Cuthbertson), who went in first wicket down, carried out his bat for an excellent 27, and was warmly cheered on retiring. His cutting especially was clean and well-timed. Embleton trundled grandly for Blackhall Mill, his record being six wickets for only eight runs. The visitors went in a second time, and did much better on this occasion, scoring 59 for nine wickets. Reay took two wickets for no runs. The umpires were again neutral—the decisions of Messrs Feggon and J. R. Richards (both of Blackhill) appearing to give every satisfaction, although I understand that Taylor was scarcely satisfied about the catch which dismissed him.

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CUTTING IT FINE AT OXHILL.

One of the most exciting games ever witnessed at Oxhill resulted from the meeting of Templetown and South Tanfield 2nd. The latter lost the first game at Templetown, and were anxious to have their revenge, but after a desperate struggle they had to acknowledge themselves beaten by a single run. The visitors took first innings, but made a disastrous start, the captain being run out before the account had been opened. Wickets afterwards continued to fall very rapidly, eight being down for only 13 runs. At this juncture T. Watson joined T. Charlton—who had went in at the fall of the first wicket, and saw six men fall whilst scoring a single—and a different complexion was quickly put upon the game. Both batsmen scored very freely, Charlton being responsible for some splendid cuts (his favourite stroke), placing the ball with admirable judgment, whilst Watson hit out very finely, making some excellent drives. The two men carried the score to 53 ere Charlton was caught for 22, Watson carrying out his bat for 13, and this stand undoubtedly won the match for Templetown. Kent and Hunter bowled capitally for South Tanfield.

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The home team commenced in much the same fashion as their opponents, as the total had only reached double figures when seven wickets had gone down. But the innings was by no means over, as on Hunter and Wilson becoming partners a determined resistance was offered to the attack, 37 runs being added before Hunter was sent back, the outgoing batsman having played good cricket for his runs. In the next over, Wilson (who had played splendid cricket, hitting all round the wicket in good style) was bowled by Watson, the latter having just previously changed ends. With the last two men in the home team wanted five runs to make a tie, and the excitement was very great when Collins hit a ball to the boundary for three, whilst Tiplady managed a single off Watson. With two runs required to win, Tiplady faced Watson, who braced himself up for a final effort, and to the delight of his colleagues completely beat Tiplady, so that Templetown were left with an hard-earned victory by one run only. Watson captured eight wickets for 16 runs, and is a very fine bowler indeed, as this is only one of the many capital performances he has brought off this season.

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GOOD SCORING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Although Chester-le-Street 2nd had startled everybody by winning a game—and away from home too—the week previous, it was scarcely anticipated that the visit of Burnhope would result in the "citizens" annexing another point. And so it proved, albeit it is only fair to say that the home team did not go down without a big struggle, and it seems that a marked improvement in their play has set in during the last two or three weeks, which, I trust, will be maintained. The feature of the Chester venture was the brilliant batting of Stephenson—once prominently identified with the first team—who compiled 64 before Ironsides accepted a catch from him. As Stephenson received able assistance from Morgan (18), Grieveson (15), Bowers (11 not out), and Dickinson, the aggregate topped the century by 33. Robinson took three wickets, and Peel and Heckles two each.

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Nothing daunted by the heavy total they had to face, Peel (19) and Newton (20) made a promising start for Burnhope, whilst Ironsides, who came next, contributed an admirable 31, and I am exceedingly pleased to see this brilliant batsman again assisting his old team, for which he has done such good service in the past. Although J. Dyson failed, Heckels (27) and Robinson (29 not out) punished the home bowling severely, and, eventually, with six wickets down, the score was rubbed off. The visitors probably had to fight harder for victory than they expected, but still it was distinctly a good performance to go in against a total of 133 and obtain the necessary number with four wickets to spare.

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BEAMISH BEATEN AT HOME.

The excellent form shown by the Craghead first and second teams has been one of the features of the present season, and whilst the former have been carrying everything before them in the Junior League, the second string have been doing almost equally as well in the Cup Competition. With such reserves as they have to fall back upon Craghead should be able to hold their own for many years to come. Beamish are notoriously a strong lot to tackle on their own ground, and therefore it says much for Craghead 2nd when they were able to take down the Beamish men away from home. The home team made 66—Bryson (22) and Harvey (11) contributing exactly one-half of this number, Mole and D. Laverick doing best of the others. Cummings did a noteworthy bowling feat, securing nine wickets, the other being run out.

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Only Hann (14) did anything noticeable of the first few Craghead men, and when half the wickets had fallen the chances seemed all in favour of Beamish. The next three did not cause much anxiety, but a splendid partnership between W. Dodds (27) and Cummings (24) settled the issue in favour of the visitors, whilst the last wicket also added a good many runs, so that the home team were ultimately worsted by 19. Beamish went in a second time, and, thanks to some capital play by Laybourne (31), Cook (16), Stoddart (13 not out), and Bryson, put together 89, so that if there had been time for Craghead to play a second innings the finish might have been exciting.

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GOOD BOWLING AT OUSTON.

In no way downheartened by their defeat at the hands of South Tanfield on the preceding Saturday, South Moor turned up smiling at Ouston and somewhat surprised the latter by gaining a fairly easy victory at their expense. The visitors first appeared on the defensive, but so well did Elliot and Cockburn bowl that the whole side was got rid of for 48. Robinson (20) and Joyce were the only men that showed any form at all, and the former's exhibition was exceptionally praiseworthy under the circumstances. As "Extras" was credited with 11, this only left nine runs to split up between the remaining nine batsmen—or an average of one run each. Elliot's seven wickets were obtained at a very cheap rate.

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With such a moderate total to face the Ouston men commenced their task with every expectation of a victory, more especially as South Moor were without their best bowler, "Emmy" Beckwith. However, as it turned out, the latter was not missed, Rutherford and Joyce being quite equal to the occasion, and proving much too good for the homesters. Carr and W. Clark were top-scorers with half-a-dozen each, but the full total was only 20, so that South Moor gained a very clever win. Joyce and Rutherford's figures are so good that they deserve a couple of lines to themselves:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Joyce	5.2	2	11	5
Rutherford	5	2	6	5

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MEDOMSLEY DRAW WITH DURHAM 2ND.

The Durham City ground is a notoriously good scoring one, and the visit of Medomsley on Saturday to the city of "old maids and mustard" furnished another proof of this fact, if such were needed. The wicket was a hard and fast one, and the "City," winning the toss, made full use of their opportunity, and gave the visitors some rare leather-hunting. Howe (34) and Mohun (27) made 54 for the first wicket, whilst afterwards Dr. Hill hit up 53—including nine fours—and then Scott (28) and Thompson (23) effected another long stand, and with the second century passed for the loss of only half their wickets, the home team decided to put the "closure" into force. Medomsley tried no less than nine bowlers, but the only one to meet with much success was Robinson, who clean bowled three men.

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The visitors had nothing to play for but a draw, and this they succeeded in doing after making a creditable display. M. Charlton (19) and W. Cant (13) put on 32 before a wicket fell, but when four men were out for 41 it looked as if the home team might just manage to win. However, Robinson and R. Charlton (24) came to the rescue, and although they started somewhat unsteadily, both youngsters hit out in fine style when they became set. Campbell also laid about him in rare fashion, hitting up 28 before being dismissed. At this stage stumps were pulled up, Robinson carrying out his bat for a capital 26.

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A PLEASANT GAME AT SHOTLEY.

A most enjoyable game took place at Shotley Spa on Saturday, when Consett 2nd were the opponents of the home club. The day was beautifully fine, and the charming scenery of these famous grounds looked at its best, whilst to add to the enjoyment some good music was rendered during the afternoon by a brass band which accompanied a large party of excursionists from Sunderland. The visitors put one of the best teams into the field that they have got together this season, intending, if possible, not only to avenge their former defeat by Shotley, but to notch at least one point in the Cup Competition, and so break through their long record of defeats. But, alas! fate was still against them, and the result was a further disappointment. Another bowler or two was were much needed in the team to relieve Raw and Robinson, who both bowled well, especially Raw, but they got fagged before the end. The feature of the Shotley innings was the free, clean hitting of Annandale, who knocked up 26 in wonderfully short time, and showed that he can use the bat as well as field. Hanning bowled best for Shotley.

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TANFIELD WIN COMFORTABLY.

At Tanfield on Saturday Tantobie sustained their eleventh successive defeat in the Cup Competition. The visitors commenced fairly well, and at one time seemed in for a fairly good score when five wickets were down for 35, but the remainder only made five amongst them, all being out for 41. Bowes (13), Brown (11), and Morton played well for their respective scores. On Tanfield taking their turn with the bat, the issue was speedily settled, three wickets realising 48. Christopher and Ledger then got together, and carried the score to 77, at which point the visitors cried content. Christopher played splendidly for his 32 (not out), his innings being marked by patient batting and strong defence. Ledger's 19 was made up of two threes, five twos, and singles. There is no doubt that Tanfield were in for a record score for them had full time been played. Robinson, Brown, and Ledger all bowled well for the home team.

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A POINT FOR SOUTH TANFIELD.

A number of clubs were victorious away from home on Saturday, and South Tanfield were included amongst these, they paying their neighbours of Stanley a visit, and bringing off a capital win. Batting first the home team made the creditable total of 60—Chisholm leading the way with 16, whilst useful scores were also forthcoming from Rendall, Henderson, and Hutchinson. Raine and Smith trundled effectively for the visitors, who replied with 104, good batting in the early part of the innings being shown by Palmer (22) and Henderson (16), whilst Morris (19) and Wilson (14 not out) made an unexpectedly good stand for the last wicket, and gave considerable trouble ere they were separated. Shield was the most successful of the Stanley bowlers.

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SACRISTON STILL SUCCESSFUL.

Sacriston entertained the Browney team on Saturday and experienced little difficulty in sending their visitors home with a decisive thrashing to digest. Jameson played a fine innings of 34 for the home team, and was ably backed up by Shepherd (19), Turnbull (10 not out), J. Taylor, and P. Taylor, the aggregate totting up to 89. Against the bowling of Shepherd and Robson the Browney made a very disappointing show, all the whole side could realise being 21. Hepple was top-sawyer with five, followed by three fours. Shepherd claimed four wickets and Robson six—each for the same number of runs, viz., nine, so that it can be easily imagined that the two bowlers named thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sacriston are certainly having a more than usually successful season, and should be able to present a rare record when the campaign comes to an end.

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STANLEY BEAT WHICKHAM.

Stanley journeyed to Whickham on Saturday, and repeated their previous victory over the home team. With the exception of Mordue (16), Thyne, and T. Cheeseman, none of the home men could make anythingg of the deliveries of Sam Wood, who took six wickets for very few runs, the total only amounting to 47. The best batting of the day was exhibited by G. Stewart, who went in first for Stanley, and when stumps were finally drawn with the score standing at 78 for six wickets Stewart was still in, having made 46 by excellent cricket. Wood (14) and Knox (11) also helped considerably to swell the total. Whickham are by no means playing up to their old traditions this season, and have, I should think, lost more matches than for many years past.

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BLAYDON BEATEN.

Blaydon gave only a weak exhibition against Medomsley 2nd, and were easily defeated. The winners' total of 70 was chiefly the work of M. Murphy (18), J. Hunter (11), Jos. Walton (11), W. Simpson, and W. T. Hunter. Ryding bowled well for the visitors. Blaydon could do nothing at all with the deliveries of M. Hunter and Irving—the latter being a new man that has recently come from Cumberland to the village—and 27 was all they could muster. Hope and Scott showing the best form. I append the analyses of the bowlers:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
M. Hunter	10	1	17	4
J. Irving	9.2	4	7	5

A VICTORY FOR SOUTH MOOR 2ND.

The second teams of Burnhope and South Moor met at the former place on Saturday, when the homesters had to acknowledge themselves well beaten. The visitors commenced by losing two wickets very sharply, but after this J. Harrison (20), I. Nixon (14), and J. Moss (10) all showed up well, so that the total amounted to the respectable proportions of 74. With the exception of Elliot (13), Burnhope only made a sorry show against the bowling of Vyne and Ridley, and could only manage 38, and even this small score contained 10 "Extras," so that the latter, with Elliot, were responsible for 23 out of 38.

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WHITE-LE-HEAD WIN.

After a capital game the Y.M.C.A. of White-le-Head gained a clever win over Tanfield 2nd. The losers compiled the excellent score of 67, for which they had chiefly to thank Cloe (17), Armstrong (15), Nicholson, M. Bell, and J. Bell. Good as the visitors' total was it was not sufficient to secure them a victory, as Atkinson (22), Reay (13), Dawson (13), and Cochrane (11) batted so well that the "Y.M.'s" headed their rivals' score by 23. Pyle and Saunders bowled admirably for the winners, as did Cloe and the Rev. C. E. Hughes for Tanfield.

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GREENSIDE V. BLACKHALL MILL.

Dear sir,—Your correspondent in last week's issue seems to have failed to grasp what I tried to point out to him. I have no concern as to what other teams may think who have played them, neither do I care about the three players that were not satisfied at Greenside, nor about the ball he never tried to play breaking. I tried to point out that I have little sympathy with many of the decisions given by umpires representing their own club, and I did not try to justify the decision given against them at Blackhall Mill. But my friend must remember that in almost all sports the judge's or umpire's decision is final, and is not always satisfactory to the parties concerned. And let me add that I am in favour of neutral umpires, and local cricket will never be what it ought until this is brought about. But to come back to the point, I am sorry that the Captain of the Blackhall Mill second team has not satisfied me with a reason for stopping the game, and I still repeat that the conduct towards our club was unmanly. If this captain's attitude was taken up by all captains there would scarcely be a single game played. As to doing his club harm he need have no fear on that score. He will only do that too successfully by treating all clubs as he did ours. I leave all lovers of the game to judge whether it is more unmanly to write under a non-de-plume or manifest conduct such as his. Hoping you will find space,

I remain, yours, etc.,

W. C. R.

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MEMS.

Stanley and District Wednesday gave Consett and District Wednesday an awful dubbing last week.

Sam Wood was in grand form with the willow, and was responsible for a magnificent 102.

Much interest will centre in the game at Medomsley on Saturday between the home second team and Burnopfield.

After the match at Burnopfield on Saturday, about 40 members of the Burnopfield club went into Mr J. H. Cuthbertson's hayfield, and helped him to put the hay into pike as they had promised.

An important decision was given by the Durham County Committee at their meeting the other evening.

It appeared that some clubs, unable through the bad weather to play their Competition games on the Saturday, had brought them off during the week.

The committee decided that these games must be ignored, and that the matches not played on the Saturday must count as draws.

I also notice that the conduct of the Burnhope spectators—presumably in their match with Stanley—is to form the subject of an investigation by the Group committee.

I regret to state that E. Palliser (a well-known member of the Consett second team) had the misfortune to lose two or three fingers recently whilst following his employment at the Paper Mill.

I understand that the tickets for Martin's benefit on August 1st are going off well.

One of the most interesting of Saturday's games will be the Junior League fixture, Stanley v. Medomsley, as a good deal of friendly rivalry exists between the teams.

Jim Wardy, the Burnopfield skipper, appeared behind the sticks on Saturday, and I am told that he performed remarkably well.

Consett have a stiff task before them in having to tackle South Shields by the "sad sea waves."

I hope they will be fully represented, and then I have little doubt but that they will acquit themselves with credit.

Martin acted as Captain last Saturday at Benwell, and worked like a Trojan for his side.

It was exasperatingly hard luck on Jim to be run out in attempting his fiftieth run.

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The table to date is as follows :—

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Craghead	8	6	1	1	5
Stanley	7	3	1	0	3
Burnhope	8	5	1	2	3
Medomsley	7	4	1	2	2
Durham City 2nd	8	1	2	5	—4
Chester-le-St. 2nd	8	1	0	7	—6

DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

GROUP A.

Table up to date :

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
Burnopfield	9	8	1	0	7
Blackhall Mill	8	6	2	0	4
Medomsley 2nd	8	4	4	0	0
Blaydon	9	4	5	0	—1
Shotley Bridge	8	3	5	0	—2
Consett 2nd	8	0	8	0	—8

GROUP B.

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
South Tanfield	11	9	2	0	7
Craghead 2nd	11	8	1	2	7
South Moor	11	7	3	1	4
Tanfield	10	5	4	1	1
Beamish	10	4	5	1	—1
Ouston	11	3	6	2	—3
Stanley 2nd	11	3	7	1	—4
Tantobie	11	0	11	0	—11

MATCHES WANTED.

South Moor Juniors are in want of matches.—Apply, D. McGregor, jun., 7, Louisa Terrace, Stanley.

Consett White Stars have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages 12, to 14. Apply, T. Hull, 21, Puddlers' Row, Consett.

Medomsley Church would like to arrange matches with junior teams; average age, 14. Apply, J. T. Bell, Pines Cottages, Medomsley.

Football.

Craghead Rovers have all dates vacant for next season for good juniors. Apply, W. Wilson, Railway Street, Craghead.

Stanley Royal Oaks have all dates vacant, and would like to arrange matches with teams of the age of from 12 to 16. All communications to be addressed to R. Boucher, 22, Louisa Terrace, Stanley, R.S.O.

South Moor Albions would like to arrange dates with good junior teams ; ages, 18 to 19. Apply, Ben Hardy, 9, Louisa Terrace, Stanley, R.S.O.

DIPTON WANDERERS A.F.C.

The annual meeting of this club was held on Monday evening in the pavilion, but owing to the books of the club being still in the hands of the Durham Challenge Cup Committee the financial report was not given. The business of the meeting was the election of officers. The result is as follows:—Corresponding secretary, Mr J. Burton ; financial secretary, Mr Geo. Robinson ; treasurer, Mr D. Mole ; committee, Messrs Freck, Smith, Coulthard, Teasdale, and Swinbank. Captain 1st team, Mr T. Walker, vice-captain 1st team, Mr J. Milburn. With the above named gentlemen at the head of this club we sincerely trust that the club may be more successful than ever in its future struggles. Let all work harmoniously together for one common object, and we do not doubt but that this desirable end will be accomplished.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC A.F.C.

The committee of the above club and a few friends, held a supper at Mr Aitchinson's Railway Hotel, on Saturday evening, provided by Mrs Aitchinson in an excellent manner. The tables were presided over by Mrs Curry, Mrs Aitchinson, Miss Gibson and the two Misses Aitchinson. After the cloth was removed a smoking concert was held, when songs and solos were sung in excellent style by Messrs Wm. Johnson, T. Rowell, J. Johnson, J. Wood, J. Richardson, James Carr, R. R. Bell, W. Dodds, and Ross. Mr H. Palmer gave selections on the violin, and Mr H. Mande officiated at the piano. Mr Wm. Taylor was unanimously elected to the chair, and Mr R. Ramsay officiated as vice-chairman. A jolly night was spent by all. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Aitchinson and the waiters for providing the supper concluded the proceedings.—On Tuesday night a party of members and supporters levelled the football field, and it is expected that it will be made one of the best football fields in the district, by next season. This prosperous club has the promise of the assistance of a good many players of note, from league and Tyneside clubs.

Local Volunteer Intelligence.

MATCH AT BLAYDON.

A match between teams selected from the Tyne and Derwent Rifle Club and the 4th Volunteer Battalion Durham Light Infantry respectively, took place on the Bewes Hill range, near Blaydon, on Saturday. The event resulted in favour of the club by 10 points. Score :—

Tyne and Derwent Rifle Club.—Corporal J. Dixon, 92; Lance-Sergeant G. W. Stephenson, 85; Sergeant T. Vallans, 84; Colour-Sergeant W. V. Shotton, 83; Lieutenant S. O. Ferry, 81; Private R. Charlton, 11; Lance-Corporal E. Ormston, 80; Private E. Adams, 79; Corporal W. March, 79; Private J. Chilton, 78—total, 822. Counted out: Sergeant J. Marley, 75; Sergeant Armstrong, 68.

4th V.B.D.L.I.—Private Eleand, 86; Private Clough, 85; Private R. Atkin, 84; Corporal J. Grundy, 84; Private Trotter, 82; Private Pattison, 82; Private Harle, 81; Private P. Lynn, 80; Colour-Sergeant Usher, 78; Private Roscamp, 70—total, 812. Counted out; Corporal Stoddart, 66; Private Miller, 61.

TYNE AND DERWENT RIFLE CLUB.

At the Bewes Hills range, near Blaydon, on Saturday, a handicap was held under the auspices of this club the maximum number of points, without start, being 105. Scores:—Corporal J. Dixon, Winlaton (4 start), 107; Private J. W. Clarke, Blaydon, (30), 105; Sergeant J. Sisterson, Newcastle Engineers (15), 103; Lance-Sergeant G. W. Stephenson, Winlaton (27), 98; Private W. Gardiner, Blaydon (26), 96; Private J. Farrow, Winlaton (22), 95; Private R. Chilton, Blaydon (12), 93; Colour-Sergeant T. Vallans, Blaydon (4), 88; Colour-Sergeant W. V. Shotton, Winlaton (2), 85; Private E. Adams, Blaydon (6), 85; Lance-Corporal E. Ormston, Blaydon (4), 84; Lieutenant S. O. Ferry, Northumberland Fusiliers (2), 83; Corporal W. March, Blaydon (4), 83; Band-Corporal J. Grundy, Winlaton (12), 82; Private J. Chilton, Blaydon (1), 79; Sergeant J. Marley, Blaydon (3), 78.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Mondy 31 dairy cows and heifers, 10 fat cattle, 12 store cattle, 15 calves, 7 young pigs, 110 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £18, fat cattle to £16, calves to 41s, fat sheep to 43, fat hoggs to 39s 6d—top, Mr T. Nesbit Machiel, fat lambs to 30s—top, Mr W. Vickers, Eastgate House.

Benfieldside.—There were forward at this mart on Monday 19 fat cattle, 7 store cattle, 188 fat sheep and lambs, 11 calves, 27 pigs, 2 cows, and miscellaneous lots. Fat heifers, £16 5s to £17 10s ; fat cows £13 to £16 15s ; cows to £11 15s ; store heifers, £7 2s 6d to £8 10. Young sheep to 41s 6d ; lambs to 32s 6d. Veal calves, 32 to 77s 6d ; keeping calves, 12s to 27s 6d. Pork pigs, 26s to 55s ; small do., 13s to 21s 6d. Beef a slow trade at a reduction of 6d per stone from last week. Sheep and lambs a fair trade, considering the number and the bad reports from last week's markets. Pigs and calves making less money.

Lanchester Stock Mart Co. Ltd.—July 13th. This company had forwarded 50 fat sheep and lambs, 5 cows, a nice pen of sheep from Mr Henderson, Peth House, 44s a head, sold to Mr Luke, Durham ; other lots to 34s ; fat lambs from Mr Wilson, Maiden Hall to 30s sold to Mr Walborn, Lanchester ; other lots to 28s ; cows to £13. The hay harvest being in full swing there was only a small company.

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

Sporting Items.

ROOKHOPE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

These annual sports were held in a field at the west of the village on Saturday, and were well attended. Result:—Wrestling, 11 stone men—1st, G W Bowman, Rookhope; 2nd, J Nicholson, Stanhope; 3rd, G Oliver, Rookhope. 120 yards handicap—1st, G Oliver, Rookhope; 2nd, J. T. Hogarth, Rookhope; 3rd, E Sanderson, Allenheads. Quoits—1st, J Stones, Hedley Hill; 2nd, W Stones, Hedley Hill; 3rd, Dan Logan, Hedley Hill. Cricket—Allenheads, 48 for 4 wickets; Crawleyside, 43. Also Rookhope 34; Crawleyside 37.

FIVES.

Dipton Ball Alley.—The double fives handicap, promoted by Mr W. Evans, who added £2 to all entrances of 1s each, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday afternoon in the ball alley adjacent to the house of Mr J. Temple, Red Ox Inn, in the presence of about 600 spectators. Appended is the result:—Jos. Ritchie and John Smith, both of Dipton, 5 start, 1; R. Wilkinson and W. Curtis, also of Dipton, 13, 2.

QUOITING.

Winlaton.—A large muster of spectators assembled at the quoit grounds adjoining the Old House Inn, Winlaton, on Saturday afternoon to witness the following events decided in the handicap promoted by Mr J. Evans:—First round (continued)—E. Turner, Blaydon, 4, beat T. Renwick, Winlaton, 17, by 5; M. Kelly, Blaydon, scratch, beat H. Foster, Blaydon, 12, by 17; G. Robinson, Blaydon, 10, beat W. French, Blaydon, 8, by 10; "Pusher," 17, beat W. Henderson, Winlaton, 14, by 10. Mr Jos. Evans, Jun., officiated as referee.

LAWN TENNIS.

Whickham v. Ryton Church Club.—This engagement took place at Whickham, before a large and fashionable attendance of spectators. The court was in good trim, and some exciting play was witnessed. Result:—W. Custance and Miss R. Riddle (W) beat Robson and Turnbull (R) 6-3, 6-5; beat B. Grice and Miss Stobbart (R) 6-1, 6-4. P. Harbottle and Miss L. Harbottle (W) beat B. Grice and Miss Stobbart (R) 6-3 6-4; lost to Robson and Miss Turnbull (R) 6-1, 6-2. G. Easy and Miss Karrigan (W) beat J. Newton and Miss Robson (R) 6-4, 6-0; beat Leybourne and Miss Tait (R) 6-4; lost 4-6; beat Newton and Miss Robson (R) 6-2, and lost 5-6. Final—Whickham, 82 games, to 57; and 11 sets to 5.

TOW LAW CATHOLIC SPORTS.

Splendid weather favoured the 6th annual athletic sports, held in the Pit House field on Saturday last, at Tow Law. A new and pleasing feature introduced into the programme was a Brass Band Contest for bands not having hitherto won a prize of £10. This attracted five bands, with £1 given for the best quickstep through the main thoroughfare, the town assumed a general holiday aspect. Roundabouts, shooting galleries, refreshment stalls, &c., were erected in profusion along one side of the field, and with a capital attendance, the annual gathering, under the secretaryship of Mr Peter Rock, bids fair to assume still greater proportions. At the close of the sporting programme, a ball was held in the Mechanics Institute, when the large hall was packed to its utmost limits. The table of results for the various events is as follows:—

120 Yards Flat Handicap.—Heat 1—J H Burdon, Tow Law, 25, 1; C Revell, Tow Law, 26, 2; J Ewins, Woodland, 23, 8. Heat 2—G Simpson, Tow Law, 1; R Leybyrn, Wolsingham, 23, 2; P McDermitt, Cornsay, 24, 3. Heat 3—R Kitching, Crook, 19½, w.o. Heat 4—J A Butler, Tow Law, 24, 1; T Hodgson, Tow Law, 24, 2. Heat 5—P J Ryan, Consett, 23½, 1; T Berry, Bowden Close, 24, 2. Heat 6—J Teesdale, Quebec, 28, w.o. Heat 7—A Kitchen, Northallerton, 24, 1; J Archer, Blackhill, 24, 2; H Jackson, Pittington, 0; W Hall, Waterhouses, 25, 0. Heat 8—A Kerr, Tow Law, 26, 1; A Dent, Blackhill, 23, 2; F Waller, Woodlands, 21, 3. Heat 9—W Batey, Tow Law, 19½, 1; S Dennison, Crook, 23½, 2; J Lawson, Gateshead, 22½, 0. Heat 10—R Wallace, Burnhope, 23½, 1; A Butterfield, Woolley, 20, 2. Heat 11—B Rodgers, Leadgate, 23½, 1; J Leslie, Consett, 23, 2; H Dowson, Barton, 24½, 3. Heat 12—J Masterman, Stanley, 20½, 1; F Swinburne, Blackhill, 19, 2; T Williams, Wolsingham, 20, 3. Heat 13—T Pearson, Stoney Heap, 24½ 1; J McGough, Stanley, 25, 2; H C Wilkinson, Tow Law, 26, 3; T Allen, Consett, 23, 0. Heat 14—F Hall, Blackhill, 28½, 1; T Neohan, Bishop Auckland, 23, 2; J Coulson, Wolsingham, 25, 3. Semi Finals—Heat 1—Simpson 1, Burdon 2, Butler 3, Kitching 4. Heat 2—Kitchen 1, Barry 2, Kerr 3, Teesdale 4. Heat 3—Masterman 1, Rogers 2, Wallace 0, Batey 0. Heat 4—Hall 1, Pearson 2. Final—Kitchen 1, Masterman 2, Simpson 3, Hall 0. Won by a yard.

Trotting Handicap.—Winners of heats.—J Stephenson's Tommy Sandband; Jos Stephenson's Spy; Harrison's Dunny; Dunn's Heather Jack. Final—Tommy Sandband 1, Spy 2, Dunny 3. Won very easily.

Quarter Mile Handicap.—1st, 10s; 2nd, opera glasses or 7s 6d; 3rd, 2s 6d.—H Burdon, Tow Law (50), 1; A Butterfield, Wooley (13), 2; F. Swinburne, Blackhill (20), 3; A Daley, Leadgate (20), 0; W Batey, Tow Law (20), 0; A Kitchen, Northallerton (25), 0; R Kitchen, Crook (25), 0. Burdon led throughout and won by 3 yards. The spectators encroaching on to the track shut out the remaining competitors with the exception of Swinburne.

Quoit Handicap.—1st, 30s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 5s; 4th, 5s.—There were 66 entries and were played in five rounds. In the last round Pybus, of Brandon, 2 lots, Redmond, of Bishop Auckland, and Lance Coates, of Tow Law, divided.

80 Yards Race for Boys.—Under 14 years of age—1st, a silver watch; 2nd, silk handkerchief. Quigley, Quebec (11), 1; Newton, Quebec (15), 2; Cunningham, Tow Law (15), 3.

Wrestling.—1st, £1; 2nd, 10s; judge, P Berill, East Hedleyhope. 1st round.—J. Walton, Hewden-le-Wear, threw R Muse, of Wolsingham; P Burke Wolsingham, threw T Walton, Howden; W Hall, Bearpark, threw R Lambert, Wolsingham. 2nd round.—J. Walton threw P Burke; W Hall a bye. 3rd round.—J Walton threw W Hall; P Burke, threw W Hall. Final—J Walton threw P Burke and won.

Brass Band Contest.—One of the leading features in connection with the sports was a Brass Band Contest, which secured five entries, Spennymoor Temperance won the quickstep, and the result of the selection contest was as follows:—Spennymoor Temperance (conductor, Mr. J. A. Multon), £7, 1; Brandon Colliery, £2, 2; Frosterley (conductor, Mr. J. Thompson), £1, 3. The other competing bands were:—Oakenshaw (conductor, Mr. C. Hoaldon), and Tow Law (conductor, Mr. Joseph Dixon). Mr. T. McDonald, Tow Law, acted as judge. A protest was lodged against Spennymoor Temperance for having won a prize value £10.

BENFIELDSIDE BURIAL BOARD.

The quarterly meeting of the Benfieldside Burial Board was held on Thursday evening last, in the Cemetery, Blackhill. Mr. Aynsley presided, and there were also present:—Messrs E. Sloane, T. Knox, T. Dunne, Wm. Ramsay, Jno. Lowes, Jno. Kempson, and the Clerk, Mr. Thos Whinney.

THE PAYMENT OF AUDITORS.

Mr. Dunne enquired if Mr. Kelly was going to be paid for the audit this year. He wished to know if any payment was going to be made.

The Clerk said he must have instructions direct from the Board, if anything of the sort was to be paid.

The Chairman though there must certainly be something wrong, when a man was paid for doing certain work one year, as Mr. Kelly had done, and then was not going to get paid for doing the same work another year.

The Clerk repeated that the Board must give him authority to pay the money. The minute which the Board had passed had not given him power to pay last year's money. The Consett Council had appointed Mr. Kelly, and passed a resolution that he should be paid, but none of the other Council's had sanctioned the payment and he had had no resolution from the Board.

Mr. Dunne asked that when the auditor had been appointed in due form by the County Council, and he had done the work, the Board would not be bound to pay him.

The Clerk replied that they were not bound to do so, unless every Council agreed to the payment.

Mr Dunne said that, under the circumstances, the Consett Council would seem to be the body, which was responsible for the payment of the auditor.

Mr. Kempson took it that the work done was for the Burial Board, and he thought that as a matter of common sense the Board should be responsible for its payment. He thought they had passed a resolution that the auditor ought to be paid.

Several members stated that the feeling of the last meeting was that the minute should be retrospective in its action.

Mr. Lowes wished to know if the money could not be paid now.

Mr. Knox said that Mr. Vickers would also want pay for a back audit, on the same grounds as Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Lowes moved and Mr. Kempson seconded, that the back accounts be paid to Mr. Kelly and Mr. Vickers and it was unanimously agreed to.

GRANTS OF RIGHT.

Grants of Right to purchase graves were then issued to Mrs. Marshall; and Mr. Jno. Dobson, of Benfieldside Edge Road, on the motion of Mr. Ramsay seconded by Mr. Lowes.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers thereof, of last month and found them in order. They recommended cheques for payment to the amount of £58 17s.

On the motion of Mr. Ramsay seconded by Mr. Kempson, the report was adopted.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Ground Committee, in their report, detailed a number of improvements which had been made in the chapels during the last quarter. The arrangements had been under the direction of Mr. Geo. T. Wilson of Blackhill, and had been conducted in a most satisfactory manner. The contracts had been taken by Mr. Johnson Robson, and Mr. Strachan. The report recommended that further painting in the chapels to the amount of £10 13s be given to Mr. Robson.

USING THE CHAPEL.

Attention was drawn to the custom which prevailed of not giving notice when funeral parties required the use of the chapels. If the caretaker had the chapel warmed and then the parties did not use the chapel, the result was naturally a considerable loss. On the motion of Mr. Ramsay, it was decided to give the persons in charge of funerals notice, desiring them to inform the sexton, if they wished to hold a service in the chapel.

THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Ramsay reported that when the whole of the renovations had been carried out, the total cost would amount to about £60.

This concluded the business.

CONSETT RACE MEETING.

Finer weather than that which attended the Consett races on Saturday could not have been furnished had the management had the ordering of it themselves. From the early morning the sun was shining brightly, and the afternoon was most enjoyable. Without the least excuse therefore for non-attendance for anyone to lay hold of it was disappointing to the management and surprising to everyone else, particularly those who know the sporting tendencies of the large district of which Consett is the centre, to see so poor a company present. Whether it is that the charge for admission is too heavy or that Saturday is a less suitable day than Wednesday for the meeting we cannot tell, but certainly the attendance was smaller on the present than on the last occasion, when the fixture was held on a Wednesday, nay, smaller than we have ever known it before both inside and outside the ring. Great things had been expected in the way of patronage from the opening of the new line from Consett to Annfield Plain which will tap a populous district, but the delay in the opening of the branch prevented the realisation of these hopes. An attractive card was provided, but fields were very small throughout the afternoon, and the racing was scarcely so interesting as usual in consequence, except in the principal event, the Woodlands Handicap, in which there were seven competitors and a capital finish, the race going to an old veteran in the person of Mr. Thomas Severs, a well-known patron of local meetings. The favourite for this race, Throston Queen, threw her jockey, but Clark, though he received several nasty cuts, was not much worse. The refreshments were provided by Mr. Ed. Wylam, of Consett. The racing requires no comment beyond that given below, and it only remains to add that the officials of the meeting got through their work with satisfaction to all concerned. The officials were:—Stewards—Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, Mr. T. Taylor-Smith, Mr. Alfred C. Coning, Mr. R. Murray, Mr. John S Bagnall, Mr. J. Clarkson, Mr. J. Watson, and the Directors of the Racing Company; Clerk of the Course, Referee, and Judge, Mr. Wm. Young; Starter, Mr. Thos. Beattie; Clerk of the Scales, Mr. T. C. Rawes. The Secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Mr. J. G. Murray, Consett. Results:—

DERWENT HURDLE RACE, value £15. About two miles, over hurdles.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as placed:—

12 0	GYRATION—Hume	Cutter
12 0	YARM—Lough	Fitton
11 0	WHAT CARE I—Seymour	Owner

Betting: 7 to 4 on Gyration, 2 to 1 agst Yarm, 6 to 1 agst What Care I.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' PURSE, value £15. About one mile, on the flat.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as placed:—

10 0	MARY JANE—Todd	Ridley
10 0	TUSCANY — Britton	Fitton
9 7	HEATHETTE—Hodgson	McBride

Betting: 6 to 4 on Mary Jane, 6 to 4 agst Tuscany, 4 to 1 agst Heathette.

The favourite made all the running and won by two lengths. Heathette was beaten off.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM SELLING STAKES, value £20. About one mile, on the flat.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as placed:—

8 7	RUNDALE—Emerton	Anderson
9 0	WATERSPRITE—Davison	Barnard
9 7	HOME RULE—Lowson	Rowley

Also ran:—

10 0	YARM—Lough	Fitton
8 7	COQUETDALE—Lough	Wilson

Betting: 2 to 1 on Rundale, 4 to 1 each agst Watersprite and Home Rule, 6 to 1 agst others.

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third.

MATCH for £10. Distance about 1 mile.

FIRST and SECOND as placed:—

9 0	Billy—Frieck	Aitken
8 0	Minnie—Hudson	Horner

Betting: 2 to 1 on Billy.

They ran locked together to the last turn, where Billy came away and won by 20 lengths.

WOODLANDS HANDICAP. Value £25. About 1¼ miles on the flat.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as placed:—

9 7	GLADYS 5 yrs—Thos. Severs	Tennant
9 7	HADDON HALL 3 yrs—G. McBride	Owner
8 4	NABOB 5 yrs (car 8st 10lb)—Thos. Severs	Ridley

Also ran:—

10 7	THORSTON QUEEN 5 yrs—G. E. Waite	Clark
9 7	WEE TOMMY 5 yrs—H. A. Scott	Hoggins
8 12	RUNDALE 3 yrs (car. 9st 8lb—G. Emmerton	Anderson
8 4	MISS MORRE 4 yrs—M. Gray	Toney

Betting: Evens Throston Queen, 2 to 1 agst Wee Tommy, 4 to 1 agst Rundale, 6 to 1 agst Gladys, 8 to 1 agst Miss Moore, 10 to 1 agst others.

Won by a length; half a length between second and third.

CONSETT STAKES.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD as placed:—

9 12	TUSCANY	Fitton
8 4	NABOB	Ridley
10 6	MARY JANE	Tennant

Also ran:—

9 7	WEE TOMMY	Hoggins

Betting: 2 to 1 on Tuscany, 5 to 2 agst Wee Tommy, 5 to 1 agst Mary Jane, 10 to 1 agst Nabob.

Won by three lengths; three lengths between second and third.

CONSOLATION SCRAMBLE, for beaten horses.

After considerable delay, the owners of three horses only notified their intention of running, viz., Throston Queen, Watersprite, and Nabob, and the stewards declared the race void.

HAMSTERLEY BRASS BAND SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon, the annual sports of the Hamsterley Brass Band were held in a field granted by Mr. Allan, the local colliery manager. The fixture was favoured with the most edlightful weather, and a very large crowd assembled in the field, which was pleasantly situated overlooking the Derwent. Mr. Jas. Cousins acted as secretary to the sports and fulfilled his duties in a most able manner. This gentleman also acts as secretary to the Band, which is rapidly coming to the front in musical circles. The following gentlemen have acted as a committee in connection with the gala. Messrs Wm. Allan, (president of the Band) Thos. Backworth, (vice-president,) Geo. Armstrong, senr. Geo. Armstrong, junr. R. Mason, Geo Adams, Jno. Holdman, Robt. Chayton, (bandmaster), Hy. Bell, Thos. McKenzie, R. Porteus, R. Fenwick, R. Robson, and J. Ward.

Durng the afternoon, the band discoursed the following programme of music:—March, Washington Grays, Graffula. Fantasia, Olympia, Herzer; Grand selections, Don John, Bishop; selection, Gems of Cambria, Round; Valse, Court Ball, Fetrosi; Cornet Solo, by J. White, Soldier Awakening; Grand selection, England, J. Ord Hume; Overture, Chansons du Soir, Verner; March, Honest Toil, Rimmer.

The other results were:—Quoiting, (31 entries), R. Newton, Victoria Garesfield, 1; L. McKenna, Tanfield, 2; T. Surtees and R. Robson, of the Spen, 3. Mr. Porteus judged this contest. In the long kick competition, for which there were no less than fifty entries, W. Musgrove was first, and R. Fenwick second, both these gentlemen hailing from Hamsterley; in the kicking at goal Musgrove and Fenwick each kicked a goal at each of the three attempts, there being 31 entries for this event. In the cricket competition the following were the results:—School Row, 61; Hamsterley Stars, 25; Hamsterley Dene Row, 54; Hamsterley White Stars, 17. The individual scores in the matches will be found in the cricket columns. In the skipping contest Mary Anne Hawd with 265 skips was first, and gained a silver broach. Sarah Fenwick and Mary Parker being second and third with 246 and 236 skips respectively. There were 37 entries. The prizes for this contest were given by Mr. C. Brodie.

On and after July 13th, "Great Thoughts" will give a £200 insurance for cyclists in addition to its present generous insurance coupon of £2,000 insurance against fatal and other accidents by train, steamboat, omnibus, tramway, or cab. It is not necessary for subscribers to sign the coupon week by week, provided the subscription has been paid by the subscriber to his or her newsagent. Fuller particulars as to this new insurance scheme are to be found in "Great Thoughts" dated July 18th, but published Monday, July 13th.

In view of the universal popularity of cycling as a pastime, and the dangers attending its pursuit, "Cassell's Saturday Journal" has arranged to give its readers the benefits of free cycling insurance. Provision is made for compensation in case of death or injury from accidents whilst cycling, and the free insurance begins with the number published July 15th.

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LIVELY PROCEEDINGS.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Kyo Board Schools on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr P. Reay. The other members present were:—Couns. T. Bowes, W. French, R. Bates, H. Williams, W. Down, W. Eltringham, R. Pigford, W. Fitzpatrick, J. Dunn, J. Bainbridge, G. Bullerwell, and the Clerk (Mr John Moore.)

OUT OF ORDER.

Coun. Bowes: Before we commence with the correspondence I should like to ask what has become of my notice of motion which I submitted at the last meeting?

The Chairman: I told you it would not be given because it was out of order.

Coun. Bowes: If you hold it unfair or out of order it might have been ruled out of order at this meeting; it was a resolution duly handed to the Clerk to be given this month.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr N. Clark of Beamish Park, wrote the Council as follows:—"Mr Joicey is willing to grant leases for the land mentioned in your letter of the 17th inst., for 14 years at £2 per acre. The Council to pay all rates, taxes, and compensate Mr Handy for the loss of the waygoing crops, all unexhausted improvements, and to keep the fences in repair."

Mr W. Porter, of Carmires, wrote:—"I am in receipt of yours of the 13th June, 1896. As this is quite a new bit of business I prefer to have an interview. No one can have land from me until 1898. It seems a peculiar part of the year to ask for land."

ALLOTMENTS WANTED.

Applications were received from Mr Russell and Mr Smith for portions of land of four acres each.

The Chairman announced that the total number of applicants was six, and only one owner of land had submitted his price and conditions. He was surprised that there were not more applications for allotments.

Coun. Eltringham: Are the applicants prepared to take the land on the conditions just stated? Do they consider them satisfactory?

The Chairman: It appears Mr Porter's land cannot be obtained until 1898.

Coun. Eltringham: On account of leases.

Coun. Down: Is the price not rather high at £2 per acre?

Coun. Eltringham: It will be more than £2 per acre.

Coun. Bowes: The high part of the land will never be worked profitably.

Coun. Dunn: I suppose the Council will have to be responsible for this ground for 14 years at least.

The Chairman: Yes.

Coun. Down: Some think that ground could be got nearer the village, and would in all probability increase the number of applicants.

The Chairman: Would it not be as well to appoint a committee on this question?

Coun. Bowes: I should think that the people are not prepared to pay £2 per acre and keep all fences in repair.

Coun. Williams: I think your suggestion, Mr Chairman, that a committee be appointed, is a good one.

Coun. Down: If the Council think the price quoted is an exorbitant one, they could have a valuer or arbitrator to value the land.

Coun. Eltringham: And there is another thing not mentioned in respect to that, there is compensation to pay to the present tenant.

Coun. Williams moved that a committee be formed to go into the question and obtain all necessary information.

Coun. Down seconded, and it was carried.

The following were elected members of the committee:—Messrs Down, Fitzpatrick, Bates, Bainbridge, Pigford, and the Clerk.

SEALING THE LEASE OF THE QUARRIES, ETC.

On the motion of Coun. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Coun. Eltringham, the document relating to the above was read.

Coun. Dunn moved that the seal be affixed.

Coun. Down seconded.

Coun. Bowes: Before the seal is affixed to that very important document I wish to state that in my opinion it is not a legal one. It quotes the award and other other provisions made with respect to the quarries, and if that were sealed we would be no further in in advance than we are at present. The thing has simply to remain in abeyance as it is, and I cannot see why it is necessary that this Council should have to seal anything that is not justice.

Coun. Dunn: The reason why I moved this motion is that we are the rightful owners of the quarries, and for my part I believe the Council has taken the right course. They are a great danger to the people, a nuisance to health, and for that reason I move that the seal of this Council be affixed to the document.

Couns. Eltringham, Bowes, and French objected on the ground that the document was not legal, Coun. French going so far as to say that it was not worth the paper on which it was written.

The Chairman: Allow me to say that wiser and intelligent men than any in this Council have dealt with other Boards in similar cases, and they are right in issuing it.

After further discussion, the document was sealed by Couns. Dunn and Down.

TWO COUNCILLORS SURCHARGED.

The audit account showed that the sum of £32 12s 9d was surcharged to the Chairman (Coun. P. Reay) and Coun. H. Williams, on account of an appeal received by the auditor (Mr Oliver) from Coun. T. Bowes, of Annfield Plain.

Coun. Bullerwell: Who pays the surcharge?

The Chairman: The Council.

Coun. Bainbridge: The Councillors.

Coun. Bullerwell: It is not for this year.

The Chairman: No; it is like the magnanimous action of Coun. Bowes, who, when the cheques were being signed, never said a word about it.

Coun. Bowes: That is a false statement, a deliberate lie.

Coun. Dunn: Has the character of the Council to be stained in this fashion? Have such statements as these to be allowed?

Coun. Williams: I should think not.

Coun. Dunn: I suppose we can have some account why this surcharge has been made. Was it made in due form to the Clerk? I think we ought to know on what grounds we are surcharged. There are two men on this Council who have been surcharged for a certain amount. I think Mr Moore will know something about it.

The Chairman: The accounts were all right when Mr Moore went away for his holidays, but were altered during that time.

Coun. Bainbridge: The auditor said to me that he had had a letter from Mr Bowes, of Annfield Plain, protesting against the payment of some money, giving as a reason that it was a copyhold lease and that the owner ought to be the person to keep the footpath in repair. Mr Bowes was at the audit, and what he said to the auditor he is here to speak for himself, and I hope he will tell us, and the reason why the auditor has surcharged this Council.

Coun. Bowes: If I give an explanation I must give it as being my own private use. What Mr Bainbridge states about me writing and appealing against the amount of money being spent is not the case. All that I said I appealed against was the repairing of ootroads on the Lanchester Award Ground. I did not mention any sum at all. I simply quoted the Act and the copy of the Award, with a sketch of a portion of the Award plan; and I say that the document we are already dealing with is in the same position as the Award is.

Coun. Bainbridge (to Coun. Bowes): Am I to understand that you did not appeal against the money?

Coun. Bowes: I simply dispute the money being paid for footpaths on the Lanchester Common.

Coun. Williams: But then, Mr Bowes knew exactly what the sum was, and knew what was expended on the footpaths at the time when the bill was before the Council, and he said that he did not object to No. 1 lot of the footpaths.

Coun. Bainbridge: Mr Bowes thinks one thing one day and changes his mind the next.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that the auditor told him that Mr Bowes had sent a plan.

Coun. Down (to Coun. Bowes): Our Chairman has put it before you; you said it was not so. I think it is plain enough that you wrote and opposed what the Council authorised to be done, and by this means the auditor has surcharged us with £32 12s 9d through you writing him about it. I think Mr Bowes ought to withdraw the statement made to the Chairman. No Councillor will deny that no objection was taken until the signing of the cheque for the payment of the amount.

Coun. Dunn: And then Mr Bowes objected to a portion from Handy's Gate to West House Farm, and now he has put us to a lot of trouble where we might have had peace and quietness. If a man had thought and seen he had done wrong he would have held his tongue, but Mr Bowes is troubled with a great amount of after wit, and can see things only after they are done.

Coun. Bowes: It is not Bowes but the Council that wants foresight. The Act distinctly states that these foot roads have to be kept in repair for ever and ever by the owner or occupier, and not the Council.

Coun. Bainbridge (to Coun. Bowes): Did you oppose it before the signing of the cheque?

Coun. Bates: At the Parish Council meeting held on Feb. 4th, 1896, Mr Smith asked for a cheque of £7, and that was the time when Mr Bowes objected.

Coun. Bainbridge: I think he ought to retract his statement that the Chairman is a liar.

The Chairman: I may say that there is the auditor's report here, and I think we had better have the whole thing read.

Coun. Fitzpatrick moved, and it was agreed that the report be read.

It ran as follows:—I have surcharged Mr P. Reay and Mr H. Williams with the sum of £7, £22 13s, and £2 18s 9d respectively, amounting together to the sum of £32 12s 9d, and find that these members of the said Parish Council authorised and ordered the making of the said illegal payments, and I do hereby surcharge them with the said sum of £32 12s 9d. As witness my hand this 27th day of June, 1896. H. OLIVER.

Coun. Bainbridge: That is very emphatic.

Coun. Bowes: All the footroad I have taken objection to, and for which I presented a plan, is the footroad leading from Fines Houses to Kyo West House.

The Chairman: Are we to take the Auditor's words or Mr Bowes' words? (To Mr Bowes): Are you prepared to call the Auditor a liar?

Coun. Bowes: I am prepared to say that I never appealed against any portion except that which leads down to Kyo West House.

Coun. Bainbridge: I think the clerk had better write to the auditor and tell him that Mr Bowes says he is a liar.

Coun. Bowes (to Coun. Bainbridge): You may go and tell him if you like.

Coun. Bowes: I think there is another gentleman in the room who was at the audit.

The Chairman: That is what he gave me.

Coun. Bainbridge: Every item is mentioned.

Coun. Bowes: If I had wanted to object to the whole of the contract I would have made a plan showing the whole of the footroads.

Coun. Pigford: There is a certain amount of money stated as being objected to.

Coun. Bowes denied that he had called the auditor a liar.

Coun. Bainbridge: In effect you have done so.

Coun. Bowes: There is only one road on the Lanchester common that I object to being kept right, and that is the road from Fines Houses to Kyo West House.

Coun. Dunn: His plan won't tell us what Mr Bowes said to the auditor. The plan is good enough, but that does not help the case at all.

Coun. Bowes: Do you think that I was going to make a plan for a part if I was opposing the whole of the roads?

Coun. Bainbridge: I am very glad that Mr Bowes has given in, and said that he is telling an untruth.

Coun. Bowes: I don't want to run the Council in for the whole of the roads. I simply sent a plan of the road I have already mentioned. I can assure you that.

The Chairman: We are bound to accept what the auditor says.

Coun. Bates: As a Council we will assume that Mr Bowes is speaking the truth. If he is a man himself he will try to put men right. (To Mr Bowes): Do you say that these figures are wrong?

Coun. Bowes: If the auditor says these roads are on the Lanchester Common he is right.

Coun. Bates: That is not the point.

Coun. Bowes: The Lanchester Common runs out beside West House. I never named the sum; it was simply the road on the Lanchester Common.

The Chairman: According to the request of the auditor I met him at an hour previously arranged, and he was all ready to jump off to the train. He had his book and Mr Bowes's letter and plan all lying before him. He said, "you are the chairman of the Kyo Parish Council," to which I replied in the affirmative. He said, "you will know by this time from my surcharge that you are surcharged for £32 12s 9d for the Council's wrong doing. There were three or four other gentlemen and Mr Campbell, who is dead. I must surcharge somebody, on the request that Mr Bowes, of Annfield Plain has made to me in this room." I said certain things to him and quoted the Act, and he himself said, "well, that is a technical point. You may be right; it is possible that Mr Bowes may be, but the whole amount you are surcharged with on the appeal of Mr Thomas Bowes, of Annfield Plain." That is distinctly what he said to me. I pointed out the Act, and took him back and read it, and asked him what his rendering of that Act was, to which he said, "I had better not say; it is a really technical point. I will surcharge in order that it may be proved. The Act is new and has only been in existence for something like 16 months; there is a good deal of noise in the country about it." So he makes the surcharge and sustains it on the point that it is a technical point. He said, "now, I am going to meet this train and you must take certain courses," and also said that "our accounts were just about closed when I had this thing from Mr Bowes." This is about word for word what he said to me. The most of men possess a higher sense of manhood to Mr Bowes. With me it has been a great struggle to keep within the Christian bounds. Of course, I am prepared to accept what Mr Bowes has said as coming from a gentleman who has shown no manliness in the low, despicable position he has taken to-night.

Coun. Bowes: I have always taken objection to these things.

Coun. Bainbridge: We quite understand what you are now, Mr Bowes.

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT AT LEADGATE.

On Monday evening, the members of the Brooms Amateur Minstrel Troupe gave an enjoyable and highly successful entertainment in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, for the benefit of two men named Ruddick and Bradley, who have been unable to follow their employment for a lengthened period. It is therefore gratifying to state that there was a very large attendance, and as there are also several tickets out a handsome sum will probably be realised. Father A. Magill (the respected pastor of the Brooms) presided. The programme was opened by an overture by Miss E. Batey (piano), and Messrs Grant and Campbell (violins). A capital entertainment was then given by the Minstrel Troupe, who, although few in number, proved themselves an extremely capable band. Three youthful niggers sang "The Alabama Coon" very sweetly, and then excellent pieces followed from Messrs J. Kennedy, W. Costello, Jno. Robinson, J. Bacon, F. Forman, J. Robson, and E. Batey. The songs were interspersed with some really good jokes, conundrums, &c. Mr John Costello was an efficient interluctor, with Messrs McGuckian and Jas. Robinson as corner men. After a short interval, Mr Campbell opened the second part with a violin solo, and was followed by Miss O'Neil, who sang "Come back to me" most charmingly. A stump speech was delivered by Mr Jno. Robinson (who was encored), as was also Mr Mr Robson in his hornpipe. Messrs W. Costello and Caffrey rendered a patriotic duet in clever fashion, and then came excellent songs from Mr Kennedy, Mr Brannen, and Mr Caffrey. Miss E. Batey ably acted as accompanist.

THE HAMSTEELS HUTS.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

At the Lanchester Police Court on Thursday, before Mr E. W. E. Balleny, and Rev. T. L. J. Warneford.—Mr J. E. Parker, Surveyor and Inspector to the Lanchester Rural District Council, proceeded against Mr James Todd, Durham, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, for the closing of 16 houses known as the Hamsteels Huts, near Quebec, owing to them being unfit for habitation.—Mr Parker explained that he was instructed by his Council to have an order made for the closing of these houses owing to them being in an unsanitary condition, and really unfit for habitation.—Mr Patrick (Durham), who represented the owner, raised an objection. He stated that before the Council could get an order made for the closing of the houses, they would have to serve the owner with a summons for each separate house. This was his objection, and he would take the ruling of the Magistrates' Clerk upon the point.—The Chairman accordingly consulted with the deputy-Clerk (Mr Robinson) and afterwards informed Mr Parker that he was afraid the Bench would have to go against him.—Mr Parker said he only took out one summons to save expense. If it was necessary to have summonses for the 16 houses he would have them served.—Mr Patrick said he did not wish to be contentious towards the Lanchester Rural District Council, but he was prepared to say that the notice given was anything but reasonable, and had not allowed them time to do anything towards putting the houses into repair. Mr Parker had not stated what work he required to be done, and the notice they had been served with, was a most vague one. His client could do nothing without first consulting the Court of Chancery. When an application of this kind had to be made, a considerable amount of time was lost, and the work only progressed slowly. They also contended that Mr Parker ought to have specified what work he required to have done to the houses, and his client would have been willing to have complied with the request. He had approached Mr Parker twice by letter with a view of getting him to specify the work that he thought should be done to make the houses fit for habitation. If this had been done they would have undertaken to have carried out the work. There was no doubt it would cost a large sum of money. He would also throw out this suggestion that after his client had spent a certain sum of money over say two of the houses Mr Parker could come back and say if what they had done was satisfactory. He could only say that every authority he knew of always specified in detail what work had to be carried out. As he had said before he could not do anything without first making application to the Chancery Court. The work that would have to be carried out would involve an expenditure of between £500 and £1,000. During the past six years there had only been three deaths in the houses, and there had been no infectious disease of any description.—The Chairman: Do you waive your objection?—Mr Patrick: Yes.—The Chairman: Very well. The Bench will adjourn the case for three months so as to allow the owner time to repair two of the houses to satisfaction of the Council.

SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES.

CONSETT.

The results of the examinations of these classes are just to hand for session 1895-96. They are as follows:—

Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry—Elementary pass—Wm T. Kirk, Wm. P. Robson, and Thos. H. Green. Fair—John Hewitson, Reuben Knifton, Florence B. Unett, and Mary J. Hogg.

Machine Construction—Advanced Second—John Starford, Alfred Coates, D. Borthwick, and William F. Macfeggan. Elementary, passed—Thomas Robson, Adam P. Mathieson, and Thomas R. Calvert. Fair—Chas. Wm. Bird, Chas. Lumsden, W. L. Leybourne, Samuel McIvor, and Jas. Gibson.

Steam—Advanced, Second—Thomas Bertram. Elementary, passed—John T. Maddison. Fair—Thos. R. Calvert, Wm. F. Macfeggan, and William Sedgewick.

SOUTH MOOR AND DISTRICT

The results of the 1896 Science examinations of the students belonging to this school, which is in connection with the Kensington Science and Art Department, are to hand and the following is a list of the passes:—

Principles of Mining—Advanced Stage—1st class, W. Summerbell, Walter R. Scott, and John Lawson; 2nd class, Robert Boucher, Richard Hann, W. Watson, Jno. W. Kellett and Geo. Straughan; elementary pass, Jno. Briles, Jno. Herron, Jno. J. Marshall, and Thomas Welsh.

Mathematics—stage 1, (Teacher Mr. Dawson).—John J. Marshall; pass, Thomas Gibbon.

BRASS BAND CONTESTS.

CONSETT IRON WORKS BAND DISQUALIFIED.

On Saturday afternoon a band contest, in which some of the best bands of the North competed, was held in Wharton Park, Durham. The entertainment, though promoted by the "Cerebos" Company, Limited, Newcastle, was held under the auspices of the Mayor and Corporation of Durham. Mr Christopher Smith, of Manchester was judge. The first place (prize £20) was awarded to Murton Colliery Brass Band (conductor, Mr T. Valentine, Manchester); the second and third places (prizes, £12 and £7 respectively) were bracketed between Hartlepool Temperance Band (conductor, Mr W. Holdsworth) and the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Brass Band (conductor, Mr Holdsworth), these being equal. Owing, however, to the Consett Iron Company's and the Old Operatic Bands having failed to conform to one of the conditions of the contest, viz., that they must take part in the quick step contest later in the day, they were both disqualified for prizes, which were given in the following order:—Murton 1st, Hartlepool Temperance 2nd, Sleetburn 3rd, St. Paul's (Gateshead) 4th. In the quick step contest also Murton came out triumphantly first (£1 10s), Hartlepool Temperance made a good second (£1), and St. Paul's came third (10s.)

The third annual brass band contest and athletic sports, under the auspices of the Walbottle Temperance Brass Band, took place on Saturday afternoon in a field conveniently situated near the village. It was in order to take part in the contest here that the Consett band left somewhat early and thus became disqualified. Mr J. Walker, of Batley Old Band, officiated as adjudicator, and his decisions were:—Selection—Hartlepool Operatic (conductor, Mr Owen), 1, £15; Consett Iron Co's (Mr Holdsworth), 2, £7 10s; Ashington Silver Model (Mr. R. Taylor), 3, £4; Backworth (Mr. H. Cassell), 4, £3. Quickstep—Ashington Silver Model, £1; Backworth, 2, 10s.

STANHOPE.

THE PROPOSED NEW TOWN HALL.—It is understood that a sketch plan of the proposed Town Hall for Stanhope has been before the committee, but progress is slow, as the question of cost is a point. There will be technical class-rooms on the ground floor, and the general hall will be on the second floor. It has not transpired whether the Field Club have made any arrangements with the sub-committee for a museum.

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room, Shotley Bridge. Mr. Joshua Lax, J.P., presided, and the other members were:—Messrs. E. Sloane, Jno. Heymer, C. Parnaby, Geo. J. Robinson, Geo. Eltringham, R. Eccles, Wm. Annandale, and Joseph Eltringham. There were also present the Assistant Clerk, Mr. Hayward, and the Surveyor, Mr. Jno. Dixon.

NO HOLIDAY FOR THE ROADMEN.

Mr. Eccles in accordance with notice previously given moved that a three days' holiday be given to the workmen under the Council, the time of such holiday to be fixed by the workmen and the Surveyor, so that the work of the Council might be best proceeded with. Mr. Eccles said he did not wish for a moment to ask for a great deal, seeing that the expense would have to be met by the ratepayers. He asked for three days for each man and he thought in doing so, he was not asking for too much. The cost of the holiday would be altogether about £4. Nearly every class of workmen employed in the various industries of the country were now allowed a holiday. He had much pleasure in moving the motion, and he sincerely hoped it would be passed.

Mr. Heymer asked if the workmen had ever come to the Surveyor on the matter as a deputation.

The Surveyor said they had never come to him as a deputation.

The Chairman then read a petition from the roadmen to similar effect. He said that from the words in which Mr. Eccles had moved he wished the pay to continue.

Mr. Eccles: Certainly.

The Chairman continuing said he was very sorry to say that there was a legal difficulty in the way. He had looked into the matter, and as a result it was his opinion that there was an eminent probability of a surcharge if they paid the men. The auditor would get to know about it and he might put a very awkward question to the Surveyor, in regard to the money expended on the roads. He thought there was little doubt that it would not be practicable to press the matter under the present circumstances.

Mr. Joseph Eltringham said that under any circumstances, as an employer of labour he could not vote for a motion of that description. He would certainly not entertain such a petition from any of his men, and he therefore could not be a party to any spending of the money of that description.

Mr. Geo. Eltringham said that when Mr. Dixon was granted a holiday, he understood that he was to find a substitute, and if the roadmen found substitutes he did not see why they should not be granted. If one of the men wanted a holiday he should bring Mr. Dixon a man to take his place.

The Chairman said that it would be a matter which might be favourably considered, if it was not for the difficulty connected with the audit. Of course Mr. Eltringham was an employer of labour on a larger scale than him, but he (the Chairman) would not like to stop a man's wages if he gave him a fortnight's holiday.

Mr. Eccles said his motion would not take the men away from their work at a time when they were busy. They would observe his motion said that the man should consult the Surveyor, so that he might get his holiday at a suitable date. He thought when the Surveyor was accorded a holiday the other men should also have a holiday. They were all workmen in the real sense of the word.

Mr. Eltringham said that there was a clearly defined difference between men who had not fixed hours of work, and those who were just employed by the day.

AN EXPLANATION.

Mr. Parnaby said there seemed to be a similarity of design between Mr. Eccles and the roadmen. Mr. Eccles motion and the application of the roadmen came at the same time. He dissented very strongly from the idea of any member of the Council taking action with the men, over riding the authority of the Surveyor. On the face of it, it looked very suspicious, and he should like to feel that no member of the Council was doing anything of that description.

Mr. Eccles said he was very much surprised at such a suggestion. The petition of the roadmen was as much a surprise to him as to any member of the Council. He strongly repudiated such a course. The only reason why he thought the roadmen should have petitioned would be because some remarks had taken place anent the fact of them not petitioning last year when the matter was brought up.

The Clerk said that if the members were unanimous upon the point the holiday might be accorded.

FINANCE.

The Financial Committee reported that they had found the vouchers for last month's payments to be correct. They recommended cheques for payment to the amount of £192 9s 7d.

THE ROADS.

The Highways Committee reported that they had held their annual inspection of the roads and found them in very satisfactory condition. They recommended that the Clerk write to the Gas Company asking as to the price of gas for the forthcoming lighting season. They recommended that Mr. Leath be allowed to build at Summerhill a palisade, so that the street be at least 36 feet in width, and the palisade to be, having regard to this, level with the side of the bridge. The report was adopted.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee recommend that the plan of Mr. W. Nicholson, for house in Blackhill be returned for block plan. That the plans belonging to Mr. Jno. Thirlwell, Shotley Bridge, be passed. They could not recommend the passing of plans for Mr. Hepton at Blackhill for tenement houses, as the yard offices are not satisfactory. That the plans of Mr. Falconar, for houses at Tinkler Hill be passed. They recommended that the west end entrance to the urinal in Durham Road be closed up and the stone yard adjoining levelled up. The model bye-laws had not yet come to hand for the use of the committee.

On the motion of Coun. Jos. Eltringham the report was adopted with some slight modifications.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr. Jno. Dixon), reported that the men had been mainly employed on the roads and drainage work. He wished the new main drain carried up to back Ritson's Street. Mr. Robson had concluded the cement footpaths at Shotley Bridge and Blackhill. He had not been able to proceed with the drain at Blackfine for want of men. He wished to know the Council's wishes in this respect. He had collected and paid in to the treasurer, on account of General District Rate £141 6s 5d; from Consett, £374 16s 5d; from other sources 10/-. The notices to make Ritson's and Thomas Streets had expired, and some of the owners had not commenced the work.

The Inspector reported the district in a satisfactory condition.

DISPUTED TERRITORY.

It was decided to ask the Consett Company to forward plans of a building they were erecting at Derwent Cottages, the site being in the Board's district. The plans had been passed at Lanchester.

THE DIVERSION AT ELM PARK.

The Suryevor was instructed to take the necessary steps in regard to this diversion.

THE DRAIN AT BLACKFINE.

The Surveyor said the drain at Blackfine needed making at once. He would have proceeded with it, but he had not sufficient men. He asked for instructions.

Coun. Jos. Eltringham said his houses were ready for tenants, and he threatened to prosecute the Council if steps were not taken at once. It was decided to instruct the Surveyor to engage men to do the work on the motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Coun. Robinson.

THE ENCROACHMENTS AT SUMMERHILL.

After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Leath should be allowed to build a palisading as he requested at Summerhill on payment of 1/- per year. The palisading was to be placed on a level with the edges of the railway bridge, if by so doing he allowed a 36 foot road. If, however, the bridge was not 36 feet wide, he must bring back his palisading to make the road the required breadth.

AN ECONOMICAL PROPOSAL.

Coun. Sloane wanted to know whether, the County Council contributed towards the Clerk and Surveyor's salaries, and was answered in the negative. He said Leadgate were making an application to that effect, and the members thought it better to wait and see the result of the application.

Mr. Hayward said the County Council paid half the Inspectors' and Medical Officer's salary.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The quarterly report of the medical officer was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

This concluded the business.

SOUTH MOOR.

LARGE EGGS.—A correspondent supplies us with the following which he feels will be of interest to our readers:—A hen belonging to Mr. Dan Bowman, The Barracks, South Moor, has, within the past week or two, laid three eggs, weighing 3½ ozs, 4 ozs, and 4¼ ozs, respectively, two of them measuring 7½ inches and 8¼ inches in circumference.

LEADGATE.

HOMING.—A match which created a great deal of excitement was flown on Saturday, between Thomas Bailey's New Found Out and J. Donner's Beer or No Beer, for £5 aside, from the High Stables Bank to Leadgate, a distance of one mile. Bailey's pigeon proved to be an easy winner, covering the distance in 2 minutes 5¼ seconds, whilst Beer or No Beer took 6 minutes 38 seconds. Mr. Walton, Derwent Cottages, liberated the birds, whilst Mr. L. McTaggart, also of Derwent Cottages, acted as timekeeper. The same birds have been matched to fly again in a month's time for £10 a-side.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held in the Annfield Plain Schools, Mr. R. Kay presiding. There were also present, Messrs T. Bowes, G. Ridley, J. Robson, W. Rutherford, and the clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

THE USE OF THE SCHOOL.

An application from the Independent Order of Good Templars for the use of a room of the school was read.

The Board decided to grant the use of the schools on the payment of a small fee to pay the lighting and cleaning.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Attendance Officer, Mr. Wm. Ward, reported that during the month he had visited the homes of absentees and irregular scholars, made eight visits to schools, taken a census of children in Collinson's Terrace, Bridge Street, Woodbine Terrace, and Elm Street, Annfield Plain, served two bye-law notices and reported nine absentees to other officers. The prevalence of whooping cough and measles was having a bad effect on the attendance. Three cases entered in the report book required consideration.

The cases referred to in the Attendance Officer's report were dealt with, and the necessary instructions were given respecting the same.

THE NEW SCHOOLS.

This letter was read from the Educational Department Whitehall, London:—"Their Lordships have under consideration the report of H.M. Inspector upon the above-named school. Their Lordships are informed by H.M. Inspector that although the new school buildings were begun, the work is now at a stand-still owing to a dispute respecting the coal beneath the surface, and that in the meantime the old schools are very much overcrowded, as the population of the neighbourhood is rapidly increasing and 100 new houses have recently been erected between this school and the new Board School (Oxhill.) I am to enquire whether it would not be possible for your Board to relieve the pressure by hiring premises as a temporary expedient."

Discussion followed in Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to write Cooper and Goodger asking them if they can give the Board information whether the proprietors are actually working out the coal underneath the new school sites.

The matter was adjourned pending a reply from the above named gentleman.

The Board shortly after rose.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT CONSETT.

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at about half-past three o'clock, a man named Leonard Aynsley, a mason, lodging at 9, Trafalgar Street, Consett, cut his throat with a razor. It appears from information received, that Aynsley had gone upstairs to lie down. Shortly after, his landlady (Mrs Farndale) heard him groaning, and immediately went upstairs, where she discovered him lying in a pool of blood. P.C.'s Waites and Wardell were called in, and rendered first aid. The doctor was sent for, and when he arrived, proceeded to stitch up the wound. The man is said to be in a very precarious condition, and is not expected to recover. It is also stated that the injured man has for a long time been greatly depressed, owing to his not being able to obtain work. The event has caused quite a sensation in the town.

SUICIDE OF AN EBCHESTER MAN IN NEWCASTLE.

A SAD CASE OF POISONING.

A blind man named Harry Crosston, residing at Milkwell Burn, Ebchester, was found dead about nine o'clock on Thursday morning of last week at the Black Bull Inn, Waterloo Street, Newcastle. The deceased was a general dealer, and well-known and highly respected in the district in which he resided. He had several times been driven to the public-house in a tray, and left the vehicle there, until his business in the town was transacted. On Wednesday night, he arrived by train, and put up for the night, and this morning was found lying dead in bed. There was a 4oz. bottle of laudanum near him on a table. The bottle was empty. He appeared to be in a somewhat desponding state of mind on his arrival last night.

An inquest was held at the Waterloo Inn, Newcastle the same evening. Jane Ann Ridley, wife of Jacob Ridley, of Milkwell Burn, Ebchester, identified the body as that of her husband's step-father. The deceased was 48 years of age, a travelling draper, and a hawker of hardware. She looked after him. He was temperate in his habits, and she had not noticed deceased affected in his mind. On the 8th inst., she went with him to a funeral at Ebchester. He did not enter the Church, but she did. She never saw deceased again. He did not say he was going anywhere, and he appeared all right when she last spoke to him. From enquiries made, she found on Wednesday that he had come to Newcastle. He came regularly to town. There had been no unpleasantness at home. He was in debt, but he had money in his books to meet it. She never heard deceased complain about the debts, or seem affected. He did not give her any money to pay debts with. She never knew deceased take laudanum, and there was no reason for his buying rat poison.

David Galvin, the ostler at the inn, said at deceased's request he went with him to a chemist's place of business at 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening. He would not let witness go into the shop with him, neither did he tell him what he was going to buy. The deceased told him that he was in a little bit of trouble about some bills he had to pay twice over, but he did not threaten to poison himself, or say anything to lead him to think he would injure himself. The deceased went to bed about 8 o'clock. Witness took off his boots and cleaned them, and returned to the room with them. Next morning about nine o'clock, he noticed there was something amiss with him, as his mouth was open, and on feeling his pulse he could not find any pulsation. He informed the manager, and that gentleman, on looking at him, declared life to be extinct. He did not know what the deceased obtained at the chemist's.

Dixon Dickinson, resident manager of the Black Bull Inn, stated that he saw deceased on Wednesday, when he came to the house a little after 4 o'clock. The deceased arranged to stay all night, and went out for about an hour, and then returned. He complained about some bills he had to pay twice over. He said he had given the money to a certain party, and the bills had not been paid. He was greatly cut up about it, and sobbed and cried like a child. He did not, however, use any threats to do anything to himself, though he was desponding about the matter referred to. Witness next saw him on the Thursday morning, a little after nine o'clock, and found him lying dead in his night clothes in bed. No letter was found on him. The room was searched, and a bottle that had contained laudanum was found lying close to him. It was a bottle that would contain four ounces of laudanum. The bottle was empty. It was marked "Laudanum." There were also found two packets of red precipitate, and rat poison, all marked "poison," and none of them were opened. The poisons were not in the room before deceased entered it.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased poisoned himself while in a desponding state of mind.

THE FUNERAL.

On Sunday afternoon, the remains of Mr. Harry Crosston, of Milkwell Burn were interred in the churchyard of St. Ebba's, Ebchester. Mr. Crosston, who was familiarly known as "Blind Harry" had been for the last 15 years one of the best known characters in the Derwent Valley. In the pursuit of his calling he has travelled most of the villages in North-West Durham, and he was held in great repute as a local preacher, his services which were of no mean order, being given to the Methodist Free Church, and in most of the meeting places possessed by that body between Newcastle and Durham, his voice has been heard. He was a native of Lancashire most of his family residing in that district. During the past few weeks, it was plainly evident to those with whom he came in contact that he was in a very despondent state of mind. On the Sunday previous to his death he conducted service in the Milkwell Burn United Methodist Free Church, and on the Wednesday afternoon, prior to his going to Newcastle, he conducted a funeral service in the same place of worship. He left the chapel, and in company with a boy whom he took with him as guide, journed to Ebchester. At the entrance to the village he dismissed the lad. When passing the pavement near the Post Office, he sustained a very nasty fall and on mounting the hill to the station he took a wrong turn and ran full against the railings at the station. As Mr. Crosston was familiar with every foot of the ground it is surmised that he must be in a very excited state. The funeral service was held in the Milkwell Burn United Methodist Free Church, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Pitchford of Blackhill, and Mr. Thomas Birbeck, of Sunderland.

The Rev. J. Pitchford, in his address said that he felt considerable difficulty in speaking, because of the mystery which surrounded the decease of their brother, and because of the grief of his own heart. He regarded the death of Mr. Crosston not merely as a family bereavement, but as a district bereavement, and he thought that to-day they were all mourners. But if their sorrow was great, how great must his trouble have been. The burdens of life were increasing until they overbalanced his mind. He had no doubt that this last act of the tragedy was the result of an overwrought brain. Those of them who knew him intimately could hardly wonder at this when they remembered the amount of business on his mind. The ordinary business man made his books carry the burden of his business; its details were effected in black and white, but their brother carried the whole weight of his business on his mind and heart, add to that all the trouble through which he had been passing for months and there was little wonder that his mind was overbalanced. But at a time like this they could not but reflect upon his past life. For many years he had lived a blameless life; he had adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour, and had been a pillar in the Church, and an ornament to society, and a burning and shining light in the world. Mr. Pitchford spoke of his abundant labours both in the church and out, and said he had been a pastor to the people of this district, visiting the sick, comforting the dying, and helping the needy, and was at the beck and call of any one to whom he could render any help.

Mr. Birbeck of Sunderland spoke of his friendship with Mr. Crosston, and loved him as a brother. A great light had gone out, and the neighbourhood had lost one of its most illustrious men. He spoke of the esteem in which he was held by the people, both for his earnest preaching and his self-sacrificing labours for their good.

The Chapel was filled to its utmost extent, fully three hundred people being present, whilst a huge crowd of those unable to gain admission remained in attendance in the vicinity of the chapel. The concourse gathered in numbers on the road to the churchyard, until on entering Ebchester it numbered fully 1,300, over a thousand of whom entered the churchyard. The bearers were Messrs Thos. Millburn, Thomas Egglestone, William Peak, Jno. Chorley, Thomas Raw, and Robert Robinson, all of these gentlemen being very intimate friends of the deceased. The arrangements for the funeral were in charge of Messrs George Dance and Robert Hunter, and they were assisted by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Craggs. The chief mourners were Mr. William Crosston, Mr. George Crosston, (brothers), Mrs. Francis Crosston, (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. William Ridley and family, Chopwell; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ridley and family, Milkwell Burn; Mr. George Ridley, Newcastle; Mr. Jacob Ridley, Milkwell Burn; and Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, the latter being an adopted daughter. Two beautiful wreaths were sent by the Blackhill congregation and by the relatives.

PRESENTATION TO A BLACKHILL MAN AT CONSETT.

BEFORE LEAVING THE DISTRICT FOR AUSTRALIA.

On Monday evening the members of the Consett Amateur Orchestra met at the British Schools, Consett, to present one of their late members Mr. R. Sanderson, of Blackhill, with a mark of their respect and esteem on the occasion of his leaving the district for Australia through ill-health. Mr. Sanderson was one of the first members of the band, having held the first violin with great success. He soon became a popular member, and when, through his health failing him, he was compelled to lay aside his instrument, the members of the band and their leader in particular felt much concerned. Mr. Sanderson gradually grew worse, and, acting upon the advice of his medical adviser, he has decided to go to Australia with a view to recruiting his health. Mr. Sanderson will sail in the course of a day or so, and on this intelligence reaching the members of the Orchestra with which he was connected they felt it their duty to openly express their appreciation of his past services, and their regret at his being compelled to leave this country. Hence the ceremony which took place on Monday evening. The presents took the form of a purse of silver and a photographic group of the members of the orchestra.

Mr. T. Heslop, president of the Consett Amateur Orchestra made the presentation on behalf of himself and members. In doing so he said: Mr. Sanderson, as the president of the Consett Amateur Orchestra I am requested to present you with a purse of silver on the eve of your leaving Consett for Australia. As you are one of the original members of this Orchestra, and a very prominent member of the same, it is a matter of deep regret to all present that the state of your health renders it absolutely imperative that you at once leave this country for a more congenial climate, but we have the consolation in hoping that our loss will be your gain. You have always been exceedingly popular with the members being ever willing, ever ready, and ever cheerful; always taking your share with your colleagues in the good work which the orchestra have been engaged in. I cannot but think that in your voyage to Australia as you pass out of the Mediterranean Sea into the Suez Canal in proximity to the Great Desert you will remember the beautiful piece that we play, namely, "The halt in the Desert," and if it were possible at the time for you to hear this band playing, you would hear us asking through the old Scotch tune "Will he no come back again." We all hope that your sojourn to Australia will have the effect of thoroughly recruiting your health, and properly building up your system, so that you will find yourself so well that we will have to change your position from first violin to the bassoon. (Laughter and applause.) All the members join with me in wishing you God speed, and may God continue to guide you in the paths of honour, virtue, and righteousness. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Williams, leader of the Orchestra said a few words in the course of which he assured Mr. Sanderson that he could correctly say on the part of the band, that they all agreed with Mr. Heslop. Mr. Sanderson had always been a willing member and had always attended regularly at the practices. It would probably be a few years before he came back, but he (Mr. Williams) hoped it would not be long before he was back again to play the bassoon, or drum, or some other health requiring instrument. (Applause.)

Mr. A. Lowrie, secretary, next spoke. He said he could not add much more to what had been said. He had known Mr. Sanderson a long time—in fact nearly all his life—and he always found him to be honest and willing to help them. He was sorry that circumstances should have arisen to compel him to leave, but he hoped he would soon be back again amongst them. (Applause.)

Mr. G. T. Hyden said he felt like a fish out of water as he had not prepared a speech, but he was, like them all, very sorry that Mr. Sanderson had to go away for the benefit of his health. Partings were always sad. It did not matter under what circumstances it was always hard to say good-bye. He had known Mr. Sanderson a long time; in fact he had been educated in the very school that he was master of, so he had seen him come in, and go out to the world, a man. He had always been satisfied with the way in which he had conducted himself when under his tuition. Although he was going out to Australia, he was sure to meet friends, and as "Music hath charms," he would, with the aid of his violin, be able to make unto himself friends. But he advised him to be careful with regard to the friends he made, and to always keep his good character, for that meant a great deal. The speaker then gave a short account of the history and growth of Western Australia, and in conclusion, wished Mr. Sanderson every success. (Loud applause.)

Mr. J. Spencer said Mr. Sanderson had been a companion of his, both in the band, and in cricket and football clubs for a long period, and he was indeed sorry that he was leaving, but he hoped it was for better.

Mr. Gunn said he had not been acquainted with Mr. Sanderson very long, though the time he had known him he had been struck by his cheerful disposition. He wished him long life in the new country.

Mr. J. W. Heslop, Mr. A. Swalnston, and Mr. J. Marshall, also expressed their regret on Mr. Sanderson being compelled to leave the district, and wished him long life and prosperity in Australia.

Mr. Sanderson rose amid cheers to return thanks. He said he was completely at a loss to know what to say that night. Some of the happiest moments of his life had been spent at the rehearsals of the band in the schools in which they were gathered that night to do him, what he considered a great honour. He felt that it was not through feelings of pity that they had presented him with such a gift, but simply because as a member of their orchestra he was leaving, and going to another country. It was indeed a pleasant thing to be able to make friends, but it was a greater pleasure to keep them and part in such good feeling as they were that evening. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He had also felt it a pleasure to take part in the engagements of the band. (Applause.) The success of the Consett Amateur Orchestra had been his first thought, and the members had been his best friends whom he could trust. When he was far away in Australia he would always be proud to think that he had been connected with such an orchestra as that which he was leaving. (Applause.) He again thanked them for their presents, and hoped that his health would improve sufficiently to allow him to return to Consett to take part in their engagements. (Loud applause.)

The members of the Orchestra then joined right heartily in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "He's a jolly good fellow."

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CRICKET.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, JULY 18TH.

TEMPLETOWN v. LANCHESTER 2ND.

To be played on the Templetown ground on Saturday, when the following will represent the home team:—C. Lowes (capt.), T. Charlton, R. Thompson, I. Snowdon, J. Maddison, A. Mathieson, T. Watson, J. Mason, J. Brown, G. Emmerson, and R. Lowes. Reserves, F. Thornton and J. Grant.

MR G. W. WILSON'S TEAM v. LANCHESTER DIVISIONAL POLICE.

This match will be played at Lanchester next Wednesday, and will doubtless attract a good company. The teams will be—G. W. Wilson's team—G. W. Wilson, W. Wilson, Greyer, Liddle, J. Wilson, J. Sinton, J. McHatton, J. Ross, Ward, G. Shipley, and E. Shipley. Police team—Inspector Best, Sergt. Wood, P.C. Newton, P.C. Robinson, P.C. J. Johnson, P.C. Clark, P.C. Eland, P.C. Warwick, P.C. Carruthers, P.C. Morgan, and P.C. M. Johnson. Reserves, Sergt. Gillespie and P.C. Ferguson. Wickets pitched at 2-30 p.m.

CONSETT 2ND v. SOUTH SHIELDS 2ND.

To be played at Blackfine, when the Consett team will be as follows:—T. D. Robinson (capt.), T. Lynn, W. Leybourne, T. Sheldon, J. Hall, T. Hall, L. Stephenson, W. Wilson, G. Morland, J. Vivian, and S. O. Eise.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

This important fixture will be played at South Shields. The Consett team will be selected from the following:—A. S. Godfrey (capt.), G. Walton, J. Siddell, M. H. Williamson, F. Richardson, A. D. Wood, T. Lindsay, I. Richards, S. Aynsley, T. T. Gray, J. J. Raw, J. Vivian, and Martin (pro.) To travel by brake from Blackhill at 10-30.

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BIRTHS.

GRAY.—At Tinmill Place, Blackhill, on the 6th inst the wife of Arthur Gray, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ELLISON—DENT.—Castleside, Wesleyan Church, on the 8th inst., by the Rev A. E. Salmon, George Ellison to M. E. Dent, both of Castleside.

WILKINSON — HARDY.—At Holmside Parish Church, on the 11th inst., by the Rev James Gray, curate, John, second son of Edward and Elizabeth Wilkinson, to Ann, eldest daughter of Henry and Agnes Hardy, both of South Moor.

DEATHS.

BOBSON.—Greenside (at the house of her uncle-in-law, Jos. Barron), on the 10th inst., aged 31, Mary Lydia, wife of Thomas Bobson.

CRASS.—Blaydon Haughs, on the 11th inst., aged 8 years, Hannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Crass.

GRIBBIN.—Winlaton, 7, Cromwell Place, on the 10th inst., aged 21 years, Margaret Anna Gribbin, formerley of Blackhill.

HARRISON.—Stanhope, on the 11th inst., aged 8, Lydia Harrison, wife of the late Henry Harrison.

JOHNSON.—South Moor, on the 11th inst., aged 9 years, Elizabeth Ann, wife of Matthew Johnson.

LAWSON.—At Dipton, on the 15th inst., aged 38, William David, dearly-beloved husband of Grace Lawson, engineer, Delight Colliery, Dipton. To be interred on Saturday at Harelaw, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

PALMER.—Tanfield Hall, on the 13th inst., aged 8, James, husband of Ann Palmer, late of Perkins Ville.

PENNINGTON.—At the residence of her father, on the 12th inst., aged 32, Mary, wife of William Wilson Pennington, Paisley, and daughter of John and Jane Home, Maryville House, Swalwell.

SPINK.—Dipton, Hill Top, on the 5th inst., aged 1 years and 4 months, Ethel, the dearly beloved daughter of Jane and Mary Ann Spink. Asleep in Jesus.

THOMPSON.—Blaydon, 29, Thomas Street, on the 12th inst., in his 42nd year, Robert, husband of Tress Thompson, late of Forest Hall.

VALLANS.—Blaydon, 10, Garden Street, on the 12th inst., aged 9 years, Alice, daughter of George and Margaret Vallans.

WEDDLE.—Medomsley, on the 14th inst., Harriet, wife of John Weddle.

WATSON.—Tantobie, on the 13th inst., aged 16 years, Kate, daughter of John Watson, shoemaker.

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